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The photo is of the team 12 Tits United at the 2017 World Championship in Kubb. They won the Lilla VM at the 2017 World Championship. Two of the teammates, Grit Thor and Nadine Beyeler were interviewed last year in our interview of 12 female players. You can find an article about the team inside this edition on page 29.

Above: Teams from the 2017 Netherlands National Championship (photos: NK Kubb)

DET FÖRSTA KASTET

THANK YOU KUBB MEDIA AND KUBB ON

tournaments no matter the size, producing high-quality photos and videos, live streaming from tournaments, a place to find clubs, and so much more. What they are doing and how they are doing it, they are big time trendsetters, and we are so fortunate that they are doing what they do. The first thing you should do after reading this is follow Kubb On (and Kubb Media) on social media. A big thank you to both Kubb Media and Kubb On.

I am just going to copy and paste this sentence from last year, "Every year, I think I know a decent amount of what is happening with kubb in Europe, then I dive into this magazine, and I realize I don't know a whole lot. One article introduces me to another, and that one to another, and I cannot help but wonder how many more there are, just down that one road." Last year, that happened with Püßelbürener Kubb-Spiele in Germany, which is a six-player team tournament with an amazing story. This year, it happened with a tournament in Kälen, Sweden. Kälen is located in the northern half of Sweden, there are 14 people that live in the community, and they host an annual tournament. Wait until you read about the tournament.

Obviously the game of kubb is more popular in Sweden than anywhere else in the world, as you would have difficulty finding someone that has not heard about it, let alone played it. However, after talking with the European authors in this edition of the magazine and past editions, it makes me wonder even more what the future holds for tournaments here in the U.S. For sure, it is a really fun discussion to take part in.

Lastly and with a heavy heart, this past Fall the U.S. kubb world lost three kubb players, kubb tournament organizers/volunteers, family members, and friends to a much too early death. We would like to dedicate this 2018 magazine to the following three individuals who all played a significant role during the first decade of kubb in the U.S.

Paul Mullen Nate Olson Jill Parsons



Photo: Kubb On

It seems every year I say to myself that kubb has taken off to a new level, and 2017 did not disappoint. There is so much going on now with kubb, I finally had to tell myself in the middle of last year that I cannot keep up with everything I want to keep up with (not even close), let alone everything going on. Even if you combine Eau Claire with all the amazing things happening in the Twin Cities, it is tough to keep up just in this area. But that is what we want and that is what so many of us have worked for and are working for. It is so much fun to talk with people starting new clubs and tournaments and see them and others start and grow in different places around the country and world.

Not only are more people learning the game and starting new clubs/tournaments, but with organizations like Kubb Media and Kubb On, there are countless fantastic photos, tournament previews, tournament recaps, live streaming, interviews, and more. Groups like Kubb Media, Kubb On, national federations/associations...this seems like it is the next step in the evolution of kubb and we are experiencing it right now...and it is taking kubb to the next level.

Regarding Kubb On. I had some people ask me this past Spring what I thought about Kubb On, since KubbNation Magazine has been around since 2011 and if there was room for both. My response to everyone was it is about time we have another source for kubb. To me, Kubb On is the best thing that has happened to kubb in the U.S. in the past couple of years, simple as that. It is getting the word out about all

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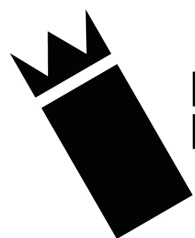
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RÖDÖN KUBB

KUBB SPORT FROM JÄMTLAND

By: Helena Pettersson- Rödön , Sweden

Photos - Helena Pettersson



RÖDÖN
K U B B

Rödön Kubb is a team and a club that consists of friends and families, mostly in our thirties and forties, that get together and play kubb all year long. Even the kids

come along and play kubb and they often have their own junior team. We are situated in northern Sweden in the province of Jämtland. Here kubb is well-known to most people but is mostly seen as an outdoor game to play during summers and not considered a sport the way we see it.

Our enthusiasm for kubb started during the summer of 2014 when we just for fun put together a team to play in the World Championship in Kubb on Gotland. The team consisted of the family, and the youngest girl was only 6 years old at that time. Even though we hadn't practiced we managed to advance to Saturday's games. Maybe our six-year-old induced some fear in the opposing teams by knocking down a great deal of kubbs for her age. In the Saturday's games, we didn't stand a chance but it was fun and we were hooked on kubb.

Back home again, we started to play and practice with friends and neighbours. We found out about another tournament in Jämtland not so far away and we decided to put together a team to compete. This tournament is highly popular

with a great number of participants, but when we arrived at the site we were however surprised to learn that they play kubb with other rules. Games are played with only one set and the field is 10 meters long and kubbs that have been tossed in are taken out of the game after being knocked down, so-called "utbränning". Without any expectations, we managed to win the tournament and beat 93 other teams. In the final, we managed to outcompete the opposing team by knocking down four kubbs in a row in the first turn. Guess if we were happy to win, we were thrilled. Later, the promoters of the tournament told us that their tournament is just for fun and that it's doubtful if "professional" teams should be allowed to compete. Maybe it was said with some tongue in cheek, we don't know. But anyhow, that victory just made our enthusiasm for kubb to grow even stronger.

During 2017 we have participated in seven different tournaments, among them the World Championship on Gotland and the pre-play for World Championship which was very fun. We have also scoured all northern Sweden to find tournaments and managed to find five different tournaments that we took part in. Everything from quite big and well-organized to very small and obscure. We noticed however, that the rules differ greatly between them as well as the sizes of the kubb-sets, some were very small. Most tournaments seem to use commercially produced kubb sets and use simplified rules that probably come along with the set.

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RÖDÖN KUBB

KUBB SPORT FROM JÄMTLAND



Winning some kronor.



Over time, we have set focus on spreading and developing kubb in the area. To raise an awareness of how we think kubb should be played. We just love it when playing a match when both teams are highly focused and concentrated. When all ten blocks of wood go back and forth, back and forth until one team finally makes a mistake and the other team can advance. That's what makes this game a sport to us and not just another outdoor game to play during get-togethers. So, with that in mind, we started our own kubb tournament "Rödökubben" that took off for the first time in 2017 and of course, we were adopting the World Championship rules and made our own kubb sets. What we hope for is that this tournament will grow with

more participants from the area. In order to spread some knowledge and interest in kubb, we have taught kids how to play kubb at the local sports club. We have also given away a game of kubb to the local primary school so the kids can play during breaks. We have also started the Facebook page "Rödön Kubb" where we write about us, tournaments, and rules. We think a really great thing about kubb is that absolutely everyone can join and play and compete. From young to old, guys as well as girls.

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EAST COAST CHAMPIONSHIP

GROWING KUBB ON THE U.S. EAST COAST

By: Bob Hickee - Morgantown, PA

Photos: Keystone Kubb



It started with an innocent question from kubb super fan Dan Pritchard in January of 2017 on Twitter, "Any tourneys in the Commonwealth (PA) this year #2017". Keystone Kubb from Morgantown, PA and Queen City Kubb from Charlotte, NC had been discussing starting the East Coast Kubb Championship for a couple of years but so far it was only talk. Since both clubs had

started playing kubb and traveling to tournaments in 2015, the number of kubb events had exploded in the Midwest, but there were still very few opportunities for tournament play on the East Coast. At the time, there were the three tournaments that Queen City Kubb hosted every year, and that was about it. It was time to change that, but there were still a ton of questions that needed to be answered.

After securing sponsorships from Country Kubb and KubbOn.com as well as the community grant from Kubb United, Bob Hickee and Jake Leavitt from Keystone Kubb and Mike Davids from Queen City Kubb started working out the details in what would become the East Coast Kubb Championship (ECKC). The goal was to have a tournament that could get more people from the East Coast playing tournament

kubb. To accomplish this goal, the tournament would have to move locations while keeping costs low for new clubs that might be hosting a tournament for the first time. The most expensive piece of hosting any kubb event is the cost of tournament quality Kubb sets. Keystone Kubb would invest in the sets and maintain them but the sets themselves would travel with the tournament, dramatically reducing the cost for hosting clubs as well as maintaining a standard of what the ECKC experience would be like. The tournament will rotate locations every two years to a club that resides in one of 16 East Coast states. The hope is that the hosting club will invest in building kubb locally once ECKC rotates to another club by either starting their own tournament or starting their own league. ECKC is also a qualifying tournament in the annual U.S. Team Cup hosted by Wisconsin Kubb (wisconsinkubb.com). This will allow teams in the east to have a better chance to participate in the U.S. Team Cup without having to travel to the core kubb states of Wisconsin and Minnesota more than once and it helped propel Keystone Kubb's own Kubbstaches to second place for the 2017 season.

With months of meticulous planning and painting 16 farm fresh Country Kubb sets finally behind them, it was time for the inaugural East Coast Kubb Championship at Livingood

The tournament will rotate locations every two years to a club that resides in one of 16 East Coast states.



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GROWING KUBB ON THE U.S. EAST COAST

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Park in Elverson, PA! The tournament included 20 teams and 45 players representing nine different states. Teams came from as far away as Minnesota and North Carolina with players that included everyone from former U.S. National Kubb Champions to players competing in their first ever kubb tournament. Despite the waterlogged pitches from an unseasonably wet summer in Pennsylvania and a torrential downpour the night before the championship, the tournament went off without a hitch. After seven rounds of the Des Moines Kubb Classic System, the field was split into an eight-team Championship bracket and a 12-team Silver bracket. The Silver Bracket was won by The Woodchuckers from Charlotte, NC who defeated Kubbogorgon from Pottsville, PA. The championship finals saw The Lumber Tumblers from Minneapolis, MN defeat the hometown Kubbstaches from Morgantown, PA.

In 2018, the East Coast Kubb Championship remains in Elverson, PA for one more year before moving on to be hosted by Queen City Kubb for 2019 and 2020. Taking the lessons they learned from 2017, Keystone Kubb plans to expand upon the good vibes from the inaugural

championship and not only grow the tournament but also continue to look for new and innovative ways to grow kubb in the region. In 2019 Keystone plans to start a new tournament in Pennsylvania in order to keep momentum going after ECKC rotates to North Carolina. As new Kubb clubs continue to form up and down the east coast, we're excited to see where the East Coast Kubb Championship will go in the years to come. We'd love to see clubs in New York, New Jersey, Virginia, Georgia, Florida, Maryland, or New England step up and host in 2021 and beyond. For more information about ECKC and to contact us about hosting the championship visit www.eastcoastkubbchampionship.com.





KUBB MEDIA

UP-TO-DATE, NEUTRAL, INFORMATIVE

By: Miguel Ehlert and Thorben Schöfisch - Frankfurt (Oder), Germany

Photos: Kubb Media



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Kubb Media is a platform for kubb in Germany. It summarizes all news and information of tournaments, opinion or other interesting changes within the German Kubb world. Its 100% online and available on Facebook, Youtube, Twitter, and Instagram. This project aims to operate up-to-date, neutral, and informative, a platform from kubb players to kubb players to support teams, tournaments, and organizers. It

is not the focus to concurrent with established ideas or to highlight specific issues, the other way around is true, supporting kubb together

Kubb is an interesting and developing sport and therefore Kubb Media wants to raise the awareness of this magnificent game. Meanwhile, the Kubb Media team gets many questions, which will be replied with a huge background knowledge and professionalism. People are searching everywhere for information and often it seems complicated to obtain everything. Visiting one unique platform has some sort of advantage. Building up one page is very ambitious and it evolves as a slow process to conserve the ideas in a sustainable manner for everyone.

Initiated by the King Challenge from Team Schünchen in autumn 2015, an idea evolved to bring all information together. With the release of

the first interview with Klaus, host of AHOI Beach Kubb in Warnemünde and PR-Manager of the DKubbB (German Kubb Association), the project started in January 2016. From the scratch with no experiences it turned into an amazing project for all participants. Further interviews with highly regarded German kubb players were following. Additionally live tweets and atmospheric videos got online, so people could regret not being at the tournament. Kubb Media works on a voluntary basis and as every kubb project there are limitations and potential of improvements.

In the same year, 2016, Kubb Media affiliated to the DKubbB. However the DKubbB acts as a great partner for supporting ideas, Kubb Media works independently. Furthermore the connection combines the expertise of all ambitious kubb players to act more efficiently with

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Top and Bottom: Interviews

regular meetings and discussions. Playing kubb in recent times got more and more professional, similar as the social media coverage. New tools on Facebook and Google allow reporting live from kubb events and live videos from the finals got more and more attention.

However, there are so many ideas, kubb is still a hobby and Kubb Media is just one project. Scheduling all tournaments, processing, and

uploading videos is very time intensive. But there is progress and since the initiation only positive feedback arrived at Kubb Media. Kubb Media are not just a few people, it is a platform from everyone for everybody. Together it is possible to make the sport more popular. "Kubb unites people and brings peace on earth!" Join the team and bring your idea to Kubb Media: media@dkubbb.de





KUBB IN NORTHERN SWEDEN

119 SIX-PLAYER TEAMS WITH 830 PLAYERS

By: Marianne Larsson - Kälen , Sweden

We have gotten a lot attention because of the fact that we are such a small village, with only 14 residents, and we manage to pull off a big event like this.

Photos -Marianne Larsson

We started the tournament in 2003 and back then it was just a small event between the villages in the surrounding area. In the beginning we held the tournament every second year but since 2009 we have arranged it annually. The first year we had 16 participating teams. The competitions were played during the evening and the final was held around midnight.

In 2011 we started arranging the competitions during the daytime. We start at 11 o'clock in the morning and finish at 6 pm. The numbers of participating teams have increased all the time and in 2017 we had 830 participants in 119 teams. There must be at least 6 players per team.

As the tournament has become more popular, we have now decided that the number of maximum participating teams can be no higher than 120. This is due to the fact that we do not have enough space for more kubb pitches and due to the limited resources we have available to organize the competition.

Every team plays five games at a maximum of 20 minutes and there are six teams in every group playing on 20 different pitches. 32 teams go to the knockout stages, then the remaining teams play in the round of sixteen, quarter finals and so on until the grand finale. The tournament's winning team receives a golden sprayed kubb king.

Many people stay after the final and party in their tents until we open the "After KubbPub" with

the live band The Relatives.

We have gotten a lot attention because of the fact that we are such a small village, with only 14 residents, and we manage to pull off a big event like this. Of course we need a lot of help from friends, family, and summer guests. We do all of the work for free. Before the tournament we spend a lot of time planning, baking, and making purchases.

During day and night we run a café, a barbeque, and a pub. The tournament gathers around 1,000 people.

We think that the reasons the tournament has become so popular is the fact that the village is way out in the countryside and the game is so simple that everybody can participate. We have people between 6 and 83 years old.

The next tournament will be held 7/7 2018.
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INTERVIEW: MALIBU UNITED

An Exclusive Look Inside Malibu United

MALIBU UNITED!! MALIBU UNITED!! Sometimes that chant is right next to you and sometimes one hears a faint sound of it several pitches away. Either way, it rings with a sound of "Let's do this!" and "Let's get the party started!" The energy the team brings is infectious and ???????. For many, the team Malibu United has found the perfect recipe of seriousness and fun. How they play and why they play can only be described as "kubb". Throw in their own custom logo, team bags, hats, and even tattoos, and that is why Malibu United is Malibu United. All the members are originally from Sweden, but several now live in Norway. Ladies and gentlemen from around the world....**MALIBU UNITED!!**

What is Malibu United?

A group of friends from Oslo that have fallen in love with the great sport of kubb. The Malibu part stands for our mindset that's always sunny beaches with palms and a nice cold drink in our hand, oops...I mean a wooden stick in our hand! The United part stands for the beautiful members of this team that like to make history together.

What year did Malibu United start?
2012

INTERVIEW: MALIBU UNITED

An Exclusive Look Inside Malibu United

Who are the members of Malibu United and where do they live?

Christian - Oslo Norway
 Anton - Oslo, Norway
 Fredrik - Oslo, Norway
 Björn - Oslo, Norway
 Magnus - Oslo, Norway
 Jimmy - Linköping, Sweden
 Emil - Kristanstad, Sweden
 Joel - Göteborg, Sweden

Why did you start Malibu United?

A cold winter night up north I turn on my TV and it was a documentary about the Kubb VM in Rone, Gotland. I like competing and travel to new places with my friends, so I thought that could be fun. I called some of my best friends that now have big arms for throwing sticks and the guts for surviving the big amount of pressure it is to play in a big tournament.

What is the kubb scene like in Oslo?

Not a big sport in Oslo or Norway, picture a country that has like two good summer months a year. The kubb scene is often groups of friends that meet up in the park on a sunny day with a beer. Malibu United of course tries to push kubb to the people through our tournaments.

Are there differences between kubb in Norway and Sweden?

The difference is huge. Sweden is the mother country of the sport and has much more teams and players.

You have had some Malibu United camps/events in Oslo. What are they like? Are they tournaments or more friendlies where people are just playing for fun?

We have Malibu Summer and Winter Camp in Oslo that we hope to expand over the years with more teams. Last Summer Camp there were 24 teams, and that was an all-time high. Our tournaments are more of the friendly character. It's only teams in Oslo that are playing tournaments.



L to R: Christian, Big Bear, and Malibu United for life

INTERVIEW: MALIBU UNITED

An Exclusive Look Inside Malibu United

"Every year going to Rone is special for us. There is too much heart involved to play with anyone else other than my boys on Malibu United."



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An Exclusive Look Inside Malibu United

Do you have any future plans to host a Norwegian Championship?

We like to focus on our own tournaments and expand them and hopefully get some teams from other parts of Norway to come and play to make it a little more competitive.

Who is Big Bear and how did he get his nickname?

His name is Björn and that means bear in Swedish. And the big part, well have you seen his.... ARMS!

We know of one Malibu United tattoo, are there others coming?

If the man has more skin left over on his body, it's a big possibility.

Malibu United is a household name in the kubb world. What do you think about that?

That's nice to hear, well kubb unites people and so does Malibu United. We have met some great people and made many new friends on the way and hopefully more to come.

How do you determine what Malibu United gear you will make each year? Is there any future plan to have it available online?

We have a product manager that is responsible for the gear and our outfits. It's more things coming up and a shop online are in the pipeline.

Tell us about the leather bags...

We designed them for fitting a complete set of kubb inside as well as a nice accessory/weekend bag. Much appreciated among the Malibu United players.

Last year, you released your 2017 swag (hats, water bottles, and more) on the Mediterranean island of Ibiza. Do you have any plans for your 2018 release?

Our product manager is a man of surprises and likes to plan things in secrecy, so time will tell. He didn't answer me when I asked him about it, but he had a big smile on his face.

What is your favorite thing about kubb?

The perfect combination of social gathering and competition. Almost everyone can play and you can play it everywhere anytime as long as you have a straight ground of 5x8m.

How many years have you gone to the World Championship?

5 years and hopefully more to come...

Do you have any plans to play in any other tournaments? Can Belgium, Switzerland, or any other countries expect Malibu United to make the trip?

We have looked at some other tournaments in Europe, so hopefully we can plan some trip in the coming season.

What is the future of Malibu United?

Now its preseason for the guys, everyone is spending a lot of time at the gym to be able to throw even harder next year. And we are looking in to a location for the Malibu Winter Camp.





Kubbanite: L to R: Phil Goetsouw, Matt Erdman, Ford Rolfsrud

Photos: Chaska Kubb

U.S. TEAM CUP

KUBBANITE WINS 2017 TITLE

The U.S. Team Cup was created before the 2016 season to create an award for teams that play together for several tournaments over the course of a season. Some of the teams that compete in the U.S. Team Cup are as good as they get in the U.S. (think Ringers) and some could be defined as more recreational than competitive (think Pitch Perfect).

The rules are very simple. Teams get points for how they finish in a tournament. The higher the team finishes, the more points they receive. Tournaments are divided into size categories so that the larger a tournament the more points that are awarded. Over the course of the season, the top four points a team is awarded is added together. The team with the top score at the end of the season is the U.S. Team Cup Champion. The top four teams from the respective season get their team name on the U.S. Team Cup Trophy, which was made by an Eau Claire woodworker named Bob Fuller. Bob Fuller has done several kubb related things including the U.S. Nationals Silver Bracket trophy. In 2016, the Eau Claire team Ringers won the inaugural U.S. Team Cup season. In 2017, the Chaska Kubb team Kubbanite won the U.S. Team

Cup. Teams can learn more about the U.S. Team Cup and sign up at wisconsinkubb.com

Ford Rolfsrud and Matt Erdman with the trophy.



2017 Top 5 Results: Kubbanite (560), Kubbstaches (404), Ringers (385), Kubb Squirrels (313), Kubbitz (311)



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By: John Oman - Chaska, MN

Photos: Kubb On

CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIP

A New Cross-Atlantic Competition

The Continental Kubb Championship was a new exhibition event added to the U.S. National Kubb Championship weekend schedule. The Continental Championship paired high level kubb players from Europe against players from North America. Two players from Germany—Björn Gorlitz and Robert Harnack—represented Europe and six sets of two or three player teams represented North America. The event took place on Friday, July 7 at 1 p.m.

The idea for this event was launched as a result of Björn Gorlitz being a fan of golf and the Ryder Cup. The Ryder Cup of golf took place in the fall of 2016 in Chaska, MN. Björn and Robert were set to compete at the 2017 US National Kubb Championship with Mark and John Oman of the Chaska Kubb Club. Chaska Kubb got to know the German players while playing at the 2016 World Championship in Sweden. Björn hoped to create a friendly event that united people across the ocean similar to the continent vs continent format of the Ryder Cup.

Two best-of-three game kubb matches took place simultaneously, where the European team moved back and forth between both matches. This concept was used in an effort to make use of the time that a team is waiting for their opponent to complete their turn. This continued until both matches were complete. Then the next two North American opponents joined them for the second round, and again for a third round. A total of six matches were played before determining a winning continent.

The participating players were chosen based on their exceptional play recently and in the interest of representing as many clubs and regions

in North America. The lists of participants, in the order that they played is listed below with a brief description of the match.

Europe:

1. Robert Harnack and Björn Gorlitz

North America:

Phil Dickinson and Brian Winistorfer
 Dave Ellringer, Aaron Ellringer, and Sy Ellringer
 Gregg Jochimsen and Scott Forster
 Kyle Weakland, Paul Weakland, and Jesse Fraim
 Ford Rolfsrud, Matt Erdman and Phil Goetstouwers
 Darren Finger and Mark Oman

Match Set One:

In match number one, Brian and Phil needed just nine batons in the first game and seven in the second game to welcome their opponents to North America. Challenged by the wind, the simultaneous match format, and the much-lighter-than-German game pieces, Björn and Robert had their hands full.

Meanwhile, match number two turned out to be a grinder for the Ringers and the Germans. After several back and forth rounds and quality shots, the Ringers prevailed two games to none to put their continent up by the same match score.

North America: 2 Europe: 0

CONTINENTAL CUP

A New Cross-Atlantic Competition

Match Set Two:

Match number three brought out the grittiness of our competitors. Scott Forster and Gregg Jochimsen of Damage Incorporated opened up the first game with a 5-1 game score while throwing into the wind. According to Mark Peterson, "In an event as rare as Halley's Comet," the eventual national champions left a three kubb advantage line that allowed the Europeans back into the game. Björn drilled a superb group, but one rethrow escaped the boundaries into a penalty kubb. This penalty kubb left them one baton short of the king shot they needed. One turn later, Damage finished game one. Game two went a little more swiftly. Forster and Jochimsen opened one for four at 8 meters on turn one. On turn two, they cleared two kubbs with one baton and went four for four at 8 meters. In a rush of adrenaline, the king was grazed but remained standing on their final turn. Given a third turn, they promptly finished the match.

Match number four featured a relatively new and quick to improve team to the circuit. The Kubb Squirrels of Canton, Ohio and Kalamazoo, Michigan were up for the challenge. Down three matches to zero in the contest, Europe began to find their groove while throwing with the wind. They needed just two turns to take game one. Game two saw the Kubb Squirrels open up a 4-1 lead which prompted a big comeback from the Germans to take the game and the match.

North America: 3 Europe: 1

Match Set Three:

Match number five featured Kubbanite of Chaska, Minnesota. This match started out cold but finished hot. Needing just three turns in game one and four turns in game two, the Chaskans showed why they represent North America. Great blasting, cleanup, and 8 meter shots were on display in the light rain and windy conditions.

Match number six paired up the most recent champions of the World 1v1 tournament: Mark Oman of Chaska Kubb and Darren Finger of Damage Incorporated. The North Americans aimed to finish the event strong. Going five for seven at 8 meters over the first two turns set them up for an eventual king shot in turn 3. As big as that king is, even a 1v1 champ can miss it. Fortunately for Oman, redemption came on the fourth turn. Björn and Robert came out strong in the second game with a 3-0 lead, but Oman and Finger stormed back with five unanswered 8 meter shots to finish the game, set, and match.

Final Score: North America: 5 Europe: 1

Looking Ahead to 2018

There is interest in continuing this event in years to come. The Chaska Kubb Club will travel to the World Championships in 2018 in Rone, Gotland, Sweden. At this time, it looks like the second Continental event will take place on the afternoon of the first day of that



Björn and Robert raising kubbs.

CONTINENTAL CUP

A New Cross-Atlantic Competition



Björn and Robert after playing Ringers

tournament. In an exchange of messages with Björn Gorlitz he states, "In the next year (2018), we will hold the second Continental Kubb Championship on the Friday of the WC in Rone. The Swedish guys like the idea and we will get the support. In the next year you have to defend the title against the best Swedish, Swiss, Belgian, and German kubb players." The six Chaska Kubb members are excited for the challenge. The format will be determined based on the number of players in the event. 1v1, 2v2, 3v3 and 6v6 are all on the table for the future.

A full YouTube playlist of the 2017 matches can be found here.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=arxE3Vml9iA&list=PLJgK5Q9xe3_hkbNwjUnkRSdpWza5x0tcM

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BLUE/ORANGE

THE 2017 WORLD CHAMPIONS



Photos: Blue/Orange



The odds are that if you are competitive kubb player, you know the Swedish team Blue/Orange won the 2017 World Championship and put a complete Swedish team back on top of the World Podium for the first time since the end of the Team Ekeby dynasty in 2012. We wanted to introduce you to the players of Blue/Orange and tell the story of how they started.

The team Blue/Orange started after the 2014 World Championship. Alexander, Per, Fredrik and Marcel decided to play with each other in 2015. They had a long discussion about who they would want to bring to their team. It all landed in which strength they needed, and they decided to ask Adam and Simon. How did they pick their team name? It was pretty simple actually. In the winter of 2014, the four original players had a meeting/practice. That day, all four players had blue and orange colors on their clothes...and then the name was settled.

Their first season was in 2015, and they finished second in the Saturday group in the World Championship. In 2016, they advanced to the quarterfinal. Then in 2017...as they say, the rest is history. In talking with Alexander, he said, "I can say one more thing about 2017. That was the year we almost never practiced." We asked how much they usually practice, and Alexander said, "We practiced pretty hard the week before, but not that much as previous years. The För-VM (Pre-Worlds) we played really bad. But after couple of friendlies and the confidence came again."



Fredrik and Per made a promise to get tattoos of the Kubb-VM logo if they won.

BLUE/ORANGE

THE 2017 WORLD CHAMPIONS



Name: Adam Gustafsson

City live in: Stockholm

City born in: Visby

Age: 25

Position on the team: First or second, depending on situation.

Team before Blue/Orange: Tallult89

First VM memory: My first memory of the World Championship was when my dad Dag Gustafsson with his team Palmqvists Sorkar came in fourth in the World Championship in Kubb in 1998.

How old were you when you first played kubb: 6 years old, in the World Championship in 1998.



Name: Simon Pettersson

City live in: Hemse

City born in: Rone

Age: 24

Position on the team: Single thrower or base player depending on the situation.

Team before Blue/Orange: Berras Sorkar

First VM memory: When me and my team Mixkubbarna won the Little World Championship 2007.

How old were you when you first played kubb: I started playing when I was 5-6 years old.



Name: Alexander Olofsson

City live in: Stockholm

City born in: Visby

Age: 28

Position on the team: 5-6. 8 meter is my game.

Team before Blue/Orange: Tallult89

First VM memory: My first memory of the World Championship was when my dad came in third place in 1999.

How old were you when you first played kubb: Maybe 5, throwing at home. First time in the World Championship: I think I was 18.

BLUE/ORANGE

THE 2017 WORLD CHAMPIONS

Name: Fredrik Wallin

City live in: Stockholm

City born in: Stockholm

Age: 34

Position on the team: Midfielder

Team before Blue/Orange: Team Stabbgard

First VM memory: When Alex brought a huge corner couch to the camping site.

How old were you when you first played kubb: 20



Name: Per Norman

City live in: Stockholm

City born in: Roma, Gotland

Age: 30

Position on the team: I usually go first, but prefer to throw 8m.

I'm also the team's captain, previously I decided who would throw in what position. but now everyone is so damn smooth and good. So I work more with keeping a positive feeling in the group. Now it's more the day shape and situation that determines who should throw.

Team before Blue/Orange: Team Stabbgard

First VM memory: I've been to kubb VM since I was 18 years old. A few times in the tournament otherwise the audience, but then it was just for the festival and hanging out with friends.

How old were you when you first played kubb: I was about 15 years old when I started out for fun. More serious kubb was when we started Blue/Orange three years ago.



Name: Marcel Genal

City live in: Stockholm

City born in: Visby, Gotland

Age: 31

Team before Blue/Orange: Team Stabbgard

Position on the team: base player and inkastare

First VM memory: Don't remember.

Good memories from the World Cup campsite: Too many

How old were you when you first played kubb: Think I was 17.





European Kubb Championship

Eight Years in Berlin

By: Heiko Kreuzburg – Berlin, Germany

Photos: European Kubb Federation



European kubb tournaments have a wide range of character between a festival feeling and sport event. The European Kubb Championship (EC) in Berlin is open for everyone and focuses on sport. For many kubb players the World Championship is far away and expensive in traveling. Therefore we decided to organize an international tournament in Berlin in 2011. Berlin is located quiet central in Europe and cheap for tourists in

comparison with other big cities. Besides, kubb guests can explore and experience a lot in the capital of Germany. Furthermore only six players are allowed at the WC, but organizing a team and traveling far away to an isolated place is always tricky. At the EC you can attend with only three players per team and sometimes there are over 40% of international teams. Of course there are several local teams around, but the quality of players is very high. The Top 10 teams are always changing, but since the EC started, Kubb'Ings always have won, except the first EC when Fortschritt99 was the champion. For the two hat-

tricks there are two gold signs on the Challenge trophy. However there are diverse teams from everywhere and therefore the EC is a huge gain for kubb in eastern Germany and Europe.

As we started playing at tournaments since 2008, only the two best teams out of five from the qualification round are qualified for the next round. We decided to change this and to offer kubb for everyone with several games. Still the two best teams go into the next round. Teams which are not qualified for the next round play against each other and every place will be awarded. Finally there is a lot of kubb and lots of fun, especially for teams from far away it's more attractive.

The qualified teams await a double knockout system. During qualification rounds the teams collect points by wining in a certain time. Finishing a game in 12.5 minutes are 5 points, while finishing in 12.5-25 minutes is counted as a 4:1 and after 25 minutes 3:2. Afterwards a ranking of all teams with the highest points from all qualification rounds divide teams into two rounds: a winning and a main round. If a team loses a game in the wining round, the team drops down into the main round. Finally, the winning team of the wining round plays against the wining team of the main round in the Final. Teams which loose in the main round go into placement matches. The system sounds quiet complex, however, there are several matches with teams of similar quality.

In 2017, the European Kubb Championship hosted 66 teams with players from five different countries.

To ensure fairness and high quality games without a best-of-3 modus at

European Kubb Championship

Eight Years in Berlin

the beginning, we introduced as the first tournament of the world following new rules:

- Our most famous rule is 2-4-6 Rule – the starting team throws with two batons, than the opponent with four and afterwards the first team again with six. This is so not so many kubbs will be inkasted at the beginning.

- The Golden Shot – just one baton per round for the king.

Splitting Inkast – during inkasting a team has to divide fairly the kubbs by at least 3 players

- No built up of baseline kubbs – baseline kubbs which are hit before the field kubbs are hit, will be put up again after a throwing round. (We introduced it after I knocked down kubbs three times in one round)

There is one more idea that is not yet realizable. The field is eight meter long, but in my opinion nine meters creates more attention and brings kubb in a more direction of sport. There will be more throwing situations at the middle line, with spectacular moments and combinations, which attracts the game for further viewers. Otherwise the game has just an eight metres throwing-character.

In 2018, two changes will happen. First, I like to introduce bigger kubb sets which are played as well at the World Championship. Until now

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we played the basic Carromco sets (rubber tree). A lot of great tournaments in Europe introduced as a come-together a single-player tournament at the evening before the tournament starts. Mostly, the finals are after midnight. That's why we will organize who arrives a day earlier, instead of the old warm up at the Berlin Cathedral, now a

tournament for teams of six players. This might be also a great opportunity for preparation for the World Championship, which is always one to two weeks after the EC.

The EC takes place in a stadium with a high quality soccer field. There is also a new building at the soccer field which serves fresh drinks and warm food for reasonable prices. Last year a heavy thunderstorm interrupted the tournament. Even though there was lots of rain, the field was dry again after a few minutes, because of the great drainage system. But the show must go on and the final started at 10 pm. Similar like in 2015, a storm forced the kubb players to several breaks, but with the help of floodlights the tournament could be finished. Furthermore the Final will be played with a kubb set, which is only used for the EC final and only few markers show the final winning teams. However, there will be new sized kubb sets in 2018, there will be a new one for the final too. We are very happy to host the tournament and we are looking forward to a great season in 2018.



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KUBB ON

THE ONLINE KUBB MAGAZINE



By: Chris Jones - Minneapolis, MN

Photos: Kubbb On

I had always wanted to get more kubb writing into the world. Largely inspired by the yearly ritual of reading through Kubbnation Magazine, I thought having more to read throughout the year would be a great way to fuel the fire that is my passion for kubb. I'd become increasingly obsessed with this crazy yard game we play, and as more and more tournaments popped up, I knew it was time to get consistent coverage out there.

My vision was an online magazine - think Wired or The Verge. A place where players of all skills, even people who are just discovering kubb, could go to read the latest news, tips, tricks, and more in the kubb world.

Although I had been mulling the idea for a while, in the fall of 2016, I finally started getting serious about it. I reached out to a few kubb friends to test the waters, and they were all very encouraging. My brother, Bryan, helped brainstorm some ideas, including the name.

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Before you knew it, I was the proud owner of kubbon.com and all of the @kubbonmag social handles to go with it.

Unfortunately, the holidays came and Kubbb On was put on the back burner. It wasn't until a couple months into the new year when I saw Neil Weakland, of Burning River Kubb, post about expanding the audience of his (and brother Kyle's) recent content at ohiokubb.com. I sent a message to Neil and told him about my Kubbb On idea. He loved it!

From there things went very quickly. We brought in others (our brothers—Bryan and Kyle, Phil Dickinson, Garrick Van Buren, Jesse Fraim) and started to flesh out what Kubbb On could—and would—become.

Through a series of chats and calls the newly assembled team went about coming up with story ideas, content strategies, posting schedules, and a number of other behind-the-scenes and brainstorming activities. We talked about what would be important information to provide in a tournament preview, and what type of details would be interesting in a recap. It really started to feel real and everyone involved was incredibly excited to make this thing a reality.

After a couple months of preparing our initial content, designing and building a website, and gathering ideas from the kubb community, we

Chris Jones



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officially launched Kubb On April 16, 2017.

The response was amazing! We were getting lots of site traffic, people really seemed to enjoy our articles and were amazed that we were covering every tournament, big or small. We had content that ranged from tournament previews and recaps, to practice tips and interviews.

Pretty early on, we also started live streaming tournament finals to Facebook. This was another huge hit. Since the core of us at Kubb On are all active players, we were able to cover a good amount of the tournaments. One weekend, we even had live streams from three tournaments in three different states! The dream of bringing the kubb world closer was becoming reality. It was now possible to follow along with all of the tournaments and news, even from a distance.

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One of my favorite parts of Kubb On has been the reaction of the kubb community. Everyone has been supportive, and we've had many guest writers who have written recaps and even opinion pieces that have spurred great conversations. I'm really glad, although not surprised, to have such a positive reaction from kubb players.

The first year of Kubb On was a huge success. I think it went better than I had ever hoped. I, and the whole Kubb On team, have even bigger plans for the future. Please stayed tuned with us at kubb.com and on Facebook and Twitter.

With photos and videos from most U.S. tournaments and a high-quality website, Kubb On has significantly changed the kubb landscape in the U.S. in just months.



Navigation bar with links: About Us, Kubb Clubs, Contact Us. Social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, RSS, and YouTube. A search bar with the text 'SEARCH' and a magnifying glass icon.

Website header featuring the 'KUBB on.com' logo on the left and a list of menu items: TOURNAMENTS, LIFESTYLE, STRATEGY, RULES, INTERVIEWS, OPINIONS.



A sidebar titled 'MOST RECENT' containing three article preview cards. Each card has a title in red, a date, and a category with a heart icon. The articles are: 'ELY WINTER FESTIVAL KUBB TOURNAMENT 2018 PREVIEW', 'KUBB SOCIETY VINTERFEST SCRAMBLE 2018 RECAP', and 'CAPTAIN KEN'S LOPPET KUBB TOURNAMENT 2018 PREVIEW'. A fourth article, 'TRF WINTER KUBB TOURNAMENT 2018 RECAP', is partially visible at the bottom.



By: Jeffrey Verhoye - Koekelare, Belgium



CHOUFFEKUBBERS

FROM ACHOUFFE TO THE BK PODIUM

Photos: Chouffekubbers

In 2010 we came in contact with the game of kubb with a group of friends during a weekend in Achouffe. When we got back home we looked up a bit more info about the game and we saw that a few weeks later there was a Belgian Championship (BK) in Bruges. For us the sign was to participate and to see how many and which other teams there were in Belgium. Of course we needed a name for it, we quickly came to the Chouffekubbers because we had come to know the game in Achouffe (a small village in the Ardennes with its own brewery of a super nice beer) and we also found that kubb must be in our name.

We had gone to the BK without any expectations and ended up at the last 64, our level was still much too low. But we were much more bitten by the kubbmicrobe so we regularly started playing kubb with the friends to raise our level.

In 2011 we decided with five friends to set up the Kubbteam Chouffekubbers in Koekelare to promote the sport and also to raise our level by training weekly on Wednesdays from April to the end of September. In the meantime, we have already had more than 30 members for a number of years who are doing recreational and competitive kubb. Last year we even had a youth team at a tournament.

Because of the training, our tournament results got better, with even a victory in the same year. In 2012 we went to the BK-Kubb for the third time with three teams. We hoped to be in the top 32 with all teams (which also succeeded) but to our own surprise we even became Belgian champion with a solid party as a result.

In 2012 we also started organizing our own kubb tournament (each time the 1st weekend of June) because we also wanted to contribute to kubb in Belgium. There were not so many tournaments then. In the meantime we are already in our 7th edition this year and in recent years we have 48 teams of at least three players with a nice mix of top teams from Belgium and local recreational teams.

In the meantime, kubb has evolved in Belgium in such a way that you can now choose from a few tournaments every week. We also have a kubb

ranking: these are 14 tournaments where points can be collected on the basis of the final score on these tournaments. At the end of the season, the top 16 teams play a tournament against each other.

The level of the teams in Belgium has risen sharply in recent years, which you can see by the results that some teams achieve at the World Championship and European Championship. We are also very pleased that after those eight years of playing kubb we still belong to the better teams of Belgium.

In the meantime we have already played a nice honors list:

- 1 time Belgian Champion
- 2 times 3rd at Belgian Championship
- 3 times West-Flemish Champion
- 2 victories at foreign tournaments
- 3 years in a row in the top 4 of the Belgian ranking
- The last three years we have also achieved a 15-victory and 15 other podium places.

We hope that with our association we can still participate for a long time with the top teams in Belgium and we will also try to compete with foreign teams on their tournaments now and then. At last, let's say that our tournament will continue this year on June 2, 2018.

"The players on our team are also good friends with each other, and they always play together. Friendship is more important than results with the Chouffekubbers."



On top of the podium.

12 TITS UNITED

2017 LILLA VM CHAMPION

By: Grit Thor - Berlin, Germany



Photos: Grit Thor

Our team – “12 Tits United” (I’m going to explain later what it’s all about) – originated in a tipsy night right after the general meeting of “Durstiges Holz” in October 2016. Rebecca and Sophie from Switzerland and Mady and Grit from Germany were thinking about setting up our own team for the next season. We toyed around with this idea a bit further and finally decided to take part in the world championship in Sweden 2017 as a girls team. We wanted to prove our skills both to ourselves and to others – especially to the boys. When two other Swiss girls, Aline and Nadine, heard about our idea of creating a team, they were excited to join us, so we put wood behind the arrow. But how should we name us? While discussing and debating literally for ages, other teams already called us “12 Tits United”. I think it is unnecessary to explain the reason why. Since we couldn’t agree on another name, we maintained “12 Tits”.

In August 2017, the time had come at last. We flew to Visby and set up a training camp with many German and Swiss friends one week before the actual World Championship would start. It was a week full of fun. On a Friday during the competition the excitement was huge since we had to win out over three Swedish teams in order to qualify for the next day. But we finally made it and we were so happy. On Saturday we just fell against the Belgian team “Hest United” and so we unfortunately were eliminated from the main tournament. Now, we were part of the “Lilla World Championship”, where the KO-System works. We had a great deal of support on the sidelines and our team got stronger and stronger over the last days, so we won rack after rack

to finally enter the finals of the Lilla championship. In a very exciting final game against “SMP” from Switzerland, we won by a narrow margin and made it to the top of the podium. The feeling of happiness was incredible! And, dear readers, this much is known: “12 Tits United” will take part in 2018 again!



Twelve Tits United on top of the Lilla VM podium
Above: L to R: Rebecca Carlyle, Grit Thor, Mady Thor, Aline Rennhard, Nadine Beyeler, Sophie Fischer.

The Kubboys

Belgium's Six Shooters



By: Nicolas Neyt - Zomergem, Belgium
Photos: Kubboys

Kubb players all over the world, we would like to introduce you to our kubb team...The Kubboys.

Our team

The Kubboys are a Belgian kubb team consisting of six players and we love the game so much that we play it almost weekly during the season (April - October). Our team is well balanced and each player has his own speciality:

Ludwig (Lude): he is the oldest player of the team, but also the most popular player. His speciality is on the 4 meters. Last season he was voted the best player on the 4 meters in Belgium.

Nico (Chicco): he is the man with the most pressure. He throws most often to the king and often at crucial moments with the last stick.

Kris: he is our 8 meter specialist. If he is in shape, he is deadly for the opponent. He is the player within our team with the most number of perfect games to his name.

Hendrik (Harry): he is our second 8 meter specialist. He too can be deadly on the 8 meters and pulls us out of trouble on the 4 meters if necessary.

Steven (Zorba): he throws the first or second stick very often, but his real speciality is a 4 meter and an 8 meter in one throw.

Nicolas (King): until recently he always pitched the first stick, but recently also strengthened the 8 meter team. He also drills the blocks. The players of The Kubboys almost never participate in other teams.

Kubb in Belgium

Belgium is one of the four major European kubb countries (Belgium - Germany - Sweden - Switzerland). The level has increased so much in recent years that our kubb players are among the best in the world. In our opinion, it will not be long before a Belgian team can win a major international prize (World Champion - European Champion). This high level is mainly due to the large number of teams on a relatively small surface area. In addition, there is an official federation for kubb in

Belgium and a competition formula has been developed in which points can be earned and a ranking is maintained. For these points there is a lot of fighting, as the 16 best teams are allowed to participate in an exclusively reserved tournament at the end of the competition season: The Masters. The Kubboys managed to win this prestigious tournament twice in the past.

Honors

The Kubboys have only existed for three seasons, and within that time we have already produced an impressive list of achievements. We have won nine official ranking tournaments, two times the Flemish Championship, two times the Masters and one time the Belgian Championship. Our trophy cabinet is already well filled. With this impressive list, we receive a lot of respect at home and abroad. On the other hand, we also have to show a lot of respect for our opponents. After all, in Belgium alone there are a lot of teams that have become so good in the meantime, making them as strong or even stronger than us.

In addition to all these successes, there were certainly moments of disappointment. The biggest disappointment was our only participation in the World Championship in Sweden. We were eliminated in the 8th final and probably played our worst game ever. As much as we want to rectify this, it seems unlikely that we will make the trip to Sweden again.

Fortunately, kubb gave us many beautiful moments and we have been able to meet many wonderful people. A huge thank you for that.

If you would like to be informed of our performance, follow us on Facebook or on <http://kubboys.weebly.com>



12th Annual U.S. National Kubb Championship

Eau Claire, WI

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By: Bridget and Andy Long - Eau Claire, WI

Photos: ECKL and U.S. National Kubb Championship



EAU CLAIRE KUBB LEAGUE

30+ Weeks of Weekly League



The Eau Claire Kubb League was started in 2015 and has been running strong ever since. Started as the brainchild of Andy Long, Bridget Long, and Brian Evans who were looking to play kubb on a regular basis in a fun setting, the ECKL now sports an impressive

league running an exhaustive 30+ weeks each year.

In 2015, 16 teams gathered in the outfield of a softball diamond at Fox Run Bar & Grill on the outskirts of Eau Claire for the maiden voyage of the ECKL. Participants all competed in the same division and many had to bring their own sets, while competing to get their names enshrined on the league trophy, which many have called the Stanley Cup of kubb leagues. It has been said that league sponsor Brewing Projekt's beer tastes just a little better when drank out of it post-championship.

Through innovation, nice weather, an emphasis on fun, and many dead car batteries from playing music too long, the ECKL has been able to grow considerably. In 2016, the spring and fall leagues were divided into competitive and recreational divisions in an attempt to ensure that all participants enjoyed their time. As Bridget Long noted, "The switch to two divisions gave people an opportunity to play for fun or test their mettle against some of the U.S. National Kubb Championship champions and consistent podium finishers."



Bridget Long and Andy Long

With around 30 teams and over 100 players signing up for spring and/or fall leagues, one question remained . . . How to play kubb from November – March without freezing in the harsh Wisconsin winters?

After a heated dome housing a bar and sixteen kubb pitches (with volleyball ball nets inconveniently put in the middle) was erected just blocks away, wheels were put in motion to host what we'll call, until someone tells us differently, the first indoor winter kubb league played on sand in the world. Now, each Sunday from mid-November through March, dozens of participants from up to 24 teams can be found in shorts and t-shirts throwing a few batons.

Nobody captures the mood of winter league quite like Brian Evans

...at the 2017 U.S. Kubb National Championship, two teams from the ECKL finished on the Bronze podium, two teams from league finished on the Silver podium, and one team on the Championship podium (Champions).

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A group photo from 2016.

would if he had actually been contacted for a quote on playing kubb in the sand in the winter, "I like the feeling of sand between my toes . . . especially in January."

Any mention of the ECKL that didn't mention Gregg Jochimsen and Scott Forster's impressive run of six straight league tournament championships would be incomplete. In what speaks to the growing level of competition on the competitive side, Gregg and Scott's team, Appetite for Destruction, was knocked out of the top spot this fall by Tyr's Tre (Cory Shay and Eric Anderson), while perennial 4th place finishers Kubbitz bucked the trend and finished third after defeating the legendary Ringers.

Although the focus is on fun, facing such heady competition week in and week out has translated to some tournament success for teams. To wit, at the 2017 U.S. Kubb National Championship, two teams from the ECKL finished on the Bronze podium (Champions & 2nd place), two teams from league finished on the Silver podium (Champions & 2nd place), and one team on the Championship podium (Champions).

In 2016 ECKL branched out and hosted two winter tournaments in the

sand at The Complex, which drew teams from all over the Midwest. With cash prizes, the proximity of the bar, and multiple other activities available, these tournaments are known as much for the fun as they are the kubb.

In 2017, the ECKL partnered with the U.S. National Kubb Championship to host the first of its kind in this area co-ed tournament. Despite weather more befitting of late fall, over a dozen teams competed until a team comprised of three Minnesotans and one Wisconsinite were crowned Co-Ed Champs.

A partnership with league sponsor Ambient Inks, who designed the league logo, ensures that more great kubb gear is just around the corner.

The ECKL has remained fun through computer crashes, scores improperly input, communication breakdowns, and power outages, among other hiccups. As Bridget Long says, "It's kubb . . . it's supposed to be fun."



Podium teams from the Inaugural Eau Claire Co-Ed Tournament



Appetite for Destruction and Tyr's Tre after the 2016/2017 Winter Playoffs



Photos: Chaska Kubb

CHASKA KUBB

THERE IS NO BLUE LIKE BIG BLUE

2017

1st Place:

U.S. Team Cup - Matt Erdman, Phil Goetstouwers, Ford Rolfsrud (Kubbanite)
 Dallas Oktoberfest - Matt Erdman, Jason Larson, John Oman, Mark Oman, Ford Rolfsrud, Phil Dickinson (Chaska Kubb)
 Kübb Kråwl - John Oman, Mark Oman, Brian Winistorfer (Chaska Kubb Society)
 World Singes - Matt Erdman
 U.S. Kubb Open - Phil Goetstouwers, Ford Rolfsrud (Kastpinnar Kings)
 Stoughton - Matt Erdman, Darren Finger (Black & Blue)
 Eau Claire Co-Ed - Matt Erdman, Dee Dee Halvorson, Jason Halvorson, Bridget Long (Nerds & Company)

2nd Place:

Captain Ken's Loppet - Matt Erdman, Phil Goetstouwers, Jason Larson, John Oman (Chaska Kubb)
 Pre-Championship - Matt Erdman, Phil Goetstouwers, Ford Rolfsrud (Kubbanite)
 World Singles - Phil Goetstouwers
 Hot Iron Days - Jeremiah Frasher, Freddy Big Bear (Dark Side of the Kubb)
 Spring Has Sprung ECKL - Matt Braa, Matt Erdman, John Oman, Ford Rolfsrud (Kubbanite)

3rd Place:

U.S. National Kubb Championship - Matt Erdman, Phil Goetstouwers, Ford Rolfsrud (Kubbanite)
 Midwest Championship - Matt Erdman, Phil Goetstouwers, Ford Rolfsrud (Kubbanite)
 Kübb Kråwl - Matt Erdman, Phil Goetstouwers, Ford Rolfsrud (Kubbanite)
 Kasson - Matt Erdman, Ford Rolfsrud (Kubbanite)
 Hot Iron Days - John Oman, Nathan Oman, Zach Oman (Fatties)

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1st Place:

Captain Ken's Loppet - Matt Erdman, Jason Larson, John Oman, Mark Oman, Ford Rolfsrud, Phil Dickinson, (Chaska Blue)
 ECKL Winter Meltdown - Matt Erdman, Jason Larson, John Oman, Mark Oman, Ford Rolfsrud, Phil Dickinson, (Great Lakes Chaska Kubb)

The first time any player from Chaska Kubb played in a tournament was at the 2011 U.S. National Kubb Championship. Since that day Chaska Kubb has turned themselves into one of the most dominant clubs in the world. Not only do they continually place on podium after podium in the U.S., but they also promote kubb and introduce kubb at the highest level. Here are their top-three finishes from their amazing 2017 and two 1st place finishes at the first two 2018 three-person team tournaments in the U.S. On the next page, you can see the players who have the famed Blue Jerseys and who introduced who over the years.



Mark Oman
Amery, WI

Paul Knutson
Chaska, MN

Kevin May
Cologne, MN

Tyler Patterson
Bloomington, MN



John Oman
Chaska, MN

CHASKA KUBB

THERE IS NO BLUE LIKE BIG BLUE



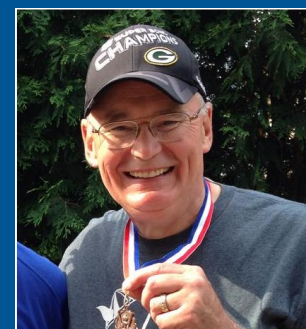
Jason "JP" Larson
St. Louis Park, MN



Matt Erdman
Norwood Young America, MN



Ford Rolfsrud
Shakopee, MN



Jim Erdman
Eau Claire, WI



Phil Goetstowers
Lamberton, MN



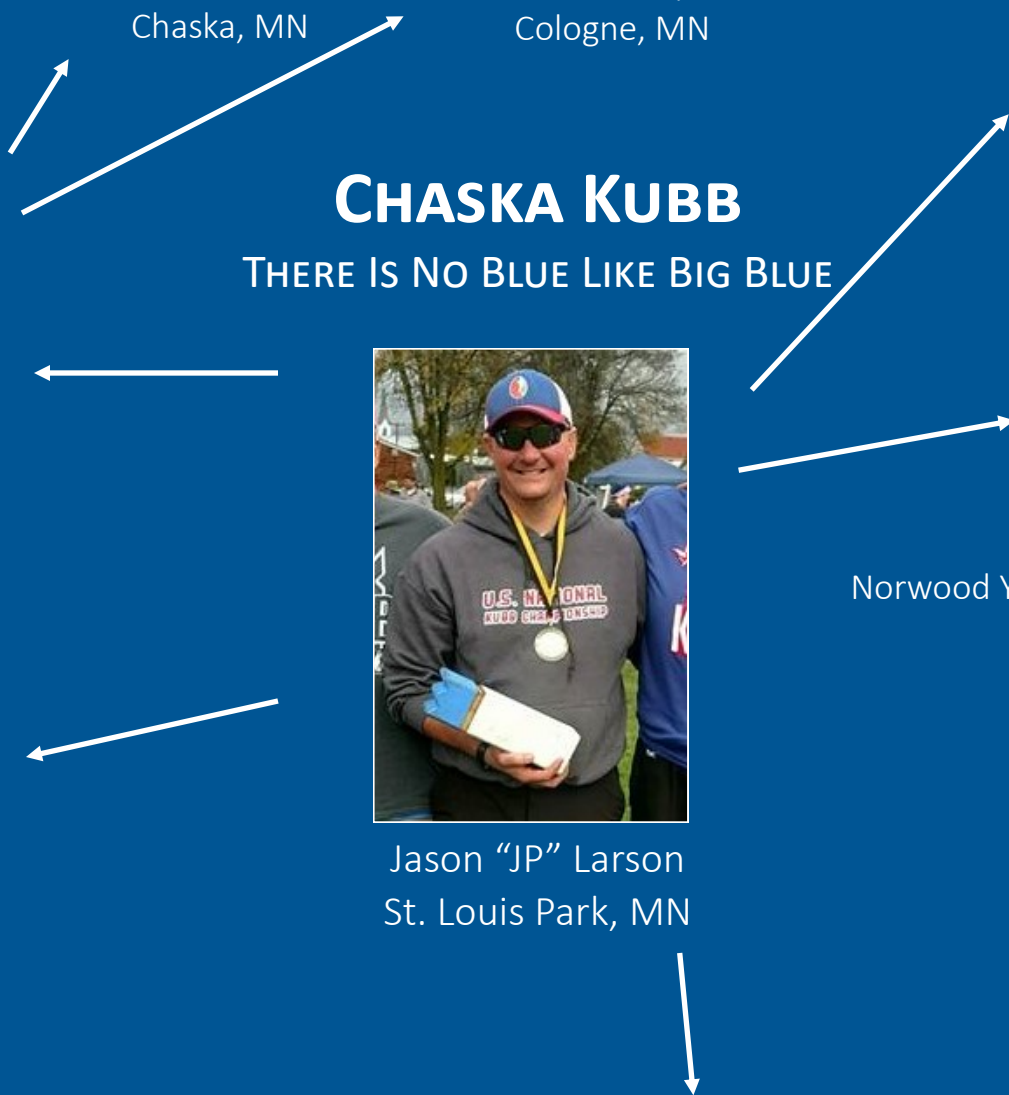
Jeremiah Frasher
Sanborn, MN



Matt Braa
Chaska, MN



Carter Braa
Chaska, MN



WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

BLUE/ORANGE WIN GOLD



Gold: Blue/Orange (Sweden)
 Silver: KP Wilddogs (Switzerland)
 Bronze: Kubb Monsieur (Belgium)
 4th: Hest United (Belgium)

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April 28, 2018

Chippewa Falls, WI

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U.S. NATIONAL KUBB CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

DAMAGE INCORPORATED WINS BACK TO BACK GOLD



Championship



Silver



Bronze

Gold: Damage Incorporated (Eau Claire and Waukesha WI)

Silver: KubbUnited.com (Des Moines, IA, Fitchburg, WI)

Bronze: Kubbanite (Prior Lake, Shakopee, Lamberton, MN)

4th: Chaska Kubb Meets Erjo16 (Chaska, MN, Amery, WI, Rostock, GER)

Bästa Inkastare: Darren Finger (Waukesha, WI) - Damage Incorporated

Semifinals

Damage Incorporated 2-1
Chaska Kubb Meets Erjo16

KubbUnited.com 2-0
Kubbanite

Final

Damage Incorporated 2-0
KubbUnited.com

3rd Place

Kubbanite 1-0
Chaska Kubb Meets Erjo16

Silver Bracket Results

Gold: The Kubbing Projekt (Eau Claire, WI)

Silver: Kubbana Boyz (Eau Claire, WI)

Bronze: Pure Michigan (Indian River, Sturgis, MI)

4th: Nordic Family (W. St. Paul, MN)

Bronze Bracket Results

Gold: Grass Kickers (Chippewa Falls, WI/Chisago, MN)

Silver: Throw Storm (Eau Claire, WI)

Bronze: Kansas Kubb (Eudora, KS)

4th: Kings Of The Kinni (River Falls, WI)

Kid Kubb (U.S. Junior Championship)

Champion - Kubboom Jr.

2nd - The Three Kubbateers

3rd - Kubb Jedi

4th - The Heat



2017 Results



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THE NETHERLAND'S NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP IN PHOTOS (PT. 2)

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