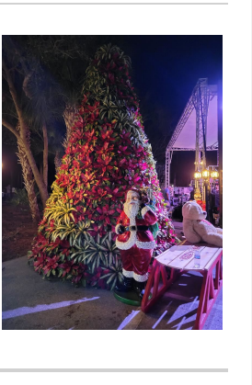
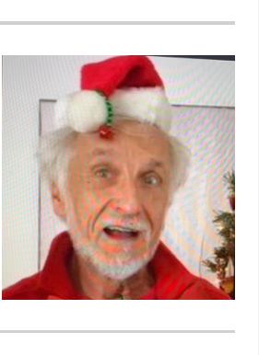
Bonita Bay Bocce



Bocce Banter
December 2023

President's Message



As 2023 is drawing to a close, and we plan gatherings with friends and family for the holidays, we also look forward to a fun-filled 2024 Bocce Club season.

First comes the ever popular Battle of the Sexes on January 27. You can start getting your team together for this very popular event. Remember this is an event created with fun and socializing in mind. The Battle and Pot Luck will fill that bill!!!

Also very important: The Tuesday, January 9th Coordinators Meeting will help inform league leaders and continue to help determine the future of our Club. Read more about these events in the rest of the Banter.

From the Board of Directors: We all wish you a very Merry Holiday season.

See you at the courts!

Dave

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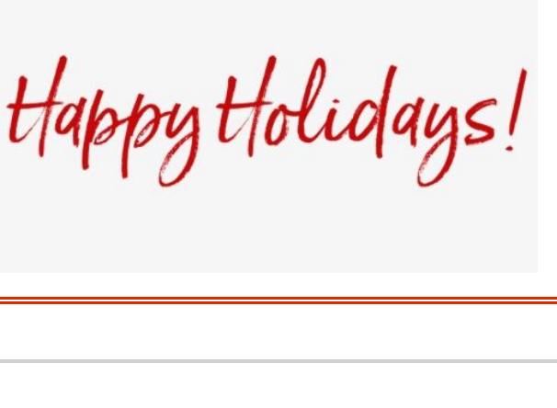

Happy Holidays!

Upcoming January Events

Coordinator's Meeting
Tuesday, January 9, 2024

ANNUAL MEETING

Battle of the Sexes
Saturday, January 27, 2024

BATTLE OF THE SEXES

After The Battle Potluck
Saturday, January 27, 2024

Information, for each of the January events shown are located below. **Registration Procedure** and a **Registration Link** for the Battle of the Sexes is also available.

League Coordinator's Meeting
Tuesday, January 9, 2024

ANNUAL MEETING

Time: 10 AM

Location: Multi-Purpose Room
Bonita Bay Community Center

Refreshments will be served.

The agenda will include reports on Membership, Funds, Facilities Update, Board Positions, Upcoming Tournaments & Events. The Board will also be looking for coordinator feedback and input regarding the many aspects of the Bocce Club. Communication between the League Coordinators and the Board is a key ingredient in the on-going and future Club success.

It is requested that each of our leagues be represented. If the Coordinator is unable to attend, then please find one of your other league members to represent you and your league.

If you haven't already sent in an updated League Roster to Ken Dykman, our Membership Director, it would also be a good time to give him one so he can update the club database.

Looking forward to the wonderful 2024 season ahead!

Winter Social Event Now Postponed

The Bocce Board is sorry to report that the Winter Social Event, An Evening in Margaritaville, scheduled for Monday, January 22, 2024 has been postponed due to the much increased pricing now being requested by Backwater Jacks. The Board is presently seeking another more reasonably priced venue in which a social event will be able to take place later in the 2024 season.

Membership Update

The Bocce Club now has 606 paid members. Dues continue to trickle in but there are still a number of previous members who have not re-registered for the upcoming 2024 season.

Remember, as stated in the November Banter, in order to participate in Club events and league play, plus receive Bocce Club newsletters and information, all members need to pay the required $10 dues per person.

In the upcoming month those members who have not re-registered will be removed from the Bocce Club database and no longer be able to participate in Club events and league play.

Also, we ask that if you do not intend to play this season, please send a quick note to inform our Membership Director, Ken Dykman, so he can take you off the rolls.

Ken's email is (ksdykman@sbcglobal.net).

We are hopeful that our past members will look forward to continuing their bocce play and join us once again.

Battle of the Sexes

It's time to get your team together for our annual Battle of the Sexes Tournament. Every club member, regardless of experience or skill level, is encouraged to participate. Registration started Tuesday, December 19, 2023. Sign up your team to be a part of the club's largest and most enjoyable tournament.

Registration Now Open
Register Below

Click Here To Register For The Battle

Click/Press the red link button to the left to register for the Battle <<<---------

Find **REGISTRATION PROCEDURE** info in the section below.

Date: Saturday, January 27, 2024

Location: Riverwalk Park Bocce Courts

Time: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Teams: 18 Men's / 18 Women's
4 people per team -- 144 Total

After The Battle: Potluck Social will be held at the completion of the Battle. Find more information in the next article located below.

Team Uniforms/Outfits: As in years gone by, we are encouraging teams to wear matching outfits to enhance the spirit of the event. Creativity is a plus.

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Registration Details

1. **Team Registration: A team captain** representing his/her team **will Register for all team members,** as per below:
   - Click on the appropriate registration category -- Men's Team or Women's Team --- that pertains to your group.
   - Write in your Team Name
   - Write in the 3 names of your other team members under **Guests**. The email & phone of the 3 guests are not required.
   - All communication will be done through the team Captain.
   - Note: All team members listed MUST be members of the Bocce Club.
2. **Individual Needing A Team:** An individual who doesn't have a team but wants to participate is also invited to sign up. If you don't have a team we will try to find a team for you to play on. See information below:
   - An Individual without a team needs to sign up the category ***Player's Needing Team.*** Follow the directions below and complete the information requested.
   - Individual sign-ups will initially be limited to 20 people. After the initial 20 individuals have registered any new individuals who register will be placed on a wait list.
   - A team consisting of the first 4 individual sign ups in each gender will be formed and, once they are, those members will be removed from individual status into a team status. Those on the wait list will be taken off in the order received and added to form other teams until the registration is closed.
3. The Event can accommodate 18 teams of each gender (72 men / 72 women / 144 total players).
   - Once 72 people from a gender have registered any further registration for anyone else of that gender will be closed.
   - An assigned playing time and opponent will be determined by lottery. Captains will be notified (and will then notify his/her team members) as to their team's playing time and opponent upon completion of the registration period and the lottery.
   - All tournament **registration ends Friday, January 19th.**
4. The Battle
   - Each match will consist of 4 men competing against 4 women.
   - Each team will play one 12 point match versus a team of the opposite sex.
   - The gender winning the most games wins the tournament.
   - Teams are asked to be present one half hour prior to the scheduled match time.

If you have any questions regarding this event please contact:

Steven Hobbs (Men's Team Lead)
Sa.hobbs64@yahoo.com
or
Morna Fournier (Women's Team Lead)
morna_rinn@hotmail.com

Battle of the Sexes
After The Battle Social Event

January 27, 2024
Riverwalk Park Bocce Courts & Pavilion
4:30 pm - 6:30 pm
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For All Bocce Club Members
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Registration Opens January 5, 2024
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Who May Attend: All Bocce Club members, even if you don't play in the tournament, are invited to the Potluck.

Cost: No Charge ! Bring A Dish !

Registration: **Registration is important and necessary for us to have an accurate head count when ordering items, listed below, that the Club will be providing at this event.**

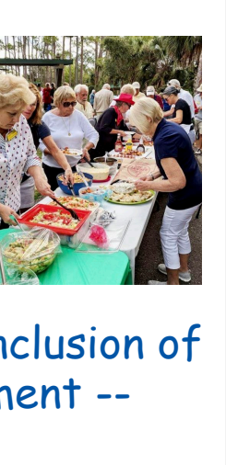
- All those planning to attend are asked to register, both the Battle participants plus any other club members who also plan on attending.
- Please indicate if you are **bringing a guest**. If you are in a bundle membership your bundle partner is considered to be your guest and should be added as such to your registration.

Potluck Request: Those attending are asked to bring a Potluck (casseroles, salads, desserts, quiches, cheese/cracker, veggie trays, etc.) to share and will serve at least 6-8 people. Also, bring along whatever personal beverage(s) you'll want to drink during the Potluck.

What Will Be Provided: **Pulled pork sandwiches** will be served as part of the Potluck. Utensils and paper goods will also be provided.

Beverages:
Drinks will not be provided. Please bring along any beverage you wish to drink.

All liquid refreshments are BYO.



Time of Event: Begins at the conclusion of the Battle of the Sexes Tournament -- approximately 4:30 pm.

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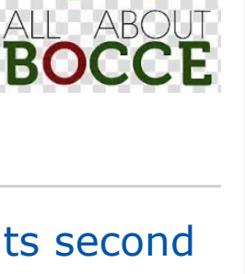
Parking lot space and street side parking on the Riverwalk Park side of the street will be available. Just as we have requested in the past years, it would still be helpful and appreciated, where possible, that carpooling arrangements or other means of transportation be used.

The Potluck is a great ending to a wonderful day. Come join in the fun!

Learn To Play Bocce Workshop
Friday, January 12, 2024
3 - 4 PM
Riverwalk Courts and Pavilion



The Bocce Club will be hosting its second workshop for Bonita Bay residents, both individuals and couples, who are not yet Bocce Club members. As did our very successful November workshop, this session will again provide instruction regarding rules, etiquette, and strategies and is appropriate for all ability levels. Hands-on experience, where possible, will also be utilized.

If you have any Bonita Bay friends or neighbors who have expressed interest, tell them to contact Dave Williams at this email dwnh@sbcglobal.net The email should include the number of people interested in participating and a phone number.

Events Coming in February

Women's Tournament * * Tournament will be held as indicated --- Opening Rounds on Wednesday with Semi & Final Rounds on Saturday. Will include club Social Event.	Wednesday February 14 Opening Rounds 9 am - 1 pm & Saturday February 17 Women's Semi Final 2:00 - 2:45 pm Women's Final 4:30 - 5:15 pm ——— Tournament Social 4 pm Final Raindate Saturday, Feb 24	Riverwalk Courts Raindate - Opening Rds Friday, Feb. 16 1 pm - 8 pm ---------- Riverwalk Courts
Men's Tournament* *Tournament will be held as indicated --- Opening Rounds on Thursday with Semi & Final Rounds held on Saturday. Will include club Social Event.	Thursday February 15 Opening Rounds 9 am - 4 pm & Saturday February 17 Men's Semi Final 2:45 - 3:30 pm Men's Final 5:15 - 6 pm ——— Tournament Social 4 pm Raindate Saturday, Feb 24	Riverwalk Courts Raindate - Opening Rds Friday, Feb. 16 1 pm - 8 pm ---------- Riverwalk Courts

May your bocce days
be merry...

The mission of Bonita Bay Bocce is to promote the play of organized Bocce and to foster a spirit of friendly competition in a highly social environment.

Play Bocce!
See You At The Courts!

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Happy New Year
2024

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