

**10th ANNUAL AUTUMN LEAVES INVITATIONAL
CHATTOOGA CLUB
October 1-5, 2014
CASHIERS, NC**



The Tenth Annual Autumn Leaves Invitational tournament was held October 1st to the 5th at the picturesque setting in the mountains of southwest North Carolina. Hosted by the Chattooga Club in Cashiers, NC, the setting was everything anyone could want. Using two courts set just below the open pavilion and Lodge with a backdrop of two mountains across the valley. This year the weather was average for this time of year. Sunny or partly cloudy was the order of the day, with a full day of

rain on Friday, and near freezing Saturday night and Sunday morning. There was a freeze in effect early Sunday with the temperature below 32 until the sun came up.

Speaking of the courts, they are probably one of the finest playing surfaces in Eastern United States. The grass is without a blemish, the speed is ideal (9.5 on the speed meter), and is a pleasure to play on.

Open practice on Tuesday afternoon preceded the opening party on the Pavilion, set just off the courts. The format this year would be block play singles leading to double elimination in both flights. Championship with eight players at minus one to plus four handicaps, average 1.3; First Flight, six players from six to ten handicaps, average 7.0.

Championship Flight played six singles games in the block following pretty much a predicted path. Jackie Jones and John Hunter, seeded #1 and #2, lead the block. Until the quarterfinals when John defeated Jackie 18-15, in third overtime. Jackie then played Dawn Jupin in the loser bracket (Dawn, the Chattooga Club croquet and tennis pro, had come from 6th seed), winning 19-7 to face John in the finals. Both games between John and Jackie were set by long breaks, and in the second game by rover play. Jackie took the final game 15 -8.

First Flight had six players, playing five games in block play, leaders Michael Albert and Steffie Robertson lead out of the block with four wins each. . In following play, the top block finishers again topped the ladder play, with Michael losing to Steffie in the quarterfinals 11-10, only to come back and defeat her in the finals 14-7.

Waterford Doubles consisted of two flights, each with eight players. Play was scheduled for the second game each day through Saturday. Played socially as well as competitively, it started the day off with a warm up and a friendly voice. A total of four games were played in each flight, with no play-off with the following results: In Championship Jack Montgomery won with Jim Hall second. First Flight went to Michael Albert, with Steffie Robertson second.

The food, as usual, was a culinary delight, starting with the opening party Tuesday evening with cocktails, and light hors d'oeuvres at the Pavilion. Two roaring fireplaces provided the background for the Wednesday evening, cocktails and Alfresco Dinner. Thursday evening we were invited to a cocktail and heavy hors d'oeuvres on the open patio outside the dining room, the view was spectacular. If you were a "mountain" person, this was the place to be.

Friday saw an open evening, when the players were able to try out the fine local eating establishments, or if they wished, they could sign up for dinner at the club.

Saturday evening as in previous years, the Club hosted the traditional player's cocktail party and dinner at the Lodge. This year's menu included smoked oysters, bacon wrapped dates and lamb carpaccio for hors d'oeuvres, a Chattooga Salad, followed by Prime Tenderloin of Beef, poached lobster tails, potatoes, and green beans. Sunday brunch included about everything you could think of. A complete breakfast awaited us each morning in the Lodge including omelets to order. Lunch was served on the porch overlooking the courts and one had a choice off the daily menu.

Everyone enjoyed the tournament, and we look forward to another next year.

Submitted by
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Tournament Director

Championship Flight Singles

1. Jackie Jones
2. John Hunter
3. Dawn Jupin
4. Jim Hall
5. Bill Hartmann
5. Mal Wall
7. Jack Montgomery
7. George Enochs



Jackie Jones, Fred Jones and John Hunter

First Flight Singles

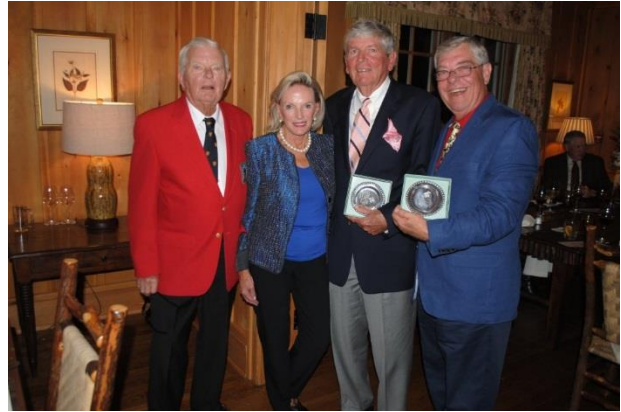
1. Michael Albert
2. Steffie Robertson
3. Arthur Olsen
4. Kenny Lovett
5. Roxanne Rosetto
5. Byron Hicks



Steffie Robertson, Fred Jones and Michael Albert

Championship Waterford Doubles

1. Jack Montgomery
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3. Mal Wall
4. John Hunter
5. Jackie Jones
6. Dawn Jupin
7. Bill Hartmann
8. George Enochs



Fred Jones, Joy Diesel-Guernsey, Jack Montgomery and Jim Hall

First Flight Waterford Doubles

1. Michael Albert
2. Steffie Robertson
3. Joy Diesel
4. Arthur Olsen
5. Roxanne Rosetto
6. John West
7. Linda Pridgen
8. Kenny Lovett



John Hunter with Jackie Jones watching; Michael Albert on the next court.



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