

**2013 NEW YORK CROQUET CLUB CLAYTON CUP**  
**Central Park, New York City**  
**June 13-16, 2013**

You will have to excuse me for the delay in posting this report. I like to think that I am usually right on top of things. And I really respect the fact that 'late breaking news' does not mean news that is, well, broken late. The problem that has had my mind percolating for so long is how to report exciting news about the 89 games which never took place at this year's waterlogged version of the Clayton Cup. Aspirin, lots of it, has not helped, and thus I will now offer what I can, the remainder to be found in the next edition of the USCA Croquet News.

Simply put....it rained. Not throughout the entire event, but enough to stop play after the first round of the first day of doubles. Actually, that wasn't the problem. The problem was that with so much rain having already drenched the area over the past couple of weeks, all of this rain had nowhere to go. Friday wasn't a bad day for a stroll. Nor was Saturday morning. And yet the four lawns, redone and in beautiful shape, were still either underwater or wet enough to make play impossible. When play finally did resume, as it did late Saturday morning, it did so with only two courts available, and this remained the case until late Sunday afternoon.

If you were lucky enough to be there, I suggest you save one of the four versions of charts still, excuse the pun, floating out there. They are collector's items now, and I am thinking of selling those I have on Ebay. And I know what your next question, aside from how much these charts will sell for, will be: John, was the tournament ever finished and how was that actually achieved?

Good question. And here's what happened. Yes, the event did reach a conclusion and, in a first, everyone made the Playoffs! Sadly, these were single elimination Playoffs for everyone included within the four Flights of Singles and two of Doubles. No, it wasn't entirely fair, but it was as fair as things could have been given the circumstances. Chris Patmore, for example, signed up for Singles only, lost to Rich Curtis in the Semis and thus went home. Sure, no one in the Championship Flight should have lost to Rich Curtis, but stuff happens. Some players had several matches and some had, well, one.

What I must say is that everyone, throughout the entire weekend, demonstrated the best attitude I have ever seen. Phone calls and emails flew back and forth in the attempt to keep everyone up to date with whatever the 'late breaking news' was. Not only were complaints nonexistent, but many of the players later said that they would not have missed the experience even had they had the chance! Impressive!

As always, the team of volunteers that are a given within the New York Croquet Club did a phenomenal job. Sara Low, the NYCC President, deserves multiple stars for keeping (excuse the pun) a sinking ship on course throughout. And as to the players...it really was kinda fun, wasn't it? Win or lose, stars for everyone!

Yes, there are many more stories to tell. And I shall tell them. Eventually. For now, it is simply nice to be dry, back in Florida and as far away from a FedEx/Kinkos printer as possible. Remember, The City never sleeps, but always wades forward!

**FINAL ORDER**

**CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT SINGLES**

1. Derek Wassink
2. Rich Curtis
3. David McCoy
3. Chris Patmore
5. Tim Rapuano
5. Norris Settlemyre

**FIRST FLIGHT SINGLES**

1. George Blake
2. Jodie Rugart
3. Sean Hartley
3. Peter Woolley
5. David Collie
5. Sara Low

**SECOND FLIGHT SINGLES**

1. Temp Peck
2. John Seidler
3. Steve Grassbaugh
3. John Woodside
5. David Isaacs
5. Lynda Sudderberg

**THIRD FIGHT SINGLES**

1. Randi Cudlitz
2. Karen Heckman
3. Martine Fournage
3. Wendy Ward
5. Bee Perkins
5. John Perkins

**CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT DOUBLES**

1. John Osborn-Temp Peck
2. Rich Curtis-John Woodside
3. Tim Rapuano-David Collie
3. George Blake-Jodie Rugart
5. Norris Settlemyre-Peter Woolley

**5. David McCoy-Sara Low**

**FIRST FLIGHT DOUBLES**

**1. David Isaacs-Karen Kaplan**

**2. Lynda Sudderberg-Martine Fournage**

**3. Randi Cudlitz-Karen Heckman**

**3. Steve Grassbaugh-Sharyl Forster**

**5. John Seidler-Wendy Ward**

**5. John Perkins-Bee Perkins**

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