

Tulsa Fall Classic – 2012

The Tulsa Fall Classic was held in Tulsa, Oklahoma from August 31 – September 3, 2012. We had a large field of 30 players with competition for all flights. This year it was hot. We had temperatures over 100 degrees every day. In the final day we reduced the game times to 60 minutes to allow for the heat and it was a life saver.

For the first time ever it worked out perfect with 10 players in each flight, allowing each flight to have 2 blocks of 5.

In Championship singles, we had 2 players go through block play undefeated: Matt Baird in block A and George Cochran in block B. Playoff rounds were a different story. Matt was able to get by Art Parsells and Wendell Thompson to advance to the final, but Billy Bob Breeden beat Joe Franz and George Cochran to get to the final game. Billy Bob went on to win. This was first Championship win in Tulsa, but I'm sure it won't be his last. George Cochran beat Wendell for third place. This was Wendell's first time in Championship flight and he made a good account of himself. He defeated 2 players and lost a couple of games by only one wicket and finished fourth place. It was a very competitive flight with no singles player going through the tournament undefeated.

In Championship flight doubles, Matt Baird and Billy Bob Breeden went undefeated in block play. In the playoffs, Matt and Billy Bob beat Matt Griffith/Don Brooks to get to the finals. Matt Smith/Art Parsells beat Jeff Caldwell/Joe Franz to get to the finals. The finals were won by Baird/Breeden in a very close match. Third place was Caldwell/Franz.

In First Flight singles, Kevin McQuigg was the only player to complete the block undefeated. Pat Garner won the other block with 1 lose to Andree Bothe. Kevin made it to the finals by defeating Tad Cassidy and Howard Holdsclaw. Pat Garner made it to the playoffs by beating Greg Adams and Bob Baker. Kevin and Pat had a very hard fought match, but Kevin won by one wicket in last turn. Bob beat Howard for third place.

In First Flight doubles, Bob Baker and Tad Cassidy came in first. In the playoffs Baker/Cassidy beat Greg Adams/Ron Millican to get to the finals. Kevin McQuigg/Pat Garner beat Andre Bothe/Bob Bozeman to reach the finals. Garner/McQuigg beat Baker/Cassidy in a very close match to win the championship. Bozeman/Bothe beat Adams/Millican for third.

In Second Flight singles, Scott Spradling and Aaron McIntosh went undefeated in block play. However, there are always the playoffs. Scott beat Huston Huffman only to be defeated by Debbie Breeden, so Debbie to made it to the finals. Aaron had to play his twin brother Alan in his first game. He came through that alright, only to lose to newcomer Gary Gerber. The final game was won by Gary in a 1 point match with Debbie. Scott Spradling beat Aaron McIntosh for third place.

In Second Flight doubles, the team of Scott and Suzanne Spradling went undefeated in block play and got to the finals by beating Gary Gerber/Lois Holdsclaw. The Mac Attack, the team of Aaron and Alan McIntosh, beat Huston Huffman/Ron Millican to reach the finals. The Mac Attack failed and lost to Spradling/Spradling in the championship game. For third place Gerber/Holdsclaw beat Huffman/Millican.

A big hand for Billy Bob and Kevin for winning both singles and doubles in their flights and to Gary for winning Second Flight singles in his first tournament.

Overall everyone had a great time with the weather shocker, did I say it was HOT! We had our Saturday Night Barbeque catered by Dana and Mike Brown and a great Tournament Dinner at Platt College Culinary Institute on Sunday. As usual our social team of Mary Baird, Barbara Parsells, Mary Jane Garner and Ginny Schulte did an outstanding job coordinating the meals and keeping the coolers full. Besides several days of hoops in the heat, Matt Smith setup and took down the 5 courts with much help from the McIntosh twins and their mentor Wendell Thompson.

A good time was had by all!

Matt Baird Tournament Director

Championship Singles

1. Billy Bob Breeden
2. Matt Baird
3. George Cochran
4. Wendell Thompson
5. Art Parsells
5. Joe Franz
5. Matt Griffith
5. Don Brooks
9. Jeff Caldwell
9. Matt Smith-withdrew

First Flight Singles

1. Kevin McQuigg
2. Pat Garner
3. Bob Baker
4. Howard Holdsclaw
5. Bob Bozeman
5. Andree Bothe
5. Tad Cassidy
5. Greg Adams
9. Harold Menzel
9. Ron Millican

Second Flight Singles

1. Gary Gerber
2. Debbie Breeden
3. Scott Spradling
4. Aaron McIntosh
5. Jodi Adams
5. Huston Huffman
5. Suzanne Spradling
5. Alan McIntosh
9. George Dakil
9. Deborah Millican

Championship Doubles

1. Matt Baird & Billy Bob Breeden
2. Matt Smith & Art Parsells
3. Jeff Caldwell & Joe Franz
4. Matt Griffith & Don Brooks
5. George Cochran & Wendell Thompson

First Flight Doubles

1. Pat Garner & Kevin McQuigg
2. Bob Baker & Tad Cassidy
3. Andre Bothe & Bob Bozeman
4. Greg Adams & Ron Millican
5. Howard Holdsclaw & Harold Menzel

Second Flight Doubles

1. Scott Spradling & Susan Spradling
2. Alan McIntosh & Aaron McIntosh
3. Gary Gerber & Lois Holdsclaw
4. Huston Huffman & Deborah Millican
5. Jodi Adams & Debbie Breeden