

# **New York Croquet Club Championship Central Park, New York August 10 -11, 2013**

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual NYCC Club Championship ran smoothly and similarly to previous years. We had great weather, a great group of players....and as always, a disproportionate amount of upsets! If you are a member of the New York Croquet Club, and you have played the game at least once or twice, you have a legitimate chance to place in the Club Championship (if not win). It's just a proven fact.

This year we had 18 players and used a "guaranteed three games per person" modified double elimination bracket. For anyone who hasn't played, the Plate Event is just as competitive as the Championship. On to the croquet...the upsets started early and often. In the first round Jim Collins (10 handicap) defeated Tim Rapuano (0 handicap and past Club Champion)...it was a wild match, but needless to say, Jim Collins can say goodbye to that 10 handicap of his. Also in the first round, Carla "The Hammer" Rueck nearly nailed Gene Nathanson; but dodged her to capture a victory of 13 – 12. In the second round Doug Moore reigned supreme over Ralph Charles sending him to the losers' bracket, giving Ralph another chance at a comeback.

The losers' bracket was where all the excitement was. Jim Collins knocked off the 5<sup>th</sup> seed Gene Nathanson, while Ralph Charles outlasted 4<sup>th</sup> seed Simon Male (past Club Champ). Frank Hentic snuck by Doug Moore in the main bracket sending down into the losers' bracket to face the indefatigable Ralph Charles. Without hesitation, Ralph opened up a can of Whoop Ass and exacted revenge on Doug. In the Championship Final, Frank Hentic enjoyed an early lead of 12 points over Ralph Charles. When Ralph finally had his chance, he made up lost time running a nice set of breaks until ultimately forgetting which wicket was next. Ralph could have snatched it, but Frank was steadfast, and triumphed 18 to 16.

In the Plate division Tim Rapuano had little trouble getting to the finals. Very much worth noting: David Isaacs (10 handicap) and Wendy Ward (13 handicap) dominated the losers bracket. As evidenced by David and Wendy fantastic upsets in the Plate Event, each of them will gain new handicaps. In the Plate Finals, Tim prevailed over David 17 – 13. Congratulations to Tim Rapuano, 2013 NYCC Plate Winner, who took home a Tiffany's vase. Big time Congratulations to Frank Hentic winning the 2013 New York Croquet Club Championship and winning a Tiffany's beer mug.

Frank has completed his NYCC triple crown, winning the Clayton Cup in 2000, Osborn Cup in 2008 and now the 2013 Club Championship. Very well done! Most importantly, thanks so much for the volunteers; this event would never be the success that it is without your help (especially Jim, David and Tim).

~Doug Moore  
Tournament Director

## RESULTS:

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| 1. Frank Hentic – 2013 Club Champion | 13. John Seidler     |
| 2. Ralph Charles - Runner-Up         | 13. Spencer Hood     |
| 3. Doug Moore                        | 17. Martine Fournage |
| 4. Jim Collins                       | 18. Bettye Musham    |
| 4. Simon Male                        |                      |
| 6. Gene Nathanson                    |                      |
| 6. Rebeca Bergofsky                  |                      |
| 6. Templeton Peck                    |                      |
| 9. Tim Rapuano - Plate Winner        |                      |
| 10. David Isaacs - Plate Runner-Up   |                      |
| 11. Wendy Ward                       |                      |
| 12. Randi Cudlitz                    |                      |
| 13. Carla Rueck                      |                      |
| 13. George Forsyth                   |                      |