



**2015 Northeast/Mid-Atlantic Regional
Tournament
August 12-15, 2015
Lenox Croquet Club
Lenox, Massachusetts**



This year's combined Northeast & Mid-Atlantic Regional drew a field of 18 players--11 from the Northeast, 5 from the Mid-Atlantic and 2 from other regions. We were pleased to welcome back Cynthia and Michael Gibbons, who had not played in the Berkshires in over 20 years, and Christophe Bergen, the former Manager of Blantyre, who had many fond memories of Lenox.



Michael & Cynthia Gibbons
Martie & David Ekstrom

Play started each morning with doubles with both flights playing a double elimination ladder. In Championship Flight, David and Martie Ekstrom progressed undefeated to the final. In their semifinal round, they sent the other husband-and-wife team, Michael and Cynthia Gibbons, to the losers' bracket, where they went on to defeat Patrick Little and Chris Loat to reach the final. In the final, the Gibbons prevailed over the Ekstroms to win the flight. In First Flight doubles, Courtney Green and Priscilla Lamond proceeded through the winners' ladder and defeated Pat Colt and Rita

McNamara (handicap 12) in the final to seal an undefeated record as the winning team.

In Championship Singles, after block play in 2 blocks, Patrick Little was seeded 1st from his block after going undefeated in four games. Little continued his winning ways until the final, beating Christophe Bergen and Chris Loat. The top seed from the other block, David Ekstrom, also undefeated in block play, beat Jim Turner in his first round match but lost to John Schott in the semifinal by 15-14 in 2 overtime rotations. The final match between Little and Schott, after some initial jockeying, saw Schott finding his groove as he handily won on time 20-7.



Patrick Little, John Schott

In First Flight singles, all eight players came out of their block to enter a seeded double-elimination knockout. Top seeds were Peter Oleson and Patricia Lamond. In the winners' bracket, Oleson went undefeated, beating Suzanne Spangenberg, Michael Farnham, and Courtney Green to reach his place in the finals. Dropping to the losers' bracket, Green beat Lloyd Hadden for the second time in the playoffs to meet Oleson in the final. The final was very close, with Oleson prevailing on time.

We were fortunate to have good weather all week. Lunches were catered at the Lenox Croquet Club's courtside pavilion. One evening while the last game was played we had Pizza night and participants sat around the court eating pizza and watching the game. The tournament dinner was held at the Lenox Club, where we were treated to cocktails and to a fabulous buffet of sirloin tips and salmon and finished with strawberry shortcake.

David Ekstrom, TD
Stuart Lawrence, Assistant TD

THE RESULTS:

Championship Flight Singles

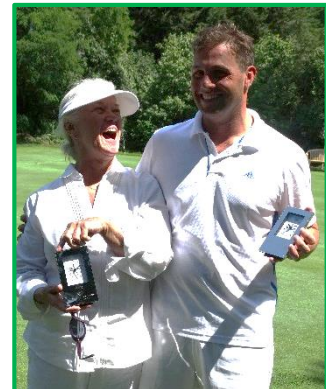
1. John Schott
2. Patrick Little
3. David Ekstrom
3. Chris Loat
5. Christophe Bergen
5. Mike Gibbons
5. Paul Phoenix
5. Jim Turner
9. Patrick Colt
- DNF Jim Houser



Courtney Green
Peter Oleson

First Flight Singles

1. Peter Oleson
2. Courtney Green
3. Lloyd Hadden
4. Bruce Safran
5. Martie Ekstrom
5. Michael Farnham
7. Rita McNamara
7. Suzanne Spangenberg
- DNF Priscilla Lamond
(substituted for Jim McLaughlin)



Priscilla Lamond
Courtney Green

Championship Flight Doubles

1. Cynthia Gibbons & Mike Gibbons
2. David Ekstrom & Martie Ekstrom
3. Patrick Little & Chris Loat
4. John Schott & Jim Turner
5. Paul Phoenix & Jim Houser (DNF) +
Various Subs

First Flight Doubles

1. Courtney Green & Priscilla Lamond
2. Pat Colt & Rita McNamara
3. Michael Farnham & Lloyd Hadden
4. Peter Oleson & Suzanne Spangenberg



Pat Colt
Rita McNamara