

## 2013 Seniors Masters National Championships November 3-7, 2013 West Palm Beach, FL



This year's singles champions Mike Zuro, Masters Champion Flight, and Michael Todorovich, Seniors Championship Flight, are first time winners of the event. Mr. Zuro bested Jackie Jones in a close contest 10 to nine. For the younger players Mr. Todorovich defeated the previously unbeaten Texan Donna Dixon to claim this year's Seniors division National Championship. Both games were played in our famous on-again-off-again Florida fall weather frequently donning rain gear only quickly tear them off because of the heat.

Mike Zuro, whom we haven't seen around our croquet world for so long, returned with a vengeance defeating Dick Sullivan, and then Dale Poszgai, finally had the opportunity to play the finals. The game was a tactical lesson of croquet as each contestant weighed the risk and reward of each feint and attack. This was compounded by the unpredictable weather not knowing if your break would end up in a pouring rain or hot sunshine. He played these games after battling two doubles games earlier in the day.

Todorovich came out of block with an even three win/three loss record. He won some close games and lost some lopsided games placing fifth out of block. He pegged out his first opponent 26-3 then had a tough game with the previously undefeated Bob VanTassell to meet his next undefeated opponent Donna Dixon. Donna was on a roll through her block with impressive wins throughout. She finally fell to Todorovich 26-8.

We have of late scheduled the Hall of Fame Ball during the Seniors and Masters Nationals. This is a great trend allowing so many friends to stop by before the festivities renewing old acquaintances. So many of our Red Jackets attended this year's event it threatened the schedule. Such a great problem to have, no?

Our First Flight Masters Champion is Larry "Mac" McDermott, who relentlessly wore down runner-up Jerry Luecke. Mac ran through the block undefeated while Jerry had to defeat the one loss George Enochs. Congratulations to all for some great croquet and your bright and happy attitudes through some grueling croquet.

Bill Trower has continued his rise up the flights by squeaking past Roni Brazell 15-14 to claim the Seniors First Flight Championship. He started his croquet career a mere 14 months ago winning his first tournament. Harry Lloyd took home the Second Flight Masters Championship defeating a surging Antonia Marmo after pulling out a miracle win over surprising newcomer David Lloyd. Down two wickets in last ball, Harry hit in on a 20 yarder, rolled to position and ran three hoops to earn the right to play

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Antonia. Russell Dilley is our newest Seniors Second Flight National Champion by bettering Stephanie Robertson 16 to 9.

Our Championship Flight Doubles winners are Bob Chilton and Mike Zuro, who ousted the defending championship team of Mike Gibbons and CFA President David McCoy 13-6. While the defenders were busy tying up loose ends for the Hall of Fame Ball, Bob and Mike were relaxing and storing up energy to end their campaign in style.

This year's First Flight Doubles Champions are Larry "Mac" McDermott and Bill Trower who defeated Roni Brazell and Don Smith and our Second Flight Doubles Champions are Antonia Marmo and Ray Liberti, who narrowly defeated Russell Dilley and Ann Licursi 14 to 13.

A special thanks to Shereen Hayes, Erica Sherman and Ursula Peck for the many hours they put in to make this event a success. Oh, did I mention how much they raised for the Lee Olsen Fund? Kudos to Sharon and Billy Bob who made our meals so delicious and not to forget SandyJames Catering! Many thanks to the brothers Epps, David and Carl for the beautiful condition of the lawns (you know they are playing great when the contestants exclaim how fast they are running). Many thanks to the members of the National Croquet Club for graciously giving up their lawns and playing time for this event.

Other Notes, Johnny Osborn get well and we will see you next year. It was great to see Merritt 'Jake' Jacob grace our lawns again, while there were three of Jake's great mallets competing in this year's events. Not bad considering that those mallets have well over 20 years of use. This year there were no lost mallets that I was aware of. In another great moment, it was wonderful to see Bill Luke at the Hall of Fame Dinner; there were many a great plays on his lawn in Delray Beach. With the start of the National 9-Wicket Championship following on the heels of this great event, it was fun to see the two groups together. Many thanks for the contestants who put up with our rain and schedule delays with aplomb.

Tournament Manager, Johnny Mitchell, President of the USCA  
Tournament Director, Bill Mead, NCC Croquet Professional

#### Master Championship Singles

1. Mike Zuro



Mike Zuro

2. Jackie Jones  
3. Fred Jones  
3. Dale Poszgai  
5. Bob Chilton

5. Dick Sullivan  
5. David McCoy  
5. Paul Emmett  
9. Paula Phaneuf  
10. Jack Montgomery  
11. Vincent Marmo  
12. Don Smith  
13. Art Parsells



Jackie Jones, Mile Zuro

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Mike Todorovich, Donna Dixon

1. Mike Todorovich
2. Donna Dixon
3. Bob Van Tassell
3. Cynnne Cagney
5. Mike Gibbons
5. Dick Brackett
5. Gary Bennett
5. Chris Loat
9. Bill Hartmann
10. Peter Just
11. John Curington

#### Master Second Flight Singles



Bill Mead, Harry Lloyd

1. Harry Lloyd
2. Antonia Marmo
3. Michael Kline
3. R. David Owen
5. Gary Anderson
5. Joy Bradford
7. Anne Licursi
8. Lois Holdsclaw

#### Master First Flight Singles



Jerry Luecke, Larry McDermott

1. Larry McDermott
2. Jerry Luecke
3. George Enochs
3. Kevin Moran
5. Bob Bozeman
5. Wendell Thompson
5. Howard Holdsclaw
5. Dolores Gallagher
9. Andrée Bothe
10. Merritt Jacob
11. Nancy Reynolds

#### Senior Second Flight Singles

1. Russell Dilley



Russ Dilley, Stephanie Robertson

#### Senior First Flight Singles

1. Bill Trower (with Bill Mead, TD)



2. Roni Brazell



2. Stephanie Robertson
3. Ray Liberti
3. Lee Anderson
5. Deborah Millican
5. Ron Millican
7. Carla Rueck
8. Gary Neal
9. Patricia Duncan

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## Championship Doubles

1. Bob Chilton/Mike Zuro
2. Mike Gibbons/David McCoy



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3. Fred Jones/Jackie Jones
3. Paul Emmett/Chris Loat
5. John Phaneuf/Paula Phaneuf
5. Dick Brackett/Donna Dixon
5. Gary Bennett/Dick Sullivan
5. Peter Just/Mike Todorovich
9. Bob Van Tassell/Dale Poszgai
10. Bill Hartman/Cynn timer Cagney
11. Art Parsells/Dolores Gallagher
12. John Curington/Vincent Marmo
13. Jack Montgomery/Patricia Duncan
14. Don Smith/Roni Brazell

## Second Flight Doubles

1. Ray Liberti/Antonia Marmo
2. Russell Dilley/Anne Licursi



Ray Liberti, Antonia Marmo, Anne Licursi, Russ Dilley

3. Gary Anderson /Lee Anderson
3. Ron Millican/Deborah Millican
5. Joy Bradford/Carla Rueck
5. Michael Kline/Stephanie Robertson
7. Gary Neal/Lois Holdsclaw

## First Flight Doubles

1. Larry McDermott/Bill Trower



Bill Trower, Larry McDermott, Bill Mead

2. Roni Brazell/Don Smith
3. Bob Bozeman/Andrée Bothe
3. Kevin Moran/Doug McKeckneay
5. George Enochs/Jane Enochs
5. Wendell Thompson/Howard Holdsclaw
7. Jerry Luecke/Nancy Reynolds