

**2013 NJ State Croquet Championship**  
**August 17, 2013**  
**Green Gables Croquet Club, Sea Girt NJ**

Developed over a course of 3 short months, the first NJ State Championship finally came to fruition. Weather in Sea Girt was fantastic for the one day singles tournament. Green Gables was the perfect choice for the event, as it has three full size lawns (no other club in New Jersey has more than one lawn).

Seventeen state residents and a guest from New York (who has family in NJ) were assembled into three flights. Handicaps ranged from 0 to 20. Matches were timed at 75 minutes and double banking was used (except in the finals). A short 2 game block was conducted in the morning followed by a short lunch break and a full playoff in the afternoon (everyone was included). The tournament design promised everyone 3 matches, with a chance for 1 or 2 more.

Trophies were awarded to the top third finishers in each flight (1st and 2nd place). A permanent trophy was also created for this event which will bear the championship flight winner's name.

Photos from the event: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/29148507@N06/sets/72157635198447163/>

Final order of standing (ties determined by overall block score):

Championship Flight

- 1 Jodie Rugart (Brielle, NJ)
- 2 Jack Montgomery (Sea Girt, NJ)
- 3 Tom Cooper (Princeton Junction, NJ)
- 4 Tim Rapuano (Ramsey, NJ)
- 5 George Blake (Bound Brook, NJ)
- 6 Greg Shaffer (Kenvil, NJ)

First Flight

- 1 Carl Kruse (Denville, NJ)
- 2 Loretta Cooper (Princeton Junction, NJ)
- 3 Ann Ix (Spring Lake, NJ)
- 4 Ralph Charles (Far Rockaway, NY)
- 5 Symon Cowles (Spring Lake, NJ)
- 6 Peter Woolley (Madison, NJ)

Second Flight

- 1 Tim Mullen (Wall, NJ)
- 2 John Croddick (Morganville, NJ)
- 3 Mary McLaughlin (Sea Girt, NJ)
- 4 Don McLaughlin (Sea Girt, NJ)
- 5 Tom Gilbert (Oradell, NJ)
- 6 Ronald Rapuano (Oakland, NJ)

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