

# THE ROVER

The Newsletter of The Chicago Croquet Club

## Upcoming Events

Pre-season member event in April -  
Stay tuned for details!

## Send Us Your News

Members: send us your photos, links  
to articles, or write-ups of what's new  
in your croquet world.  
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## Our Socials

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## Court Report- A Year in Review

### New Members

*We are thrilled to welcome to the Club:*

- Al Finley
- Linda Hanks
- Colleen Sheehan
- Joey Wasilew
- Steve Wasilew



Want to join the Club or know someone who does?  
Contact a **Board Member** today for details.



*A note from our new President*

Greetings Chicago Croquet Members,

The season is not quite upon us and I am already excited to return to our weekly gatherings on the courts. We have lots of plans in the works for the club- new events, improvements, and most of all ways to continue the great legacy left by out-going President Tom O’Laughlin. On behalf of the Board I want to thank Tom for his steady service to our club over the past 20 years. It’s an amazing run that ensured our forward progress and success. Sharing his vision and goals, I will continue his efforts.



Check back often to our website and socials to stay current with all that’s in store.

Looking forward to a long healthy and eventful 2024 on the greens!

*Croquetingly Yours-*

Thomas Wilson

**Introducing Our 2024 Board**

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## Court Cases - A season on the greens

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From opening day to the last chilly Fall play, CCC continued to have a banner year of growth, away competition, clinics, league competition, themed parties, and a burgeoning collaboration with sister club Glencoe Village Croquet. There are big shoes to fill with the "retirement" of President Tom O'Laughlin (President Emeritus?) but more to come as promised with the new leadership helmed by Thomas Wilson.

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For more pictures, please follow us on our website, Facebook, or Instagram

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## Golf Croquet Chronicles

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2023 proved an exciting, action filled season for the Singles Golf Croquet League. The amiable competition elicited impressive jump shots and strategy. Nine people participated this year and when asked about their experience, comments included:

- "It gave me opportunities to play other people one on one."
- "Exposure to different strategies players used was helpful to me."
- "I thought it was good practice for future tournament play."

The champion was determined by games won and net hoops. (Net hoops is the difference between a player's hoop score and hoop score of their opponents in all games played). After tallying, the net hoops determined first and second place standings. Congratulations to Jeff Lee who took first place with 7 wins and a total of 30 net hoops. Tom O'Laughlin came in with a very strong second place with 7 wins as well with a total of 21 net hoops. Thanks to all the players who competed! We look forward to next year!

2023 LEAGUE FINAL RESULTS			
	Wins	Losses	Net Hoops
1. <i>Jeff Lee</i>	7	0	+30
2. <i>Tom O'Laughlin</i>	7	1	+21
3. <i>Barbara O'Laughlin</i>	6	2	+18
4. <i>Thomas Wilson</i>	4	3	+15
5. <i>Dean Miller</i>	4	4	-7
6. <i>Drew Kayvani</i>	2	6	-8
7. <i>Brooke Baxley</i>	2	5	-15
8. <i>Ben Kayvani</i>	2	6	-21
9. <i>Barbara Pearce</i>	0	7	-33

## Ball in Hand (Away Games) - quick pics and an invite

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### *Woodlawn Big Lobster, Ellsworth*



### *Interclub Golf Croquet with Milwaukee and Onwentsia clubs at Milwaukee with Cheryl Bromley*



So much more was chronicled on our socials!

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Our friends from the Green Boundary Club in Aiken, South Carolina have extended an invitation to USCA members to participate in the Palmetto Invitational, a 6 wicket doubles format tournament. The dates are April 19-21- a great time to enjoy some South Carolina hospitality! Details and event form are found here: <https://rb.gy/g1czk3>



**On the Docket:**

APRIL		JULY	
	Pre-season member event details TBD	6	Red White and Blue Celebration Golf Croquet Scramble morning 
MAY		13	NO CROQUET (Chosen Few Music Festival and Picnic)
	Clubhouse deep cleaning/Inventory/ equipment check Open play if possible times and dates TBD	20	Six Wicket American Rules Day
JUNE		27	Croquet Olympics Celebration/Open House 
1	National Croquet Day and Chicago Club Season Opening	AUGUST	
15	Golf Croquet League Session 1 Begins (league games must be concluded July 21)	10	Mixed Doubles Golf Croquet
22	Birthday Recognition - Jan through June birthdays 	17	Golf Croquet League Session 2 Begins (All League games must be played by Sept 22)
29	Bloody Wickets Day 	24	Hot Dog Days of Summer 

## Court Call - Join the USCA

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The United States Croquet Association bolsters the sport through skill strengthening, increased participation and competition. It also encourages new young(er) people to participate. USCA's website has a multitude of online educational articles. A USCA membership provides a myriad of additional benefits, including:

- 1) A subscription to Croquet News magazine in print.
- 2) Online resources that can help you develop and amplify your skills, including monthly e-newsletters.
- 3) Opportunities to participate in instructional schools at the world renown National Croquet Center in West Palm Beach, Florida.\*
- 4) Ability to compete in sanctioned tournaments at the state, regional, and national level based on your individual handicap and ranking.
- 5) Connections to other croquet players and clubs around the country!



*\*A number of the CCC's members have taken classes in West Palm Beach including Tom, Barb, Drew, Ben, Rick, Bess, Brooke, Thomas, and Barbara Pearce. You can ask any of them to tell you about how the USCA schools have upped their game.*

## Lawn Gear - Chicago Croquet Club Apparel

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If you are interested in purchasing some Chicago Croquet Club (CCC) labeled clothing, you can go directly to Lands' End business outfitters at

<https://business.landsend.com/>

The Logo number is 0425336 and the Customer ID is 4013501. They often have sales offering free logos and/or shipping. You might want to sign up for their emails to see if they offer you any discounts. Please contact Tom O'Laughlin if you have any questions. [tolaughlin@hotmail.com](mailto:tolaughlin@hotmail.com)

