

Woodlawn Croquet Mini Lobster

September 3-7, 2014

Ellsworth, ME



The 2014 edition of the Woodlawn Croquet Mini Lobster 6 Wicket American Rules tournament wrapped up Sunday afternoon on the Woodlawn Croquet Court in Ellsworth, Maine. Twenty three players from Maine, Canada, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Maryland, and Arkansas competed in the tournament from Thursday, September 4 thru Sunday, September 7, 2014 with beautiful September weather for the entire event.

The opening reception was held in the garden behind the historic Black House on Wednesday evening, September 3, followed by dinner catered by Chipper's restaurant in the Sleigh Barn on the grounds of the Woodlawn Museum. Competition began on Thursday morning with the Championship Flight playing all of their block play games at the Tapley Cove Court on the Bagaduce River in Brooksville, which is the home of our great croquet supporters Mary Gould and Marcia Chapman. The First and Second Flights played all of their block play games at the two half courts at Woodlawn in Ellsworth. The Third Flight played all of their block play games at the beautiful artificial surface court at the home of Tina and Bob Hinckley and at Larry Stettner's Court in Southwest Harbor, Maine.

The Third Flight of 7 players played four single matches and 4 Waterford Doubles matches with the top two players playing in the championship game on Sunday morning. Theodore Thelin from New Bedford, Massachusetts was the top seed after block play and he played Tina Hinckley from Southwest Harbor, the number 2 seed in the Championship game on the Woodlawn full Court on Sunday morning. Ted finally prevailed after a very close game winning the championship by a score of 9 to 8 over Tina. Liddy Chaney from Maryland came in third.

The Second Flight of 6 players played 5 singles matches and 4 Waterford Doubles matches in the three days of block play. Don Parker from Hancock Point, the number 1 seed played Fred Beck, the number 2 seed in the Second flight Championship game at 9:30 AM Sunday morning. Don Parker was the winner by a score of 16 to 8 in a well-played match. Bob Worrell from Sorrento came in third place.

The First Flight of 6 players played 5 singles matches and 4 Waterford Doubles matches in the three days of block play. Dan Bennett from Arkansas, the number 1 seed played Lloyd Haddon from New Hampshire, the number 2 seed in the championship game at 11AM on the Woodlawn full court. Dan Bennett was the winner by a score of 12 to 10. Dan Campbell from Halifax, Nova Scotia came in third place.

The Championship Flight of 4 players played 9 singles games in the block play during the three day period. Webster Bull, from Beverly, MA with a record of 7 wins and 2 losses played Perry Mattson from Surry who had a record of 6 wins and 3 losses in the Championship game at 1PM Sunday on the Woodlawn full court. Mattson had a five wicket lead with only a few minutes to go in the match and it looked like a sure win after Webster hit Perry's red ball out of bounds and left Perry a four ball break next to his wicket. One thing about croquet is that it is never over until it is over as Perry stuffed his red ball in the jaws of the #2 back wicket which then left Webster a four ball break. Web ran a masterful four ball break running it from wicket #4 to the rover wicket on his turn and what was a sure win for Perry turned into a win for Webster by a score of 15 to 13. Neil Houghton from Northeast Harbor came in third place.

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Sunday lunch at the Woodlawn court consisted of delicious lobster rolls and potato salad provided by Sue Bennoch from Ben's Store in Ellsworth. The awards were made to the top three players in each flight and everyone left for home with memories of another fun croquet tournament in September in Maine, "The way Life should be."

~Perry Mattson, Tournament Manager

Championship Singles



Perry Mattson, Webster Bull, Neil Houghton

1. Webster Bull
2. Perry Mattson
3. Neil Houghton
4. Ken Northrop

First Flight Singles



Lloyd Hadden, Daniel Bennett, Daniel Campbell

1. Daniel Bennett
2. Lloyd Hadden
3. Daniel Campbell
4. Calvert Chaney
5. Oakley Johnson
6. Charles Alexander

Second Flight Singles



Robert Worrell, Frederick Beck, Donald Parker

1. Donald Parker
2. Frederick Beck
3. Robert Worrell
4. Tom Stoner
5. Janet Pearson
6. Hal Denton

Third Flight Singles



Bettina Hinckley, Theodore Thelin

1. Theodore Thelin
2. Bettina Hinckley
3. Liddy Chaney
4. Donald Whalen
5. Barbara Entzminger
6. Peter Hunt
7. Katie Bull