

# WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP CUP

## Golf Croquet Tournament MARCH 20 – 23, 2025



Hosted by the Women's Golf Croquet Academy  
and the Ponte Vedra Croquet Club  
100 Mosquito Control Road, Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida 32082

The Ponte Vedra Croquet Club is pleased to be the host venue for this exciting women's international golf croquet event. The PVCC was started in 2013 and built as a dedicated croquet venue offering 7 courts exclusively for croquet play. The Club includes a large pavilion, lounge, restrooms, picnic area, has ample parking and is centrally located near hotels, dining, and shopping.

### Event Format

The Friendship Cup is open to women of all ages and abilities.  
Singles Tournament with flights based on playing levels.  
Block Play followed by Knockout.  
Event Capacity: 48 players  
Dress Code: White Croquet Attire  
Practice courts will be available Wednesday afternoon, March 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **Deadline to Register: January 31, 2025**

Entry Fee: \$295 includes daily lunches, refreshments, and awards.

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Please make check payable to **WGCA** and send payment to:  
MaryCarol Stearns, 8136 Seven Mile Drive  
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Player Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ WCF dGrade if known: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Club Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Special Dietary Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: (name and phone) \_\_\_\_\_ cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*I agree to hold the Ponte Vedra Croquet Club (PVCC) and all its agents and assigns, not liable for any injury or loss that may occur on or off the PVCC property. I also allow the PVCC to use any photos of me or any results from this event for promotion, articles or other purposes.*

*Cancellations after the final deadline will forfeit any fees unless a replacement can be found.*

## History of the Women's International Friendship Cup

This golf croquet event came about from an idea Cheryl Bromley had as she continued to travel and meet players from all over. It was her dream to host a major women's tournament in the U.S. to showcase up-and-coming women players and top-notch talent from around the world, and to foster camaraderie between these players and women of all skill levels in the USA. After being delayed in 2020 due to the pandemic and with international travel restrictions still in place in 2021, it began as the very first Women's GC Open in the United States in 2021 held at the Chesapeake Bay Club. In 2022, it was officially established as the Women's International Friendship Cup and now, in 2025, will be sponsored by the Women's Golf Croquet Academy and take place at the Ponte Vedra Croquet Club in Florida.

### Previous Winners

2021	Championship Flight First Flight Second Flight	Helen Covington (USA) Geri O'Neill (USA) Karin Karel (USA)
2022	Championship Flight First Flight	Abeer Mostafa (Egypt) Angela Pittman (USA)
2023	Championship Flight First Flight Second Flight	Cheryl Bromley (USA) Lisa Maloney (USA) Mary Miech (USA)
2024	Not held due to the GC World Championships schedule.	

### What is the WGCA?

In 2020, it began as the shared mission of MaryCarol Stearns, Debbie Davidoff, Cheryl Bromley, and Ellie Griffith to develop and improve women's croquet skills by providing a nurturing environment to embolden more women to successfully compete in tournament play.

In 2021, they formed The Women's Golf Croquet Academy (WGCA) which held its first of several academies at its home site, the Ponte Vedra Croquet Club in Florida. Special training sessions and supervised match play are available to women players of all ages and abilities from novice to advanced tournament players and can also be held at your club anytime throughout the year. The number of days and sessions offered in an academy at your facility are flexible to accommodate your players. A typical academy is two days with the instructor to student ratio designed to be 1:4 or 1:8 based on the program requested.

For more information about the WGCA please contact: MaryCarol Stearns Email: [WGCA2023@gmail.com](mailto:WGCA2023@gmail.com) Phone: 904-501-2878