

2011 Royal Palm Yacht and Country Club Invitational Tournament

The Florida weather was typically beautiful for this time of year, clear, sunny days and cool temperatures found this time of year, for the fifteenth Royal Palm Yacht and County Club Invitational Tournament held at Boca Raton, Florida November 2nd to the 6th.

Socially the tradition carried on, with an opening reception, Wednesday, after the first day of play at the Yacht Club, with cocktails, dinner and dancing at the “Wine, Wickets, and Whites” party in the Main Dining Room. Friday, all the players walked to the waterfront dock (“The Office”) for a toast and tally, watched the sun go down, and enjoyed hors d’oeuvres, cocktails, and a cookout dinner. Saturday everyone gathered at Roxanne & Bruce Rosetto’s home for a dinner party. Sunday wrapped up the tournament with a courtside BBQ.

Nineteen singles players on two full size courts made the tournament more intimate, with plenty of play for all concerned. Play consisted of three flights of singles, preceded each day with one game of Waterford Doubles (Two on Wednesday). In singles, block play preceded a single elimination ladder. Everyone played well, and the wins were well deserved.

Championship flight with nine players (handicaps -0.5 to 2.5) became a wide-open field of play with some of the favored players doing poorly in block play. With six proceeding to a three game single elimination ladder. Michael Todorovich seeded #2 lost to Linda Huxtable, who had just won over Jackie Jones. Linda met Ron Huxtable in the finals, after Ron had defeated Russ Cuccia. Ron played well and won over Linda 17-11. Russ Cuccia was third.

First flight (handicaps 3.5 to 5) saw the block winner (Jack Montgomery) and runner up (Chuck Perry), the same block finishes as last year, but this time they continued on to the finals. Jack took Chuck 21-10 to leave any question as to who played best long gone. Sue Lawrence finished third in this flight.

Second flight (handicaps 8 to 12) saw a block of four, with the one and two block seed going to a single play-off. Brenda Pollock and Roxanne Rosetto battled it out in the block, and the ladder with Roxanne the winner 13-11. Brenda second, with Jenny Dees third.

Waterford Doubles was closely contested, with net points determining the final placement in most cases. In Championship the trophy winners were Jackie Jones winner, with Mal Wall and Russ Cuccia, second and third; First flight – Bill Rouady winner with Jack Montgomery and Brenda Pollock taking second and third. In Championship flight the top five players each had 3 wins, with the determining factor being net points. In first flight Bill Rouady amassed 5 of 5 wins.

Trophies were beautiful clocks and were presented by Tournament Chairperson Norma Truman, Club President Roxanne Rosetto, Past President Ted Truman and Commodore Scott Eckert of the Royal Palm Yacht Club.

Upon finishing a delicious Sunday barbeque, and congratulations to the trophy winners, the players departed, looking forward to next year's tournament.

Submitted
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