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Over 100 Attendees Participate in the 7th Annual U.S. Kubb Open in Beloit

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BELOIT, Wis. (August 17, 2023) – A perfectly sunny day graced the 7th Annual U.S. Kubb Open, held in Beloit, WI., which attracted 48 teams from seven states: Florida, Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin. With a noticeable increase in participation from the previous year and the largest team turnout since pre-Covid, the Scandinavian yard game tournament took place at Pohlman Field in Telfer Park for the third consecutive year.

Team *Chaska Noisemakers*, comprised of Jason Larson (St. Louis Park, MN) and Trevor Bailey (Minneapolis, MN) claimed the 2023 U.S. Kubb Open Championship by defeating *TC/EC*, comprised of Chad Stute (St. Paul, MN) and Cory Shay (Eau Claire, WI) to take home the championship trophy. Third place was claimed by John Ellingsen (Eau Claire, WI) and Joe Dekan (Eau Claire, WI) of team *Flux Capacitors* with a victory over Lars Arneson (Madison, WI) and Dave Giese (Fitchburg, WI) of *Ragnarok's Furor*. The event paid out \$1,470 in prize money, the highest since 2018, with the winning duo taking home \$500 of the prize pool. Each of the top four teams received medals to commemorate their accomplishments and the top two finishers in each of three consolation brackets also received medals.

Scott Taylor (Eau Claire, WI) and Bryce Pecore (Fall River, WI) of *Fisting Krakens* claimed the Consolation Bracket A championship with a victory over Bob Hickes (Morgantown, PA) and Jesse Fraim (Kalamazoo, MI) of *Wolves with 'Staches*. Consolation Bracket B was claimed by *Dan Ivanuck's Worst Nightmare*, comprised of Owen Ivanuck (Rockton, IL) and Cade Allgeir (Rockton, IL) with a victory over Jason Halvorson (Rochester, MN) and Dee Dee Halvorson (Rochester, MN) of *Kubb Nerds*. Consolation Bracket C saw Lenny Betker (Beloit, WI) and Dahlton Betker (Beloit, WI) of *Fowl Kubb* defeat Ari Tessitore (Madison, WI) and Rainer Grimm (Madison, WI) of *Cultivation & Construction Crew* for the top spot.

The One vs. One tournament on Sunday, following the U.S. Kubb Open, is another Beloit tradition that was honored at Pohlman Field on Sunday, August 13. After finishing in fourth place on Saturday, David Giese (Fitchburg, WI) claimed victory over Jade Linge (Superior, WI) in the championship match. Dan Ivanuck (Roscoe, IL) captured the bronze with a third-place finish. All three took home a U.S. Kubb Open medal for their accomplishment.

“This was our ninth year hosting a kubb tournament in Beloit, with 2023 being the seventh U.S. Kubb Open. We were excited to see team attendance continuing to trend up and we hope to see a full tournament of sixty-four teams in 2024,” said Matthew Bosen, Director of Sales and Servicing at Visit Beloit.

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