

adventures in

BOCCELAND



Sun City, Texas

The Ultimate destination for those seeking fun, group play and competition in the beautiful hill country. Come for a game, stay for a league. Bocceland - where history rolls by like a pallino.

Visit BOCCELAND as a member of the Sun City Texas Bocce club via
THE OCTOBER NEWSLETTER 2019

There's always something happening in BOCCELAND



Learn more about these colorful people and what they do for fun.



What is this Bocceland national treat? Learn how the Boccelanders eat it.



Visit the historic Bocceland courts and learn the plans they have to improve them.

Visit BOCCELAND It's economically stable and affordable

Treasurer Report: The last official count put the Bocce Club Membership at 414 paid members.

The club is in good standing with \$3,382.80 USD in its checking account with the CA, after August expenses.

Petty cash has been used very little so far this year. There is \$203.66 in Petty Cash as of August 31, 2019.

I have a favor to ask. When requesting reimbursement for money you spend for the Bocce Club, please include with your request the original receipt(s) or a very clear copy of the receipt, make sure the price(s), tax(es), and total are very clear. These receipts are turned in with the "Request for Reimbursement Form" if the amounts are not clear I cannot fill out the form thus the CA will not reimburse your expense.

Direct from the National Treasurer of the Sun City Bocce Club, Sue Edwards.



BOCCELAND: a land of festivals.

Whether it's finding pine cones in the shape of US presidents or the summer cooking eggs on the bocce courts Bocceland is one festival after another. Recent social and cultural events have included Patriots Day (9/11) and Welcome Fall. Note the colorful national costumes and fine-fitted, sturdy footwear. According to custom the national costumes are not home made but store purchases.



Don't mistake bright colors and smiles for lack of patriotism. Patriot Day holds solemn memories for these patriots. Sure sitting and watching is fun, but all eyes are on the bocce pros when the games begin. Most vacation packages include a complimentary game of bocce with a teacher on the tourist bunny court. Check with your travel agent.



BOCCELAND comes alive in Autumn

The Bocceland Bow

You'll see it everywhere. Boccelanders bow to greet visitors, to show respect to others and to say thanks when accepting a welcoming cocktail or apple pie. They say it comes from the posture of launching a bocce ball.



Welcome fall

It only comes once a year and signals the end of the Hot Spell, so it's a big deal in Bocceland. It's celebrated with bocce, hydrating elements and lots of apple pie cooked in the open sun.

Travel Tip Try Ice Cream on your pie. Made with local milk and sweetened with sugar. Then frozen. You'll say, "Mmm Wholesome!"



BOCCELAND: A Sports Paradise

Bocce is the national sport of Bocceland.

When you visit Bocceland expect to see Bocce. Social, friendly, neighborhood, league and advanced combat levels. In the scheme of things you can find players who enjoy Sun City rules and International rules. Other rules may exist but they are only talked about by consenting players. Here's a list of what's happening now. Participants are encouraged and spectators are welcome.



Mixed leagues:

Mixed Advanced League

Ron Pontiff is the organizer for the advanced tournament.

The top ten ranked players through this year's leagues will automatically advance to the championship tournament on October 23 – 25, starting at 1:00 P.M. Plan to be at the qualification tournament on October 21 – 22, starting at 1:00 P.M. which will decide the remaining 6 to compete in the championship.

Mixed Intermediate League

Grady Jones is the organizer for the intermediate tournament. The top ranked players from this year's leagues will advance into the championship tournament on October 28 – 30.

Watch the weekly reminder email blasts to get details on the starting time.



Women's Championship Tournament:

The Manager for the Women's Championship is John Shideler. If you would like to participate in the tournaments, please email John Shideler at shadraski@yahoo.com

- 10/10 - Seeding Tournament and Social, 10AM - This will be a one day, three game set to determine the top 10 seeds for the Ladies Championships. The 10 highest scorers will go on to the Tournament. Any ties will be settled by Win/Loss record.
- 10/21-10/22 (if needed), 10AM - Qualifying Tournament for those ladies who did not make the top 10 scorers to advance to the Championships and those others who did/could not make the qualifying rounds. This will be a double elimination tournament with the top six (6) players going on to the 16-person Championship Bracket.
- 10/23-10/25 (if needed), 10AM - Sun City Ladies Championships. This will be a 16-person, double elimination tournament. We will try not to play more than three games a day. Officials will be on each court. They will pick-up and rack balls, determine and post the scores.



Best of Sun City Championship Roll Off:

Top 2 Players from the Advanced, Intermediate and Ladies Leagues will meet in a "Play-Off" for the Bocce Club Traveling Trophy. The event will take place November 1, with a Nov 2 reserved roll off, play off day. Watch for the announcement in the Bocce Club Weekly Reminder so you'll be there to see the best players playing their best. Too bad the USA owns the term SuperBocce. That's what this event is- SuperBocce

Travelers Tip We caution tourists not to be taken in by invisible parking lot and box seat ticket scams sometimes seen at top sporting events. Bocceland looks out for tourists with strict no fleece laws. Note that individuals running an empty corn dog scandal last year were sentenced to community service that included court maintenance duties and restrictions against ownership of air-frying appliances and large quantities of mustard.

BOCCELAND: Building for the future



Capital Improvements Update:

Several capital improvement projects are being considered or are in work:

David Hahn, Director of Facilities was contacted for input and status.

Project 1, Moving the benches on the shed side of the courts, is being evaluated by facilities. Additional hard surface is needed to gain the room to reposition the benches. No decision has been made on the type of surface that will be used. This project is holding up the Bocce Club internal project of expanding the shed.

Projects 2 and 3 are adding lights and adding fans. The Board has not submitted proposals to the Property and Grounds (P&G) Committee for these two Projects. A decision must be made on submitting two single proposals or a combined proposal. The Facilities Department has already submitted their 2020 Budget. This could prevent either of these projects from being completed.

Mr. Hahn did explain that the major issues for completion of these projects are adding additional electrical power (currently there is only one circuit run to the courts) and the ability of the shade structure to support lights and fans. The manufacturer of the structures will need to review the specifications and submit a report.

The goal for submittal of the project proposal(s) to William Blodgett, P&G Chairperson is the end of October.

Travelers Tip - SOUVENIRS-

It wouldn't be travel without them. But be official, buy only genuine Bocceland brand. Working with Bell Embroidery, you order, choosing size and color where appropriate. They get it, apply our new logo. You pick it up, and pay. Then feel proud supporting the club. Or turn your own stuff into an official Bocceland souvenir. Bring in your own lucky shirt or travel pack. Bell can add a logo on it for you. The price is \$9.95 US Dollars per logo. It's reasonable, and offers access to more products than we could buy and stock without minimum orders. Bell Cleaners, 3803 Williams Dr. # A Georgetown, Texas (512) 863-6877

Note -Bocceland does not limit the number, size or weight of the souvenirs you can order or pack. The more you buy the happier you are, and the longer you'll remember your trip to Bocceland. Hurry and order now. Bocceland is considering legislation requiring tourists to wear Bocceland Logo apparel during their whole stay.

OCTOBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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