

LITTLE OYSTER WAS A BIG SUCCESS

Chesapeake Bay-Hartfield, VA

November 18-20, 2016

The Chesapeake Bay Croquet Club (CBCC) in Hartfield Virginia hosted its first ever tournament this November. Blue skies, and mild temperature prevailed. "We decided to do this tournament at the last minute and we are thankful to everyone who came. We didn't schedule any tournaments for 2016 because we weren't sure the grass would be ready and we haven't finished our clubhouse, but the courts are in great shape and the weather channel said we'd have warm temps so with one week's notice we pulled one off. The tournament was a great success for us and everyone who came had a great time."

This tournament was named the Little Oyster in honor of one of our favorite native seafoods which is in season in November. And of course oysters were on the menu for dinner Friday night. The venue was American Six Wicket Croquet singles only with a round-robin preliminary followed by a round-robin playoff in Championship Flight and a ladder playoff in 1st Flight.

In Championship Flight Rodney Lassiter from North Carolina took on local CBCC player Macey White in a well fought and entertaining dual for the championship with Rodney Lassiter being crowned winner.

In 1st Flight Karin Karel from Delaware defeated local player and #1 seed Hunt Thompson from Virginia.

Fun and good times were had by all and the Chesapeake Bay Croquet hopes to see all of our competitors again in the future.

The Chesapeake Bay Croquet Club is a newly formed club on the western shore of the Chesapeake Bay nestled between the Rappahannock and Piankatank Rivers. CBCC started construction of its' eight courts in November of 2015. The land was laser leveled in May and grass was sprigged on June 27. Now all eight courts are smooth, fast and dead flat. The clubhouse is still under construction and the club plans to have it ready for use in 2017 with locker rooms, a lounge and bar. The club already has a banquet hall with commercial kitchen on the property for meals.

In 2017 Chesapeake Bay will host at least 4 major tournaments. These will include the **Chesapeake Bay Calcutta** on May 16-21, which will be AC singles and doubles (high low). On June 14-18, the **Rockfish Open** an American and Golf Croquet, singles and Waterford Doubles tournament. The Rockfish will be a beginners friendly tournament. The club will provide coaches for all players 10 handicap and above. If you have never played in a croquet tournament and would like to try one, the Rockfish will be a great tournament to start. The courtside coaches will help higher handicap players with strategy, tactics and techniques necessary to make a croquet tournament an enjoyable experience. On Sep 13-17 CBCC will host the **Blue Crab** with American 6-Wicket and Golf croquet, singles and Waterford Doubles. The big dinner night at the blue crab will feature a Chesapeake Bay seafood buffet with hardshell blue crabs as the main course. On October 11-15 the **Big Oyster** will be a more comprehensive event than this year's Little Oyster with Association Croquet singles and Waterford doubles over 4 days. The big dinner at the Big Oyster will include oysters the way Virginians like them, raw, steamed and fried. Chesapeake Bay's signature touch will always be local seafood as a choice for dinner and home cooked breakfast and courtside lunches every day.



Tournament Director, Macey White with Championship Flight winner Rodney Lassiter.



Tournament Director, Macey White with Karin Karel 1st Flight Winner

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT

1. Rodney Lassiter
2. Macey White
3. John Priest

FIRST FLIGHT

1. Karin Karel
2. Hunt Thompson
3. Martin Karel
4. Pedro Rivera
5. George Pongonis