



BOCCE CLUB

SUN CITY TEXAS

February 2019 Newsletter WINTER WARM UP ISSUE

News You Need to Succeed
from the Bocce Club
of Sun City Texas
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WHAT'S UP IN FEBRUARY

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Meet the New Board



The 2019 Bocce Club Board of Directors. Front Row: Bill Crist - Membership, Sue Edwards - Treasurer, Janet Platteborze - Secretary, Second Row: Joe Marquez - 2019 Board President, Sal Caravello - League Director, Ron Pontiff - Board Vice President

2019 is shaping up to be a year of activity and growth for the club. All but one of the board members is new to board service. But enthusiasm makes up for any lack of experience.

If the club is to meet a growing membership and the demands of more groups, we need new ideas, new skills new perspectives. We have the right board at the right time.

A Note from Club President Joe Marquez

Hello Bocce Club members, it's been a busy first month on the job! We have had our first Bocce board meeting, Charter club fair, and our first newbie training class. Now that we have our feet wet we would like to play some bocce.

In February our rules and tournament committees will be meeting with board members to set the foundation for our club tournament formats. We met with our maintenance committee and have laid out a to do list and have agreed to work on the list every quarter. Our goal is to keep the courts and area as nice as possible.

Beginning March 4, our new league managers will offer open play times in the morning and early evening for our members. These open play times will offer league play as well as casual play for our members. Schedule will be posted on our club calendar.

Lastly with the growth of the club I would like to form a committee that would consul both me and the board. The makeup of this board would have a mix of new, seasoned and long-standing club members. The only rules are that you have to be open to change, listen to new ideas and able to have frank open discussions with losing your cool. If you're interested please email Joe Marquez

Who's on the court?

Meet players from the newbie Tournament



Rosie Jones is a member of the winning team for the Year End Tournament for Newbees. She recently shared her answers to this fast-answer profile.

Lived where before Sun City	Dallas, Texas
Moved to Sun City for the	Active Senior Lifestyle
Lived in Sun City Since	May 2016
How I discovered the Bocce Club	Playing bocce with neighborhood 58 socials
Favorite Part of Club	Sharing mutual interests with others
Favorite Game Tactic	Do a little dance
Most memorable bocce moment	Watching a neighborhood 58 player win the Club men's championship
I like to volunteer as a	Cheerleader
Bocce and Beer or Bocce and Wine	Neither
I really respect a player who can	play with a handicap



Aggie Lord was a featured player on the runner up team. She was selected as Most Valuable Player in the year end tournament.

Thanks to all of you for your friendliness and the work you put in to keep Bocce a great activity here at Sun City. I moved to Sun City last June I immediately signed on with Sal for his expert Bocce instruction. He really does a great job bringing on players. I knew nothing about the game when I came to the courts in July.

I was really impressed with the turn out and how friendly and helpful everyone was. It is still great fun to play with those who started the same time as I did. I fell in love with the game from day one and signed up for the "Newbee" tournament. WOW! What fun that was. My team mates and I came in second, to a very prestigious and talented team. And I was graciously given the MVP medal, which I will always cherish.

I then began playing with the "real" bocce players.

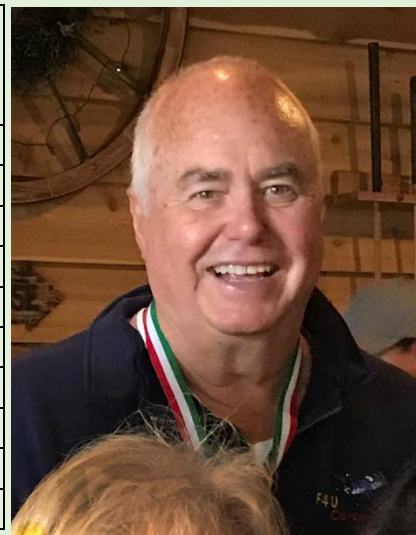
Folks, you just have no idea until you come by the courts and play with these "players", all with years of experience and comradery unequaled.

Needless to say, my goal is to beat every one of them at some time. (Look out :)) What a lofty goal! (they did let me have 6 once)

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Rodney Armstrong is a member of the winning team for the Year End Tournament for Newbees. See what he has to say about consistency.

Lived where before Sun City	Quemado, New Mexico
Moved to Sun City for the	Weather and the lower altitude
Lived in Sun City Since	June 15, 2018
How I discovered the Bocce Club	Took part in the newbie training last year
Favorite Part of Club	Casual Play
Favorite Game Tactic	Right down the middle
Most memorable bocce moment	The first ball of the day was a kiss
Top of my bocce bucket list	Just get consistent
Bocce and Beer or Bocce and Wine	Both sound good to me.
I really respect a player who can	Control the ball consistently



SURVEY

Take the Survey! Your Voice Is Needed To Improve Member Experience

A member survey is available on the website that will help the board determine what needs to happen to improve the Bocce Club members' experience. We encourage each of you to complete the survey so that we can better serve you. To get to the Survey, go to the SCTXCA website, navigate to the Bocce Club, where you will find a Red Alert at the top of the page. Click on it to go to the survey. Remember to click on Submit Survey at the bottom of the page to make your survey count. The survey is open until Feb 28.



The Membership Committee worked "The Charter Club Fair" January 25th. People were attracted to the Bocce table festooned with a hanging banner; custom table cloth; player photos; a new flyer; and, a computer presentation of Bocce player in action. Forty-eight people signed up for lessons, including ten couples. It appears most showed up for the Saturday lesson. Vivian Turco, Committee member and Club Photographer captured prospects experience the joy of joining. More on the website soon. Thanks Vivian.



*Playing Bocce on the courts. Feathers. Beads & Masks.
What more do we need to have a Blast?*

SAVE THE DATE

Come celebrate **MARDI GRAS** with the Bocce Club
March 5th, 2019 at 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Watch for an announcement with full details



Referee Training

Sal Caravello lead a training class of future bocce referees. Yes, he says, referees are not born they're trained. You'll see from these photos that it's not all fun and games. Sal says you have to know the rules and understand the game before you can become a legendary referee.

If you want to be in the next course, contact Sal, and start your way to legendary heights.



The courts are waiting for you to practice while your competition is watching reruns of Heidi. Want to keep the courts looking good? Join the maintenance committee and get to spend some close up, quality time with the courts.



New Procedure For Groups to Share the Courts

New rules for groups using the courts designed to share the courts and give everyone a chance for group play

Now your group can reserve the bocce courts for two-hour blocks. To reserve the courts, use the form shown at the right, It is available on the Bocce Club Website.

Court times will change to take advantage of the seasonal weather and daylight. Earlier times in Jan and Feb for instance, later times during March to October .

Two-hour time slots are shown on the reservation sheet. Please use the time slots as indicated. They have proven to provide good play with considerations to both sun and shade.

The time periods allow us to fill the needs of residents, clubs, groups and members.

For groups with long term reservations, they must be renewed each quarter. You will need to request your courts each Quarter as follows:

MARCH 15th for April, May and June.


JUNE 15th for July, August and September.

SEPTEMBER 15th for October, November and December.

DECEMBER 15TH for January, February and March.

The link for the reservation form is:

<https://www.sctexas.org/Files/Library/27060/COURTRESERVATION.PDF>



Court Reservation Request

The Bocce courts can be reserved in 2-hour time slots which will change according to seasonal weather and daylight. Please refer to the time slots at the bottom of this reservation form when requesting your court reservations as these are the times available. This will allow us to fill the needs of our club and community events. If you have a long-term reservation you will need to request your courts each quarter as follows: on the 15th of MARCH for April, May and June. JUNE 15th for July, August and September. SEPTEMBER 15th for October, November and December. DECEMBER 15TH for January, February and March.

If you would like to reserve the Bocce Courts for either your Neighborhood, Club, or Party, you must fill out the Court Reservation Request below and return to joebbcg@gmail.com.
Please submit your request no later than 2 weeks prior the event date.

Please print clearly and include all requested information

Name/Contact: _____ Title: _____
Club or Neighborhood: _____
Phone Number: _____ E-mail Address: _____
Day of Week _____ Date of Event: _____
No. of Courts: _____ No. of Players _____
Courts can be reserved for **2 hours and repeat for 3 months only**. Please select time below:

January & February Time Slots	March thru October Time Slots	November & December Time Slots	Does This Event Repeat? Yes____ No____
7:00-9:00 AM	7:00-9:00 AM	7:00-9:00 AM	If Yes: Daily Weekly Bi-Weekly Monthly
9:00-11:00 AM	9:00-11:00 AM	9:00-11:00 AM	
11:00 AM- 1:00 PM	11:00 AM- 1:00PM	11:00AM- 1:00 PM	
1:00-3:00 PM	1:00-3:00 PM	1:00-3:00 PM	
3:00-5:00PM	3:00-5:00 PM		
	5:00-7:00 PM		
	7:00-9:00 PM		

ONE OF THE GOALS OF THIS YEAR'S BOARD IS TO INCREASE PLAY ON THE COURTS. WE WANT TO ENCOURGE PLAY AMONG AND FOR MEMBERS BUT WE WANT TO SERVE OTHER COMMUNITIES IN SUN CITY AS WELL. GROUPS THAT USE THE COURTS FOR NEIGHBORHOOD ACTIVITIES, OTHER CHARTERED CLUBS AND GROUPS OFTEN BECOME BOCCE MEMBERS. WE WANT TO BE A CLUB THAT ENCOURAGES OTHERS TO JOIN IN THE FUN.



February 2019

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
OPEN PLAY 1:00 – 3:00 M- Sat		Take the Member Survey on the Club website. Your opinion counts.			1 Newbee Class 19-01	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 Newbee Class 19-01	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 New Resident Orientation	22 Newbee Class 19-02 Starts	23
24	25	26	27	28	March 1 Newbee Class 19-02	
Save The Date March 5 1:00 – 4:00 Mardi Gras		Dress Up! Beads and Candy! Kings Cake with prize for finding 'baby' Plenty of fast-moving bocce!				

Notes

Looks like lots of time to practice, play some one-on-one games with a friend, or even entertain friends at the court. Play, then eat and drink on the patio. Don't forget to welcome new players, invite others to play and mix with others on the courts.