



## THE UNITED STATES CROQUET ASSOCIATION

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### **USA LOOKS TO UPSET GREAT BRITIAN FOR THE SECOND TIME** *The USA Croquet Team Looks For its Second Straight Win Against The Formidable Great Britain Team for the Solomon Trophy*

The U.S.A croquet team will be trying to defeat the Great Britain team for the second straight meeting to retain the Solomon Trophy. The Solomon Trophy, named for English croquet legend John Solomon, was first played in 1988 as a test match between the two countries. Great Britain had dominated the series by winning 17 times until that streak ended when the U.S.A pulled off their first victory in 2009. This will be their first meeting since that U.S.A victory.

A test match is a contest between two, six player teams that is composed of both singles and doubles play. In total, 21 best of three matches are played over a four-day period. Great Britain has dominated match play for decades on the world stage however the U.S. has made great strides over the past several years and is becoming a serious threat. A USCA committee chooses the six-man team that will represent the USA.

This year's US team is composed of Ben Rothman (CA), Danny Huneycutt (NC), Jeff Soo (NC), Jim Bast (TX), Doug Grimsley (VA), and Chris Patmore (NY).

The event alternates between the United States and Great Britain and will take place this year at Hamptworth Golf and Country Club near Salisbury, UK from June 28<sup>th</sup> – July 1, 2011. This will pervade the perfect prelude for the U.S. players to the British Open, which runs July 2-9 and is considered one of the premier croquet competitions in the world.

The United States Croquet Association is the governing body for competitive croquet in the U.S.

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