Woodlawn Invitational
June 18-21, 2015
Ellsworth, ME

Remnants of the tropical storm that came up thru Texas, brought 2 inches of heavy rain to Eastern Maine causing the cancellations of the Championship games on Sunday, June 21, 2015. The tournament standings were set based on the results of two days of block play and a day of a double elimination ladder on Saturday. We did enjoy three beautiful June days on the Coast of Maine with 21 players competing in four flights at three venues; Bettina Hinckley's artificial surface court in SW Harbor, two courts at the Woodlawn Museum in Ellsworth, and the Tapley Cove Court on the shores of the Bagaduce River in Brooksville, the home of Mary Gould and Marcia Chapman.

Tournament festivities got underway Wednesday evening with a reception in the gardens behind the historic Black House hosted by Joshua Torrance, the Executive Director of the Woodlawn Museum. A dinner of stuffed haddock, beef medallions with red wine gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, Caesar salad, and strawberry rhubarb pie and ice cream followed in the Sleigh Barn catered by Chipper's restaurant in Hancock. Tournament play got underway on Thursday morning and consisted of 8 games of block play for 2 days followed by a modified seeded double elimination ladder on Saturday.

In the Championship Flight, with handicaps from 0.5 to 3.5, Webster Bull and Neil Houghton both had 5 wins and were still tied due to the head to head play so the tie breaker came down to net points with Webster awarded the #1 seed. Perry Mattson was 3rd. And William Whitman was 4th. Going into the double elimination. Whitman who had lost all of his block play games pulled the upset of the tournament by beating Bull 13 to 9. Houghton beat Mattson 18 to 11. In the next round, Houghton beat Whitman 13 to 12 which put Houghton in the championship game. Mattson beat Bull in the loser's bracket 16 to 11 which eliminated Bull. In the final game of the loser's bracket, Mattson beat Whitman 16 to 14 to advance to the championship game against Houghton. Our Croquet Guru and Croquet Master Larry Stettner played four games in the block play and scheduled himself out of the playoffs due to his recovery from hernia surgery a week ago.

In the First Flight with handicaps from 4.5 to 6, Robert Worrell and Charles Alexander were tied after block play with 5 wins each and they each beat each other in head to head so the tie breaker of net points were used again to determine the # 1seed. Worrell gained the top seed and earned a bye to the Championship game and Alexander came in Second Place. Lloyd Hadden who struggled in the block play came to life in the playoffs and came in Third Place.

The Second Flight had 6 players with handicaps from 8 to 11. Randall McAndrews dominated the block play with 7 wins and Theodore Thelin came in Second with 6 wins. Timothy McCormick, who had the highest handicap of 11, had only 2 wins in the block play but played well in the playoffs to take Third Place.

The Third Flight had 5 players with handicaps from 13 to 18. Bettina Hinckley dominated the block play with 7 wins to gain a bye to the championship game. In the playoffs, Barbara Entzminger pulled out a very close game against first time tournament player Wendy Worrell to take Second Place and Worrell took the third place honors.

On Sunday morning with torrential rains coming down with the prediction for it to be heavy rain all day, the finals matches were cancelled as was the noontime BBQ. The awards were made based on the standings at the end of Saturday's playoff games. In spite of the finals wash out, everyone had a good time and played lots of croquet for three beautiful days.

Following are the final tournament results:

Championship Flight:

1. Neil Houghton
2. Perry Mattson
3. William Whitman
4. Webster Bull
5. Larry Stettner

First Flight:

1. Robert Worrell
2. Charles Alexander
3. Lloyd Hadden
4. Oakley Johnson
5. Donald Parker

Second Flight:

1. Randall McAndrews
2. Theodore Thelin
3. Timothy McCormick
4. Frederick Beck
5. Edward Gardella
6. Byron Lee

Third Flight:

1. Bettina Hinckley
2. Barbara Entzminger
3. Wendy Worrell
4. Donald Whalen
5. Katie Bull

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