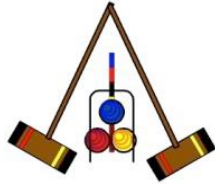


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## October 2021 Events 2021

### Anderson Cup Championship Tournament, October 20-21

**By Alan Bensch, TCCC Tournament  
Director**

The Anderson Cup Tournament has returned!!

After a year off due to you know what, it was a most memorable event. The final match saw Frank Powell and Dee Harned winning first place, and the coveted parking spaces, over second place finishers Alan Bensch and Betty Anderson by a score of 7-5. It was a tight game and well contested. I know; I was there. Dee's timely and accurate wicket shots made the difference in the final game.

In the semi-final games, Frank and Dee beat Alan Offen and Ann Rizos (7-4), and Alan and Betty just got by John Webb and Edith Jordan (5-4).

The games in this 3-day event were played under ideal weather conditions and the court was in perfect shape. The event lived up to expectations as our premier summer-ending event. Thirty-eight players of all experience levels competed and from everything that I observed, had a very good time.

Coffee and donuts from Sue Kost got us started each day. Each person who entered played 6 games spread over 2 days, Wednesday and Thursday, with a break for lunch provided by the club. The mixed double team pairings were preselected so that everyone played with and against different people in each game. The results from these games – that is, wins / losses and number of wickets scored -- were used to put together teams that were seeded in the Friday single elimination phase of the tournament. Everyone played on Friday and by lunch time, the four semifinalist teams were the only ones remaining.

Thank you to everyone who played and to everyone who worked to make the event a success; this includes helping with court setup, refreshments and food, manning the time clock, and taking photographs.



**First Place**  
Frank Powell  
Dee Harued



**Second Place**  
Alan Bensch  
Betty Anderson









**Halloween Bash: October 23**



## **TCCC Junior/Senior Alice in Wonderland Tournament: October 24**

**By Terry Hunt, Tournament Director**

On October 24, the Tega Cay Croquet Club's Anderson Lawn looked like a scene from *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*. The occasion was the annual TCCC Junior/Senior Tournament. This event teams our Junior members with some of our adult members for a golf croquet tournament. This year the event was held one week before Halloween and the Juniors decided that they would dress as characters from the classic book by Lewis Carroll, because, in the book, Alice plays croquet with the Queen of Hearts. Alice and the Queen use live flamingos as mallets and hedgehogs as balls. The Juniors also volunteered to bring the refreshments that resembled food mentioned in the book.

Most of the players arrived early to compare outfits. There was a Queen of Hearts, a White Queen, a Mad Hatter, a Cheshire Cat, a Tweedledee, a Mock Turtle, a Dormouse, a Rabbit, a Bloodhound, a March Hare, and a bunny cross between the White Rabbit and the March Hare. Most of the adults were dressed to represent the playing card guards. The Tournament Director, who was also the timekeeper, came as the White Rabbit. Gloria Bensch created flamingo mallet covers.

Because hedgehogs are hard to find, regular croquet balls were used.

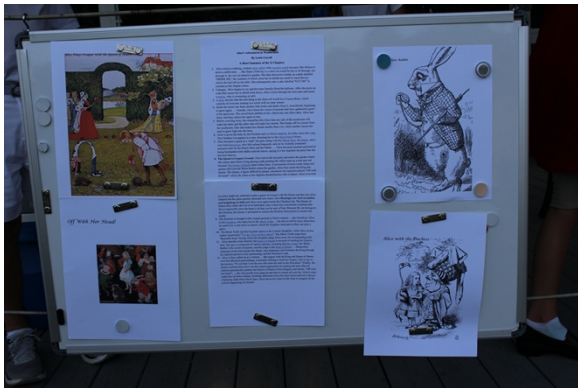
Drinks and water were served. Beside them a sign warned "Drink Me to Shrink to Small." Some of the food consisted of brownies and cupcakes with marshmallow mushrooms growing out of them. Beside them a sign warned "Eat Me to Grow to Large." On the cupcakes were white roses and roses painted red.

After introductions, instructions, and pictures, the tournament began. Because there were nine teams, a modified Swiss format was used on the two courts. All teams (except one) played three 25-minute games. There was a lot of spirited competition, but no one lost their head. At the end of round three, the team of Kinsley Young and Barbara Williams were undefeated and took home the specially made first-place trophies with flamingo mallets and hedgehog balls on them. The second-place team of Caroline Mandon and Marilyn Rhew also won custom-made trophies created by George Fiegel. Caroline Mandon (Tweedledee) took home the prize for best outfit and was deemed "Alice."

Following is a list of the teams that played (juniors listed first):

Ivy Babuder and Betty Anderson  
Kinsley Young and Barbara Williams  
Kate Benton and Gloria Bensch  
Katherine Smith and Addy Mandon  
Laylah Blair and Denise Hahn  
Caroline Mandon and Marilyn Rhew  
Emma Lenhard and Sue Offen  
Flora Liutkeviciute and Susan Maher  
Morgan Corl and Natalie Lawson











## Future TCCC Events

**2021 TCCC Anderson Cup  
Brunch, November 6 at the  
Shore Club Restaurant at 10 AM**

## Trophy



## Recycling

George Fiegel is starting a new program whereby may recycle their croquet trophies by returning them to George so he can reuse some of the parts, making future trophies less costly. They could retain some for the own.

If requested, George can, for players who have one several trophies, design and deliver one trophy that combines some of the parts the trophies the players have returned. Players who have won six trophies would receive a new trophy including the number "6."

Contact George to start this process.

George Fiegel (gfiegel@comporium.net)

## 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 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** 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 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>. Court rentals will be affected by social distancing so are not likely at this time.

## New Members

Tanya Smith joined our club in October. Tanya was born in Croatia and moved to Tega Cay from Kansas City. Tanya, her husband, their two sons, and their daughter have been residents of Tega Cay for 12 1/2 years. Tanya became interested in croquet after watching her daughter Katherine play for 2 years as a junior croquet member. Thanks, Tanya,

for joining. Let's all make Tanya feel welcome.

At the start of our fiscal year (October 1), we had 102 adult members and 11 junior members. This makes 12 years in a row that the TCCC has had over 100 members at the start of the year.

If you have joined the club in the last year, please send Mike Kost, the club's president, your biographical information, including why you joined our club. We will include it in the newsletter. Mike's email is

## TCCC Website

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

Please note that Gloria Bensch is the new website editor. Thanks to Terry Hunt, who for years edited the website. If you have questions about the website, contact Gloria at 978-337-4074 or email her: <mailto:gloriabench@gmail.com>

## **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**

*October was a busy month. There was the Anderson Cup, Halloween Gathering, Alice in Wonderland Junior Tournament, and Linda Burns' Memorial.*

*Kudos go out to the following members: Alan Bensch for organizing a fantastic Anderson Cup Tournament, Natalie Lawson for her efforts in providing, food, snacks, and drinks for all three events, Sue Kost for donating doughnuts and coffee for the Anderson Cup Tournament, Sally Bennett and Terry Hunt for their efforts in organizing a fun packed and hard-fought Junior Tournament, and George Fiegel for providing trophies for each of our tournaments.*

*I do want to let all members know that two Trex benches and name plates have been purchased in honor of Linda Burns from the Linda Burns Memorial Fund. They will arrive in early December and placed at the croquet court.*

*Lastly, I would like to thank the departing Board members Frank Powell, Sue Offen, Harry Barnes, and Ian Jardine for all their efforts and services to the Board. You will be missed.*

***Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.***

*Mike Kost  
TCCC President*



