

## Seattle Open, July 12-15

As the rest of the Country was heating up Seattle was just coming into summer. From Wednesday's practice afternoon through the final rounds on Sunday the temperatures were high 60's to high 70's with dry sunny afternoons. The local Seattle Times newspaper decided to capture the Thursday's Hi-Lo Waterford Doubles and we made the Sunday Morning edition. To see further professional photos of the event visit [seattletimes.com](http://seattletimes.com), search for "croquet" and view the "Mallets in hand..." story's photo gallery. The Tournament Director, Gary L. Anderson, chose to pad the available Waterford Doubles trophies by handing out 1<sup>st</sup> place to the top 2 finishers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place to the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place finishers, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place to 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> place finishers. Anderson escaped as the only undefeated player in the Waterford style of Doubles when both Wally Clark in game 2 and Mike McGuire in game 3 both "stuffed" their last ball in final turns against him and his partners failing to tie the games. A 3-1 four-way tie between Elli Anderson, Bob Imhoff, Andy Zinsmeyer, and Cameron Guernsey went down to the "net point" tie breaker. Anderson's 19 year old daughter Elli took home the paired 1<sup>st</sup> Place trophy with high net. It was the first time that the Seattle Open saw a Dad-Daughter combination win the 1<sup>st</sup> Place trophies. Right after the photo shoot of the Doubles trophy winners, Elli turned to Anderson and said... "Dad... you look sooo... happy!" Beaming... he was!

Friday and Saturday's singles block play warmed everyone up for Sunday finals but so did the hosted wine tasting, light supper, and the acoustic guitars of Rod Cone on Friday night. With canopy western walls keeping the late afternoon sun at bay it was a grand event sipping wine, listening to Mr. Cone strum 4 different guitars playing original scores while sitting in a fully wine décor setting just a few feet from the beautiful courts. Folks...it was pretty dreamy... Sunday's final ladder matches saw some tight games but none compared to the semi-final match between Wally Clark and Cameron Guernsey. In the 4<sup>th</sup> final turn rotation Guernsey, in desperation, shot his North "boundary" blue ball, resting somewhere between hoops 2 and 6 at Wally's yellow ball sitting perfectly in the yellow corner. After taking what seemed forever to get there...Guernsey's ball came up and gave Clark's ball a 2" nudge and the crowd went wild. But that only gave Guernsey a chance to take-off to pick up his black ball near hoop 5 and make blue's next hoop, hoop 6... which he did. Thus Guernsey went 1 point ahead. Red was last in rotation and in the jaws at its next hoop, 2-back. Black was also for 2-back. After blue successfully made hoop 6 off of black Guernsey roqueted black and instead of attempting the roll to 1-back he drove both balls out of bounds between the red corner and 1-back. In red's final turn it made 1-back and the game was tied again and went to a 5<sup>th</sup> rotation. Red shot to yellow still sitting in the yellow corner but came up 6 feet short. The 5<sup>th</sup> rotation began with Guernsey's black ball, from boundary, peeling blue through 1-back (the crowd went wild again!) and in that split shot ended black with a 10 foot hoop shot at black's next wicket, 2-back. Feeling... what this writer guesses to be "invincible"... Guernsey shot at and made 2-back. He's now 2 points ahead. He shot black to the red corner. Yellow was 3-ball dead and could only set up a rush for red to 3-back. Blue which was so cleanly peeled through 1-back was 1/3 up toward 2-back choose to do a very wide join to blue at North boundary. Red rushed yellow and successfully made 3-back but yellow didn't get down the court well enough to get in a rush to 4-back. Red roqueted yellow at 3-back and attempted an attack at blue-black into the red corner. It failed. Cameron went onto win that match and beat Jim Herzog in the finals to take his second Seattle Open Championship in a row.

### Championship flight

- 1<sup>st</sup> Cameron Guernsey
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Herzog
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Patrick Sweeney-
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Wally Clark
- 4<sup>th</sup> Bob Imhoff

5<sup>th</sup> Mike McGuire  
6<sup>th</sup> Lyn Lyon-  
6<sup>th</sup> Gary L. Anderson

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1<sup>st</sup> Nick Gray  
2<sup>nd</sup> Erv Roorda  
3<sup>rd</sup> Andy Zinsmeyer

#### Waterford Doubles

1<sup>st</sup> Gary L. Anderson-Elli Anderson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Bob Imhoff-Andy Zinsmeyer  
3<sup>rd</sup> Cameron Guernsey-Wally Clark  
4<sup>th</sup> Jim Herzog-Thomas Gates  
5<sup>th</sup> Lyn Lyon-Nick Gray  
6<sup>th</sup> Mike McGuire-Erv Roorda

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Waterford Doubles winners L-R Gary L. Anderson, Elli Anderson (1st), Andy Zinsmeyer, Bob Imhoff (2nd), Wally Clark, Cameron Guernsey (3rd)



Seattle Open finalists L-R Champion Cameron Guernsey, Gary L. Anderson (TD), and Jim Herzog 2nd Place



Seattle's Mike McGuire's first Seattle Open saw him defeating two 0-hdcps, a 2-hpcp, a 3.5-hdcp, and a 4-hdcp. Mike's been playing croquet 15 months.