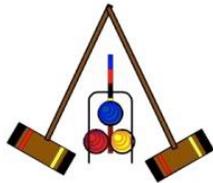


NO CROQUET IN TEGA CAY IN APRIL BUT WE OPEN MAY 1!

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April 2020 Events

No events in April: the Anderson Lawn was closed for the entire month due to the coronavirus.

Social Distancing, Effective May 1, 2020

The Croquet Board met April 21 to establish the following social distancing precautions that must be followed once we resume play on May 1.

1) Under no circumstances should you show up for play if you are feeling poorly, have a fever, or a persistent dry cough.

2) No more than four players are permitted to play at any one time.

3) Players must maintain at least six feet of distance between them at all times (that's about two mallet lengths).

4) Players must stand behind the boundaries at all times unless it is their turn to play. This holds true even when seeking or giving advice from/to a playing partner.

5) No handshaking, fist bumps, hugging, etc. allowed at any time.

6) Masks are recommended.

7) Players are encouraged to bring wipes or sanitizer in case they need to touch balls or other equipment. Do not share mallets or other equipment.

8) Group captains will need to decide who plays and for how long when the groups have more than four players. When two different groups have the "on the hour" slot and the "ten past the hour spot," team captains from the respective groups will have to decide on alternating weeks of play or sending only two players each week. Captains also need to devise a way to set up matches without drawing cards or chips.

9) Groups are asked to show up for play right at their assigned times so as not to

have more than four on/near the court at one time.

Because these guidelines are very different than we are accustomed to, players are encouraged to gently remind others to follow them when they notice other players not complying with them. These guidelines are the MINIMUM precautions for play. All players must decide about any additional measures they think are necessary for their safety including a decision not to play.

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.

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.

Future TCCC Events

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

May 15? – Alternative Shot Tournament

Due to the restrictions for social distancing for May, this event will likely be rescheduled.

August ?? – TCCC Membership Meeting and Board Elections

August 22 – Alternate Shot Tournament

September 20 – Golf With Wickets

September 26 – Fall Six-Wicket Tournament

October 21-23 – Anderson Cup Tournament

November ?? – Anderson Cup Awards Brunch.

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

New Members

No new members joined this month.

Open Session

The Open Sessions on Thursdays from 12 to 2 p.m. are canceled until further notice.

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. Court rentals will be affected by social distancing so are not likely at this time.

USCA Membership Information and Events

The United States Croquet Association (www.croquetamerica.com) is a national organization that provides its members with a number of playing opportunities outside Tega Cay.

2020 USCA MEMBERSHIP DUES

You can join directly with USCA. Annual dues are as follows:

- Individuals \$75
- Couples \$120
- Juniors \$25

If you join through TCCC (the club is a member of USCA), annual dues are discounted:

- Individuals \$70
- Couples \$110
- Juniors \$25.

For more information on joining USCA via TCCC, contact our Treasurer, Harry Barnes.

TCCC Website

The TCCC Website contains a wealth of information about our club, including a list of officers, membership information, rules, contact information, and the substitute list. 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

Excitement? Fear? Worry? I have to admit that I have experienced the full gamut of emotions as our board discussed whether we should reopen the croquet lawn and, if we did, how might we do it in the safest possible way.

The excitement part is easy! I certainly miss my croquet friends and the camaraderie we experience during our weekly six wicket games. I miss playing the game. It also feels like a baby step in the direction of normal as our country deals with this horrible virus. And of course, we have had a wonderful run of spring weather and playing croquet on a sunny day on our beautiful lawn sounds delightful.

The fear and worry part of this emotional roller coaster is real too. Our members are particularly at risk should they happen to catch this virus. I worry about the additional exposure that playing might create. This is just a game we are talking about! Should we wait? I have lost a bit of sleep thinking about some of the possibilities.

Where I have landed mentally is that the Board has established strong guidelines to minimize the risk. I think we can enjoy our game safely if we follow them. I also believe each of us needs to think through the risk issues for ourselves. We know when we get behind the wheel of a car that we are taking the risk of getting into an accident. We accept that risk (or we don't get in a car) because the risk is low. The same risk assessment holds true here. Please think this through carefully for yourselves before deciding to play.

Meanwhile let's all look forward to a time when the risk of contracting Covid-19 is completely behind us. The Board has already discussed having a very special first social event after the virus threat is over when the time is right. Can't wait!

*Respectfully,
Frank Powell
TCCC President*