



Bocce Newsletter December 2017

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT-STEVE MELLINGER



The end of the year is rapidly approaching and we're in the celebration of the Holiday Season. For the Board and myself, I would like to wish all of you a happy and safe New Year.

I wanted to mention some highlights from our General Meeting. Our membership has grown to 204 Members. My personal goal was to reach a membership of 200, and we have exceeded my goal!

We're extremely proud of our Bocce Activities that gave back to the community this year. Among those service projects were the Canned Soup Day and Stock the Food Bank. All the food went to ***The Caring Place***. Bocce volunteers hosted 24 Special Needs Kids from Georgetown ISD. We made friends with the kids, taught them how to play Bocce and fed them hot dogs for lunch. We also sponsored a Breast Cancer Awareness Event that raised \$380.00. The money was sent to Strides Against Breast Cancer.

Other accomplishments at the General meeting were:

1. The members voted for revisions to our Club Bylaws allowing online voting (35-0).
2. Officers for 2018 were elected (35-0).
3. Two surveys were completed by attending members, one on League Play and the other on Social Events.

The results from the ***League Play Survey***:

- 22/12 are interested in playing in a regular league.
- 17/11 were interested in "Skill Leveled" play.
- Overwhelming people would play for a lunch after a Tournament.
- There was interest in playing in the Annual Club Championship and in Neighborhood Tournaments.

The ***Social Survey*** revealed:

- Meeting on Patio after events was a favorite.
- Themes that got the most votes were: Root Beer Floats, Ice Cream Bars, Watermelon Day, Beer and Brats Men's Event.
- Events where we gave back to the community were also very popular.

We don't have a lot of scheduled events for December because of the weather and people have such busy schedules, **BUT** look out for random **Bocce Blue Light Days**. When the weather looks promising, we'll send out an early morning notice on the Bocce Website of a time we can all meet at the Courts for three fun games of Bocce.

Best Wishes to All,

Steve Mellinger, Bocce Club President

TREASURER'S REPORT-DOUG BRUMM



The Bocce Club now has 204 paid members in which 95 are new to the club this year. Our goal for 2017 was to reach 200 members. **Val Sandham** was our 200th member to join the Bocce Club. She receives a Ladies Bocce T-Shirt! The Club has a total of \$681.00 in its account and should close to the balance we had at the beginning of the year.

NEW TO THE BOCCE FAMILY FOR OCTOBER

1. Mike Rhodes
2. Val Sandham (Our 200th member)
3. Bill and Anita Suhaysik
4. Barry Waters

LEAGUE NEWS-JOHN SHIDELER



SUN CITY BOCCE – LEAGUE PLAY

If you missed the Advanced League and Ladies League Tournaments, you missed some of the most exciting bocce played in recent history. The finals in both tournaments, went down to the wire with the winner having to play two consecutive games against the 2nd place member.

LADIES CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations go out to Lin Vernier, 1st Place, Joyce Simanek, 2nd Place and Jill Wilson, 3rd Place. The hard-fought double-elimination tournament finals saw Lin with a “one loss” record, come back and defeat Joyce in a two-game match. Many thanks go out to the 25 ladies who participated in the various leagues and tournaments, plus all the members that helped officiate this tournament. You are the people who made our year so successful.



Joyce congratulating Lin



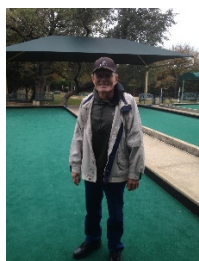
Jill Wilson taking 3rd

ADVANCED LEAGUE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Advanced League Tournament was just as exciting as the Ladies Tournament. This event was a 16-person, double elimination tournament held November 6-9, 2017.

The top 10 high scorers of all our six leagues automatically qualified for the tournament. A double elimination qualifying tournament was held for those members who did not have enough qualifying points to make the top ten. The six finalists of the qualifying tournament were placed into the competition.

After 30 exciting games; two of the three finalists coming from the “qualifying” round, the winners were: Stanley Payne, 1st Place, George Ryppe, 2nd Place and Paul Weiner, 3rd Place.



Stanley Payne-1st



George Ryppe-2nd



Paul Weiner-3rd

32 members participated in the six leagues in 2017. Thank all of you who worked hard and had fun playing in our league program.

ADVANCED LEAGUE PLAY 2018

Our first Advanced League #1 is scheduled to start on Thursday, January 18, 2018. We will be playing "Sun City Rules" and start time will be 1:00PM. We will be limited to 16 people, so the first 16 to sign up for the league will make the roster. Deadline for the league will be Monday, January 8, 2018.

NEW MEMBER TRAINING-SAL CARAVELLO



BOCCE TIPS

By Sal Caravello

Well, with so many good Bocce players in Sun City Texas it takes a lot of guts to write this article. I did not volunteer, I was asked. A lot of you do not even know me, so let me tell you something about myself and my Bocce experience. Really that is all you are concerned about, anyway.

Let me start by saying I am training New Members to Sun City Texas about the game of Bocce and how to join our club and participate in League Play.

From the inner city of Brooklyn, New York in Prospect Park, is where I was exposed to Bocce as a little boy watching my father and uncles play. They were emigrants from Italy. So, as you can see I have been playing a long time. As I have traveled, I have played on every court material imaginable, and with a wide variety of local and international rules.

Don't get me wrong, I do not have all the answers for sure, but will share some of the things that I am teaching new members, so you know where they got it from. So, blame me, not them. Experience comes from everyone so If you have some good tips let me or Sherry know, and we will make sure it gets published here for everyone. Remember that New players have no idea about the game or where it came from. So, these tips may seem easy to you, it is the first time they have seen it.

Question: Don't understand why when I roll the bocce ball in the exact same place I rolled the pallino, it goes right past? I know you all know the reason, but new players do not. Do you know why for sure?

LADIES LEAGUE NEWS-LIN VERNIER



"ANTICIPATING MORE PARTICIPATING"

2018 Ladies Bocce League Play

The first Ladies Bocce League of 2018 will be at 3pm Monday, January 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th with February 5th only if needed due to a bad weather cancellation. We will play 3 games with no time limit and using Sun City Rules. We have courts 2 through 5 reserved for us so we can have up to 16 players. Cut off for sign-ups will be one week before the first day of play (January 2nd, 2018)

I promised that I would let everyone know ahead of time when league play is scheduled for the entire year so everyone can plan ahead and play as often as possible. So here is that information:

We will play 5 leagues during the year with each league lasting 4 weeks.

There will be one week at the end of each league reserved in case we have to cancel a day's play due to bad weather.

These dates will be on the 2018 calendar online at the Bocce website as well:

League #1- 3pm on Mon. January 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th — (Feb. 5th if needed)

League #2- 3pm on Tues. February 27th, March 6th, 13th, 20th — (Mar. 27th if needed)

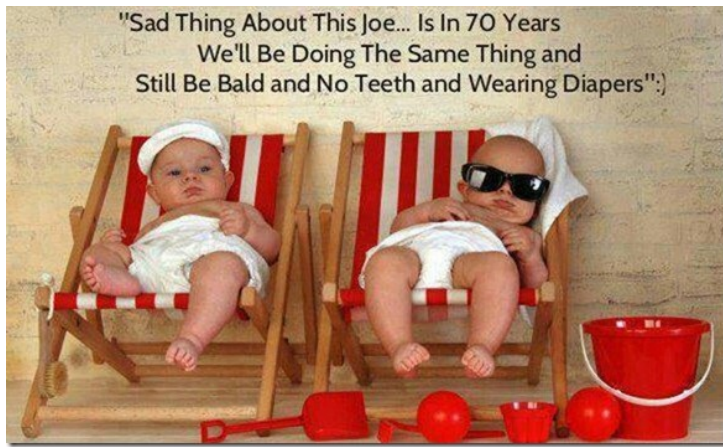
League #3- 9am on Wed. April 18th, 25th, May 2nd, 9th — (April 16th if needed)

League #4- 9am on Thurs. June 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th — (July 5th if needed)

League #5- 9am on Friday September 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th — (Oct. 5th if needed)

There will be a reminder email sent out before each league for sign-ups and we hope you come out and have fun playing Bocce.

If you have any questions email me at LinVernier@gmail.com.



Congratulations!

BOCCE HIGHROLLERS

Sherry Nogle



*Our Deepest
Sympathy*

Anna Ruth,
The Bocce Club was so sorry to
hear about the loss of your
husband, Don. Our thoughts and
prayers are with you and your
family.

UPCOMING EVENTS



"Night in Naples"

Join the Bocce Club for an Italian Christmas Dinner

Menu

Salad, Lasagna

Ziti, Rolls

Plated Cake

Bring your own wine or beverage. Ice and Water will be available.

December 12th from 6:00 to 9:00 PM in the AC Atrium

Buy your tickets at the Sun City Community Association Office or online at the SCTX web portal under *Bocce Holiday Party*. Tickets are limited to 60 Members for \$16.00 per person. You may purchase your ticket(s) thru December 10, 2017. Only 6 tickets left!

DON WE NOW OUR UGLY SWEATER

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Bocce Babes Ugly Sweater Day

When: Tues. December 19th, 2017

Time: 3:00 to 5:00 PM

The Sweater that hurts the most eyes
Wins a very tacky Christmas Prize!



Water Run to Help our Members Stay Hydrated During Bocce Events

The Club is running low on bottled water. We're asking members to bring a **6** pack, a **12** pack or a **case** of bottled water to help us stock-up on bottled water. You can bring it to any Bocce Event and we'll store it in the Bocce Shed.

USING THE BOCCE WEBSITE

by Sherry Nogle

Anyone who knows me knows that I am not a computer Geek, but for the past year I have had to learn how to use our website (Bocce) within the CA's website infrastructure. To put things onto the Bocce Website, I had to first learn how to create a Document Library, use the Navigation Site, how to display a Banner Image, write Club Announcements, create Inserts and Quick Links. And that's not all. I had to learn how to store pdf files in the File Library, Upload photos and images and store them in the Image Library or the Image Album, update the online Calendar of events, meetings, and classes, plus learn how to use the Email and Mail Administrator. It has been a massive undertaking and sometimes overwhelming. It has brought me to tears many times. With the help of Rob McFall and Don Webb, I feel confident when making changes or adding to the website today. The most important lesson I have learned is, "Don't let the website INTIMIDATE you! I'm sharing this story with you because I want to encourage you to begin using the website and take the time to explore our website.

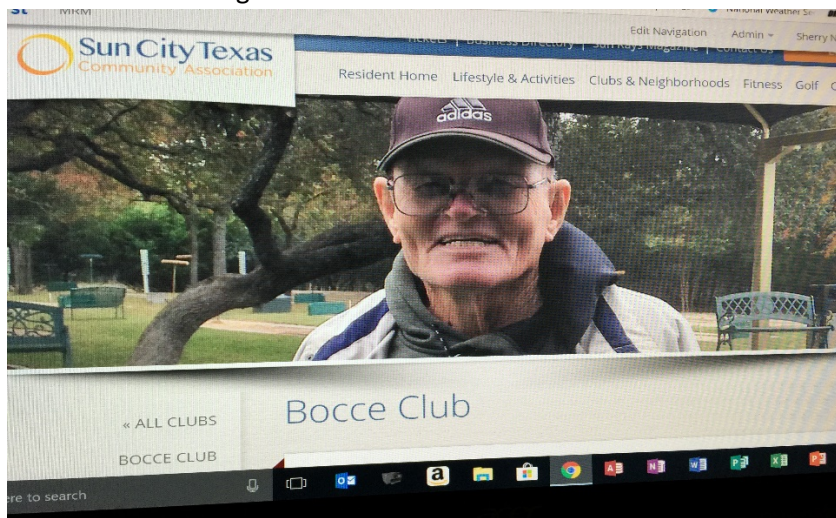
First, think of the website as a big file cabinet. The Bocce Club is the owner of the website, when the owner adds something to the website, all she must do is put the file into the cabinet then you the members on the internet will be able to see the contents of the file. This file can be a picture, a story, an announcement, an event, an important date, league play, etc. The owner can also remove or update a file.

Why look at the website:

- It can provide current information and news about Bocce Events, League Play, Socials, and important dates
- By having a website we can show-off what we do as a club and take pride in being a very active Chartered Club
- Many new residents see our website and we can influence them to join our club
- **We can keep you updated on change of date and time of events**

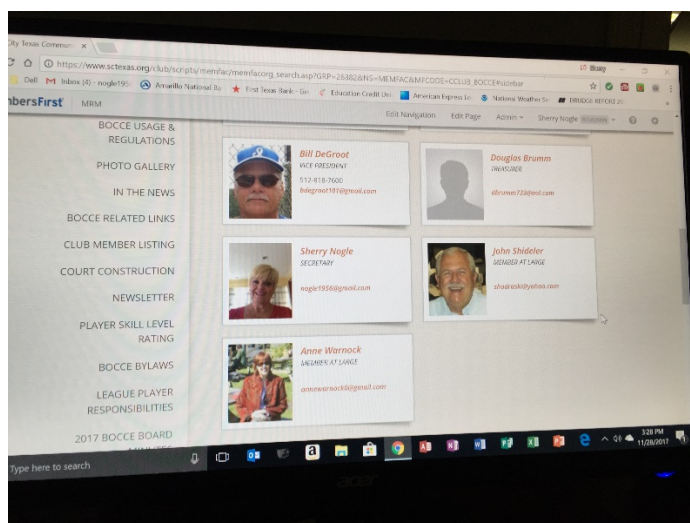
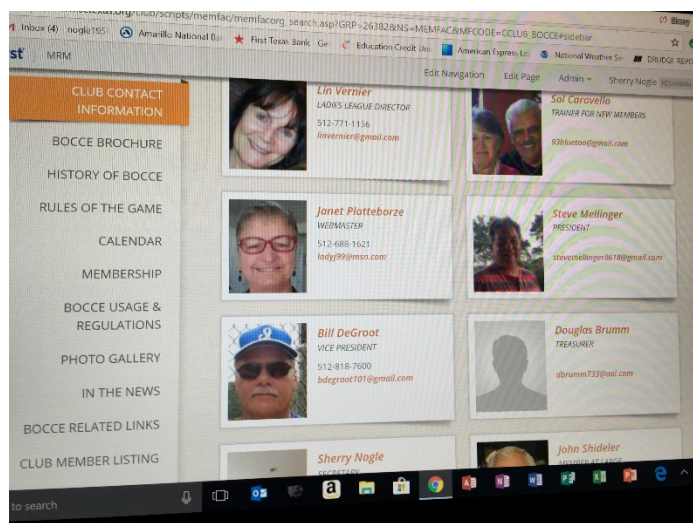
Let's take a peek at our webpage together. To get to our webpage, this is what you do:

1. Log into the Sun City Texas Community Association page.
2. Click on Resident Login (orange bar)
3. Type in Username and Password (Enter)
4. Find Clubs and Neighborhoods at the top of the SCTXCA page (Double Click)
5. Find "Chartered Clubs" on the left-hand side of the page (it is listed like a table of contents in a book) (Double Click)
6. You'll find the Charter Club listings in alphabetical order; Bocce is listed as number 6 (Double Click)
7. You are now looking at the Bocce Website!



At the top of the screen, you see a Banner picture of Stanley Payne. He is our 2017 Bocce Champion, I decided he had earned a place of honor at the top of the page. I try to change this Banner every month. If you have taken pictures that you would like to see on the website, just email them to me.

On the left side of the page, you will see a listing of topics or headings that pertain to our club. Click on CLUB CONTACT INFORMATION. Another page pops up and a list of Bocce Officers and their pictures appear (except Doug Brumm). If you need to contact one of us, just use this heading. We have added several new positions-Janet Platteborze-Webmaster, Lin Vernier-Ladies League, Bill DeGroot-League Director and Vice President, and Sal Caravello-New Member Trainer.

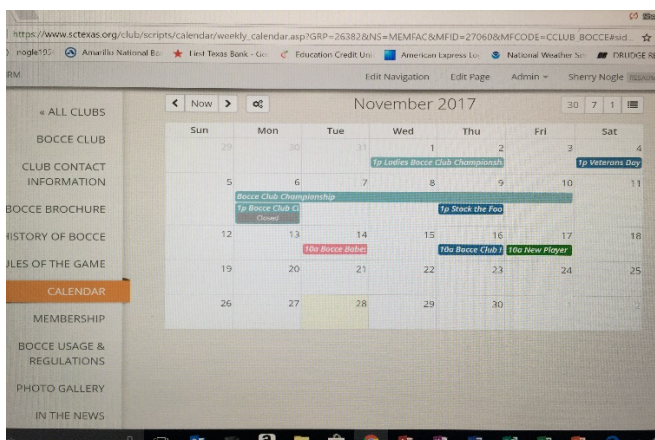


Click on BOCCE BROCHURE. The front and back pages of the brochure appear. We hand this brochure out at New Resident Orientations and Club Fairs to prospective members. It gives the residence a short overview of our Club.

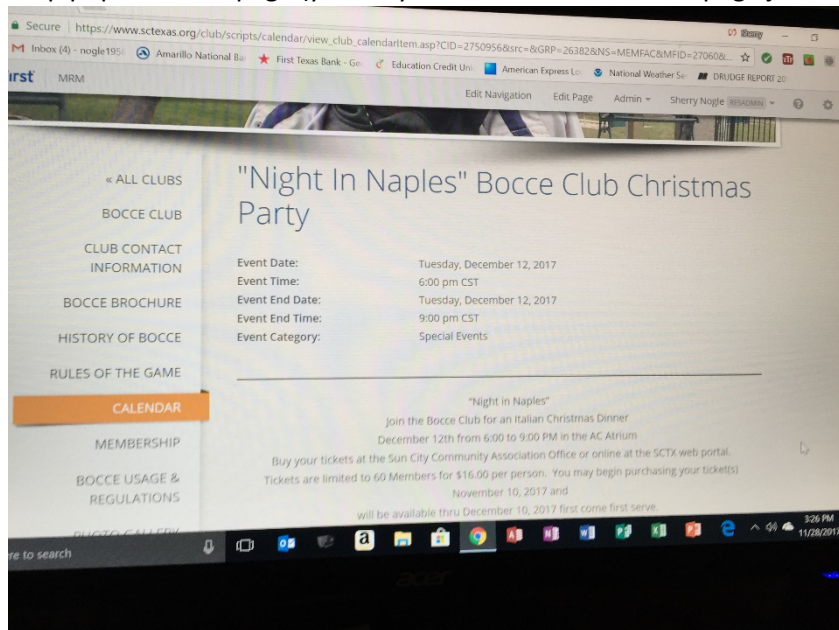
Let's Move on down the list to HISTORY OF BOCCE and click on these words. Someone before me wrote this great history of our Club. Take the time to read the interesting history of Bocce.

RULES OF THE GAME. This time when you click on this site you will see "sub-topics" or "sub-headings". One reads *Sun City Rules* and the other is *International Rules*. You can click on either one of these sub-topics and read about those particular rules for Bocce. We added rules for International play just this year.

I think the most important "Heading" is CALENDAR. Many of you want to know dates and times of scheduled events. It is imperative to schedule your commitments! Especially when you play in a league that takes several weeks to complete. Notice that some dates are color coded. If it is a **Bocce Babe** event, it will appear in **Hot Pink**, **Socials** are **dark teal**, **New Player Events** are denoted in **green**, **Ladies League** is **purple**, and **Advanced League** is **light blue**.



Click on one of the dates and up pops another page (you may have to scroll down the page just a bit) and you will see an



explanation of that event.

The next heading is MEMBERSHIP. This site explains how much our dues are and what it takes to become a member of the Bocce Club.

BOCCE USAGE AND REGULATIONS is detailed information about our Chartered Club owned by SCTXCA. It gives specifics on who may use the courts and rules for managing the courts. It even includes a paragraph on safety and conflict resolution.

Don Webb keeps up with our PHOTO GALLERY. This year he has included *Videos* as one of the sub-topics under PHOTO GALLERY. You'll enjoy seeing all the photos and videos of all the events throughout the year. You might even catch a

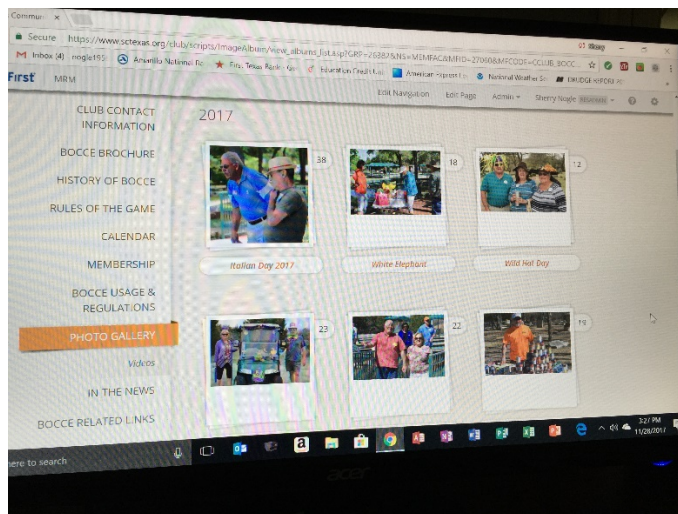


photo of yourself!

Sometimes our Club is IN THE NEWS. Recently an article about the Bocce Club was published in the **City View**. I posted it on the website for everyone to enjoy.

Someone took the time to post BOCCE RELATED LINKS to our website. When I first joined the Club, I took the time to read many of the links. They helped educate me on bocce.

If you want to know who is in our Club, you can click on CLUB MEMBERSHIP LISTING. Some of the members have photos so that you can put a face to the name. The CA maintains this site and keeps it updated.

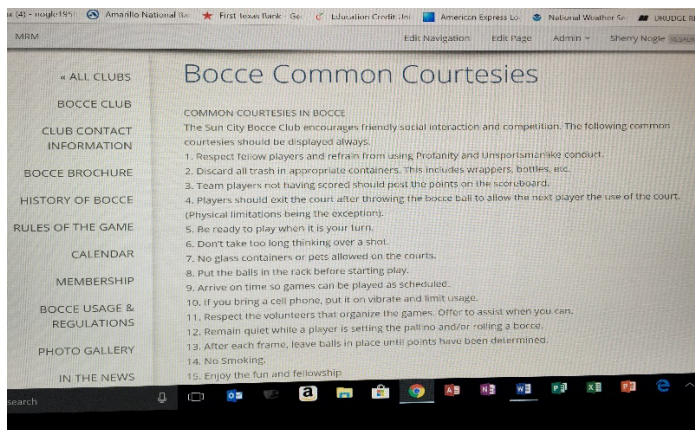
Over the years, COURT CONSTRUCTION, has occurred. You should read the history of our courts. It is amazing what the members of years ago played on for courts to what we play on today. We even have shade covers! WE HAVE COME A LONG WAY BABY!

My task every month is to put a NEWSLETTER together. If you click on this heading, you will see an alphabetical listing of a year's newsletters. They should appear monthly, but I haven't learned how to change alphabetical to monthly (another learning curve). I have gone back and reread some of the newsletters; it is incredible all the things our Club has done!

John Shideler put a lot of thought into creating a PLAYER SKILL LEVEL RATING. Click on this page and read the different levels. After reading the ratings, do you know what level of Bocce you are playing?

At the General Board Meeting we voted on the Bocce Bylaw 2017 Revisions. You can read the BOCCE BYLAWS under this heading.

I encourage all of you new members to read the information under the next heading entitled, LEAGUE PLAYER RESPONSIBILITIES. This will inform you of etiquette on and off the court and your responsibilities when playing on a League.



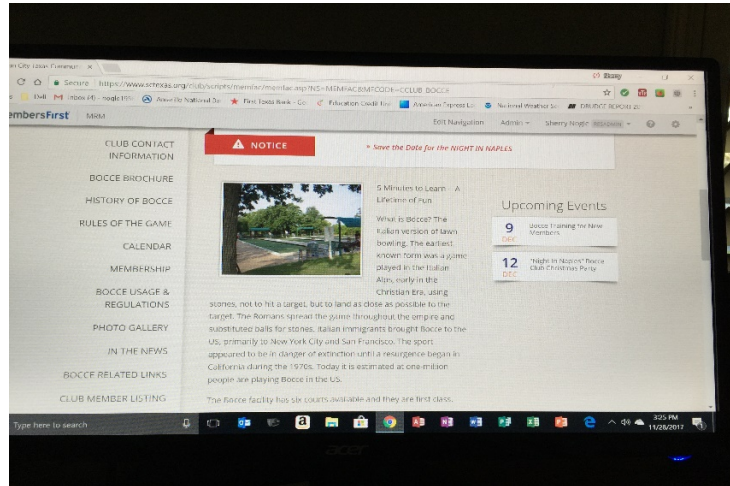
The Bocce Board meets four times a year. Everything we do and every decision we make is for the public and is recorded in the 2017 BOCCE BOARD MINUTES.

We just added this site, BOCCE MERCHANDISE. Just click on this heading and you can check- out information on how to order a Bocce Name Badge or a Bocce T-Shirt.

We are also adding a new heading, NEW MEMBER CORNER. This site is written by Sal Caravello, the New Member Trainer. He will keep the New Members informed on:

- How to join the Bocce Club
- When can I play bocce
- Using the Website
- Monthly Calendar
- Court Markings
- Court Etiquette
- Object of the game
- Sun City Rules

Notice the **red clip** with an exclamation mark under the banner picture on the right-hand side of the page. This demands your attention. Here I post important dates and times of upcoming events. The example on the website is Save the date for the “Night in Naples”. If you double click on these words, more information about the “Night in Naples” will appear.



Under the Notice Sign, you will see a snap shot and short paragraph defining Bocce. At the bottom of this paragraph you will see the words *Find Out More* with a pointing arrow. This means there is more information about this topic and just click on *Find Out More* will lead you to more information about Bocce.

Look to the far right of and you will notice UPCOMING EVENTS for that week or following week are posted. Click on one of the icons and more information about the event will appear.

At the bottom of the webpage is another **clip or tab** that is **blue**. This **tab** is used to communicate important messaging to our members such as the General Membership Meeting. These can be scheduled to come on and off the home page.

I know that most of you know how to use our Bocce Website and this article is redundant. For those of you who are new to websites, I hope this article is helpful.

Janet Platteborze will be taking over as Webmaster in January and I know she will welcome suggestions and ideas to help make the Bocce Website better and more useful.

MEMBER AT LARGE-ANNE WARNOCK

Anne Warnock, Joe Platek and Jim Ranken are planning a Sun City Bocce Club Invitational Tournament to be held in October of 2018. Five teams of four players will be invited to participate, along with a team from Sun City, Texas. If the format is fun and successful, we hope to make this an annual event!

December 2017

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Sun City Bocce Club

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Bocce Training for New Members 10-12:00
10	11	12 "Night in Naples" Bocce Christmas Party, 6-9:00pm, AC Atrium	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 Bocce Babes Ugly Sweater Contest, 3-5:00 pm	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year						
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