

## **New Albany Invitational October 11-13, 2013 New Albany, OH**

The Second Annual 2013 New Albany Invitational was held October 11 - 13 at the New Albany Country Club in the suburbs of Columbus, OH. The weather was something to behold and it was a treat to watch the autumn leaves turning color each day. There were 24 total players, eight in Championship, eight in First Flight, and eight in Second Flight. This was a singles only event double banking on three lawns. The handicap range was 2.5 - 6 in Championship Flight, 8 - 9 in First Flight, and 10 - 14 in Second Flight.

The Second Flight Final was a nail biter and ended with Doris Priddle (10) beating Barb O'Laughlin (12) by one point. Both players played beautifully throughout. Barb picked up 20 tracking points while third place finisher Matthew Loving (12) picked up 12 tracking points.

First Flight featured two players - Lynda Sudderberg (9) and Lee Anderson (8) who played with great intensity in the block play phase and continued their fine play through the semi-finals and into the finals. In the end Lynda prevailed and gained 26 tracking points for her hard work. Lynda was also a player who used break play as a winning tactic.

The Championship Flight Final had the 2012 finalist and New Albany Croquet Club President Cameron James (4) against the highest seed Richard Scherf (6). Both Cameron and Richard won four out of seven games in the block phase. In this final, Cameron took advantage of his strong knowledge of the ultra-fast front court and exploited Richard's early deadness to dominate throughout the whole game. Cameron picked up 10 tracking points while Richard picked up 28 tracking points (enough to go to a 5 handicap)! Dolores Gallagher (6) picked up a very respectable 13 tracking points.

The opening party was held at the gorgeous downtown Columbus home of John and Jennifer Joseph. Players were treated to delicious food and drink and a breath-taking view of the Columbus skyline and modern bridges spanning the Scioto River. On Saturday night players enjoyed a wonderful dinner at the New Albany Country Club.

Dates for the Third Annual 2014 Tournament have already been set - October 9 for the opening party and October 10 - 12 for the tournament. Special thanks to Jennifer and John Joseph, Cameron James, many other New Albany Croquet members along with the superb staff at the Club for holding such a wonderful tournament.

Scheduling and TD - Bob Kroeger

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## Championship Flight Singles

1. Cameron James
2. Richard Scherf
3. Rich Schiller
4. Pat Garner
5. Dolores Gallagher
6. Jack Montgomery
7. Howard Holdsclaw
8. Jake Johnson



Cameron James

## First Flight Singles

1. Lynda Sudderberg
2. Lee Anderson
3. Steve Grassbaugh
4. Ted Hilles
5. Leo Leither
6. Russ Dilley
7. Jennifer Joseph
8. Gary Anderson



Lynda Sudderberg

## Second Flight Singles

1. Doris Priddle
2. Barbara O'Laughlin
3. Matthew Loving
4. Valeri Terry
5. Jane Osgood
6. Tom O'Laughlin
7. Bill Crerar
8. Lois Holdsclaw



Doris Priddle



Barbara O'Laughlin, Doris Priddle



Cameron James, Rich Scherf



Lee Anderson, Lynda Sudderberg