



NEWSLETTER

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Message from the President

Hello Bocce Club Members,

Our Bocce Club is a host for Junior Camp on June 13 and 20, 2017. Junior Camp is a two-week Camp where fellow Sun City residents can have their grandchildren spend two weeks doing an assortment of activities sponsored by different clubs. The Bocce Club has the date of 6-13-2017 and 6-20-2017 from 9:20 to 12:05 P.M. We'll have four sessions with four different age groups per day. The first age group is Lil Doggies, (ages 7-8), second Pardners, (ages 8-9), third Wranglers, (ages 9-10), and the fourth group, Longhorns, (ages 10-12). Many of the children have played already when visiting their grandparents. Thanks to all our volunteers, we have filled all our volunteer slots. Anyone can drop by the Courts and watch the kids play. I wanted to mention one volunteer who was first to sign up and for all four sessions and that is Larry Hunting. Larry has participated in Junior Camp for many years.

Talking about volunteers, the Club honored Paul Wiener at our Armed Forces Day for all his volunteer services. Just recently, Paul designed, built, and painted all our Bocce Ball holders. If Paul sees something that needs repair, he quickly gets it done. Paul has unselfishly provided many repairs and help over the years. To show him our appreciation, the Club presented him with a plaque that stated, "Presented to Paul Wiener for Your Outstanding Contribution in 2017 to the Success of the Sun City, Texas Bocce Club."



FROM FOUR TO EIGHT

by

Janet Lull

When I joined the Bocce Club in 2004, we only had four courts. The “old-timers” were regular players that came almost every day of the week. There were so many wanting to play that we had to wait for our turn to get on the courts. Also, there was no playing at 1 p.m. during the cold weather; you came at 8 a.m. dressed in gloves, a hat, and very warm jacket! The 1 p.m. starting time came a few years later. As time progressed, I looked forward to our Breakfast at the Court and the yearly hot dog lunch. The Christmas dinner rounded out the three or four social events for the year. Eventually, I was nominated for and elected to the board. I served many years with several different presidents (Dick Denny, Paul Chevalier, Bill Templeman, and Russ Ruff). Each new group of board members had ideas about how to best serve the needs of the club.

One thing that was common was our fund raising. It included several garage sales which required many volunteers and many hours of work. At one time the City market had a rebate system that we also tried. Many hours were devoted to collecting receipts, verifying the amounts, and calculating the percentage of payment that the club received. Bake sales at the theater provided another source of revenue. Of course, it was mostly the devoted volunteers that baked and baked each time so the club would have a profit. (Bob Lull always thought it would be cheaper to give a monetary donation!)

As the years passed, many changes happened. A shed was added to our property and a BBQ was installed. Electricity was hooked up in the shed. Lights on the courts were requested and denied. New awnings were requested and denied. The club helped develop the landscaped area between the bocce courts and the horseshoe courts. Soon the original courts were expended to 6 courts plus two slabs for future development. To celebrate the completion of these new courts, Pulte held a grand reopening event in June of 2009.

In anticipation of the courts' availability, league play was introduced in May of 2009. The first league had 12 players with 10 subs and it lasted for 8 weeks. Bob Lull wrote the original Bocce League Rules for Sun City. He oversaw that first league and he kept the statistics for the session. It became apparent that computer technology would be more effective in recording the wins and losses. That's when I become more involved with the leagues. I designed a new spreadsheet format that continued to be used through 2016. In January of each year a schedule was presented to the board for approval.

During the development of league play, leagues were held on different days of the week and at different times. In the early years, all leagues were scheduled for 8 weeks with no extension for any reason. In January of 2010 the league had grown to 20 regular players and many subs. Each year the number of individual participants increased. Most leagues used Sun City Rules; however, Adapted Bocce Federation Rules were used for 2 of the 5 scheduled leagues per year.

As the league play continued to grow, social leagues were introduced in 2013. Partners or team scores were recorded with the intent that this would be a “fun” format for many players. A survey of the members at that time indicated that a “fun” event was very desirable. Thus, the concept of One Day Events was introduced. The One Day Events were designed to increase Bocce participation. The idea grew in popularity and the number of events per year increased. In the meantime, the length of the league was shortened to 5 or 6 weeks depending on the calendar.

The original rules stated that prize of the league champion would be congratulations and admiration of his/her fellow competitors. In 2010, the club president thought that a certificate should be awarded to the individual league winners. At the Christmas Dinner, certificates were presented to the winners. The tradition continued through 2016.

During all these developments Bob Lull and I maintained the schedules and the results. In the last few years, I received assistance with statistics from Russ Ruff. A very active social committee changed the schedule in 2016. Many of the social events included food which attracted more people. These changes resulted in increased participation. The total membership numbers continue to increase as the number of events increases. Bocce has developed a plan to accommodate the increase in activity. A balance between social events and league play is the goal. When the two new courts are available for use, 8 courts will be used for activities. More opportunities will exist and bocce will continue to grow. Go Bocce!

If you made it to this point, you have read about the many volunteers that have shaped the club into what it is today. I enjoyed my many years on the board and I hope that my contributions made a difference. Remember to support the board and its activities. Volunteer when you can help!!!

P.S. Yes, I miss my participation on the board.

NEW TO THE BOCCE FAMILY

Please welcome **Anna Ruth**.

BOCCE LEAGUE PLAY

Our League Play has been very successful this year. We have had 52 different members playing in our Advanced and Ladies League events in 2017.

The **Advanced League** is on its third session, which will end June 2, 2017. The next league is scheduled to start on Friday, June 23, 2017 at 9:00 AM. This league will play under Sun City Rules.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU for making our **Ladies Bocce League 2** such a wonderful successful. 20 Ladies played in our 5-week league.

League 2 Final Results: 1st Place - Sherry Nogle. 2nd Place - Patti DeGroot. 3rd Place - Jill Wilson.

Our **third Ladies League** of 2017 is scheduled to start on **Monday, June 12, 2017**, at **9:00 AM**. If you are interested in playing or being a sub, please email John Shideler at shadraski@yahoo.com. The league is scheduled for 16 players. Please sign-up early to be sure that you will be able to participate.

We are planning a **New Player League** which is scheduled to start **Saturday, August 26, 2017**. This league is for all our membership who have not played in any of our league play during 2017. The league will start at 8:00 A.M. Sun City Bocce rules will be used; 3 games will be played with no time limits. To join the league, please email John Shideler at shdraski@yahoo.com. The league will have a maximum of 16 players. The league will be filled on a "first come, first served" basis. The league will close when 16 players are registered or by August 20, 2017, whichever comes first.

We thank you for making our League Play such a success. We look forward to seeing **YOU** on the Courts.



BOCCE HIGH ROLLERS

SALLY AVENI - 5 POINTS

DON WEBB - 5 POINTS (3 times)



Kendall Wrinkles

Hi, my name is Kendall Wrinkle. I live at the Georgetown Animal Shelter and I'm up for adoption. I am a one year old female Shar Pei mix. I know how to sit, and I can walk along side of you on my leash. I also get along with other dogs and I love children. However, I'm a little shy of strangers, but If you'll let me sniff your hand, and you scratch me under my chin, I'll be your best pal. Please come by the shelter to meet me and my other friends. We love the attention. I bet you might know Russ and Judy Ruff. They are volunteers here at the shelter and they also play bocce. Some of the visitors bring treats and toys for us to play with. We hope to see you at the shelter. The Georgetown Animal Shelter is located at 110 W. L. Walden Drive. The telephone number is 512-930-3527.

**PRACTICE PLAY FOR MEMBERS IS MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY
FROM 8:00 AM TO 10:00 AM.**

JUNE BOCCE EVENTS

EVENT	DATE AND TIME	DESCRIPTION
Introduction to Bocce	Friday, June 2, 8-9:00	Improve your bocce skills
Advanced League III play	Friday, June 2, 9-11:00	Last day of competitive play
New Players	Saturday, June 3, 8-10:00	Say Something Nice/Encouraging someone
Introduction to Bocce	Friday, June 9, 8-9:00	Improve your bocce skills
Bocce Club Members	Saturday, June 10, 8-11:00	Ice Tea and Cone of berries
Junior Camp	Tuesday, June 13, 9-12:00	4 sessions

Introduction to Bocce	Friday, June 18, 8-9:00	Improve your bocce skills
Bocce Babes Trade a Lunch	Saturday, June 17, 9-12:00	Bring a lunch & drink to trade w/another Babe
Junior Camp	Tuesday, June 20, 9-12:00	4 sessions
Introduction to Bocce	Friday, June 23, 8-9:00	Improve your bocce skills
New Players	Saturday, June 24, 8-10:00	3 games