

USCA Northeast/Mid-Atlantic Regional Championship

July 18-21, 2013

Lenox, MA

The Northeast/Mid-Atlantic Regionals were held at the Lenox Croquet Club in upper-eighty-degree temperatures and high humidity for the first three days of block play. The club put out plenty of iced lemon water, cold watermelon, sodas, and iced coffee as the players battled each other and the elements. Always with an eye on the weather, players and the TD breathed a sigh of relief as storms raged across Canada and Connecticut but spared the tournament. On Sunday twelve players emerged to go into the three singles ladders in cooler temperatures with mild breezes. Doubles were already decided. First Flight was taken by Webster Bull and Denys Shorthouse, while Championship fell to Tim Rapuano and Justin Berbig.

In the Second Flight Singles ladder, Larry Cranfield disposed of Denys Shorthouse to meet John Seidler, who had won a close match over Ted Hilles. This earned Larry two firsts and an undefeated record. First Flight was even closer. Francis Palasieski coming out of the blocks won a one-wicket match against Pat Colt to face Webster Bull, who had defeated Dick Scherf, the second player out of the blocks. After another one-wicket match, Francis emerged the First Flight Champ.

The tournament story really belongs to Tim Rapuano in Championship Flight. In undefeated block play Tim scored his first 26 to 2 victory over Patrick Little, whom he would meet in the first round of block play. Meanwhile, David Ekstrom was pegging out against Justin Berbig. Tim would go on to defeat David and earn his second winner's trophy. Well done Tim.

This tournament belonged to the young, new blood in croquet, to Tim, Francis, and Justin. Long may they play.

~John Woodside, RVP and TD

Championship Flight Singles

1. Tim Rapuano



John Woodside, Tim Rapuano

2. David Ekstrom
3. Justin Berbig
4. Patrick Little
5. Chris Loat
6. Jim Turner
7. Paul Phoenix

First Flight Singles

1. Francis Palasieski



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2. Webster Bull
3. Richard Scherf
4. Pat Colt
5. Martie Ekstrom
6. John Woodside
7. Lloyd Hadden
8. Jim McLaughlin

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Second Flight Singles

1. Larry Cranfield



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2. John Seidler
3. Ted Hilles
4. Denys Shorthouse
5. Carla Rueck
6. Jane Osgood
7. Thomas Gilbert
8. Albert Muren

First Flight Doubles

1. Webster Bull & Denys Shorthouse



Webster Bull, Denys Shorthouse, John Woodside

2. Larry Cranfield & Ted Hilles
3. Paul Phoenix & Albert Muren
4. Dick Scherf & Jane Osgood
5. Jim McLaughlin & Thomas Gilbert
6. John Woodside & John Seidler

Championship Doubles

1. Justin Berbig & Tim Rapuano



Tim Rapuano, John Woodside, Justin Berbig

2. Patrick Little & Chris Loat
3. David Ekstrom & Jim Turner
4. Francis Palasieski & Carla Rueck
5. Martie Ekstrom & Pat Colt