

2015 New Jersey State Championship August 15 & 16, 2015 Green Gables Croquet Club, Sea Girt NJ

During a popular weekend in the Mid-Atlantic Region, 18 state residents converged at the Green Gables Croquet Club in Sea Girt NJ to participate in the third annual State Championship. This year's schedule saw a large Championship Flight with a winner's playoff and a plate event on Sunday. First Flight and Second Flight were also squeezed in and enjoyed a playoff ladder. All games were 75 minute single matches. Lunch was catered both days by Spring Lake Bath and Tennis. On Saturday evening all participants gathered at Jodie Rugart's home in Brielle for dinner, wine and beer on the porch. Trophies this year included hats for first and second place in each flight. The Championship Plate trophy was a two deck set of bridge cards with New Jersey State Championship logos designed by Chris Kaas. All participants received a redesigned 2015 State Championship pin. Big thanks go out to the Green Gables Croquet Club for use of their lawn, equipment and facility, and especially to Jodie Rugart, Ann Ix and Murray Pollock for assistance with scheduling, meals and refereeing. The State will be back next year in early October, 2016.

-- Timothy Rapuano (TD)

Final Results:

Championship Flight

1. Thomas Cooper
2. Gregory Shaffer
3. Timothy Rapuano
4. George Blake
5. Ceci Shiftan (Plate Winner)
6. Ronald Shiftan
7. Jack Montgomery
8. Jodie Rugart

First Flight

1. Ralph Charles
2. Peter Woolley
3. Loretta Cooper
4. Tim Mullen
5. Chris Kaas
6. Bruce Huber

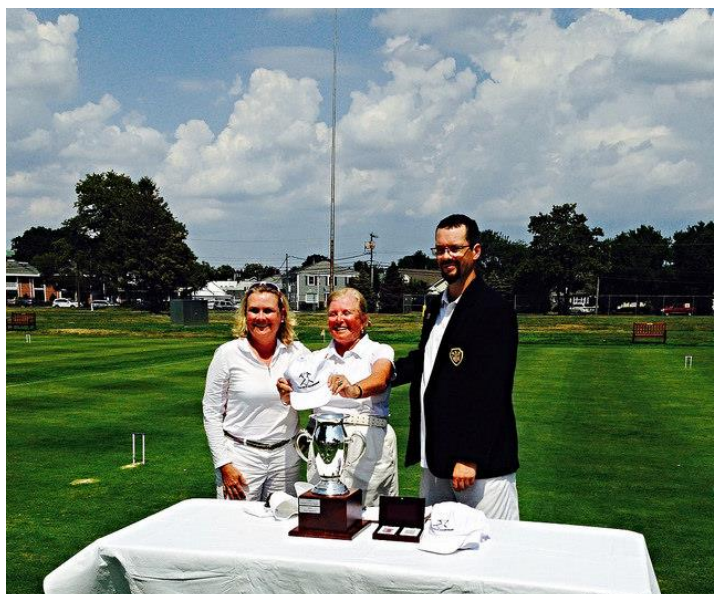
Second Flight

1. Howard Zipper
2. Susan Zipper
3. William Westerfield
4. Ronald Rapuano

*All players below are accompanied by Jodie Rugart,
Tournament Manager and Tim Rapuano, Tournament Director*



Second Flight Winner, Howard "Zeeman" Zipper



Second Flight Runner-Up, Susan Zipper



First Flight Winner, Ralph Charles



First Flight Runner-Up, Peter Woolley



Championship Flight Plate Winner, Ceci Shiftan



Championship Flight Runner-Up, Gregory Shaffer



The 2015 New Jersey State Champion, Thomas Cooper