

# SARASOTA COUNTY CROQUET CLUB SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

Pinebrook Park, Venice, FL – March 10 - 11 & 17 - 19, 2017

## **Championship Flight**

1 Hans Peterson  
2 Alan Cottle  
2 Jackie Jones  
2 Bob Worrell  
5 Colin Irwin  
5 Russ Cuccia  
5 Avril Rangoni-Machiavelli  
8 Fred Jones

## **First Flight A**

1 Steve Grassbaugh  
2 Oakley Johnson  
2 Arthur Olsen  
2 Bob McQuinn  
2 Gene Raymond  
6 Jim Coling  
7 Ken Deason

## **First Flight B**

1 Bill Hoffman  
2 Ralph Curtis  
2 Mark Masselink  
4 Doug Ledgett  
5 John McDermott  
6 John Dainton

## **Second Flight**

1 Roger Measel  
2 Larry Beaton  
2 Doug Ledgett  
4 Bob Lentz  
4 Jim McLaughlin  
6 Rita McNamara

## **Third Flight A**

1 Jane Koziol  
2 Trudy Harris  
3 Bob Merritt  
4 Connie Coling  
4 Nancy Cooper  
4 Anne Kukla

## **Third Flight B**

1 Jon Ayers  
2 Linda Kemerer  
3 Harry Brown  
3 Gillian Merritt  
5 Florence Connor  
6 Connie Deming

The Sarasota County Croquet Club held its annual Club Singles Championship tournament on two weekends in March to accommodate a large number of players. The annual SCCC club singles championship started Friday March 10<sup>th</sup>. We had beautiful weather for both days. The days started out with a continental breakfast organized by Lulu Rodick and helpers. At the end of the day there was an Attitude Adjustment gathering with food and beverages thanks to Anne Kukla and her helpers.

Flight winners for the entire tournament were to be decided by block play only based upon win/loss records, with Flight playoffs to be used in the event of a tie in block play.

There were three flights, 2, 3A and 3B each with 6 players. Championship and first flight will be played next weekend. Second Flight had four 8s, two 9s and a 10. Roger Measel won his first tournament by winning 4 out of 5 games. Larry Beaton with 3 wins and 10 net points beat Doug Ledgett with 3 wins and 4 net points for second. Larry got enough tracking points to lower his handicap to an 8. The other players in order of finish were Bob Lentz, Jim McLaughlin, and Rita McNamara. Rita was the handicap 10 here winning just one game getting 8 tracking points for that and a net gain of 4 tracking points. The point is that it never hurts to play against the lower handicaps. You have more to gain than lose.

The Third Flight A consisted of handicaps 10 and 11. Jane Koziol won her first tournament taking all five games. Trudy Harris came in second with 4 wins. The other players in order of finish were Bob Merritt, Connie Coling, Nancy Cooper and Anne Kukla.

The Third Flight B started out with 6 players, but Connie Demming had to withdraw Saturday due to illness. We wish you a speedy recovery, Connie. Jon Ayers and Linda Kemerer both finished with 4 wins and had to have a playoff game Saturday. It was a close game all the way to the end with Jon squeezing out the winning wicket on the last ball. The other players were Harry Brown, Gillian Merritt, DeDee Connor and Connie Demming.

On March 17, 18, 19, 2017, 21 players competed in the low handicap range of 8 and below, playing in 3 flights: Championship, First Flight A, and First Flight B. Early morning play each day began with clear, but cold temperatures, in the 50 degree F range (cold for Florida), but rapidly warmed up to comfortable temperatures in the low 70's. Mid-day winds increased which affected afternoon play, but overall play conditions were deemed excellent by the players.

Championship Flight was composed of 8 players, handicap range from -2 to 1.5. First Flight A was composed of 7 players, handicap range from 3 to 4.5. And First Flight B was composed of 6 players, handicap range from 5 to 8.

Block play in all flights was highly competitive with no player going undefeated. One interesting match between Gene Raymond and Ken Deason went into (6) "last turns", before Ken finally prevailed. Sunday's play began with the potential for at least four possible playoffs occurring in each of the flights. The last round of play in each flight concluded with a clear winner.

Championship Flight was won by Hans Peterson (newly elected SCCC President) with 5 wins, with second place being decided from among three players with 4 wins each, by computing "net points" for each, resulting in Alan Cottle placing 2<sup>nd</sup>, Jackie Jones placing 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Bob Worrell placing 4<sup>th</sup>.

First Flight A was won by Steve Grassbaugh with 5 wins, and second place being decided from among four players with 3 wins each, based upon "net points", resulting in Oakley Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup>, Arthur Olsen 3<sup>rd</sup>, Bob McQuinn 4<sup>th</sup> and Gene Raymond 5<sup>th</sup>. First Flight B was won by Bill Hoffman with 4 wins, and second place being decided from among two players with 3 wins each, resulting in Ralph Curtis 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Mark Masselink 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Congratulations to all of the winners.**

**The winner's names will be inscribed on the plaque in the clubhouse.**

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

Gary Anderson was tournament director for the High handicap tournament and Doug Ledgett was the director for the Low handicap tournament.