

Dear Members,

Outgoing Club President Art Helt brought the meeting to order. Art reviewed the many activities taking place in the club, and the increased opportunities for play that members have enjoyed in recent months. Events include weekly Wine and Wicket gatherings on Sundays at Rio Grande, the OctoberFest Celebration, Monday through Thursday Six Wicket and Two Shot Croquet lessons at Fenney during the season, and the annual Two Shot Croquet Tournaments at Fenney and Rio Grande.

Tournament winners were awarded original TVCC watercolor paintings, a gift from artist and club member Maureen White.

Croquet Leagues were introduced and directed by Robert Smothers. Beginning in February the Club offered league play at First Responders and the Rio Grande Court to interested members.

TVCC's League Master, Robert Smothers, conducted two separate leagues. Each league lasted 6 weeks. As the leagues ended, participants celebrated by gathering at Anthony's Restaurant in Spanish Springs. League winners were congratulated and awarded the highly sought "Maureen White Originals."

Art reported that TVCC members are enjoying lots of playing time at the First Responder Croquet Court, an excellent, and much appreciated addition to the number of croquet courts that are available in TV. Twenty-five people gathered recently to play croquet at First Responder and enjoy some tasty pizza.

At the Fenney Court , Randy and Jeannine Bedard hosted a very enthusiastic group of players in a Six Wicket Tournament in April. As always, their membership continues to grow! Lessons for new members, and anyone interested in learning the game, are available four days a week at the Fenney Court between Oct-May.

Thanks go to Andre and Bonnie Robert who supported new players by providing lessons at the Rio Grande Court on Friday's at 3:00. Additional lessons available at Rio Grande at 2:00 on Sundays. FMI about lessons contact Erin at 413 961 9316.

"Wine and Wickets," hosted by Art and Diane Helt, drew a large number of players on Sundays at 3:00 throughout January, February and March. If interested in joining, or new to the Club be aware...Wine and Wickets occurs every Sunday at 3:00 and usually brings a good crowd.

Treasurer Andre Robert reported the club's April 30th's ending balance: \$3516.36. Members voted to purchase two large clocks to help with timing during league play. Discussion about use of the club's "text chain" followed. Members use the "text chain," to communicate when and where they plan to play on any given day. If you wish to be included in the text "chain" contact Bill L. by phone or text 352 446 0824.

It was agreed that the Club would purchase several copies of the well regarded Croquet Instructional Manual for use by members. Members may sign out one manual for a period of two weeks. Use the Croquet Manual sign out sheet in the closet at the Fenney and Rio Grande courts. Be sure to include your name, phone number and date when you sign out the manual. If you wish to use the manual for a longer period, and one is available, you are encouraged to sign it out again for another two week period. More study, more lessons and more practice never hurts. A little learning is a wonderful thing for those who want to improve their game. More study, more lessons and practice never hurts.

### **Election of officers and directors:**

By unanimous vote of the members who attended the May 6th, 2023 TVCC meeting, and votes submitted online prior to the May 6 meeting, the newly elected officers and directors are:

President: Andre Robert

Vice President: Erin Woodsome

Secretary: Valerie McKeon

Treasurer: James Polley

Directors: Jeannine Bedard, Aly Salam, Donna Bamburger

Many thanks to outgoing President Art Helt, and to our new officers and directors. Thank you for stepping up to lead the club! !

Lots of members continue to play croquet in the hot weather. If you want to join them contact Bill L. and ask to be included in the "text" group. That way you will know when and where people will be playing.

Erin Woodsome, Secretary