

North American Open May 13-15, 2015 Windsor, CA

The 2015 North American Open was played in near perfect conditions on Wednesday May 13 - Sunday May 17. 9 Players, Championship Flight only, played a round robin on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning.

Rich Lamm (7-1) and Jacques Fournier (6-2) finished 1 and 2 and had a bye into the semi-finals. Tim Hanks (5-3); Micah Beck (5-3); Jim Hanks (5-3); and Jim Butts (4-4) competed in the quarterfinals round, best 2 of 3, to reach the semis.

The tourney was played with Stainless steel superhoops set at 1/32" which made peels difficult. Only 3 peels were completed in the round robin games, 2 by Rich and one by Tim. In the quarters, Micah Beck easily handled Jim Hanks and Tim Hanks eased by Jim Butts, both in straight games.

In the semi's Rich Lamm was dominant over Micah. After Jacques Fournier and Tim Hanks split the first two games, Jacques was finally able to run the last turn last break in the rubber game to advance.

The best play of the week occurred in the best of 3 finals and 3rd place games. In the 3rd place games, Tim won the first 24-23 by pegging out on last turn after the score was tied 23-23 when time ran out. In the second there were no mistakes as Tim ran a near flawless TP to take 3rd.

In the Championship games, again there were few mistakes, with both players hitting everything in sight. After Rich ran to 4b on the opening break, Jacques hit in and TPO'd Rich's ball out and then was able to avoid Rich's hit in attempts to finish. In the second game, both players went to 4b with their first breaks and Jacques hit in and finished the TP to claim the Championship.

A good time was had by all.

The Make-A-Wish parties and croquet Pro-Am were an integral part of this event.

Jim Hanks

Association Rules

1. Jacques Fournier
2. Rich Lamm
3. Tim Hanks
4. Micah Beck
5. Jim Butts
5. Jim Hanks
7. Ervand Peterson
8. Steve Mossbrook
9. Cameron Evans

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