

2014 ScissorTail Invitational at Oklahoma City Golf & Country Club September 18-21, 2014 Oklahoma City, OK



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The Oklahoma City Golf & Country Club, this year's recipient of the USCA Lyon's Award for Division Three Clubs, hosted its first sanctioned six wicket tournament, singles only, September 18-21. The two fast lawns were in excellent shape and challenged all participants with some subtle breaks and tight wickets. The Club had recently completed work on a beautiful new pavilion with bathrooms, a drink station and a covered veranda, overlooking the well groomed lawns. The setting for the lawns is on the Club's picturesque golf course.

The 24 slots were quickly filled by participants from Texas, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Oklahoma. There were 8 competing in Championship, 10 in First, and 6 in Second flight. Participants included 5 past national champions. The competition was stiff in each flight with many close matches.

Even though predicted rain storms threatened to disrupt play all weekend long, it only impacted practice early on Thursday. Everyone was happy that the rain moved south for the entire tournament. The mornings were pleasantly cool, warming up in the afternoon.

Social events were held in the main clubhouse and included an Opening Reception on Thursday evening in Harry's Bar and the Tournament Dinner Saturday night in the Vintage Room. The Sunday luncheon, before the awards presentation, was served under a tent, beside the lawns.

Texas' Britt Ruby claimed 1st place in the Championship Flight, with Matt Baird from Tulsa coming in second. First Flight was won by Rob Franks, Louisiana, with Doug Johnson from Yukon, OK taking second place. Third Flight winner Jim Loftis and second place Suzanne Spradling are both from Oklahoma City.

Kudos go to our efficient Tournament Director, Matt Baird, for calculating all the stats, setting the block play, and playoff brackets. Thank you to Assistant Tournament Director Matt Smith for setting the wickets each morning. Both also served as referees during the tournament.

~Suzanne Spradling, Tournament Manager

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Final Standings

Championship Singles

1. Britt Ruby
2. Matt Baird
3. Matt Smith
3. Jeff Caldwell
5. Stu Brodsky
5. Kevin McQuigg
7. Joe Yoder
8. Art Parsells



Britt Ruby

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First Singles

1. Rob Franks
2. Doug Johnson
3. Scott Spradling
3. Howard Holdsclaw
5. Pat Garner
5. Tad Cassidy
7. Bob Baker
8. Huston Huffman
9. Andrée Bothe
10. Harold Menzel



Matt Smith

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Second Singles

1. Jim Loftis
2. Suzanne Spradling
3. Lois Holdsclaw
4. Non-member
5. Joseph Warren
6. Warren Johnson



Jim Loftis

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