

We built it...a month in the life of kubb in Eau Claire, WI

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It is amazing what we have all built...the dozens of us all over the U.S., but mostly in the Upper Midwest, over the past several years. I feel like I am in the middle of a four-week kubb fantasy dream right now. If you live in Eau Claire or the surrounding area, the kubb life is absolutely amazing...and considering all the hard work we have all done, we deserve it, and I am going to enjoy it.

Let me explain...

Weekend of April 25th

Friday - Help host a Learn To Play event at SpringFest in Chippewa Falls

Friday - Played in an exhibition match with the four Eau Claire players from Claire Mni-2014 against a Chippewa Falls team made up of local celebrities.



Saturday - Played in the Inaugural Leinenkugels Kubb Championship at SpringFest with Scott Graham and Gregg Jochimsen. After a wonderful day of kubb, we made it to the semifinal and had the chance to play against three top level players from Chaska Kubb, all who made it to Sunday at the 2014 U.S. Championship. Then we were able to play against three top level players in the Final (three U.S. Gold medals among them), and we were able to win 2-0.



Sunday - Hosted a Learn to Play in Cornell, WI as part of their Outdoor Ed-venture event, and we got to play kubb with Smokey Bear.



Sunday - Played in the Sunday night Eau Claire Kubb League.

Weekend of May 2:

Saturday - Played in the 6th annual Swedish Historical Society of Rockford, IL on Saturday with Scott Graham and

my step-dad Ray Hodowanic. It was my first time playing with my stepdad. In the playoff round of 16, we played a two-hour, three-set match against the two-time U.S. Champions Kubbsicles who were teamed up with Gregg Jochimsen. We lost that match, but ended up winning the Consolation Bracket. Our loss allowed us to watch from a distance Kubbsicles and Gregg play against Team Knockerheads (Chris Hodges and Josh Feathers) in the quarterfinals...the last four U.S. Champions were on that pitch. Personally, it would have been worthy to stop the tournament for everyone to watch.



Sunday - Played in the Sunday night Eau Claire Kubb League.

Weekend of May 9th:

Sunday - Played in the Sunday night Eau Claire Kubb League. Did I mention 16 teams on eight pitches every Sunday...



Upcoming weekend of May 16th:

Saturday - Will play in the annual Chippewa Valley Kubb League SpringFling here in Eau Claire.

Sunday - Will play in the Sunday night Eau Claire Kubb League

In addition, over the past three weeks, I had the opportunity to attend the Children's Museum of Eau Claire annual auction fundraiser where Bob Fuller's kubb set (see picture) sold for \$1,100. Talked to Loopys about a winter indoor beach kubb tournament this next winter in the world's only heated dome volleyball facility with three volleyball courts AND a tiki bar, look for it. Met with staff from Longfellow and Northwoods elementary schools about a family kubb night on June 2nd at Northwoods Elementary School. And among a few things for the U.S. Championship, landed Culver's as a sponsor for Kid Kubb...free frozen custard for all the players.



We are living the kubb dream right now in Eau Claire. Let's appreciate it and enjoy it.