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# THE BOOK OF BOCCE

The Complete Manual  
containing methods of  
play, scoring and decisive winning.



With arguments both  
affirmative and negative  
for learning this new form of physical activity thought to be a cornucopia of  
healthful benefits

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because of, and intended for the members of the 2019  
Members of the Bocce Club of Sun City Texas.

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## Modern Day Time Capsule Of Bocce life set in Social Center



Left to right: Vivian Turco, Bill Crist, Angelique McIntyre taking a bow for their achievement.

### In the Matter of Money

After counting all the change found on the court and left in the naughty language jar, the Bocce Club has approximately \$3400. It's now safely stored in the CA checking account. Our petty cash (\$218.85) is buried near the courts. Only Treasurer, Sue Edwards has the location map.

If you can't find a partner to play with check the membership list on the website. There are 361 paid members.

Sue also runs the Bocce Store featuring visors and caps and name badges. Order forms are in the shed and on line Please take note to whom to make the check. *Read about the new logo program on Page 6.*

How do you share the excitement of bocce, try to explain the job of a great shot, communicate the joy of landing a game-ending point and help non-players understand why a game played on a large court needs rulers and tape measures.

That's the task we were charged with from the C.A. They said create a display that reflected, to the Sun City Community, what the Bocce Club was all about. The club looked no further than the Membership Committee . They were to design, source and build the display. The Committee decided the theme would revolve around fun and show as many new-bees and members as possible.

Vivian Turco and Angelique McIntyre designed the project and, along with Chairman Bill Crist, installed it Vivian took care of the pictures, which included: enlargement, lettering, and mounting; Angelique procured the Bocce letters and, Bill found the grass. The project will be on display in the Ballroom Lobby until September 27th. Thanks to all for a job well done!

*Visit the social center to see how we're presenting bocce and the club to newbies and residents.*

*Keep your cool and look hot in your bocce hat and or visor. Order on the web or at the shed.*





# Take Care of Yourselves Out On The Court

Good things to remember to keep yourself safe

By Ron Pontiff, Vice President

## Court Safety

The summer heat is a good time to remember bocce court safety. We all must be aware of our surroundings and mindful of the people we are playing with.

Trips and falls are the most common cause of injury on the courts. To reduce the possibility of falls and other injuries, we offer the following rules:

- During play, only the “roller” will be on the court.
- Balls will be returned to the cradles after the completion of each frame.
- Defensive, hard throws will be announced prior to roll to insure awareness by all players.
- All players will stay behind the court backboards, except when rolling, or closest to the palino determination.

The club does have “chicken feet” and ball cradles on risers. Both these items can be used to reduce bending for ball retrieval. The chicken feet are in the shed and the risers are in the plastic storage unit outside the shed. The risers are heavy and should be moved only by capable members. The risers are to be placed on the side of the courts next to the existing ball cradles.



**Safety is everyone's goal in bocce. These new and experienced players will agree.**

They should not be placed on the court lip.

This time of year, heat exhaustion is a real possibility. It can be caused by water or salt depletion. Water depletion symptoms can be as excessive thirst, muscle weakness, headache, and fainting. Salt depletion symptoms include nausea, vomiting, dizziness, and heat cramps. If you suspect heat exhaustion, move to the shade, drink water, wipe down with a cool, damp towel and, lie down with feet elevated. For severe cases of heat exhaustion or heat stroke, call 911.

A first aid kit and Incident/Accident Report forms are located in the shed. The AED (defibrillator) is located between the restrooms next to the Stained-Glass Studio. If 911 is required, report the location as the bocce court behind the Social Center at 2 Texas Drive. The Incident/Accident Report forms should be filled out for all incidents of injury or illness.

**Have fun and be safe.**



“Do you play safely every time you play?”  
“Really? “ “I’ll know if you don’t.”

“It’s just a friendly game.  
What could happen?”

Designed by Vecteezy



## Chapter Two The Year So Far viewed from the front of the ship

The Board looks at where we are at mid year. It's been a very good year!  
**So far this year, I've been very proud of the way...**



**Joe Marquez**

... club members participated in our various leagues. We have had over 100 players in our leagues. This is well over last year. In addition, I am proud of the "newbees" playing. They are skilled and playing in open play as well as leagues. Hat's off to the members who have helped them become the players that they are.  
Bill Crist - Membership Chair

...SC Bocce Club's membership numbers have grown by leaps and bounds.

Sue Edwards - Treasurer

...I have to discuss positive ways to manage our growing clubs issue with our membership, our members all have opinions I am grateful for their suggestions  
Joe Marquez - Club President.

...grown, and how everyone seems to be getting very involved.

Janet Platteborze - Secretary

....member participation has increased. One of my original goals was inclusion. Based on the advanced league demographics; 28 participants are made up of 9 women and 10 new-bee's we are getting there. Ron Pontiff - Vice President

**Don't ask me about...**

... Sun City Rules and International Rules anymore. It's just the way it is. We need both games because of our diverse membership and members can pick the game that suites them. The idea is to have fun!

Bill Crist - Membership Chair



**Bill Crist**

## Club Moves to Become BocceWood of Texas With Bocce Film.

The board has approved development of a training movie that highlights the bocce club and its members. Dick Billows and Sherry Nogle will be filming the



video featuring live action footage showing, not telling, people how to play.

We want the movie to be funny and entertaining. So, the action footage will include the typical banter between players. Humorous and incorrect com-

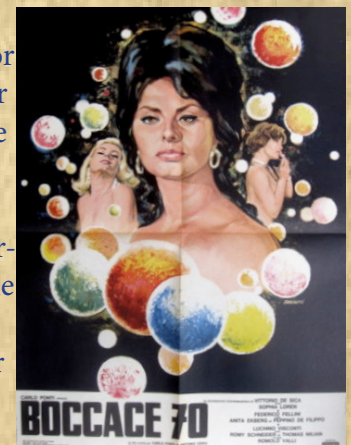
ments about our little red ball are fair game. Let your movie persona come forward, create a stage name, or a semi-fictional character or even a fantasy character. We want you to be bigger than life.

We'll sprinkle these humorous elements throughout the movie. The sky's the limit, nothing is too silly, weird or too strange as long as it is funny and 15 seconds long.

To be street legal we need permission to use every "actor's" image. Anyone who wishes to appear in the movie (and we hope lots of you will), must sign a release. You will receive \$1 as full consideration for that release.

The movie will be done to *YouTube* standards so people can access it at home, from their cellphones, cars and watch it anywhere and anytime they want.

The premier plans have not been completed other than covering one court in bright red carpet.



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**Janet Platteborze**

...lights on the courts anymore. It's just the way it is. Joe Marquez - Club President

... how I do it all. Janet Platteborze - Secretary

... "kissing" anymore. It's just the way it is. Ron Pontiff - Vice President

## surprised me ...

By being so helpful and friendly with all the newcomers  
Joe Marquez - Club President

...by how supportive and understanding the membership has been while the new board goes through its learning curve. Ron Pontiff - Vice President

... by so many new-bees being pro-active and joining leagues, open play, and social events, and by so many Long Time players being so inviting to these new players, and helping them grow and learn.

Janet Platteborze - Secretary

...by stepping forward and volunteered. Examples being the many league managers, helping clean up after events, etc.

Sue Edwards - Treasurer



**Ron Pontiff**

## I'm looking forward to...

...End of the Year Tournaments. I think we will have something for everyone. For those who like competition, this your opportunity to shine!

Bill Crist - Membership Chair

The fall social events we have planned, as well as the year end tournaments.

Janet Platteborze - Secretary

## I still struggle with...

...with controversy over International rules and Sun City rules, I enjoy playing them both and think that there is room for both at our club. Part of the issue is that there are several differences of opinion, in our club, on what

International rules are. The first step has been taken by creation of the "Rules of Play", we will continue evolving the international rules as membership consensus dictates.

Ron Pontiff - Vice President

## I have really enjoyed...

... meeting so many new people in Sun City this year. Many of those people have been in the Bocce Club but have also met so many people volunteering for COPS, Lifestyles and the Computer Help Desk. My second year living in Sun City has not been nearly as lonely as my first.

Sue Edwards - Treasurer

...being secretary of this great club, and social committee organizer.

Janet Platteborze - Secretary

Being so helpful and friendly with all the newcomers

Joe Marquez - Club President



## New Logo Program Fits to a T



Imagine the perfect Sun City Club logo program. You'd have wide choice so there would be a logo item that fits your style, is in the right color, is just your size, is easy to order and is local.

Well it's true, the board has found a supplier who meets our requirements. As long as your choice is one of the thousands of items they offer. Or put the logo on your own cap, shirt or towel. We've worked to make the logo a size that will work on many items to keep costs down.

Working with Bell Dry Cleaners, you order your items, selecting size and color where appropriate. They order it, apply our new logo, you pick it up and feel proud supporting the club. If you want a logo on your lucky shirt or socks, Bell can do it for you. The price is \$9.95 per logo. We think it's reasonable. Doesn't require a minimum order and offers us access to more products than we could buy and stock.

We're proud to work with a local supplier with great customer service. Bell Dry Cleaners is in Georgetown at 3803 Williams Drive. 512-863-6877



# Around the Court

## It's getting Pretty social around here

Saturday Fun Pairs brought out some new players and showed them the fun that comes with mixed play.



Connie Harkless and George Bartulevicz size up the court and opponents at Saturday Fun Pairs. Keeping hydrated was a task some took to better than others.



Above. Connie Harkless and George Bartulevicz on the next court are David Duffey and Kay Lovelace. That's Linda in the photo upper right taking aim on a smooth roll. Immediate Right: Dale Mitchell and Sherry Duffey watch the action.

Photos by Vivian Turco





# Around the Court

## It's a hot social season around here

### Sunshine Hotdogs and Rainbows

Perfect theme for a great event. While you were watching reruns of Bowling For Dollars, we had full court capacity of bocce players, hot dog eaters and rainbow watchers. Come join the bocce fun.



Some photos of daily play. You get good by playing and practicing well. Talk around the patio table switches between talk of the best exercises for warm up and the best beer or wine to go with bocce.



1. Laugh now at their opening exercises and cry later when they outscore you. See the exercise charts on the website. 2 The moves are subtle, but important. On the left notice the use of hands, a quick sock pull, focus of eyes, and the turn of the knee. On the right you see the often practiced but seldom perfected: The Mulligan 12 oz. curl. 3 Vocal are Shimmy Shimmy(pause) Shake Shake. The tremble is optional. Notice the floating blue balls. It's called reverse juggling.

Photos by Vivian Turco



# Mr and Mrs Bocce Answer your Questions about Bocce and Kissing



I wouldn't say bocce is an important part of our life. I'd say it is our life. We know bocce -front to back - top to bottom. Do it our way, that's the way to fun and a better life.

Dear Mr and Mrs Bocce,  
*Perhaps you can settle a conflict that has our neighborhood divided. As it often occurs in a competitive game, a rather roughly thrown defensive ball can upset a set of expertly thrown balls in a tight scoring pattern. That should be enough to reprimand the neighbors, but we're willing to overlook that because they bring a rather perky refreshing wine and make bacon crack by the basket. No, our issue is that these ragamuffin shots often send the palino out of the court. With the palino out of the court, how do we score the game? Do we measure from where the palino was before the roll or do we measure from where the palino lands even if lands in an unkempt garden of non-playing stuffies.*  
Signed, Reginald & Regina King

Dear R & R King

While wine can sometimes overcome the distance between neighbors, we must caution you against a manners mistep in mixing wine and bacon crack. The necessity of offering linen napkins to prevent a messy

stain on bocce balls or one's bocce costume can create a hardship on players. Balancing a napkin, a stemmed glass and a plate of bacon crack while rolling can affect play and could be the cause of over dramatic play. But the answer to your scoring question is quite simple. If the palino leaves the court, the game is over and declared as no score. Share the news with your neighbors.  
M&MB

Dear Mr and Mrs Bocce,

*We ask your services in resolving a conflict at the club. Can a ball be launched via foot. Your answer could actually change the standings of the Men's Serious Series, One player dropped the ball as he rolled. It fell and hit the toe of his steel-toe sneakers and bounced neatly next to the palino in what we call a kiss position. We were unable to persuade him it was a dead ball. But he insisted and we gave him two points since neither a fiver nor a sawbuck would pass between the ball and the palino.*  
Signed Col. RGB VanMonitor

Dear RGB VanMonitor

We try not to get in debates on interClub questions. But because this is crystal clear we'll make a statement. We did allow one team to use their heads in a socccer-like move to put balls in play. They only played once. Now we adhere to the rule of hands only. No foot hitting no matter what the footwear. Re-score and put your currency back in your wallet. M&MB

Dear Mr and Mrs Bocce,

*We know the tradition that when a team doesn't score they're to kiss Fanny. If it's not too indelicate to ask, does that mean any fanny, anyone named Fanny or a fanny on the winning side? My wife is named Fanny and we're often inconvenienced at all times of the day by losing teams. Is there a remedy? Signed Fanny and Frank*

Dear Fanny and Frank

Sounds like you're surrounded by a bunch of losers. Many neighborhoods and clubs have big training programs and workshops to help players improve their play. Clubs without a member named Fanny make due with a photo of the original Fanny. Suggest that!

Mr & Mrs Bocce





# Old Fashion Fun on the Bocce Courts

Keep up with the website to keep up with the fun

## August

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