

**SARASOTA COUNTY CROQUET CLUB
SINGLES AND DOUBLES CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS
FEBRUARY 18-20 & 23 and MARCH 16 & 18-21, 2011**

The SCCC held its seventh annual club singles and doubles championships with fifty members competing, some in both events, while some played either singles or doubles only. The weather co-operated throughout the eight days of tournament play, with mostly sunshine and moderately warm days. February did require a few sweaters and long pants however. The play was on three courts at the Venice complex of the Sarasota County Croquet Club

First was the doubles competition in February with 17 teams competing in three flights.

The championship team of Fred and Jackie Jones, in a field of 4, went undefeated to win the trophy, with Russ Cuccia and Vic Lawrence a close second.

First flight, a field of 7 teams, saw Pat Colt and Kay Schneider top the field with 4 wins and 1 loss, while Bill Cole and David Spillman took second with 3 wins. Obviously the teams were well matched as four teams ended with 3 wins each.

Second flight, fielding 6 teams, ended block play with Gary and Lee Anderson and Rich and Linda Zeck, tied with 4 wins. As the title was not to be determined by net points a play-off the following Wednesday gave the deciding win to the Andersons, with the Zecks placing second.

Trophies were presented to the winners and runner-ups.

Singles competition, held over several days in March drew out the best of the club players. Thirty-five players competed in four flights to determine the new winners in each category.

Championship flight was relegated to play on the Wednesday preceding to main event with the last games to be played on the following Monday, allowing the other flights to have the maximum amount of play during the week-end. Vic Lawrence, in a block of five, went undefeated and won the championship flight in a round robin of four games. Fred Jones was second with only two wins.

First flight, eleven players, was divided into two blocks with a six-person playoff ladder on Sunday. Dolores Gallagher eased out Frank Buzerak for the final win and the trophy. Tied for third were Jack Montgomery and Sue Lawrence.

Second flight, another flight of eleven in two blocks, again with a six-person play-off ladder saw Joy Bandy take the honors over Norm Mulroney. Bob Lentz and Flo Hardy tied for third.

Third flight, with eight players in block play saw Gary Anderson win over Lee Anderson in a play-off of the top two block finalists. With this win they have graduated to second flight in the future.

With a complete volunteer crew the tournament ran very smoothly, and thanks go to Charlotte Neagle, tournament manager, Fred Jones, tournament director, the grounds crew of Bob Lentz, Ralph Curtis, Roger Measel, and Glenn Bennett, the Kitchen help under the direction of Sue Doherty who insured there was coffee and fixings every morning, and that there was sufficient food to go with the Toast and Tally at the completion of the games at the end of each day.

Fred Jones
Tournament Director