

## 2017 CALIFORNIA CUP

May 18-19, 2017 - Sonoma Croquet Club, CA

### NORTHERN SWING

The California Cup is an Association Rules croquet tourney that pits a 6 player Northern California team (The Bezerkers) against a 6 player Southern California team (The Vipers). It is designed as a home and away match with the combined total of the two matches deciding the winning team.

The tourney format is similar to the Solomon trophy format with each player playing 3 singles matches (round robin with the top 3 DGrade players on each team competing and the 4-6 DGrade players competing. Each player is also part of a doubles team, picked by the captains, who plays each of the other 3 doubles teams in a round robin. Total points, 27.

The Southern swing of this Cal Cup cycle was played at Mission Hills Jan 18-19 2015 and was won rather handily by a strong Southern team 18-9. The players representing the two teams in this Southern Swing are listed below:

<u>Southern Players</u>	(Dgrade)	<u>Northern Players</u>	(Dgrade)
Rich Lamm	2241	Chuck Anders	1736
Leo Nikora	1968	Tim Hanks	1720
Eric Sawyer	1796	Jim Hanks	1660
Jim Butts	1785	Mike Orgill	1505
Steve Mossbrook	1622	Mary Rodeberg	1354
Cam Evans	1560	Bob Morford	1337

The North will have to make up a 9 match deficit to even things up on their home courts. The Northern swing was played May 18-19 at Sonoma. The players for the Northern Swing are listed below: Due to a Grandkid opportunity, Mike Orgill was not able to play the first day so Nancy Chapman and Larry Lennox played for the North the first day of the test.

<u>Southern Players</u>	(Dgrade)	<u>Northern Players</u>	(Dgrade)
Jim Butts	1858	Ben Rothman	2607
Leo Nikora	1801	Jim Hanks	1851
Steve Mossbrook	1674	Martyn Selman	1812
Pat Dugan	1391	Erv Peterson	1649
Bob Morford	1325	Mike Orgill	1547
Kory Teoman	1218	Karl-Heinz Kempfer	1507
		Nancy Chapman	1229
		Larry Lennox	1314

In the higher DGrade singles block, the North was able to dominate 6-2.

Results	Jim B	Leo	Steve	
Ben	26-9	26TP-0	26-7	3
Jim H	26-4	25-22	Not played	2
Martyn	26-3	11(M)-21	19-22	1
	0	1	1	win

In the second block singles, the South was able to hold the North to a 4-4 tie. Pat and Bob Morford each had two wins to bolster the South's winning chances. Bob's 26-21 win over Hall of famer, Erv Peterson was a great win for Bob. Pat's win over Karl-Heinz, last year's North American Amateur Champion was also a big win for the pat and the South.

Results	Pat	Bob	Kory	
Erv	26-5	21-26	26-2	2
N/L/M	7(L)-10	9(N)-11	Not played	0
Karl-H	10(K)-12	14-3	26-3	2
	2	2	0	win

With the North only picking up 4 points in the singles competition, they needed a 5 match win in the doubles to tie the series up. As it turned out the South was able to hold the North to a 5-4 advantage in doubles, giving them an insurmountable overall lead.

Results	Jim B & Steve	Leo & Pat	Bob & Kory	
Ben & KH	26TP (R) -1	20-12	22-15	3
Martyn & Erv	14-16	18-13	16-15	2
Jim & N/L/M	15(N)-26	9(M)-16	13(M)-15	0
	2	1	1	win

With a 15-10 Northern lead, the North clinched the Northern swing of the cup, but couldn't overcome the 9 point lead the South earned in the Southern swing so the South has claimed the 3<sup>rd</sup> Cal Cup by a combined 28-24 match score. Congratulations to the Southern team on their win!

**SOUTH SWING**

South 18- North 9

**NORTH SWING**

North 15 – South 10

**Combined**

South 28 – North 24

Cal Cup and North American Open Players enjoy some wine after a tough day of croquet



(Left to Right) Martyn Selman, Genie Hendry, Steve Mossbrook, Pat Dugan, Ron Hendry, Jim & Phyllis Butts, Bob & Marilyn Morford, Rick Sheely, Jim Hanks

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