



2018 Bermuda Invitational
Croquet Club of Bermuda – BERMUDA
June 7-10, 2018

Championship Flight Singles

1. Chris Patmore
2. John Young III
3. Tom Cooper
4. Jim Bast
5. Rich Curtis
6. Doug Moore
7. Loretta Cooper
8. David Isaacs
9. Ted Quimby
10. Eldon Trimmingham



Doug Moore, Chris Patmore, John Young



Doug Moore, John Young, Rich Curtis

Championship Flight Doubles

1. Chris Patmore / Loretta Cooper
2. Doug Moore / Rich Curtis
3. Tom Cooper / Jim Bast
4. Ted Quimby / David Isaacs
5. J Whiny / Saint Eldon



Doug Moore, Chris Patmore, Loretta Cooper, John Young III

It was hot out there...that's for sure. The court never looked better...The Banks family have a lot to be proud of! Thank-you again for hosting us, none of this would be possible without your generosity.

We started off at the Coral Beach Club for cocktails Wednesday night (thank you Robin for getting us sorted with that) and then we were off to our usual mayhem from that point forward. Thursday play started with doubles and the two time defending champions (Rich & Doug) started off with an undefeated day in block play...Team Bermuda on the other hand...not so much. All though many of you know him as Three Strokes or JY, he is now known to those of us at the Bermuda Invitational as J Whiny and Eldon Trimmingham is now referred to as Saint Eldon (for putting up with him)...as foreshadowed, they finished with a perfect 0-4 record. With doubles block play completed and the playoff matches set, we still had one round of singles left...Cranky pants J Whiny snapped out of it and pegged out against his opponent. To quote Ignatius P. Riley, "the "wheels of fortuna" were spinning up again for JY.

Friday and Saturday morning brought about more singles play and defending Champ Chris Patmore and Tom Cooper would emerge undefeated in their blocks to claim the playoff byes. The remaining of us found our slots in the playoffs...happy to get out of our blocks with such a tough field of play.

I lost in the first round of the playoffs, as did my doubles partner (as it turns out, we weren't done losing). With the playoffs complete, and everyone exhausted from the heat...Rich & Doug were set to play Chris & Loretta in the doubles final and Chris and JY were set for the Singles final. The match of the tournament was the JY / Tom Cooper semi-finals game that ended 25-24...words can't describe that epic display of croquet.

Friday night at Eldon's house was a special treat (thank-you) and our newly discovered gem in Hamilton for Saturday night dinner, worked out great.

Sunday proved exciting...Doug & Rich dropped their hopes of a three-peat to Chris & Loretta in the doubles (so we will be seeing them paired up again next year to defend). The big story...the Buffalo Croquet Club finals rematch between JY and Chris came off just as exciting as always. Chris emerged victorious to take their recent finals series to 1-1. Will the tie breaker occur in Buffalo in August? Many of the fans (me) are certainly hoping so. Pre-tournament BCC calcutta bids perhaps?

Great event. Congrats to the winners and runners up who all took home signed and numbered Eldon Trimmingham America's Cup prints as trophies this year (what an extra special treat - thank-you Eldon). Until next year...

We miss you Teddy,

Douglas P. Moore
Tournament Director



Loretta Cooper



Player Group Photo



Players lounging in the heat