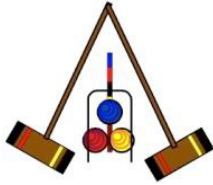


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July and August 2022 Events

Wine and Wickets Social Evening, July 29

It was a warm dry evening. About 40 members and guests mingled with wine and snacks enjoying each other along with some croquet. Everyone dressed for a luau. Colorful shirts were everywhere. The following photos are a sampling from our website.







Six-Wicket Mixed Doubles Organized Competition, July and August

Most of you are familiar with Golf Croquet but some of you are not familiar with Six-Wicket Croquet, which is very different. For example, in Six-Wicket, each *ball* must go through each wicket; in Golf Croquet each *team* must have a ball go through each wicket. Golf Croquet is won by the first team to win 7 wickets or if played under a time limit and no one gets 7 wickets, the team that scores the most wickets. In Six-Wicket, the winner is the first team (for example, blue and black) where each ball goes through all 12 wickets and then both balls hit the center post, which counts as the 13th wicket. If that is not done before the time limit, then the team that wins is the team that scores the most wickets. This is one reason why Six-Wicket games normally play for 2 hours and Golf croquet is played for only 1.

This tournament was a departure from recent tournaments. The games were played throughout July and August using a block play format. That is, all the

teams played every other team in the field. As a non-elimination event, the winner was determined by the total number of games won and by wicket totals, in case of ties. The teams chose their own game dates and times to avoid heat and precipitation. Each team played 5 games. The Nick and Ann Rizos team was undefeated and won the tournament. The final scorecard is on our web page.

Results

Three things were used to determine the winners. The number of **Wins** was the main item. **Net Wicket**, to be used for tie breakers, was the difference between wickets won and wickets lost in a game. The purpose of recording **Net Wkt** and **Wkts** was to determine winners if two or more teams won the same number of games. For this tournament, however, one team and only one team was undefeated.

First place, Nick and Ann Rizos: 5 Wins, Net Wkt 30, and Wkts 115.

Second place, Richard Watson and Dana Boots: 3 Wins, Net Wkt 3 and 75 Wkts.

Third Place, Norm and Linda Pike: 2 Wins, Net Wkt-1 and 78 Wkts.

Fourth Place, Terry Hunt and Peggy Lee: 2 Wins, Net Wkt -5 and 89 Wkts.

Fifth Place, Frank Powell and Barbara Williams: 2 Wins, Net Wkt -10 and Wkts 88 Wkts.

Sixth Place. Carl and Nancy Nicholson: 1 Win, Net Wkt -17 and 89 Wkts.

Fall Alternate Shot Tournament, August 26

The single-elimination alternate shot format used for the tournament featured two players playing one color ball and the other two playing the other color ball. The two player pairs take turns shooting their ball. This year, 32 players entered, 8 teams of 4. The club provided refreshments, including wine and snacks for the players and the spectators who came to cheer for their friends.

Storm clouds formed in the distance during the first round of games, which determined the semifinalists, but the weather held off and the evening was pleasant. During the semifinal games, the storm came closer, and a few raindrops fell. We decided to stop the event and declare a tie between the two semifinalist teams. They split the first and second place cash prizes.

Sue and Alan Offen teamed with Joyce Nadge and Susan Maher

Diane and Richard Watson teamed with Bob Knotz and Dana Boots

Thanks to Marilyn Rhew for organizing the refreshments in Natalie Lawson's absence, as well as Gloria Bensch and Mike Kost, who kept the games moving and on time.

The photos below are a sampling from the website. To see all the photos, go to the website.





Annual Meeting, August 27

Following are the minutes from the annual meeting held on August 26, 2022.

Minutes of last year's meeting and a Treasurer's report were accepted.

Recent and upcoming tournament events were reviewed and prizes for the summer's 6W (six-wicket) Mixed Doubles tournament were awarded.

Three new members to the Board of Directors were elected: Vice President, Marvin Bennett; Secretary, Wendy Hope; and Member-at-Large, Bob Knotz.

Damon Bidencope invited TCCC members to use and test a soon-to-be-released USCA scores tracking system.

Damon also announced that TCCC was awarded a grant for up to \$1000 to hold an event to promote croquet and the USCA.

Future TCCC Events

2022 Annual Coastal Carolina-Tega Cay Invitational Tournament: September 21-23, 2022

The 2022 Coastal Carolina (CCC)/Tega Cay Invitational Golf Croquet Tournament will take place on September 21-23, starting with a wine and cheese reception at the Sun City Hilton Head Croquet Lawns. The reception will begin at 2:00 p.m., September 21. Participants can practice at Sun City starting at 1:00 p.m.

Tournament play will begin at the Dataw Island Croquet Club starting at 9:00 a.m. on September 22. The format will be Waterford doubles for the first day. Play will move to Sun City on September 23, starting at 9:00 AM. Players will be matched according to their results on the first day of play. This will be a knockout round with winning pairs advancing.

Lunches (included) will be served at Dataw and Sun City, with drinks and snacks provided all day. The events are summarized below.

September 21, Sun City Hilton Head Croquet Center Arrival:

- Golf croquet practice session and wine and cheese reception 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

September 22, Dataw Island Croquet Center:

- Tournament play, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.
- 12:00 to 1:00 p.m., catered lunch.

- 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., croquet play continues.

September 23, Sun City Hilton Head
Croquet Center

- 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, match play knockout rounds
- 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m., catered lunch
- 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., match play knockout round and prize presentation

Entries are limited to the first 64 entries received by September 10, 2022. The application form is on the TCCC website. Please give your check to your CCC rep or club officer or mail to

James Podraza
86 Coburn Drive West Bluffton, SC
29909

Please attach check made out to CCC for \$45 per player.

TCCC/Vintage Club's – Croquet & Dinner Event, September 28

On Wednesday, September 28, the TCCC and Vintage Club will host an event at the croquet court and pavilion. Come join us for croquet at the court and drink, food, entertainment, and socializing at the pavilion.

Schedule

4 to 5:45 p.m.: Open court for all our members and Vintage Club members. TCCC members will partner with Vintage Club members for 20- to 25-minute games. Board members will

assist. No need to wear white. Casual wear is expected.

5:45: Cash bar at pavilion for those who are attending joint dinner. Good time to socialize.

6:30: 50/50 raffle (**ALL** those attending dinner can buy raffle tickets); birthday raffle for Shore Club gift certificate (let us know if you have a September birthday); Anniversaries noted.

7:00: dinner, \$25 per person payable at entrance to pavilion. Last table called gets 2 bottles of wine.

Dinner registration: TCCC members who are Vintage Club members will register through Vintage Club caller. TCCC members who are not Vintage Club members will make reservations by emailing AlanOffen6568@gmail.com by Sunday, September 18.

Note: if you must cancel, you must let Alan Offen know by Friday, September 23. “No-shows” will be responsible for the cost of dinner.

After dinner: More time to socialize or back to court for croquet. Court will be open until 10:00 p.m.

Anderson Cup Club Championship, Golf Croquet, October 19-21, 3 days

Tega Cay Aussie Croquet

Note from Marvin Bennett: Looking for a game that goes beyond Golf Croquet but is easier to learn than Six-Wicket? The rules summary is only 2 pages and is available on our web site. Aussie Croquet is becoming popular in many clubs around the country, and many of

us are playing it now. Next time you are playing with your group, ask if any of them have played Aussie Croquet and if they have, give it a try. I subbed with a group that normally plays singles for two hours and we played Aussie Croquet instead. It was fun. Give it a try.

Changes to the Junior Program

Note from Sally Bennett: After more than six years, Terry Hunt has decided to step away from junior croquet. Those of us who have worked with him know he is always there, always ready to help the juniors learn, always on task. We will miss him and hope that he stays involved somehow.

The juniors' program was Terry's brainchild. He recruited players, developed the format, and readied the court Mondays and Thursdays at 6, week after week, even when only a few players could carve time out of their schedules. He nursed the program through hot days, cold nights, rain (no snow that I can recall), windy rain, and, most importantly, Covid. During quarantine, the players truly bonded – for many, it was their only chance to see people their own age and be safe at the same time. Quarantine was a tense time, perhaps most of all for kids trying to figure out the tedious skills necessary for “remote learning.” Time on the Anderson Lawn was time spent away from all of that.

Perhaps most impressive, especially knowing how intensely Terry loves the

game of croquet and playing it correctly, is that he has remained patient when these kids, who have become truly close friends, were more interested in talking to each other than in listening to him. He “took it like a man,” so to speak, stoically, before finally getting them to focus. He did so much: communicated regularly with parents, planned tournaments – he even dressed as the White Rabbit, complete with pocket watch, for the “Where’s Alice?” tournament. It was a day to remember. All around, we couldn’t have asked for a better guy for a coach.

In the weeks to come, Wendy Hope and I hope to keep what Terry started going strong, and we will be coming to you for help, either to teach, to fill in when we can’t be there, to play in tournaments, or just to share your thoughts for improvements. It’s an opportunity I hope you won’t pass up. You will find out that these kids require you to exercise a new mindset and I guarantee you will laugh. Honestly, the times with them are often the best part of my week. I invite you to find out for yourselves.

Need New Editor for this Newsletter to take over in October

Sally and I have been doing the newsletter for the last six or seven years. Marvin Bennett (me) was elected to Vice President and will start my new position in October. Sally is going to coach the Juniors. We will help anyone who wants to be the editor and you can

work with us to issue the September newsletter. If we do not get a new editor, September will be the last newsletter and that may be okay, especially with all the many upgrades to the website. It is now easier to use, and it has more features. Also, most of the newsletter articles are based on and/or copied from website content. For the last couple of months, the monthly "President's Corner" has been on the webpage and in the newsletter. All photos shown on the newsletter are copied from the website, and because we are limited on size of files sent via email, only a small number of the photos that are on website are on the newsletter. The website is updated days after an event and then copied into the newsletter, which is issued only monthly or once every two months. The question is: do we still need a newsletter when all the information is available on the website?

TCCC Substitute List

For a list of members willing to substitute for a regular member, contact Sally Bennett at sallyirishbennett@gmail.com. Also contact Sally if you wish to be added or deleted from the list. A new list will be published and sent to all members if there are changes. **This list is for TCCC members only and is available on the TCCC website.**

Open Sessions

The TCCC has designated **Thursdays from 12 to 2 pm as open sessions** on the Tega Cay Croquet Court. Any adult can attend. You need not be a resident of Tega Cay or a member of TCCC to participate. Core croquet techniques are taught to beginners and all croquet equipment is provided by the TCCC. **Richard Watson** coordinates these sessions in accordance with the TCCC Social Distancing Guidelines and arranges games for those who attend. **If you plan to attend one of these sessions, please contact Richard in advance at richwatson6@gmail.com or call him at (803) 295-3071.** TCCC members, please tell your friends about these sessions.

Court Rental Contact

Marilyn Rhew is the court rental contact. To schedule a time, call Marilyn at 803-548-4840 or email her at <mailto:mrhew@comporium.net>.

TCCC Dues are due by September 30

Invoices for 2022/2023 membership renewals have been sent by email. Payments are to be made to the treasurer and are due 9/1/2022. They will be past due 9/30/2022

New Members

No new members for July and August. Pictures of new members are posted on the website for recent months. If you

have joined the club recently, but you are not on our website, please send your biographical information to alanbensch@gmail.com. Alan has a

new section on the website for new members.

President's Corner

I can't believe this will be my last President's Corner. The year went so fast. At the August members' general meeting, we elected new officers. Marvin Bennett is our new vice president, Wendy Hope is our new secretary, and Bob Knotz is our new at large member. Congratulations and welcome to our Board. I would also like to welcome our new president, Alan Offen, who will assume duties on October, 1.

I also would like to thank our outgoing Board members: past president Barbara Williams, outgoing secretary, Sally Bennett, and out-going member-at-large, Marilyn Rhew. Your hard work and effort are deeply appreciated.

I want to recognize Alan Bensch for all his work in providing challenging tournaments and fun croquet events. I also want to recognize Natalie Lawson for her efforts in providing entertaining social events.

Over the past year our financials are stable and have actually increased monetarily. Thanks, Terry, for all your efforts.

I also want to thank Rich Watson and Norm Pike for their willingness to take on tasks assigned by me and other Board members.

Although, we are no longer holding our Golf with Wickets fund raiser, I do want to recognize and thank Peggy and Bob Towner for all their efforts in raising close to \$20,000 dollars over the several years the event was held.

Finally, our national organization has presented us with a certificate, for our outstanding First Responder event with the fire department and police department on National Croquet Day. The certificate is sitting next to our Anderson Cup trophies at the Shore Club. Thank you, Gloria Bensch, for organizing this event.

"Summer Lovin, had a blast

Summer Lovin, has past so Fast"

Grease

Keep your head down and follow through.

Mike Kost, President