

**2017 Lawn Club Invitational  
Rochester, NY  
August 11-13, 2017**

Even the rain and thunder before lunch time on Saturday did not deter the fine sportsmanship and play at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Lawn Club Invitational held in Rochester, NY. In singles, players competed in three flights with block play seeding to semi-finals and finals. Surprise upset was Larry Cranfield besting Rich Curtis 12 to 9 on the first day. Doubles were high/low pairings and finals came down to net points determination between three teams. In doubles competition, John Donohue made a very long successful shot through a wicket to break the tie. Most games were double-banked and definitely, one of the most unique photos of the weekend was captured by Canadian player Phil Parsons when at the same moment in each game, Rich Curtis (background, playing stripes) and Jim Erwin (foreground, playing solids) took to the ground to precisely line up partner balls for peels through their respective wickets. Norm Pike is pictured to the left getting another view from the opposite side of the wicket to check alignment.



Championship Singles

1. Rich Curtis
2. Mike Gibbons
3. Jim Erwin
4. Larry Cranfield
5. John Donohue

1<sup>st</sup> Flight Singles

1. Rich Laging
2. Ryan Thompson
3. Lloyd Hadden
4. Phil Parsons
5. June Schneiweiss

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Flight Singles

1. Norm Pike
2. Gregg Hannah
3. Sue Sherer
4. Linda Bowers

## High/Low Doubles

1. John Donohue & Lloyd Hadden
2. Rich Curtis & Linda Bowers
3. Cynthia Gibbons & Ryan Thompson
4. Mike Gibbons & Gregg Hannah
5. Rich Laging & Phil Parson
6. Jim Erwin & Norm Pike



Lawn Club Invitations participants: (Front row, L to R) Linda Bowers, Sue Sherer, June Schneiweiss, Larry Cranfield, Cynthia Gibbons, Jim Erwin. (Back row, L to R) Norm Pike, Phil Parsons, John Donohue, Gregg Hannah, Rich Curtis, Ryan Thompson, Lloyd Hadden, Rich Laging, Mike Gibbons.

The Lawn Club surely has one of the most unique and distinctive tournament awards in the USCA. Each year the Club awards a unique framed limited edition watercolor print by artist Cordell Cordaro, Editor-in-chief of the art magazine *Art House Press*. The art is a highly coveted treasure and a few extra prints are made available for sale. These are too fun not to share with the larger croquet community!



*Is It Wired?*  
2016 Award



*It's All She Thinks About*  
2017 Award

*TD: Rich Curtis*  
*Submitted by: Sue Sherer*