

BOCCE NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

You might be wondering, "Are people nuts trying to play Bocce in these high temperature days?" Without making some adjustments, you might be right. Here are a few suggestions:

1. Try playing earlier in the day. Between seven o'clock and nine o'clock, the temperatures are in the higher 70's to mid-80's (these were the temps we wanted in January and February)
2. Adjust the number of games you play from three to two (especially if you are playing later in the day)
3. Change your game. Allow a live back-board. If your ball hits the back wall, it's still in play.
4. Always remember to wear a hat and bring water or an energy drink (being comfortable helps)
5. Try playing on courts (one through four) with the new shade covers

We've had some great events in July. I was surprised at the large number of players that turned-out for the 4th of July which was an unscheduled event.

We had a chance to honor Stanley Payne with a plaque for all his contributions to the Bocce Club.

Remember to check out our list of let's keep rolling. If you can't leave Texas on down to the Bocce Courts and have

events for August and in the summer, come some fun.



TREASURER'S REPORT

Doug Brumm reported that the Bocce Club added two new members in June and now we have 181 paying members. Per CA, we have a balance of \$1,788.86.

NEW TO THE BOCCE FAMILY:

Diane Jennings
Terry Shaw

NEW PLAYER BOCCE LEAGUE

Bocce has exploded as a favorite pastime here in Sun City. Just this year, 70 new members have joined the Bocce Club. These "New Players" have been involved in lessons on how to play bocce, have attended Club socials, and have practiced their skills regularly. Now, it is time for these "New Players" to take the next step in Bocce and that is to play competitively in the "New Player Bocce League." Sure, it's a time commitment, and you feel like you should have a certain level of talent, but all of you are there. It is a safe game to play, there are no costs, and no special equipment to buy, and playing Bocce has countless benefits such as:

- (1) positive impact on our self-confidence
- (2) great way to release stress
- (3) you'll get some physical activity
- (4) it is a healthy social environment
- (5) it gives you a sense of belonging, and last, but not least
- (6) it's FUN!

If you have never played in a league before, this is your chance. The Bocce Club is offering a **New Player Bocce League** that begins August 26th from 9:00 – 11:00 AM. This league will use Sun City Rules (posted on our website), play 3 games to 12 points, with no time limits. If you are interested in playing in this league, please email John Shideler at shdraski@yahoo.com. The league will consist of 16 players, so sign up today!

BOCCE CLUB SCHEDULES EVENTS FOR AUGUST 2017

NAME OF EVENT	DATE AND TIME	DETAILS OF EVENT
Bocce Club Play	Aug. 1-31, 8-10:00 am	6 courts
Seeds of Summer	Aug. 3, 9-11:00 am	Bocce, Watermelon, seed spitting contest
New Players Power-up with Energy Bars	Aug. 5, 8-10:00 am	Eat Energy Bars and Play Bocce
Bocce Babes Play Crazy Bocce	Aug. 22, 9:30-11:30 am	Ladies will play 3 games of Bocce using crazy rules
New Player Bocce League	Sat. Aug. 26, 9-11:00 am	Email John Shideler to sign-up to play league play. 16 players, 3 games, 12 points, Sun City Rules
Eat Outside Day Root Beer Floats	Thurs. Aug. 31, 9-11:00 am	3 games of Bocce, Free Root Beer Floats for all Members

LEAGUE NEWS FROM JOHN SHIDELER

Hello out there in SCTX Bocce land!!

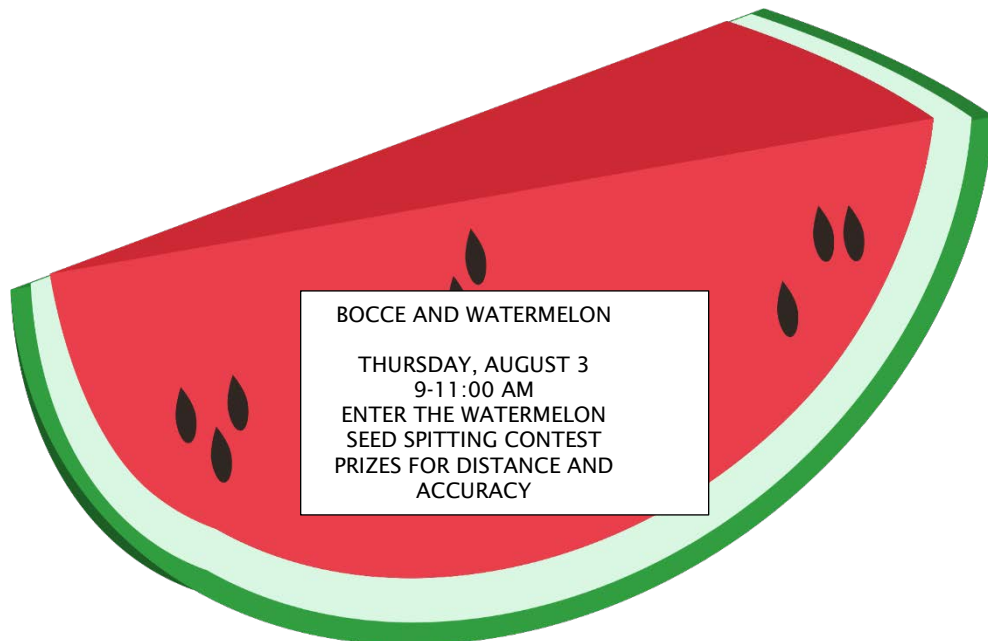
The next advanced bocce league will start on Monday, August 7, 2017. Play will start at 8:00 AM. We will play "Sun City Rules". The length of the league will depend on how many players that sign up. We will probably have a four (4) to five (5) week league.

Please email John Shideler asap (shadraski@yahoo.com) if you want to play. Play signup will be on a "1st come 1st served basis." We are planning for a **16-person** league. The **deadline** for signup will be Thursday, **August 3, 2017**.

Thanks for your support. See **YOU** on the Courts.

LEAGUE SCHEDULE		2017 AUGUST					LEAGUE SCHEDULE
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
		1	2	3	4	<u>5</u>	
6	7 Adv League 8-10	8	9	10	11	<u>12</u>	
13	14 Adv. League 8-10	15	16	17	18	19 Ladies Tourn. 8-10:00	
20	21 Adv. League 8-10	22	23	24	25	26 New Player League 9-11:00	
27	28 Adv. League 8-10	29	30	31			

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NEW PLAYERS POWER-UP WITH ENERGY BARS

EAT AN ENERGY BAR TO “POWER UP YOUR BOCCE GAME!”
SATURDAY, AUGUST 5TH
8 – 10:00 AM



Mike Byrne rolled a 5 pointer

BOCCE BABES PLAY CRAZY BOCCE



The Bocce Babes will not be playing Bocce by Sun City Rules!
Yes, that's right, the Bocce Babes will not be using Sun City
Rules to play Bocce, but instead, you will be playing by Janet

Lull's Rules and they're CRAZY! Janet will acquaint us with the rules the day of play and not until then. Until then they are kept a secret! (I don't even know what they are)

Babes, you can't miss this event. Janet has planned 3 games of bocce; each game being played by different set of rules that she dreamed-up. Not only will it be a blast, but very challenging.

This event is scheduled for Tuesday, August 22, 2017. We'll start at 9:30 and play until 11:00 AM.



On Thursday, August 31st the Bocce Club is sponsoring three games of Bocce and Free Root Beer Floats for their Members
Come have a float on us!
9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Bocce Babes vs Brawny Buds

by Janet Platteborze

One lovely day in May, a Brawny Bud named Don Webb, challenged a Bocce Babe named Sherry Nogle, to a “Men vs Women competition. And so it began.....

On Saturday July 7, 2017 Don Webb and Sherry Nogle sponsored the first Ladies vs. Men Bocce Challenge. There were 8 women and 8 men, making 4 teams each. Each team played 4 games switching opponents after each game, and following Sun City rules.

We began play at 9:00am and thank goodness for the new shades over the courts as the temperature reached 90 degrees before we finished.



The girls began with a hearty cheer, and the men snickered. ‘Heckling’ was not permitted (ha ha) however a walker was used to disrupt the opponent’s concentration.



There were some really close games with a 12 to 11 score, but then there were the sweeps with a score of 12 to 1. In the end the men scored a total of 174 points and the ladies scored 110. Janet Lull and her partner Janet Platteborze won 3 of their 4 games which is a great accomplishment.



We had donuts, fruit, water and soda for refreshmentS between games

and Jane Lull even made some fantastic oatmeal/coconut/nut cookies.



We had some great cheerleaders who came to cheer us on, each with a 'pom pom'.

All in all, we all had a wonderful time. Everyone enjoyed the camaraderie and fun.

This was our first non-club sponsored event, and hopefully the first of many such activities. We considered this a trial/test tournament, and plan to have more with another 8 men and women.

Bocce Display Window Gets a Facelift by Sherry Nogle

The first contact I had with Bocce was viewing the Display Window outside the Ballroom in the Social Center. It made quite an impression on me. I remember thinking, "Just what is Bocce and is this something I want to try?" The window display reeled me in like a catfish on a cane pole. That was two years ago and I have been hooked on Bocce since. This is my first year as secretary and part of my duties is to update the window.

So, with the help of Janet Lull, and Lin Vernier, we tackled the job. With multiple HEB grocery bags full of items needed to change the display, we became display designers. After a few hours, we had an eye-

catching arrangement. Hopefully, it will reel in new residents to become Bocce Club members.

The next time you are in the Social Center, drop by the Bocce Display and check it out. Just, maybe, this will be your new favorite club in Sun City.

