

David Ekstrom wins Massachusetts State Championship.

On May 14, the Lenox Croquet Club hosted the Massachusetts State Championship for eighteen players arranged in three flights. This was a singles only tournament on four courts at the Lenox Club in Lenox Massachusetts. Every player had 4 matches and the winners were selected on the best win-loss record, net points, gross points, and record against.

Players were welcomed with a continental breakfast and sign in at eight o'clock before play started at nine. Lunch was served courtside. Although the weather threatened all day it did not finally unleash a shower until the final round of games. Players were resilient and fought through to reach cocktails, dinner, and awards held at Alta in Lenox.

David Ekstrom successfully defended his title as Mass State Champion. This was David's fourth title as Massachusetts State Champion. Kristine Sprague won runner up with three wins. .

In First Flight with handicaps from 7 to 9, Peter Ribbans took First Place with four wins. John Woodside finished as runner up with three wins.

Bobbi Shorthouse also went undefeated in Second Flight, while last year's winner, Tom Gilbert had to settle for runner up.

At the awards dinner, David Ekstrom was presented with a plaque from the USCA expressing gratitude for his years of service. All enjoyed a lovely meal and a chance to dry off after a day of close competition. Congratulations to all who played. We hope to see you again next year.

John Woodside, TD

Championship Flight		First Flight		Second Flight	
David Ekstrom	1	Peter Ribbans	1	Bobbi Shorthouse	1
Kristine Sprague	2	John Woodside	2	Tom Gilbert	2
Martie Ekstrom	3	Courtney Green	3	George Blagden	3
Ruth Nicolaci	4	Kathleen Dainton	4	Edward Gardella	4
Jim McLaughlin	5	William Blakesley	5	Denys Shorthouse	5
Carl Myer	6	John Dainton	6	Cecily Greenaway	6