



## *THE ROVER*

### THE NEWSLETTER OF THE CHICAGO CROQUET CLUB

#### Opening Day



Sunshine, groomed green lawns and friendly competition kicked off the Club's 2007 season with a very successful Opening Day on June 2.

#### New Members

The Club would like to introduce the following new members:

R. Flash Kingsley  
John Telander  
Curtis Tuckey  
Victor P. Tutiven-Abreu  
Grant Everett  
Harry Higbie

Please welcome these new members when you have the opportunity. All current members should continue to try to sign up at least one new member in 2007. Not only does it bring new people into the sport, you can also

Both group and individual lessons were provided by Jonathan Kirby, one of the highest ranked players in the world, who graciously agreed to provide instruction to the Club's members and guests. Jonathan is visiting Chicago this year and is from the United Kingdom. There was a great turn-out and everyone seemed ready to start the season. In addition to Jonathan, thanks are due to Jan Viscum for organizing a very successful event and to the other members of the Board, Jeff Lee, Marie Trankina and David Van Osdol, for their efforts.

reduce your dues. Remember, you will receive a 25% reduction in your dues for each new member and a 10% reduction for each year after the first year that the new member renews his, her or their membership.

The Board has also approved a ½ year membership of \$40 after July 15 that an individual can utilize one time. However, a ½ year membership does not entitle the referring member to a dues reduction unless the new member renews for 2008 at the associate, regular or family membership rates.

## **Summer 2007**

### **190 North**

Janet Davies and her crew from ABC Channel 7's 190 North Show expressed an interest in doing a segment on their show about Jonathan Kirby and the Chicago Croquet Club because of Jan Viscum's publicity efforts. The camera crew did some taping at the croquet

courts on Saturday June 16 and interviewed Jonathan on Wednesday June 27. The segment is scheduled to be broadcasted on Sunday July 22 at 10:35 p.m. after the 10 p.m. nightly news.

### **2007 Leagues**

Both the Golf Croquet League and the Six-Wicket League have started and notices for both Leagues have been sent out by the League coordinators.

The Golf Croquet League is again being coordinated by Marie Trankina. Please contact Marie (708-242-6709) if you would still like to participate. Many players have already been meeting on Wednesday evenings and Saturday and Sunday mornings to enjoy croquet and to play their Golf Croquet League games.

The Six-Wicket League has a record number of participants this year with the introduction of a second flight to accommodate the higher handicapped players. This year the Six-Wicket League is being coordinated by Tom O'Laughlin. The second flight includes

those players who have a handicap of eight or more. This year unless the players agree otherwise in advance of a game, handicap play will be allowed and bisques will be used. A bisque is an extra stroke allowed during a game to a higher handicap player. The number of bisques is determined by subtracting the lower handicap from the higher. For instance, a 15 handicap player would be entitled to three bisques during a game from a 12 handicap player. Bisques allow for higher handicapped players to compete on a more even basis with low handicapped players. The Club's Six-Wicket League is an excellent opportunity to learn more about this aspect of the croquet, even if you are not a strong player. Contact Tom (773-631-2422) if you wish to participate.

### **Doubles League**

The Club is sponsoring a doubles league beginning next month run by Dan Whalen. High and low handicap players will be pared up to play Six-Wicket Croquet. The doubles pairing will be assigned by Dan and will depend upon the number of members who participate. Those members who signed up can

expect to hear from Dan via email regarding the dates and times of play. Points will be assigned for wins and participation and there will be prizes awarded at the annual Kickoff party. You can still sign up by contacting Dan (773-467-8582).

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### Windy City Classic Tournament

The Club sponsored Windy City Classic tournament will be held August 10-12. The cost for the Club's members is \$130 per person and \$190 for non-members. The fee includes three days of croquet, USCA sanction fees, continental breakfasts, lunches and a Saturday night dinner. Participants in the Club's Six-Wicket League should consider signing up for the tournament. It provides an

excellent opportunity to play in a tournament environment and to improve your game without having to leave Chicago. Jeff Lee will be the Tournament Director. Contact Jeff (708-579-1180) if you have any questions. Enclosed is an entry form for the tournament. Please fill it out and return it to Jeff with your entry fee as soon as possible if you plan to participate.

### Playing Times

#### Reserved playing times for both lawns

Chicago Croquet Club: Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat & Sun: 4:30 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Lakeside Lawn Bowling Club: Tues: 7 p.m. – 10 p.m.; Thurs: 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.;  
Sat & Sun: 1 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.;

#### Open playing times which are first come first served

7 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. All weekdays except Thursday

7 a.m. – 11 a.m. Thursday

7 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Saturday & Sunday

The times are also posted on the Club's Web Site at [www.chicagocroquetclub.org](http://www.chicagocroquetclub.org).

### Board Members

The Board is always pleased to hear from any of the members regarding ideas for the Club. Please feel free to contact

any of the Board members. Their names are on the Club's Web site and below:

Jeff Lee, President 708-579-1180  
Marie Trankina, Treasurer 708-246-6709  
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