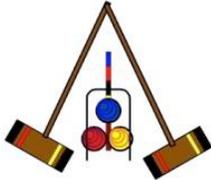


# TCCC



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## June 2020 Events

No events in June, but we are playing croquet following the Social Distancing guidelines that have been extended to allow 8 people on the croquet lawn at a time. This is up from May when only 4 players were allowed on the croquet lawn at a time.

## TCCC Substitute List

A link to a list of members willing to substitute for regular group members is on the TCCC website. Contact **Sally Bennett** at [sallyirishbennett@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## Future TCCC Events

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

**August 22 – TCCC Membership Meeting and Board Elections, 10 a.m.**

**September 14- Senior Games**

**September 20 – Golf With Wickets**

**September 26 – Fall Six-Wicket Tournament**

**October 6 & 7 - TCCC Invitational Tournament with the Coastal Croquet Clubs**

**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

We are happy to confirm that three new members have joined TCCC in June:

**Denise Hahn**

**Frank Luciano**

**Lillie Taylor**

**Ivy Babuder (Junior)**

## Open Session

The Open Sessions on Thursdays from 12 to 2 p.m. are now back up and running. The following information on the Open Session was provided by George Fiegel:

Open Sessions have been in existence for about 9 months. We have had lessons and croquet matches that helped people play better golf croquet. It is attended by members and non-members. Some non-members felt good enough about the experience to join the club. A few players have been there from the start and have arranged time on the court, helped with the lessons, and generally provided a good spirit. Alan and Terry provided the leadership and four people helped in the background with calling people, arranging court times, and generally keeping people focused at getting better at croquet. They are the champions of Open Sessions and we recognized them with these words and a trophy for their magnificent support.

The champions are Nancy Nicholson, Susan Mayer, Don Rothman, and Joyce Nadge. I handed out 4 trophies with this proviso:

The trophies were made with wood that was bought before COVID 19. I rubbed down each trophy with disinfectant. I put each in a plastic bag so they could receive it and do more cleaning if they prefer.

The following pictures shows them receiving their award and the awards.

It is a pleasure to have accomplished players spend time teaching others the game of croquet.

--- George Fiegel



## Junior Croquet

Amidst the pandemic precautions precluding play, one group in the croquet club seems to be growing and thriving: the juniors. Since the Junior Program with Social Distancing Guidelines started back up in May, 77% of our Junior members have played

several times. This includes Ivy Babuder, who joined in June.

**Terry Hunt's** coaching has really paid off and the girls (and so far, it's girls only, but we'd love to have some boys!) have started off well and become steadily better. Some of them come by nearly every Monday and Thursday evening. Emma Lenhard, Alan and Sue Offen's granddaughter, is a regular and is becoming a formidable opponent, especially now that, with Terry's training, she has a jump shot in her croquet tool kit. She and Caroline ("CC") Mandon have both wowed us with long shots that crossed almost the full length of the court and right through the target wicket. There's no thrill quite like sharing the excitement of a cross-court shot, especially one made by a girl with a high voice. Flora Liutkevicius, another regular, has a credible grasp of strategy and is able to suggest more than one way to take over a wicket and score. Normally, Flora would be in her home country, Lithuania, for the summer, but not this year, not with the Corona virus, so it's especially nice to have her with us. Katherine ("Stealthy K") Smith, Kinsley ("Strong Arm") Young, and Catherine (with a C) Simpson have played several times since the program resumed in May. Kinsley is a busy athlete who plays volleyball as well as third base for her softball team. Katherine and Catherine are close friends and quietly hold their own against everyone else. It's important to note that most of the juniors were just as reliable in attending our sessions last

winter when it was cold and dark at 6. The sunlight now is nice, but the shade is better.

One mother mentioned how glad she is for croquet, which allows for outside play in a safe environment. I never fail to leave the croquet court in a great mood after playing with our juniors and we would welcome anyone who might come by to spar with them. Be forewarned, these kids play to win!

---Sally Bennett

## Tee Shirts

To the Croquet Players

A few months back I distributed material to order t-shirts with the logo of TCCC on them. They were inexpensive (\$8), had sharp colors, and were easy to order. I have bought many of them, myself, and I think the colors are extremely bright. Since then, I have had requests by you to order shirts again.

To make it simpler for me, I make this request. If you want one or more of these shirts, send me an e-mail with the **man/women** selection, the **size**, and the **color** of the shirt you want. I will select the brightest colors that I have seen. The logo on the shirt will be black. You can order white t-shirts as well. You can order as many as you like. A picture of the t-shirts that I have ordered is shown below. If you don't see your desired color, ask for it, anyway. The shirt company will want at least 12 orders made at one time.

My e-mail address is: [gfiengel@comporium.net](mailto:gfiengel@comporium.net) I will alert you when they come in, collect your money, and we can arrange to pass the shirt(s) onto you.



## 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](mailto:dboots4242@gmail.com). Court rentals will be affected by social distancing so are not likely at this time.

## 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>.

## Payment of United States Croquet Association Dues via TCCC

Greetings,

Tega Cay Croquet Club members will receive a discount for United State Croquet Association Dues if you pay them through our Club.

Membership dues are as follows:

Couple, standard: \$120  
Couple, with discount: \$110

Single, standard: \$75  
Single, with discount: \$70

You will need to do THREE things to obtain the discount:

1. Make the check to "USCA" for the appropriate discounted amount.
2. Mail the check to Harry Barnes, 1104 Palmyra Drive – Tega Cay, SC 29708.
3. Send the check to me before August 1, 2020.

I will aggregate the checks for our club and send them to the USCA.

Thank you,  
---Harry Barnes

## **President's Corner**

*What strange times we are in! The whole flow of a "typical" croquet year is totally out of whack. Our very social club is not socializing. There have been no tournaments or other fun activities to pull us together and see all our friends. Your board has decided to put safety at the forefront and continue to postpone these types of events especially in light of the fact that Covid 19 cases are on the rise in South Carolina and in York County. We discuss this topic at every monthly board meeting, and we hope to have better news for you about tournaments and social events later this year.*

*There is good news too. Our lawn is in great shape this season. Regular club play has resumed to levels almost back to normal. Thanks to everybody for being so mindful of our social distancing rules. George Fiegel has resumed training activities and has an enthusiastic group of new members learning to play the game. Thanks to George and his crew for helping our newcomers. New members, I promise you we are a very fun group. The juniors are back in session and enjoying our game again. Thanks Terry Hunt for continuing to get our young people interested in croquet.*

*Our next "all club" gathering is our annual August meeting. We have reserved the Glennon Center for August 22. The board will continue to monitor the situation, but it is possible that we will have to conduct our business by e-mail. We have been hard at work recruiting members for vacant positions on your new board, who will be installed October 1. If we can't meet in person, we will e-mail you ballots for proposed new board members. Please let me know if you have any other business items for our annual meeting.*

*I wish all of you an enjoyable and safe summer!*

*Respectfully,  
Frank Powell  
TCCC President*