

BOCCE CLUB MARCH 2018

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Five More Minutes with Steve Mellinger

Bocce is a wonderful game full of skill and strategy and can be played on almost any surface and anywhere. It is not limited to just Sun City, Georgetown. If you're looking for Bocce outside Georgetown, you might try joining the Major League Bocce in Austin, Texas.

Email majorleaguebocce.com and select city- Austin. They play year-round on outdoor courts for six weeks with two weeks for playoffs. Days of play are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at different locations in the City. Teams consist of 5 or more players with a cost of \$55 per person. Another idea would be adopting Pickleball's idea called Intercommunity Pickleball Meet. They meet quarterly for a one day and play with three other communities: Kissing Tree San Marcos, Del Webb San Antonio, and Del Webb Houston. These three communities also have Bocce Courts. If anyone has interest in this type of play, please email me, stevemellinger8618@gmail.com.

The Texas State Senior Games are a group of senior athletes that compete in more than twenty different sports categories, ranging from Pickleball to tennis, track and volleyball and more. Athletes, including men and women ages fifty and over compete in five-year age increments. Gold, silver, and bronze medals are awarded in each category. San Antonio host the Games every April with over two thousand athletes from across the United States participating. At present time Bocce is not a Scheduled event. Not too long ago neither was Pickleball. Chuck Flannigan, who lives in Sun City, played an important role in getting Pickleball as one of the sports in the Senior Games. If we have any interest in getting Bocce as an event in the Senior Games, let me know.

The last item of interest is a Company called Packaworld. It is out of New Zealand and they make portable Bocce Courts (Packabocce). **'Packabocce' is a portable bocce court. Just roll it out of the bag, pump it up and in less than 10 mins you're ready to play.** They have three sizes; the largest 60'x12' at a cost of \$1500. The court consists of six inflatable tubes with Velcro strapping. The complete Court comes stored in an oversized duffle bag.

<https://www.packaworld.com/boccegallery.html> and <https://www.packaworld.com/news-blog/category/bocce>



Treasurer's Report-Doug Brumm

As of January 31, 2018, Bocce has 207 paid members. There are 125 renewals and 82 new members. This compares to a 2017-year end number of 207 and January 2017 number of 147. The balance is \$3,170.

Advanced League-John Shideler

ADVANCED LEAGUE #1 FINISHES

Mother Nature did not cooperate with the League play so far in 2018. We were not able to finish our fifth week of play as scheduled.

The winners of League 1 were: 1st Place - Stanley Payne, 2nd Place Larry Hunting, and 3rd Place – George Mike Bryne. Congratulations to these players for leading our league. The league play was very close with only 8 points separating 3rd Place to 7th Place.

Thanks to all those members who helped make the Advance Bocce League so successful. See YOU on the Courts.

Just a brief reminder that our Advanced Bocce League II is scheduled to start on **Wednesday, March 7, 2018**. We will be playing by Sun City rules and will play a **5-WEEK** schedule, starting at **1:00PM**. **REMEMBER MARCH 21ST THE COURTS WILL BE CLOSED.**

Remember that we will take the first 16 players that sign up, so if you want to play you need to respond by email asap before the league becomes full (shadraski@yahoo.com).

Thanks for your support of our Advanced League format.

See YOU on the courts.

Ladies League-Lin Vernier

The next Ladies League will begin on **Tuesday Feb 27th** at 3pm.

We have 16 players who will be participating in the fun. Courts will be closed Tuesday, March 20, therefore play will be revised to March 6th, 13th, 27th, and April 3rd if needed due to weather

The first league was a success with Joyce Simanek in first and Patti DeGroot second.



16 Players have
already registered
for Ladies League II
which makes it a
complete roster!



Since the courts will have new turf installed after the third meeting, we will have brand new surfaces to try out for the remainder of the league play. I personally am looking forward to the

surface slowing down my overly fast rolls. We will see how that works! If you have any Ladies League questions or concerns email me at linvernier@gmail.com

BE SURE TO CHECK OUT THE BOCCE WEBSITE! NEW PICTURES AND CALENDAR DATES HAVE BEEN POSTED.

New Resident Bocce Trainer-Sal Caravello

BOCCE TIPS Volume 4

By Sal Caravello

New Training Starts: February 16th, May 18th, August 17 th , and November 16 th , come join us. New-bee Bocce Tournament, March 30 th , Friday April 6th and April 7th...



Question from Volume 3: *How do I roll the Bocce ball?*

Guess the best answer is there is no right or wrong way to roll the Bocce Ball, whatever works for you. There are things to try to avoid when throwing the Bocce ball however. The first thing to remember is that it is not a bowling ball, and the court is not an alley. There are no groves in the court. You cannot hook the Bocce ball successfully. **So, do not turn your wrist**, that is called steering the ball. The idea is to be as consistent as possible, that you can roll the ball where you want it. Do not allow it to have a mind of its own. Secondly, watch where you release the ball. Releasing it at different heights in your approach will cause the ball to go differently every time. Some people like to release it at their side, others like to release it in front of them. Whichever method you choose stick to it, develop it, practice and just be consistent.

Question: *Do you know what they call hitting the back board?* OUT! no, really. In international rules this is called a Burned Ball. A rolled Bocce ball that hits the backboard without hitting any other ball on the court is called a burned ball. It is removed from the court and does not count. Any ball that was hit by this ball after it hits the backboard must be returned to its original place on the court. Remember if it hits a ball in the field of play and then hits the backboard it is a playable ball.

Question: *Who governs Bocce play and Tournaments in the United States?* Thought you would never ask. It is the United States Bocce Foundation. Check the website for some great, information and background about Bocce. It is the official authority for all Bocce questions. Not me for sure, regardless of what you may think.

New Resident Bocce Ball Training

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New resident training sessions were held Saturday the January 27th, February 3rd, and February 10th and the training was a tremendous success. Thirty plus new residents attended with Sal Caravello, instructing the basics on bocce here in Sun City. Once the instructions were completed, everyone broke up into groups and began bocce play. Laughter could be heard along with “whoops” and “hollers” when a point was made. Each court had an instructor to ensure all questions were answered and the rules of play were being learned. The February 3rd sessions included instructions on how to play bocce using International Rules. Many residents commented how much fun the game was, but really enjoyed getting out and fellowshiping with new residents. It gave everyone an opportunity to meet new neighbors and make friends. All who attended at least two of the three sessions were awarded Completion Certificates. There was great participation in all sessions, regardless of weather conditions. Sal commented that this was the best group of folks, with great attitudes, and made the experience one to remember.

To keep all the new folks moving forward and engaged in bocce play there will be a NEWBEE league play tournament. This will be a double elimination tournament for sixteen players scheduled for March 30, April 6, and finals Saturday April 7th. Let's all come out to support the NEWBEE tournament.

The next training class is scheduled for May 18th, followed by another on August 17th. There is no need to wait for these classes to learn to play bocce. Just come down to the courts any afternoon at 1:00 pm and there will be many players that will help you get started.

See you at the courts, "And Let's Play Bocce!!"



BOCCE HIGHROLLERS

Marilyn Marlar – 5 points

On the 14th of February, I sent out an announcement reminding members to attend a Bocce event, *President's Day*. The Club was honoring a past president, Russ Ruff. While trying to honor a past president, I overlooked another. Several of you noticed that I neglected to mention John Luther as a past president in that announcement. John should be remembered for setting the stage for membership growth, encouraging newbies to learn to play, and the countless residents here in Sun City that he has personally trained in bocce play. I am very sorry for the omission. I appreciate his efforts and welcome ***all*** to be part of the SC Bocce program. Sherry Nogle, Sun City Bocce Club Secretary

TIME CHANGE FOR DAILY PLAYERS WILL CHANGE SOMETIME IN MARCH FROM 1:00 PM TO 8:00 AM. AN EMAIL WILL BE SENT OUT TO MEMBERSHIP INFORMING THEM OF THE TIME CHANGE FOR DAILY PRACTICE.



A Big Thank You to ***Howard Springer*** for keeping our bocce courts clean and for helping with New Member Training.

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2	NEW MEMBER TRAINING Wk 2 & 3 10:00 - NOON
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6	LADIES LEAGUE II, 3-5:00 PM
7	ADVANCED LEAGUE II 1-3:00 PM
8	WEAR YOUR BOCCE T-SHIRT DAY 10:00 AM TIL NOON ORDER YOUR T-SHIRTS & BADGE
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13	LADIES LEAGUE II, 3-5:00 PM
14	ADVANCED LEAGUE II 1-3:00 PM
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17	ST. PATRICK'S DAY BOCCE EVENT, WEAR GREEN AND WEAR YOUR BADGE FOR DRAWING, 10:00 – 1 PM
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19	Courts Closed due to R-Carpeting
20	Courts Closed due to R-Carpeting
21	Courts Closed due to R-Carpeting
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27	LADIES LEAGUE II, 3-5
28	ADVANCED LEAGUE II, 1-3PM
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30	NEW MEMBER TOURNEY, 10-1:00pm
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APRIL 2018

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3	LADIES LEAGUE PLAY II 3:00 – 5:00 PM
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6	NEWBEE TOURNAMENT, 10-1:00 PM
7	NEWBEE TOURNAMENT FINALS, 10-1:00 PM
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11	ADVANCED LEAGUE II 1-3:00 PM
12	DRINK UP DAY BOCCE EVENT, 10:00 – NOON, BRING A 6-PACK/CASE OF WATER
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18	LADIES LEAGUE III, 9 AM, INTERNATIONAL RULES
19	BOCCE BOARD MEETING, 3-4:00 PM AC
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22	MEN VS. WOMEN SUNDAY BOCCE EVENT, 4-7:00 PM, BRING SNACKS AND DRINKS
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24	YOUNTVILLE BOCCE TOURNAMENT PLANNING MEETING -AC ROOM 3, 9-10:30
25	LADIES LEAGUE III, 9AM
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Wear your Bocce Club T-Shirt



WEAR YOUR BOCCE CLUB T-SHIRT

and come play Bocce

March 8, 2018 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

If you don't have a club t-shirt, this is your chance to order one,
Club Name Badges will also be available to order.



Let's spread the luck of-the-Irish and Celebrate St. Patrick's Day on the Bocce Courts!

You are encouraged to wear your green or get "pinched". If you wear your Bocce Name Badge, you have a chance to win a lottery ticket!

Green punch will be served on the Patio and if you choose, you can bring your own beer.

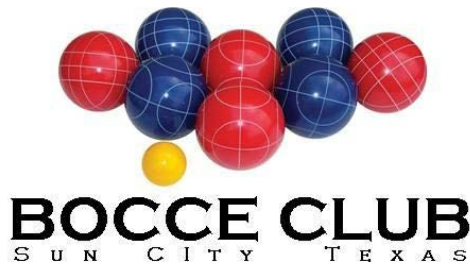
March 17 from 10:00 am to Noon.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN APRIL---*Mark your Calendars Now!*



DRINK UP DAY

When you come to play three (3) games of Bocce on April 12, 2018 at 10:00 AM, bring a *six pack or case* of water to the Bocce Courts. We'll store it in the shed. Thank you for donating water, your donation will help our club members stay hydrated!



**BOARD MEETING
APRIL 19, 2018
ACTIVITIES CENTER
3:00 – 4:00 PM**



If you plan to participate in the Yountville, CA Bocce Tournament in August, you DON'T want to miss this meeting.

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

Time: 9:00 am to 10:30 am

Activities Center Meeting Room 3



When you think about your perfect Sunday, it could involve sleeping in, going out for brunch, attending church, or playing **MEN VS. WOMEN BOCCE**. Picture this: a gentle breeze blowing on a relaxing Sunday afternoon while playing three games of Bocce. It's not so difficult to have a relaxing Sunday **afternoon**; you just need to think about Bocce and what this game will do for your well-being. Allow Sunday afternoon of Bocce be the day for you to replenish, rejuvenate and get a bit of exercise. Take advantage of the warm weather and fresh air with these sunny Sunday afternoon Bocce games. Let this be a time where we can let our hair down and spend time with our friends. Make **Sunday Bocce MEN VS. WOMEN** a fun and creative event. Come join Kyle and Sherry Nogle for a late afternoon of Bocce. This Bocce Event takes place **on Sunday, April 22, 2018 at 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm**. Bring your favorite beverage and snack. Email us nogle1956@gmail.com today and join the FUN.

