



THE ROVER

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE CHICAGO CROQUET CLUB

2008 Off to a Great Start



Indoor Croquet at the Kick-off Party

The Club began the 2008 with its annual kick-off party on March 16 hosted by Jeff and Ann Lee. League awards for 2007 were presented to Barb O'Laughlin and Marie Trankina, first and second in the Golf Croquet League and Barney King, winner of First Flight Six-Wicket and Tom O'Laughlin, winner of Second Flight. The winners of the Doubles league were 1) Tom 2) Barb and 3) Marie.

Opening Day

The Club's annual Opening Day was held on May 31. The event was dedicated to Board Member Flash Kingsly celebrating his 42 year of playing croquet. The weather cooperated and the event was well

attended with over 50 participants. Thanks are due to Jan Viscum and Marie Trankina who organized the event which gave the Club and its members a great start to the 2008 Croquet Season.

Leagues

Both the Golf Croquet League and the Six Wicket League attracted a large of number of participants. The Golf Croquet League is open to players with a handicap of eight and above and includes 11 participants divided into two flights with a final championship round determining the winner. The Six Wicket league is also divided into two flights

with a winner for each flight. First Flight is for handicaps up to ten and Second Flight is for 11 and above. Further information is available on the Club's Web Site. There is still time to join the leagues. Contact Marie Trankina (708-246-6709 / marietran618@sbcglobal.net) if you want to play in the Golf Croquet League

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and Tom O’Laughlin (773-631-2422 / tolaughlin@hotmail.com) if you want to

be in the Six Wicket League.

Windy City Classic

The Club’s annual invitational tournament, The Windy City Classic, is scheduled to take place on August 1 – 3. All members should have received an email from Jeff Lee regarding the tournament. The tournament will be run, as it was last year, using a “bare bones” format. It will be an inexpensive American 6-wicket rules, singles matches, USCA-sanctioned club

tournament and will include little except courtside beverages, inexpensive but awesome trophies and sanction fees. The cost for members is \$20. However, if you are not a USCA member, you will need to pay an additional \$30 for USCA membership. Non-members can join the club for \$90 and pay the additional \$20 to enter the tournament. Contact Jeff Lee if you want to participate.

Doubles League

Dan Whalen is again organizing the Doubles League. This league pairs up less experienced players with more experienced players as partners. The pairings change for each game thereby allowing the inexperienced players the opportunity to become exposed to

different aspects of the American Rules Six-Wicket Game in a fun, low pressure atmosphere. Please contact Dan (773-334-7282 / dpjw@yahoo.com) if you wish to participate. The league games will take place over several nights during August and September.

Bylaw Amendments

As many of you are aware, the Board elected to restructure the membership categories. While it retained the Individual and Family membership classes, the Associate membership class was eliminated. The Board also decided

to make USCA membership optional. The Amended Bylaws can be found in the members Section on the Web Site. Please let any of the Board Members know if you have any questions or concerns.

Wednesday Evening Croquet

The Club will continue its practice of providing refreshments for Wednesday evening play. Wednesdays are a great opportunity to introduce your friends

and family to croquet. Please feel free to bring your guests to Wednesday evening croquet.

Playing Times

The Club would like to remind you that the courts are shared with the Lakeside Lawn Bowling Club. The following are the scheduled playing times for each club.

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Reserved playing times for both lawns

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

Lakeside Lawn Bowling Club: Tues: 7 pm – 10 pm; Thurs: 11 am – 4 pm;
Sat & Sun: 1 pm – 4:30 pm;

Open playing times which are first come first served

7 am – 4:30 pm All weekdays except Thursday

7 am – 11 am Thursday

7 am – 12:30 pm Saturday & Sunday

The times are also posted on the Club's web site at www.chicagocroquetclub.org.

New Members

The Club would like to introduce the following new members:

Michael Minieka
Joseph Rubinelli
Douglas & Ann McKechney
Marjorie Benson
Thomas Dooley
Louis Houkal
Carol Lobbes
Cameron Friedman Coates

Please welcome these new members

when you have the opportunity.

All current members should continue to try to sign up new members. It brings new people into the sport and you can also reduce your dues. 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.

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:

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