

# The Lawn Club Invitational August 15-17, 2014 Rochester, NY



(L to R) Sue Sherer, Tournament Director; Conrad Haas, Lynda Sudderberg, Steve Grassbaugh, Richard Schiller, Byron Hicks, Val Terry, Arthur Olsen, Norm Pike, Leo McBride, Pat Garner, Mary Leither, Richard Laging, Art Parsells, Marie Haas, Leo Leither, Chris Loat, and Rich Curtis, Tournament Director.

As the LPGA tour enjoyed its last year in Rochester, the fascinating greens sport of croquet was on the way in. Under brisk skies, The Lawn Club @ Grace & Truth SportsPark played host to its first USCA invitational with participants coming from Oklahoma, Ohio, Michigan, Virginia, Florida, New York and Canada.

For most of the local members, it was their first opportunity to watch Championship players in action and witness the level of strategy exhibited by these low handicap players. Past Nationals Singles and Doubles Champion, Leo McBride of Canada, was on hand and in fine form as he so eloquently used a pivot ball to run breaks and "wow" the crowd. Richard Schiller of Michigan was in excellent form also displaying amazing strategy to end as first seed in the semi-finals.

In perhaps one of the most cunning and clever strategy points of the weekend, in third ball of last play Lynda Sudderberg roqueted the only ball her opponent, Richard Laging, was not dead on, then left her striker ball between his ball and the object ball and passed. It was Richard's first tournament and his first opportunity to play with competitors at his ability level and he walked away with a higher education in Strategy 101.

The four areas of play included a high-low pairing for doubles competition as well as three levels in singles competition. Block play preceded seeded play with the following results:

Championship Flight: 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Leo McBride, Canada. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Richard Schiller, Michigan.

First Flight: 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Lynda Sudderberg, Ohio. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Richard Laging, Hilton, NY.

Second Flight: 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Norm Pike, Greece, NY. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Steve Grassbaugh, Ohio.

Doubles: 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Leo McBride, Canada and Mary Leither, Ohio. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Richard Schiller and Val Terry, Michigan.

For more information on the local club, visit [www.gandtathletics.info/sports/croquet](http://www.gandtathletics.info/sports/croquet) or contact Sue Sherer at [sue.e.sherer@gmail.com](mailto:sue.e.sherer@gmail.com), 585-474-3753.

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## Champion Flight Singles

1. Leo McBride
2. Richard Schiller
3. Art Parsells
3. Chris Loat



Sue Sherer, Leo McBride, Rich Curtis

## First Flight Singles

1. Lynda Sudderberg
2. Richard Laging
3. Pat Garner
3. Conrad Haas
5. Marie Haas
6. Arthur Olsen



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## Second Flight Singles

1. Norm Pike
2. Steve Grassbaugh
3. Tom Street
3. Byron Hicks
5. Leo Leither
6. Val Terry



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## Hi/Low Doubles

1. Leo McBride/Mary Leither
2. Richard Schiller/Val Terry
3. Pat Garner/Arthur Olsen
4. Arts Parsells/Tom Street
5. Richard Laging/Leo Leither
6. Marie Haas/Lynda Sudderberg
7. Conrad Haas/Steve Grassbaugh
8. Chris Loat/Byron Hicks



Sue Sherer, Mary Leither, Rich Curtis, Leo McBride



## *The Duckies*

