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CROQUET, A GENTEEL BUT DEMANDING SPORT  
AT THE JEKYLL ISLAND CLUB HOTEL

Jekyll Is., GA---General Manager Kevin Runner of the Jekyll Island Club Hotel recently announced the opening of the hotel's summer croquet season.

"We eagerly anticipate the opening of the season. New players are coming up in the game, and the players with established reputations are chafing for new challenges. The Jekyll Island Croquet Club (JICC), a highly competitive group of accomplished players, demonstrates the basic method of play used in tournaments throughout the Southeast as they practice on the lawn. We are pleased to have them join us on court, the only competition level croquet greensward within a 125-mile radius," said Runner.

According to a former president of the JICC, "Competition croquet is a game of strategy and technique, more than one of great physical exertion. Consequently, players of all ages can play and enjoy the sociability of the game as well as competitive play."

The hotel's greensward on the west lawn of the hotel and facing the Jekyll River, was designed and built by landscape architect William Edenfield in 1986 at a cost of \$45,000.00. The court has a layered composition of sand, gravel, and top soil to a depth of about four feet. Integrated into the soil strata is a drainage system which allows rapid dispersal of rain water away from the court. Tiftdwarf Bermuda Grass, a patented grass also used on some golf courses, is used for court surface because the dense root system of this grass utilizes water efficiently and the finer blade allows close cutting for a truer roll of the ball.

Tournament level equipment, including cast iron, oven fired wickets; premium Jacques eclipse balls; and balanced mallets, is provided for hotel guests. Instructors and officials are

available by arrangement, ready to tutor the novice or give pointers to more proficient players. "We're happy to acquaint the public with this genteel but demanding game," says Instructor Sally Groves.

In addition to croquet competitions, the greensward is available for courtside social events: wedding receptions, lawn parties, and wicket-shoots. Full catering resources are available for these events including public address systems, awnings, and court lighting for twilight and nighttime play.

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