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Kudos Corner

Bocce Club excelled at California tourney

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The Sun City Bocce Club participated in the 11th Annual Yountville Invitational Bocce Tournament in Yountville, California. Only 16 teams across the U.S. are invited to participate each year.

Anne Warnock, Sherry Nogle, Steve and Pat Mellinger, Tim Feerer and Tyson Trice competed in this year's tournament.

"Our team members have been playing bocce anywhere from one to three years," Club President Steve Mellinger explained. "At the tournament, we made it through the round robin, advanced to the semi-finals and finals. We placed fourth in the tournament finals."

The Sun City team bested 12 other teams in California.

All money raised from tournament entry fees, silent auctions and raffle tickets goes to

the Veterans Home of California at Yountville. This VA hospital is home to approximately 1,200 war veterans. This year's funds go to supporting returning vets who suffer from PTSD.

Besides competing in the tournament for about nine hours on Saturday, the team enjoyed the sights and gastronomic delights in the area.

"We had a wine and cheese gathering at the Friday night practice and a fantastic dinner at Don Giovanni restaurant in Napa," Mr. Mellinger said. "Saturday morning we started the day with a continental breakfast, lunch was a catered barbecued chicken with water, draft beer and wine all day.

"On Sunday we toured the wine country in Napa Valley. We visited the Black Stallion winery, Robert Mondavi, Charles Krug, JCB and Goose Crossing. Hard to say what was



Bocce Club members pictured here are (front row) Sherry Nogle, Pat Mellinger and Tim Feerer, plus (back row) Steve Mellinger, Tyson Trice and Anne Warnock.

the most fun, bocce or wine tasting, but probably the great companionship and lots of laughs."

That's evidence that there is more to bocce than learning to play the game.

If you want to be a part of this fun group, Sherry Nogle said, "Come out to the courts

on Friday morning eight-ish and we'll teach you how to play bocce."

Do you know someone or a special event that belongs in the Kudos Corner? Send pertinent information and a photo to kudoscitweek@gmail.com.