

2015 USCA Midwest Regional Tournament
May 22-25, 2015
Tulsa, OK



The Midwest Regionals was held in Tulsa, Oklahoma, from May 22 thru May 25; sponsored by the Tulsa Croquet Club. We had 31 players and very strong competition in all flights.

Storms were threatening every day, but we were very lucky to only have had heavy rain on Saturday. There were Flash Flood warnings as we left the Tournament Dinner.

We were pleased to have several first time players in Tulsa, who seemed to enjoy being here and they did very well in the tournament.

In Championship Singles, we had 2 blocks with 5 players in each block. It was very competitive with handicaps ranging from -2 to 4.5. Only Matt Smith was undefeated in block play. In Round One of the playoffs, John Brown upset Matt Smith and Kevin McQuigg upset Jeff Caldwell; Matthew Griffith beat Joe Yoder and George Cochran beat Scott Spradling. Round Two had McQuigg beating Brown by 1 wicket in 2nd last turn, and Cochran also had a narrow victory over Griffith. In the Finals, McQuigg had Cochran on the ropes, but Cochran made a long hit-in on last turn and pulled out the victory. Congratulations to both for 1st and 2nd Place.

In First Flight Singles we had 12 players. No one escaped block play undefeated. The block winners were Stuart Coco, a new comer to Tulsa, and Ron Millican. In Round One of playoffs, Harold Menzel beat Ron Millican, Robert Franks beat Tad Cassidy, Deborah Millican defeated Howard Holdsclaw, and Stuart Coco beat Andrée Bothe. In Round Two, Menzel defeated Franks, and Coco defeated D. Millican to set up a final with Menzel and Coco. Menzel won the final by 1 wicket in 2nd last turn. Congratulations to Harold Menzel and Stuart Coco.

Second Flight Singles had 6 players. The First Round of playoffs had Jim Loftis over Stephen Jackson and Joe Warren beating Suzanne Spradling. Jim Loftis prevailed over Joe Warren in those Finals. Congratulations to both Jim Loftis and Joe Warren.

Championship Flight Doubles finals was between Matt Smith and Scott Spradling against Matt Baird and Kevin McQuigg. It had rained the night before and in a very wet court, Smith and Spradling took the soggy victory.

First Flight Doubles finals pitted the team of Howard Holdsclaw and George Saad against Rob Franks and Andrée Bothe. In a very tight match, Holdsclaw and Saad pulled out the win.

Second Flight Doubles, the team of Stephen Jackson and Ellie Kemp had a come-from-behind victory over Jim Loftis and Suzanne Spradling.

We enjoyed a Courtside BBQ on Friday night. The Tournament Dinner was again held at Foundations Restaurant at Platt College Culinary Institute which we have used successfully for many events over the past few years, and they continue to do a great job for us.

Finally, thanks to Tulsa Croquet Club Members: Mary Baird, Barbara Parsells, Ginny Schulte, Scampy Rainey and Karen Hampton for arranging for our meals and drinks. Special thanks to the Tulsa County Parks Department, and to Matt Smith and Joe Steiner for court and equipment management, to Regional VP, Matt Griffith for presenting pins and trophies, and to all other players who helped with all the tasks that need to be done to run a successful tournament, we couldn't do it without your help.

Matt Baird, Tournament Director

RESULTS:

Championship Singles

1. George Cochran
2. Kevin McQuigg
3. Matthew Griffith
3. John Brown
5. Matt B. Smith
5. Jeff Caldwell
5. Joe Yoder
5. Scott Spradling
9. Matt Baird
10. Russell Dilley

First Flight Singles

1. Harold Menzel
2. Stuart Coco
3. Robert Franks
3. Deborah Millican
5. Ron Millican
5. Tad Cassidy
5. Howard Holdsclaw
5. Andrée Bothe
9. Dean Sanders
9. George Saad
10. Joe Steiner

Second Flight Singles

1. James Loftis
2. Joseph Warren
3. Suzanne Spradling
3. Stephen Jackson
5. Ellie Kemp
6. Wanda Jackson

Championship Doubles

1. Matt B. Smith/Scott Spradling
2. Matthew Baird/
Kevin McQuigg
3. George Cochran/Joe Yoder
3. Matt Griffith/John Brown
5. Jeff Caldwell/Art Parsells

First Flight Doubles

1. Howard Holdsclaw/
George Saad
2. Robert Franks/Andrée Bothe
3. Robert Baker/Tad Cassidy
3. Russell Dilley/
Deborah Millican
5. Dean Sanders/Stuart Coco
6. Ron Millican/Harold Menzel
7. Joe Steiner (played both
balls)

Second Flight Doubles

1. Stephen Jackson/Elle Kemp
2. James Loftis/
Suzanne Spradling
3. Lois Holdsclaw/
Joseph Warren