

Sarasota County Croquet Club Doubles Championship February 21-23, 2015 Venice, FL

The Sarasota County Croquet Club held the Club Doubles Championship Tournament on February 21st, 22nd, and 23rd, 2015. Twenty-five teams participated in four flights on 2 half size courts and 2 full size courts in perfect condition with a speed meter reading of 11.

The tournament was originally scheduled to start Friday but the polar express brought winter temperature and wind to Florida so we put the tournament off for a day and had much better weather. By Monday the temperature reached 77 deg. The games went from 8:30 in the morning till 4:00 in the afternoon. A social was held each day after the last game with food provided by the club members. Barb Whitford out did herself and prepared 5 trays of the best tasting open sandwiches most of us have ever had. Marge Lowe provided complimentary goodies. Rita McNamara baked some delicious bread and other breakfast goodies with help from Maria Petrola, Lu Lu Rodick and DeDee Conner. Colin Irwin made sure the wickets were installed to his precise measurements so the ball and not much more would go thru the wicket. Colin and Christine were there at 7:00 AM to set up so we could start at 8:80 AM. The courts were rolled on Saturday and Sunday and cut on Monday. Roger Measel and Bob McQuinn helped with the court set up.

In the Championship Flight, in a block of six, with combined handicaps of -2 ½, Fred and Jackie Jones claimed the doubles title with 4 wins and one loss.

In the First Flight, in a block of six, with combined handicaps of 9, Frank Buzerak and Steffi Robertson claimed the doubles title with 5 wins and no losses.

In the Second Flight, in a block of seven, with combined handicaps of 19, Randy and Jeannine Bedard claimed the doubles title with 4 wins and 2 losses.

In the Third Flight, in a block of 6, with combined handicaps of 30, Howie Van Nostrand and LuLu Rodick claimed the doubles title with 5 wins and no losses.

In addition to trophies the winner's names will be inscribed on a permanent plaque mounted in the clubhouse.

Taking over the setting up and running local tournaments Bob Lentz and Gary Anderson with help from Fred and Jackie Jones set up and ran this tournament. No complaints were heard.

Sarasota County Croquet Club

By Robert Lentz, President

Results:

Championship Flight

1. Fred & Jackie Jones
2. Colin & Christine Irwin
3. Alan Cottle & Avril Rangoni- Machiavelli
4. Dale Poszgai & Russ Cuccia
5. Ken Northrop & Jack Montgomery
6. Ted Kemp & Ken Deason

First Flight

1. Frank Buzerak & Steffi Robertson
2. James McLaughlin & Jim Coling
3. Charlotte Neagle & Lee Anderson
4. Arthur Olsen & Michael Kline
5. Richard Zeck & David Spillman
6. Gary Anderson & Robert Lentz

Second Flight

1. Randall & Jeannine Bedard
2. Joy Bandy & Larry Beaton
3. Roger Measel & Doug Ledgett
4. Norman Mulrone & Ken Whitford
5. Allie Larsen & Camelia Monteforte
6. John and MaryAnn McDermott
7. Doug Cleminshaw & Mark Claff

Third Flight

1. Leanne Rodick & Howard Van Norstrand
2. Robert & Gillian Merritt
3. Rita McNamara & Patrica Cunningham
4. Jane Koziol & Gene Raymond
5. Sue Kinder & Mildred Gillett
6. Florence Connor & Heather Cowan