

Sarasota County Croquet Club Fall Invitational 2011

Sarasota County Croquet Club's first Invitational Tournament of the season was held October 28 thru 30 on the three croquet courts in Venice, Florida. With a total of 24 players competing, the courts were busy and double banked throughout the weekend.

In a singles only, three-flight tournament, the flight handicap spread was fairly close. Championship flight with an average handicap of 3.0 demonstrated some fine play for the rest of the players. As the club is noted for encouraging beginners and higher handicap players to compete, first flight consisted of 7 to 10 range, average 8.6, second flight consisted of 10 to 12 handicaps, average 10.3. There were three even blocks of eight players

The Florida weather co-operated with warm sunshine laced days. The two permanent shelters, and three new awnings over the picnic tables, greatly enhanced the comfort of the players. Lunches, put together by the fabulous red apron ladies (The approved "kitchen crew") as usual, were served buffet style under the awnings, followed at the end of play by 'attitude adjustment' courtside.

The opening party, Thursday, was combined with the monthly potluck dinner normally held by the club, this month located at the Lakes of Jacaranda clubhouse. Included were cocktails and a sit down dinner. Saturday evening saw the group at the Venice Cafe, one of the nicer downtown Venice restaurants, with a menu choice of meals that capped off the social side of the event.

In Championship flight, the two top seeds had a bye, but Alan Cottle seeded #3 played through Russ Cuccia (#2 seed) to meet Jackie Jones (#1 seed) in the finals. Jackie, who had won over Avril Rangoni-Machiavelli, lost to Alan 20-15. Avril and Russ tied for third.

First flight maintained the precedence set by the Championship flight. Ralph Moore #1 seed defeated Antonia Marmo #2. Ralph is new to our club,

Second flight, with an even number of entries from both the Sarasota Club and from Jekyll Island Club become and inter club championship as well. The two byes in the ladder went to John Donohue of Jekyll, and Jim Feorino of Sarasota, however the #3 seed Iris Shadrack of Jekyll defeated Jim 16-6, to then lose to John Donohue 13-10. The awards went to Jekyll Island, John Donohue #1 and Iris Shadrack #2.

The club schedules three invitational tournaments a year, along with club championships in singles, doubles, and golf croquet. Currently with a membership of 150 players, there is activity most every day on the courts. If in the area call ahead and join the fun.

Submitted
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Tournament Director

Sarasota CCC Fall Invitational
October 28-30, 2011
Venice, FL

Championship Flight

1. Alan Cottle
2. Jackie Jones
3. Avril Rangoni-Machavelli
3. Russ Cuccia
5. Vincent Marmo
5. Bob McQuinn
7. Glenn Bennett
8. Hans Peterson

First Flight

1. Ralph Moore
2. Antonia Marmo
3. Norman Mulrone
3. Richard Schworm
5. Julie Schworm
5. Richard Palmer
7. Dick Schleiter
8. Bob Lentz

Second Flight

1. John Donohue
2. Iris Shadrick
3. Linda Cahill
3. Jim Feorino
5. Lee Anderson
5. Lucinda Sullivan
7. Gary Anderson
8. Barbara Caiafa