

BOCCE CLUB NEWSLETTER

JULY 2018

Sherry Nogle, Editor and Janet Platteborze, Web Administrator

NOTE FROM THE BOARD: There will be no additional newsletter published for August. This newsletter combines and covers the months of July and August.

FIVE MORE MINUTES WITH STEVE MELLINGER, PRESIDENT

Volunteers are the life blood of our Bocce Club. No better evidence of this than our June Junior Camper Volunteers. Over 40 Bocce Members volunteered one to three hours of their time to teach the game of Bocce to our young Campers. Thank you, members, for your service!

Like Junior Camp, **we need volunteers** for many of our Club activities. Listed below are areas we need help with:

- Keeping the Bocce Courts clean by blowing the leaves and other debris off the courts
- Help setting up bocce Courts for League and Social Play
- Washing the Bocce towels
- Getting ice for water coolers
- Helping with Social Events
- Helping with Leagues as score keepers, flaggers, officials
- Helping with Bocce merchandise (caps, visors, T-Shirts, and name badges)
- Writing articles for the Bocce Newsletter
- Bocce maintenance
- Photographer for Club Events

Even if you can help only one or several times a year in any of the above areas, please contact Joe Marquez by emailing Joe at <mailto:jma3339@gmail.com>.



Larry Hunting is instructing a group of campers.



Please remember to rack all Bocce Balls at the end of each frame. This will help prevent anyone from stepping on or tripping over the balls.

TREASURER'S REPORT-DOUG BRUMM

As of May 31, 2018, the Bocce Club has 287 paid members of which 162 are new to the club this year. Including all expenses through June 18, the Club has a cash balance with the CA of \$2,609.00.

ADVANCED BOCCE LEAGUES & DAILY BOCCE PLAY-JOHN SHIDELER

League #4 of the Advanced Bocce Group has now completed three of its five-week program. The current top scorers are: 1st Larry Hunting – 100 Points Tied for 2nd Russ Ruff, John Shideler and Don Webb with – 95 Points 3rd John Luther – 89 Points and Tied for 4th Mike Byrne and Marilyn Marlar - 87 Points.



Larry Hunting



Russ Ruff



John Shideler



Don Webb



John Luther



Mike Byrne



Marilyn Marlar

Our current League play is scheduled on Mondays at 8:00 AM. If you want to watch some of the best bocce played in Texas, come on out and cheer or “boo” those old people having a great time throwing those red, white, and blue balls.

League # 5 is scheduled to start on Tuesday, July 17, 2018. We will play **a five-week program using “Sun City Rules” on Tuesday mornings at 8:00 AM.** The first sixteen (16) members to sign up will be on the League Roster. If the Roster is full, a substitute list will be made for those who want to play as a “sub”.

Please email John Shideler at shadraski@yahoo.com to register. Thank you for making our Leagues so successful. See YOU on the Courts.

DAILY BOCCE PLAY

Did you know that the Bocce Club has daily open play on our courts? We play every morning during the warm weather at 8:00 AM, Monday thru Saturday, unless there is a scheduled event at that time. During the cool/cold weather months we play at 1:00 PM.

Everyone is welcome to come out and have fun while playing. We draw for partners every day, so you get to play with a lot of different people every time.

Currently, there are no skill level requirements. All our members will help you learn more about Bocce while we play. You really need to play as well as practice to improve your game. We look forward to having YOU enjoy playing more bocce.

LADIES LEAGUE-LIN VERNIER

Hello all you friendly bocce players!

The fourth ladies league has just concluded, and congratulations go to Sherry Nogle in first place, Marilyn Marlar in second place, and Patti DeGroot coming in third place. It was a very hot and humid league, but we still had a good time.



Sherry Nogle



Marilyn Marlar



Patti DeGroot

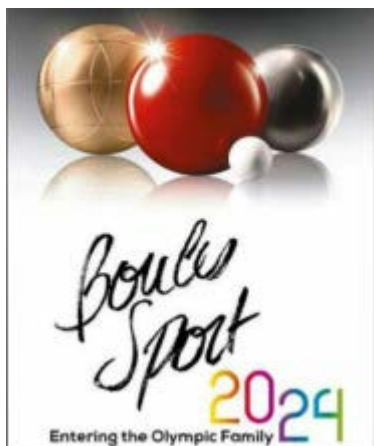
The Ladies League players are taking July and August off partly for vacations and partly because it is just so hot!! **We will resume in September with our fifth league of the year, so keep Fridays at 9am, in September open so you can join us.**

I have to say thank you to the new players who have played with us this year. I know it is difficult to hang in there when you are still trying to perfect your game. All the first-time league players are talented, and it is wonderful to see so many new faces on the courts.

BOCCE TIPS Volume 8

By Sal Caravello

New Training Starts: **New Comers Training starts on Friday, August 17th, and November 16th**, these are three day sessions for new residence, if any members are interested in participating please come join us, it fun, informative and more importantly enjoyable, I promise.....



Question from Volume 7: Is it legal to cross the center line?

Yes, there are two main reasons to cross, and they both require the same first step: ask the captain of the opposing team for permission. If you are on a four-player team, with two of your teammates playing from the opposite end of the court, it is common to meet at the center line to discuss strategy. What if you like to take a closer look at the way the balls and pallino are situated? Ask the captain.

A Historical Look: The sport first came to America in the English version called Bowls from the French boule (seen in the logo alongside this article, since the French are sponsoring the sport for the Olympics)

meaning ball. In accord with how the game was played in Britain, American players threw the ball not on stone dust (as done today on some Bocce courts) but on close cropped grass, which some say was the origin of modern lawn bowling. It has been noted that one early American playing on a field was Bowling Green at the southern tip of Manhattan in NY and that George Washington built a court at Mountain Vernon in the 1780's.

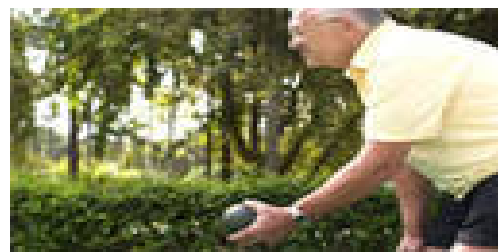
Reference source: United States Bocce' Federation

ReUnion Friday: I will be gone the entire month of July and will be back the first week of August and we will resume Reunion Fridays for Newbees to get together and continue to hone their skills.



This is the official seal of the United States Bocce' Federation, for which I am now a member and as such have agreed to support and promote the sport of bocce and abide by the regulations and policies of the United States Bocce' Federation. My first goal is to have Sun City Bocce' Club recognized as a sanction club within the Federation as well as to continue to train new individuals in the sport of Bocce' in accordance with the guidelines of the Federation.

Referee Training: Now who are these guys, you ask? Well, in International Games, we call them **flaggers**. In truth during tournaments they are more than just flaggers. They control the game. This fall we will be holding Referee training, so we have good experienced individuals for this position.



Question for the next issue: **Must all balls pass the center line?**

INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT FINALS:

Hi Bocce' lovers,

If you did not come out to participate, or even to spectate, you missed some of the best Bocce' played in Texas. As part of the training for 2018, newbies were exposed not only to the rules of play, etiquette, and sportsmanship, but different types of tournaments as well. The Round Robin Tournament coupled with a single elimination semi-finals were great exposure and experience for them. It was decided this was a good opportunity to invite the "regular" members to join the "newbies" in a combined tournament played with International Rules.

We started with eight-four player teams in the Round Robin which was played on total points over a two Friday period, however, there was not enough time to play everyone, but a good exposure to playing in a tournament for a total of 72 points. From the top four team point totals - teams were moved on to the Semi-Finals for the best out of three game shoot out, which was played on the third Friday. All games were close, and some good play was displayed by some really good players.

Team One captained by Linn Morgan and **Team Eight** captained by Bob Lull were in the finals and decided that they would like to go head to head Saturday at 8 o'clock instead of playing through that day or waiting until next Friday. You see the heat was a major factor in all the schedule adjustments. In the Semi-finals both games did not get past two games which made the day go faster. It also made it easier on all the volunteers that were flagging and keeping score, who by the way did an excellent and professional job in the heat.



Finals: It was definitely a battle from the get go, some wonderful Bocce' full of suspense, defense and strategy. Give and take the whole way, one point here and one point there as they fought their way. It was tie at 10 all and **Team One** scored another point by Russ Ruff making it 11-10 in their favor. This round was difficult to call until the very end and once again Russ Ruff scored the final point making it 12-10, so game one went to **Team One**.

Wow, **Team Eight** came out of the gate rolling and playing great defense and took the lead at 9-0. Looked like we were heading for a third game. Russ mentioned that we should just go to the third game at this point, it was a shut-out. Then suddenly in the next roll **Team One** scored three points to make it 9-3, still a long way to go, but only three points to end it for **Team Eight**. They were all in blue for LSU and ready to take it to game three when Russ rolled the last two balls for four points and made the score 9-7. You could sense the momentum changing at that point. It was give and take from there until they were 10-10 tied again and **Team Eight** score the point to make it 11-10. Look out now! **Team Eight** got off to a bad start and Russ was up with two balls what looked like another tie. He was cool and laid them down the court to make the final score 12-11 with **TEAM NUMBER ONE** the tournament winner. It was definitely the best final ever!

Winning Team: Linn Morgan, team captain, Russ Ruff, Lin Vernier and Dick Billows.



Runner Up: Bob Lull, team captain, Sherry Nogle, Ron Pontiff and Dan Jowers.



The officials gathered together and compared notes of the finals and there were some great rolls by several of the players, but it was decided unanimously with six major rolls by **Russ Ruff**, that he was indeed the Most Valuable Player.

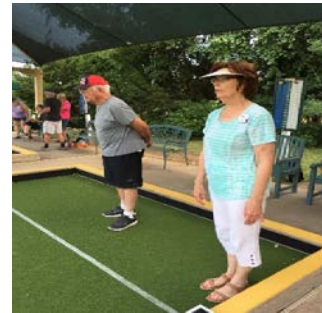


There were 56% newbees as participants. All the officials were under pressure the entire time, but we all managed to play the game of Bocce' with respect for each other and have a great time. Thanks to everyone that participated and especially the officials, it was a great tournament and shows the growth we have as a Club. If you were not there you missed something special!



DAY BEFORE NATIONAL ICE CREAM DAY BOCCE EVENT

When the Bocce Club announced they were hosting, "The Day Before National Ice Cream Day", members came running. First, members played three fun-filled games of Bocce using International Rules. After working up an ice cream appetite, they assembled on the patio for Blue Bell Ice Cream.





Sportsmanship in the Game of Bocce by Sherry Nogle

Sportsmanship, everyone knows what it is, yet this is a subject that seems to be forgotten at the courts from time to time especially during Bocce Tournaments. There are players, flaggers, officials, and helpers that are making tournament play possible. Remember, everyone is a volunteer. Please do not put undue pressure on anyone that is helping to make the game successful.

The most important concept of sportsmanship is **respect**. My mama always said, "Treat others as you would want to be treated." Let's all take a deep breath, relax, and remember that **Bocce is a fun game to be enjoyed by everyone**. You are never really playing an opponent; you are playing yourself, your own highest standard, and when you reach your goals, that it the real joy of Bocce.

The first part of respecting the game of Bocce is learning and understanding the rules. Differences may be found in the playing rules, size of court, weather, scheduling, or rule changes meant to benefit the less skilled. Being unaware and/or openly complaining about these differences is disrespectful to the game and flies in the face of good sportsmanship. This doesn't mean you can't be an agent of change. We should always welcome constructive criticism and ideas presented in a respectful way. If you are a member that finds yourself in the demanding or complaining category, please stop and realize the game is not all about you, but about a club of many people.

Everyone loves to win at Bocce. It is their reward for working hard and fills them with pride. When we play on a team, it is our obligation to do our best to win. Winning becomes a negative when it is a team's or individual's only goal. We must keep winning in perspective. Winning should be about things like fun, exercise, making friends, and improving our skills. Celebrate your wins with your teammates, coaches, friends, but **celebrate with grace**. **Acknowledge the losing team**. Let them know that they played a good game and were worthy opponents.

Losing with humility—how do we handle losing? We must also keep losing in perspective. It has been said that the difference between a good athlete and a great athlete is his/her ability to learn from failure. Control your emotions in difficult moments are a mark of strength and self-control. Finally, keep your head up. If you gave it your best shot, you should feel pride about your effort. Remember it is just a game!

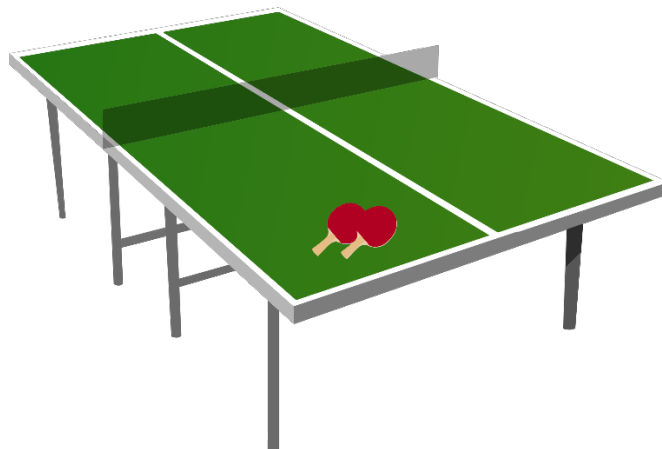
This has been a mild reprimand to all, including myself, nevertheless, good sportsmanship must be displayed by all and called to everyone's attention to grow and succeed as a club. Let's give praise to everyone who has worked an event and especially to those who are new members and just trying to find their place in the Club. We should continuously strive to improve our game and improve in life. **Let's play Bocce!**

JULY BOCCE SOCIAL EVENTS



Come celebrate the 4th of JULY
with the Bocce Club
From 7:00 am to 9:00 am
Get your free patriotic visor
while they last!
Enjoy A root beer float!
Be sure to wear your name tag!





**THE TABLE TENNIS CLUB HAS INVITED THE BOCCE CLUB TO COME PLAY
TABLE TENNIS WITH THEIR CLUB!**

When: Friday, July 13th, 2018

Where: Atrium at AC

Time: 5-6 PM

Light refreshments will be served.

**Note: All equipment furnished; wear appropriate athletic shoes, no flip
flops or sandals.**

**WE WILL SEE THESE TOP TWENTY FOLKS AROUND
THE TABLES!**

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| 1. Janet Platteborze | 11. Lynn Bogy |
| 2. Sherry Nogle | 12. Doug Brumm |
| 3. Pat Mellinger | 13. Maureen Theroux |
| 4. Dana Pardee | 14. Marie O'Neill |
| 5. Ken Pardee | 15. Paul Watson |
| 6. Lois Hammelman | 16. Brenda Watson |
| 7. Anna Ruth | 17. Stanley Payne |
| 8. Susan Hannah | 18. Bill Wightman |
| 9. Dennis Morgan | 19. Bob Lull |
| 10. Denice Morgan | 20. Joe Marquez |

JULY SOCIAL EVENTS:



SUNSHINE & LOLLIPOPS & RAINBOWS BOCCE EVENT

FRIDAY, JULY 20, 2018

8:00 - 10:00

Wear rainbow colored shirts---yellow
orange, red, purple, blue or green

To the Courts and Play Bocce

Don't forget to wear your name badge!

AUGUST SOCIAL EVENTS:



YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND CRAZY RULES BOCCE DAY!

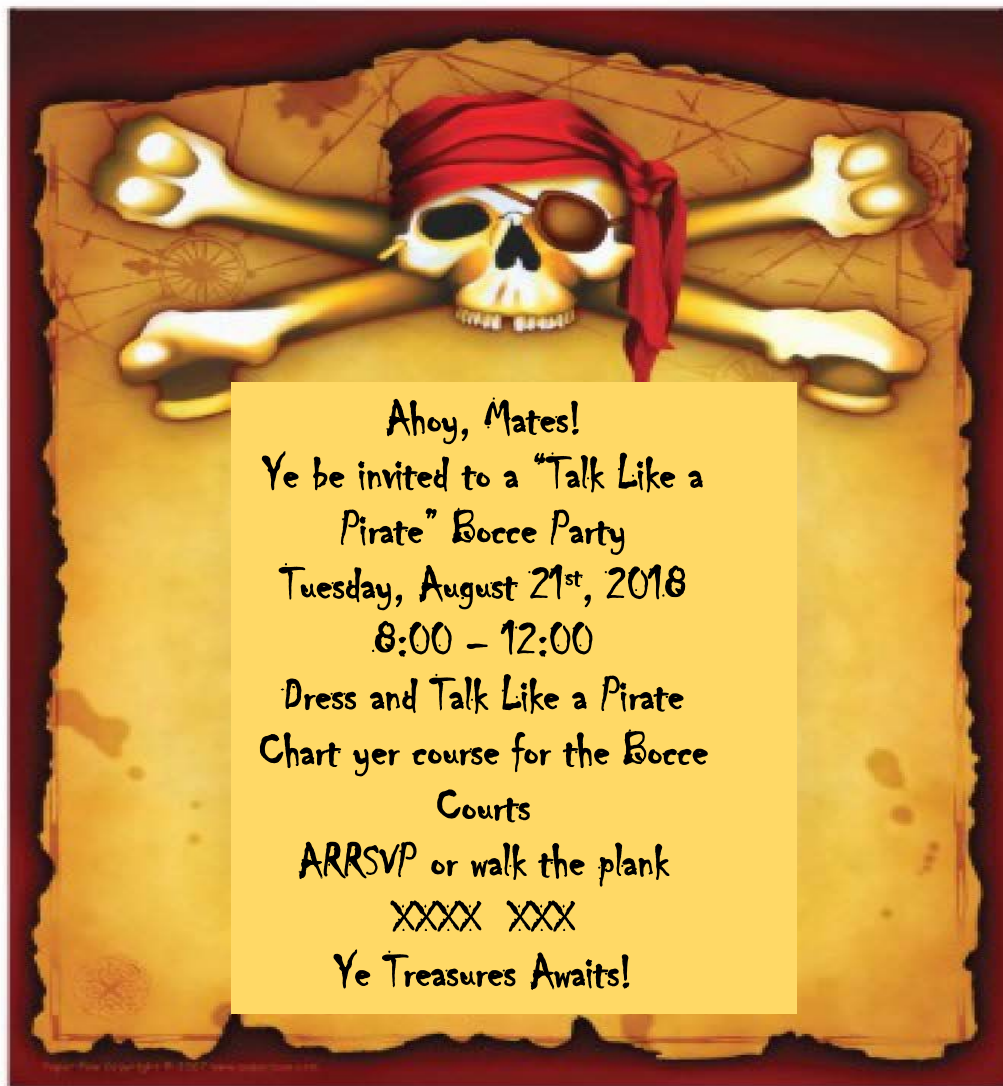
We'll be doing some crazy things like Bozo Bocce, Fuzzy Balls Bocce,
and Wrong - Handed Bocce!

First 12 players to arrive wearing the Club's T-Shirt will receive a PRIZE!

Everyone will receive a water pistol when they sign-in
to be used anytime during play!

Friday, August 3, 2018

8:00 - 10:00 AM.



WELCOME NEW CLUB MEMBERS:

APRIL

Charlene Craigen
Velma Diamond
Sue Edwards
Donaline & Richard Holt
Woody Hutto
Dave & Maggie Manley
Linn Morgan
Billy Nobles
Lexie Payne
Barbara Sims
Bryan & Judy Smith
Joyce & Randy Spicer

MAY

Ronald & Marilyn Brandon
Barb Brown
Sandy Carey
Nancy Chapman
Marianne Chmeleck
Lezle & Rick Denson
Robert Fenton
Diane Hutto
Grady & Rose Jones
Kathryn Kemp
Roy Marshall
Janice & Ronald Mazzerella
Ken Moore
Catherine O'Connor
Joyce Peccan
Suzanne Subenthaler
Leon Sims

2018 Yountville Invitational Tournament

By Janet Platteborze

On April 24th, 2018 a meeting of interested Bocce players was held to discuss and explain the Yountville Invitational Bocce Tournament to be held August 11, 2018. Those present were treated to an explanation that the Tournament is made up of 16 teams and benefits the veterans suffering with PTSD at the Veteran's Home of California in Yountville. Several photos and a lot of great details of the 2017 Tournament that was very successful, with that team placing 3rd were shared. We were told that the final drawing of interested players would occur on May 1st at the courts.

A drawing of numbered Ping Pong Balls gave us a team of 4 players and 2 subs. Those 6 players include Sherry Nogle, Lin Vernier, Janet Platteborze, Sally Aveni, with Anne Warnock and Tim Feerer as subs. I was selected to be the Capo of this great team. Our team has been accepted by Richard Gambatese, the Chairman of the tournament, and we are set to travel to Yountville, California in August. Since the selection process, the team has been meeting regularly to practice using the Rules of Play from the Yountville officials. You might notice blue tape on the walls of Court 3. That tape is to help us in our practice as the Yountville courts are 100 feet long and made of crushed granite. The tape is 50 feet from the outside edge of our courts. We stand "outside" of the Sun City court 3, using the back of the court as the foul line, and practice getting the pallino past that blue tape and using International rules of play.



July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 BOCCE 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION SUN VISORS ROOT BEER FLOATS	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 TABLE TENNIS INVITES 20 BOCCE MEMBERS 5-6 AT AC ATRIUM	14
15	16	17	18	19 BOCCE BOARD MTG. 3-4 AC CONF. RM.	20 SUNSHINE, LOLLIPOPS, RAINBOWS 8-10 WEAR T-SHIRT FROM COLOR OF RANINBOW	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 8:30am Bocce Board Members Clean Bocce Balls
29	30	31				

August 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 8-10am Crazy Rules Bocce Day	4
5	6 Electronic Voting for Bylaw Revisions	7 Electronic Voting for Bylaw Revisions	8 Electronic Voting for Bylaw Revisions	9 Electronic Voting for Bylaw Revisions 6:45am Yountville Team leaves for CA	10 Electronic Voting for Bylaw Revisions	11 8am Yountville Team Plays in Tournament
12	13	14	15	16 8:30am New Resident Orientation	17 10-12 New Player Training	18
19	20 8am Chartered Club Presentation	21 8-12 Talk & Dress Like a Pirate Bocce Day	22	23	24 10-12 New Player Training	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 12-2pm New Members Ice Cream Social	

Regular Play: Monday – Saturday 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM Reunion Play: Friday 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM