

# January 2019 Newsletter

Off to a good start

News and Tips from the Bocce  
Club of Sun City Texas

January 2019

## What's Up In January

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Joe Marquez

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## Meet the New President, Joe Marquez

**Since we didn't have a campaign as part of our election, tell us about yourself.** I grew up in Chicago's Little Italy section watching my Dad and all my uncles play bocce at neighborhood gatherings. When I was 14, my family moved to a Chicago suburb, where a neighbor built bocce courts in his backyard. I took my second job at a grocery store and continued to work in the food industry the rest of my life. I moved from grocery stores, to a local distributor, then national distributor of gourmet foods as a category director, then I took the step to create my own consulting firm for food manufacturers. I retired at 52, seven years later we moved to Sun City Texas for the weather, golf and location. My immediate family, 6 kids, 3 boys & 3 girls, live in the Midwest. My parents live in a Sun City in Illinois.

### **How did you decide to run for President of the club?**

I started a bocce event with my neighborhood 58 and met Steve Mellinger at our first event. When Steve and I began exchanging ideas about what could be done with the bocce club, I was hooked. As the conversation evolved, we seem to have a lot of "how do we get more people involved" questions. In my experience, buy in and involvement for everyone has always helped people enjoy the things they have passion for.

### **What new things can we expect this year?**

We're going full out to have more play for everyone-- serious players, competitive players, social players, and new players. We'll match that with open play dates finding morning, afternoon and evening times. That's high on our hit list. Making it more fun will involve making ways to find and play with people your own level so everyone gets better by playing. Standardization of rules makes play easier for all. We'll start by standardizing tournament formats to encourage and test the rules. We will put emphasis on giving our

current club more of what they want, and dedicate attention on attracting new members. We'll have plenty of social events and worthwhile charity events people will want to support.

### **What are you most looking forward to this year?**

Neighborhood challenge for all of Sun City, after the great job the club did on last year's event, I'm very excited to see our next version of this tournament. Self-ranking for all members will give all the competitors in our club a chance to compete on a level playing field as well as giving every member a sense of achievement.

### **Who do you predict will be club champion at the end of the year?**

As you may already know we will be crowning 4 club champions this year. The competition will be intense for these 4 champions and my prediction is 2 ladies and 2 men will be crowned at the end of the year.

Thanks Joe, be seeing you around the courts!



# Bocce Festa Vacanza

Friday, December 14



The Bocce Club Luncheon was held on Friday December 14. If you weren't there you missed a bunch of fun. There were prizes, League Play Awards and in the tradition of Bocce, lots of great food and drink. *For more photos see the Bocce Web Site; Photo Gallery, 2018 Holiday Luncheon.*



# End of the Year Tournament For New-Bees

Breaks Record for Duration, Fun and Fast Turns of Action



**Winners, Team Four!** Left to Right; Captain: Jim Budde, Sue Edwards, Rosie Jones, Ed Miller. Linn Morgan not pictured.



**Runner Up, Team Three** Pictured left to right: Tony Marques, Dan Jowers, Rodney Armstrong, Aggie Lord, Brenda Shumate.

**This was the first tournament ever in the chronicles of Sun City Bocce History.**

What a fitting ending to a powerful New-Bee program. It turned out to be a hard-fought tournament against tough opponents, the weather and time.

The Lower Bracket Semifinal's began at 9am and went for three games. The Upper Bracket Finals also went three games. But wait there's more.

With the Lower Bracket winner forcing a sudden death in a single game to 16 points. Truly a game of Champions, the game lasted until 2:30.

Yep Sports Fans, that's five- and one-half hours of bocce. And make that bocce in cold wet weather.

It was a great tournament. Wouldn't you say the New-bees show a great spirit, dedication, and the ability to play all day.

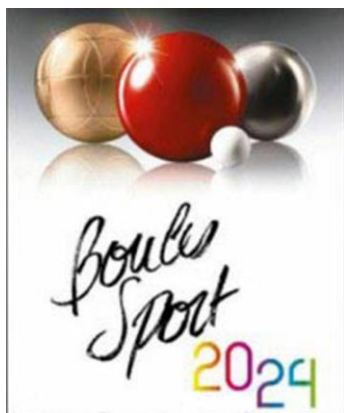
Here they come!

The Awards and Special Re-Hydration event took place at Wrigley's at an overdue lunch.

**Most Valuable Player  
New-Bee Year End Event  
Aggi Lord**

TOURNAMENTS ARE JUST ONE WAY TO ENJOY THE CLUB. SOME LIKE TO PLAY CASUAL GAMES, ENTERTAIN FRIENDS AT THE COURT, AND SOME JUST ROLL AN OCCASSIONAL GAME AS TIME PERMITS. BUT IT'S ALWAYS FUN TO WATCH TOURNAMENT PLAY !





# New-Bee News

Sal Caravello

Director of New-Bees

Board Member

## End of the Year Tournament :

You saw the description and winners of the End of the Year Tournament. Tournaments are no easy task; we do not set them up for a particular number of participants. Instead we let the registrations determine the number of teams. This is done to try to accommodate everyone, but it does create extra anxiety from the organizers and officials. Even in Texas. December tournaments are difficult due to the weather and our commitments for the holidays. The good news is, the first class of the new year is towards the end of January. We will have the tournament the first weeks of January. This should accommodate more participants and give the organizers a break.

**Training Schedule for 2019** Here's hoping that not only will we have a great year of New-Bee's but that our club will grow as a result. The first class of the year begins Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, then Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, and end Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. Classes start promptly at 10:00am. New-Bees must complete all three classes to receive a graduation certificate.  
Class 19-02 Starts on Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Class 19-03 Starts on Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, Class 19-04 Starts on Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup> and the final class 19-05 starts on Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. There will also be two New-Bee Tournaments during the year in March and June. So keep them coming and lets have fun.....

**Uno Bocce Night:** Not just a new-bee function but open to current members too. It has turned out to be really special especially with Brenda Spencer leading the group. Contact me or Brenda if you are interested in joining.

**See You On The Court:** If you see a new-bee on the court invite them to play. Take the time out to be courteous and introduce them to the game of Bocce' and our club. Tell them about the formal training at no cost and the biggest bargain in Sun City "the Bocce' Club".

*Sal Caravello*

Reminders:

First Training Class Sat Jan 26<sup>th</sup>





# January 2019

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Board Meeting	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 New-Bee Training 10:00
27	28	29	30	31	Feb 1	Feb 2
Feb 3	Feb 4	Feb 5	Feb 6	Feb 7	Feb 8	Feb 9

Watch this calendar fill with events, tournaments, training, neighborhood play and, of course, Open Play.



# Got Holiday Cash to Spend? Watch Out!

## Bocce Specials From the Mysterious

We're all looking for the next perfect accessory or tool to improve our game. Some items look good on the web, but can bring mayhem to the new owner. We asked our team of experts to examine a few and let us know if they were hits or misses. See their comments below. The bottom line is be careful what you buy, it could be a disaster from the mysterious web! Let's see what was available when they looked. Your results may vary!



### Heavy Metal Fast Roll Bocce Ball Set.

#### The owner died as he lived – a fast roller.

We found this set in the USA reclaimed products office. It was owned by a business man, often referred to as shady business man. He had lots of spare time, spent heavy and always spent cash. He loved bocce and had this set specially made. He watched over it closely.

He was playing with this very set on his own backyard court when he died suddenly. It was a featured story on both Dateline and 20/20.

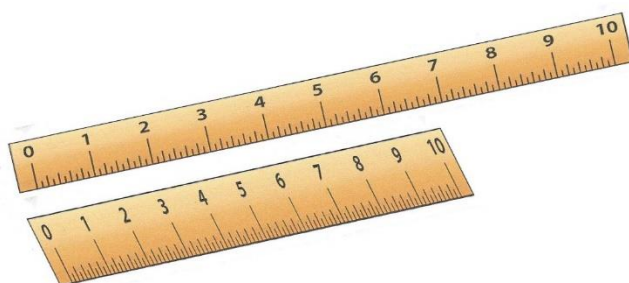
The set of 7 balls and the palino are available now. The eighth ball will be forwarded when the evidence part of the trial is completed. A real buy!

### With the right ruler you can win any game.

Custom rulers have yet to be ruled out in tournament play. So ,until the law measures up, take an inch and call it a foot. Or call it out and show the proof on the ruler.

10 Inch model shown. For Bocce, the short ruler is an honest 23 inches marked to show 36 inches. The long one is 46 inches but marked to look like it's only 36 inches.

Need yours to be closer? Use the little one, need to count a far out shot? You're set with the long ruler. Switch back and forth to help your score. May require practice so your opponent isn't aware. But it's still easier than real practice.



**Not Yet Outlawed in All Tournament Play**  
Buy with the confidence you won't get short changed. "For Novelty Use Only"



### Bocce Theme Cup Holder. Get your hands on a refreshing drink

If you can. These are actual Bocce Federation balls cut to hold the popular red drink cups. Because of their size they keep drinks cool for a long time.

Imagine the pride you'll feel holding one of these along the courts on a hot summer day.

Remember that pride is costly. You'll be proud OK, but uncomfortable, too. The cup holder, cup and drink with ice weighs about a pound, is bigger than most hands can hold, and can't be put down without rolling over. Yeah, it's bocce! But we'd like to see a golfer with a golf ball cooler as cool as ours.