

BERMUDA CUP MATCH

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THE CULTURE OF CUP MATCH



The Cup Match Cricket Festival is one of the most festive times of the year with no shortage of entertainment at the game. It is a time when Bermuda comes together to show support for their team and have a great time. Many residents go shopping for colourful outfits to wear to the game. You will see everything from big straw hats to outrageous shoes. In fact, some people even wear costumes of decorated capes with musical instruments in tow!

The local food is a great aspect of Cup Match. Richard Scott, former President of Somerset Cricket Club comments, "Food is a big part of the festival atmosphere. You will find local dishes

such as fish, conch, mussels, beef pies, macaroni and cheese, Bermuda-style potato salad, peas n' rice and much more that will satisfy anyone's appetite!"

Crown and Anchor is a game of gambling that is legal only during the two days of Cup Match.

Here's how it's played: a game table is divided into six sections. Each section is marked with one of the following: a crown, anchor, diamond, club, heart or spade. There are three dice that are marked with the same symbols. Players place their bets on the symbols that they think will come up when the dice are rolled. You can win up to three times the amount of your bet depending on which symbols come up and how many of that symbol comes up. If the symbol you bet on does not come up you lose. So place your bet and listen for the term "up she comes" to see if lady luck shows you favour!



Why should you come to the game?

If you're looking for a unique Bermuda experience then you should come out and participate in Cup Match! This is a wonderful opportunity to mingle with the locals and have a great time with your family and friends. Richard Scott, former President of Somerset Cricket Club comments, "Cup Match is a time when Bermudians truly show the spirit of hospitality to each other and visitors from both near and far. I encourage every visitor to come and be a part of the history of Bermuda. This is not just a game, it's about celebrating something completely unique



to Bermuda. Visitors will never forget this local experience and I'm sure it's something they'll talk about as the highlight of their vacation!" See you at the game!



Some of the resources used to obtain information found in this brochure are: Cricket for Beginners www.abcofcricket.com/cfb1/cfb1.htm; Lords - The Home of Cricket www.lords.org/laws-and-spirit/laws-of-cricket; Cricket - Wikipedia en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket; and, BBC Sport, Cricket, Laws & Equipment news.bbc.co.uk/sport2/hi/cricket/rules_and_equipment/default.stm.

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THE HISTORY OF CUP MATCH

Today, Cup Match is a festival atmosphere surrounding an intense cricket match held on a two-day public holiday. It was a friendly game played between two lodges, one from the east end and one from the west. Fast forward to 1902, this cricket match grew increasingly popular and an annual game between St. George's and Somerset cricket clubs was born. In fact, it was so popular that residents would often miss work to watch the game, therefore, in 1947 a two-day public holiday was enacted.



Cup Match is played over a two-day public holiday between the east end St. George's Cricket Club and the west end Somerset Cricket Club. The first day of the holiday is named Emancipation Day which celebrates the abolition of slavery in 1834. The second day is Somer's Day which celebrates Admiral Sir George Somers whose ship was wrecked on our shores in 1609, ultimately leading to the British colonization of Bermuda.

For weeks leading up to Cup Match residents support their team by proudly showing their teams colours. Light blue and dark blue shows support for St. George's Cricket Club; red and dark blue shows support for Somerset Cricket Club. St. George's and Somerset team colours can be seen all around the Island via silk ribbons on cars waving in the wind or residents wearing small ribbons pinned onto their clothes. At the game you will even see various fashions coordinated around these colours. We hope to see you there in your favourite team's colours!



THIS YEAR'S CUP MATCH FESTIVAL

This year's Cup Match Cricket Festival is hosted by the **St. George's Cricket Club** on **July 28 and 29**. Each year the venue alternates between the clubs. The Department of Tourism and Bermuda Hotel Association host a Cup Match Visitors' Stall where tourists can sit back, relax and enjoy the game. Complimentary refreshments will be available at this stall.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

DATE **JULY 28 AND 29, 2011**

LOCATION **ST. GEORGE'S CRICKET CLUB, WELLINGTON SLIP ROAD, ST. GEORGE'S**

ONLINE TICKET: \$15 each day www.flytix.bm; **GATE FEE:** \$20 for adults, \$5 for children 5-12 years,

FREE for children 5 years and under and seniors with ID each day.

TIME: **10:00AM - 6:00PM**

BUS SERVICE Routes **1, 3, 10** and **11** to St. George's. **Buses operate on the public holiday schedule.**

FERRY SERVICE Orange Route will be operating on its regular Monday to Friday schedule. For additional service runs visit www.seaexpress.bm.

Enjoying Bermuda?

Here are some other great events to come back for!

Bermuda Beach Smash 2011

August 26 – 28, 2011
www.bermudabeachtennis.bm

Bermuda International Sand Sculpture Competition

September 3, 2011
www.teamsandtastic.com/bermuda

Argo Group Gold Cup

October 4 – 9, 2011
www.bermudagoldcup.com

PGA Grand Slam of Golf

October 17 – 19, 2011
www.PGA.com

World Rugby Classic

November 6 – 12, 2011
www.worldrugby.bm

SheROX Bermuda Women's Triathlon

November 5 – 6, 2011
www.sheroxtri.com/Bermuda.html

Bermuda Goodwill Golf Tournament

December 4 – 9, 2011
www.bermudagoodwill.com

Bermuda Marathon Weekend

January 13 – 15, 2012
www.bermudaraceweekend.com

Bermuda Department of Tourism

Global House, 43 Church Street, Hamilton
Tel: 441 292 0023

While in Bermuda, please refer to your Shore Excursion Desk, Hotel Concierge or your nearest Visitor Information Centre for more information and assistance on attractions, activities and night life.

Visitor Information Centres

8 Front Street next to the Ferry Terminal, City of Hamilton
Tel: 441 295 1480

Gazebo #2, Terrace Pavillion, Royal Naval Dockyard
Tel: 441 238 4842

Bermuda National Trust in the Globe Hotel, Duke of York Street, Town of St. George
Tel: 441 297 1423

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