

DENVER INVITATIONAL GOLF CROQUET TOURNAMENT

JULY 13-15 2012

No rain, no hail, no tornadoes, no forest fires, no wind, no snow, just another Summer weekend in the park at the 2nd installment of the Denver Invitational Golf Croquet Tournament

With players from Colorado, Wyoming, California, Oklahoma and North Carolina, Day One had its share of surprises on the beautifully manicured Washington Park lawn overlooking Smith Lake and the Rocky Mountains. Matt Baird took Jeff Soo's scalp and Steve Mossbrook stunned Eric Sawyer.

Most notable achievement on tournament was the unceremonious unseating of Tony the Plumber as the hardest hitting player in Colorado history. Eric Sawyer, sporting biceps the size of Coachella Valley lemons, launched a clearance shot sending opponent over the fence, beyond the canal and into Smith Lake. Tony had cleared the fence earlier this year, but in the wrong direction of the lake.

Final Block Results:

1. Rich Lamm 6/7 (+23 Net)
2. Jeff Soo 5/7 (+11 Net)
3. Eric Sawyer 4/7 (+13 Net)
4. Matt Baird 4/7 (-2 Net)
5. Steve Mossbrook 4/7 (-4 Net)
6. Caren Sawyer 2/7 (-7 Net)
7. Eileen Soo 2/7 (-10 Net)
8. Ron Eccles 1/7 (-24 Net)

Players shared the park on Day Two with a large Bacce tournament and the set up crew for Sunday's 5K race. Also present were a badelynge of ducks and a few geese, all harassing the local dogs patrolling the shores of Smith Lake.

In the finals on Day Three, Rich Lamm squeezed out a 7-6 win over Eric Sawyer in a seesaw game with alternating scores until the final two hoops, with Rich taking the rover hoop and fish hook (hoop 13) to avoid a deciding third game. The resident geese broke into a refrain of the Hallelujah Chorus, the clouds parted and a beam of light shown on the 2012 Denver Invitational Golf Croquet Tournament champion (at least that's the way Rich saw it after three days of 95 degree heat).

FINAL RESULTS:

1. Rich Lamm 10/11
2. Eric Sawyer 8/13
3. Jeff Soo 7/11
4. Matt Baird 5/11
5. Steve Mossbrook (Plate Winner) 7/12
6. Ron Eccles 2/12
7. Eileen Soo 4/11
8. Caren Sawyer 2/11

Block Play					
1	Rich Lamm	beat	Matt Baird	7	2
2	Rich Lamm	beat	Ron Eccles	7	0
3	Jeff Soo	beat	Caren Sawyer	7	4
4	Rich Lamm	beat	Caren Sawyer	7	3

5	Jeff Soo	beat
6	Matt Baird	beat
7	Eric Sawyer	beat
8	Ron Eccles	beat
9	Rich Lamm	beat
10	Steve Mossbrook	beat
11	Caren Sawyer	beat
12	Rich Lamm	beat
13	Jeff Soo	beat
14	Eric Sawyer	beat
15	Steve Mossbrook	beat
16	Steve Mossbrook	beat
17	Eileen Soo	beat
18	Eric Sawyer	beat
19	Eileen Soo	beat
20	Caren Sawyer	beat
21	Jeff Soo	beat
22	Matt Baird	beat
23	Eric Sawyer	beat
24	Steve Mossbrook	beat
25	Matt Baird	beat
26	Rich Lamm	beat
27	Matt Baird	beat
28	Jeff Soo	beat

Rich Lamm	7	6
Caren Sawyer	7	5
Matt Baird	7	2
Caren Sawyer	7	6
Eric Sawyer	7	5
Matt Baird	7	5
Eileen Soo	7	5
Eileen Soo	7	4
Steve Mossbrook	7	3
Eileen Soo	7	3
Ron Eccles	7	6
Eric Sawyer	7	6
Ron Eccles	7	4
Ron Eccles	7	1
Steve Mossbrook	7	5
Eric Sawyer	7	5
Eileen Soo	7	2
Ron Eccles	7	2
Jeff Soo	7	4
Caren Sawyer	7	6
Eileen Soo	7	6
Steve Mossbrook	7	4
Jeff Soo	7	5
Ron Eccles	7	4

Knockout (2 Lives)		
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29	Rich Lamm	beat
30	Matt Baird	beat
31	Eric Sawyer	beat
32	Jeff Soo	beat
33	Rich Lamm	beat
34	Jeff Soo	beat
35	Rich Lamm	beat
36	Steve Mossbrook	beat
37	Eileen Soo	beat
38	Eric Sawyer	beat
39	Matt Baird	beat
40	Eric Sawyer	beat
41	Eric Sawyer	beat
42	Rich Lamm	beat

Ron Eccles	7	2
Steve Mossbrook	7	5
Caren Sawyer	7	3
Eileen Soo	7	4
Matt Baird	7	2
Eric Sawyer	7	6
Jeff Soo	7	6
Judy McKeon	7	6
Caren Sawyer	7	5
Steve Mossbrook	7	4
Eileen Soo	7	6
Matt Baird	7	1
Jeff Soo	7	5
Eric Sawyer	7	6

Plate		
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43	Ron Eccles	beat
44	Steve Mossbrook	beat
45	Steve Mossbrook	beat
46	Eileen Soo	beat

Caren Sawyer	7	5
Eileen Soo	7	6
Ron Eccles	7	6
Caren Sawyer	7	6