



## BOCCE NEWSLETTER

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### FIVE MORE MINUTES WITH STEVE MELLINGER, BOCCE PRESIDENT

Have you been to the Courts recently to try-out the New Carpet? For myself, the experience is quite different from the old surface. It is slower and takes more muscle to get the ball further down the court. Boy, do I have a new line-up of excuses to use why my game is off!

A question I get asked a lot is, "When can I use the Courts?" The answer is, "If you're a Bocce Club Member you can use the courts:

- Daily from 8-10:00 AM, Monday through Saturday join in with the Daily Players
- Any Bocce Club Scheduled Social Event
- Bocce Leagues:
  - NewBee Leagues-email Sal Caravello at [93bluetoo@gmail.com](mailto:93bluetoo@gmail.com)
  - Advanced Leagues-email John Shideler at [shadraski@yahoo.com](mailto:shadraski@yahoo.com)
  - Women's League-email Lin Vernier at [linvernier@gmail.com](mailto:linvernier@gmail.com)

*You may use the courts when Clubs or Neighborhoods have the Courts reserved if you ask the respective Club or Neighborhood about using open Courts. To help you to know if Courts are open, we have asked the Clubs and Neighborhoods to post a **RESERVED** sign on the Score Boards. Remember with 8 Bocce Courts, there is often an open Court.*



### SAFETY CORNER

Respect our new bocce Carpets! No Food, Drinks, Pets on the Courts. No Smoking around the Courts period! If you have drinks, remember to use non-glass containers.

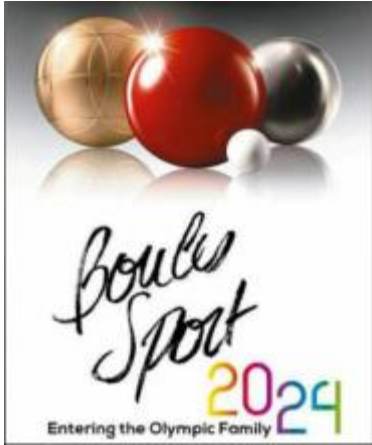
### TREASURER'S REPORT-DOUG BRUMM

At the end of March, the Club had a total of 248 Members, 123 new/125 renewals. \$3,059.00 is in the budget.

# BOCCE TIPS

Volume 6  
By Sal Caravello

**New Training Starts:** Special Open Training - New Comers Training starts on Friday, May 18th, August 17<sup>th</sup>, and November 16<sup>th</sup>, these are three-day sessions for new residences. If you are interested, come join us.



**Question from Volume 5:** *What should I be doing when I am not rolling the Bocce' ball?* Resting of course. No, not really, you should be learning where to roll your next ball and observing your opponent. When your opponent is rolling, it is a perfect time to observe to determine where to roll your next ball. One thing for sure, you are not to be standing in the player's box when your opponent is rolling. That is the worse habit to get into, an absolute NO, NO!

What is this logo, printed beside the text? The closest bocce ever came to be in the Olympics was in the 1900 Paris Games when "Volo" was played as an exhibition sport. There have been several efforts since then to get bocce into the Olympics, and a new concerted effort to get bocce back into the Olympics for the 2024 games has begun.

The three disciplines that will hopefully be included in the games are Petanque, a French variation of bocce, Boule Lyonnaise, or what we call Volo, and Raffa.

**A Historical Look:** The early Romans were among the first to play a game resembling what we know today as Bocce'. In the early times they used coconuts brought back from Africa and later used hard olive wood to carve out Bocce' balls. Beginning with Emperor Augustus, Bocce' became the sport of political leaders and rulers.

From the early Greek physician Hippocrates to the great Italian Renaissance man Galileo, the early participants of Bocce' noted that the game athleticism and spirit of competition rejuvenates the body and mind. **Reference source: United States Bocce' Federation**

**New-Bee Tournament results:** It was fantastic, and these people showed us all how to play Bocce'. There is not enough space here to review the entire tournament and tell of all the high points. We all learned a lot and broke some rules that were unusual at the time. Along with having some exciting games while ringing the bell during the semifinals (several times), this group bared the rain and cold and showed why they are the best crop of new players we ever had. They showed so much improvement and knowledge of the game. It was fun to watch them. I am proud that I had the opportunity to teach them the game of Bocce. I am looking forward to seeing them all on the court and playing in the next tournament this summer.



**THE COURTS ARE RESERVED FOR NEWBEES EVERY FRIDAY FROM 10:00-12:00 APRIL, MAY, JUNE, & JULY. THE TIME CHANGES FROM 9:00 TO 11:00 AM IN AUGUST.**

**Question for the next issue:** *Can a player take both balls to the line?*

# NEW RESIDENT TRAINING SCHEDULE 2017-2018

## 1. May 17<sup>th</sup> Thursday: New Residents Orientation

- May 18<sup>th</sup>, Friday, Week One Training
- May 25<sup>th</sup>, Friday, Week Two Training
- June 1<sup>st</sup> Friday, Week Three Training

**INTERNATIONAL TOURNEMENT: Open to all that would like to participate in International play, Friday June 8<sup>th</sup>, Friday June 15<sup>th</sup>, Friday June 22<sup>nd</sup>/ Semi Finals, Finals on Saturday June 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

## 2. August 16<sup>th</sup> Thursday: New Residents Orientation

- August 17<sup>th</sup> Friday Week One Training
- August 24<sup>th</sup> Friday Week Two Training
- August 31<sup>st</sup> Friday Week Three Training

## 3. November 15<sup>th</sup> Thursday: New Residents Orientation

- November 16<sup>th</sup> Friday Week One Training
- November 23<sup>th</sup> Friday Week Two Training
- November 30<sup>th</sup> Friday Week Three Training

**NEW-BEE CHALLENGE: December date to be determined.**

## ADVANCED LEAGUE-JOHN SHIDELER

We just ended **League #2**. We had 21 players participating in our 16-person League.

Mother Nature was not nice to us. We only finished four weeks of our scheduled five-week league. Since we were not able to have everyone play each other; there were no League winners.

The Top 10 Scorers of League #2 were:

Name	Total Score
Stanley Payne	130 Points
Larry Hunting	124
Joyce Simanek	119
John Shideler	117
Marilyn Marlar	116
Jim Rankin	115
Nick Drury	113
George Ryppe	104
John Luther	100
Bill Wightman	89

These points will be carried forward and be used in the point totals for Club Championship qualification rounds in October this year.

**League #3** started off with a lot of sunshine and wind. We had two players win all 3 of their games: Larry Hunting, and Russ Ruff. We are now playing at 8:00 AM on Fridays. Weather permitting, we are scheduled to finish League #3 on Friday, May 18, 2018.

Thanks for making our Bocce Program so successful. See YOU on the Courts.

### **NEW BOCCE DAILY PLAY PROGRAM-John Shideler**

The Bocce Club is starting a new “Daily Play” program for those members who have not participated in our “**Daily Open Play**” (DOP). The new DOP program will be held at the Bocce Courts, Monday through Saturday, starting at 8:00 AM.

The only variance from this timetable would be a scheduled League or Special Event. The players will know in advance of any changes in the daily scheduling.

This new DOP is designed for those members who have the skill levels of **Intermediate Players** and who want to play against other members with the same skills. Play starts with each player drawing for position on a specific court with a group of three other players. Play continues for at least three games with each player having an opportunity of playing against each other.

We look forward to you playing in this new “Open Play” program. Please contact John Shideler at [shadraski@yahoo.com](mailto:shadraski@yahoo.com) if you have any questions. Play starts tomorrow morning. We hope to see YOU on the Courts.

### **LADIES LEAGUE-LIN VERNIER**

The third women's league of the year began Wednesday 4/18. We played tournament style with two players facing off against each other for three games. Congratulations to Janet Lull, Sherry Nogle and Jill Wilson for winning all three of their games in the first week of play.

I was looking back over the ladies who have played in the first three leagues this year and am happy to report that 12 of the players were **first time league players**. I am so pleased to see the expansion of bocce league participation. Thank you, new players!!!

If you think league play is something you would like to try, join us for our next league starting on Thursday June 7th. An email asking for sign-ups for this league will be sent out at the end of May so keep it in mind. We will be playing *International Rules* this time.

## **I'm Just Saying**

by  
Sherry Nogle

After defeating the ladies 19 to 5 in the Men Vs. Women Bocce games, the men accepted their winning cigars. This is the second year that the men have won in Bocce play. Does that mean that men carry the sport of bocce? Can women compete with men in this sport? Do they win because men are faster, stronger, and more athletic than women? I've been giving this subject some thought.

Is Bocce about strength, speed, and physiology? As far as I can tell, there is no competitive advantage for a man in Bocce. Beards or muscles present no advantage in Bocce. I'm just saying, **Bocce is a sport of acquired skill and strategy** and women have just as much skill and strategy as men. The difference is the amount of practice one has acquired in the game.

Regardless of the outcome of the Sunday's games, both men and women had a great time, great food, drink, and great camaraderie. I witnessed instant friendships being made.

Even though I didn't play, I watched others play and I'm happy to share a few areas of **strategy** for both men and women:

**Play to Your Opponent's Weaknesses:** Pick up on an area of the court that your opponent isn't comfortable with and pepper that spot.

**Adjust/then re-adjust:** If for some reason you're throwing everything long today, then switch up your style. Is there a curve in the court? Throw to the other side. Even better—study the curve and throw right at it; forcing your opponent to keep up with your mid-game adjustments.

**Stay in front of the Pallino:** Throw a close ball in front of the pallino. The pallino is hard to see and it is even harder to knock the bocce ball out of the way.

**Focus:** Focus, focus, focus!

**Throw with confidence:** Any hesitation will fight against your muscle memory and form hitches or imbalance in your toss. You've thrown this shot 100 times, so calmly and confidently take aim and let your body do the work.

**Don't get too cozy:** One of my biggest weaknesses is throwing the pallino in the same spot every time. Use the whole court and chose different spots.

**Practice, practice, practice and play strategically!** The opportunity to improve before the next fun day is there for all of us to play better.

**The men and women will compete again in 2019. The players who practice the most will be the winners of the 2019 Men vs. Women Event!**

**DON'T FORGET TO SIGN-UP TO WORK JUNIOR CAMP  
JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup> OR 19<sup>TH</sup> OR BOTH DATES! YOU CAN SIGN-  
UP ON THE SHEET IN THE SHED OR EMAIL  
[stevemellinger8618@gmail.com](mailto:stevemellinger8618@gmail.com)**



“Excuse me, Shirley Worth, are you wearing your Bocce Name Badge?”



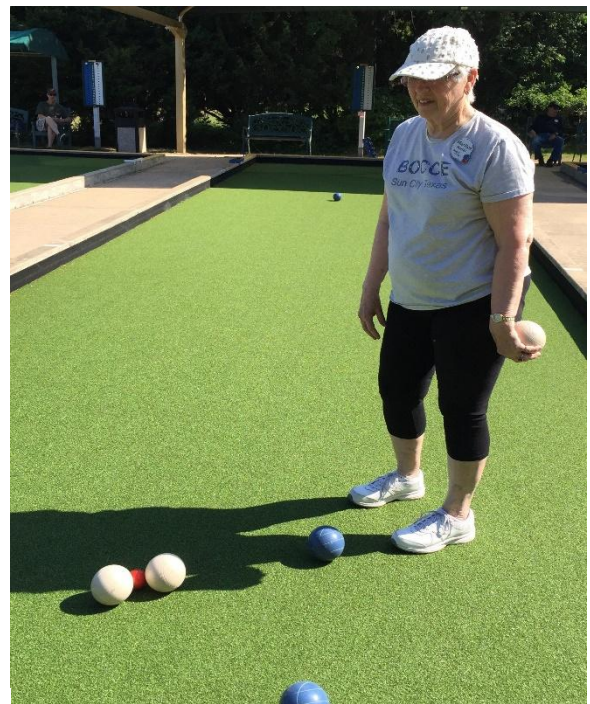
**BE SURE TO WEAR YOUR BOCCE NAME BADGE TO ALL BOCCE EVENTS!**



## **HIGH ROLLERS**

### **5 POINTERS**

Joe Platek Mike Byrne  
Dave Brown Ken Pardee



**Marilyn Marlar scored a double kiss during Wednesday Ladies' League!**

# MAY 2018

1 T	
2 W	LADIES LEAGUE III 9-11 AM
3 Th	
4 F	ADVANCED LEAGUE III 8-10
5 S	
6 Sun	
7 M	
8 T	
9 W	LADIES LEAGUE III 9-11
10 Th	
11 F	ADVANCED LEAGUE III 8-10
12 S	BOCCE BABES/SUPERHEROES SOCIAL 10-12 ROSES FOR THE LADIES
13 Su	
14 M	
15 T	
16 W	LADIES LEAGUE III 9-11
17 Th	
18 F	ADVANCED LEAGUE III 8-10 New Resident Training 10-12
19 S	
20 Su	
21 M	REGULAR PLAY W/COFFEE & DONUTS 9-10 AM
22 T	
23 W	Sign-up for International Round Robin Tournament Play
24 Th	
25 F	NEW MEMBER TRAINING 10-12 AM
26 S	
27 Su	
28 M	BOCCE COURTS CLOSED
29 T	
30 W	
31 Th	

# JUNE 2018

1 F	NEW MEMBERS wk 3 and GRADUATION ON PATIO 10-12
2 S	
3 Sun	
4 M	ADV. LEAGUE IV 8-11
5 T	
6 W	DAY BEFORE NAT'L ICE CREAM SOCIAL- 8-10
7 Th	LADIES LEAGUE IV 9-11
8 F	INTERNAT'L TOURNEY 10-12
9 S	
10 Su	
11 M	ADV. LEAGUE IV 8-11
12 T	JUNIOR CAMP 9:15-12:10 Sign up w/stevemellinger8618@gmail.com
13 W	
14 Th	Ladies League #4 9-11
15 F	INTERNAT'L TOURNEY 10-12
16 S	BRAWNY BOYS, BRATS, & BEER 5-7:00 PM
17 Su	
18 M	ADV. LEAGUE IV 8-11
19 T	JUNIOR CAMP 9:15-12:10 Sign up w/stevemellinger8618@gmail.com
20 W	
21 Th	Ladies League #4 9-11
22 F	NAT'L ICE TEA DAY BOCCE EVENT 8-10 INTERNAT'L TOURNEY 10-12
23 S	Internat'l Tourney Finals 10-12
24 Su	
25 M	ADV. LEAGUE IV 8-11
26 T	
27 W	
28 Th	Ladies League #4 9-11
29 F	
30 S	

DAILY PLAY- MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY FROM 8:00 - 10:00 AM

# MAY BOCCE EVENTS



*Hey, Bocce Babes,*

*You're invited to a Ladies' Morning at the Bocce Courts. During play, you'll be served Mimosas or Sparkling Orange Juice by the Club's Superheroes. After play, we'll gather on the patio for drinks and finger foods. You'll also be presented with a rose.*

*Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>*

*10:00 am - Noon*

*BYOB*





COME JOIN THE “REGULARS” OR THE “EARLY  
MORNING RISERS”  
FOR COFFEE/ORANGE JUICE AND DONUTS  
AND A FEW ROUNDS OF BOCCE!  
MONDAY, MAY 21, 2018  
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM

# JUNE BOCCE EVENTS



NEW MEMBER PLAY AND GRADUATION  
JUNE 1, 2018  
10-NOON  
SNACKS AND SODAS  
ON THE PATIO



YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND  
"DAY BEFORE NATIONAL ICE CREAM DAY"  
WEDNESDAY JUNE 6, 2018  
8:00 – 10:00 AM  
ICE CREAM ON THE PATIO!





# HAPPY NATIONAL ICED TEA DAY

To celebrate, the Bocce Club will be serving Ice Tea to all the Attendees. Come play Bocce and share the LOVE of Bocce and Ice Tea!

WHEN: JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup>

TIME: 8:00 – 10:00 am

