

BOCCEMELON

News of by
and for the
members of
the Sun City
Bocce Club

The Boccemelon Issue celebrating the cool summer nights
leading to the ripening of the boccemelon. Celebrate!

Bocce
Club of
Sun City
July 2019



Boccemelon fresh from the Sun City
Farmer's Market. Git ya some.



News from the vine.
President Joe Marquez

Some mighty big thanks are in order to some
special bocce club members.
Leading, Volunteering, Helping. And More

Junior Camp

Big Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make Junior Camp 2019 a great success!! Not only did we get to teach some future bocce members our game but we found some recruits for our club. It was awesome to see so many bocce club members donate their time to help out this year. Just goes to show you what a great club and people we have. The volunteers are: Sally Aveni, Linda Crist, Bill Crist, Anne Warnock, Tim Feerer, Sue Edwards, Tom Russo, Julie Marques, Doris Marquez, Janet Platteborze, Ron Brandon, Marilyn Brandon, Rosie Jones, Grady Jones, Ron Pagan, Kristie Pagan, Val Sandham, Lin Vernier, and Lynne Powell.



Rule and Tournament Committees

Well, after weeks of quiet controlled conversation, discussions and minor disagreements, we have finally come up with a set of rules and tournament formats for the club. This exercise will help us move forward with our competitive leagues and our goal to crown not one club champion but 3 at the end of the year. Once the board has approved all the changes and clarifications we will place everything on the website. Our goal was to set a tournament format that anyone could follow or use with consistent rules of play and format so every member would understand. Beginning July 1st all points matter so keep good track of your scoring and make sure your score sheets get in the mailbox. More details to come this month!!! A Special Thanks to Ron Pontiff for spearheading this project for the board. Members are: Janet Lull, John Shideler, Ron McElyea, Dan Jowers, Mike Burns, Janet Platteborze. Thanks for a job well done!!

BOARD REPORTS AND BOCCE BUSINESS



Sue Edwards, Treasurer

As of the end of May, 2019 The Bocce Club has a balance of \$3638.00 with the CA.

During June, expenditures to be deducted from that balance are totaling \$288.40. Petty cash remains at \$218.85. Paid membership stands at 355. Order forms for the name badges are still available in the shed and on line.



Ron Pontiff, Club Vice President

Seeds of Change. Rules and Regulations: Two committees, headed by Janet Lull and John Shideler, have completed the "Sun City Texas Rules of Play" and "Sun City Texas League/Tournament Regulations". These documents were sent to members for comment prior to a general meeting June 13, 2019. Four members of the board and 31 Bocce Club Members reviewed and discussed each document. Two items were voted on by the membership: lofting restrictions were eliminated and "kissing" was determined to be applicable to International Rules as well as Sun City Rules. On June 20 the Board accepted the documents with the edits from the membership. The Sun City Bocce Club Legacy Scoring will be the method for scoring all leagues and tournaments going forward. The documents are on the Website.

Club Play- Leagues and Tournaments

Advanced League:

The fourth progressive advanced league began June 24. This is second time this year a Sun City league and International league will run concurrently, with 24 participants. There will be a fifth and final league prior to the year-end Championship Tournament.

The Year-to-Date top qualifiers are Don Webb, Joe Platek, Russ Ruff and Lin Vernier.

SCBC Year end 2019 Championship

Tournaments: Mark your Calendar. Calendar space is being allocated for the last of October, first of November time-frame. The plan is to play a mixed advanced league, Sun City rules; mixed intermediate, International rules and a women's tournament, format TBD. Details will follow in the coming weeks.



Watermelon Salsa

Recipe courtesy of Trisha Yearwood

From: Food Network Magazine

Ingredients

1 1/2 teaspoons lime zest (about 1 lime)
1/4 cup fresh lime juice (about 3 limes)
1 tablespoon sugar, Freshly ground pepper
3 cups seeded and finely chopped watermelon
1 cucumber, peeled, seeded and diced
1 mango, peeled and diced, 8 chopped basil leaves
1 jalapeno pepper, seeded and minced
1 small red onion, chopped, 1/2 tsp garlic salt.
Tortilla chips for serving, dipping and eating.

Directions:

Stir together the lime zest, lime juice, sugar and 3/4 teaspoon pepper in a bowl. Add the watermelon, cucumber, mango, jalapeno, onion and basil and toss gently. Chill the salsa until ready to serve. Add the garlic salt just before serving. Serve with chips.

At the Core of it all - Court-use analytics

By Ron Pontiff Bocce Then and Now: There has been quite a bit of change, comparing June of 2018 to June of 2019. We have grown from 287 members to 355 members. The court-hours have increased, accordingly. Below is a chart summarizing the demands for our courts for those two months:

Neighborhood Play									
Description	courts	Hours	occurrence	court hours	Description	courts	Hours	occurrence	court hour:
N57	3	2	Once a week	24	N16	7	2	Once a week	56
N16	7	2	Once a week	56	N38	3	2	once month	6
N59	8	2	Once a week	64	N50	4	2	Once a week	32
N50	4	2	Once a week	32	N13	4	2	twice month	16
N13	4	2	twice month	16	N58	6	2	twice month	24
N58	6	2	twice month	24	N3	4	2	Once a week	32
N64	4	2	once month	8	N59	8	2	Once a week	64
					N13	4	2	twice month	16
					N14	4	2	once month	8
					N8&11	4	2	twice month	16
					N13	4	3	once month	12
					N33	3	2	twice month	12
					N86	5	2	twice month	20
Totals				224					314
Club Events									
Description	courts	Hours	occurrence	court hours	Description	courts	Hours	occurrence	court hour
Open Play	3	2	M-S	42	Open Play	3	2	M-S	42
Adv. League	4	2	once a week	32	Adv. League	4	2	once a week	32
Junior camp	5	4	twice	40	Junior camp	5	4	twice	40
Ice Cream	7	2	once	14	Ice Cream	7	2	once	14
PickleBall	8	2	once	16	PickleBall	8	2	once	16
Ladies League	4	2	Once a week	32	Ladies League	4	2	Once a week	32
International Tour	6	2	four days	48	Intermediate leagu	3	2	once a week	20
Brawny Boys	8	2	once	16	Brawny Boys	8	2	once	16
					late morning open pl	3	2	twice	12
					couples fun	4	2	once a week	32
					florence grade scho	4	2	once	8
					Sweet Sixteen	4	2	once a week	32
					Uno	4	2	twice a month	16
Totals				240					312

NOTES Court-hours are defined as the number of courts requested, times the number of scheduled hours. Total available court-hours were 2880 (8 courts times 12 hrs./day (8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M) times 30 days (in June)). Total demand for the courts during June 2019 was 22% of total available hours.

Neighborhood play has increased from 7 Neighborhoods to 14. The board recognizes some members are concerned about increased demand for the courts. We are working with the CA, and internally, to ensure the community and the club's needs are balanced. We are revising the Court Reservation Form and making board member visits to the neighborhood plays. These actions will provide better control and ensure the reserved courts are being fully utilized.

Club events' court-hour demands have grown by 30%. The biggest growth is competitive and fun leagues. It is the board's intention to continue this trend, ensure open courts and grow the number of social events as well.

Court Shots

Florence Elementary ACE Program learns how to roll and score.

Students from Florence Elementary ACE program, 24 students strong, were the guests of N58 in early June. After a visit associated with a book drive they realized Florence Elementary is one of the most challenged schools in our area. The idea of bocce play day was the idea of the neighborhood as a follow up activity.

It's not all fun and games at the Florence ISD. They received a 21st Century CCLC grant implemented at all grade levels. The grant drives to improve academic performance, attendance, behavior, promotion rates and graduation rates. Our bocce playing students, all ACEers, are able to receive homework help, tutorials before and after school from certified teachers. The afterschool program includes STEM-focused enrichment activities based on student interests. Other activities include cooking, programming, dance, arts and crafts, outdoor education and sports.

It makes for a long school day, so an afternoon of bocce is a real treat, along with some great attention from some neighborhood bocce players. Joe Marquez challenged them to do as well in their school work as they did in their bocce play.



Photos by Vivian Turco



Junior Campers Have a Big Ole Time at Bocce.

We wish we could show all the great photos of the campers, their bocce achievements, new styles, sweet misses, and out of the park tosses. The courts and campers all survived including the terrific volunteers who showed just how much fun it can be to play with friends. If you're thinking of volunteering next year, get your name on the list now, it's filling up fast. Our own Sue Edwards donated the treats for both sessions. **A Big Thanks.**



The kids keep on rolling. Bocce is a top memory-maker for these campers.



Photos by Vivian Turco and Sally Aveni

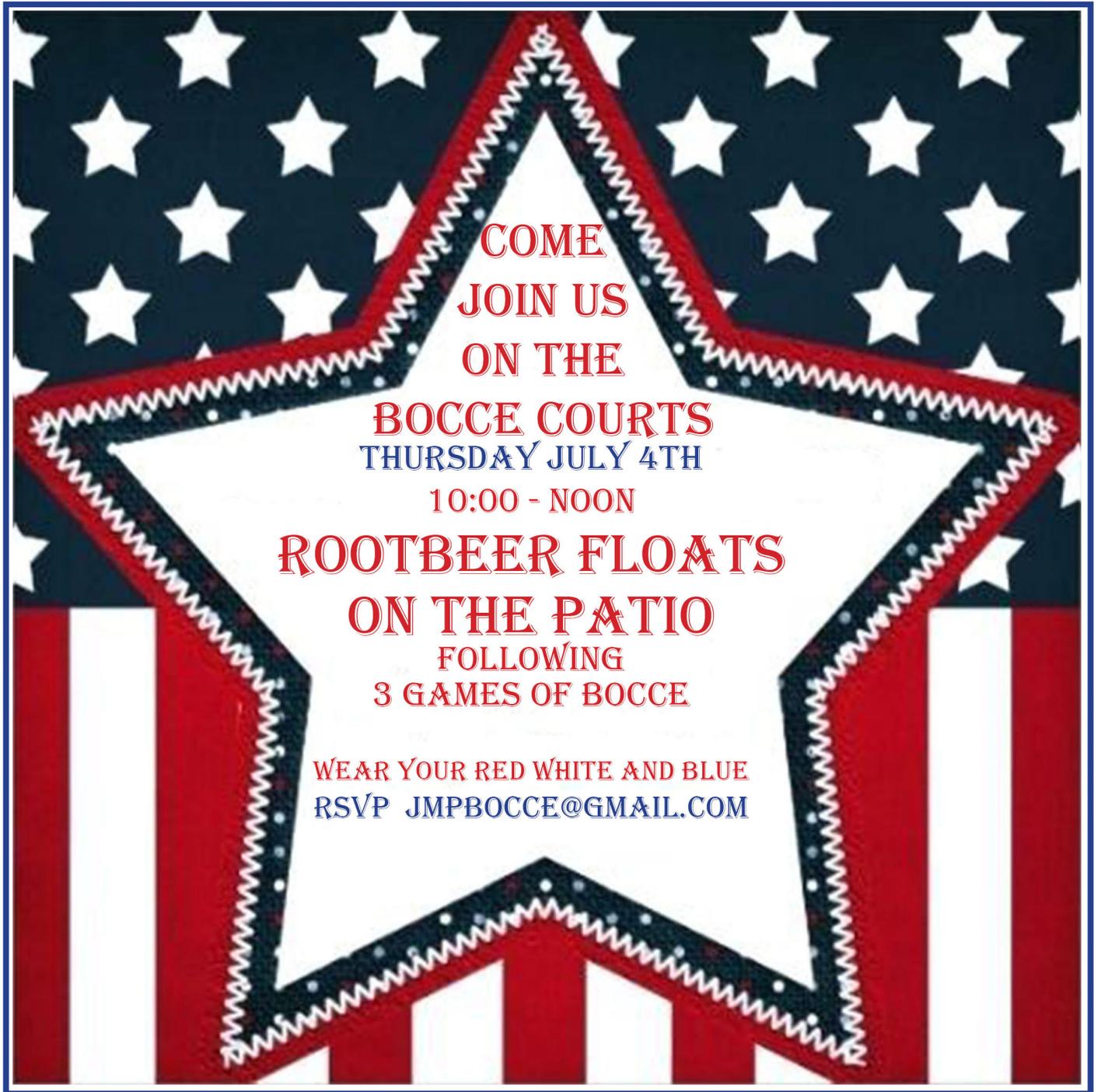
Adult Sports... well, as opposed to junior sports

Beer and Brats. And Bocce.

When you mix, beer, bbq brats, and bocce you know it's a hot mix. Add the weather and it's even hotter. A good time was had by all.

Photos by Vivian Turco





Sunshine, Rainbows and Bocce Event

Saturday July 20
10:00 to Noon

Rain or Shine wear your rainbow colors
Yellow, Orange, Red, Purple, Blue and Green.

Play some colorful bocce
And enjoy tasty hot dogs on the patio!

*Sunshine Rainbows and Bocce
another club event just for you!
RSVP via the website*



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
	10a Advance Lec	8a Daily Play	8a Daily Play 10a Late Mornin	8a Daily Play 10a July 4th Boc 6p Couples Fun I	8a Daily Play	8a Daily Play 10a Sweet Sixtee
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	10a Advance Lec	8a Daily Play	8a Daily Play 10a Late Mornin	8a Court Mainte 8a Daily Play 10a Ladies Fun I 6p Couples Fun I	8a Daily Play	8a Daily Play 8a Saturday Fun
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	10a Advance Lec	8a Daily Play	8a Daily Play	8a Daily Play 10a Ladies Fun I 6p Couples Fun I	8a Daily Play	8a Daily Play 8a Saturday Fun 10a Sunshine Ha
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	10a Advance Lec	8a Daily Play	8a Daily Play	8a Daily Play 10a Ladies Fun I 6p Couples Fun I	8a Daily Play	8a Daily Play 8a Saturday Fun
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
	10a Advance Lec	8a Daily Play	8a Daily Play	8a Daily Play	8a Daily Play	8a Daily Play 8a Saturday Fun 10a Crazy Rules