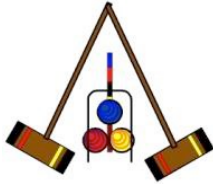


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## September 2020 Events

### Golf with Wickets,

by Peggy and Bob Towner

On Sunday, September 20, 2020, the Tega Cay Croquet Club held its fifth annual Golf with Wickets Tournament. We had 9 teams and 36 golfers participating in this event. Each golfer received breakfast, lunch, a round of golf, a well-packed goody bag, and a prize for their entry fee. As has been the case each year, the winner and second place teams received a full day boat rental on Lake Wylie compliments of the Tega Cay Marina. We also awarded prizes for third, fourth, and last place.

Golfers had the chance to participate in our sport of croquet several times during this golf tournament. Two par three holes on the golf course were turned into croquet "holes" with a wicket in the middle of each green. Additionally, each participant had a chance to play a croquet ball through a wicket on our croquet lawn at the turn between holes 9 and 10 during the golf tournament.

We had 34 hole sponsors this year. Each sponsor donated \$100.00 to support croquet and we placed a sign on the golf course with their name on it. We also had 10 different croquet club groups that sponsored a hole. Good on y'all. There were even three individual club members that wrote the hundred-dollar check and sponsored a hole all by themselves.

We had prizes donated from places all over the area from Rock Hill to Charlotte to Ballantyne and numerous local places. Look at the pictures on the website to find their names. It is of the utmost importance that all of us make use of these businesses whenever we can. Most of these folks have buttressed us each of the five years that we have done this tournament. Without their contributions, it ain't workin'.

All of this took place at the Tega Cay Golf Course and the Tega Cay Croquet Lawn. This happened because of the many Croquet Club volunteers who stepped up to make it work. We want to thank each of you who provided your time, expertise, and most importantly, your smiles. This could not happen and would not happen without your help. We especially want to thank Michele McGuire and Mike Kost. They helped from day one in June to pull this off. Yes, we started in June to make this a success in September.

One more time, many thanks to those of you who happily show up every year on tournament day to do all those important support jobs that make this event run

smoothly. Your dedication and yearly contribution make this endeavor a resounding success!

Note from Editor: Please go to the Tega Cay Croquet website to see photos of the event ([tegacaycroquet.com](http://tegacaycroquet.com)). The photos for the event are displayed in three groups: the golfers, the sponsors and prize donors, and the volunteers and helpers.

### **TCCC COVID-19 Semi-Mixed Doubles Tournament Rounds 1 and 2**

By Alan Bensch

This tournament is unlike any we have had before. Each team that has entered will play a game in each of 5 rounds; nobody is eliminated, everyone gets to keep playing. The team with the best overall record of wins and wickets scored will be the winner.

We have just completed the second of 5 rounds of games for what is our first, and hopefully last, virus-inspired event. The team standings as of the end of Round 2 are listed below. The game matchups for each round are posted on the TCCC website. Competition has been first rate, and everyone is having a good time. 'Distancing' will have to be in contention for word of the year and our form of distancing, spreading out games through the week, is working quite well.

#### **Two Wins and No Losses**

Ron and Edith Jordan

Jack and Michele McGuire

Nick and Ann Rizos

Mike Romano and Dana Boots

John Webb and Susan Maher

#### **One Win and One Loss**

Harry Barnes and Betty Anderson

Marvin and Sally Bennett

Alan and Gloria Bensch

George Fiegel and Pat Linder

Ian Jardine and Sue Gulasky

Richard and Diane Kadien

Alan and Sue Offen

Norm and Linda Pike

Frank Powell and Denise Hahn

Fred and Alice Terigino

#### **No wins and Two Losses**

Jan and Wendy Hope

Terry and Shirley Hunt

Carl and Nancy Nicholson

Don and Noreen Rothman

Bob and Peggy Towner

### **The Pinehurst Croquet Club's 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Invitational Tournament**

By Terry Hunt

On September 24 – 27, 2020, I participated in an American Rules Six Wicket Tournament at the Pinehurst Croquet Club. This was my first single's Six Wicket Tournament and I learned a lot about playing the game. The tournament originally had 48 entries (the cutoff) with a maximum handicap of 12.

After cancellations, there were 42 players with USCA handicaps from - 2.5 to + 11. I had the +11 handicap and was in the second flight.

The three flights were as follows.

**Championship Flight:** Three blocks (A, B, and C) of 8 players per block with handicaps from - 2.5 to + 4. In the block play, each player was scheduled to play the other 7 players in their block.

Sixteen players with the best block play records made it to the playoff round.

These players were very, very good.

**Flight 1:** Eight players with handicaps of + 4.5 to + 5. In the block play, each player was scheduled to play the other 7 players in this Flight. All 8 made it to the playoff round.

**Flight 2:** Ten players with handicaps of + 6 to + 11. In the block play, each player was scheduled to play the other 9 players in their flight. Only eight players made it to the playoff round.

The schedule had to be revised on Friday after the morning games were rained out. All first and second flight games were cancelled or postponed on Friday. The second flight of block play was reduced from 9 to 7 games. All block play games on Friday afternoon and Saturday were reduced from 75 to 60 minutes in order to get as many block play games in as possible on the five courts. As soon as the courts were playable on Friday afternoon, the championship flight blocks played most of their Friday games. This gave me a chance to watch several championship games and see some amazing play.

One of the players scored 26 points in four of the six games that he won in his block play.

The first and second flight playoff games were played on Sunday morning with game times set back to 75 minutes. All playoff games for all flights were completed by 1:30 pm on Sunday instead of noon as originally planned.

Danny Huneycutt, the tournament director, did a remarkable job of changing the schedule on the fly. I only missed two of my nine scheduled block play games and I made it into the second flight playoff round on Sunday morning. The winners in each flight received very nice pots and the finalist received fancy plates,

**Flight Winners:**

Championship Flight

Winner - Mike Taylor – Pinehurst

Croquet Club

Finalist - Shane Hettler - NYC Croquet Club

First Flight

Winner - Hank Wallace – Pinehurst

Croquet Club

Finalist - Steve Errickson – Pinehurst

Croquet Club

Second Flight

Winner - Linda Trifone - Jackson

Country Club, Mississippi

Finalist - Chris Smith - Sarasota County Croquet Club, Florida

For a complete summary of the tournament, go to

<https://croquetcores.com/2020/a6w/pinehurst-invitational>.

In 2021, two six wicket tournaments are scheduled in Pinehurst, which is only about a two hour drive from Tega Cay. I encourage our club's better six wicket players to play in one or both of these tournaments.

### **Jun 10–13, 2021 · USCA Southeast 6W Regional**

**Region:** Southeast

**Location:** Pinehurst Country Club, Pinehurst, NC

**Contact:** Johnny Mitchell

**Phone 1:** 561-478-0760

**Email:** [tournament@uscroquet.com](mailto:tournament@uscroquet.com)

**Alt Contact:** Macey White, TD  
American Rules

September 2021 – Pinehurst Croquet Club Annual Invitational Tournament

Location: Pinehurst, NC

American Rules

### **New Members**

No new members joined in September.

### **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 deleted from the list. A new list will be sent to you if there are changes. [This list is for TCCC members only.](#)

### **Future TCCC Events**

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

### **TCCC COVID-19 Semi-Mixed Doubles Tournament Rounds 3 through 5 in October**

Rounds 1 and 2 were played in September. Rounds 3 through 5 will be played in October. This is the only competitive club event of the year.

These unique times have caused us to adopt a very different type of event: a Swiss Format Tournament. It is unlike any tournament that we have had before since all the mixed doubles teams will play a game in each of 5 rounds.

Everyone plays 5 games. The winner is not determined by eliminating the rest of the field but will be based on the best cumulative record in all games played.

The games in each round will be spread out over 10 days and the teams will be able to pick the day and time of their matches. Evening hours and weekend mornings will be set aside to let teams avoid the heat of the day and to avoid disrupting regularly scheduled groups.

No more than 8 players will be on the court at the same time and anyone wishing to watch a match is reminded that they need to abide by the State and City restrictions on crowd size in effect at that time. Masks are not required but all players should maintain appropriate distancing during the match.

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

## Open Sessions

For more than a year, Alan Bensch, Terry Hunt, and George Fiegel have been teaching the basics of croquet every Thursday at noon in a 2-hour time block called Open Sessions. The instructions have been very effective at making current members better players, and it has encouraged new people to join our club. The basics of that work have been summarized in a document that will be featured in a USCA Weekly Croquet Break magazine in September.

Sara Low, the President of the USCA, said of the document: "We are so pleased to include it (our document) as one of our Weekly Croquet Breaks. Interesting new players in croquet is so important, but it is equally vital to appeal to experienced players. The Tega Cay Croquet Club seems to have done this well with your weekly Open Sessions. Thank you for agreeing to share your program with other clubs and USCA members."

The detailed document can be obtained from George Fiegel. It includes a description of the program. Send an e-mail to George to get the information ([gfiegel@comporium.net](mailto:gfiegel@comporium.net)).

## 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, information about the Junior Croquet Program, and the substitute list. The Photo Gallery section contains photos and articles for recent event.

## **President's Corner**

*Hard to believe my year as President is coming to a close. It has been a challenging year to lead our organization. The fiscal year started in typical fashion with a successful and fun Anderson Cup Tournament, a great Golf with Wickets event and an enjoyable member breakfast. The news of an international pandemic in March changed everything!*

*Your board had many serious discussions about how to balance keeping our members safe yet still enjoy the game we love. I think we got that important balance right! Most of our groups are playing a "normal" schedule (with some extra precautions). We have also been able to attract new members even without the tournaments and social events that bring us all together. We have even found a way to have a tournament that still complies with state and local regulations.*

*I think our board's finest accomplishment was to put enough of the proper precautions in place that none of our members (at least to my knowledge) have contracted Covid 19 from playing croquet. My caution to all of you is to not let down your guard. New cases in the country are spiking again and are likely to remain high as the weather gets colder and we spend more time indoors. The longer we all go without a serious problem, the easier it is to be a bit less disciplined about taking appropriate precautions. Please stay safe!*

*As I transition to a new role on the board, I know you will give Barbara Williams the support she needs as we continue to work through the challenges the virus presents. I am proud of the fact that we grew our membership this year and that we continue to be on a very sound footing financially. I very much appreciate all the hard work put in by the board and the suggestions and encouragement from the members this year.*

*I can't wait for the day that we have a major club celebration to mark the end of Covid restrictions. I have saved up some hugs and hearty handshakes for all of you!*

*Respectfully,  
Frank Powell  
TCCC President*