

2013 USCA “CROQUET WEEK” GOLF CROQUET CHAMPIONSHIPS
The National Croquet Center
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With great weather and a genial field, this year’s Golf Croquet Championships proved to be both enjoyable and exciting. Fifteen players were on hand, three courts were used and the field was broken down into two Flights. Block play was used in both divisions, the Championship Flight competing in 19-point matches while the First Flight battled in 13-point games. Four players in each Flight moved to the best-of-three 13-point Playoffs.

The lawns themselves, due to the recent cool weather and windy conditions, were playing extremely fast. With that fact in mind, it was of no surprise that many matches were close throughout. In the Championship Flight, Bill Bromely, Doug Moore and Bob Chilton, vying for the final two Playoff positions, all finished with 4-3 records and were separated by only two net and gross points. The math did not work for Mr. Chilton.

Almost as expected, Bill and Cheryl Bromley were forced to face each other in the first of the best-of-three Championship Flight Semi-Finals. And, with no surprise, a great battle emerged, Cheryl taking the first game 7-4 and Bill capturing the second with a 7-3 score. To make matters even more interesting, the third and deciding game would have to be won by two. As the tension built, and after heroics and great shooting by both, Cheryl clawed her way to an amazing 11-9 victory. David McCoy had an easier time on the other side of the bracket scoring a 7-4, 7-3 win over the flamboyant Doug Moore.

The thrills did not let up in the Finals match. Cheryl dominated (7-2) David in the first game, but David rebounded with his own statement with a little 7-3 revenge. With both players now warmed up, the deciding game went not only back and forth, but into overtime. In an exciting 9-7 finish, David captured the Title in a game decided by inches throughout.

In the First Flight, Tom Hankey captured his Semi-Final with a 7-1, 7-6 victory over Karen Heckman, while Bob Chenoweth out dueled Peter Bundy with similar 7-2, 7-6 scores. The Final itself went three games, and when the dust settled, Bob stood upon the tallest podium by surviving three tough games. The Finals score read 7-6, 4-7 and 7-5. Great excitement throughout.

Overall, the field was larger this year, and by all indications it will continue to grow. A great time was had by all, the promise of competitive games was fulfilled and those participating in the upcoming Club Team Championships savored some great practice. The USCA looks forward to another fantastic event next year!

FINAL ORDER and Block Record

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT

1. David McCoy	6-1
2. Cheryl Bromley	5-2
3. Doug Moore	4-3
3. Bill Bromley	4-3
5. Bob Chilton	4-3
6. Joe Knoll	3-4
7. Sandy Walsh	2-5
8. Zoe deRopp	0-7

FIRST FLIGHT

1. Bob Chenoweth	6-0
2. Tom Hankey	4-2
3. Peter Bundy	3-3
3. Karen Heckman	3-3
5. C.A. Knoll	2-4
5. Iris Chenoweth	2-4
7. Vincent Andrews	1-5

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