



February 2020 Newsletter

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A few words from Ron Pontiff – President

The Bocce Club has started early this year, with a calendar full of events. Two hundred and fourteen (214) members have taken advantage of the \$1.00 discount by signing up last December. We encourage the rest of the members to sign up soon, the one-month grace period ended January 31st and if you have not renewed, your name will be dropped from distribution lists. Our calendar is filling up and we don't want you missing any of the fun events.

The Bocce Website now uses only one calendar to display court scheduling and all other Bocce planned activities. See the calendar for these exciting events:

- Eight neighborhoods have games during the year.
- Twenty-two social events are planned throughout the year
- A full year of training has been scheduled. The format for the training sessions has changed. The first day will be an introduction to bocce for all Sun City Residents, the remaining two sessions are enhanced training for Bocce Club Members, only.
- In addition to the Legacy Open Play, 6 days a week, the club offers other opportunities for open play including: Open Play for Beginners, Couples Fun Group, the Polar Bear League and Ladies Open Play.
- The Board has now begun having monthly meetings.

New for 2020:

- The Rules of Play and League Regulations have been revised and re-posted on the Website. The revisions were minor, and they were revised at membership request.
- The Bocce Club Bylaws revisions are in work. These revisions will be routed to the membership for approval. Primary need for the revisions is to reflect changes in CA policy and to permit Special Interest Groups (SIG's).

The Bocce Club has two new SIG's:

- *Pure Bocce Special Interest Group* allows for International Play in an open play environment. On-line registration on the Bocce Website is available for those who wish to join.
- *The Bocce Lifestyle Special Interest Group* will link Bocce club members to the cultural, culinary, and creative endeavors that are so much of the Italian lifestyle. They will offer learning experiences in Italian cooking which will also provide Italian dishes for club social gatherings. They organize meals at area Italian restaurants for groups of club members to learn new Italian dishes. Travels further afield may follow. The SIG's first big event, Lifestyle Festival is on April 19. If you are interested in joining this fun group or would like more information, contact Dick Billows.

Revised Court Request Forms can now be used to schedule events for the entire year. Remember, events scheduled with these forms should use bocce balls in the plastic bin on the side of the shed.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Patti Clark

At the close of 2019, the Bocce Club had 402 paid members, and the ending balance with the CA was \$734.78.

TRAINING: The 2020 training schedule is available on the Bocce website. Starting with an orientation session for anyone looking to learn about Bocce, where club membership is not required. Followed by a two session New-Bee orientation containing more details, rules and strategies for bocce. This orientation requires membership in the club. The training schedule for 2020 can be found <https://www.sctexas.org/Files/Library/27060/2020TRAININGSCHEDULE.PDF>

SOCIAL COMMITTEE: - Susan Schmidt

The Social Committee has planned some fun activities for 2020. Our first social will be in February on Valentine's Day! Join us on the courts at 11:00 a.m. for 2 games of Bocce, then come on over to the Patio for a heart-felt Valentine treat!

- *When you come, bring a donation of water with you so we have water on hand as our Texas weather turns hot! (I'm sure a lot of you are already wishing for warmer weather!)*

Coming up on our Social calendar, we will have a Mardi Gras social on Tuesday, February 25th beginning at 1:00 p.m. We'll have King cake and a "prize" for the person who finds the baby in the cake! March will blow in as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day, and then on to our April Fools' Day social. Be sure to look for the E-Blasts announcing each event and we hope a lot of you will come. Don't forget to "register" for each event. The committee wants to make sure we have enough snacks for everyone, without waste!

Membership Director – Trish Bryans

Information about the Bocce Club is currently in one of the display cabinets outside the Texas Drive Ballroom. A big thank you goes to Rita Speer, Marti Killen and Diane Lind from the Membership Committee for putting together a beautiful display. Take a look next time you're passing by.

Bocce Club at the Chartered Club Fair

A steady stream of potential new members visited the Bocce Club stand at the Chartered Club Fair on Friday January 24th. The Membership Director, Trish Bryans, would like to thank Paul Fisch who got up early to set up the stand. Thanks also go to Patti Clark, Ron Pontiff, Diane Lind, Grady Jones, Dick Billows and Marti Killen for being there to talk to visitors about the Bocce Club. 35 potential new members

signed up to attend Orientation Course or to get information about future training courses.



League Director – Grady Jones

The 2020 League play started early and enthusiastically. We currently have 3 leagues:

- Advanced Sun City rules (Monday 1 pm)
- Advanced International rules (Friday 1 pm)
- Intermediate International rules (Tuesday 1 pm).
- All leagues have 16 members and the Club will record scores for each player and maintain the scores throughout the year.
- Players must play a minimum of 24 games (8 days) to be eligible for end of year play.

We believe if we had additional league coordinators, we could start new leagues like: Pairs league, Additional Intermediate leagues and a New Player league. Please reach out if you're interested in coordinating a league or being a co-coordinator.

Another innovative idea for league play is a "drop-in league" The concept is similar to an open play group but with scoring. I would like to schedule this concept on Saturdays at 1 pm. Any member of the club could "drop-in", play 3 games and

we'll maintain your scores throughout the year. The advantages to a drop-in league are no registration, no commitment to a 5-week league and still maintain scores through the year.

New ideas for Tournament play are hosting outside Bocce clubs like Kissing Tree or Del Webb Frisco.

The Sun City Bocce Club plans to reinstate the Neighborhood Challenge Tournament this year. More details will be provided as we finalize the tournament.

Thursday Evening Couples Fun League.

Since we don't have sufficient sun to play bocce on Thursday evenings this group meets at 5:30 at The Retreat patio fire pit instead. It's an enjoyable gathering with snacks, drinks and socializing. Once we get back to daylight savings time bocce players will resume. Look for that announcement in March.

Please remember to go to the Bocce Club Website regularly to check out the calendar and all of the wonderful information available to you.

February 2020



26	27	28	29	30	31	1
	10a Training 1p Advanced Lec 1p Daily Play 4p N16 - 6 Court	10a Ladies Fun C 1p Daily Play 1p Intermediate 4p N59 - 6 Ct	1p Daily Play 3p N50 - 6 Court	1p Daily Play	10a Training Register 1p Advanced Lec 1p Daily Play	10a Polar Bear L 1p Daily Play
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It's Valentine's Day

Friday February 14, 2020

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

You are invited to play 2 games of Bocce, then enjoy the friendship and social activities on the Patio. Please bring a case of water to help replenish the club's supply.

There will be cupcakes and water provided. Please BYOB if you desire. Registration began 1/27/2020 and is open until February 10th at 5:00pm.

Register On-Line



Playing Bocce on the courts. Feathers. Beads &
Masks.

What more do we need to have a Blast?

Come celebrate *MARDI GRAS* with the Bocce Club

February 25th, 1:00 PM

Players may dress-up if they wish.

There will be a King's Cake on the patio following
two (2) Games of Bocce.

Whomever finds a "baby" in their cake wins a prize!

Bring your own drink of choice

Register on-line beginning 2/17/2020

