

Spring 2016

THE ROVER

CHICAGO
croquet club



NEWSLETTER OF THE CHICAGO CROQUET CLUB

"Upon the smoothly shaven lawn,
Beneath the skies of May,
Oh, boys and girls, this merry morn,
Come out and play Croquet" - W. O. Perkins, *The Golden Robin* (1868)

Welcome to 2016

Welcome back for the 2016 season! The board would especially like to welcome new members as we embark on this summer of play.

Opening Day

Opening Day will be held on Saturday, May 28th. Guests are encouraged to come out to see the club! We will have several courts set up for six wicket and golf croquet, as well as nine wicket on the west lawn. (Attachment follows).

Mixed-Up Doubles Golf Croquet

On June 25th, we will hold a golf croquet event in the mixed up doubles format. See website for details soon.

Association Croquet Wednesdays

Club member George Saad is interested in playing Association Croquet on Wednesday nights this summer. Please come out to play or learn this challenging, skill-building game, which emphasizes break play and is guaranteed to dramatically improve your American rules play as well.

Merion Inter-Club

Chicago Croquet sent five members to the resplendent lawns of the Merion Cricket Club to compete in Inter-Club play. Tom & Barb O'Laughlin, and Dave & Ellen Fox met Will Fox in Haverford, PA- where Will attends Haverford College, and where Merion Cricket Club is located. The competition was deep, as the twenty full sized 6-wicket courts were nearly all double banked with seasoned players from clubs representing New York, Maryland, Cleveland, and Merion, as well as collegiate competitors from all over the country. Club team members played 6 wicket American Rules- singles and doubles. Chicago held its own in two days of games April 23-24 even though the vast majority of players held USCA handicaps far below its members. Teams were treated by an accommodating host in Merion, which providing perfectly manicured lawns, buffet breakfasts, lunches, and a cocktail dinner.

Greetings From Merion...

From left: Will Fox, Dave Fox, Barb O'Laughlin, Tom O'Laughlin, Ellen Fox



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Spring dawns...

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please feel free to contact the Club's President, Tom O'Laughlin or George Saad.

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OPENING DAY~Member Drive

**BRING AN
INTERESTED GUEST**

Ask them to
join the fun!



All Are Welcome

SAT MAY 28 9AM-12:30PM

KICK OFF THE CROQUET SEASON
RE-UNITE WITH FRIENDS
PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP
LEARN ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS YEAR!

**6 Wicket and Golf Croquet
Baked Goods, Fruit, & Coffee**

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