

Seattle Open 2011

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Crutch-Caddie: The Crutch Caddie: Young Ed Priest (age 6) lends a helping hand to Cameron Guernsey by holding onto his crutches or packing Cameron's mallet from shot to shot for two matches in a row (3hrs). Cameron won the Championship Flight Singles.



2nd Place: The 2nd Place finishers in the HI-LO Doubles Matches were Chris Percival-Smith and Bill Priest.



Wine Tasting: The annual Wine Tasting event at the Seattle Open with Gary Anderson (TD) as the Wine Steward and Rod Cone on Acoustical Guitarist. Sipping wine and listening to soft guitar while adjacent to 3 beautiful lawns... Wonderful!



Winners: The Seattle Open 2011 Single finishers. From left to right: Andy Zinsmeyer, Nick Gray, Cameron Guernsey, Patrick Sweeney, Gary L. Anderson, Chris Percival-Smith, Steve Scalpone, Ed Priest.

The Seattle Open

Heatless in Seattle. While the rest of the Country warms up, Seattle provides a place to play some cool croquet. A mix of sprinkles and then sun with the last two days 72 degrees and perfect blue skies with an occasional puff of cloud. All in all a great tournament with over 17 awards handed out in HI-LO Doubles and Singles. Look for 18 next year as a "Plate" will be added. There were plenty of smiling faces with hardware for the home. Perhaps the most warming story was young Ed Priest acting as Cameron Guernsey's "Crutch Caddie". A few days before the tournament Cameron says to Gary Anderson the TD... "My knee's not going to make it unless you get me a crutch caddie." It was in the second day of singles when young Ed stepped up and volunteered. Ed was seen keeping the crutches up where Cameron could grab them and then toting his mallet around from shot to shot... giving Cameron's knee just enough rest to pull off 1st Place in the Championship Flight. An inspection of the grass showed Cameron's crutches were not materially affecting play and so the story has a technically happy ending as well. What everyone really looked forward to was Friday night's 3rd Annual Wine Tasting. Hosted by Gary Anderson, who also played the Wine Steward, it was a great line up of 3 whites and 3 reds (4 of the 6 were 90+ points and one of the whites in the top 100 in the world by W.S.) with a light supper of just the right cheeses, meats, and breads. This year Gary added acoustic guitarist Rod Cone to the line-up. Sipping wine, along 3 beautiful courts while listening to acoustic guitar.... That's living the good life and any loses from that first day of singles melted away with the prospect of a beautiful day expected Saturday and more wins to come.

Seattle Open: Always the 2nd full week of July, always 3-flights, always lots of prizes, always great wine!

Tournament tally follows.

By the Numbers:

CHAMPIONSHIP Flight Singles

Cameron Guernsey	1 st
Patrick Sweeny	2 nd
Steve Scalpone	3 rd
Chris Percival-Smith	4 th
Jim Herzog	5 th
Don Taves	6 th

A Flight Singles

Ed Priest	1 st
Gary Anderson	2 nd
Charlotte Neagle	3 rd
Richard Palmer	4 th
John Destry-Adams	5 th
John Westwater	6 th

B Flight Singles

Nick Gray	1 st
Andy Zinsmeyer	2 nd

Keith Sjostrom	3 rd
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HI-LO DOUBLES

Gary Anderson / Nick Gray	1 st
Chris Percival-Smith / Bill Priest	2 nd
Richard Palmer / John Westwater	3 rd

Doubles Players listed by Handicap low to high

- Cameron Guernsey
- Patrick Sweeney
- Jim Herzog
- Chris Percival-Smith
- Don't Taves
- Ed Priest
- Gary Anderson
- John Destry-Adams
- Charlotte Neagle
- Richard Palmer
- John Westwater
- Keith Sjostrom
- Bill Priest
- Andy Zinsmeyer
- Jan Westwater
- Nick Gray