

Chris Hanson wins the 5th annual 2023 UNC Hardball/Softball Championships

We just completed the Championships in Chapel Hill. There were 4 draws of 16 each for softball and 3 draws of 16 folks for hardball. The A Champions was Chris Hanson. The playoffs were 3 and 4th place was also very exciting. The Prize money for winning the Hardball A went to Chris Hanson (\$1,000), Jack Kagan (\$750), Armaan Shaikh (\$400) and Patrick Noonan (\$350). There were more than 70 players overall.

The Championship matches were closely watched by the community, applauding the skills of the finalists. The 3/4 match in hardball was also thrilling between Patrick Noonan and Armaan Shaikh.

The tournament had robust draws and mixed senior and University players by skill levels. UNC has like-new hardball and softball courts to host the play.

Softball		Hardball
A CHAMPIONSHIPS		
Champion	Chris Hanson	Chris Hanson
Runner-up	Jack Kagan	Jack Kagan
3rd Place	Armaan Shaikh	Armaan Shaikh
Plate	Matt Munich	
B CHAMPIONSHIPS		
Champion	Matt Crawford	Christopher "Kit" Tatum
Runner-up	Kushal Garg	Hazim Muhktar
3rd Place	Hazim Muhktar	Noah Mills
Plate	Christer Berg	Chuck Matison
C CHAMPIONSHIPS		
Champion	Ian Khan	Kushal Garg
Runner-up	Michael Lin	Adam Lee
3rd Place	Martha Nugent	Vraj Patel
Plate	Levi Mellin	Giovanna Chen
D CHAMPIONSHIPS		
Champion	Vraj Patel	
Runner-up	Grace Chow	
3rd Place	Adam Lee	
Plate	Ishaan Ray	

All University students participated for free in the tournaments and dinners. The tournament celebrated University students' "senior night" Friday at a Chapel Hill Country Club dinner. Billeting was provided for out of town students.

On Saturday there was a garden party dinner for 75 people at the Page's home catered by the famous restaurant "Time Out", a celebrated southern restaurant in Chapel Hill.. Paul Chan, Chuck Matison and Kit Tatum spoke about how squash had impacted their lives and what you could expect from continuing to play squash for life. There was golf Friday for those interested.

The tournament was supported by community players and especially by

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