



BOCCE NEWSLETTER

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THE LATEST BOCCE NEWS FROM STEVE MELLINGER, OUR CLUB PRESIDENT

A few months ago, all club presidents were asked to present before the CA Charter Club Committee information about their club. We were all given a set of questions to answer that would explain our club's goals for the present and the future. One of the questions pertained to charity. "What does your club do for charity work?" This was easy to answer because the Bocce Club does several things that sponsor charity work.

The first thing I told the CA Committee was about our club's involvement with Georgetown Independent School District. For many years the Bocce Club has sponsored a day with Special Needs Students from GISD. Over 30 Club volunteers spent the day with the kids teaching them how to play Bocce, eating lunch with them, and making friends with the kids. The Club also provided lunch for the students and sponsors.

The Bocce Club added two new charity events this year. The first event was back in January when the Club members collected canned soup for the Caring Place of Georgetown. We have scheduled another similar event for November. Club members will be asked to "Stock the Food Bank" at the Caring Place.

This month (October) we have two events to help raise awareness and monies for Breast Cancer Awareness. On October 10, 2017, from 10:00 am to noon, the Club will host "Breast Cancer Awareness Button Day." You will receive a button for a donation. Another charity event is scheduled October 18, 2017 and the Bocce Babes will be invited to "Pink Cupcakes Breast Cancer Awareness" day. Pink lapel pins will be given to the ladies in exchange for a donation. I'm sure all of us have been affected by this very wretched disease. Participating in this charity is a great way for our Bocce Family to show their support and help in the fight against this disease. Please give what you can. Checks need to be made out to MSABC (Making Strides Against Breast Cancer).

We have two great articles this month written by our Patti DeGroot, who has battled breast cancer, and Susan Schmidt, who supported and comforted her daughter through the long road of treatments and recovery.

Great people make-up our club and many do extra things to make the Bocce Club a fine organization, so if you see one of the following people, give them a big THANK YOU:

1. **Sherry Nogle** keeps our members informed, post pictures on the bulletin board, and puts the Newsletter together.
2. **Colene Caravello** is making flags for our International Rules play.
3. **Paul Wiener** added fishing lines to the Bulletin Board to help hang pictures, cut and painted "Reserved" court signs, plus donated trays to help keep the shed organized.

TREASURER'S REPORT BY DOUG BRUMM

The Sun City Bocce Club had eight (8) members join in August 2017. Our total is 194 members of which 85 are new. Accounting for all expenses in hand, we have a balance of \$1,361.00 as of September 9, 2017.

LEAGUE NEWS FROM THE DESK OF JOHN SHIDELER

LADIES CLUB TOURNAMENT

The First Annual Ladies Club Championship Tournament is scheduled for November 1-3, 2017. The first 12 ladies to register will be eligible to compete in the tournament. The deadline for registration is October 27, 2017.

The Tournament will be played under "Sun City Rules". We will play a single game, double elimination format. The play is scheduled to start between 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM, depending on the weather and playing conditions. A specific time will be set the week before the Tournament starts.

The top three finishers will be awarded trophies and the winner's name will be placed on a traveling trophy that will be displayed in the Bocce Club show case in the Ball Room area.

Please register by email to John Shideler, shadraski@yahoo.com. Registration will be on a "first come" basis. Thanks for your interest in playing Bocce. See YOU on the Courts.

ANNUAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

Our Annual Club Championships are scheduled during the week of November 6, 2017. This will be a 16-person, double elimination tournament played under "Sun City" rules. The start times will be between 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM, depending on the weather and the playing conditions.

The top 10 high scorers of all six (6) combined Advanced Leagues will automatically qualify for the Tournament. We will have a qualifying tournament starting on November 6, 2017, for those members who did not meet these point totals. The top six (6) winners of this tournament will advance into the Championships.

Registration for the Qualifying Tournament will start on or about October 18, 2017. There will be no limit on the number of members signing up for this tournament. You will email John Shideler, shadraski@yahoo.com, to register.

Trophies for the top three winners will be awarded. A traveling trophy with the winner's name on it will be displayed in the Bocce Club show case in the hall of the Ball Room area. Thank you for supporting SCTX Bocce. See YOU on the Courts.

CONGRATULATIONS HIGHROLLERS!
5 POINTERS
BRENDA WATSON
DON WEBB

LIFE MORE ABUNDANTLY

by
Patti DeGroot

October is my favorite month to play Bocce. While everyone else is thinking pink for breast cancer awareness month, I'm thinking life more abundantly – and Bocce is a part of that. As a breast cancer survivor, I appreciate the 'think pink' effort to confront this disease, but living each day without dwelling on the 'survivor' stigma is more important to me. Here in Sun City, that is an easy achievement. My husband and I moved here from Colorado three years ago and began playing Bocce with our neighborhood on a regular basis. I love the courtyard setting, the competition and most importantly, the camaraderie playing Bocce offers. It's just a lot of fun.

Of course, I wasn't thinking about Bocce when I found a lump one morning in my breast. A week later I had confirmation, a couple weeks after that my first surgery. My diagnosis was pretty dire and this was the beginning of a long and tumultuous time for me and my family. I would ultimately have several surgeries and chemotherapy, and learn I had a BRCA 1 gene that made my chances of re-occurrence skyrocket. We then discovered that my daughter had the same gene. She chose a proactive approach of combating the disease by having the same procedures I did before she developed cancer. The process for both of us took three long years.

To any women reading this, I would tell you to make sure you self-examine regularly and get those recommended tests done as well. If anyone finds a suspicious lump or bump, get a diagnosis quickly. It can and will save your life.

I've been cancer-free for more than seven years now and am still grateful to God every day. So, this month you'll see me on the Bocce courts enjoying myself. The heat of the summer is gone and the leaves are turning. It's beautiful in the courtyard. Come join me!

God Works in Mysterious Ways

by
Susan Schmidt

Rick and I are native Texans. He was transferred several times in his career that took us away from Texas for 20 years. Our last stop in Oklahoma was, at first, met with disappointment on my part, wanting to be back "home". God had other plans and I kept asking Him to enlighten me as to His plan for me. I met a wonderful older woman (Eula) at our church in Ada. She was in remission from her cancer but after a while it was back and I offered to drive her to the doctor since we had become friends. I never knew anyone personally that had cancer, so knew nothing about what to do, but I soon learned. I decided this was why I was there – to help my friend, take her to chemo, radiation, and tests.

On April 1, 2013, our youngest daughter, Jennifer, called me to say she went in for a follow-up mammogram. She was only 36 years old, but

the year before found an unusual spot on one breast and her doctor recommended the first mammogram just as a precaution, and thus, a baseline for future mammograms. That spot was nothing and went away. The radiologist on that April 1st, found a tiny spot that wasn't there in the baseline and recommended a biopsy. When Jennifer called that day, I had a sinking feeling but, trying to alleviate her fears, told her it was probably just a benign fibroid cyst that the women in our family were prone to have. The biopsy was scheduled for April 8th and I drove down from Oklahoma, where we were living at the time, to be with her and Jeremy, our son-in-law. It was a couple of days later that Jennifer called me again with the news. It was ductal carcinoma. Cancer. How? Why? No one in our family has ever had cancer. She's only 36 years old and her daughter is only 10. Oh, how I wanted to jump through that phone line and put my arms around my baby to protect her! That's what mothers are supposed to do – protect their children. Instead, when I hung up the phone, I cried and prayed for an hour until Rick got home from work and then we cried some more and prayed a lot more.

The following week, Jennifer had an appointment with an oncologist and I drove back down to Burleson to be there with her. We were escorted into a conference room and it wasn't just an oncologist, it was a team. These men and women knew everything about Jennifer the moment we walked in and already had a plan for attack and treatment. There was some good news for her too. They said the spot was so tiny, the radiologist had to draw an arrow so the surgeon could see it. They told her that she was at a .5 stage of cancer, the lowest possible and looks like she would not have to have chemo after surgery. I felt that these doctors, these men and women, could cure my child and I knew I could put her into their care.

Surgery was scheduled for April 26th and she would undergo a double mastectomy and reconstruction. The weeks before surgery were filled with doctor appointments – surgeon, plastic surgeon, hospital testing and pre-admission. We were kept busy and I was handling it as though this was normal routine and then it was April 26th.

Jennifer came through the surgery very well. Prayers for safe keeping and successful surgery were heard and answered and we were so very thankful! I did whatever was needed the next two weeks – cooking, cleaning, drainage tubes to empty and clean, getting Jennifer outside to walk to gain her strength back. It became a routine for us and we settled into it during the days. The nights – they were long and sleepless and with the door closed to “my” room, I cried myself into a fitful slumber of sorts. Jennifer never heard me, she never knew.

Jennifer's follow-up after surgery with the oncologist brought more news. The cancer was a little more invasive than realized, found after

surgery when testing the tissues. She was now at stage 2 cancer and would need chemo – and lose her long hair. It was a devastating blow to all of us. Her oncologist told her that had she waited until she was 40 years old for a mammogram, she would still be sitting in that chair and would be told she was at stage 4. It now became a miracle, with a long road ahead to a cure.

As we have always done in our family, we make lemonade out of sour lemons and find humor in all things and, in the process, try to bring joy and laughter to those who may not think there is any joy in their lives. Jennifer made it through the chemo, losing her hair (which she donated before beginning the chemo), then 28 rounds on radiation on one side, and then the final reconstructive surgery.

We have two girls, completely different in every way and of the two, if I were pressed to answer which would handle the situation the best – it would not have been Jennifer. To say she surprised us is an understatement. Jennifer is a strong, courageous, fierce, gentle, kind, and loving person. She fought her battle with cancer and she is winning. I sat with her through almost all her chemo treatments and drove her many times to downtown Ft Worth for radiation treatments. I discovered that I too, have strength and courage that I did not know I possessed. God grants us those things we need when we need them.

When Jennifer was diagnosed, my mother told me that God did not send me to Ada for Eula, He sent me there to learn from Eula, how to help my child.

******DEADLINE TO ORDER YOUR BOCCE T-SHIRT IS
OCTOBER 5, 2017 @ 2:00 PM****
GET YOUR T-SHIRT AT THE BBQ ON OCTOBER 5TH
OR EMAIL STEVE OR SHERRY WITH YOUR ORDER.**

**First delivery date to pick up T-Shirts will be on
November 16, 2017 at our Bocce Club GENERAL
BOARD MEETING at 10:00 am in the Activities
Center Rooms 1 & 2. Vote on 2018 Board Members.**

October

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SUN CITY BOCCE CLUB



ANNOUNCING NEW TIMES

DAILY CLUB PLAY:

Oct. 1 – 15th, 8 – 10:00 am

Oct. 16 – 31st, 1 – 3:00 pm

TIPS FOR BEGINNERS/NEW MEMBERS EVERY FRIDAY:

Oct. 1 – 14th, 8 – 9:00 am

Oct. 15 – 31st, 1 – 2:00 pm

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Advanced League VI 8-10:00 pm	5 Texas Pride BBQ, 12 – 2:00 pm. Bring your side dish	6	7 New Members 8 10:00 am
8	9	10 Breast Cancer Awareness Club Event, 10-12:00, get a button for a donation	11 Advanced League VI 8-10:00 pm	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 BOCCE BABES BREAST CANCER FUND RAISER EVENT, 10-12:00 SERVING PINK CUPCAKES, GET A PIN-DONATE	19 Bocce Board Meeting 3:30 – 5:00 pm.	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Y'ALL ARE INVITED TO OUR TEXAS PRIDE



BOCCE CLUB EVENT

WHEN: 10.05.17
Where: Legacy Park (over
Yonder by the pond)
Time: 12:00 – 2:00 PM

Ya'll need to be bringin' one of these:

- A) Vegetable Dish
- B) Salad
- C) Dessert

We'll be doin' some of these thangs:

- A) Lawn bocce
- B) Pick a square
- C) Gabbin' about our bocce club participation in the Yountville invitational bocce tournament (sign-up interested members for next year)
- D) **Last day to git your t-shirts**

The bocce club will be providin' the BBQ, iced tea, and water. We're fixin' tuh eat up! Well, I hope this invitation has gotten ya'll all riled up! It will be a Honky Tonkin', Boot stompin' Good time!

COMMON COURTESIES IN BOCCE

The Sun City Bocce Club encourages friendly social interaction and competition. The following common courtesies should be displayed always.

- 1. Respect fellow players and refrain from using Profanity and Unsportsmanlike conduct.**

2. **Discard all trash in appropriate containers. This includes wrappers, bottles, etc.**
3. **Team players not having scored should post the points on the scoreboard.**
4. **Players should exit the court after throwing the bocce ball to allow the next player the use of the court. (Physical limitations being the exception).**
5. **Be ready to play when it is your turn.**
6. **Don't take too long thinking over a shot.**
7. **No glass containers or pets allowed on the courts.**
8. **Put the balls in the rack before starting play.**
9. **Arrive on time so games can be played as scheduled.**
10. **If you bring a cell phone, put it on vibrate and limit usage.**
11. **Respect the volunteers that organize the games. Offer to assist when you can.**
12. **Remain quiet while a player is setting the pallino and/or rolling a bocce.**
13. **After each frame, leave balls in place until points have been determined.**
14. **No Smoking.**
15. **Enjoy the fun and fellowship.**



**BOCCE BABES
BREAST CANCER
FUND RAISER EVENT**

*You are cordially invited to our Pink
Pin Fundraising Event. We want to
raise support and awareness in the
fight against Breast Cancer.*

*Join the Sun city Bocce Club for a
morning of Bocce, friends, and pink
cupcakes. The Bocce courts ae open at
10:00 am on Wednesday, October 18th.*

Donate and receive a "Pink Pin"

