



2014 Coastal Croquet Clubs Invitational  
October 22-25, 2014  
Hilton Head area, SC

The Coastal Croquet Clubs annual invitational was held on October 22-25, 2014 at Croquet Clubs located in Hilton Head, South Carolina area. Participants in First Flight or Championship Flight played 6 matches in the preliminary round before moving to the Double Elimination (Single Elimination Final Match Option) Finals.

The First Flight was essentially an even mix of more experienced players and players with lessor experience who were progressing very rapidly in the Croquet ranks. Art Thomasson dominated play in the preliminary rounds and the remaining participants playing relative close matches. Art Thomasson continued his domination in the double elimination finals. However, when Art played Doug MacMullin in the winner bracket it took four "last turns" before he defeated Doug, moving Doug to the loser bracket. Doug continued to win in the losing bracket and moved to the final game with Art. Art rather easily won the final match.

Final Standing –First Flight

1. Art Thomasson
2. Doug MacMullin
3. Antonia Marmo
4. Tom Campagnola
5. Mike Farnham
6. Bob Newburn
7. Diane Saunder
8. Tony Young



Tom Campagnola, Antonia Marmo, Doug MacMullin, Art Thomasson

Rich Watson dominated play in the preliminary rounds of the Championship Flight winning all except one of his matches. Based upon the number of wins, four players were tied for second to fifth seeding, requiring net & gross scores to determine actual seedings. Robert Byrd was seeded last, but it was obvious from his play in the last couple of matches he was coming into his own. Number one seeded Rich Watson had a bye for the first round. All of the other top seeded players were defeated by lower seeded players in their first match, thus moving them into the losing bracket. In the last match in the winning bracket before the final match Rob Byrd beat Rich Watson moving Rich to the loser bracket to play the winner of the Don Smith and Henry Vaughan match. Henry had a very slow start but was ahead by two wickets going into last turn. However, Don was able to score three wickets including peeling his black ball with the blue ball on last turn. But in doing so he left his black ball in a very vulnerable position near red's number four wicket. Red was set up on the east boundary to roquet yellow and set up a 3-ball break. But red roqueted yellow out of bounds thus ending the game with Don winning 16 to 15 and advancing to the semifinal match with Rich. Rich went out to early lead and lead by two wickets going into last turn. Rich roqueted black with his yellow ball. But on the subsequent croquet shot he hit black out of bounds leaving the yellow ball on the court near black's wicket. Blue went to black. Red didn't have a shot and had to stay out of bound. Blue roqueted black, croqueted black to the pioneer wicket and striker ball to yellow ball. Don easily made two wickets to tie the game and set up his blue ball to win the game in the next last turn. In the final match Rob broke out to a quick 8 to 2 lead over Don Smith. It looked as if the Don wasn't going to pull this one out. But as has happened to most croquet players on occasions, nothing went right for Rob and he wasn't able to maintain the lead. Don won the match 16 to 10.

#### Final Standing – Championship Flight

1. Don Smith
2. Rob Byrd
3. Rich Watson
4. Henry Vaughan
5. Vince Marmo
6. Lester Avera
7. Harvey Geiger



Rich Watson, Don Smith, Rob Byrd, Henry Vaughan