

# 2015 California Cup Winter Test

The California Cup is an Association Croquet tournament that pits a six-player team from Northern California (the [Berserkers](#)) against one from Southern California (the [Vipers](#)). One test is played in Southern California in the winter, and a second test is played in Northern California in the summer.

The tournament format mimics the Solomon Trophy. The top (based on current Dynamic Grade) three players from each team meet in a round-robin block; each player plays three games. The remaining three players from each team meet in another round-robin block; each player plays three games. Each team forms three doubles pairs in any way they choose, which meet in a round-robin block; each pair plays three games.

The Winter Test of the 2015 California Cup was held on 18-19 January 2015 at the Mission Hills Country Club in Rancho Mirage, CA.



Left to Right

**South:** Leo Nikora, Jim Butts, Steve Mossbrook, Rich Lamm, Cam Evans, Eric Sawyer

**North:** Mary Rodeberg, Bob Morford, Jim Hanks, Mike Orgill, Tim Hanks, Chuck Anders

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<b>South Players (grade)</b>	<b>North Players (grade)</b>
Rich Lamm (2241)	Chuck Anders (1736)
Leo Nikora (1968)	Tim Hanks (1720)
Eric Sawyer (1796)	Jim Hanks (1660)
Jim Butts (1785)	Mike Orgill (1505)
Steve Mossbrook (1622)	Mary Rodeberg (1354)
Cam Evans (1560)	Bob Morford (1337)

Based on their Dynamic Grades, the South appeared to have the stronger team this year.

But the North had the much under-rated Hanks boys (Jim and Tim), and Chuck Anders who just recently returned to croquet. These three *Berserkers* playing singles in the First Block overcame the three stronger *Vipers* 5-4.

Result	Chuck	Tim	Jim H	
Rich	26-3	26-9	26-14	3
Leo	18-20	22-26	13-14	0
Eric	4-26	13-6	15-22	1
	2	1	2	Win

In the Second Block, the stronger South dominated in singles 8-1.

Result	Mike	Mary	Bob	
Jim B	14-13	22-7	26-3	3
Steve	6-5	8-14	26-3	2
Cam	22-11	12-8	26-1	3
	0	1	0	Win

The North put up a good fight in Doubles. In the upset of the tournament, *Berserkers* Mary Rodeberg & Bob Morford beat the much stronger *Vipers* pair of Rich Lamm and Cam Evans. But, the South prevailed anyway 6-3.

Result	Tim & Jim	Chuck & Mike	Bob & Mary	
Rich & Cam	16-13	26-0	19-21	2
Leo & Steve	15-21	26-4	26-1	2
Eric & Jim	5-26	13-7	11-6	2
	2	0	1	Win

This Winter Test was won by the South 6-3.

Results	Singles A	Singles B	Doubles	Winter	Summer	Season
North	5	1	3	9	0	9
South	4	8	6	18	0	18

The results of the Summer Test will be added to these to determine the winner of the 2015 California Cup.