

THE ROVER

The Newsletter of The Chicago Croquet Club

Upcoming Events

We'll let you know when a new date is booked!

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Court Report

Important Park District Update:

The Park District has initiated an effort to improve the lawns at the Bowling Green and is reseeding both courts. With the support from a consultant hired by the Park District, the weeds on the west court were treated and the lawn was seeded last fall with a hybrid bluegrass. More seed was planted this spring. This year work was started on the east lawn. In the last month, the weeds were treated, and the court was seeded. Tom O'Laughlin has spoken with both the Park District supervisor and the consultant hired to provide advice. They both seemed committed to restoring the lawn to a more playable condition but said that it might take a while given that the best time for seeding is late spring and early autumn. They asked us to be patient.





Croquet Matters: Help Us Get Our Voices Heard

Let the Jackson Park planners know we want our courts to stay! See article at right and follow the link to leave your comments.

- Tell CPD that you are an active member.
- Let them know that you care about preserving our lawns.
- Tell them about our events that you have attended.

<https://southlakefrontplan.com/meeting-127-1211-potential->

Follow the link above to leave feedback- **all members are strongly encouraged to leave comments.**

Court Cases

Opening Day 2019

The season got off to a great start on June 29. About 15 members and guests participated. Opening Day was delayed due to both the wet weather and the Park District's work on the lawns at the Bowling Green. Both a 9-wicket court and a half sized 6-wicket court tested everyone's early season skills. The weather cooperated and everyone had a great time.



Mallet Donation

Ken Anderson donated one his old mallets to the Club. It is an excellent mallet, but Ken said he no longer needs it. He still has his favorite one. Many thanks to Ken. Remember, the Club is a 501(c)(3) charity and all contributions are deductible in accordance with applicable IRS law and regulations.

Ball in Hand - Away Games

Field of Dreams Event

Jeff Lee and Marie Trankina elected to hold the CCC's Members Annual Golf Croquet Event on August 10 at Mickey Huttenhoff's croquet court in Manhattan, IL. This "Field of Dreams" is truly a special place located in a small town about 50 miles southwest of Chicago. It is located next to farmland which is sometimes planted with corn. The court was fast, the weather was perfect at about 80 degrees with a light breeze. The competition was very intense with many games going to 12 or 13 wickets. Jeff Lee tried out a new backwards technique for jump shots he picked up at a recent multi-state event (also played at Mickey's court). He would line up the shot, then turn around and try to jump the ball. Jeff is still working to perfect the technique. Rick Cooper took first and Tom O'Laughlin was second in this annual event.



Big Lobster Tournament - Maine

Players near and far, including Florida friends who narrowly escaped Hurricane Dorian joined others from around the country (including Dave and Ellen from ChicagoCC) for Downeast Maine's "Big Lobster". The biannual event in September combines 9 and 6 wicket play on 4 different court locations around Mount Desert Island and often confounds strategists who have to adapt to the unique rules each game brings.

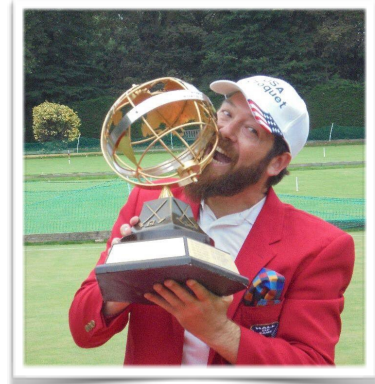


Dave and Ellen took Third Place in Doubles play in their flight, and Dave took Second Place in his Singles Flight.



Golf Croquet World Championship - August 4

Barb and Tom O'Laughlin report that they watched the last part of the Golf Croquet World Championship match held in England on live stream YouTube between Ben Rothman of the United States and Mohamed Kareem of Egypton. Ben won the match and became the first American to ever win the event. It was a fascinating and long match (6 hours!) and the play was unbelievable. There was a very informative live commentary as part of the channel coverage.



**Check one of Ben's
amazing shots here!**

[https://youtu.be/
d9oO2wx0p44](https://youtu.be/d9oO2wx0p44)

Social Rovers

Stay tuned for announcement of our annual off-season night out.