

Grand Haven Invitational October 21-24, 2015 Palm Coast, FL

The Grand Haven Invitational Tournament was held on their local courts in Palm Coast, Florida from the 20th to the 24th of October, under wonderful Florida weather (After the first day of on and off rain showers). With their courts newly renovated it was a pleasure to play on a level, TifGrand sodded lawn. The speed was in keeping with the slightly undersized courts.

Three days of block play, with a little ladder elimination on the third day led everyone to a single elimination play-off on the final day.

First Flight consisting of eight players, handicaps from 4.5 to 6, saw David Yurk as the #8 seed take the block, followed by most of the 4.5 players. When it went to the ladder all 4.5s with the exception of Joseph Zilligen were eliminated on the first round. Zilligen lasted until the second round. It then ended in a close battle with Thelma Lyle from Naples trading wickets with Yurk. At the end Lyle had the winning wicket with a score of 11 to 10. Vincent Marmo and Zilligen tied for third place.

Second Flight, consisting of six players, handicaps 8 and 9 saw Dick Schleiter easily win the block, but when it came to the ladder he had a fixation on wicket two, trying three times before getting a ball through the wicket. It cost him dearly, as Linda Dos Santos picked up a three-ball break and ran to two back. Her second run was not as dramatic, but she dominated the play with a final score of 16 to 4. From there Dos Santos went on to defeat Paul Beaulieu in the finals 13 to 12. Bill Todd and Schleiter tied for third

Third Flight, with six players, handicaps 10 to 12, saw Ton Wetjens cruise through the block undefeated, but his undoing was Jack Barlow who took the final honors 16 to 8. With Wetjens second, Daniele Todd and Gene Raymond tied for third.

In keeping with tradition, the opening reception was hosted by Bill and Daniele Todd at their home, followed by the participant's dinner on Thursday evening, and a poolside barbeque on Friday by the clubhouse and pool. I can assure you everyone had no complaints concerning the continental breakfast and wonderful lunches each day.

Our hat goes off to the many club volunteers who served, set-up courts, and insured that there were board keepers available for each and every game.

The trophies, donated by Charles Schwab were to be treasured by the winners.

Submitted
Fred Jones
Tournament Director

Results:

First Flight

1. Thelma Lyle
2. David York
3. Vincent Marmo
3. Joseph Zilligen
5. Cassandra Gaisor
5. Lester Avera
5. Mijai Pagano
5. Thomas Shelko

Second Flight

1. Linda Dos Santos
2. Paul Beaulieu
3. Bill Todd
3. Dick Schleiter
5. Anne Licursi
5. Terry Philcox

Third Flight

1. Jack Barlow
2. Ton Wetjens
3. Daniele Todd
3. Gene Raymond
5. Marilyn Heberling
5. Patricia Cunnington