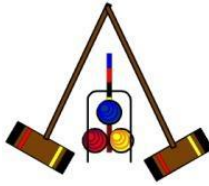


# TCCC



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Website: [www.tegacaycroquet.com](http://www.tegacaycroquet.com)

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## Why February/March?

Sally and I were on vacation to Florida for the end of February until March 12. Two days of that vacation were at the USCA training.

## February/March 2022 Events

### Semi-Annual Meeting March 11, 2022

At the semi-annual meeting, Alan Offen was unanimously approved to take the remaining portion of George Fiegel's term as vice-president. George is moving Michigan. All our best to George, who has been a stalwart crusader for the TCCC. And of course: congratulations, Alan!!

At the meeting, TCCC members voted to approve the following changes to the bylaws:

Article III Paragraph A (MEETINGS OF THE MEMBERS) ratified on 3/10/2018

is hereby amended to delete said paragraph and replace the same as follows:

- “There shall be two semi-annual meetings of the membership which shall be held during the Second and Fourth quarters. In this regard, the fiscal and business year of the Association shall commence on October 1 and terminate on September 30. The quarters shall be as follows: FIRST: October – December, SECOND: January – March, THIRD: April – June, FOURTH: July – September. All appropriate business shall be conducted during said meetings including reports from all officers and standing committees. The annual election of members of the Board of Directors shall take place during the FOURTH quarter. The second annual meeting shall take place during the SECOND Quarter. The exact time and place for the two annual meetings shall be determined by the Board of Directors. The term of office of each Director shall commence on October 1 and run for the period of time set forth in these Bylaws.”

Article IV (CLUB MANAGEMENT) ratified on 3/10/2018 is hereby modified as follows:

- “In the second line deleting the words ‘third quarter’ and

replacing them with the words “fourth fiscal and business quarter’ to come into compliance with the Amendment to Article III Paragraph A.”

- Article IV (CLUB MANAGEMENT) Paragraph C Subparagraphs 3 a) and b) (VACANCIES) ratified on 3/10/2018 shall be amended to delete said Subparagraphs and replace the same as follows:
- “a) If the office of President shall become vacant for any reason, the Vice President shall immediately assume the office of President and an emergency meeting of the entire Membership shall be called and held within 60 days of the vacancy to elect a new Vice President who shall complete the remaining term of the Vice President as provided for by these By-Laws. In the event the remaining term of the new President (former Vice President) shall be five (5) months or less, the new President (former Vice President) shall then serve his/her regular one-year term as President at the beginning of the next business year (October 1). If the term is more than five (5) months, the newly elected Vice President shall become President as provided in the Bylaws.”
- “b) If the office of Vice President shall become vacant for any reason, including said Vice

President becoming President as a result of Subparagraph a) above, an emergency meeting as provided for in Subparagraph a) above shall be held to elect a new Vice President who shall complete the remaining term of the Vice President as provided for by these Bylaws and pursuant to Paragraph a) above.”

Article VI (GENERAL PROVISIONS) ratified on 3/10/2018 is hereby amended to add the following paragraphs which shall be labeled Paragraphs D & E:

- “D. Committees – Committee members need not be Board members; however, there shall be at least one Board member on each committee. The Chairperson of the Committee shall report to the Board at the monthly Board meetings as to the activities of said Committee.”
- “E. TOURNAMENT MANAGER – The Tournament Manager need not be a Board member but shall be entitled to participate in all general and Board meetings as if he/she were a Board member but shall not have the right to vote as a Board member.”

## **Tega Cay Croquet Club Website**

The Tega Cay Croquet Club has a different website -- visually different, that is. We can't call it new because it is in the same place as it has been and most

of the content of the previous website has been relocated to this one. What is different is its appearance, its layout, and the addition of some new items. The *really new* part is behind the scenes and not seen by the user, the part that makes it easier to maintain and update.

Our website provider, GoDaddy.com, has improved its web hosting services and will be encouraging customers to move to its newest web platform. Changing to the new platform is a question of when, not if, and doing it now is a convenient time for us. Making the change will give us a better web presence, for the same cost, and a site that is easier for us to update, making switching to it a no-brainer if there ever was one. We completed putting our website content on the new platform and made the change over on February 8<sup>th</sup>. The change does not affect site users because the new version comes up when you go to the same old web address. We encourage everyone to go look at it. If you don't have the web address bookmarked or committed to memory, it is [www.tegacaycroquet.com](http://www.tegacaycroquet.com). Click on this link to go there directly.

Alan Bensch is the contact if you have a problem, questions, or comments, and he may be reached at 978 337-4991 or [alanbensch@gmail.com](mailto:alanbensch@gmail.com).]

When you go to the website, here are some of the things to look for:

- The site can be viewed not only on a desktop or laptop computer, but it also reformats itself to look good on a smart phone. (If you are not

familiar with using a website on your phone, look for the icon in the upper left corner [≡]. Selecting this icon will open the navigation menu to access the rest of the site. The menu is the same as the one at the top of the page when viewed on a computer screen.)

- The most-often mentioned reasons for members to go to the website -- Court Reservations, Upcoming Event Schedules, and Recent Event photos -- are now conveniently located on the homepage as well as on the top of the page menus.
- Links to rule books for golf croquet, 6-wicket, and other games have been collected and organized. They can be checked on a phone at the court.
- Content has been added to make it a better reference site for prospective new members, with club information on the "Homepage" and on the "About Us" page.
- Content of specific interest to club members has been collected and expanded. It is accessed from the "Members Only" tab on the menu. Contact information on the members list and the sub list is password protected.
- Content about the US Croquet Association has been added and organized.

## Golf with Wickets

This note is to thank those of you who have supported the TCCC fundraiser – Golf with Wickets – for the past 6 years. Bob and I could not have done it without your dedicated participation.

We appreciate all of your support.

Thank you again.

Peggy and Bob Towner

## Future TCCC Events

**Skills Challenge**, test your croquet shot-making skills, Saturday April 23, 1:00pm

**Men's Singles Tournament, Golf Croquet**, Single Elimination, Saturday, May 13

**Spring Alternate Shot Social Tournament**, Friday May 20

**Fall Alternate Shot Social Tournament**, August 28

**TCCC/CCC Invitational Tournament**, Golf Croquet, Sun City Dataw Island, September 14-16 or September 21-23.

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

## TCCC Substitute List

For a list of members 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.

## New Storage Building

A week after the Annual meeting, via email, the majority of the members approved the TCCC Board to spend \$5,358.67 for the construction of a Croquet Storage Building at the Croquet Court as proposed by the City of Tega Cay to cover 50% of the bid cost for the building as defined in the City's Request for Bid document dated 1/27/2022. The City will schedule a pre-construction meeting with the contractor. No construction start date has been determined. The date should be determined during the pre-construction meeting.

## 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**

*February and March were unusual months for croquet, because of changeable weather. Most of the morning groups couldn't play because of cold weather, and most of the afternoon groups played because the weather warmed up. Temperatures are looking better for April, as I am beginning to see more members on the court.*

*Thanks to Damon Bidencope, we now have a new member, Gibb Teel. Gibb is just a beginner but is playing fairly well in golf croquet. Gibb is the son of Jim Teel. Jim is an excellent croquet player, winning several tournaments. He has even played on our court a few times. Terry will be introducing Gibb to our members and starting him out on our court with his junior croquet players.*

*Please, if you still haven't been on our new website, try it. Alan and Gloria Bensch are eagerly waiting to hear what you like or dislike about it. They are also interested in any changes that need to be made.*

*Mike Kost, President*

*"In the coldest February, as in every month and every other year, the best thing to hold on in this world is each other."*

## **New Members**

In February and March, two new members joined our club. **Gibb Teel**, a new adult member, and **Isabella Sticker**, a new junior member.

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