

2016 Croquet Club of Jackson Invitational

October 14-16, 2016

TifEagle Lawn, Jackson, Mississippi

The 2016 Croquet Club of Jackson Invitational was held October 14 - 16 at the beautiful Country Club of Jackson in Jackson, Mississippi. The weather was extraordinary throughout. Things began with an opening party the night before in addition to a Saturday night dinner at the club. Lunch was provided to each player and guest off the menu (the club's food is delicious).

Two courts (approximately 85% sized) were used double banked - the lawn speed was extremely fast and challenging in addition to having firm and tight wickets. There were three flights: Championship, First, and Second. The Championship and the First Flights had five players in each with the format being a double round robin (each player played everyone twice). The winner of each flight was the player with the most wins, followed by record against, net points, and finally gross points. Championship Flight had top seed and -2 handicap player George Cochran winning while the First Flight winner was Michael Kearns (a 6 handicap). Both George and Michael hail from Louisiana. Second Flight featured a block of 6 with every player playing each other once. Upon completion of the block, the #1 finisher played #2, #3 played #4, and #5 played #6. Local player Frank Alley (8) beat his son Warwick (8) in the final by one point to take Second Flight honors.

Mark Fields was Tournament Manager, Mike Campbell, the President of the Croquet Club of Jackson, and the club's croquet teaching professional Joe Moore were a huge force in making the event a great success. The club's management and staff were second to none in providing wonderful service to all players and guests. Bob Kroeger was the TD/Tournament Scheduler.

Championship Flight
1 George Cochran
2 Mark Fields
3 Calvert Chaney
4 Ed Becker
Mike McRee



George Cochran

- First Flight
1 Michael Kearns
2 Joe Moore
3 Rob Franks
4 Scott Kennedy
5 Andree Bothe



Michael Kearns

- Second Flight
1 Frank Alley
2 Warwick Alley
3 Patricia Duncan
4 Edward Erlich
5 Charlotte Paul
6 Jeremy Birdsall



Frank Alley

TD: Bob Kroeger