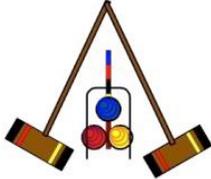

TCCC



Issue 117
December 2019

Website: www.tegacaycroquet.com

December 2019 Events

December was a slow month. There were no events in December.

Trophies On The Move

In 2019 George Fiegel's trophies and ornaments have ended up in five different cities. Twenty-four trophies were given to people winning Tega Cay croquet tournaments throughout the year. Trophies became more versatile this year...some that hang on a wall, some that spin, and the Anderson Cup trophy, which could be viewed from all around (360 degrees).

One hanging picture shows the mallet going 'into' the wall.



Six-wicket trophies had a wicket on them and attached on top were real 6-wicket clips.

The Junior Cinco de Mayo tournament trophies had a black hat on the mallet handle.

The Golf With Wickets trophy had a golf club and a golf ball on it.



The club hosted the SE Regional Quad Shield tournament, where golf croquet was played at a fast pace. Four trophies were handed out and 23 name plates were made and distributed.



One participant of the SE Shield tournament liked what he saw in the awards for the winners and asked for a single trophy for his club. In his correspondence, he remarked how much he likes his home club's lawn. A

picture of his home court was on the trophy.

In April, the CCC Invitational Croquet tournament was held in Hilton Head, SC. George produced the sustaining trophy, which was built so that the victorious club's name could be added each year.



While in Hilton Head, George was in contact with Art and he requested three trophies for the people he was teaching croquet. The trophies were delivered on a later trip to Florida.



From his experience in 2018, Macey White was able to pick trophies for awards in his tournaments in Virginia. The placards on the trophies were left blank so he could write in the tournament name and reason for the trophy.

George's trophies have shown up in USCA magazines as well. Here is one instance shown with Macey and one of the winners.



George attended golf croquet training at USCA in Florida. While there, Ursula from their USCA office allowed George to show other players his handiwork. A copy of this year's Anderson Cup trophy was left for them to showcase trophies to others.

While at the training, George was able to talk to people about his ornaments and trophies. Two women from clubs in Florida were interested in the ornaments that George showed.

Both ordered 50 ornaments for their Christmas parties. To start into making 100 ornaments, you need to start with a whole lot of "parts."



Kathie from the Palm Coast wanted 50 ornaments for activities she was having with her club.



Patricia from the Belleair club wanted 53 ornaments as well and added the wicket.



In addition, another player, David from Quogue, NY, said he wanted something other than the same old thing every tournament. Four trophies were sent to him.

An additional 40 Christmas ornaments were made for people in Tega Cay. They were offered to people who came to the Core Sessions and the rest were given to people in the club.



One last trophy deserves additional attention. It was 18 feet tall. This prize-winning float had a mallet, ball, and a wicket and stood 18 feet in the air.

TCCC Substitute List

A link to a list of members willing to substitute for regular group members is on the website. Contact **Sally Bennett** at sallyirishbennett@gmail.com if you wish to be added or subtracted from the list or if you need the password. A new list will be published monthly only if there are changes. This list is for TCCC members only and is password protected. The list has not been updated since June 2019, so you may want to go check the list to confirm you are on the list and your information is correct.

Once you are added to this list, if there is a particular group that you want to

play with, you may want to contact them and tell them you are interested in subbing. This process will increase your potential to sub for that group of players.

Future TCCC Events

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

March 15, 2020 – Play Day, Wearing of the Green

March 17, 2020 – St. Patty’s Six Wicket Tournament

April 7 & 8, 2020 – TCCC Invitational Golf Croquet Tournament with the Coastal Croquet Clubs

April 27- May 1, 2020 – Croquet Week, Training, Tournament, and Social Events.

Additional social events will be posted on the website and in this newsletter when their dates are determined.

New Members

No new members joined TCCC in December.

Open Session

The TCCC has designated Thursdays from 12 to 2 p.m. as Open Sessions 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 our club to participate. All croquet equipment will be provided by the TCCC. **George Fiegel** will give croquet instructions and arrange games for those who attend. If you plan to attend one of these sessions, contact George in advance at gfiegel@comporium.net or call him at 803-372-1721. In addition, **Jerry Misik, Alan Bensch,** and others

will work with George to teach special shots, such as jump shots.

Court Rental Contact

Dana Boots is the court rental contact. To schedule a time, call Dana at (704) 453-9636 or email her at dboots4242@gmail.com.

TCCC Website

The TCCC Website contains a wealth of information about our club, including a list of officers, membership information, rules, and contact information. The Photo Gallery section contains photos and articles for recent events. Also included is information concerning the club’s Junior Croquet Program. The address for our website is <http://www.tegacaycroquet.com>

President’s Corner

It is my fond hope that Santa brought all of you some new white clothes this year. I expect you will have plenty of opportunities to wear them in the new year.

As I reflect on our 2019 year, several thoughts come to mind. The first is that there is a certain rhythm to our croquet calendar that repeats itself year after year. Golf with Wickets, the Anderson Cup Tournament, and the fall Six-Wicket Tournament are autumn highlights. The “Wearing of the Green” and the St. Patrick’s Day Six Wicket tournament, as well as the Coastal Carolina tournament, are spring staples. Of course, there are the annual “all-member” meetings in February and August. Sprinkle in the alternate shot tournament, a few play date socials, and our “regular” club play, as well as junior

member play, and it makes for a busy year.

The second thought is that it takes a dedicated board and dozens of other volunteers to make all these events take place so successfully. My sincerest thank you to all the people who had a hand in making our 2019 croquet year hum along so nicely.

*We also tried some new things this year. Hosting the Quad Shield tournament was a huge undertaking. Thanks to **Terry Hunt** and **Damon Bidencope** for spearheading the effort and a special thanks to **Alan Bensch** for his work as tournament director. Thanks to **Jerry Misik** for his work in bringing six-wicket training to the club and helping us all improve our game. Thanks to **Sue Offen** and her team for conceiving of and pulling off the Downton Abbey event. Damon and Terry also did a great job of bringing some visiting pros here for exhibitions.*

I love that we have a great mix of events that are annual “staples” with just enough new things to keep it interesting.

We have a great board and a few new things planned for 2020. Look for more about the 2020 calendar in the January newsletter.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you as we begin another busy year. Check out my new white shorts as the weather warms up!

Respectfully.

Frank Powell

TCCC President