



Bowling balls and sledgehammers whack mondo croquet into North Park Blocks (Photos)



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Dawning zebra-stripes in memorial, the Portland Cacophony Society took to the North Park Block Sunday for the 18th Annual **Mondo Croquet World Championships** [\[http://mondocroquet.com/\]](http://mondocroquet.com/). While unusual dress for the group is not uncommon, the zebra-stripes were a tribute to **Steve Fritz and Cary Fairchild** [\[http://www.oregonlive.com/portland/index.ssf/2014/10/cary_fairchild_injured_in_inte_1.html\]](http://www.oregonlive.com/portland/index.ssf/2014/10/cary_fairchild_injured_in_inte_1.html), who died in a car crash in September. Fritz, a member of the society and a player of mondo croquet, was known for his "Zentra," a zebra-striped car.

Mondo croquet is played with bowling balls and sledgehammers instead of the usual mallets and balls. The hoops that players knock the balls through are made of bent re-bar.

Heavy-duty equipment isn't the only difference between standard croquet and mondo. Rules also vary with balls becoming "zombies" once they go through all the hoops in the correct order. The group welcomes newcomers, but asks that if possible they bring their own ball and mallet as well as dress in lawn whites or mad hatter attire.

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