

USCA Midwest Regional Tournament 2016
Kactus Creek Croquet Club & The National Golf Course
June 24-26, 2016



Parkville is a small community just north of Kansas City. This is where 20 players descended to compete in the inaugural Midwest Regional Golf Croquet Tournament. The National Golf Course was the home of the 1st and 2nd flight divisions. Kactus Creek Croquet Club (KCCC) hosted the Championship flight. Practice started Thursday afternoon and continued under the lights after the opening reception at KCCC.

Play started with Waterford doubles in the morning and singles in the afternoon. Everyone had at least 5 games a day. Doubled was played with a 50 Min time limit with 2 full rotations after time. If it was still a tie, 1 person from each team went to blue corner to shoot for the stake. The closest to the stake was declared the winner of that match

The National Golf Course was kind enough to let us use a tee box to set up courts. It was a short cut zoysia they had kept players golfers off of for a month to improve the conditions. We were able to set 2 - ¾ size courts. They had some character but played pretty well. The National provided us with golf carts for the ride down the tee box. Their friendliness and helpful attitude was greatly appreciated. We look forward to working the Nationals in the future to build croquet at their club.

In Championship flight, Dylan Goodwin played surprisingly well. Having never been in a GC tournament, Dylan's solid shot making served him well. He won both of his doubles and then beat #1 seed Matt Griffith 7-6 to be undefeated in singles as well on Friday. Cheryl also had a good first day as well.

It came down to the last game in doubles to determine the winner. At the end of the second rotation, Gil made a wicket to tie the game. Dylan shot first for the stake coming up short. Matt Shot and his ball bumped Dylan's and came to rest 1/3 of a ball closer.

The First Flight matches >>>>>

The First Flight play began with doubles that offered exciting competition. This Waterford style of play allowed the entire field to pair up and experience the strategizing with their soon to be opponents. Ron Millican paired up with field to give her the point to come out the top winner of the flight with Gene Melton collecting the points needed to hold on to second .

Singles play took some surprising turns. Newcomer Joe Steiner in his first GC tournament made it to the semi's against Gene Melton and came out on top. Karen Connery-Alberts was up against Ron Millican in the semifinals with Ron squeezing out a victory by winning the tie breaker. Joe won the finals in decisive fashion 7-1, 7-3.

Second flight play took a slight deviation to the regular rotation. Playing Waterford doubles, the players in this flight played 7 matches on Friday to determine their overall winner. After a long day, Josh prevailed as the overall top player with Jody coming in second place. Saturday saw the singles matches with strong play from our teenagers Bryce and Gabe. Josh went undefeated to take the singles title with Bryce coming in with amazing second place finish. While all the players in this division had never played a golf croquet tournament, everyone enjoyed themselves and look forward to more tournaments in the future. Offering a 2nd flight for beginners allowed players to enter without fear and is something more GC tournaments should consider in the future.

Saturday night everyone came to KCCC to have some Kansas City BBQ by Smokehouse. The evening was warm, but the entire crew spent time together sharing stories from the previous two days. Singles KO started Sunday morning. Block winner Cheryl Bromley played number 4 Gill Flowers. It was a good match with Cheryl winning. #2 Dylan played #3 Matt with Matt winning in 2 games. In the Finals Matt took game one 7-5. Cheryl started strong in the second game going up 5-1 before winning 7-5. The third match had many great knockouts by both side with Matt Winning 7-5. I want to thanks all the players for making it to Parkville and enduring the heat to make this a successful tournament.

It wouldn't have been possible without the help of Ellie Kemp and my good friends Steve and Wanda Jackson. Thank you for all your hard work.

Championship Flight Singles

1. Matthew Griffith
2. Cheryl Bromley
3. Gil Flowers
3. Dylan Goodwin
5. Michael Albert
6. Stephen Jackson



Matthew Griffith & Joe Steiner

First Flight Singles

1. Joe Steiner
2. Ron Millican
3. Karen Connery Albert
3. Gene Melton
5. Deborah Millican
6. Cheryl Melton



Matthew Griffith and Bryce Millican

Second Flight Singles

1. Josh Reed
2. Bryce Millican
3. Wanda Jackson
3. Jodi Adams
5. Ellie Kemp
6. Gabe Airrington
7. Amy Romines
8. Kari Keahey

Waterford Doubles

Championship Flight Doubles

1. Matthew Griffith
2. Dylan Goodwin

First Flight Doubles

1. Ron Millican
2. Gene Melton

Second Flight Doubles

1. Josh Reed
2. Jodi Adams



Matthew Griffith Championship winner Singles & Doubles

Matt Griffith: Midwest RVP/TD.