

The Mar-a-Lago Club Singles Invitational

April 14-16, 2001

It never rain on The Mar-a-Lago Club, a fact verified by the beautiful weather seen throughout its 12th Singles Invitational. Played upon two magnificent lawns, this year found twenty participants battling it out for top honors. Two Flights were involved and matches were timed at one hour and fifteen minutes. Only players with handicaps of five-and-above were on the invitation list and all appreciated the now famous 'Mar-a-Lago Rules', the main focus being that unlimited replays were given at wicket number one until the hoop is cleared.

In the First Flight, Westhampton Mallet Club member, Kelso Sutton, outlasted Anne Licursi in a 15-14 battle. Anne, likewise a Westhampton Member, also plays at PGA National and The National Croquet Center. Arlene McDermott (NCC) and defending Champion Jennifer Joseph (Bombay Croquet Club - St. Croix) tied for Third Place.

In the Championship Flight, John Joseph (Bombay), defended his title over the feisty Geraldine McCauley (NCC) in a repeat of last year's Finals. The deciding score in this low scoring match was 11-10, ending only when McCauley missed the tying wicket, one which would almost certainly have led to victory. Robin Sweet and Tina Theurkauf shared Third Place honors. Mar-a-Lago Members George Mathys and Gerald Shugar both finished just outside the final four.

Scrupulous lunches were served throughout and the Mar-a-Lago courts were better than ever. Director of Croquet, John Osborn, served as the Tournament Manager. Both he and Assistant Professional, Ruth Summers, hope to see everyone again next year in this very special event.

FINAL ORDER

Championship Flight:

1. John Joseph
2. Geraldine McCauley
3. Robin Sweet
4. Tina Theurkauf
5. Roxanne Rosetto
6. George Mathys
6. Lou Fusz
6. Ron Atkins
9. Bob Theurkauf
9. Howard Zipper
9. Doug McKechney
12. Gwynneth Selinger

First Flight:

1. Kelso Sutton

2. Anne Licursi
3. Jennifer Joseph
3. Arlene McDermott
5. Gerald Shugar
5. John Croddick
5. Mary Robb
8. Warren Phillips

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