

2015 Woodlawn Croquet Big Lobster Tournament

September 9-13, 2015

Ellsworth, ME

The 2015 Big Lobster Invitational concluded on Sunday, September 13, 2015 after five days of spirited croquet play on the coast of Maine. The tournament sponsored by the Woodlawn Croquet Program treated its guests to amazing views of Acadia National Park, delicious Maine Lobster, and a unique blend of six and nine wicket competition in various Downeast Maine venues. This year, we had players from Oklahoma, Louisiana, Arkansas, Kansas, Florida, Virgin Islands, New York, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Canada, and our local players from Maine competing for the bragging rights to be Big Lobster Champions.

The tournament got under way on Tuesday Evening with a reception and BBQ at the new location of the Common Good Cafe in Southwest Harbor. It was a beautiful evening and everyone sat outside on the patio to get reacquainted with old friends, receive the schedules for the week, and have the rules and venues explained to all. The Common Good Cafe is the home of the local soup kitchen and is the brainchild of our Croquet Master Larry Stettner. All participants received a Big Lobster Croquet shirt which got good reviews.

Tournament 9 wicket doubles commenced on Wednesday morning with 30 players competing with 7 teams in the Championship Flight and 8 teams in the First Flight. The 2 days of nine wicket play were held on the two lawns of the Claremont Hotel overlooking Somes Sound, Larry Stettner's Court, and Eileen Holberg's court in Southwest Harbor. Lunches for the two days were at the Claremont Hotel's Boathouse on the pier overlooking the harbor. We had two days of beautiful weather for the 9 wicket play. Each team played six games and the winners in each flight were determined by the record in block play for the two days.



Matt Baird, Art Parsells

The winners of the Championship Flight were the team of Matt Baird and Art Parsells who had tied with Alan Madeira and David Nelson with 5 wins each and the tie breaker was the head to head where Baird and Parsells had beaten Madeira and Nelson by 1wicket in block play. Randall McAndrews and Matthew Griffith took third place with 4 wins.

In the First Flight, we

had three teams who had five wins each and the head to head tie breaker could not determine the winner so we had to go to net points and the team of Donald Parker and Mark Masselink were declared the winners with Webster and Katie Bull in second place, and David Spivey and Mary Shields taking third place.



Donald Parker, Mark Masselink

The tournament shifted to six wicket singles on Friday morning at Larry Stettner's court, Bettina Hinckley's artificial turf court, the two courts at Woodlawn in Ellsworth, and the Tapley Cove Court in Brooksville at the home of Mary Gould and Marcia Chapman on the Bagaduce River. Friday morning arrived with heavy rain which finally let up by around 1PM. All 29 six wicket singles players are to be praised for toughing it out and playing through the rain in rather tough conditions but the courts held up well with no standing water to contend with. Saturday was a beautiful sunny day and Sunday stated out cloudy with a heavy mist but cleared up by late morning and the sun came out for the afternoon. Each flight with the exception of the First Flight had 6 players so everyone played each other once over the two days of block play for a total of five games and the First Flight played 4 games. The top two players in each flight played off in the championship games on Sunday.



Matthew Griffith, Webster Bull

In the Championship Flight, Matthew Griffith came out in first place over Webster Bull with each player having 4 wins but Griffith came in first based on the head to head win against Bull. However, in the championship game on Sunday Bull beat Griffith by a score of 17 to 4 to win the Championship Flight. Jeff Caldwell took third place.

In the First Flight, Lloyd Hadden took first place coming out of block play over Kevin McQuigg based on the head to head win over McQuigg. However, in the championship game, McQuigg prevailed over Hadden by a score of 19 to 9.



Charles Alexander, Lloyd Hadden, Kevin McQuigg



David Spivey, Pat Garner, Vickie Johnston

In the Second Flight, Vickie Johnston and Pat Garner were tied with 4 wins each but Garner was first based on the head to head win over Johnston. Again as in the two previous flights, Johnston played very well and beat Garner by a score of 12 to 10 to win the flight. David Spivey came in third place.



Janet Pearson, Timothy McCormick,
Marv Shields

In the Third Flight, Janet Pearson went undefeated in block play to take first place coming out of block play and Timothy McCormick was second based on his head to head win over Mary Shields. Pearson beat McCormick in the championship game by a score of 18 to 10 which was an all Woodlawn players final. Shields took third place.

In the Fourth Flight, Ellie Kemp was in first coming out of block play, undefeated with 5 wins and played Mark Masselink in the championship game on Sunday. Again, the second place finisher won the match with Masselink beating Kemp by a score of 13 to 7. This was Masselink's very first tournament and he had just started playing croquet this summer. Barbara Entzminger took third place in the flight.



Mark Masselink, Ellie Kemp

Tournament festivities included a lobster dinner on Friday night at the Common Good Cafe catered by Laurie Ward, the kitchen manager for the Common Good.



Lobsters, mussels, potatoes, corn on the cob, and blueberry cake provided for a fun evening. The 9 wicket tournament awards were presented at the lobster dinner. Sunday lunches at Woodlawn

were delicious lobster rolls and potato salad provided by Sue Bennoch at Ben's Store in Ellsworth. The six wicket awards were presented to the top three in each flight upon completion of each flight's championship game.

Upon completion of the championship games, everyone left for their final destinations with fond memories of playing croquet in September on the Coast of Maine which is "The Way Life Should Be".

Nine Wicket Doubles Final Standings:

Championship Flight Doubles:

1. Matt Baird & Art Parsells
2. David Nelson & Alan Madeira
3. Randall McAndrews & Matthew Griffith
4. Stephen Morgan & Roy Morgan
5. George Cochran & Pat Garner
6. Jasmine Morgan & Scott Gosnell
7. Kevin McQuigg & Lloyd Hadden

First Flight Doubles:

1. Donald Parker & Mark Masselink
2. Webster Bull & Katie Bull
3. David Spivey & Mary Shields
4. Barbara Entzminger & Ellie Kemp
5. Sandra Feeney & Theodore Thelin
6. Charles Alexander & Timothy McCormick
7. Dolores Gallagher & non-member
7. Lynn LeBlanc & Jeff Lawlor

American Rules Final Standings:

Championship Singles

1. Webster Bull
2. Matthew Griffith
3. Jeff Caldwell
4. George Cochran
5. Neil Houghton
6. Matt Baird

First Flight Singles

1. Kevin McQuigg
2. Lloyd Hadden
3. Charles Alexander
4. Donald Parker
5. Frederick Beck
6. Dolores Gallagher



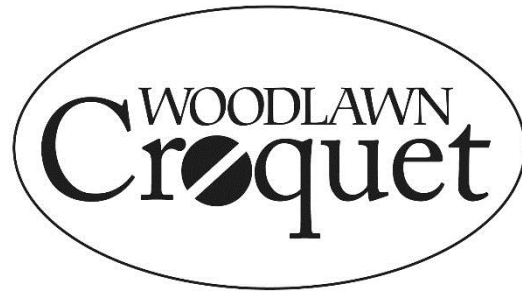
Alan Madeira,
David Nelson



Webster & Katie Bull

Second Flight Singles

1. Vickie Johnston
2. Pat Garner
3. David Spivey
4. Theodore Thelin
5. Frederick Beck
6. Dolores Gallagher



Third Flight

1. Janet Pearson
2. Tim McCormick
3. Mary Shields
4. Lynn LeBlanc
5. Bettina Hinckley
6. Sandra Feeney

Fourth Flight

1. Mark Masselink
2. Ellie Kemp
3. Barbara Entzminger
4. Katie Bull
5. Robert Elwell
6. Jeff Lawlor



Barbara Entzminger

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