

# Holiday Specials

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## BocceBiz



*The December Newsletter of the Sun City Bocce Club*

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**Happy Holidays To One and All !!!**

# MEET YOUR BOCCE CLUB LEADERS THEIR GOAL IS TO MAKE IT A GREAT YEAR FOR YOU

**It is official, Sun City Bocce Club has selected its new board for 2020. Below are their biography's written in their own words. They are presented in alphabetical order:**

**Trish Bryans, 2020 Member-at-Large,** Membership: I came to the USA two years ago from Newcastle in north-east England – the home of Newcastle Brown Ale and miles of beautiful sandy beaches which unfortunately are usually too cold to play on. I'm here to be nearer to my son who has lived in America for 11 years and is a police officer in Austin. I retired early from my job lecturing in management and leadership at an English uni-retirement and favorite English all. When I came myself I would try every year, so I in August 2018 game. I helped committee this to welcoming friendly, sociable

Support your board  
it takes a lot of  
volunteers to create  
the kind of club we  
all have in mind.

versity. I'm loving my since Amazon sells my tea, I'm not homesick at to Sun City I promised a brand new activity did my Bocce training and just loved the on the membership year and look forward new members to this club again in 2020.

**Patti Clark, 2020 Treasurer:** I moved here 1 ½ years ago. My husband and I took "Sal's newbie class" and were immediately taken with all the friendly people we met. Sal was so enthusiastic about bocce that we caught the "fever" too. We even participated in the intermediate league! I have been the treasurer of other organizations before I came here, and when there was an open position on the board for treasurer, I was happy to serve. With the continued growth of the club, I hope to help in any way I can. Looking forward to meeting you on the courts.

**Paul Fisch, 2020 Vice President:** I was raised in LeMars, Iowa. Went to University of Iowa for undergraduate degree. Then to Texas State University for graduate degree in healthcare management. Worked for the Department of Veteran's Affairs for 38 years. Moved to Sun City in 2008 and it's the best move I've ever made. Fell in love with bocce and truly enjoy the people who play. Looking forward to finding ways to make the club even more enjoyable.

**Grady Jones, 2020 Board member at large – Leagues and Tournaments:** I was born and raised in Austin Texas. I have been married to Rosie Jones for 29 years and I have two daughters. Lynn D'ann Jones lives in Austin and Alicia Gail Irlbeck lives in Leander. We have 5 grandchildren. We moved to Dallas because of work and lived in Dallas for 30 years. I attended the University of Texas at Austin. I worked for Chase Bank for

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## Opportunity To Shine

*It's your chance to make  
the club better for all*



**Share the fun. Grow the club.** Two or Three volunteers are needed to help Trish set up Display Case 5 in the Texas Drive Social Center Lobby. The Bocce Club has been selected for the display for the first quarter, 2020. The display cannot be set up before Monday, January 6 and must be taken down on or before March 29, 2020. If you would like to help, please email Trish Bryans at [trishbryans@hotmail.com](mailto:trishbryans@hotmail.com).

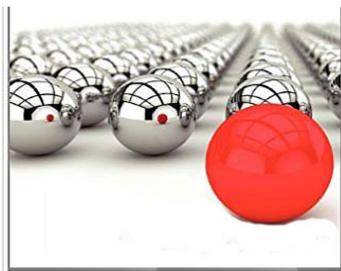


**And it takes something else to wear this at the court. Shirt is made from fresh bamboo with a splash of gluten for starch. Sized in only large, more than large and really big. it's the kind of shirt you grow out of. Sold for novelty purposes only. Get Several!! \$50.99**

## THE BOARD SPENT A LIFETIME GETTING READY FOR THIS YEAR

43 years as a Technology project manager. I am a Project management professional or 'PMP'. Rosie and I moved to Sun City in May 2017 and we live in neighborhood 58. We started playing bocce ball with our neighborhood in October of 2017. I am generally a very competitive player but also appreciate the fact that bocce ball can be played in a social atmosphere. Rosie and I managed the 2019 Competitive Intermediate league and I am currently a Board member at large – Leagues and Tournaments. Other clubs or activities in Sun City are Golf, Computer Club and the Horticulture club

**Julie Lemen, 2020 Member-at-Large, Webmaster:** I have lived in Sun City for a year and have been playing Bocce almost as long. My husband and I moved here after I retired as a Software Engineer in the public sector. I would like to see more participation in open play and pick up games.



**Janet Platteborze, 2020 Secretary:** I have lived in Sun City for 5 years, as of 12/31/19. I am divorced and have two grown Sons, one in Chicago, and one in Seattle, I have 4 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. My neighbor, Steve Mellinger, invited me to play Bocce with the neighborhood group, they taught me the essentials, and I fell in love with the game. In 2017, Sherry Nogle asked me to be her Web Administrator. I started working on the Web Site in July of 2017 and continued thru 2018. I was selected Secretary for the 2019 Board and will continue as the Secretary for 2020. We had a very busy, fun year. I hope everyone has been satisfied and will continue to be members of our Great Club. My hopes for the future of Bocce is that we continue to grow, and flourish as a club. I hope for more participation from more of the newer members in all the meetings, social events, and leagues.

**Ron Pontiff, 2020 President:** I worked as an industrial engineer, project manager and manager in the aerospace industry for 36 years. My wife, Robin, and I moved to Sun City 3 years ago. We have one son, daughter-in-law and two grand-kids. We took Sal's second newbie class in 2018. That year, we both enjoyed the socials and open play. I served as Vice President in 2019. My goal is to keep the fun in bocce and to be the voice of the majority of the club. My vision is that each board member be highly visible in bocce daily activities and special events.

**Susan Schmidt, 2020 Member-at Large, Social Director:** My husband, Rick, and I moved to Sun City in late 2016. Native Texans, we were thrilled to get back to Texas after 20 years living in Massachusetts (5 years) and Oklahoma. We've been married 48+ years, joined Bocce in 2017. We enjoy playing when we can and visiting with other Bocce players. As Social Chair, I would love to see new players working with me on the committee!!

## Learn new rolls Break bad habits 2020 Training Schedule



### Training Schedule: Training for 2020

starts January 25th Saturday at 10:00am to 12:Noon. again on the 31st and graduates on February 7th. The trainers for 2020 are Sal Caravello, Grady Jones and Jeff Jeffreys. There will be additional classes starting Friday, February 21st, May 22nd, August 21st and November 19th. Check the yearly schedule on the bill board at the courts.



### Great for Team Training!

Bocce Chicken-Flavored Rewards are a great way to say, "great roll" or "Thanks for not stepping on my toes when you roll"

Just what you need when you change sides during a match. Or when you want to say, 'see you after the match!' Easier than brownies for pot lucks, and league treats. Cage-free chicken flavor for the great taste of fresh bocce balls.

Ingredients made for human consumption.  
Available in 50 lb bags. \$55



## BOCCE CLUB CELEBRATES OUR VETERAN HEROES

Ron Pontiff

Last month, America celebrated their veterans. Sun City's Bocce Club has many of these heroes among our membership. They have served in peace time and in conflicts from WW II through Desert Storm. I have talked to several about their stories from flying F-4's, piloting helicopters for the Green Beret, to serving in the Marine Corp's Recon. I was so inspired I asked that our members share some of their stories. Below are some of these stories:



Lt. Col. Jim Rankin retired from USAF after 22 years, Jan. 1959 to Aug. 1980. His favorite assignments were flying C-141 worldwide and AC-119 gunship in Viet Nam. Major awards included the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal with 6 Oak leaf Clusters.

Viet Nam veteran, Petty Officer First Class Henry B Chalmers III served in the Navy for 18 years on active duty and in the reserves from 1962 to 1997. Serving on the USS Ocean-graphic

Ship, Chauvenet, was Henry's favorite assignment. Major Awards/Medals received were the National Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal and Qualified Certificates on 3 Submarines: USS Sailfish (SS572), USS Entemedor (SS-340), and the USS James K Polke. He also served on the Guided Missile Destroyer USS Coontz DLG-9.

Air Force Staff Sergeant Jim Sandham served from 1970 to 1975. Jim's favorite assignment was as a Weather Observer stationed at England AFB in Alexandria Louisiana for 2 1/2 years and at Torrejon Air Base, a joint Spanish & American air base, in Madrid Spain for 2 years, which is where he met his wife, Sergeant Val Sandham. Val served in the Air Force from 1971 to 1975. She was in the Air Weather Service and served as a Weather Observer at Peterson Field AF Base in Colorado Springs and Torrejon AF Base in Madrid, Spain.

Petty Officer Second Class Sal Caravello served in the Navy for four years active duty and two years inactive reserve starting in 1962. Sal's favorite assignment was at Camp Perry, Ohio where he set up and broke down for the 1963 National Rifle Association National Matches in Sandusky. PO2 Caravello served during Viet Nam Era and the Cuban Missile Crisis in the Commander Service Forces US Atlantic Fleet, MOTU 2. Major Awards/Medals received were Good Conduct Award, National Service Medal, Viet Nam Era Award.

Retired Command Sergeant Major (E-9), Donald Carnesi served in the US Army for 20 years from 1971 to 1991. Don started in Infantry and retired from Quartermaster.

MSgt David Lampl retired from the Air Force in 2000 after 21 years of service. The Sergeant's principle or favorite assignment was Communications Project Manager. David participated in Desert Shield/Desert Storm. He was awarded AF Meritorious Service and Commendation Medals. He originally entered service for education and was able to get three degrees while serving. The degrees and training in project management allowed David a second career at Travis County in Austin for 19 years, retiring as Director of the Project Management Office in December 2019 Aug. 1980. His favorite assignments were flying C-141 worldwide and AC-119 gunship in Viet Nam. Major awards included the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal with 6 Oak leaf Clusters.

Army Chief Warrant Officer Dale McJunkin served as a Helicopter Pilot (UH-1h, CH-47) for 6 years starting in 1970. Dale flew in all 4 regions of Viet Nam. His CH-47 was shot down resupplying a South Vietnamese unit that was surrounded and needed fuel for vehicles. The entire crew of 5 was able to exit the aircraft with few injuries when the CH-47 crashed landed. This was his first mission after being in country for only a week. Things were much less eventful after that. Major Awards/Medals received were Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal with V device.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## NO TICKETS OR COUPONS NEEDED

**Couples Fun League:** 14 bocce members met at the Retreat back patio fire pit for drinks, snacks and socializing. Our next gathering is December 5 at 5:30. Thursday couples are invited to attend.

### Hi there interested in playing International Rules in an



**open play format,** well there is a SIG within our Bocce' Club that does just that. A SIG what is that exactly? It is simply a Special Interest Group within a club dedicated to a specific thing for us it is International Rules, that is all we play. We are part of the club and function accordingly, again we simply play what we like to call "Pure Bocce"

hence our name. Pure Bocce' SIG.

Presently we have twenty-nine members and all club members are welcome to participate. We are also fair weather Bocce' players and only play twice a year. We play in the spring in April and May and again in September and October for a total of ten weeks. It is open play so no obligation and just show up pull your number and we will select the lane you will be playing on. We rotate each week so everyone gets to play and meet everyone. Better still we utilize the patio area for fellowship and wine/cheese. We share how many games you have won during the ten week period, so that we could have a tournament at the end of the season.

The Pure Bocce' SIG has two co leaders, Sal Caravello and Brenda Spencer. Interested? Contact us and we will have you playing international and drinking wine in no time.....

**Reunion Friday: Every Friday from 10:00am to 12:Noon** is open play on courts 7 and 8 for newbie's. Here is a perfect time to practice what you have learned in your training class and play with other newbie's that are working on their skills. Learn from each other and while instructors are on the courts. Sign up to play in a league see Grady Jones, anytime we both will be there for you.

**The Bocce Club has formed a Special Interest Group called "The Bocce Lifestyle"** to use the talents and creativity of our club members to expand and enhance our enjoyment. The Bocce Lifestyle Home page and calendar of events and classes can be found at Bocce Facebook Group. Become a member and get notices of all our events. If you would like to be part of the Bocce Lifestyle SIG and do NOT use Facebook, please email boccejulie@gmail.com. We will make sure you receive the Lifestyle updates.



**The Veterans' Day Bocce and Chili cookoff** was rescheduled to Nov 20. Over 20 people came out and enjoyed a morning of Bocce and then judged the chili cookoff. The Crazy Chili Cooks, Sherry Nogle and Linn Vernier, wowed the crowd and won the chili cook-off. If you get a chance, taste it! You'll be wowed as well!



### **BocceBIZ introduces Palino Socks**

Keep your eye on the prize and the palino at your feet.



They have been approved for game play and designated as 'lucky wear' by many bocce pro players.

For extra luck sew a pom on each toe. Get 'em with the Sun City logo to show your team spirit. \$25 each sock. Save on a pair \$49.95



*2019 Bocce Holiday Gala*

*Sunday, December 15, 2019*

*6:00 pm*

*Lone Star Room at the Retreat*

*Dinner Service Catered by Double Sky Catering*

*Choice of Entrée*

*Beef Medallions with brown gravy*

*or*

*Chicken Breast with cranberry sauce*

*or*

*Pork Loin with raspberry sauce*

*Sides Green Beans w/ almonds and Rosemary Potatoes*

*Desert Lemon Bars or Chocolate Bundt Cake*

*Unsweet tea/water*

*Cost \$15 per person*

*Tickets go on Sale Thru December 6, 2019*

*Get your Tickets Early Tickets are limited to 120 Members*

*Buy your tickets at the Sun City Community Association Office or Online at the SCTX web portal under Bocce Holiday Party*

*League Play Awards will be presented*



**The view  
from here**  
*Joe Marquez,  
President*

**If I were starting again, I'd** organize more spring leagues

**With the time I used to spend as a President, I'm going** to build ramps for people who need them.

**What we taught Sun City about bocce** It's about friends

**Next year they should continue** - and expand the couple leagues

**I wish we had more socials/leagues/tournaments/members/volunteers/ like Volunteers like** Sue Edwards, Mr & Mrs Crist



*The Way I saw it!*  
*Janet Platteborze,  
Secretary*

**With the time I used to spend as a board member, I'm going to** —let go of more now that I have a Web Admin—

**What we taught Sun City about bocce** —How much fun this game could be and how supportive we are of each other-

**I wish we had more socials/leagues/tournaments/members/volunteers/ like**—Susan Schmidt

**My personal bocce T-shirt should say** \_\_\_\_\_  
Greatest Bocce Secretary EVER

**If you have volunteered for a position on the board,** be active, be prominent, and show up to as many of the social events and meetings as possible.

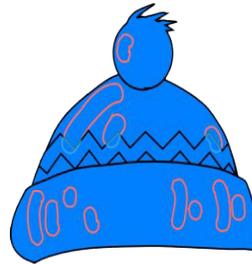
**Wow, I'm glad we tried**\_\_\_Cooking hot dogs and hamburgers at the courts

**Next year they should continue** —Great Social Events and charitable get togethers—



*From Where I  
sit.*  
*Sue Edwards,  
Treasurer*

**My wish for next year's board is**\_\_ The membership continues to grow with that I hope there will be more participation by the long-time members and well as the new members.



*My Point of  
View*  
*Ron Pontiff,  
Vice President*

**What we taught Sun City about bocce** A club can grow and still maintain a small club feel—

**My personal bocce T-shirt should say**\_ Bocce Legend

**I thought I knew Bocce, but this year I learned** Defensive Rolls are more important than putting all your balls close to the pallino

**Wow, I'm glad we tried** Combining Both International and Sun City Rules in the Advanced League\_

**One tip I'd pass on to the new board is** Remember who we are representing

**Next year they should continue** Maintaining the fun and social aspects of the club, changing only those things required due to the significant growth

**I'll always thank** Janet and Bob Lull and John Shideler for guiding me on how to form and run leagues and tournaments-



# December

Sun	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Daily Play	3	4	5	6	7
	1p Daily Play 4p N16 6 Courts	10a Ladies Open 1p Daily Play 4p N59 with Pat.	1p Daily Play 3p N50 6 Courts	1p Daily Play 5:30p Thursday	1p Daily Play	1p Daily Play
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**Nighttime Play?** No need to stay home and wish. Glow-In-The-Dark bocce set from your friends at Bocce BIZ.

You'll learn to play with the wobble roll after only a few evenings. Or leave the batteries out and they roll naturally.

Set -no batteries- \$25



**Say it loud!** But read between the lines. Many club members say you can love your wife and be a great social and league player.

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I love my wife T Shirt \$25  
I love my husband Shirt \$1

Buy one, get two free



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If you like to place your shots and keep 'em that way.

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