

Florida 6 Wicket Regional Tournament

March 5-8, 2015

John's Island, FL

The 2015 Florida Regional Championship participants were treated to a warm and festive welcome and the generous hospitality continued through till the player sendoff following the Sunday afternoon Awards Banquet. First time Florida Regional host, John's Island Club, of Vero Beach, provided one of the most picturesque settings possible. Whether you were on the back deck of the West Course Restaurant/Club house for midday dining overlooking the golf course, or keeping a deadness board at the courts which are situated parallel to the 18th fairway of the golf course, the beauty and serenity could be absorbed.

So much for the life of the Tournament Director, except for the occasional interruption to make a referee call or settle mild disputes.

The Second Flight Doubles final provided a sensational finish as the team of David Spivey and Mary Shields from West Palm Beach overcame what appeared to be lethal deadness issues, to claim the victory over Myron McCumber of Ecuador and Macey White from Virginia. With time running out, David, being three ball dead, from the back line and only a quarter inch clearance to get by an opponent's ball. Swooshed the hoop to tie the game. Once in overtime, David and Mary prevailed to claim the First Place hardware.

In First Flight Doubles, Don Smith from South Carolina and Ray Liberti of West Palm Beach overcame strong play from Mary Daly and Priscilla Lamond, the John's Island Club Champions to claim their place in the winner's circle. In Championship Flight, Mike Todorovich and Pat Colt from South Florida battled to victory over Zoe Van Wyck DeRopp and Danny Huneycutt. In the finals, Mike continued his exceptional shooting, but it was the outstanding play and timely shots by Pat that made the difference in the end.

Being the only player to win every match during the tournament, David Spivey played brilliantly to win Second Flight Singles over Macey White. In the First Flight Singles final, Don Smith became a the second double winner of the week with a masterful win over Priscilla Lamond, who was the top seed going into the playoffs, and consistently played at a high level throughout the week.

After only two and a half years of play, Randy Cardo from Palm Beach has risen up the ranks at a rapid pace and has claimed First Place in several tournaments in different flights. He has now claimed his first major championship, 2015 Florida Regional Champion. Always playing with a competitive tenacity, yet staying grounded with a pleasant demeanor, Randy grabbed the first opportunity to gain control of the first break against Mike Todorovich. Mike, up to this point of the tournament, had dominated the strong Championship Flight with superior play and shot making. It was not a case of Mike faltering, but Randy's dogged determination and willingness to take multiple "do or die" difficult shots, and succeeding, that won the day.

=Danny Huneycutt

Championship Singles

1. Randy Cardo
2. Mike Todorovich
3. Johnny Mitchell
4. John Warlick
5. Pat Colt
6. Victoria Albrecht

First Flight Singles

1. Donald Smith
2. Priscilla Lamond
3. Charlotte Neagle
4. Ray Liberti
5. Richard Palmer
6. Joseph Zilligen
7. Mijai Pagano
8. Jim Pagano
9. Vincent Marmo

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