

**SARASOTA COUNTY CROQUET CLUB  
2013 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS  
DOUBLES and SINGLES**

**February 15-17, 2013 DOUBLES**

This is the report on the first half of the SCCC ninth annual club singles and doubles championship. The doubles championship was held over three days February 15 to 17 in very cold weather for Floridians. Forty-four played in the doubles championship. The play was on three recently laser leveled and sodded new courts at the Venice complex of the Sarasota County Croquet Club. After a cold front went through we were faced with 41-degree temperature each morning, rising only to the high 50's during the day.

The championship winner was determined during the last game of block play when the two top seeds played off that final game. There were six doubles teams in the flight. Fred and Jackie Jones were undefeated going into the final, against Russ Cuccia and Vic Lawrence who had one loss. A win by Russ and Vic, would have required a play-off to determine the club winner. Fred opened with an attack to set a break for partner, ending in position at #2, three ball dead at the end of his turn. Vic proceeded to hit in from across court. At the end of the game Fred was still three ball dead, however a late clearing by Jackie, allowed her to run three wickets to take the match 11 to 10. Fred and Jackie the new club doubles champions

First flight, a field of seven teams, was again determined by the last game of block play. Frank Buzarak and Doug Johnson would face Carl Kruse and Bill Cole, both teams undefeated with five wins, late Saturday afternoon. In a fairly even matched game, Carl and Bill were the winners 11 to 9.

Second flight, fielding five teams, ended block play in a three way tie, with Bob Lentz and Steffie Robertson tied with Lee and Gary Anderson tied with Webster Bull and Arthur Olsen at three wins and one loss. As the tournament instructions required that net points would not decide the winner, there would be a play-off. Bob and Steffie took the Andersons 14 to 10, to meet Webster and Arthur. Bob and Steffie took the second game 9 to 8 to become the flight champions. Both play-off games were held Sunday morning.

Third Flight, with four teams saw another play-off, with Mare and Mac McDermott tied with Barbara Caiafa and Camelia Monteforte at the end of block play. On a clear and cold Sunday morning The McDermott's were successful in taking the title 9 to 8.

Trophies were presented to the winners and runner-ups. The winners will also have their names engraved on the permanent plaque. The singles championships will be held in March.

Fred Jones, Tournament Director

### **March 15-17, 2013 SINGLES**

And now to the second half of the Club Championship: The singles club championship. It was held over two weekends to accommodate the 39 contestants, which were divided into five flights. The first weekend, March 15-17, saw the two higher handicap flights (Second and Third flights) playing on two full size and two half-size courts. The weather was again against us. It was cold; no other description will suffice, but bundled up, and with plenty of hot coffee available, the tournament went on.

In Third flight, handicaps 10 to 16, Barbara Caiafa dominated the field going undefeated with six wins. In all flights a complete round robin was scheduled for each group, Yvette Rheault took second place with four wins.

Dick Schleiter taking six of the seven games played led second flight playing on full courts, with handicaps of 8 and 9. In a three-way tie by wins for second place, Bob Lentz managed to rack up more net points and took home the runner-up trophy.

### **March 22-24, 2013 SINGLES**

The following weekend, March 22-24, had Championship "A" and "B", and First flight playing on three full size courts at the Venice location. Again the weather was cold, even colder than the previous week, with a strong wind blowing most of Saturday. So much for the Florida warm weather. But- the sun was out most every day, so no rain in the nine-day of the combined tournament.

First flight played seven games in the block, handicaps 5 to 7, with the #1 seed ending up seventh, but the next two seeds holding true to their seeding, finishing #1 and #2. Dolores Gallagher, with six wins took the top place, followed closely by Richard palmer with five wins.

Championship "B", with handicaps from 4 to 5 had a last minute dropout, and ended up playing only five games. At the end of play, both Glenn Bennett and Ralph Moore ended up with four wins each. The house rules, as published, would not determine the winner by net points, but by record against. As Glenn had beaten Ralph 13-10 in the block he was the club champion for that flight, with Ralph as runner-up.

Championship "A" in a block of nine with handicaps from -1.5 to +2.5 turned out to be an interesting flight. Although Jackie Jones, seeded #1, was behind in the first game against Colin Irwin, she managed to run seven wickets at the very end of the game to tie it at 19, but stuffed the winning wicket, giving the game to Colin in last turn by one wicket 20 to 19. From that point on she was a very steady player winning the next five games including at 26-7 and a 26-2. Going into the final game on Sunday she was tied with Alan Cottle, who had played almost as well but having finished with a record of six total wins, but with one of the losses to Jackie. Jackie finished the round robin playing against her husband, Fred Jones, and took that game 16 to 8; to finish with an untied record of 7 wins for the championship. Alan Cottle, was runner-up with six wins, and left the next day for home in England. It should be noted that Russ Cuccia and Dale Poszgai, both with five wins each, played an excellent series.

You will probably note an absence of cocktail party and dinner reports. This event is planned as a local, low cost event. However- we did have a pizza party at the home of Fred & Jackie Jones on the Saturday evening of the doubles play. There was also Attitude Adjustment, each afternoon following play courtside. A healthy continental breakfast was served each morning, and coffee was available during the cold weather days. Lunch was the player's responsibility on the last Saturday a small pizza party was held courtside.

## Final Report

Fred Jones

Tournament Director

Doubles:

### CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT

1. Fred Jones & Jackie Jones
2. Russ Cuccia & Vic Lawrence
3. Alan Cottle & Avril Rangoni Machiavelli
4. Colin Irwin & Dale Poszgai
5. Blaine Davis & Hans Peterson
6. Ted Kemp & Jack Montgomery

### FIRST FLIGHT

1. Carl Kruse & Bill Cole
2. Frank Buzerak & Doug Johnson
3. Charlotte Neagle & Cristine Irwin
4. Jim McLaughlin & Bill Carradine
5. Sheila Davis & Sue Lawrence
6. Glenn Bennett & David Spillman
7. Gerry Rheault & Yvette Rheault

### SECOND FLIGHT

1. Bob Lentz & Stephanie Robertson
2. Arthur Olsen & Webster Bull
3. Gary Anderson & Lee Anderson
4. Joy Bandy & Dick Schleiter
5. Doug Ledgett & Donna Finley

### THIRD FLIGHT

1. Mare McDermott & Mac McDermott
2. Barbara Caiafa & Camelia Monteforte
3. Sue Kinder & Maria Petrola
4. Lulu Rodick & Grace Robbio

Singles:

### CHAMPIONSHIP "A" FLIGHT

1. Jackie Jones
2. Alan Cottle
3. Russ Cuccia
4. Dale Poszgai
5. Fred Jones
6. Colin Irwin
7. Jack Montgomery
8. Ken Northrop
9. Ted Kemp

### CHAMPIONSHIP "B" FLIGHT.

1. Glenn Bennett
2. Ralph Moore
3. Hans Peterson
4. Charlotte Neagle
5. Carl Kruse
6. Bill Cole

### FIRST FLIGHT.

1. Dolores Gallagher
2. Richard Palmer
3. Richard Zeck
4. Christine Irwin
5. Kay Schneider
6. Jim McLaughlin
7. Frank Buzerak
8. David Spillman

### SECOND FLIGHT

1. Dick Schleiter
2. Bob Lentz
3. Doug Johnson
4. Norm Mulrone
5. Ron Truman
6. Gary Anderson
7. Elsie Maxam
8. Lee Anderson

### THIRD FLIGHT

1. Barbara Caiafa
2. Yvette Rheault
3. Richard Orlee
4. Camelia Monteforte
5. Sidna Mitchell
6. Rita McNamara
7. John Henry Cross



Dolores Gallagher, Richard Palmer, Barbara  
Caiafa, Jackie Jones, Glenn Bennett



Colin Irwin



Bob Lentz, Dick Schleiter



Jackie Jones