



Sun City Bocce Club Newsletter

Special Edition

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Welcome Back to Bocce. The transition guidelines are available on the Sun City Bocce Club website. The guidelines are ever changing. Be sure to check back often for the latest information.

The 2021 Board of Directors election will be held from November 2nd thru November 13th. The results will be announced on November 16th. Once again, this year the ballot will be available on the website. The following pages are brief synopsis of each of the candidates who are vying for positions on the board

President
Ron Pontiff – Incumbent



My wife and I moved to Sun City in March 2017. We became active in the Club in 2018, after completing in the new training class. I served as Vice-President in 2019, and now the current President. During that time, I also ran leagues, helped with social events and was very active in open plays.

My goal has always been to provide as many opportunities for participation as possible and to grow the club in the direction that the majority desires, as defined in annual surveys. During my time on the board, we have created or revised game rules and league regulations, increased neighborhood play, added International and Beginners leagues and tournaments, added couples play, and achieved the goal of at least two social events per month, prior to the pandemic.

This year has been rough on all of us. Tough decisions had to be made. We are slowly increasing opportunities for play, have added training for new members, and added a Beginners league and tournament. Going forward, I will lead us into normalcy as soon as it can be safely done.

Key items I am pushing for in 2021:

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☐ Continued improvement of the environment that allows for both Sun City Rules and International Rules in open play, league play and tournaments.

☐ Completion of capital projects that were put on hold, this year by the CA.

☐ Couples' tournaments.

Thank you in advance for your vote. I look forward to serving you in 2021.

Grady Jones

My wife, Rosie and I have lived in Sun City for 3 ½ years in Neighborhood 58. I was born in Austin, Texas, and worked in Dallas for 35 years. I have two daughters that live in Austin and Rosie has two sons that live in Ohio. We have 8 grandchildren. I retired from JPMorgan Chase Bank after 43 years. I worked in the Investment Bank, Technology department and have PMP certification. (Project Management Professional). We have played Bocce for approximately 2 years. I served on the Bocce Board in 2019 as Social Director and currently serve as Leagues and Tournament Director.

I believe the future is bright for the Bocce Club. The Club has the potential to grow significantly over the next few years and growth requires Leadership to take our

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case to the Community Association for facility enhancements and improvements. I know I can use my Project Management skills to ensure the CA is accountable for all requests. I will be completely transparent regarding all project status. The number one priority will be to provide opportunities for ALL members to enjoy the game of Bocce.

Vice President

Paul Fisch - Incumbent

Raised in Iowa and traveled across the country while working for the Department of Veteran's Affairs Health Care System. I have three grown children who all live in Texas. Moved to Sun City in 2008 and joined the bocce club. Genuinely enjoy the game and my fellow members. My vision for the Club is to see its membership grow and see more members participate in Club events.

Treasurer

Patti Clark - Incumbent

My name is Patti Clark. I moved here 2 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! For the past year, I have been the Bocce Club's Treasurer. In addition, I have been the treasurer of other organizations before I came here,
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and when there was an open position on the board for treasurer, I was happy to serve.

I look forward to assisting in the continuing growth of the club, in both membership and in experiencing the various leagues and rules.

I look forward to getting back to normal and meeting you on the courts.

Secretary

Trish Bryans

Trish Bryans is submitting for Secretary of the Bocce Club. Trish is currently the Membership Director and has had the pleasure of welcoming many new members at the Chartered Club Fairs and New Residents' Orientations over the last couple of years. She came to the USA directly from North-East England almost 3 years ago and moved into Sun City within 3 weeks of her arrival. Her son works in Austin and she moved here to be near him.

Joining the Bocce Club helped fulfil her plan to do something different and to make new friends. Writing and attention to detail were among the skills she developed in her working life lecturing in Leadership and Management at several UK universities. The role of Secretary would allow her to continue using and developing those skills. Trish launched the Come Back to Bocce initiative earlier this year and hopes that the club will continue to find new ways to engage and include all members.

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Member at Large – League Director

Bill Crist



My name is Bill Crist, and I am applying for the position of “Member at Large – League Director”.

My experience is: Past Board Director for Membership; Intermediate League Coordinator (two times); Club Member for four years; Monitor for open play.

My vision for the club is for our activities to be “all inclusive”.

Everything we do should include new members (newbees) as well as “Old Timers”. In addition, I am in favor of Events that include other Bocce Clubs outside of Sun City. I would like bleachers on the hill by court 8. I want to see lights so we can play during the cool of the evening. I understand Covid-19 restrictions, but I know they will go away. I believe that our club is essential to many people's health. The more members we have playing in leagues, the healthy our club will be. My goal for our club is that everyone should enjoy the game of Bocce and have great fellowship with others.

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Member at Large - Membership Director

Toni Lagalo



I am a recent Texas transplant arriving this past November. Having survived years of harsh and frigid Michigan winters all my life I made the decision to retire from Nursing and Hospital management. I gotta tell you waking up this winter to blue sky and sunshine was glorious.

Growing up in a Sicilian family, Bocce was a summer social sport played by my Mother and Father and all my Aunts and Uncles every Sunday. It was only for adults; children were not allowed to play. I always figured someday I would figure out the game and what all the yelling and laughing was all about. Bocce was the first club I joined and the first ball I threw was on our Sun City courts. I have been hooked ever since.

My neighbors were curious where I was going every day and came back smiling. One by one I encouraged them to join. I enjoy taking time to talk to the walkers who come by the court asking about the game. I would be happy to represent the Bocce Club for recruitment this upcoming year. Great bunch of folks who helped me with the

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game and I would like to do the same for others

Member at Large – Social Director
Dianne Hodel



I am interested in becoming your 2021 Bocce social director.

From 2006-2019 whether it was PTO, Boy Scouts, cross country, theater or Belk Department store, I was in charge of planning various dinners, teacher appreciation and employee appreciation events. I would do everything from the decorations, set up and food.

My vision for Bocce is to have fun because every day is a special day. Some of my ideas are as follows: I would like to see the magnetic board at the shed used to display a monthly calendar to celebrate member's birthdays. Even during this time of COVID when we are unable to serve food or have gatherings, we can still have fun, simple events. For example, January 15th National Hat Day – wouldn't it be fun to wear your favorite hat or even decorate a hat or February 5th is National Wear Red Day in support of heart disease.

Wouldn't it be fun to celebrate National Random Acts of Kindness day with us bringing a donation of laundry PODS, dryer sheets or quarters to donate to LaundryLove of Georgetown. LaundryLove gives underprivileged citizens an opportunity to wash clothes for free twice a month at a local laundry mat.

There are so many unique calendar holidays to celebrate and be a part of. I hope you will consider me for social chairman. Let's have fun!

Member at Large – Web Administrator

Julie Lemen – Incumbent



My name is Julie Lemen and I am currently the Bocce Club Web Administrator.

Two years ago, I retired from my long-time job as a Software Engineer and along with my husband followed our children to the Austin area settling in Sun City. I joined the Bocce club right away and have made many friends in the club.

Last year I was asked to help with the club website and was subsequently

appointed to the Member at Large, Web Administrator position. My goal has been and continues to be keeping the membership informed of club activities, league results and all relevant bocce news. I keep up the club calendar and work with the neighborhood's representatives for neighborhood play. I hope once we are done with the COVID-19 restrictions, we can continue to be a great club, adding more activities and increasing our membership.	
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Below are the 2020 By-Laws Revision which the Executive Board has submitted for your approval. This revision is available on the Bocce Club website, I have highlighted the changes from the 2018 By-Laws approved in August of 2018.

Sun City Texas Bocce Club Bylaws Amended:
2020 **Draft**

ARTICLE I - GENERAL

Section A.

- The name of this organization shall be Sun City Texas Bocce Club, hereinafter referred to as “the Club”.

Section B.

- The purpose of the Club is to provide a format for its members to engage in social and competitive bocce play, and to maintain the Club administered bocce courts/facilities.

Section C.

- These bylaws will fully comply with the Association's Governing Documents (Documents) and the Policy for Chartered Clubs (Policy). In the event of a conflict between these bylaws and the Documents or Policy, the Documents or Policy will prevail.

Section D.

- This organization shall be operated as nonprofit Club in accordance with the applicable statutes and the Association's Documents.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

Section A.

- Membership shall be open to all members of SCTCA in good standing without discrimination as to race, religion, gender, disability, sexual orientation, or national heritage.

Section B.

- There shall be no precondition for membership, nor will members be required to join affiliated national, state, or regional organization.

Section C.

Guests - defined as follows:

- Resident Guest - all Association members and renters are qualified to join the Club. Until they choose to join, they are considered resident guests.
- Non-Resident Guest - all other individuals who are accompanied by an Association member, or are otherwise sponsored by a Club member, are considered nonresident guests, and do not qualify for Club Membership.
- Developer Guest - during the period of community development, and as long as the developer has the capability to annex land into the community, "Vacation Getaway" visitors and prospective home

buyers, may be permitted to participate in the Club programs. It is incumbent upon sales associates to inquire into Club policies and rules before advising developer guests that they may use Club courts/facilities. Sales associates may only use Club administered courts/facilities when accompanying a prospective homebuyer.

- Any use of the bocce courts/facilities and related equipment of the Club by guests shall conform with the rules and regulation established by the Club.
- The courts are open to all residents and their guests, except those times when courts are reserved for Club activities.
- If resident guests wish to participate in Club activities, they will be allowed to do so a maximum of three (3) times before membership in the Bocce Club is required.
- Nonresident guests may participate in 3 club activities in one year.
- Guest can be specifically excluded from Club members-only events, such as leagues and tournament.

Section D.

Special Interest Groups (SIG)

- A Special Interest Group (SIG) within the Club may only be formed if approved by the Club's Executive Board. The SIG shall submit the request to the Club's Executive Board in accordance with the Club's Bylaws. Any other Club activity or entity established and approved by the Chartered Club's Executive Board shall be governed by that Board and required to follow all Club rules and procedures established by the Board for its operations. A Chartered Club approving and sponsoring any SIG will be known as the Parent Club.
- All SIG participants must be members of the Parent Club.
- Activities of a SIG will be in keeping with the purpose as defined in the Sun City Bocce Club's Bylaws. This purpose will be clearly defined in the application to the Bocce Club to form a SIG, and narrow enough in scope to prevent conflicts and confusion with other Club activities or other SIG's . The appropriate CA Board-appointed Committee will review and make recommendations on any problems in this respect.
- The Sun City Bocce Club, for any SIG activity, must approve and make reservations for use of CA facilities by the SIG.

- Any communication related to a SIG activity, such as articles in the Sun Rays, or the SCTX TV Channel, or a SIG Web Site will be submitted through, be identified with, and requested by the Sun City Bocce Club Board.
- The Bocce Club is responsible for all SIG activities and financial reports. SIG's are responsible for funding all of their activities, unless the Sun City Bocce Club Board elects to support individual activities.
- When a SIG reaches a membership of 50 plus, members may choose to apply for Chartered Club status. If Chartered Club status is achieved, all dues of the members forming the new club will remain with the Parent Club until current year end.

Section E.

The Club's primary source of revenue is membership dues. Dues are set to cover basic operating requirements of the Club. Special assessments will not be levied by the club without the approval of the CA Board of Directors.

- Dues are payable on the first day of January. Dues not paid within thirty (30) days following this date shall be deemed delinquent and the member will be dropped from the rolls.
- The dues for a new member making application for membership on or after July 1, shall be one-half (1/2) the annual dues for that year.
- Dues cannot be increased from the prior years without approval by a majority vote of a quorum of the general membership.
- The Executive Board may establish fees for participation in special activities to defray costs, as provided for in the CA Policy for Chartered Clubs, and for use of Club facilities and equipment.

ARTICLE III - OFFICERS

Section A.

There shall be an Executive Board of the Club consisting of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and four Members at Large elected from the general Club membership. The Club's Executive Board may combine positions, as required.

The Executive Board shall:

- Establish Rules and Procedures for operation of the Club.
- Review and approve annual budgets and all changes thereto, including purchases of goods and services not anticipated in the annual budget.
- Set fees for Club activities, services, and supplies.
- Recommend annual Membership dues for approval by the Membership.
- Review and approve financial status reports from the Treasurer at least quarterly.
- Carry out such other duties and exercise such other powers as are normal for the Board of Directors of a nonprofit organization which are not specifically restricted or preempted by other articles of these Bylaws or by the Policy for Chartered Clubs.

Section B.

- All officers shall be elected by a vote of the general membership and shall serve without compensation.

Section C.

- The term of office for each officer shall be one year commencing on January 1st of each year. The Officers may serve up to two consecutive one-year terms for that position. Officers will be elected at the November general meeting and take office on January 1st of the following year.

The responsibility of each officer shall be as follows:

President

The President presides over all Club meetings and is responsible for administration of all Club business; he/she is the principal liaison between the Club and the CA; he/she appoints committees as deemed necessary and ensures the financial and administrative integrity of the Club.

Vice-President

The Vice-President performs the duties of the President in the latter's absence and performs such other duties as may be assigned by the President.

Secretary

The Secretary keeps all records and minutes of the meetings of the Membership and Executive Board; conducts all correspondence relating to the Club; maintains a roster of the members, issues notices of all meetings, and furnishes the Association with such reports as may be necessary. The Secretary will ensure that the Secretary's records are retained for three (3) years and, upon leaving office, will pass the records to his/her successor.

Treasurer

All Club income and expenses shall be processed through the CA Chartered Club/Neighborhood Support Services (CC/N). The Treasurer monitors Club dues and other income collected by the CA and deposits with the CC/N other Club income and request disbursement by the CC/N for Club expenses. Additionally, the Treasurer makes monthly financial reports to the Board and quarterly reports to the Club. The Treasurer shall also prepare the budget for the coming year for discussion and approval by the Board. The Treasurer prepares all financial reports required by the CA and represents the Club in all financial coordination with the CA. Financial procedures for collection, deposit and expenditure of funds will comply with the procedure outlined in the Administrative Policy for Chartered Clubs.

Member At Large Social Director

The Social Director will plan, arrange, and manage all Bocce Club social events. He/She will work closely with Club's Board for approval of all plans. All plans and approximate budget must be presented in written form prior to announcement or expenditures.

Member At Large League Director

The League Director will organize, direct, and train all League Managers. He/she is responsible for all League planning and Tournament planning and play.

Member At Large Membership

The Membership Director is responsible for all activities to grow membership for the Club. The Membership Director will book and staff the Chartered Club Fair and quarterly New Homeowners Orientations. He/she is the primary liaison between new members and the Club for scheduling of training and engagement of the new members into the Club's activities. He/she is responsible for the Name Tag purchase process.

Member At Large Web Administrator

The Web Administrator maintains the Club's website; posts minutes and newsletters to the website; conducts correspondence to Club membership; creates and publishes surveys and maintains the Club's calendar. He/she processes court reservation requests.

Section D. Nomination and Election Procedures

- The President shall appoint a Nominating person/team at the July Board Meeting. It shall be the duty of this person/committee to propose a slate of Officers for the coming year. This slate shall consist of at least one (1) candidate for each office, which shall be delivered to the Board by September 25th.
- Any member wishing to stand for office should submit his/her name to the Secretary 10 days prior to the election. The Secretary shall add these names to the slate presented by the Nominating Person/Committee. Nominees must be members in good standing who have given their written or oral permission to be nominated. Elections shall be by written ballot or electronic ballot and results announced at the November Membership meeting
- For an election to be valid, a simple majority of a quorum is required. A quorum shall consist of ten percent (10%) of the total Club membership.
- At the discretion of the Board, and if there are no opposing candidates for any position, the President may call for a motion to

elect the slate of candidates by unanimous consent at the November General Membership meeting in lieu of the online election process.

Section E. Vacancies and Recall of Officers

- Should the office of the President become vacant the Vice President shall succeed to that position. The Executive Board shall fill any other vacancies occurring during the year by a majority vote of the Board. Any Board member may be replaced by a majority vote of the Executive Board whenever, in its judgment, is in the best interest of the Club.

ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS

Section A. Business meetings of the membership.

- A General Membership meeting will be held annually in November, at times, formats and places determined by the Executive Board and published at least 10 days prior to the meeting.
- It shall be for the purpose of electing the Executive Board, approving amended Bylaws, and receiving and approving the YTD Report of the Treasurer, and conducting any other matters to be presented to the membership.
- The Secretary will record the proceedings of the General Membership meeting. These minutes shall be open for inspection by the Membership and by staff members and Directors of the CA.
- Other General Membership meetings can be held at the discretion of the Board.

Section B. Executive Board Meetings

- The Executive Board shall meet at such time, format and place as designated. Any Board member may request an Executive Board Meeting.
- A majority of the voting Executive Board Members must be present in order to meet.

- The Executive Board shall call such meetings as necessary to ensure the integrity of the Club and operations of daily club activities.

Section C. Meeting Guidelines

- All meetings will be conducted in an informal but business-like manner. Clubs have the option to use Roberts Rules of Order or their own written guidelines to ensure orderly meetings.

ARTICLE V – GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

Section A.

- A Club member who has a grievance against the Club's policies, procedures, or actions, should consult Section 5.2.4 in the Policy for Chartered Clubs for procedures and forms to use when filing the grievance.

ARTICLE VI – FINANCIAL CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Section A.

- Financial procedures for collection, deposit and expenditure of funds will comply with the procedures outlined in the Policy for Chartered Clubs, Sections 5.3 and 5.4.

Section B.

- Financial records will be maintained for a period of seven (7) years. The Treasurer shall retain the financial records and upon leaving office shall pass the records to his/her successor.

Section C.

- Dues shall be submitted on-line through the Sun City CA Website or in person at the CA member office. The Treasurer monitors and reports dues submissions to the Club's Board.

Section D.

- Expenditures for previously Board-approved events will be approved by the Treasurer after receiving receipts and any other needed documentation and submitted to the CC/N for payment.

Section E.

- Financial records are audited annually by the CA. The Treasurer shall monitor all club financial activities performed by the CA.

Section F.

- All monies shall be deposited with the CC/N and disbursed only by check or petty cash. The President, Vice President, and Secretary will have approval authority in case expenses need to be submitted in the absence of the Treasurer.

ARTICLE VII - AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

Section A.

- Bylaw amendments require approval by the membership in a manner to be determined by the club's Executive Board.

Section B.

- These Bylaws may be amended by vote of a simple majority of a quorum at any General Membership meeting, provided that the members have been given access to or sent copies via e-mail of the proposed changes at least two weeks before such meeting. A Quorum shall consist of ten percent (10%) of total Club membership and shall be determined by counting the number of members in good standing present or represented by proxy.

Section C.

- Any member in good standing may vote.

ARTICLE VIII – ELECTRONIC VOTING

- Electronic voting may be used for matters to come before the Club Membership, generally for elections of members of the Executive Board and amendments to the Bylaws. Electronic voting shall be authorized by vote of the Board and shall specify the nature and duration of the voting process, and any other characteristics of the process deemed appropriate.

ARTICLE VIII – DISSOLUTION

- Upon Club dissolution, all Club assets (monies, inventory, and equipment) will remain assets of the Association.