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U.S. NATIONALS LOOKS LIKE A TRUE BATTLE ROYALE

Event will also feature a showcase of mallets and their makers

Over 40 of the United States best six-wicket croquet players will go to battle next week in the USCA American Rules Croquet National Championship to be held at the Mission Hills Country Club in Rancho Mirage, California. The event runs November 6-12 and will be the 35th edition of the USCA National Championship which was first held in 1977 when the national association was founded.

This year's event has attracted top U.S. players like Danny Huneycutt, Jeff Soo, Doug Grimsley, Rich Lamm and Ben Rothman. Rothman will be going for a repeat after winning his first American Rules National title last November in West Palm Beach, Florida. Overall, Rothman has six U.S. national titles on his resume along with a runner-up finish at the WCF World Croquet Championship in 2009.

The Mission Hills Croquet Club has added an additional wrinkle to this year's event with a mallet showcase to be held on Thursday, November 10. The showcase encourages mallet makers and manufacturers to present or send in their mallet to be displayed for all of the players and attendees. There will be lively mallet discussions, hoop shoots, refreshments, a voting contest and a major manufacturer's announcement.

The tournament itself will feature three flights of play with both singles and doubles action. Block play will take place Sunday through Friday and the finals will be played on Saturday, November 12.

Spectators and guests are welcome and should contact Ron Hendry at 760-567-6236 or croquetca@gmail.com for additional information. Press inquiries should be directed to Hendry or Dylan Goodwin at 913-636-7231 or croquetnetwork@gmail.com

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