



*Chris*

**HODGES**



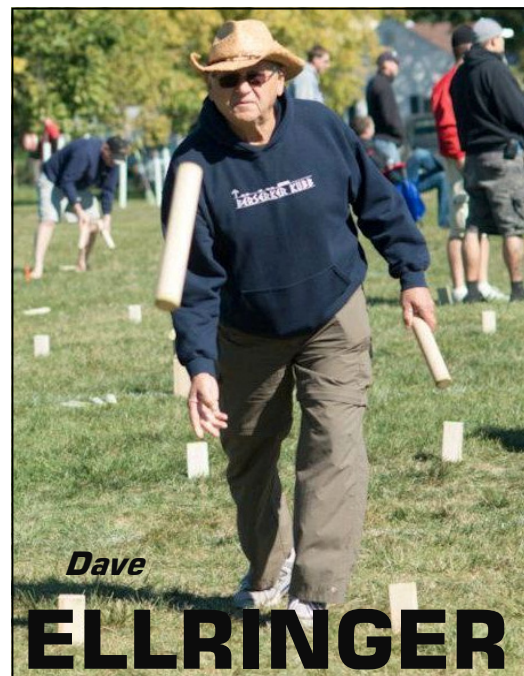
*Max*

**SEBESTA**



*Ryan*

**KOLDEN**



*Dave*

**ELLRINGER**



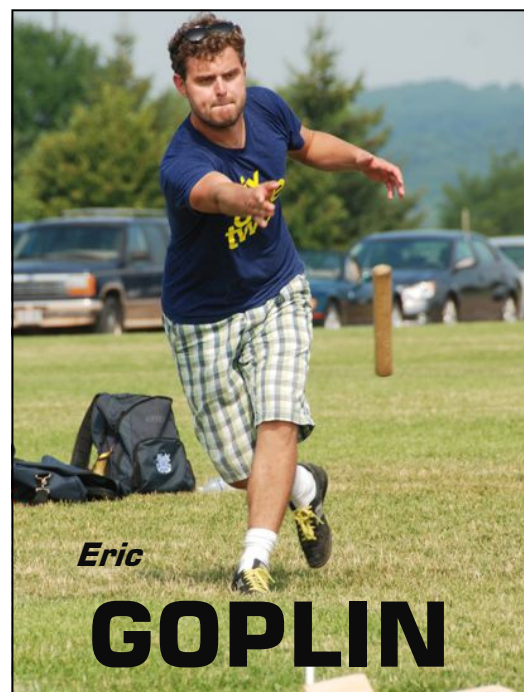
*Keith*

**YANES**



*Mary*

**TAPKEN**



*Eric*

**GOPLIN**



*Irene*

**SULLIVAN**



*Terrence*

**JUSTINIANI**



## RYAN KOLDEN

Born: Thief River Falls, MN Lives: TRF, MN  
Primary Team: Northwest Minnesota Kubb  
Introduced to kubb: 2000

Started and organizes Northwest Minnesota Kubb, which has several tournaments and events a year, indoor and outdoor. Minnesota Vikings fan. Is known as one of the first people at any tournament. TRF is the Home of American Indoor Kubb.



Photos: Ryan Kolden

## MAX SEBESTA

Born: Bismarck, ND Lives: Eau Claire, WI  
Primary Team: Kubbsicles  
Introduced to kubb: 2010

2012 U.S. Champion. At U.S. Championship, finished 2010-T5, 2011-3rd. Currently a student at University of Wisconsin-Madison majoring in Civil Engineering. Was captain and played center defense for Eau Claire Memorial High School soccer team.



Photos: Blind Photography

## CHRIS HODGES

Born: Iowa City, IA Lives: Des Moines, IA  
Primary Team: Team Knockerheads / Los Padres  
Introduced to kubb: 2008

Made set and introduced it to friends. Co-founding member of DM Club. Co-organizes DM Fall Klassic. Won 2012 Dallas Oktoberfest. KC Chiefs fan. Hobbies include playing/talking kubb, promoting kubb, and making kubb computer programs for tourneys.



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## MARY TAPKEN

Born: Baldwin, WI Lives: Des Moines, IA  
Primary Team: The Beers  
Introduced to kubb: 2008

Designer for the 2012 and 2013 U.S. Kubb Championship shirts. Played volleyball throughout college and still recreationally. Melts glass to make jewelry. One of the top female inkastares in U.S. Won 2012 Dallas Oktoberfest six-person team tournament.



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## KEITH YANES

Born: Fresno, CA Lives: Duluth, MN  
Primary Team: Always changing team names  
Introduced to kubb: 2004

Co-starter of UM-Duluth Kubb Klubb. Co-organized 2008 and 2009 UM-Duluth tournaments. In, E.C., has finished 1st (2008), 2nd (2007), and 4th (2011). Loves music and plays stand-up and electric bass in different jazz bands.



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## DAVE ELLRINGER

Born: Eyota, MN Lives: Eau Claire, WI  
Primary Team: The Ringers  
Introduced to kubb: 2007

2010 U.S. Champion. Won 2011 Rockford SHS and 2012 DM Fall Klassic. Competitively, plays primarily with son Aaron. Known for one of the hardest blasts and eight meter accuracy. Operates a small family farm outside Eau Claire and grows much of their food.



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## TERRENCE JUSTINIANI

Born: Chicago IL Lives: Mount Prospect, IL  
Primary Team: Kubbra Kai  
Introduced to kubb: 2007

Along with his teammates, has played in five straight U.S. Championships. Has also played at Rockford SHS Tournament. Enjoys golf and tennis. Avid Chicago sports fan. Works as a physical therapist. Enjoys reading and listening to a variety of music.



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## IREENE SULLIVAN

Born: S. Milwaukee, WI Lives: Mequon, WI  
Primary Team: Lucky Lefse  
Introduced to kubb: 2007

Hobbies include knitting and needlework. Every year, Ireene's family and friends bring numerous teams to Eau Claire, WI and raise several Norwegian flags. In 2013, Ireene will receive her five-year button at the U.S. Championship. She has five grandchildren.



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## ERIC GOPLIN

Born: Owatonna, MN Lives: Minneapolis, MN  
Primary Team: Tad Kubbler  
Introduced to kubb: 2002

Won 2011 Dallas Oktoberfest Tournament. Finished in top five in three straight years at U.S. Championship (10-12). Started Minnesota Kubb and organizes the Minneapolis Winter Tournament. Plays the guitar. Enjoys watching Sweden's soccer team.



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