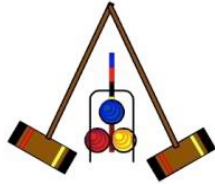


# TCCC



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## January 2022 Events

### Temporary Closure of Tega Cay Golf Course and the Anderson Croquet Lawn

The Tega Cay Golf course and the croquet court were first canceled for January 16 and 17 because the temperatures were so cold that the greens and the croquet lawn could be damaged by regular play. On January 18 the closure was extended until January 30. However, on January 24, because of warming temperatures, the course and the lawn re-opened for play on January 25. All told, the croquet lawn was closed for about half the month of January.

### Future TCCC Events

No events are scheduled for 2022 at this time.

## Regional Prequalification and USCA National Championships.

The following is a reprint of an email sent to the members of the USCA on January 27, 2002.

Dear USCA Member,

This communication is important if you are planning on participating in any USCA Regional or USCA National Championship in any of the four major forms of croquet in the US. (US6W, AC, GC, 9W).

There is a prequalification process for the allocation of places in our National Championships. It can be found in Article IV of the Standing Orders that are available in the Members Only section, under forms on the web / membership platform. [www.Croquetamerica.com](http://www.Croquetamerica.com)

Prequalification into a USCA National Championship rewards past performances and distributes regional participation to the extent outlined by preferences before entries are accepted from general membership signup. If venues hosting our USCA National Championship have limitations on participant capacity the available spaces left after prequalification allocations may be limited.

This particularly impacts the USCA GC Nationals this year which has a predetermined capacity of 64 players in two flights of 32. Prequalification into this event from GC Regional results from Florida Region – completed, Western Region (Feb 28- March 3) and Southeast Region (April

21 – 24) occupy preferential prequalification slots.

It has been a long standing policy that USCA members can participate and play in USCA Regional tournaments (that are not their specific resident region) with the approval of the host Regional Vice President and available capacity at the host venue. The decision to allow out-of-region participation is decided by the host USCA RVP in the best interests of that region's membership. Non-resident participants can earn prequalification slots from their performances in a region that they do not reside if permitted to participate in that regional.

When a regional tournament is announced there will also be announced a period where residents of that specific region are given preference in registration process. This will be accomplished by all interested players signing up on the event wait list to register their interest. (USCA members wishing to play (both residents and non-residents) need to sign up onto that event's waitlist.) The following process will then be followed for allocating places. After the stated time period USCA Members residing in that Region will be taken from the wait list on a first come (date signed up) basis and allocated places into the event to the extent capacity is available. After the stated period available capacity will be filled from the list with Regional VP approval and coordination of the Tournament Director

The Western Region has a limited capacity of 32 players. USCA Members residing in the Western Region will have priority for entry until January 30th. (Three days from now!!)

The Southeast GC Regional when registration is announced will have a similar process.

This process is in place to balance the privilege of playing and contesting the national championships between past top player performances, allowing representation across all six USCA Regions and their regional membership, encouraging active participation at the regional level and reward for regional performance, and the interests of the USCA membership at large.

Sincerely,  
Damon Bidencope  
Proud USCA Member  
President  
United States Croquet Association

## **TCCC Substitute List**

For a list of members who are willing to substitute for a regular member, contact Sally Bennett at [sallyirishbennett@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## **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, please 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>.

## **President's Corner**

*Not much happening this past month. The cold weather and court closures limited the amount of playing in the morning and late afternoon.*

*This past month we lost one of our original members, George Fiegel. He and Judy have remarried and moved to Michigan. May their future be blessed with happiness, good health, love, and friendship. Who knows? They might stop by the court at times when they visit.*

*A huge thank you goes out to Gloria and Alan Bensch for their hard work in updating our website. If you haven't taken a look, do so. You will be amazed with the new changes and additions.*

*To let all members know, our next semi-annual meeting will be Saturday, March 5, at the Glennon Center from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Agenda forthcoming. Please plan on attending.*

*Mike Kost, President*

*Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand, and for a talk near the fire. It is the time for home.*

## **New Members**

No new members joined in January 2022.

If you have joined the club recently, please send your biographical information to me at [marvinebennett@gmail.com](mailto:marvinebennett@gmail.com), including why you joined our club. We will include it in the newsletter.

## **COMING SOON TO A COMPUTER OR SMART PHONE NEAR YOU!!**

Later in February, the TCCC website will be getting a new look. Look for it at the usual place, <http://www.tegacaycroquet.com/>