



March 2020 Newsletter

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A few words from Ron Pontiff – President

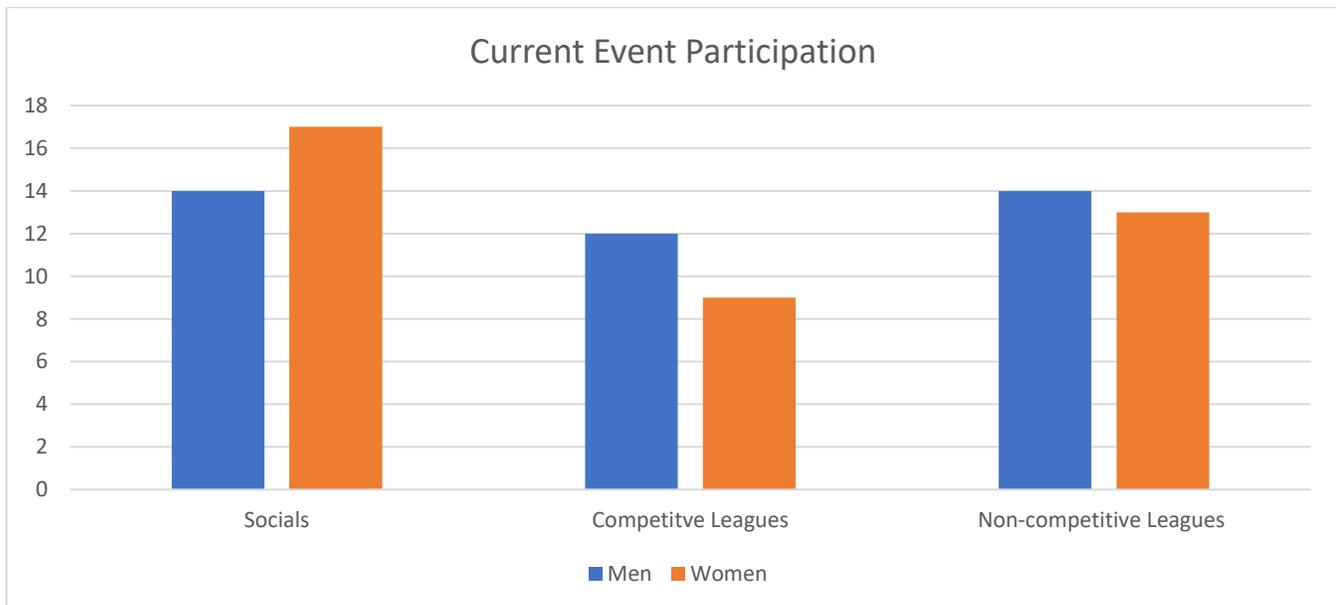
The results of the Bocce Membership Survey are in. Forty-Four (44) members responded to the survey. This represented about 15% of the membership, at the time of the survey.

One of the intents of the survey was to determine what women and men each want from the club. Twenty-one (21) women and Twenty-three (23) men responded. Survey demographics are as follows:

		Years as a member							
		Less than 1 year	1 to 5 years	More than 5 years	Completed Training		Rules Preference		
#	Yes				No	Sun City	International	No Preference	
Female	21	6	14	1	16	5	5	5	10
Male	23	2	17	4	15	8	7	6	9
Totals	44	8	31	5	31	13	12	11	19

Thirty (30) of the Forty-four respondents participate in open play. Five (5) of the non-participants felt the time was not convenient or had scheduling conflicts. Three (3) did not feel welcomed by the participants. Injuries, lack of experience and preference for other Bocce activities accounted for four (4) reasons for non-participation.

All but 1 responder participates in other club sponsored events. She does participate in Open Play. The majority of the responders participate in two to five events per month (16 women and 10 men) The following chart breaks out the types of events:



As stated earlier in this article, the purpose of the survey was to determine the desires of its membership. Membership desires can be viewed as follows:

	Women		Men		Total	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
Competitive Pairs	3	14%	10	43%	13	30%
Non-competitive Pairs	8	38%	11	48%	19	43%
Competitive Ladies	7	33%			7	33%
Non-competitive Ladies	10	48%			10	48%
Competitive Men			7	30%	7	30%
Out-of-State Tournaments			1	4%	1	4%
Local Tournaments	2	10%	7	30%	9	20%
Neighborhood Challenges	9	43%	11	48%	20	45%
None	3	14%	3	13%	6	14%

The good news is that the Board has implemented or is working on the most desired; Non-competitive Pairs, Non-competitive Ladies and Neighborhood

Challenges. Competitive Pairs, Competitive Ladies and Competitive Men are being evaluated.

Question 12 asked “what you like about the club”. Twenty responses liked the friendly helpful people; ten just love to play bocce; nine loved the social events and non-competitive leagues; 5 liked the competitive leagues; 2, beautiful environment and one loved playing with the grandkids.

The last question asked the members about changes they would like to see in 2020. Ten responses said do nothing different. Three wanted more participation from the club membership. Two felt there were too many leagues, wanted more non-competitive pairs and “fun” stuff.

There were also questions about facility improvements like lighting, benches spectator benches at court 8, shed improvements. The Board is working on facility improvements, including some of those mentioned. We will update the membership periodically through-out the year.

Below are responses to specific concerns:

Concern 1: I like individual scoring instead of team scoring. **Response:** Individual scoring has been experimented with over the last two years. Overall feedback that I have received is that the legacy scoring method is preferred.

Concern 2: I would like to have a more inviting and inclusive attitude in the club that openly works with new and relatively inexperienced members. **Response:** The board is actively trying to address this; a beginner’s open league, Come Back to Bocce open play, couples fun league and a Ladies fun league are all on the calendar to specifically address this issue.

Concern 3: Add lighting to courts for evening play. Kiss or no kiss - final decision. **Response:** A lighting request is being prepared for submittal to the CA. Two points for kisses are allowed in Sun City Rules of Play. Kisses do not receive 2 two points in International Rules of Play.

Concern 4: More of a united club instead of a divided club. A united club would provide for more participation in all events. **Response:** I am not sure how the club is divided. If you are talking about having 2 rules-of-play, I don’t consider this as a dividing point. It simply provides an option for the players. I think the survey

results support my opinion. If the division you are talking about is something else, I would be glad to hear from you, Ronald Pontiff, rpontiff@sbcglobal.net.

Concern 4: I reserved the courts for our neighborhood & toward the end of last year I could not get anyone to answer my request for reservations with the reservation form online. I am going to try again today. Also, on the Bocce Ball Calendar why can't all of the reservations show up besides just Bocce Ball activities? **Response;** I believe both issues have been corrected for this year, if not please let me know.

Concern 5: Perhaps start the leagues in February vs. January so the weather might be consistently warmer. **Response;** This was done at the request of the members who normally play in leagues, to get one more league in for the year. Our next series of leagues start early March.

Concern 6: Since many new members who like to play as couples have one person still working it would be nice to have a Saturday afternoon couples play. **Response:** The Board is talking about this

TREASURER'S REPORT – Patti Clark

As of 1/31/2020 we have 336 paid members and \$3830 with the CA.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE: - Susan Schmidt

Our first social was on Valentine's Day and we had 63 members sign up to attend! Unfortunately, our Texas weather that morning, although sunny and a beautiful day, chose to turn cold and windy which caused some to not venture outdoors. However, every court was full, and everyone had a great time and enjoyed colorful cupcakes! A big thank you to the committee for setting up and getting the event going. Thank you to those who brought water on Valentine's Day.

Our second social was Tuesday, Feb. 25th, celebrating Mardi Gras! We had 46 Members come to play. Everyone enjoyed 5 whole King Cakes on the patio, Dennis Hohn was the first to find a 'baby' in his slice, while Joyce Spicer was the second. Diane Bartulevicz the last to find a baby.



We are looking forward to the St. Patrick's Day Social coming up on March 17th. We'll have Shamrock cookies, and everyone is invited to come on out and play three games of Bocce. Better wear something **green**! Feel free to bring your own favorite beverage if you like, but we'll have plenty of water on hand!

A huge thank you to all of you for going to the website to sign up for our socials! It really helps us to know how many to prepare for and serve. So... don't forget to sign up for St. Paddy's Day and we'll see you on the courts!

Membership Director – Trish Bryans

Come Back to Bocce

After 2 successful weeks of enjoyable play, Come Back to Bocce is now a regular on the club calendar on Saturdays 3-5pm. At our first meeting Randy Schreitmueller, Ann Stratman, Dennis Hohn and Dennis Sheppard all rang the bell for 4 points, with Kyle Nogle ringing for a second time. At our second meeting we had 16 players, with Ken Kraus, Karen Sheppard and Jeff Webster all ringing the bell. It was National Margarita Day so some of us went on to Wriggley's to have a margarita.

If you would like to Come Back to Bocce send a message to trishbryans@hotmail.com and join us at 1pm next Saturday.



League Director – Grady Jones

Leagues and Tournaments:

The competitive leagues have completed the first 5-week series. Registration for the second series began Sunday February 23rd at noon. League participants must play a minimum of 24 games for the points to count for qualification to play in the EOY tournament. Below I've listed the competitive leagues available to all members:

1. Advanced Sun City Rules – Mondays at 1 pm, begins March 9th
2. Advanced International Rules – Fridays at 1 pm, begins March 13th
3. Intermediate International rules – Tuesdays at 1 pm, begins March 10th
4. Ladies league – Tuesdays at 10 am, first series starts March 10th

Announcing the 2020 Neighborhood challenge.

The club held a successful Neighborhood Challenge in 2018 and we are going to bring the tournament back in 2020. The dates for the tournament are Wednesday June 10th, Thursday 11th and Friday 12th starting at 10 am. This tournament will be 2 player team competition in a double elimination format for a maximum of 16 neighborhoods. Each neighborhood can submit a maximum of two teams, primary

and alternate. The goal is to have as many neighborhoods participating as possible, therefore, the primary teams will fill the brackets first, then the alternate teams (in the order received) will be used to complete the bracket, as required. There are applications in our glass bulletin board or you can contact me at gradyrosie@outlook.com. I will be announcing the tournament during the April NRO meeting

Thursday Evening Couples Fun League.

Since we don't have sufficient sun to play bocce on Thursday evenings this group meets at 5:30 at The Retreat patio fire pit instead. It's an enjoyable gathering with snacks, drinks and socializing. Once we get back to daylight savings time bocce play will resume. Look for that announcement in March.

Please remember to go to the Bocce Club Website regularly to check out the calendar and all of the wonderful information available to you.



TO all those members who have rolled 4 pointers in the last month.

Have you scored a 5 pointer? If so, be sure to put your name on the form in the shed, so you can be recognized in the Newsletter.

March 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2p N86 - 5 Court	1p Daily Play 4p N16 - 6 Court	10a Ladies Fun C 1p Daily Play	9a Bocce Board 1p Daily Play 3p N50 - 6 Court	1p Daily Play	10a New-Bee Or Register 1p Beg Bocce Op 1p Daily Play	10a Polar Bear L 1p Daily Play 3p Come Back to
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	1p Advanced #1 Register 1p Daily Play 4p N16 - 6 Court	10a Ladies Comj Register 10a Ladies Fun C 1p Daily Play 1p Intermediate Register	1p Daily Play 3p N50 - 6 Court 5p N83-4 Cts	1p Daily Play 4p N13 - Courts 6p Couples Fun C	1p Advanced #2 Register 1p Daily Play	10a Polar Bear L 1p Daily Play 3p Come Back to
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
2p N86 - 5 Court	1p Advanced #1 1p Daily Play 4p N16 - 6 Court	10a Ladies Comj 10a Ladies Fun C 11a St. Patrick's 1p Daily Play 1p Intermediate	1p Daily Play 3p N50 - 6 Court 6p N6 - 4 Cts	1p Daily Play 6p Couples Fun C	1p Advanced #2 1p Daily Play	10a Polar Bear L 1p Daily Play 3p Come Back to
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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29	30	31	1	2	3	4
2p N86 - 5 Court	1p Advanced #1 1p Daily Play	10a Ladies Comj 10a Ladies Fun C 1p Daily Play 1p Intermediate 4p N59 - 6 Ct 5p N59 Patio	9a Bocce Board 1p April Fool's/E 1p Daily Play	1p Daily Play 6p Couples Fun C	1p Advanced #2 1p Beg Bocce Op 1p Daily Play	1p Daily Play 3p Come Back to



**Let's spread the luck of-the-Irish and
Celebrate St. Patrick's Day on the Bocce
Courts!**

Wear your green or get "pinched"



and enjoy 3 games of Bocce.

Shamrock Cookies will be served on the Patio and if you choose, you can bring your own beverage.

March 17,2020 from 11am – 1pm

Registration Begins March 1st, 2020

