



October 2018 Newsletter

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FIVE MORE MINUTES WITH STEVE MELLINGER, PRESIDENT

Let's Play Bocce! What a great time to return to the Bocce Courts with our average October daytime highs of 82 degrees and night time lows of 55 degrees. October 15th is the date that we try to switch our Daily Member Play time from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Many times, Mother Nature's changes our date to earlier or later. During this weather change, you can find Members playing at both times on the same day.

Three events happening in October:

1. **Neighborhood Bocce Challenge** – October 9, 10, 12 at 9:00 AM
8 Neighborhood Teams have signed up to compete.
2. **Advanced Championship League** – October 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26 at 1:00 PM
If you want more information about possibly playing, please contact John Shideler at shadraski@yahoo.com.
3. **Ladies Championship League** – October 29, 30, 31 and November 1, 2 at 1:00 PM. If you want more information about playing, please contact Line Vernier at linverier@gmail.com.

COME OUT AND WATCH ALL OF THESE EVENTS. "LET'S ROLL"

TREASURER'S REPORT – DOUG BRUMM

As of August 31, 2018, the Bocce Club had 338 paid members of which 212 are new this year. We have a CA cash balance of \$2,323.00.

BOCCE TIPS Volume 10

NEW-BEE NEWS.....

By Sal Caravello



New Training Starts: New Comers Training starts on Saturday, November 17th, these are three-day sessions for new residence, if any members are interested in participating please come join us, it is fun, informative, and more importantly enjoyable. Never too late to learn something new.



Question from Volume 9: What happens when a player rolls a ball before the pallino? A player who rolls a ball out by mistake instead of the pallino at the start of a frame has played a ball out of turn. USBF Open Rules state "If a player rolls/shoots out of turn or plays more balls than allowed, the opposing team has two options. Leave all balls as they rest or remove the illegally rolled ball from play and return all other balls to previous positions".

A Historical Look: Thanks to many Italian immigrants at the turn of the century, Bocce has come to flourish in the United States. During its beginnings in the U.S., there were as many versions of the game as there were towns the immigrants had left. The popularity of Bocce in America has been on the rise since then. There are more than 25,000,000 Bocce enthusiasts throughout the United States today.

Next to Soccer and Golf, Bocce is the third most participated sport in the world and is considered the oldest known sport in World history.

Reference source: *United States Bocce' Federation*

ReUnion Friday--- Is back on through the end of the year every Friday, 10-noon for all NewBee's in the class of 2018. The women's league will be playing at that time as well, just remember to allow them to have the courts and move one down and play remembering to be courteous, as well as respectful, just like I taught you.

UNO BOCCE' NIGHT: There has been so much interest in having a night of Bocce' where those members that may be alone for a variety of reasons could get together with others in the same situation. Our September 21st Night was cancelled due to rain. The Wine, Cheese, Bocce Event has been **rescheduled for Friday, September 28th**. Remember we play International rules at Uno Night. Does this speak to you? Well, come and join the singles. Would you like to be a member of this group, send me an email, 93bluetoo@gmail.com



Do you know what a Flighted is? A flight is a grouping of players within a club. The flight is composed of players who are roughly similar in skill level, it is typically based on each player's individual skill level as well as other factors. A perfect example is the final day of Bocce training where we apply the **AID** rating system. Rating of **A** indicates a potential **Advanced player**, **I** indicate an **Intermediate player** and finally **D** for a **Development player**. This way you can choose to play individuals within your skill level, gaining increasingly skills and confidence. Interesting system, don't you think!

ADVANCED BOCCE LEAGUE – JOHN SHIDELER

SUN CITY ADVANCED BOCCE LEAGUE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. The Club Championships will be held on October 22-26, 2018.
2. The tournament will be a 16 player, double elimination format.
3. The top ten combined player scores from the six (6) leagues will automatically qualify for the tournament.
4. There will be a qualifying tournament for the remaining six 6 positions.
 - a. The qualifying tournament will start on, weather permitting, Monday 10/22/18.
 - b. The qualifying tournament will be a 16 player, double elimination type.
 - c. The qualifying players will be logged in on a "first come, first entered" basis.
 - d. The tournament sign-up date will be announced at the end of League # 6.
 - e. All players must register for the qualifying round by email.
 - f. Courts will be selected by draw.
 - g. We will be playing under "Sun City" rules.

LADIES LEAGUE – LIN VERNIER

2018 has been a wonderful year for the Ladies League. We are playing our final games on Friday and I have had the pleasure of getting to know so many new and talented Bocce players. This year we had **31 different players** play in league and there

were 19 women who were new to league play. That is more than half of the players who were giving league play a try for the first time. It was a fun year!

Thanks everyone,

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2018 Ladies Championship

Time for our end of year championship!

What is it?

End of the year competition for the honor of being the 2018 women's champion.

One on one, double elimination, Sun City rules, Changing ends after every frame!

When is it?

October 29th, 30th, 31st, Nov 1st, and more if needed.....play every day at 1 pm (up to 3 games a day) until you either lose twice or are one of the final two women left playing. Those final two women will play in the combined Advanced and Ladies league championship on the 10th of November.

Who can play?

The top half placers in any of the Ladies leagues, played this year, qualify automatically. I will send an email, letting them know, and giving them the opportunity to play, at the end of September.

I also will send an email asking for anyone else interested in playing to let me know. We will have a play off, to complete the field of 16 players, on October 5th at 9am if needed.

So, if you are available for those dates, and are interested in competing, watch for my email around the 29th of September.

LinVernier@[gmail.com](mailto:LinVernier@gmail.com)

The One Percenters of Breast Cancer by Sherry Nogle

A heartfelt thank you to Jackie and Lona for sharing this most difficult journey through male breast cancer, the one percenters of this disease. May you both be richly blessed for sharing your story publicly.

Jackie Bullin is a retired Navy Veteran and a two-year member of the Bocce Club (took a year off because of a fall at the courts) and a Breast Cancer survivor. Jackie has had 23 surgeries in 27 years.

Jackie's breast cancer journey began in early months of 1994 after surviving a long battle with prostate cancer. Jackie had served two (2) tours in Vietnam where he was exposed to Agent Orange. The VA linked Jackie's diseases and health conditions to Agent Orange exposure. He felt lucky because his doctor detected his prostate cancer early. Because the cells were growing out of control due to the high levels of testosterone, the doctor surgically removed his testicles. Jackie began estrogen therapy. Estrogen was needed to keep the disease at bay. But just 6 weeks out from his prostate diagnosis, Jackie noticed that his breasts had enlarged. He says, "My breasts were as big as softballs and were extremely sore, and it was embarrassing to be out in public." Jackie and Lona, his wife, were convinced it was time to visit the doctor in San Antonio.

Jackie underwent a double mastectomy (although benign) and the doctors removed his left nipple. Jackie's breasts had to be drained frequently and he remembers it being very uncomfortable. He found it both difficult and challenging to accept. Jackie admits, "I was scared at first and I still have breakdowns today. I had to learn to make peace with myself and the cancer." He shares, "I remember my five-year-old great granddaughter asking me, 'Grandpa, what happened to your other nipple?' Her question took Jackie by surprise, but he simply told her that he had had breast cancer and the doctor had to take the nipple to remove the cancer. She was satisfied with his answer and went about her business. He secretly hoped that sharing his story with his great granddaughter would be the start of her awareness of breast cancer.

Lona, Jackie's loving wife of 65 years, has been his strongest supporter. She has attended every appointment with Jackie, every test he has ever

taken, and all 23 surgeries. “Lona is the love of my life and she has been my greatest supporter, and without her support and love, I would never have survived, exclaims Jackie. When asked, “Where does your strength come from, Lona?” She quickly replies, “I’m a farm girl and farm girls are strong!” Jackie added, “Between the two pills I take every day and my faith in God, and my wonderful wife, I’m damn lucky to be alive! Not only is my wife my nurse, she is an award-winning cook and she has the ribbons to prove it!”

Jackie is now fully recovered and retired. He enjoys spending time with his family and his Sun City friends. Because of Peripheral Artery Disease, he has given up golf, but he has replaced it with other activities. He drives for COPS in Sun City, he takes long walks with Lona (he on his scooter), Jitter Bugs or Western dances (for short periods) and plans to return to the Bocce Courts.

“Every day has a different meaning for me now, says Jackie. “I’m lucky to be here and grateful that I’m alive. Every day is a gift.” Jackie encourages both sexes to take the simple steps to prevent breast cancer-1) self-breast exams, 2) regular checkups, 3) and maintain healthy lifestyles.



HIGH ROLLERS

FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

DIANA REESE – 5 POINTS

NICK DRURY – 5 POINTS



SUN CITY, TEXAS BOCCE CLUB EVENT

WHEN: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4TH
WHERE: LEGACY PARK
TIME: 11:00 AM TO 3:00 PM
SERVING TIME: 11:30 AM

BRISKET, TURKEY, SAUSAGE AND BEVERAGES WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE CLUB

VARIOUS GAMES WILL BE PLAYED DURING THE AFTERNOON WITH PRIZES AWARDED

WE'LL VISIT AND EAT APPETIZERS BEFORE SERVING TIME

Wear your name badge!

Pot Luck contribution assigned by first letter of last name:

A-G Desserts
H-O Side Dishes
P-Z Finger food appetizers



BREAST CANCER AWARENESS BOCCE EVENT

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 17, 2018

WE WILL BE COLLECTING CASH OR CHECK DONATIONS
MADE OUT TO SCTXCA. THE CA WILL THEN CUT A CHECK
MADE OUT TO
CANCER AWARENESS.

All who attend (men and women) will receive pins,
buttons, and bracelets for their donations.
Wear your name badge!

EAT YOUR LEFTOVERS BOCCE DAY



“We have some wonderful leftovers from last night if you would like to stop by for Bocce and Lunch,” exclaimed all 350 Bocce Members!

It’s true, we are having **Eat Your Leftovers Day** on **Sunday November 25** from **1:00 PM to 3:00 PM**. “Bring your leftovers to share on the patio after 3 games of Bocce and the Club will furnish the drinks,” explains Pat Mellinger. So, Bocce Members mind your Social Chairwoman and bring your leftovers and we will have a feast! ***Wear your name badge!***



BOCCE CELEBRATION 1:00 – 3:00 PM

Please join the Bocce Club in honoring all the men and women who have served our country. A drawing will be held to honor a Veteran with a brick that will be placed in the Veteran's Memorial Plaza. So please be sure to pick up a ticket for your chance to win!



Help the Caring Place help families in need!!!

Along with honoring our Veterans, the Bocce Club is asking our members to help families in need by bringing your food donations on November 11th. Last year we filled the entire back of a SUV with donations. **Let's top that this year!** All donations collected will be taken to Georgetown's **Caring Place**.

AND OF COURSE, WE WILL BE PLAYING BOCCE!



October

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Adv. League #6, 8:00AM 1	2	3	Club BBQ 4 11:00 – 3:00 PM Golf & Seed Spitting	Ladies League #5 9 AM, Crts. 2-5 5 Reunion Friday-4 courts 10AM	6
7	Adv. League #6, 8:00AM 8	9 Neighborhood Bocce Challenge 9:00 AM	10 Neighborhood Bocce Challenge 9:00 AM	11 Neighborhood Bocce Challenge 9:00 AM	12 Neighborhood Bocce Challenge Finals 9:00 AM	13
14	Regular Open Play starts at 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM 15	16	Cancer Awareness 10 -1:00 Chocolate Day 17	Bocce Board Mtg. 3-4:00 AM AC 18	Reunion Friday-6 cts. 10-12:00 19	20
21	ADVANCED LEAGUE PLAY- OFFS 1-3 Board announces slate of officers for 2019 Submit name(s) for Bocce Officers to Sherry Nogle	23 ADVANCED LEAGUE PLAY- OFFS 1-3 Submit name(s) for Bocce Officers to Sherry Nogle	24 ADVANCED LEAGUE PLAY- OFFS 1-3 Submit name(s) for Bocce Officers to Sherry Nogle	25 ADVANCED LEAGUE PLAY- OFFS 1-3 Submit name(s) for Bocce Officers to Sherry Nogle	26 ADVANCED LEAGUE PLAY- OFFS 1-3 Reunion Play-6 cts. 10-12:00 Submit name(s) for Bocce Officers to Sherry Nogle by 5:00 PM	27
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Personal Events: Electronic Voting for Bocce Board Officers November 6th, 6:00 AM – 12th by 5:00 PM.
Officers will be announced at Bocce General Membership Mtg. Nov. 16th.

OPEN PLAY DATES AND TIMES: Monday – Saturday, October 1-14th from 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM, Starting **October 15th** through the winter months, **OPEN PLAY HOURS** will be **1:00 – 3:00 PM**.

Fridays at 10:00 AM October 1-14th **Reunion Play for NewBees**. Starting **October 15th** through the winter months Reunion Play for NewBees will begin at **1:00 – 3:00 on Fridays**.

November Bocce 2018 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1:00 pm Bocce Club Ladies Championship	1:00 pm Bocce Club Ladies Championship	1:00 pm Bocce Club Ladies Championship	1:00 pm Bocce Club Ladies Championship	10am Reunion Friday (6 courts) 1:00 pm Bocce Club Ladies Championship	
4	5	6	7	8	9 10am Reunion Friday (6 courts)	10 10:00 am 2018 BOCCE CLUB LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT
11 Veterans Day & Food Bank Donation 1- 3:00 pm	12 8:00 am Veteran's Day Court Closure	13	14	15	16 10:00 am- Noon Bocce Club General Membership Mtg.AC rooms 1 &2	17 NEWBEE TRAINING CLASS 10:00 AM (NEW RESIDENTS)
18	19	20	21	22	23 NEWBEE TRAINING CLASS 10:00 AM (NEW RESIDENTS)	24 Bocce Planning Mtg. Andice Room 9-12:00
25 Eat Your Leftovers Bocce Day 1-3pm Bring leftovers	26	27	28	29	30 NEWBEE TRAINING CLASS 10:00 AM (NEW RESIDENTS)	

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