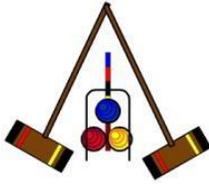


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June 2021 Events

2021 Summer Mixed Doubles Six-Wicket Event

by Alan Bensch, TCCC Tournament Director

Eight teams are currently contending for bragging rights in this competition. Each team will play one game in each of three rounds ending later in July. The team with the best record after round 3 will be the winner. The games in each round are spread out over several weeks as the teams schedule their own games. Teams are:

Fiegel, George / Boots, Dana

Hunt, Terry / Runde, Ceil

McGuire, Jack / McGuire, Michelle

Nicholson, Carl / Rhew, Marilyn

Pike, Norm / Pike, Linda

Powell, Frank / Nicholson, Nancy

Rizos, Nick / Rizos, Ann

Watson, Richard / Anderson, Betty

2021 “National Croquet Day” Junior Singles Golf Croquet Tournament, June 5

from TCCC Website, by Terry Hunt

June 5, 2021 was declared National Croquet Day by the US Croquet Association. The Tega Cay Croquet Club took this opportunity to feature our Junior members in a singles golf croquet tournament. Eight players participated in this single elimination tournament on a warm Saturday afternoon. To celebrate National Croquet Day, the players were asked to wear colorful outfits instead of traditional white. **Lauren Fredenberg** received a prize for the most original outfit.

Each of the seven games were timed at 30 minutes, and three of the games required a tie-breaker shootout at the end of the time limit. The finalists were **Flora Liutkeviciute and Katherine Smith**. Flora won the match with a tiebreaker shot after the game time expired. Trophies and prizes were awarded to the two finalists.

Tournament Director, Terry Hunt, would like to thank the following for helping with the tournament:

Referees: Sally Bennett, Wendy Hope, Alan Bensch, Gloria Bensch, and Alan Offen.

Refreshments: Sue Offen

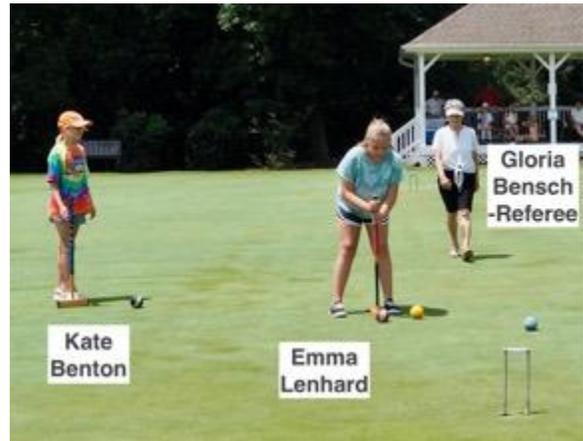
Trophies: George Fiegel

¹ Word to the wise: go to page 6 for information about the TCCC’s first post-pandemic party!!

Pictures: Rich Watson, Alan Bensch, Wendy Hope, Terry Hunt, and Tanja Smith

And most of all, thanks to the players: Flora Liutkeviciute, Katherine Smith, Emma Lenhard, Lauren Fredenberg, Caroline Mandon, Ivy Babuder, Laylah Blair, and Kate Benton.

Pictures of the tournament are shown below.





2021 US Croquet Association Southeast Regional American Rules Tournament, Pinehurst Croquet Club, Pinehurst, NC: June 10-13, 2021

This article is copied from the Tega Cay Croquet Club Website Article by Terry Hunt. This article gives a high-level summary of the tournament, plus a more detailed look at the seven TCCC members of who played.



The tournament was held at the Pinehurst Golf Resort. The four croquet courts are located beside the Golf Shop facilities, which sits in the middle of eight beautiful 18-hole golf courses. Forty-three players played Thursday through Sunday in Singles and Doubles matches from early morning until early evening each day. Most players played in the Singles and Doubles competition, but a few played in only one of the competitions.

On Thursday, all the Doubles matches were played in two Flights: Championship (11 teams) and First (10 teams). The format was single elimination with consolation games for those who lost early. In the First Flight Finals, Becky Essick and Danna Huneycutt edged out Randy Reid and Brian Zindel by a score of 13-12. In the Championship Flight, Bev Cardo and Randy Cardo had a 4-point victory over Bill Daigle and John Knott.

On Friday and Saturday, the Singles Block matches were divided into three

Flights: Championship (two Blocks of six players each), First (three Blocks of six players each) and Second (two Blocks, one with six players and the other with five players). Over these two days, each person played all the other people in their Block. Players were assigned to their Flights based on USCA handicaps. In the Championship Flight, the handicaps ranged from -4.0 to -0.5. These were many of the very best players in the United States. First Flight Handicaps ranged from 2.0 to 6.0. Second Flight Handicaps were from 7.0 to 14.0.

On Sunday, the Flights were assigned to brackets in the single-elimination Knockout Rounds. The Finalist for each Flight along with their match scores and handicaps (in parentheses) are shown below.

Championship Flight: Randy Cardo (-3.0) defeated Danny Huneycutt (-4.0) 12 to 11 after several last turns that were tied at 11 to 11.

First Flight: Brett Stovall (3.5) defeated Elaine Moody (2.5) 17 to 11. Brett won all five of his Block play games and all four of his Knockout games. After the tournament was over, Brett's handicap was adjusted to 0.0.

Second Flight: Terry Hunt (8.0) defeated Karen Heckman (7.0) 16 to 8. In Block play the day before, Karen had defeated Terry 16 to 11.

Fourteen trophies made by George Fiegel were presented to all the Finalists

in each Flight of the Singles and Doubles Knockout Rounds.

Even though we had showers and thunder storms every day, none of the matches were rained out and very few were delayed by the brief showers.

Seven members of the Tega Cay Croquet Club played in the tournament. Here are some of their accomplishments.

Rob Byrd (-0.5): In Championship Flight Block play, Rob won 3 of 5 games including a victory over Randy Cardo (-3.0) by a score of 13 to 11. In the Knockout games, he finished tied for third. After the tournament, his handicap was lowered from a -0.5 to a -1.0.

Rich Watson (2.5): In the First Flight Block play, Rich won 3 of 5 games. In the Knockout games, he finished tied for third.

Tim Williams (7.0): In the Second Flight Block play, Tim won 3 of his 4 games. He made the quarterfinals of the Knockout games and finished tied for fifth place. In First Flight Doubles, Tim and his partner made it to the semi-final round.

Norm Pike (8.0): In the Second Flight Block play, Norm won 3 of his 4 games. He made the semi-finals of the Knockout games and finished tied for third place. He played First Flight Doubles with Terry Hunt. They lost their

first game and won the consolation game. On Friday afternoon, all of the players celebrated Norm's 79th birthday with a birthday cake that read "Happy Birthday Norm! Almost 80".

Linda Pike (12.0): In the Second Flight Block play, Linda only won one of her five games. She came out strong in her Second Flight Knockout games by winning her first game and then in the second game, by defeating Cecil Creasey (9), the number one seed from the Second Flight Block games. This put her in the semi-finals. She finished tied for third. After the tournament, her handicap was lowered from 12 to 10.

George Fiegel (14): George played First Flight Doubles with Linda Pike. They lost their first game and won the consolation game. He did not compete in the Singles competition.

Terry Hunt (8): In the Second Flight Block play, Terry won 3 of his 5 games. In the Second Flight Knockout games, he won all three games and finished in first place. Terry played First Flight Doubles with Norm Pike. They lost their first game and won the consolation game.

After the tournament, Tournament Director, Macey White, wrote "Regional tournaments are not just a time for the best players to battle it out. They are also a great way for up-and-coming players to hone their skills and learn new strategies and techniques." All the

Tega Cay Croquet Club members who participated agree with this statement and thank Macey for running a great tournament!

Pictures by Linda Pike, Terry Hunt, and Macey White are shown below.





Future TCCC Events

TCCC Coming Out Party

In case you didn't know, TCCC members love a good party and finally, we have one to look forward to! On July 11, 2 to 6 at the Anderson Croquet Lawn, will be our first official party of the post-pandemic era. Sue Offen, social director, has planned a truly festive party with catered food, games, and a chance to catch up with good friends. If you didn't receive an emailed invitation (and a few members didn't), please let Sue know, via email, if you will attend [<mailto:sueoffen@gmail.com>]. Please respond as soon as you can!!

North Carolina Club Teams Tournament, July 22-25.

Games in this annual event open to USCA members will be played at Linville Ridge Country Club, Grandfather Mountain CC, and Eseola Croquet Club at Eseola Lodge. It is a competition between NC Western clubs and NC Eastern teams. Tega Cay has been invited to play with the Eastern NC teams. All matches will be doubles playing golf croquet and/or American 6-wicket. You can sign up to play both or your favorite. You can find a partner, or they will help you. For information go croquetnc.org/events/2021-nc-club-teams-info-entry-form

Anderson Cup Tournament; October 20 – October 22

Details for each TCCC event will be sent to all members as the date of the event approaches.

TCCC Substitute List

Contact Sally Bennett at sallyirishbennett@gmail.com if you wish to be added or deleted from the list. A new list will be sent to the membership if there are changes. This list is for TCCC members only.

Food for thought

Editor, Marvin Bennett: I get emails and hear little food for thought statements and I thought I would show you a couple.

A wise old man once said: "I didn't quit playing croquet because I got older. I got older because I quit playing croquet." *Anon.*

One of the young super star national croquet players (I cannot remember his name) made this statement. "When I get too old to play croquet, I will take up golf." Can any of you supply this player's name?

Here are two statements from movies that apply to croquet shots we make or miss. "Do or do not. There is no try." "Sometimes the magic works. Sometimes it doesn't." Do you know the movies and the characters who made these statements?

Open Sessions

The TCCC has designated **Thursdays from 12 to 2 p.m. as an open session** on the Tega Cay Croquet Court. Any adult can attend. You do not need to be a resident of Tega Cay or a member of TCCC to participate. Core

Virginia, London, Hilton Head, and other places. So, when you go to other croquet sights, you may see his earrings. George mainly just sells them locally now. He makes 4 different designs (pictured) and charges \$2. Each earring is just a little bit different than the others. If you want some earrings for your use, contact George on the net. He will make any kind or number that you want. He can also style them with letters or other information.



Blockturner for 6 Wicket

At the 2021 USCA Southeast 6W Regional in Pinehurst, we saw something that could be copied here in Tega Cay. It was a long stick with a pointer at one end that could be used to move the squares on the deadness board. Although not all that dramatic, the scorekeeper doesn't have to reach across the board to cover or uncover a color. George Fiegel made two of them and they are being used now. The "blockturners" are kept as an attachment to the sides of the boards themselves.

Mailbox

Not many people know about the small mailbox on the croquet gazebo porch. In it you will find some pencils and yellow golf

croquet rule books. Not many people know some pennies and ball markers are in the mailbox for anyone who needs them. This is helpful if you come to the court without a ball marker of some kind.

Name Tags

George Fiegel still makes round name tags for people if they need them. They are free.



Trophies for USCA

George Fiegel has broken into the U.S. trophy market with trophies for USCA. He has sold trophies that are given out to people in USCA events, and this year is the first year he contracted through the USCA organization. Twice this year he has been asked by USCA in Florida to provide them with some 30 trophies. Terry Hunt has won one of those trophies at a sanctioned USCA event (2021 USCA Southeast 6W Regional). People should also know that they can order croquet trophies directly from George for birthdays or other events. They cost between \$15 and \$20.



Membership in the United States Croquet Association

It is now time to pay for Tega Cay Croquet Club (TCCC) member to pay for the optional membership in the USCA. Many of our members have joined the USCA in the past. For those of you who are not USCA members, a list of member benefits is shown below.

The TCCC needs to collect the dues from our members and send the payments to the USCA in a package, along with the TCCC membership fee for USCA. You get the following discount rates by joining USCA through TCCC. The membership dues are \$110 for a couple \$110 and \$70 for a single.

To join, you will need to do three things:

1. Make the check to "USCA" for the appropriate dues.

2. Mail the check to Harry Barnes, 1104 Palmyra Drive, Tega Cay, SC 29708.
3. Send the check before August 1, 2021.

Harry will aggregate the checks for TCCC and send them to the USCA.

Benefits associated with USCA Membership:

- Membership card and window decal
- Official USCA Rule Book, updated periodically (Rules for many versions of croquet are available on-line.)
- The opportunity to play under codified sets of rules, whether in your backyard, or at hundreds of croquet venues throughout the United States and the world
- Eligibility to compete in USCA sanctioned tournaments at the state, regional, and national level
- Eligibility for US National Team
- Assignment and tracking of handicap and Grand Prix ranking
- USCA Croquet News, a thrice-yearly magazine that includes reports and results for national, international, and local croquet events; schedules for major tournaments and croquet schools; player and croquet venue profiles; articles on tactics, strategy, and rules; and much more
- Monthly e-newsletter, with the latest news and information

- Group discounts on USCA instructional schools held at the [National Croquet Center](#)
- USCA Merchandise and Program discounts
- Full-time staff to answer questions and help new players find clubs
- Coordination of international events
- National network of croquet clubs
- Website including [Club Directory](#), tournament schedules, valuable information about how to start a club, handicap information, links to instructions, back-issues of periodicals
- USCA website Members Only access to membership directory, announcements, official forms, and rankings
- Support of the national association that:
 - Oversees through national, regional and district representatives
 - Promotes the sport nationally
 - Represents members within the [World Croquet Federation](#)
 - Regulates equipment specifications
 - Offers dispute resolution
 - Develops alternate mallet sports (for example, Gateball and Toequet)
- Rules development, maintenance, and enforcement

- Referee and Instructor training and certification
- Alamo Car Rental Discounts
- Annual Awards: USCA Support, Financial Support, Appreciation Volunteer

Court Rental Contact

Marilyn Pendleton is the court rental contact. To schedule a time, call Marilyn at 803-548-4840 or email her at <mailto:mrhew@comporium.net>. Court rentals will be affected by social distancing so are not likely at this time.

New Members

Diane Watson joined the TCCC in May.

TCCC Website

The TCCC Website contains a wealth of information about our club, including a list of officers, membership information, rules, contact information, and information about the Junior Croquet Program. The photo gallery contains photos and articles for recent events.

Members: Be Sure You Are Registered on the Croquet Reservation Website

Our reservation system is set up so that you can see available times and easily obtain the croquet times you want. If you haven't done it already, please register as follows to use the reservations system.

1. Go to the Tega Cay Croquet Club Website, scroll down, and select: **Croquet Court (Gold Tab)**.

2. Go to **Sign In** and click on **Create Account**.

3. When the **Profile** screen appears, fill in all the information requested, including your name and valid email address.

In addition to the benefits described above, all registered players listed in your reservation will receive an email notifying them of the play date and time. (Note, each player must have a valid

email address in the reservations system to receive the email.)

The Buddy Management system allows you to create a list of team players. In addition, "My Reservations" (shown under your sign-in name at the top-right of the reservations screen) shows all your scheduled play dates through year-end.

Let's be sure we are all ready for the new year activities. Sign up today!

President's Corner

Barbara provided the following quote for the President's Corner for July and upcoming play through the summer:

Hydrate, hydrate, and hydrate. As the heat rises and we strive to continue play, be sure you use sunscreen and hydrate. If your team decides not to play, please cancel your time so others may use it. Thanks.

Also, mark your calendars for August 21, the date of our general membership meeting. Details will be emailed to all members.

*Barbara Williams
TCCC President*