

3rd ANNUAL LAWN CLUB & G&T SPORTSPARK INVITATIONAL

American Rules—Singles & High/Low Doubles

Rochester, NY—August 12-14, 2016

Players from Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, and New York gathered at the G & T SportsPark in Rochester, New York for the 3rd Annual Lawn Club invitational, with Rich Curtis and Sue Sherer serving as Tournament Directors. First and Second Flight singles and Hi-Lo doubles matches were contested over three days on two courts amidst some of the most wild weather the region has seen for this time of year. Sweltering heat and humidity broken by sudden downpours, thunder (with lightning in the distance) and freak wild winds claimed six tents the first day of the event. But the players persisted even in the drenching rain with Byron Lee of Annapolis, MD, sporting head to toe raingear and board keeper Tom Street winning the wet t-shirt contest.

The four players in First Flight singles also played three games in block format seeding to a single elimination ladder. Lee Jorde of Fairfax, VA, prevailed over the Lawn Club's Tom Street to win the title in finals play.

In Second Flight singles the four players competed in block play with all of them moving on to a single elimination ladder. Norm Pike, former director of the Lawn Club and now residing in North Carolina, went undefeated in singles play, taking first place against the present Lawn Club director, Peter Sherer.

The format for Hi-Lo doubles was a round robin block of five teams with the top four teams advancing to a single elimination ladder. Claiming first place with a perfect win record was the team of Rich Curtis and Amy Gorsline. This was Amy's first time playing the sport and she acquitted herself quite well. Opponents Rich Laging and Linda Bowers finished second, representing their home club well.

While the club keeps a perpetual wall plaque trophy, the individual trophies awarded are highly prized for their uniqueness. Local artist, Cordell Cordaro, created a beautiful limited edition watercolor print that was a creative interpretation of photos from last year's tournament in which a wire was hotly contested. The photos series showed Rich Curtis prone on the ground, eventually bringing in Jim Erwin to kneel and have a look while Don Parker of Maine, Steve Grassbaugh of Ohio and Ryan Thompson of Buffalo, NY, all looked on with intense interest. The artist's interpretation kept Jim, Don and Ryan (tattoos included) in the final print, with two females added into the mix.

The excitement on the courts was riveting, as players sought to execute, at times elusive, multiple ball breaks and score a string of wickets. Games were highly competitive, bringing out the best in shot making and strategy. Several noteworthy roquets drew roars of applause from the spectators, as well as a number of long-range scored hoops. The weekend's events yielded a memorable tournament for both participants and fans alike as new friends, fellowship and homemade meals were enjoyed by all.



Front row: Amy Gorsline, Linda Bowers, Sue Sherer, Rich Laging, Tom Street, Lee Jorde
Back row: Ryan Thompson, Byron Lee, Norm Pike, Peter Sherer, Rich Curtis, John Gorsline

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Lee Jorde with tournament directors
 Rich Curtis & Sue Sherer



Norm Pike with tournament
 director Rich Curtis



Rich Curtis & Amy Gorsline with
 tournament director Sue Sherer

1st Flight Singles

1. Lee Jorde
2. Non-member
3. Richard Laging
3. Ryan Thompson

2nd Flight Singles

1. Norman Pike
2. Peter Sherer
3. Byron Lee
3. Non-Member

High/Low Doubles

1. Richard Curtis & Amy Gorsline
2. Richard Laging & Non-Member
3. Lee Jorde & Norman Pike
4. Ryan Thompson & Peter Sherer
5. Sue Sherer & John Gorsline



Tom Street with tournament directors
 Rich Curtis & Sue Sherer



Peter Sherer with tournament
 director Rich Curtis



Rich Laging & Linda Bowers with
 tournament directors Rich Curtis & Sue Sherer