



2015 USCA Florida Regional Nine Wicket Championship

The fourth annual USCA Florida Regional Nine Wicket Championship Tournament was held during October at the National Croquet Center in sunny West Palm Beach. Doubles and Singles games were played on several of the NCC “Back Nine” medium length grass courts



There was great competition over both Championship and First flights during the initial 70 minute round robin games. The playoffs saw upsets in both flights. In Championship Singles Mike Gibbons went undefeated into the finals against a phoenix like Bill Trower who fought back from last place in the opening round. Bill outlasted Mike and won the Championship flight final.

The team of Ian Harshman and David Spivey won every game in the first round of Championship Doubles. However, Ray Liberti and Bill Trower knocked them out in the semi-finals. Cynthia and Mike Gibbons blew out Bill Mead and John Warlick. It looked like Warlick was making it 3 against one with his lack luster play. The finals was a great show as Mike and Cynthia took the Championship Doubles title over Ray and Bill. First Flight Singles was played over a few weeks to allow for scheduling issues. Tom Tribby was playing very well and advanced into the final against Gail Rubin. Their final was an exciting game with Gail falling one wicket short on the last shot of the second “last turns” format.

First Flight Doubles ended with the very strong team of Linda Grady and Tom Tribby overcoming Gerald and Noriko Shugar. The weather cooperated while the food and libations matched the pleasant company of our nine wicket croquet players. Thanks to all the players and we hope to see even more next year.

Tournament Results

Championship Singles

- 1) Bill Trower
- 2) Mike Gibbons
- 3) Ray Liberti
- 4) John Warlick

Championship Doubles:

- 1) Cynthia Gibbons and Mike Gibbons
- 2) Ray Liberti and Bill Trower
- 3) Ian Harshman and David Spivey
- 4) Bill Mead and John Warlick

First Flight Singles:

- 1) Tom Tribby
- 2) Gail Rubin
- 3) Linda Grady (tie)
- 3) Noriko Shugar (tie)
- 5) Gerald Shugar
- 6) Mary Shields



Mike Gibbons, Cynthia Gibbons, Ray Liberti, Bill Trower

First Flight Doubles



- 1) Linda Grady and Tom Tribby
- 2) Noriko Shugar and Gerald Shugar
- 3) Mary Shields and Gail Rubin

Gerald Shugar, Noriko Shugar,
Linda Grady, Tom Tribby

--John Warlick, TD