

Dear Friend of the New York Croquet Club:

The playing season has ended in Central Park, but great things are still happening at our courts.

**First, and foremost, the NYCC has gone green.** That's right, if you walk by the courts you will see a lot of green where once there was sand and dirt. No longer a space for beach croquet, the courts at Mineral Springs now resemble real grass croquet lawns. It's a sight that has not been seen there for years.

This is just the beginning of the five-year plan that the Central Park Conservancy has put into place. So far, everyone is pleased with the progress of the project. 'Everyone' means the Director of Horticulture, the Lawns Manager, the groundskeepers, and other official liaisons at the Conservancy; the NYCC people keeping tabs on the work; and our counterparts at the Lawn Bowling Club.

The early closing of the season, the warm weather we have enjoyed from the end of September until now, and the aggressive work being done by the Conservancy have all contributed to an early success. Let's hope it continues. The Conservancy is so excited they send updates and pictures of their work-in-progress. As you can see in the pictures below, the sacrifice has already resulted in the successful initiation of the lawn renovation. The Conservancy administrators and groundskeepers have all stated that the new growth of grass was made possible by the clubs' surrendering of the courts early enough in the fall to be able to capitalize on the prime germination period. Although much improved, there is still a thin patch under the trees in the southeast corner of the lawn, but the Conservancy will continue to experiment with different mixes of grass to gain solid grass covering there as well (if the trees cooperate.)

The new growth of grass is an encouraging sight that will warm the hearts of everyone who plays croquet at the NYCC and begin to stir excitement for next season. Below are pictures I took last week at the courts. Notice how green and lush the lawns look, a fabulous start to the 5-year lawn restoration project. There are also two photos of the first mowing, sent by the Central Park Conservancy which is also excited about the progress of the lawn care.

**The New York Croquet Club is featured in the current issue of the Village Voice highlighting the Best of New York.** If you can't get a copy, check the

Voice website for an online version of the article by Jason Gross:  
<http://www.villagevoice.com/bestof/2012/award/best-old-school-sporting-club-3764517/>.

Save the dates for the 2013 NYCC Tournaments.....

Clayton Cup: June 13-16

Osborn Cup: September 19-22

Wishing you a crisp and enjoyable autumn,

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Court 4 (Lawn Bowlers)



Most of Croquet Court



NW Corner



SE Corner



First Mow 2



First Mow