

**SARASOTA COUNTY CROQUET CLUB
DOUBLES CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS
FEBRUARY 21-23, 2014**

This is the report on the first half of the SCCC tenth annual club singles and doubles championship. The doubles championship was held over three days February 21 to 23 in very nice weather. Although rain showers were predicted for each day, we saw none of it. The play was on three courts at the Venice complex of the Sarasota County Croquet Club. Court speed was 10.4. Setting a new record was a turnout of 48 players, comprising 24 teams

The championship winner was to be determined if there was a tie in wins in block play. The two top teams both ended with a record of five and one. There were seven teams in the flight; Colin Irwin and partner Dale Poszgai tied out against Fred and Jackie Jones, causing a playoff on Sunday. The match game started with Colin going to four back, later working his way to the peg. Most of the rest of the game was spent with Dale and Jackie both working around to one-back. With less than a minute to play, Fred struggling to get to the third wicket, hit in, and much to his surprise ran to the peg in last turn, pegging out Colin's ball to tie the game. Fred left Jackie, three ball dead, at her wicket with a very risky shot to make the go ahead wicket. Two rounds of blocks and hiding from opponent, left Jackie with a clear shot and she made the winning score to take the title for the Joneses 20-19. Blaine Davis and Russ Cuccia were third.

First flight, a field of nine teams, playing six block games, saw Arthur Olsen and Oakley Johnson go undefeated in the block, with two teams close behind with five wins each. This year the schedule was for first and second flight to play a single elimination ladder on Sunday to determine the winner. Not much changed Arthur and Oakley the winner over Charlotte Neagle and Richard Palmer, who in turn had beaten Dolores Gallagher and Kay Schneider (They were the 2nd and 3rd teams out of the block.)

Second flight, fielding eight teams, ended block play with the McDermott family (Mac and Mare) undefeated, with Camelia Monteforte and Connie Coling with one loss. The ladder on Sunday was their undoing. The McDermott's lost to Donna Finley and Rita McNamara, while Camelia and Connie lost to Yvette Rheault and Jane Koziol, who then took the honors from McNamara and Finley. In case you lost the aforementioned, winner Rheault/Koziol 15-12, runner-up McNamara/Finley.

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

Fred Jones
Tournament Director

THE RESULTS

Championship Flight

- 1 Jones, Fred & Jones, Jackie
- 2 Irwin, Colin & Poszgai, Dale
- 3 Davis, Blaine & Cuccia, Russ
- 4 Cottle, Alan & Rangoni-Machiavelli, Avril
- 5 Northrop, Ken & Montgomery, Jack
- 6 Kemp, Ted & Bennett, Glenn
- 7 Cole, Bill & Spillman, David

First Flight

- 1 Olsen, Arthur & Johnson, Oakley
- 2 Palmer, Richard & Neagle, Charlotte
- 3 Buzerak, Frank & Johnson, Doug
- 3 Gallagher, Dolores & Schneider, D. Kay
- 5 Irwin, Christine & Measel, Roger
- 5 Curtis, Ralph & Bandy, Joy
- 7 Coling, Jim & Ledgett, Doug
- 8 Brazell, Roni & McLaughlin, Jim
- 9 Lentz, Bob & Robertson, Steffi

Second Flight

- 1 Rheault, Yvette & Koziol, Jane
- 2 Finley, Donna & McNamara, Rita
- 3 McDermott, John & McDermott, Mary Ann
- 3 Monteforte, Camelia & Coling, Connie
- 5 Montgomery, Anne & Mitchell, Sidna
- 5 Rodick, Leanne & Elwell, Rob
- 7 Caiafa, Barbara & Claff, Mark
- 8 Merritt, Robert & Merritt, Gillian