

# 2021 Bocce Club Board Nominees

## President

### **Ron Pontiff – Incumbant**



My wife and I moved to Sun City in March, 2017. We became active in the Club in 2018, after completing in the new training class. I served as Vice-President in 2019, and now the current President. During that time, I also ran leagues, helped with social events and was very active in open plays.

My goal has always been to provide as many opportunities for participation as possible and to grow the club in the direction that the majority desires, as defined in annual surveys. During my time on the board, we have created or revised game rules and league regulations, increased neighborhood play, added International and Beginners leagues and tournaments, added couples play, and achieved the goal of at least two social events per month, prior to the pandemic.

This year has been rough on all of us. Tough decisions had to be made. We are slowly increasing opportunities for play, have added training for new members, and added a Beginners league and tournament. Going forward, I will lead us into normalcy as soon as it can be safely done.

Key items I am pushing for in 2021:

- Continued improvement of the environment that allows for both Sun City Rules and International Rules in open play, league play and tournaments.
- Completion of capital projects that were put on hold, this year by the CA.
- Couples' tournaments.

Thank you in advance for your vote. I look forward to serving you in 2021.

## **Grady Jones**

My wife, Rosie and I have lived in Sun City for 3 ½ years in Neighborhood 58. I was born in Austin, Texas, and worked in Dallas for 35 years. I have two daughters that live in Austin and Rosie has two sons that live in Ohio. We have 8 grandchildren. I retired from JPMorgan Chase Bank after 43 years. I worked in the Investment Bank, Technology department and have PMP certification. (Project Management Professional). We have played Bocce for approximately 2 years. I served on the Bocce Board in 2019 as Social Director and currently serve as Leagues and Tournament Director.

I believe the future is bright for the Bocce Club. The Club has the potential to grow significantly over the next few years and growth requires Leadership to take our case to the Community Association for facility enhancements and improvements. I know I can use my Project Management skills to ensure the CA is accountable for all requests. I will be completely transparent regarding all project status.

The number one priority will be to provide opportunities for ALL members to enjoy the game of Bocce.

## **Vice President**

### **Paul Fisch - Incumbant**

Raised in Iowa and traveled across the country while working for the Department of Veteran's Affairs Health Care System. I have three grown children who all live in Texas. Moved to Sun City in 2008 and joined the bocce club. Truly enjoy the game and my fellow members. My vision for the Club is to see it's membership grow and see more members participate in Club events.

## **Treasurer**

### **Patti Clark - Incumbant**

My name is Patti Clark. I moved here 2 years ago. My husband and I took "Sal's newbie class" and were immediately taken with all the friendly people we met. Sal was so enthusiastic about bocce that we caught the "fever" too. We even participated in the intermediate league!

For the past year, I have been the Bocce Club's Treasurer. In addition, I have been the treasurer of other organizations before I came here, and when there was an open position on the board for treasurer, I was happy to serve.

I look forward to assisting in the continuing growth of the club, in both membership and in experiencing the various leagues and rules.

I look forward to getting back to normal and meeting you on the courts.

## **Secretary**

### **Trish Bryans**

Trish Bryans is submitting for Secretary of the Bocce Club. Trish is currently the Membership Director and has had the pleasure of welcoming many new members at the Chartered Club Fairs and New Residents' Orientations over the last couple of years. She came to the USA directly from North-East England almost 3 years ago and moved into Sun City within 3 weeks of her arrival. Her son works in Austin and she moved here to be near him. Joining the Bocce Club helped fulfil her plan to do something different and to make new friends. Writing and attention to detail were among the skills she developed in her working life lecturing in Leadership and Management at several UK universities. The role of Secretary would allow her to continue using and developing those skills. Trish launched the Come Back to Bocce initiative earlier this year and hopes that the club will continue to find new ways to engage and include all members.

## **Member at Large – League Director**

### **Bill Crist**

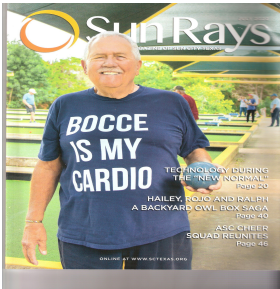


My name is Bill Crist and I am applying for the position of “Member at Large – League Director”.

My experience is: Past Board Director for Membership; Intermediate League Coordinator (two times); Club Member for four years; Monitor for open play. My vision for the club is for our activities to be “all inclusive”. Everything we do should include new members (newbees) as well as “Old Timers”. In addition, I am in favor of Events that include other Bocce Clubs outside of Sun City. I would like bleachers on the hill by court 8. I want to see lights so we can play during the cool of the evening. I understand Covid-19 restrictions, but I know they will go away. I believe that our club is essential to

many people's health. The more members we have playing in leagues, the healthier our club will be. My goal for our club is that everyone should enjoy the game of Bocce and have great fellowship with others.

## **John Shideler**



The Bocce Club has become my second family. I am running for the Board because I want to repay the Club and my many friends for the fellowship and great memories I have experienced. I thank you for the opportunity to serve you and the Bocce Club. I ask for your vote and support in this election.

## **VISION FOR THE FUTURE**

1. Leagues and tournaments based on different Skill Levels
2. Neighborhood Tournaments
3. Fun Tournaments
4. Tournaments with other Chartered Clubs

## **EXPERIENCE/SERVICE**

### **BOCCE CLUB**

Member - 2014 to Present

Board Director - 2015 to 2017

League and Tournament Play 2014 to Present

Daily Play Coordinator 2016 to 2019

League and Tournament Manager 2016 to 2019

Daily Play Monitor 2020

### **COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

NRO Rep Neighborhood 50 - 2014 to 2019

NRO Alternative Rep - 2020

NRO Water Matters Group 2015 to Present

NRO Water Matters Group Chairman 2017 to Present

Modifications Committee 2015 to 2018

Modifications Committee Chairman 2018

Covenants Committee 2019 to Present

## **PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Born and raised in Topeka Kansas  
BA Degree - Washburn University 1962  
Moved to Texas in 1963  
Small Business Owner 1976 to 2014  
State of Texas Licensed Irrigator, LI0006728, 1999 to Present  
Married to Marilyn Shideler for 60 years  
Moved to Sun City, November 2013

**Member at Large - Membership Director**

Toni Lagalo



I am a recent Texas transplant arriving this past November. Having survived years of harsh and frigid Michigan winters all my life I made the decision to retire from Nursing and Hospital management. I gotta tell you waking up this winter to blue sky and sunshine was glorious.

Growing up in a Sicilian family, Bocce was a summer social sport played by my Mother and Father and all my Aunts and Uncles every Sunday. It was only for adults, children were not allowed to play. I always figured someday I would figure out the game and what all the yelling and laughing was all about. Bocce was the first club I joined and the first ball I threw was on our Sun City courts. I have been hooked ever since.

My neighbors were curious where I was going everyday and came back smiling. One by one I encouraged them to join. I enjoy taking time to talk to the walkers who come by the court asking about the game. I would be happy to represent the Bocce Club for recruitment this upcoming year. Great bunch of folks who helped me with the game and I'd like to do the same for others.

## **Member at Large – Social Director**

**Dianne Hodel**



I'm interested in becoming your 2021 Bocce social director.

From 2006-2019 whether it was PTO, Boy Scouts, cross country, theater or Belk Department store, I was in charge of planning various dinners, teacher appreciation and employee appreciation events. I would do everything from the decorations, set up and food.

My vision for Bocce is to have fun because every day is a special day. Some of my ideas are as follows: I would like to see the magnetic board at the shed used to display a monthly calendar to celebrate member's birthdays. Even during this time of COVID when we are unable to serve food or have gatherings we can still have fun, simple events. For example January 15<sup>th</sup> National Hat Day – wouldn't it be fun to wear your favorite hat or even decorate a hat or February 5<sup>th</sup> is National Wear Red Day in support of heart disease.

Wouldn't it be fun to celebrate National Random Acts of Kindness day with us bringing a donation of laundry PODS, dryer sheets or quarters to donate to LaundryLove of Georgetown. LaundryLove gives underprivileged citizens an opportunity to wash clothes for free twice a month at a local laundry mat. There are so many unique calendar holidays to celebrate and be a part of.

I hope you will consider me for social chairman. Let's have fun!

## **Member at Large – Web Administrator**

### **Julie Lemen - Incumbant**



My name is Julie Lemen and I am currently the Bocce Club Web Administrator.

Two years ago, I retired from my long time job as a Software Engineer and along with my husband followed our children to the Austin area settling in Sun City. I joined the Bocce club right away and have made many friends in the club.

Last year I was asked to help with the club website and was subsequently appointed to the Member at Large, Web Administrator position. My goal has been and continues to be keeping the membership informed of club activities, league results and all relevant bocce news. I keep up the club calendar and work with the neighborhoods representatives for neighborhood play. I hope once we are done with the COVID-19 restrictions, we can continue to be a great club, adding more activities and increasing our membership.