

**2012 NEW YORK CROQUET CLUB'S CLAYTON CUP**  
**Central Park, New York City**  
**June 14-17, 2012**

While weather has not been a friend to croquet in Central Park, at least for the past year or two, the conditions for the 2012 Clayton Cup were spectacular! And as is always is the case, the unexpected was expected. The highlights were many, and all will be revealed in the next copy of the USCA Croquet News. In the mean time, here are things that everyone needs to know:

\*Rich Curtis does not like ball-markers. Won't go near them. In fact, if you want to see Rich act like a little girl, simply throw a ball-marker in his direction. Not that his fear is unfounded, for immediately after a far-too-close encounter toward the end of the event (orchestrated by Jim Bast), his mallet suddenly acted no better than a wet noodle.

\*After an insane amount of work by so many of the NYCC Members, Norris Settlemire in particular, the lawns played better than expected and the hard work was appreciated by all. Almost. Apparently, Martine Fournage does not like sand, so if you are thinking about asking her to join you for a romantic weekend, I would avoid the Bahamas.

\*Not that romance does not blossom courtside! In what may be a first, a wedding occurred during the event, with participants Lynda Sudderberg and Steve Grassbaugh surprising almost everyone by hitching their wagons together Friday evening! Let's hope Lynda does not go by Sudderberg-Grassbaugh, a tournament directors nightmare while setting up charts. Nevertheless, congratulations to both!

\*Matches ran ahead of schedule for almost the entire event, 'almost' being the key word here. Due to a Sunday Doubles match that took almost twice the allotted time, the First Flight Finals, between Sara Low and Peter Woolley, has been postponed until a convenient time becomes available. Sara, the awesome President of The New York Croquet Club, had her hands full throughout the tournament and was phenomenal in fulfilling everyone's desires!

\*I missed the Saturday night Player's Dinner (La Mangeoire) but I hear it was fantastic! And I know the Opening Reception was festive and beautifully done at the home of Templeton Peck. Thanks Temp! Lunches were wonderful and the Friday night Toast & Tally, if you weren't getting married, was the place to be!

\*Great appreciation goes out to all of the NYCC's volunteers, but special thanks go out to Sara, Norris Settlemire, George Blake (as always), Karen Kaplan and David Isaacs. Young David assisted with all of the set-up and take-down work, and if he would actually listen to my great advice about dating...well maybe he should just worry about croquet.

If playing a New York Tournament is not on your bucket-list, you probably have not even made such a list. It's special. It's an adventure. It is a memory everyone should

have. The Club thanks everyone who was here this year, everyone who offered a hand and looks forward to making more friends at the Osborn Cup this September! Till then, please find the (almost) Final Order of Finish below:

**FINAL ORDER:**

**CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT SINGLES**

1. Chris Patmore
2. John Osborn
3. Jim Bast
3. Norris Settlemyre
5. Rich Curtis
5. David McCoy
7. George Blake
8. Casey Knoll

**FIRST FLIGHT SINGLES**

**Finals: Sara Low and Peter Woolley**

3. Rebeca Bergofsky
3. Templeton Peck
5. Joe Knoll
5. Ryan Thompson
7. Rich Greulich
7. John Joseph

**SECOND FLIGHT SINGLES**

1. Leon Leither
2. Jennifer Joseph
3. Ted Hilles
3. Lynda Sudderberg
5. John Seidler
5. Carla Rueck
5. Steve Grassbaugh
5. Tom Stoner

**THIRD FLIGHT SINGLES**

1. Phillip Hedger
2. Keith Nichols
3. David Isaacs
3. Jane Osgood
5. Martine Fournage

## **CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT WATERFORD DOUBLES**

- 1. Ryan Thompson**
- 1. Jim Bast**
- 2. Peter Woolley**
- 2. John Joseph**
- 3. Casey Knoll**
- 3. Rich Greulich**
- 4. Norris Settlemyre**
- 4. John Seidler**
- 5. Lynda Sudderberg**
- 5. Rich Curtis**
- 6. George Blake**
- 6. Joe Knoll**
- 7. Templeton Peck**
- 7. David McCoy**
- 8. Sara Low**
- 8. Rebeca Bergofsky**

## **FIRST FLIGHT WATERFORD DOUBLES**

- 1. Leon Leither**
- 1. David Isaacs**
- 2. Martine Fournage**
- 2. Tom Stoner**
- 3. Karen Kaplan**
- 3. Rita Kay**
- 4. Ted Hilles**
- 4. Phillip Hedger**
- 5. Carla Rueck**
- 5. Jane Osgood**
- 6. Steve Grassbaugh**
- 6. Sharyl Forster**

**-John C. Osborn (TD)**