

MARCH 2019 NEWSLETTER

It wouldn't be called March if we were supposed to sit around!

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President Joe challenges Softball Club to play hardball at our field!



Joe Gray and Marty Gelfman fake confidence while considering the challenge to put their skills to the test on the bocce courts. Bill Crist keeps the pressure on. We're gonna win at the negotiations table and on the bocce court!

The gauntlet has been dropped, the Sun City Bocce club has challenged the Sun City softball league to a bocce tournament. In fine style the softballers have already started the lighthearted trash talk. I am looking forward to seeing whether they can throw a hardball (bocce ball) as fast as they can come up with their trash talk.

We're hammering out the details, terms and format of the tournament. I believe a couple meeting at Mulligan's under wet conditions should help us fine tune the details. Stay tuned for more information in the near future. In the meantime keep up the practice, and support your sport!

Flash Reports

Club News. About the Club. About the Sport you need to know

Financial Sue Edwards

We have about \$4,300 cash balance as of 2/15. *

Member Count: 286 proud members. Includes renewals and those joining in 2019.

* Exact amount rounded. To find out to the penny, contact Sue.

Membership Bill Crist

We had 13 prospective members sign up for Bocce training at the New Home Owners Orientation 2/21/19.

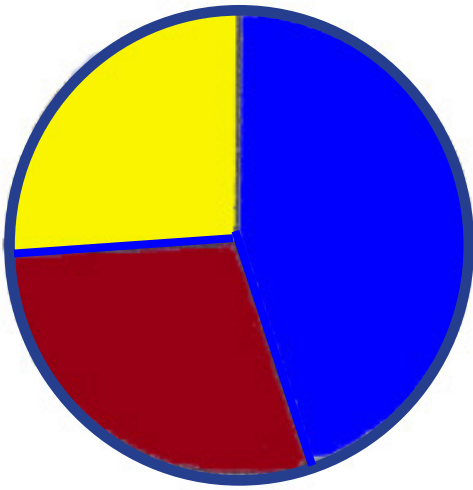
Since the first of the year, we have signed up a total of 62 prospective members, about half of those who signed up have become members.

Two reasons: we've upgraded our recruiting materials to show the fun we're having. AND, we're all out there everywhere recruiting. Recruiting. Recruiting. You do it too!

Bocce Club Survey Results

You spoke, we listened. Here's what you said!

2019 BOCCE CLUB MEMBER SURVEY



Prefer International Rules



Prefer Sun City Rules



No Preference

Watch this space for more results from the survey.

Forty surveys have been received from the Bocce Club Membership. About 20% of the members completed the survey. At the time of the survey we had approximately 200 members; we are now close to 300 members. The survey summary is available on the Bocce Club website.

The board greatly appreciates the responses and is listening to the members. A key issue for members concerned what set of rules would be played at Sun City, below is the result from the survey:

Based on the result, both Sun City Rules and International Rules will be played in the leagues and tournaments. The league or tournament organizer will be responsible for establishing which format will be used. For tournaments with outside clubs, either here or there, International Rules will be played.

Sixty-five percent (65%) of survey respondents indicated that they participated in the open play and nearly 70% play more than 9 times per month. The board feels these are very positive and hope to grow these numbers.

The overwhelming positive comments were that Bocce Club is fun, easy to learn and courts are always available. Comments on desired changes were less focused, but all survey comments will be reviewed and considered by the board.



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

Come celebrate MARDI GRAS with the Bocce Club
March 5th from 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Wear your best Mardi Gras costume if you wish.

We will hand out beads and candy.

There will be a King's Cake on the patio following
three (3) Games of Bocce.

Find a "baby" in your cake — win a prize!

Bring your own drink of choice
Wear Your Name Badge (And Costume)

Bocce People Out and about



If they can't find you they can't join. The membership committee is ready to welcome all and answer questions



Johanna and Chris Balkany learn bocce culture from Membership Chair, Bill Crist



Diana Gorman may be imagining her first bocce kiss as Angelique McIntyre explains the game



Susan Sanchez may be wondering is the palino always red?
Angelique McIntyre, membership committee member gives her a fast answer.



The softball guys already making excuses.



Angelique McIntyre promises Lanelle Fikes that she can attend the Mardi Gras event if she joins the club soon. Bill Crist approves the deal on the spot.

Photos by Vivian Turco

How Can I get involved in the Bocce Club?

President Joe Marquez has ways you can get involved today!



As most of you have already rumored about, we are almost ready to start up a few events and we are in need of some help. The help is in the areas of assistance to a few committees and league play. We are looking for people who would like to help but not necessarily be in charge. Most of these positions are short hours and in some cases 30 minutes of your time once or twice a week. We also have league assistance positions we need to fill that would require 2 hours a week worth of your time. There are volunteer positions for those things you're good at like social committee, communications, web design and league or membership duties. Other volunteer activities depend on those who want to do their share and then go home - things like help at events, some set up or pick up when you attend an event. If you're interested in helping out please email Janet at ladyj99@msn.com.

CURRENT EVENTS:

NEW BEE TRAINING began Friday the 22nd, with a new class of thirteen who have registered, thanks in large part to the efforts of the membership committee. The second class will be held Friday March 1, 2019.

LEAGUE INFORMATION:

A **SWEET SIXTEEN COUPLES LEAGUE** will begin play on Saturday, March 30th, from 10:00am - 12:00pm. We presently have seven couples who have signed up and we have openings for nine more couples. Email Sal Caravello at 93bluetoo@gmail.com if you would like to have a great experience playing Bocce with your partner and meet some other couples. See you on the court!



Everyone Plays Bocce. And there's a league for players just like you.

All this fun and you can leave your pocket protector at home.

THE ADVANCED LEAGUE is scheduled to begin March 4 from noon until 2:00 PM for 5 weeks. if you would like to participate, please send an email to Ron Pontiff (rpontiff@sbcglobal.net)



Anyone can play, but to learn proper form and proper attire, you'll have to take lessons.

A **LADIES LEAGUE** will begin March 21 from 2 - 4 pm. This will be a "Fun Fun Fun" League. We will keep our individual scores but will not make it a competition. We want this to be just an enjoyable afternoon for the Ladies. If this sounds like something you would enjoy being a part of, please send an email to Janet Platteborze at ladyj99@msn.com by March 10th to be included.

We are now signing up members for a **COUPLES LEAGUE** on Thursday nights at 6pm. This will be a casual fun league playing International rules for couples. You will be required to bring your favorite nightcap as we want everyone in the right frame of mind to have fun. This league will be run by Joe Marquez with a start date of March 7th and will run for 8 weeks. Future couples leagues will be set once we get this one worked out. Please RSVP to Joe Marquez at joebbcp@gmail.com.

New Bees

Tomorrow's tough competition

NEW BEE CLASS 19-01: Was the largest class ever. Talk about cold, this class had to endure the worse temperatures yet they showed up no matter what. I have to hand it to them for coming out when it is 30 degrees and days that it was raining. I would come up with a sign to post that we were delaying training and there they were. They are similar to the first class of last year – bad weather, large class, great bonding, and active members. It was my pleasure to be able to work with you and know that you will be active in the club in the years to come.



NEW BEE CLASS 19-02 Began Feb 22. The second class will be held March 1st at 10 am.

WHAT IS NEXT FOR A NEW-BEE ONCE THEY GRADUATE?

If you have not joined the club yet, it is time to do so. There are a lot of exciting things coming up for the members. At graduation we introduced you to two leagues that are ready to go: the Couples League and the Advanced Mixed League. There is an Intermediate Mixed League starting in March. Several graduates immediately signed up to participate in a League.

REUNION FRIDAY: Is every Friday from 10:00am – 12:00pm. When all the new-bees can get together

and play. Good place to practice and the instructors will be available to answer questions and give you some additional suggestions.

OPEN PLAY: Want to play more and have more options, than there is Open Play. It is every day from 1:00pm – 3:00pm. Get a chance to play with more skilled players that welcome the opportunity to help you learn more about our game and the Club. It is also a great way to meet players.

NEW-BEE TOURNAMENT: Class 19-01 will compete against class 19-02. It's in the planning stages, scheduled for March 29 & 30th.

SEE YOU ON THE COURT: If you see a new-bee on the court invite them to play. Take the time out to be courteous and introduce them to the game of Bocce' and our club.

MARCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
24	25	26	27	28	1	2
	1p Daily Play	12p Advance Lec 1p Daily Play	1p Daily Play	1p Daily Play	10a New Bee Tra 1p Daily Play	1p Daily Play
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	12p Advance Lec 1p Daily Play	1p Daily Play	1p Daily Play	12p Ladies Fun L 1p Daily Play 6p Couples Leag	10a New-Bee Toi 1p Daily Play	10a New-Bee Toi 10a Sweet Sixtee 1p Daily Play
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
	8a Daily Play 12p Advance Lec	8a Daily Play	8a Daily Play	8a Daily Play 12p Ladies Fun L 6p Couples Leag	8a Daily Play	8a Daily Play 10a Sweet Sixtee