



## USCA FLORIDA GOLF CROQUET REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

January 8 - 10, 2016

National Croquet Center, West Palm Beach, FL

A solid field of 17 players competed over 2-1/2 days of beautiful Florida weather in the 2016 USCA GC Regional Tournament held at the National Croquet Center. Players traveled from as far as Missouri, North Carolina, Wisconsin, and the west coast of Florida to take part in what has become an annual weekend of friendly, yet highly competitive, matches.

Block play on Friday proved to be unpredictable until the last matches were tallied with the top two players in each block receiving seeds in the knock-out rounds. From there, winners advanced into the Championship Flight Knock-out Quarterfinals and losers moved into First Flight Knock-out matches and a First Flight Waterford Doubles competition.

In the Championship Flight quarterfinals, Terry Howatt advanced with a win over Karen Connery-Albert, Cheryl Bromley defeated Howard Zipper, Stephen Jackson won against Doug Coller, and Michael Albert took out top-ranked Matt Griffith to secure his spot in the semi-finals. Losers moved into a Plate competition.

In First Flight action, John Walker beat Hal Denton, while Diane Walker defeated Pat Colt to set up a Walker family showdown in the first semi-final. Susan Zipper got past Gil Flowers before falling to Robert Sasser and Peter Carlin battled past David McCoy with a 7-6 win to grab the last semi-final berth.

In the Championship Flight semi-finals, Terry Howatt and Cheryl Bromley went the distance with Bromley pulling out a 6-7, 7-3, 7-5 win to advance into the finals. Michael Albert disposed of Stephen Jackson with a 7-2, 7-4 victory.

Michael Albert continued his focused attack to win the Regional Championship taking down Cheryl Bromley in the final 7-6, 7-3 with a slew of precision placement shots and critical clearing shots.

First Flight semi-final action saw Diane Walker rally against husband John with a 7-3 win while Peter Carlin continued his solid playing to knock out Robert Sasser 7-1 and advance to the Final. The First Flight Regional title went to Peter Carlin in a well-played 7-3 victory against Diane Walker in the final.

### FINAL RESULTS

Championship Flight Final: Michael Albert defeated Cheryl Bromley 7-6, 7-3

3rd Place Playoff: Stephen Jackson defeated Terry Howatt 7-6, 4-7, 7-6

Plate Final: Matt Griffith defeated Karen Connery-Albert 7-4, 7-3

First Flight Singles Final: Peter Carlin defeated Diane Walker 7-3

First Flight Waterford Doubles Winner: David McCoy

First Flight Waterford Doubles Runner Up: Hal Denton

Scores and results may be found on [croquetscores.com](http://croquetscores.com).

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The next GC tournament will be held during Croquet Week March 12 -14 at the NCC.

## **Championship Flight**

- 1 Michael Albert
- 2 Cheryl Bromley
- 3 Stephen Jackson
- 4 Terry Howatt
- 5 Matthew Griffith
- 6 Karen Connery Albert
- 7 Doug Coller
- 7 Howard Zipper

## **First Flight**

- 9 Peter Carlin
- 10 Diane Walker
- 11 Robert Sasser
- 11 John Walker
- 13 David McCoy
- 14 Hal Denton
- 15 Pat Colt
- 16 Gil Flowers
- 17 Susan Zipper

## **Waterford Doubles**

- 2 Hal Denton
- 1 David McCoy



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