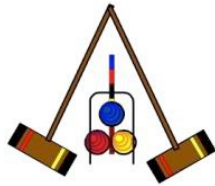


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May and June 2022 Events¹

Junior Singles Tournament, May 7

Eight players participated in the 2022 Junior Singles Golf Croquet Tournament. Following the Swiss game format, each player played three different opponents. Ivy Babuder took first place with three wins. For second place, Flora Liutkeviciute beat Katherine Smith by just one point in the second designated tiebreaker (points scored).

(This article is from Terry Hunt and is taken from the website. The photos from the event are also from our website; go there to see more photos.)



¹ **Editor's Note:** This newsletter is for May and June 2022 because Sally and I were out of town for a couple of weeks in May and June.





2022 Open Singles Golf Croquet Tournament, May 14

After a very brief delay to clear some puddles left by early morning showers, the first tournament of the year proceeded under near perfect conditions. Sixteen club members, men and women, played games in a single elimination, singles format. Terry Hunt took home the trophy in a well-played and exciting final with Frank Powell. Betty Anderson and Mike Romano were the other semifinalists.

During the tournament, Peter Coles, who designs and makes PFC Hoop Maker mallets, visited the club. Hoop Maker is an equipment sponsor at the US Golf Croquet National Tournament. Hoop Maker mallets are the metal ones that several of us are using. Peter is from Australia and is visiting a few clubs in the U.S. on his way to this year's National Championship tournament. In addition, Vickie Johnson also visited. She is the U.S. representative for PFC Hoop Maker mallets, as well as White Tie Croquet's line of croquet clothing. Several members bought mallets and clothing from Peter and Vickie.

(This article is from Alan Bensch, Tournament Manager, and is taken from the club's website. The photos from this event are also from the website, where you can find more photos.)





Police and Fire Department Social for National Croquet Day, June 4

The National Croquet Day event went very well. The weather was very nice, but at 1 pm, when the event was scheduled to begin, and as many of our TCCC members started showing up, our guests, the TCCC fire and police responders had yet to arrive. So, Mike Kost started 8 of our members playing a 25-minute round. About 1:10 pm, the firetruck pulled up with five firefighters. Mike got four of them playing the next round with four of our TCCC members. Then the other firefighter played in the next round. At 2 pm, about six of the police officers arrived. Then, we started having games with one police officer (playing blue) and one firefighter (playing red) per game with two of our members as partners. We double banked and started a new round every 30 minutes. By 4 pm, all the police officers and firefighters and about 35 TCCC members had played at least one game of golf croquet -- nobody left before 4 pm. We even let two boys who were sons of one of the police officers. Finally, the fire chief and the police chief played a game.

(This article and photos are from our website. More photos are on the website.)



6-Wicket Mixed Doubles Organized Competition, June 21 - September 4

A different kind of 6-wicket event has just started. In order to avoid all-day elimination events, and the heat associated with a South Carolina summer, the games will be spread out as we did with the 2020-2021 Covid season games.

A list of the teams and their opponents has been provided to the players. It is up to the players to schedule the games and report the final scores. Seven teams have entered, and each team will play six games. Here are the ground rules:

- This is a mixed doubles event; that is, teams will consist of a man and a woman.
- Players will choose their own teammates and enter as a team. They will play together as a team in all their games.
- There is a \$10 entry fee per team and top teams cash prizes.
- The games do not have to be played in any order.
- Our target for completing all games will be Labor Day.
- Results and standings are planned to be posted on the TCCC website.

These teams have entered the event.

- Nick and Ann Rizos
- Carl and Nancy Nicholson
- Richard Watson and Dana Boots
- Norm and Linda Pike
- Terry Hunt and Peggy Lee
- Jack and Michele McGuire
- Frank Powell and Barbara Williams

Future TCCC Events

Wine and Wickets Social Evening, scheduled for Saturday, June 25, was postponed to **Friday, July 22**. Dig out your Hawaiian shirts and grass skirts for our “luau.” with light refreshments and casual croquet play.

Fall Alternate Shot Social Tournament, Friday, August 26

TCCC/CCC Invitational Tournament, Golf Croquet, Sun City Dataw Island, September 21-23, 2-day event

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. 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>.

New Members

In May, Sally Smith and John and Evelyn Makulinski joined the TCCC. Pictures of new members are posted on the website. (Currently, we have no picture of Sally, but when he can, Alan Bensch will post one on the website.)

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.



John Makulinski



Evelyn Makulinski

President's Corner

We are already halfway through 2022. The year is passing us by so quickly. May and June did offer us great weather to play croquet and enjoy a couple of get togethers.

On May 14, we had our first singles tournament. We also were fortunate to have a meet and greet from Peter Cole, the founder of PFCV Hooper Maker Mallets, Vickie Johnson, owner of White Tie Croquet, and Damon Bidencourt, our National President. Several members purchased mallets from Peter and apparel from Vickie.

The event was a huge success. The tournament was challenging, and both women and men played very well. However, there could be only one winner. Congratulations to Terry Hunt, our first joint singles tournament winner. Thanks go out to Natalie Lawson for providing the refreshments and to Alan Bensch for organizing the event.

On Saturday, June 4, National Croquet Day, we had our First Responders social event. It was a huge success. Fire fighters were matched against the police officers and teamed with our members. For first timers, both groups played very well. Some of their children also played. Thanks go out to Marilyn Rhew for providing the refreshments, and a special thanks to Gloria Bensch for all her work in organizing the event.

I personally would like to recognize our new members, Sally Smith, John Makulinski, and Evelyn Makulinski. If you see them on the court, introduce yourself and welcome them to our club.

Keep your head down and follow through.

Mike Kost, President