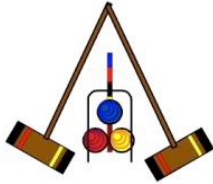


# TCCC



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## **September 2021 Events**

### **TCCC Golf With Wickets Tournament, September 26**

*Submitted by Bob and Peggy Towner*

On Sunday, September 26, 2021, the Tega Cay Croquet Club held its sixth annual golf tournament. We had 7 teams, 28 golfers participating in this event. Each golfer received snacks, dinner, a round of golf, a well packed goody bag and a prize for their entry fee. As has been the case each year, the winning team received a full day boat rental on Lake Wylie compliments of the Tega Cay Marina. We also awarded prizes for second, third, fourth and last place.

Golfers had the chance to participate in our sport of croquet several times during this golf tournament. There are two par three holes on the golf course that were turned into croquet "holes" with a wicket in the middle of each green.

Additionally, each participant had a chance to play a croquet ball thru a

wicket on our croquet lawn at the turn between holes 9 and 10 during the golf tournament to qualify for a later contest to win the grand prize.

We had 36 hole sponsors this year. Each sponsor donates \$100.00 to support croquet, and we place a sign on the golf course with their name on it. We also had 8 different croquet club groups that sponsored a hole. Good on y'all. There was even one individual club member that wrote the hundred-dollar check and sponsored a hole all by herself.

We had prizes donated from places all over the area from Rock Hill to Charlotte to Ballantyne to Lake Wylie and numerous local places. Information about the sponsors will be available on the website with an article and photos of the event. It is of the utmost importance that all of us make use of these businesses whenever we can. Most of these folks have buttressed us each of the six years that we have done this tournament. Without their contributions, it aint workin'.

All of this took place at the Tega Cay Golf Course and the Tega Cay Croquet Lawn. This happens because of the many Croquet Club member volunteers who step up each year to make it work. We want to thank each of you who have provided your time, expertise and most importantly, your smiles. This could not happen and would not happen without your help. We especially want to thank Michele McGuire and Mike Kost. They

helped from day one in June to pull this off. Yes, we started in June to make this a success in September.

One more time, many thanks those of you who happily show up every year on tournament day to do all those important support jobs that make this event run smoothly. Your dedication and yearly contribution make this endeavor a resounding success!







**TCCC/CCC Invitational Tournament, September 27-29.** Submitted by Alan Bensch TCCC Tournament Director

The croquet gods were grinning broadly, not just smiling, on this year's tournament. The weather was perfect, and I have rarely seen the court in such an immaculate condition. To top it off, TCCC reclaimed the Club Championship trophy so it will be coming back to Tega Cay after we had to leave in on Dataw Island in 2019, the last time the event was played.

Jim Podraza from the Sun City croquet club and four players from the Dataw Island club, Luke and Janice Sand, Dean Hewitt & Pat Stolte, made the trip to represent the Coastal Croquet Clubs. They arrived on Monday afternoon and tried out the lawn.

On Tuesday fifteen TCCC players joined the visitors for a full day of games, starting at 9:00 and finishing up at 4:30. We provided coffee in the morning, a nice buffet at the Shore Club, and

topped it off with a Wine & Cheese social hour at the end of the day.

Everyone played five games with a different partner and a different opposing team in each game. The number of wins, ties and wickets scored were totaled for each player. By matching up the totals ten teams were formed to compete in the elimination round on Wednesday. The teams were:

- Jim Podraza / Richard Watson
- Dean Hewitt / Susan Maher
- Janice Sand / Alan Bensch
- Luke Sand / Alan Offen
- Marvin Bennett / Gloria Bensch
- Kay Misik / Frank Powell
- Marilyn Rhew / John Webb
- Betty Anderson / Nancy Nicholson
- Stolte, Pat / Misik, Jerry
- Fiegel, George / Hunt, Terry

Wednesday featured the elimination rounds and in the semi-final round Jim Podraza & Richard Watson lost to George Fiegel & Terry Hunt (4-7) and Luke Sand & Alan Offen beat Pat Stolte & Jerry Misik (5-4).

The final match, played without a time limit, pitted George Fiegel & Terry Hunt against Luke Sand & Alan Offen. By a final score of 7 to 3, George & Terry won the game and took the first-place trophies.

It was a tournament full of good times, great food, fabulous croquet, new friendships, and hopefully a farewell and good riddance to Covid worries.







## Future TCCC Events

### Anderson Cup Tournament: October 20 – October 22

The traditional end of the year quest for a parking space is returning. The details of entering the event are being sent out by email but the bottom line is an email to [alanbensch@gmail.com](mailto:alanbensch@gmail.com) to register and a \$30 entry fee to the treasurer, Terry Hunt will secure you spot to compete.

This multi-day event will begin with different sets of players in each game. Player's results from the same number of games will be used to form teams to compete in an elimination ladder on the final day.

It makes for a fun event and a lot of croquet for new, as well as experienced players. The games are spread out over the day allowing one to savor a victory or recovery from a loss. Even if you don't usually want to play tournaments, this one, especially this

year, is one to join. It should be memorable after a hard to forget 2020.

## Board of Directors and Other Positions

### Tega Cay Croquet Club Board of Directors are:

Effective: October 1, 2021

President – Mike Kost

Vice President – George Fiegel

Past President – Barbara Williams

Secretary/Data Manager- Sally Bennett

Treasurer – Terry Hunt

Entertainment Director -Natalie Lawson

At Large Directors- Marilyn Rhew, Norm Pike, and Rich Watson

### Other Positions:

Tournament/Competition Coordinator- Alan Bensch

Newsletter Editor- Marvin Bennett

Training Coordinator – Rich Watson

Court Rental Coordinator- Marilyn Rhew

Website Editor- Gloria Bensch

Junior Program Coaches- Terry Hunt, Sally Bennett, Wendy Hope, and Dana Boots

USCA SC District President-  
Richard Watson

USCA TCCC Club Contact – Alan  
Bensch

## TCCC Substitute List

Contact Sally Bennett at [sallyirishbennett@gmail.com](mailto:sallyirishbennett@gmail.com) if you wish to be added or deleted from the list. A new list will be sent to members if there are changes. This list is for TCCC members only.

## Open Sessions

The TCCC has designated **Thursdays from 12 to 2 p. m. as open sessions** on the Tega Cay Croquet Court. Any adult can attend. You do not need to 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** will coordinate these sessions in accordance with the TCCC Social Distancing Guidelines and arrange games for those who attend. **If you plan to attend one of these sessions, contact Richard in advance** at [richwatson6@gmail.com](mailto:richwatson6@gmail.com) or call (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](mailto:mailto:mrhew@comporium.net). Court

rentals will be affected by social distancing so are not likely at this time.

## New Members

Tanja Smith became a member in September.

## TCCC Website

The TCCC Website contains a wealth of information about our club, including a list of officers, membership information, rules, contact information, and information about the Junior Croquet Program. The photo gallery contains photos and articles for recent events.

## Members: Be Sure You Are Registered on the Croquet Reservation Website

Our reservation system is set up so that you can see available times and easily obtain the croquet times you want. If you haven't done it already, please go to our website. Alan Bensch has drafted some information about the Croquet Court Reservation System that gives instructions on how to use this on-line system. The link to this information is now on the TCCC website home page in the left column of the home page -- go to Court Reservations and click on the green button. You can also send Alan an email [alanbensch@gmail.com](mailto:alanbensch@gmail.com) and he will send a pdf copy of the instructions to you.

## ***President's Corner***

*Thank you all for your support during my term as President of TCCC. I pass the torch to Mike Kost who I know will lead our club well. I will continue to be supportive of the board's efforts. Let's play CROQUET.*

*Barbara Williams  
TCCC President*