

New Albany Invitational

October 10-12, 2014

New Albany, OH

The Third Annual 2014 New Albany Invitational was held October 10-12 at the beautiful New Albany Country Club in the suburbs of Columbus, OH. The weather was fantastic and it was a treat to watch the leaves turning day by day. There were 24 total players, eight in Championship, eight in First Flight, and eight in Second Flight. This was a singles only event double banking on three lawns. The handicap range was 3-6 in Championship Flight, 6-8 in First Flight, and 9-12 in Second Flight.

The Second Flight Final was between two 10 handicap players - Michael Leaming playing in his first ever tournament and Bob Eubanks who went undefeated in block play. Both players played beautifully throughout and found Michael winning out in the final. Both players picked up an impressive 12 tracking points in the event.

The First Flight Final featured Jake Johnson (6) Stephanie Robertson (7) who played with great intensity in the block play phase and continued their fine play through the semi-finals and into the finals. In the end Stephanie won out over Jake earning 27 tracking points for the tournament!! Gary Anderson (8) picked up a generous 10 tracking points.

The Championship Flight Final had a battle of the two top seeds. Rich Watson (3.5) went undefeated in the block while David Druiett (3) lost only to Rich in block play. Both players had opportunities but after David suffered some serious deadness, Rich played very steady croquet and took advantage to win the game. Rich picked up a whopping 19 tracking points as did Lynda Sudderberg (5). Lynda in fact was a 9 handicap a year before playing in First Flight. Charlotte Neagle (5) picked up an impressive 11 tracking points.

The opening party was held at the gorgeous downtown Columbus home of John and Jennifer Joseph. Players were treated to delicious food and drink and a breath-taking view of the Columbus skyline and modern bridges spanning the Scioto River. On Friday night players enjoyed a wonderful dinner at the New Albany Country Club.

Special thanks to Jennifer and John Joseph, Cameron James, Cheryl Wren, and many other New Albany Croquet Club members along with the superb staff at the Club for holding such a wonderful tournament.

Scheduling and TD - Bob Kroeger

Championship Flight

1. Rich Watson
2. David Druiett
3. Lynda Sudderberg
4. Charlotte Neagle
5. Mary Ellen Keating
6. Russ Dilley
7. Cameron James
8. Richard Palmer

Rich Watson



First Flight

1. Stephanie Robertson
2. Jake Johnson
3. John Joseph
4. Lee Anderson
5. Gary Anderson
6. Steve Grassbaugh
7. Leo Leither
8. Kay Schneider

Stephanie Robertson



Second Flight

1. Michael Leaming
2. Bob Eubanks
3. Anne Licursi
4. Tom O'Laughlin
5. Barb O'Laughlin
6. Sheila McCauley
7. Carol Eubanks
8. Mary Leither

Michael Leaming

