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STARK CUP IS ON THE LINE FOR U.S. PLAYERS

America's best croquet players are set to invade West Palm Beach, Florida on April 29 to compete in the international version of the sport known as Association Laws croquet. The USCA's Association Laws National Championship will host 32 players at the National Croquet Center.

For the upcoming Association Laws championship, top-ranked U.S. players Ben Rothman, Danny Huneycutt, Jim Bast, Doug Grimsley, Rich Lamm and Jeff Soo will be on hand to compete for the Stark Cup, which is named after U.S. croquet legend Jerry Stark who passed away in 2010. Stark was a key figure for the U.S. on the international croquet scene for decades as he competed in every single MacRobertson Shield competition for the American team prior to his death in 2010.

On the courts, several players will be looking for their second USCA Association Laws championship, but two-time champions Danny Huneycutt and Rich Lamm will be looking to become the first three-time winner since Leo McBride accomplished the feat in 2003. Huneycutt has previously claimed the U.S. Association title in 2005 and 2009; Lamm in 2007 and 2012. Damon Bidencope is the only other three-time winner 1988-1990.

In America, top-level players split time between the U.S. version of six-wicket croquet and Association Laws croquet which is the most popular tournament version of croquet worldwide. In fact, the upcoming WCF World Association Singles Championship is considered the pinnacle of the sport in singles play and it will be held August 10-18 in England. This USCA Association Championship will serve as a warm-up for the U.S. players that will play in the World Championship.

Championship finals for the event are scheduled for Saturday, May 4. Spectators and guests are welcome and should contact Erica Sherman at 561-478-0760 or tournamentusca@aol.com for additional information. Press inquiries and/or photo requests should be directed to Sherman or Dylan Goodwin at 913-636-7231 or croquetnetwork@gmail.com

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