



## **MISSION HILLS CROQUET CLUB ----- SMACKDOWN**

**January – April 2012**

**What is a Smackdown?** A doubles tournament where you pick your partner. The format is High/Low to encourage higher handicap members to come out & play and have a lower handicap player help mentor while playing in a tournament environment. The purpose is to learn & grow more tournament players.

**How many games?** One game each of: golf croquet, American Rules, and Association Rules all played in ONE day with one team playing another team. That's right – all 3 games in ONE given day! And in any order the two teams decide on.

**How is it scored?** One point is earned for each game victory with a total of 3 points maximum for the day.

**Who plays whom?** Each team plays every other team signed up for the competition by April 6, 2012. If all the teams have played each other prior to the play date, the finals can be played earlier in the season. If 10 or more teams sign up to play, a drawing (open to all teams & croquet club members) will be held on Saturday, January 7, 2012, Courtside lawn #1 at 4 p.m. to divide teams into two (2) blocks. Drawing by Tournament Director Ben Rothman. It will be a BYOB and then to the 55<sup>th</sup> for more fun!

**What are the team rules?** Teams can consist of one player with a 10 or above handicap & one player with a 9 or less handicap OR the combined handicap of both players 13 or greater. For example, a 10 handicap with a 0 handicap; an 8 handicap with a 5 handicap; or any combination that results in OVERALL team handicap falling within these stated boundaries. At the request of some individuals, we have changed the requirements to let some 4, 5, & 6 handicaps play with players whose handicap is below 10.

**How do you determine the winner?** At the end of the time, the points are totaled and the two teams with the MOST points have a one day play off to determine the WINNER. If we end up having two blocks, the block winners will play each other to determine the overall winner. The playoff is scheduled for Wednesday, April 11, 2012 (for now – subject to change).

**Entry fee?** \$50.00 per team. Check to Mission Hills Croquet Club; mail to Ron Hendry, 10321 Sunningdale Drive, Rancho Mirage, CA 92270 OR place in the white box outside of shed #1. Just write your name, partners' name, and your American Rules handicaps on a piece of paper. If you do not know your handicap, contact Ben Rothman.

**Entry Deadline?** January 1, 2012.

**Trophies?** The winner & 2<sup>nd</sup> place will get a CASH payout based on the number of entries plus a nice signed certificate with picture of your team and our Croquet Pro Ben Rothman.

**Tournament objective?** Have FUN – play based on YOUR schedule in a competitive environment vs just a pick-up game. Who will win the challenge??

**Questions?** Contact Pres Ron Hendry (760) 567-6236 OR [croquetca@gmail.com](mailto:croquetca@gmail.com)

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**