

Newsletter

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WELCOME TO 2024!

Message from the President: Lynda Forbes

2024 is the 50th ANNIVERSARY of the Bayfield International Croquet Club!

We have some exciting plans for the year commencing with the Season Opener 'Bill Tillman' tournament on May 25th followed by the President's Reception at the Bayfield Town Hall from 5-8.

Please plan to attend and toast the past and future with the new 'Official Cocktail of BICC' in honour of our 50th Anniversary. The Board requests that at least 50 members attend the Reception for a 50th Anniversary BICC Member photo.

A shout out to all our dedicated volunteers who commit their time year after year to make this Club run smoothly. Want to get involved? We would love to hear from you. In 2024 - come out, meet new friends and HAVE FUN!
Lynda

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WHAT'S UP FOR OUR 50TH?

Come out to the **President's Reception** on May 25th and help create a BICC Members' photo! We're looking for 50+ Members to photograph to mark this memorable year!

Dave MacLaren has volunteered for the gruelling task of concocting the **Official Cocktail of BICC!** This special cocktail will be debuted at the President's Party.

The Tournament Committee asks players to wear something red, blue, yellow or black either as a top or bottom during tournament play this year - just for fun.



The Club will host Grade 9 & 10 students from Central Huron Secondary School for fun play and to kick off the next 50 years with a youthful outlook.

We need 50 Members to walk with the BICC Float at the **Fall Fair Parade**.

The **BICC 50th Olympics** with fun games for all Members will be in August - date TBD.

A 50th Anniversary **All Members Draw** for a free membership will be held at the AGM.

A fun one day tournament will close out our 50th Anniversary celebrations on September 14th.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY BICC!

SOCIAL PLANS

Regular Programs

Recreational Pickup (formerly Coffee & Croquet) is scheduled on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9-11 on courts West & Centre.
Contact: Leigh Selk

Thursday Social Croquet starts at 3 p.m. followed by social time at 5. Social time is at the court or at a member's home.
Contact: Renee Hill

Sunday Loonie+Toonie \$3 Burger (or similar) afternoons are anticipated every other week from 3-5. Stay tuned for details.
Contact: Karen Ratcliffe



PARTIES

The **President's Reception** is on May 25th at the Bayfield Town Hall.

A **Midsummer 50th Gala** will be July 20th at the Pavillion. Further details including ticket cost to follow.

FUN & FRIENDSHIP

Friends arrive to help Jerry Selk celebrate his birthday with some fun games!

Pat Waters, Bill Rowat, Roger Lewington, Barry Detenbeck & Richard Wright. (L-R)

KEY DATES FOR APRIL & MAY

May 4- New Member Open House

May 1 - May 24 - Peruse the Tournament Schedule, contact the Director with questions, sign up for tournaments and Block Play by email, by website or at the President's Reception

May 25 - 1 Day Season Opener Hi/Lo Alternate Shot followed by President's Reception

May 31 - First Round Block Play draws posted & play begins

TRAINING & LESSONS

Contact: Deb Moulton

Formal Training includes:

Beginner Session - 2 hrs.

Golf/Snake in the Grass - 2 hrs.

Association Croquet 1 - 1-2 hrs.

Association Croquet 2 - 1-2 hrs.

The program occurs on consecutive Wednesdays. Further details to be provided by email.

Additional training and demos happens at Recreational Pickup. Mentors are available for one-on-one focused instruction.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Contact: Brad Douglas & Richard Peirce

Please remember to refer all potential new members to Brad Douglas at bdouglas@gmail.com to ensure they are welcomed with a new member information kit. sure they are welcomed with a new member information kit.

Volunteer to staff the BICC booth at the Lions Home & Garden Show on April 20 & 21, or help at the New Member Open House on May 4 by contacting Brad or Richard.



Jump shot day 2023 with Bill Rowat

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Season closing cocktail party 2023
(it's all about the food!)

KEY DATES FOR JUNE & JULY

June 6-9 - 4 day Canadian AC Championship

June 12 - Lessons start

June 15 - 1 day Fun Doubles Golf followed by Get Together

June 16 - Loonie+Toonie \$3 Play & BBQ series starts

July 6 - BICC Olympics

July 7 - First round Block Play ends

July 12 - Second round Block Play starts

July 19-21 - 3 day Founders Cup Tournament

July 20 - 50th Gala Celebration

VOLUNTEERING

Every aspect of our Club relies on members to volunteer in some role. Please offer to help or respond to a call for help. Committee Chairs and/or Board Members are available to talk about how we can work together to provide the variety and breadth of activities we all want. Can you be a Volunteer for:

- Committees
- Programs
- Training
- Thursday parties
- President's party or 50th Gala party
- Open Tournaments like the National Championship
- Parade float
- Attendance at shows and community events
- New Member Open House
- Board of Directors

TOURNAMENT PICS



HAPPY PLAYER



2023 CLUB WINNERS



2023 FOUNDERS CUP WINNERS

KEY DATES FOR AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

August 10 - 1 day Fun Doubles Snake followed by Get Together

August 17 - Fall Fair Parade - BICC Float

August 21 - Second Round Block Play ends

August 24 - 25 - Semi Finals Block Play

August 31 - September 1 - Finals Block Play

September 2 - AGM

September 7 - October 19 - Fall Classic Block Play

September 14 - 50th Anniversary Closing Half Day Tournament & Get Together

NEW FOR 2024 - ASSOCIATION LADDER PLAY

Contact: John Legate

For those not familiar with a ladder, it is very simple. Players are ranked according to their ability. Any player can challenge a player up to 3 positions higher than they are on the list. If they play and are successful, they are then placed above the challenged player in the ranking. If the challenger loses nothing changes. A declined challenge is treated as a win for the challenger. The ladder will be run throughout the year. There is no minimum or maximum requirement to make challenges.

The game to be played is a shortened version of the Association game where, after a player makes hoop 1, the clip for the other colour of ball is placed on hoop 4 back, that is, make hoop one with red, place yellow clip on 4 back at the end of your turn. For this year rankings will be based upon historical data or best guess. The intent is to update results weekly and post every Sunday.

All active members will be listed on the initial ranking. If you do not wish to participate simply email jdlegate@outlook.com or place an X beside your name on the posted listing.

TOURNAMENTS

Contact: David Druiett

Tournament Categories:

Members: E - Everyone may participate

F - Full Members may participate

Skill Level: B = Beginner Level, I = Intermediate Level, A = Advanced Level

** Skill levels are noted for information and guidance so Members can decide which tournaments might fit their comfort level. However, all skill levels may register for any tournament in their membership category.

Register by contacting the Tournament Director by email, by registering in the event calendar on bicc.ca or by signing up at the President's Reception.

2024 TOURNAMENTS & SCHEDULE

1 DAY FUN TOURNAMENTS (E) (B,I,A) \$20 (Pay at Event)

Great Events for New Players!

MAY 25: SEASON OPENER Association Doubles. Hi/Lo, Alternate Shot. 45 min. games. Individual sign up by May 18. Partners to be assigned by Tournament Director Rob McCrea (mccrea.architect@icloud.com) **Bill Tillmann Cup.** Maximum 36 players.

JUNE 15: Golf Doubles. 45 min. games. Individual sign up by June 10. Partners to be assigned by Tournament Director Laurien Trowell (dltrowell@tcc.on.ca) Maximum 36 players.

AUGUST 10: Snake in the Grass Doubles. 45 min. games. Individual sign up by August 3. Partners to be assigned by Tournament Director Debbie Moulton (debbie_moulton@hotmail.com) **Joe Beechie Cup.** Maximum 36 players.

SEPTEMBER 14: 50TH ANNIVERSARY CLOSING TOURNAMENT. Association Doubles. Details to be announced. Tournament Director Deb Moulton (debbie_moulton@hotmail.com). Maximum 36 players.



3 DAY CLUB TOURNAMENT (F) (I,A) - \$95.00 (Pay Treasurer in advance). **Founders Cup - followed by 50th Anniversary Gala on Saturday night.**

July 19 - 21: Association Doubles, 2 hr. games, Team sign up or Individual sign up and partner assigned by Tournament Director Rob McCrea. Maximum 12 teams. Fee includes Friday night reception for players. (Add \$15 for spouses) Morning coffee, snacks & lunch Friday & Saturday for players. Sign up by July 14th. **50th ANNIVERSARY GALA** is an additional fee and open to all Members.

4 DAY OPEN TOURNAMENT (F) (I,A) - \$ 330.00 (Pay Treasurer in Advance) **Croquet Canada National Championship**



JUNE 6 - 9: Association Singles, Championship, First & Second Flights.
Registration until May 31st. Maximum 26 players.

This prestigious event attracts players from North America & Australia. This is a wonderful opportunity for Members to play against players with different skill levels, to obtain a world ranking record and most of all to have fun!
Opening Reception, daily light breakfast & lunch, closing Dinner.
Tournament Director: John Davies.

Priority registration for Members between February 18 and March 3. Non-members' registration starts March 4. Registration deadline: May 31, 2024.

2024 CLUB TOURNAMENTS - BLOCK PLAY

There are five different block play tournaments throughout the year. You will play against each opponent in your block. There will not be any 2 out of 3 games in the Season rounds. After the first round, at the midpoint of the summer, player results will determine who moves into Blue or Red Flights for Round 2.

GOLF & SNAKE IN THE GRASS (F)

Golf: (B,I,A) Format: 19-point games

Tournament Director Debbie Moulton (debbie_moulton@hotmail.com). **Hugh Gregory Cup.**

Snake in the Grass: (B,I,A) Format: 19-point games

Tournament Director Ron Croft (roncroft54@live.ca)

ASSOCIATION (F)

Time Limited 90 Min.: Format: 14-point games.

Tournament Director: John Davies (jcdavies@tcc.on.ca)

George Cantrick Cup.

Time Limited 2 Hr.: Format: 26-point games

Tournament Director: Rob McCrea (mccreaarchitect@icloud.com)

Tom Colls Cup.

Untimed: Format: 26-point games.

Tournament Director: David Druiett (david.druiett@gmail.com)

Bayfield Cup.

2024 COACHING SERIES - FALL CLASSIC

September 7 - October 19: This 6+/- week series is a block format. Doubles, Hi/Lo with a specific focus on coaching and learning. Opportunity to advance Association skills with a one-on-one coach. 90 min. games Tournament Director: Laurien Trowell

PROTOCOLS FOR BLOCK PLAY 2024

***** IN HONOUR OF OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY AT EVERY TOURNAMENT GAME DURING THIS YEAR, WEAR SOMETHING RED, BLUE, BLACK OR YELLOW AS A TOP OR BOTTOM *****

Block play is multi-week 'league' play in different formats. The number of blocks (usually 1-3) and number of games per round depends on the number of players that register. Signing up for block play is a commitment to play the first round between **June 1 and July 7** and the second round between **July 12 and August 21**. (The dates schedule is subject to change.) Final day to register for block play is **May 27**.

All players play in the first round and then are sorted for the second round into Championship Flight and A/B Flights based on each players win-loss record. Semi-finals are held on **August 22 and 23**. While semi-final games can be played before or after the scheduled dates, finals for all blocks are held on **August 31 and September 1** only. (The schedule is subject to change.)

The number of wins determines finishing standings in block play. If there is a tie, it will be resolved by number of wins, then head-to-head, then net hoops, then closest to the peg.

Games are arranged between players. Players are equally responsible to complete games by the scheduled dates. Scores are kept by players on sheets posted in the Clubhouse. Scores for the Bayfield Cup must include the date the game is played for submission to the World Croquet Ranking database.

Please see the BICC website for the document "Etiquette Guidelines for Block Play Tournaments" to resolve issues with the scheduling of games.

2024 QUICK CALENDAR

BICC QUICK CALENDAR (Refer to bicc.ca for additional details & events)						
May 2024						
			Wednesday 22	Thursday 23	Friday 24	Saturday 25
Players are welcome to start playing anytime after April 1st when the courts have been cleared for play by the Turf Committee	May 4 New Member Open House - Volunteers Needed	Prepare for BICC's 50th Season!		Look at the tournament list to decide which tournaments to enter		1 day Fun AC Doubles Tournament President's Reception- 5 to 8 pm. Sign up for tournaments & block play 50 Members needed for 50th
Sunday 26	Monday 27	Tuesday 28	Wednesday 29	Thursday 30	Friday 31	
	Final day to register for block play! Contact the Tournament Director and get ready to play!		In honour of our 50th Anniversary, at every tournament game wear something red, blue, black or yellow as a top or bottom		Blocks sent to players by TD by email. First Round Block Play Begins	Final registration for Croquet Canada National Championship May 31st.
June 2024						
						Sat 1
Sun 2	Mon 3	Tues 4	Wed 5	Thurs 6	Fri 7	Sat 8
				BICC hosts Croquet Canada National AC Championship (whites only)	BICC hosts Croquet Canada National AC Championship (whites only)	BICC hosts Croquet Canada National AC Championship (whites only)
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Sun 9	Mon 10	Tues 11	Wed 12	Thurs 13	Fri 14	Sat 15
		Recreational Pickup 9-11	Lessons 9:00 am	Social Croquet 3-5 pm & Party 5-7 pm	Recreational Pickup 9-11	
Sun 16	Mon 17	Tues 18	Wed 19	Thurs 20	Fri 21	Sat 22
Loonie+ Toonie \$3 Play & BBQ 3-6 pm		Recreational Pickup 9-11	Lessons 9:00 am	Social Croquet 3-5 pm & Party 5-7 pm	Recreational Pickup 9-11	
Sun 23	Mon 24	Tues 25	Wed 26	Thurs 27	Fri 28	Sat 29
		Recreational Pickup 9-11	Lessons 9:00 am	Social Croquet 3-5 pm & Party 5-7 pm	Recreational Pickup 9-11	
Sun 30						
Loonie+ Toonie \$3 Play & BBQ 3-6 pm						
July 2024						
Sun	Mon 1	Tues 2	Wed 3	Thurs 4	Fri 5	Sat 6
	Canada Day	Recreational Pickup 9-11	Lessons 9:00 am	Social Croquet 3-5 pm & Party 5-7 pm	Recreational Pickup 9-11	BICC OLYMPICS - Details to follow
Sun 7	Mon 8	Tues 9	Wed 10	Thurs 11	Fri 12	Sat 13
Finish First Round of Block Play		Recreational Pickup 9-11	Lessons 9:00 am	Social Croquet 3-5 pm & Party 5-7 pm	Recreational Pickup 9-11. Second Round of Block Play Begins	
Sun 14	Mon 15	Tues 16	Wed 17	Thurs 18	Fri 19	Sat 20
Loonie+ Toonie \$3 Play & BBQ 3-6 pm	Deadline for sign up for Founders Cup Tournament July 14th	Recreational Pickup 9-11	Lessons 9:00 am	Social Croquet 3-5 pm & Party 5-7 pm	Founders Cup AC	Founders Cup AC
Sun 21	Mon 22	Tues 23	Wed 24	Thurs 25	Fri 26	Sat 27
Founders Cup AC		Recreational Pickup 9-11		Social Croquet 3-5 pm & Party 5-7 pm	Recreational Pickup 9-11	50th Anniversary Gala!
Sun 28	Mon 29	Tues 30	Wed 31			
Loonie+ Toonie \$3 Play & BBQ 3-6 pm		Recreational Pickup 9-11				
August 2024						
				Thurs 1	Fri 2	Sat 3
				Social Croquet 3-5 pm & Party 5-7 pm	Recreational Pickup 9-11	
Sun 4	Mon 5	Tues 6	Wed 7	Thurs 8	Fri 9	Sat 10
	Civic Holiday	Recreational Pickup 9-11		Social Croquet 3-5 pm & Party 5-7 pm	Recreational Pickup 9-11	1 Day Fun Snake in the Grass Doubles & Get Together
Sun 11	Mon 12	Tues 13	Wed 14	Thurs 15	Fri 16	Sat 17
Toonie+ Loonie \$3 Play & BBQ 3-6 pm		Recreational Pickup 9-11		Social Croquet 3-5 pm & Party 5-7 pm	Recreational Pickup 9-11	Fall Fair Parade - 50 Members needed for float!
Sun 18	Mon 19	Tues 20	Wed 21	Thurs 22	Fri 23	Sat 24
		Recreational Pickup 9-11	Finish Second Round Block Play	Social Croquet 3-5 pm & Party 5-7 pm	Recreational Pickup 9-11	Block Play Semi-Finals
Sun 25	Mon 26	Tues 27	Wed 28	Thurs 29	Fri 30	Sat 31
Block Play Semi-Finals		Recreational Pickup 9-11		Social Croquet 3-5 pm & Party 5-7 pm	Recreational Pickup 9-11	Block Play Finals
September 2024						
Sun 1	Mon 2	Tues 3	Wed 4	Thurs 5	Fri 6	Sat 7
Block Play Finals	Labour Day AGM - 9 - 10:30. Important changes to BICC Constitution.					Fall Classic Starts
Sun 8	Mon 9	Tues 10	Wed 11	Thurs 12	Fri 13	Sat 14
Toonie+ Loonie \$3 Play & BBQ 3-6 pm						50th Anniversary Closing Fun Half-Day Tournament & Get Together