

BOCCE NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2018

Sherry Nogle, Editor and Janet Platteborze, Web Administrator

FIVE MORE MINUTES WITH STEVE MELLINGER, PRESIDENT

Thanks to all our volunteers, we have filled all our slots for Junior Camp. Junior Camp is a two-week Camp here in Sun City. The residents can have their grandchildren spend two weeks doing an assortment of activities sponsored by different clubs. The Bocce Club will host the kids on Tuesday, June 12th and Tuesday, June 19th. We try and teach the kids the basic Sun City rules: (1) Bocce consists of two teams taking turns rolling. (2) Closest ball(s) to the pallino score point(s) (no rulers on the courts). (3) Remind the kids that the back wall is live, but they do not have to throw hard. (4) You will oversee judging the balls and calling points. Our goal is for the kids to have *FUN!* You will experience lots of energetic young grandkids eager to play *Bocce!*

We'll have TWO sessions with four different age groups per day. *Lil Doggies*: Ages 7-8; *Pardners*: 8-9; *Wranglers*: 9-10 and *Longhorns*: Ages 10-11.

JUNIOR CAMP SCHEDULE

GREEN GROUP (JUNE 12, 2018 FROM 9:15 AM TO 10:45 AM)

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| 1. Steve Mellinger | 8. Lin Vernier |
| 2. Robin Pontiff | 9. Linda Crist |
| 3. George Ryppe | 10. Paul Watson |
| 4. Dana Pardee | 11. Brenda Watson |
| 5. Ken Pardee | 12. Bob Lull |
| 6. Dan Grout | 13. Lynne Powell |
| 7. John Shideler | 14. Larry Hunting |

BLUE GROUP (JUNE 12, 2018 FROM 11:00 AM TO 12:10 AM)

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| 1. Steve Mellinger | 7. Larry Hunting |
| 2. Sal Caravello | 8. Lin Vernier |
| 3. Janet Platteborze | 9. Pat Mellinger |
| 4. George Ryppe | 10. Larry Laurent |
| 5. John Shideler | 11. Paul Watson |
| 6. Sal Caravello | 12. Brenda Watson |

YELLOW GROUP (JUNE 19, 2018 FROM 9:15 AM TO 10:45 AM)

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| 1. Steve Mellinger | 8. Kristie Pagan |
| 2. John Stratman | 9. Rick Pagan |
| 3. Ann Stratman | 10. Paul Watson |
| 4. George Rypple | 11. Brenda Watson |
| 5. Dan Grout | 12. Bob Lull |
| 6. Patsy Joseph | 13. Lynne Powell |
| 7. Don Webb | 14. Larry Hunting |

RED GROUP (JUNE 19, 2018 FROM 11:00 AM TO 12:10 AM)

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| 1. Steve Mellinger | 9. Val Sandham |
| 2. Pat Mellinger | 10. Tricia McCullers |
| 3. Sally Aveni | 11. Larry Laurent |
| 4. George Rypple | 12. Paul Watson |
| 5. Sal Caravello | 13. Brenda Watson |
| 6. Patsy Joseph | 14. Kristie Pagan |
| 7. Larry Hunting | 15. Rick Pagan |
| 8. Janet Platteborze | |

MEET OUR NEW MEMBER-AT-LARGE---JOE MARQUEZ



Joe Marquez and his wife, Doris, are from the suburbs of Chicago, Illinois. They have been happily married for 29 years and have no children. Joe retired eight years ago from the food industry and his wife continues to work from home. Retirement brought them to Sun City where they found a home in the Great Neighborhood 58.

Joe describes himself as hmmm outgoing and friendly. He says he has lots of common sense and is very organized. He loves to have fun, especially playing Bocce. Joe has played Bocce on and off for his entire adult life. His family and friends played on grass courts during gatherings. He has also played on sand and clay courts at bars in the suburbs. When they arrived in Sun City, he organized Bocce Night for his neighborhood and participates along with the neighbors.

Joe organizes and plans all the men's events for neighborhood 58. These events include weekly breakfasts, bi-weekly lunches, happy hours, 9-hole golf league, Monday and Friday 18-

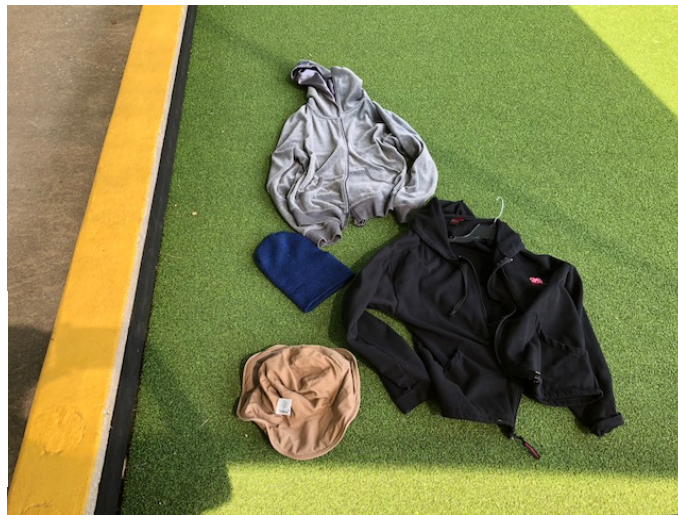
holes N-58 golf, and woodworking projects for the neighborhood. Joe enjoys woodworking, playing golf, fishing, reading, and playing Bocce (those are just a few of his hobbies).

As a Member-at-Large on the Bocce Board, Joe has witnessed the tremendous growth of the Club over the last couple of years and understands the growing pains of the Club. He believes it is important for the Club to have a succession plan in place. Training and developing members for leadership roles, the Board would assure that the leadership of the Club would always be strong. He believes on building a format of play that involves every member of the Club to allow growth, social involvement, and competition. Welcome to the Board, Joe!

Did you lose something? Some of these items have been in the Bocce Shed since March:



Clip-on shades



Two jackets
Two hats
Several
Thermos
containers
(not shown)

Carol Blickley and Shirley Woodson: Pick up your New Bocce T-Shirts in the Bocce Shed.



If you witness an injury or accident at the Bocce Courts, please notify the Monitor in the Texas Center. Please complete the Accident Report Form (located in the Bocce Shed by the First Aid Kit). This form gathers names of everyone involved. Please give the completed form to the Monitor.

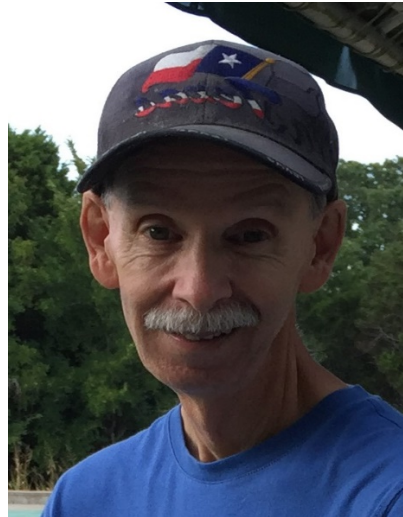
TREASURER'S REPORT – DOUG BRUMM

At the end of April 2018, paid members increased by 16 for a total of 264 members. 125 are renewals and 139 are new members. The Bocce account balance is \$2,992.00 including all expenses through May 11, 2018.

ADVANCED BOCCE LEAGUE – JOHN SHIDELER

The Advanced Bocce League #3 completed its 5th week and final week on Friday, May 25, 2018. We had 16 League players and 4 substitutes play in this League. All members played in a “round robin” format with everyone playing each other once.

The results of the League are: 1st Place – Russ Ruff, 2nd Place Larry Hunting and 3rd Place – Stanley Payne. Congratulations to Russ Ruff who won 14 games out of 15 games played. We thank all those 20 members whose play made this League so successful.



Advanced League #4 starts on Monday, June 4, 2018 at 8:00AM. This League will feature “International” rules.

See YOU on the Courts,

John Shideler

LADIES LEAGUE-LIN VERNIER

Hello to everyone in the Bocce Club!

June has become a very busy month for playing Bocce here in Sun City. We have two different leagues and a Bocce Tournament happening all in June, so there are lots of opportunities to play. Make sure you sign up for some or all the competitive play!

The female members have completed three leagues for 2018. League III finished their tournament Wednesday, May 16th. Congratulations going to Sherry Nogle, first place, Jill Wilson, second and Janet Platteborze, in third place. We will begin our next league Thursday June 7th at 9 AM. The league will be using International rules and will be played on all four Thursdays in June, at 9:00 in the morning.



If you haven't signed up yet contact linvernier@gmail.com and join us. We need **three** more players to fill another court and we can always use substitutes.

BOCCE TIPS Volume 7

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 and 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 would like to take a closer look at the way the balls and pallino are situated?** Always ask the captain. Although it is a rule that you must get the opposing captains permission to cross over the line, it almost seems like no more than a courtesy to ask permission.

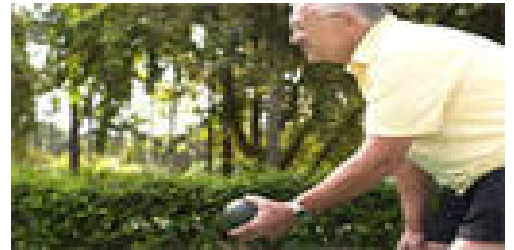
A Historical Look: In 1576, the Republic of Venice publicly condemned the sport, punishing those who played with fines and imprisonment. Perhaps most grave was the condemnation by the Catholic Church which deterred the laity and officially probated clergyman from playing the game by proclaiming Bocce as a means of gambling. Contrary to the rest of Europe, the great game of balls thrived in Great Britain. Such nobility as Queen Elizabeth I and Sir Francis Drake were avid fans. According to legend, Sir Francis Drake refused to set out to defend England against the Spanish Armada until he finished a game. He proclaimed, "First we finish the game, then we'll deal with the Armada". Bocce frequently lost and gained popularity throughout the ages. It was Giuseppe Garibaldi, who while unifying and nationalizing Italy popularized the sport as it is known today. In 1896 during a resurgence of popularity, the first Bocce Olympiad was held in Athens, Greece. Bocce has been a part of international sports ever since.

Reference source: United States Bocce' Federation

ReUnion Friday: There are still other courts available for trained newbie players to continue to get together and play. It is good for newbies to continue to develop their skills and confidence by playing as much as they can. Members should join the newbies and give them the advantage of your knowledge and experience in playing the game of Bocce', you will be pleasantly surprised how much they know. Since I am there I will be available to assist anyone in developing their skills of the game. Remember the newbies are mine for the first year.

Round Robin International Tournament:

Looks like we now have thirty-eight players to create eight teams that will compete head to head. It is going to be exciting for sure. On that note we need volunteers to keep score and flag. No player is permitted to do either function so we need your help. 93bluetoo@gmail.com



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

June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 Advanced League IV 8-11	5	6 DAY BEFORE NAT'L ICE CREAM SOCIAL 8-10	7 Ladies League IV 9-11	8 INTERNATIONA L TOURNEY 9- 12	9
10	11 Advanced League IV 8-11	12 JR. Camp 9:15- 12:10	13	14 Ladies League IV 9-11	15 INTERNATIONA L TOURNEY 9- 12	16 BRAWNY BOYS, BRATS BEER MEN'S SOCIAL 5-7
17	18 Advanced League IV 8-11	19 JR. Camp 9:15- 12:10	20	21 Ladies League IV 9-11	22 National Iced Tea Day- Share the love of tea & Bocce 8-10 AM INTERN'L TOURNEY 9-12	23 FINALS FOR INTERNAT'L TOURNEY 9-12
24	25 Advanced League IV 8-11	26	27	28 Ladies League IV 9-11	29	30

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 ADVANCED LEAGUE V 8-11	18	19 BOCCE BOARD MTG. 3-4 AC CONF. RM.	20 SUNSHINE, LOLLIPOPS, RAINBOWS 8-10 WEAR T-SHIRT FROM COLOR OF RAINBOW	21
22	23	24 ADVANCED LEAGUE V 8-11	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 ADVANCED LEAGUE V 8-11				

Daily Play – Monday – Saturday from 8:00 10:00 AM NEWBEE REUNION PLAY-FRIDAYS FROM 10 – NOON

SOCIALS FOR JUNE & JULY



**YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND
"DAY BEFORE NATIONAL ICE CREAM DAY"
WEDNESDAY JUNE 6, 2018
8:00 – 10:00 AM
ICE CREAM ON THE PATIO!**

**BRAWNY BOYS, BRATS, AND BEER
BOCCE EVENT (MEN ONLY)**



Put on your lederhosen, grab your bier, and yodel your way over to the bocce courts for Bocce, bratwursts, lots more bier, and plenty of laughter and cheer at our first Brawny Boys, Brats, Beer Bocce Event! Bring your favorite bier and we'll furnish the food. The Club will even furnish your first bier. Email stevemellinger8618@gmail.com to reserve a place for you on the patio. The event is Saturday, June 16, 2018 from 5:00 PM to 7:00

PM. By the time the night is over, you may be dancing a little polka, Oom-pah-pah, Oom-pah-pah!



COME CELEBRATE THE 4TH 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!



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

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.

Open to the First 20 people who register. Email Janet Platteborze ladyj99@msn.com

SEE YOU AROUND THE TABLES!



SUNSHINE & LOLLIPOPS & RAINBOWS

BOCCE EVENT
FRIDAY, JULY 20, 2018
Wear rainbow colored shirts
To the Courts and Play Bocce



Stanley Payne claims he has a “Kiss” for 2 points, but Bill Wightman claims if you can get a crisp new \$100 bill between the bocce and the pallino then it is not a “Kiss”. What do you think?

CLASS FOUR NEWBEES GRADUATE MAY 26th, 2018

The weather was hot as it most often is this time of year in Sun City; however, this did not deter the determination of 30 new Bocce players to finish the last leg of training. Sal Caravello instructed final day of Class Four training and tested each new player to place them either in advanced, intermediate, or development categories. Cookies were provided, and there was plenty of cold water to keep everyone as comfortable as possible. Each person was awarded a certificate of completion and the day was a success.





CHECK OUT ALL THE PHOTOS ON THE BOCCE CLUB WEBSITE