



## 2017 USCA 9 WICKET NATIONALS

September 22-24, 2017 - Parkville, MO

The 2017 USCA 9 Wicket Nationals played out in a beautiful setting along the Missouri River at English Landing Park in Parkville, Missouri, in hot for September conditions on extremely challenging turf. The Parks Department allowed us to mow twice the day before the tournament. We had to bring out the big commercial blower to blow leaves every morning. The huge Cottonwood trees were relentless. It was estimated that 16 players participated in doubles and singles in Championship and First Flight over September 22-24, 2017.

The Championship singles final featured Matt Griffith against Macey White late Sunday morning after the singles semifinals. White took out Greg Clouse 17-14 to reach the final, while Griffith ended Dylan's tournament with a 23-15 win to advance.

With the un-expected hops here and there, turf impressions and deep to thin grass, there was plenty of interactivity in the final and an active deadness board. Griffith had a quick early break to get through H5 with blue, but was unable to get an attack toward White's red and yellow position at H2. After a lot of back and forth, it was White that had the first opportunity to establish control as he worked red out to the doubles, but failed to get red into hoop scoring position at H6 while trying to roll yellow into position for the same hoop.

Griffith got the first extended break together when he took black through H5 out through H11. From there Griffith kept control of the rotation and took a 20-14 win for the national title. Unofficially, that represented his third appearance in the 9 Wicket Nationals Singles final (2014 and 2016).

In other action, Griffith and partner John Warlick took the Doubles National Championship with a 4-1 record. This was John's 5<sup>th</sup> win in doubles.

In First Flight, Ron Millican defeated Steve Jackson 24-10 to claim the singles title.

Jodi Adams and Deborah Millican defeated their husbands in the semifinals to go on and win the First Flight doubles title with a win over Jackson and partner Justin Marciniak.

A special thanks to Ellie. Because of her hard work and organization the tournament ran smoothly.

## CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLES

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Matt Griffith
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Macey White
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Greg Clouse  
Dylan Goodwin
- 5<sup>th</sup> - John Warlick



Matt Griffith

## CHAMPIONSHIP DOUBLES



Matt Griffith & John Warlick

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Matt Griffith & John Warlick
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Greg Clouse & Dylan Goodwin
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Gail Rubin & Macey White

## FIRST FLIGHT SINGLES

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Ron Millican
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Steve Jackson
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Jodi Adams  
Deborah Millican
- 5<sup>th</sup> - Gail Rubin
- 6<sup>th</sup> - Ellie Griffith
- 7<sup>th</sup> - Loren Winters



Ron Millican

## First Flight Doubles

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Jodi Adams & Deborah Millican
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Steve Jackson & Justin Marciniak
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Eddie Mondt & Dave Cochran  
Ron Millican & Greg Adams
- 5<sup>th</sup> - Ellie Griffith & Loren Winters



Jodi Adams, Deborah Millican, Matt Griffith



Championship Doubles Runner up Greg Clouse & Dylan Goodwin



1<sup>st</sup> Flight Runner up Steve Jackson



English Landing Park runs along the Missouri River

TD: Matt Griffith