

Sarasota County Croquet Club

Annual Handicap Adjuster Tournament

The Sarasota County Croquet Club held its annual Handicap Adjuster Tournament on Wednesday and Thursday January 4th and 5th. The weather turned out to be perfect. The days started out with a continental breakfast managed by Lulu Rodick and helpers. At the end of the day there was an Attitude Adjustment gathering with food and beverages thanks to Jackie Jones and helpers.

There were 3 flights. The First flight had 8 players with handicaps 8 and 9. Second flight had 7 players with handicaps 10 to 12. Third flight had 8 players with handicaps 13 to 16. This flight had 3 new players participating in their first tournament. They played very well and are anxious to get better.

In first flight Bill Hoffman was first with 5 wins and enough tracking points to lower his handicap to an 8. Doug Ledgett came in second with 4 wins and will also have his handicap lowered to 8. The other players in order of finish were Jim Mclaughlin, Bob Lentz, Larry Beaton, Roger Measel, Dick Schleiter, and Julie Schworm.

The winner of second flight was Connie Coling with 4 wins and 17 net points and second place was Diane Walker with 4 wins and 8 net points. The remaining players in order of finish were Anne Kukla, Allie Larsen, Nancy Hart, Jane Koziol and Sidna Mitchell.

In third flight the winner was Maria Petrola who won all 6 games. In second place was one of our newest players Jon Ayers who won 5 games and only lost to Maria. The rest of the players in order of finish were Linda Kemerer, Harry Brown, Martin Starosta, Nora Rainone, Walter Ludwig and Connie Demming. Maria, Jon and Martin will have their handicaps lowered.

Everyone played very well and there were a lot of very close games.

I want to thank all of the volunteers who helped set up the courts, keep boards and helped in general to make this a very successful tournament.

Gary Anderson

Tournament Director