



THE ROVER

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE CHICAGO CROQUET CLUB

The club has had a very busy season this year. We would like to welcome some new members including Leslie and Bill Hall, Maria and Will Kernahan, and Josh Rogers. Leslie and Bill, and their daughter Katrina, are avid Golf Croquet players. They recently moved to the

Chicago area from Toronto. Maria and Will are new to the sport and Josh is a St. John's, Annapolis graduate which is a hot-bed of croquet. Jake Crabbs, who rejoined the Club, and former member and current student Cameron Coates are St. John's graduates as well.

CCC Pizza Night

A few of the members got together on April 12 at Connie's Pizza for a pre-season social event. Tom & Barb O'Laughlin, Jeff Lee, Marie Trankina, and Russ and Diana Ianoco met to bid

farewell to winter and to look forward to the upcoming season. It was a wonderful way to reconnect after a long winter of no croquet!

Successful 2017 Opening Day

Saturday, June 3rd was a busy and active Opening Day at the Club. The weather was perfect for a large number of the members and guests to enjoy golf croquet and 6-wicket play. Both courts were used throughout the event. Special thanks to Marie Trankina, Ellen Fox, Jeff Lee, Rick Cooper, and Tom O'Laughlin for supporting the successful organization of this event!



CCC Gear

If you are interested in purchasing some 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.

Members in the News

A few of our members participated in out-of-state tournaments.

Leslie and Bill Hall participated in the 2017 Canadian Open Golf Croquet Championships which were held at the Toronto Cricket, Skating and Curling Club from June 9-11 in Toronto, Canada. This was the eleventh time this championship has been held. Leslie and her daughter Katrina Hall placed 1st and 3rd respectively in the Second Flight Doubles. Bill Hall came in 3rd in the First Flight Singles. Congratulations to the Hall family.

The Fox Family participated in the 41st Claremont Classic 9 Wicket tournament in Southwest Harbor, Maine during their

annual summer trip. They dominated the week-long tournament while pleasure boats sailed across the blue sea and sky background. Will and Ellen Fox chose not to partner with each other and ended up playing on opposite sides in the finals, and earned the #1 and #2 spots in doubles, respectively. Will also won the singles championship in a swift, definitive finals match. Luke advanced to semi-finals before being eliminated. Congratulations to the Fox family as well.

Are you participating in a croquet tournament or event? Please share your story with fellow Club members. Send your news and/or photos to Tom O'Laughlin at: tolaughlin@hotmail.com

Mixed-Up Doubles



On the beautiful Saturday morning of August 12, fourteen CCC members participated in our annual Mixed-Up Doubles Golf Croquet Tournament. This year the participants played in 6 games of 4 wickets each scoring 4-0, 3-1, or 2-2. Each round had new partners. The

winner was Marie Trankina who averaged 2.8 points. Second place went to Will Kernahan who averaged 2.4 points, followed by Barb O'Laughlin and Ken Anderson with 2.3 pts each, Jeff Lee had 2.17pts, Tom Dooley, Rick Cooper and Bill Hall had 2 pts each, Jade Cooper & Russ Iacono 1.6 pts each, Tom O'Laughlin had 1.5 pts, Maria Kernahan had 1.4 pts, Leslie Hall had 1.3 pts and Diana Iacono won the booby prize with .75 pts. There was very spirited play with some wickets being hotly contested.

Fun was had by all. The morning ended with a hot dog and brat barbecue. Thanks to all who helped by contributing food: Barb, Rick, Leslie, and Marie, and to Jeff for setting up the courts. A very special thanks to Marie for organizing another successful event.

Tips on Golf Croquet Strategy

It's your turn to play. You look at the ball positions on the court and think, "What should I do?" In a recent United States Croquet Association (USCA) newsletter, Cheryl Bromley wrote an article on basic striker strategy for golf croquet. Ms. Bromley is currently ranked #10 in the United States for golf croquet and #1 for US women. She suggests that you ask yourself these 4 basic questions every turn:

1. Can I make the wicket?
2. What about the danger ball? (The danger ball is the ball that follows your ball in play rotation.)
3. Can I help my partner make the wicket?
4. Are there any other threats by the hoop from the opponent balls?

The USCA website has many croquet resources on tactics, techniques, rules, and more. For more information go to: www.croquetamerica.com.

Upcoming Events

The Club is planning on holding its end of season event in late October. Keep your eyes open for upcoming news. In the meantime, there are still plenty of opportunities to play. There have been a

lot of people playing on Saturday mornings. If you know anyone who you think might want to play, please feel free to invite them to give it a try.

Passages

Barney King, former Chicago Croquet Club (CCC) President and club member passed away. We will always remember his warm greetings, lively conversation, and love of croquet. A special thank you

goes out to the King Family who donated several mallets for use on the CCC courts to help promote the sport of croquet.

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