

Bocce

Sun City, Texas

Sun City Bocce Club

**Newsletter
September 2019**

Congratulations

You have access to the finest bocce set available today. Your Sun City brand bocce club provides modern, all natural, safe-colored balls, on green OS-HA-like manicured grass type material. This assures you of many years of fun play. Here's the club news

To Get Full Pleasure from your new bocce game follow these fun, easy Tips and Tricks!

Hint 1 - Keep these instructions in your bocce box to enjoy fun, safe play for years to come. **Hint 2**: Follow all the hints.

What's in the Box

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Club News



Fig 1. Club Membership Sue Edwards Treasurer. We stood 392 member strong before the new resident club fair in August. We expect a large jump in membership due to some great recruiting. The club's checking account balance with the CA is \$3,404, and \$288.40 in the petty cash jar. The total includes \$180 new member dues from July. So do the math. At \$6.00 (reduced half year dues), how many members joined in July? Invite your friends to join. You can get them a great deal on reduced membership right now!



Fig 2. New Social Chairman Sworn In Janet Platteborze (too many titles to list) turns the social chairmanship over to Grady Jones. The recorded voice oath of office was made at Crazy Rules Day. Perfect, right?! Grady brings energy, great ideas and a get 'er done attitude. He also brings a wife with great taste and social experience. Thanks to the Jones for stepping up. I'm sure he'd like help and helpers to make his reign an example of fun for all.

Fig 3



Fig 3. LOGO PROGRAM ROLLS OUT

Play Well, Look Great

Be the first to get the new embroidered club logo onto anything

you wish. Working with Bell Embroidery, you order, choosing size and color where appropriate. They get it, apply our new logo. You pick it up, and pay. Then feel proud supporting the club. Bring in your own lucky shirt or socks, Bell can add a logo on it for you. The price is \$9.95 per logo. It's reasonable, and offers access to more products than we could buy and stock without minimum orders.

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Fig 4

Fig 4 HINTS FOR BETTER PLAY by Sue Edwards, our Treasurer and studied player.

TIP: I've tried wearing sandals and flip flops, bad idea. It causes a tripping hazard, at least for me but then I have a tripping issue anyway.

Tennis shoes are my footwear of choice. Sunglasses are a must, a visor helps. Although I lost my "lucky" visor from the 4th of July event last year, bummer, not sure it was all that lucky anyway. My game didn't really improve when wearing it and hasn't gotten any worse since I lost it.

PITFALL: A really big pitfall for me when practicing is being careful stepping on and off the court. I can't count the number of time I've almost tripped.

BEST ADVICE FOR A GREAT START: George is always telling me "the only way you're going to improve is to practice, practice, practice." Though I usually practice by myself so I think I'm doing better than I probably am, actually. Who's to say unless I argue with myself, which I've done before.

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Year-end Championship Tournaments:

Fig. 5
Championship tournaments for Ladies, Mixed Intermediate and Mixed Advanced will be held from October 21 through November 3. John Shideler, Grady Jones and Ron Pontiff are the Organizers/Managers, respectively. All the tournaments will be double elimination with 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards for each. For the Intermediate and Advanced Tournaments, participant selection will be based on this year's league performances. Members are eligible for tournament play, if you would like to participate in the tournament, please email John Shideler at shadraski@yahoo.com by September 30th.



Ladies can sign up through John Shideler at shadraski@yahoo.com. Questions should be directed to Ron Pontiff. Email him at rpontiff@sbcglobal.net

Fig 6



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Advance League:

Ron Pontiff, Organizer, Mondays, 9:00 A.M. until 11:00 A.M., Sept. 9th- Oct. 7th.

The last league of the season before the EOY Championship Tournament will run on Mondays, September 9th through October 14th.

The 14th will be used for a make-up day, if required. Based on the first four leagues; Don Webb, Joe Platek, Russ Ruff, Paul Wiener, Al Villar, Larry Hunting, Lin Vernier, Mike Byrne, Jim Rankin and Bill Crist are the leading candidates for the automatic selection to the championship.

There is still a chance to knock some of these guys out and qualify for the automatic selection, but you must sign up for the fifth and final league of the year. Remember, the ranking is based on the highest average scores with the tie-breaker of winning game percentage. For information and to sign up email Ron Pontiff rpontiff@sbcglobal.net.

Fig 7

Fitness tip: Warming up makes you a hot player

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Check the illustrations in Fig. 7. Some of the ordinary things you do each day are actually bocce warm up exercises. Or if not, change the way you do ordinary things.

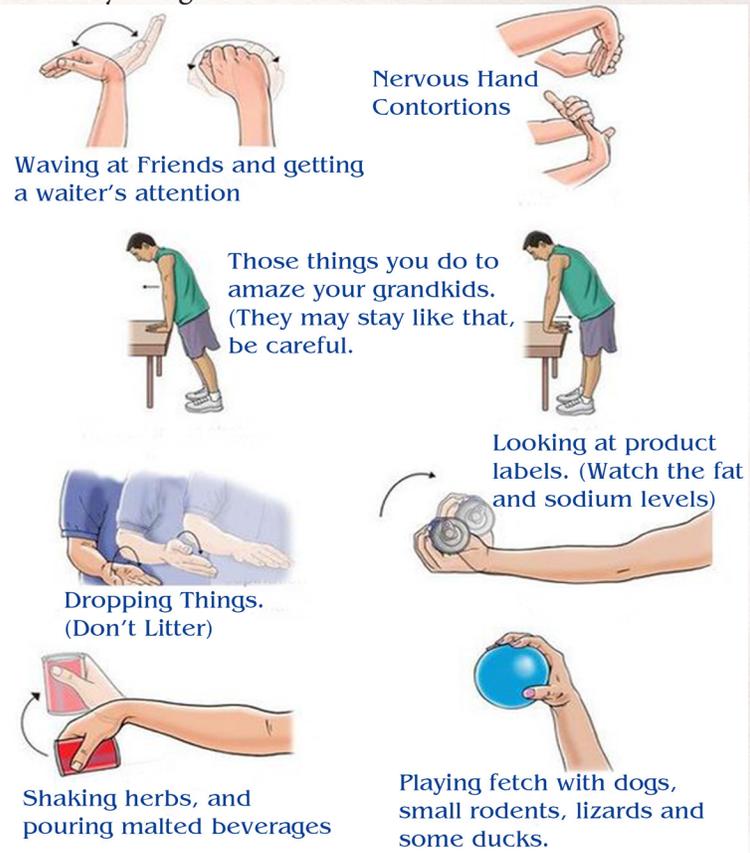
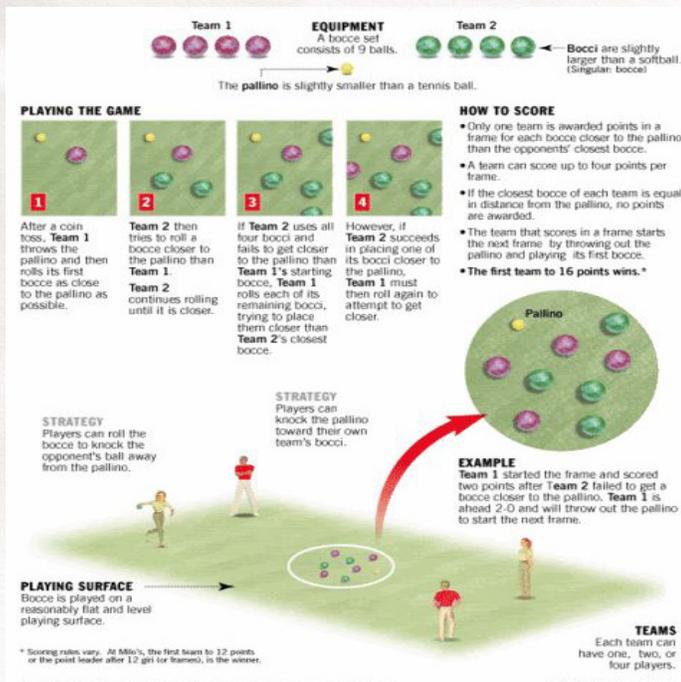


Fig 8



Fig 8. HINT. Don't fall for the interlocking hands scam. Remember never bring gift cards to the courts.

Making Sense of It All. Ron Pontiff Vice President



Chartered Club & Neighborhood Support Services Meeting:

Sue Edwards and Ron Pontiff represented the Sun City Bocce Club at this August 9th meeting.

The purpose of the meeting was to review accounting and other processes. The first topic was to remind us that the CA is not a 501c3 tax exempt organization. Donations to the bocce club cannot be considered a tax deduction and we must pay sales taxes on purchased items.

All clubs, including the Bocce Club, are prohibited from raising funds through lotteries, raffles, 50-50 type events or other similar events where one or more prizes are distributed by chance. We still can have "entry fee" events where the funds can be split between prize monies and charities. The CA must be coordinated with, if the club wants to donate money to specific charities.

If a club member wants to use a contribution as a tax deduction, the check must be written directly to the charity.

Sun City, Texas does not hold a liquor license. Clubs cannot sell alcoholic beverages or advertise that a ticket price includes such beverages. In events where alcohol is desired, certified bartenders should be hires or the event should be BYOB.

All charter clubs are to have no more than a \$2,500.00 net profit for 2019. The charter clubs are being encouraged to maximize expenditures for 2019. This is important this year because Pulte has donated the Retreat Center to the CA and the CA is trying to avoid a taxable situation. The Bocce Board has established a budget for the remainder of the year that will ensure a negative net profit.

Some important upcoming dates for the Bocce Club include:

- September 13 – Completed budgets due back to CC/N office.
- September 13 – Budgets submitted to the Director of Finance/Executive Director for review and consolidation.
- September 16 – Budgets sent to appropriate Board Appointed Committee.
- December 1 – First day residents can purchase 2020 club membership tickets
- January 31, 2020 – End of grace period for 2020 membership. After that date, members who have not paid will be dropped from the club rosters.

Fig 9



Fig 9

ELECTIONS 2020 GETTING THE MEASURE OF THE CLUB

Paul Fisch – Nominating Committee Chair: The Nominating Committee is currently seeking members who would like to be considered for bocce officers and board positions for 2020. Consider running or nominate someone you think would be good (check with them first). We're a club run by and for volunteers. Get in on the fun.

If you have any questions please contact Paul Fisch at paulfisch1@yahoo.com.

See How Others Are Using Their Sun City brand Bocce Set

Photos by Vivian Turco

Crazy Rules Day but then again aren't they all!

Participants played to win while obeying the crazy rules. The one rule not broken was the rule to have fun!



Fig 10 A



Fig 10 B



Fig 10 C



Fig 10 D



Fig 10 E



Fig 10 F

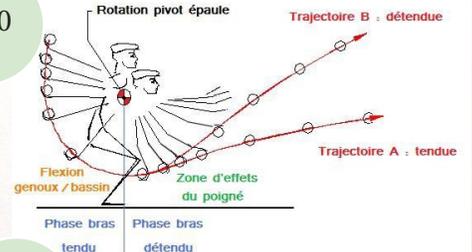


Fig 10 G

Fig 10 G. Do it just this way and you'll be a good player. Nice chart right?

Fig 10 A-E. Photos of people playing crazy rules bocce. And some pictures of people not playing crazy rules.

Fig 11

Newbies learning to play with the Sun City brand Bocce Set. Notice the smiles as they contemplate the quiet quality of both the bocce ball and the pallino. That's US Made fun equipment built to last for years with good care and factory sponsored maintenance. Check with your dealer for a maintenance schedule that fits your budget.



Fig 11 A



Fig 11 B



Fig 11 C

Fig 11 A-C Grady Jones and Jeff Webster(A), The newbie class (B) and Sal Caravello (C). You'll see these players on the courts soon. Be cautious, they're trained to win. And they've passed their care of equipment test! Note the Sun City brand bocce sets in use.

Fig 11 D

Fig 12 New Residents gathered in the Sun City Ball Room to learn about the clubs they can join in Sun City. Member-Committee members Paul Fisch, Angelique McIntyre, Trish Bryans and Vivian Turco covered the Bocce Club Table. We also received a surprise visit from the Mayor Dale Ross. You never know who you will run into at one of these events.



See How Others Are Using Their Sun City brand Bocce Set

Photos by Vivian Turco

Beer, Brats and Bocce. Who's surprised it brought out the men. You could see it as they approached the court -- one thing on their minds-- beer, brats and bocce. One thing. How can you separate them?



First the rules. Then the play says Grady Jones to Dan Jowers

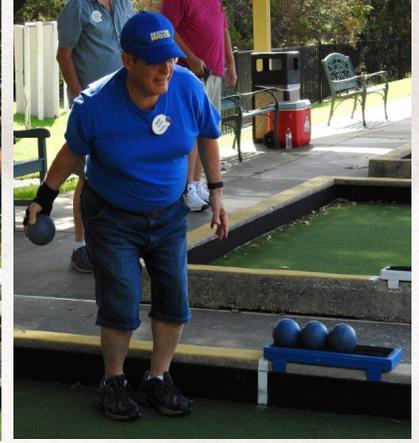
Bill Wightman and Bill Crist turn serious when playing for brats.



Jerry Kovacs sends one down the line with laser focus.



Gary Kessler, Sue Edwards (C) and her sister gaze at Dick Billow's booted foot miracle shot.



Joe Turco aims the first of four at an illusive pallino down court.



Sue Edwards explains there's no salad to Jerry Kovacs. Disbelief tumbles down the buffet line.

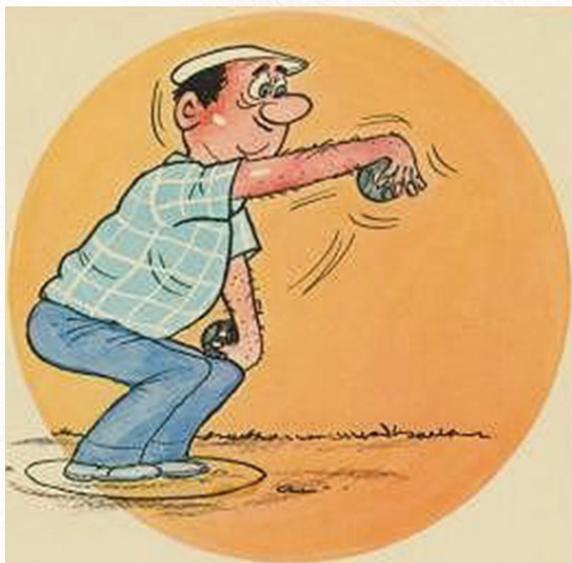


More brats, beans and another beer? Sure, says Sue Edwards. Heavenly music fills the patio.



Bill DeGroot and Joe Turco savor the good times. The smiles are just a Shiner away.

Tips and Advanced Techniques for the Pre-Professional Player



Hints For Winning from Grady Jones.

What to wear -

Bocce is like snow skiing..It's not how good you can ski but what you look like. Shoes- I play in my soft-spike golf shoes. Be comfortable.

Ways to approach the game:

Whether you're playing in a fun or competitive league your approach should be - LET'S HAVE FUN !

To improve your play -

Practice your bank shot and have a defensive shot ready.

Tricks :

Defensive play can require you to throw the ball harder than usual. When I throw harder I usually loose accuracy. So this throw requires practice. Pay attention to your opponents bank shots. If your opponent throws a great shot, you know where to aim the ball on your next shot.

As in any sports, FOCUS, FOCUS, FOCUS

Best Advice was from Joe Marquez

We practiced throwing at the pallino from various locations. We'd place the pallino against the right bank deep then throw 8 balls to see how close we were. Then we'd place it short in the middle and throw 8 balls. Then we'd place it on the left bank deep. This practice helped me understand where I was the most comfortable and therefore where I'd throw the pallino when I have control.

Great Way To Get A Great Start :

I would advise the newbies to practice, play in an open league or play in your neighborhood events.



Good To Know Tips --

From Vice President Ron Pontiff

What to wear,

Wear comfortable sport shoes with socks. Avoid wearing flip-flops, they can become a trip hazard. It is a good idea to wear some type of hat.

Techniques --

Two keys that have helped me are: (1) keeping my dominant-side leg in front when rolling and (2) Keeping my thumb on top of the ball.

Tricks -

Change your angle of attack. It might turn a sure loss into a possible win.

Pitfalls -

Don't play with the same people all the time - this may hold back your improvement. Join the multiple open plays and the club's primary open play at 8:00 AM during the summer and 1:00 PM during the winter. This is where to find the largest group of diverse players.

Great Way To Get A Great Start --

Come out and play as much as you can with the "old-timers" during open play.

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PATRIOT'S DAY

SEPTEMBER 11, 2019

NOON - 3:00 PM

In Memory of those who lost their lives on September 11, in the 2001 attacks, we are having a Patriot Day Bocce Event.

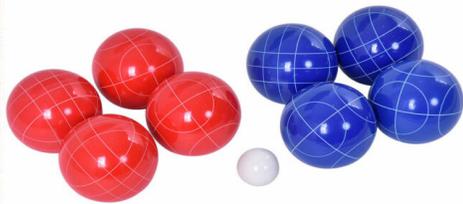
Show your respect and support!

- Wear your Red/White/Blue colors
- Give in the spirit of sharing and support
- Bring canned goods to donate to the Caring Place. (The most requested item is Peanut Butter)

Gather, Join your Friends, Share your Stories

- Play 2 games of Bocce.
- Come together to remember - The club will have snacks on the Patio.
- Volunteer to help with this event.

For Information contact Grady Jones gradyrosie@outlook.com



**KEEP CALM
IT'S THE
FIRST DAY
OF FALL**

Stay calm, the Bocce Club is here to make the transition to fall as easy as falling off a log.

We're here to help keep you calm with Apple Pie and Ice Cream. Don't get excited. Stay calm!

Join your friends in three calmly exciting games of Bocce.

Monday September 23, 2019
12:00PM to 3:00 PM

Registration Required -- Register on the Website



To keep up Keep up with the Calendar

September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	8a Daily Play	8a Daily Play	8a Daily Play	8a Daily Play	8a Daily Play	8a Daily Play 8a Saturday Fun
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	8a Daily Play 9a Advanced Lec	8a Daily Play	8a Daily Play 12p Patriots Day	8a Daily Play	8a Daily Play	8a Daily Play 8a Saturday Fun
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	8a Daily Play 9a Advanced Lec	8a Daily Play	8a Daily Play 6p Intermediate Register	8a Daily Play 3p Bocce Board	8a Daily Play	8a Daily Play 8a Saturday Fun
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	8a Daily Play 9a Advanced Lec 12p First Day of	8a Daily Play	8a Daily Play 6p Fall Intermea	8a Daily Play	8a Daily Play	8a Daily Play 8a Saturday Fun
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
	8a Daily Play 9a Advanced Lec	8a Daily Play	8a Daily Play 6p Fall Intermea	8a Daily Play	8a Daily Play 11a Bocce Club	8a Daily Play 8a Saturday Fun

PAPA JOE'S TALES OF THE PALLINO

STORIES DESIGNED TO KEEP YOU IN ...SUSPENSE.



One afternoon, after a tough game, Papa Joe walked his team over to the patio and shared this story from his childhood in Bocce City.

Four old men were playing bocce one sunny day

when an angel of healing appeared at the end of the court. I'm telling you true says Papa Joe before the men could contest his story.

The angel explained to the four men, that she had come to heal them because of their dedicated, honest play over the years. The first man said to the angel humbly, "I've suffered from back pain ever since I was injured in the army. I can hardly bend over to throw the ball. Could you help me?" "Of course," the angel said, and when he touched the man's back, the man felt relief for the first time in years.

The second man who wore very thick glasses said he has a hard time seeing the pallino and bocce balls. He asked if the

angel could do anything about his poor eyesight. The angel smiled, removed the man's glasses and took his glass of wine from him. When she rubbed some wine on his eyes, he could see everything distinctly. The third man said he had arthritis so bad in his hand that he could hardly hold a bocce ball. The angel took his hand touching each finger and then threw him a ball which he caught easily. They each thanked the Angel for giving them back their beloved game.

What about the fourth man, they asked Papa Joe. Well, he was amazed at what the angel had done for his friends. And here he was, stooped over, shuffling from one end of the court to the other, and so hard of hearing he yelled just to hear himself talk. Clearly, anything the angel could do would make a big difference for him. After sizing him up, the angel turned to the fourth man. The man quickly raised his hands defensively toward the angel. "DON'T TOUCH ME!" he cried, The angel replied, this won't hurt a bit. You don't understand, he yelled at the angel, "I'm on a full disability pension."

Leaving his friends speechless, Papa Joe got up and shuffled down the path whistling loudly as he walked back to his home.

Watch for more Papa Joe's Tales of the Pallino brought to you by Sun City brand Bocce Equipment.