



Bocce Banter
February 2021



President's Message



Greetings,

February is drawing to a close, and Bocce-wise, it has felt a bit closer to normal than the previous 11 months have. We held the Women's Tournament and the Men's Tournament,

both of them with enough competitors to be challenging for players. It's been great to see so many new (masked) faces entering these events. More members have been playing in their chosen leagues, too.

Hooray! The long awaited restroom project is finished and new pavers are going to be installed in front of the storage closet and grill area.

With some luck, the Bocce Club will be back with a full social calendar in the Fall. Meanwhile, let's enjoy the upcoming March weather and play bocce!

See you at the courts!

Dave

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Women's Tournament

Our annual Women's Tournament was held on Wednesday, February 10th. A beautiful sunny morning was the setting for this always competitive, yet social, event. Noteworthy were the many new participants who had signed up and, thus, resulted in many new friend's being made.

After a morning of spirited matches, the championship round pitted Gloria Johnson and her partner, Kathy Kane, against the team of Bev Schnurbusch and Karen Silver. Gloria and Kathy

prevailed and with the victory became 2021 Women's Tournament Champions. Congrats also go to runner-ups Bev and Karen for there excellent play throughout the Tournament.

Due to Covid-19 concerns, the Tournament format was changed this season to a one day, single elimination event. Strict protocols and restrictions were put into effect to meet the safety needs of the contestants. In past years this event was spread over two days and used a double elimination process to determine the eventual winner.

Tournament Participants

Sixteen women participated in the tournament. They were as follows: Tammy Dickinson, Carol Pytlarz, Gloria Johnson, Pat Gorno, Karen Silver, Carol DeLeonardis, Maryle Barbe, Eileen Covelli, Kathy Kane, Christine Schultz, Loretta Schafer, Bev Schnurbusch, Sally Gifford, Sheila Rymar, Nancy Hayden, and Mitzie Transue.



The pairings are set and it's time to roll.



Tom Covelli, Tournament Director, going over the Tournament rules, regulations, and protocols.



2021 Women's Tournament Champions

Kathy Kane & Gloria Johnson



Tournament Runner-Ups

Bev Schnurbusch & Karen Silver



Gloria in action!



Bev lines things up!



Kathy on a roll!



Karen takes aim!



Karen, Bev, Kathy, and Gloria.



Eileen Covelli, an always tough competitor, shows how it's done during her team's first round win!



Nancy Hayden, seen here competing, also helped out with the Tournament officiating (see below) and so much more.



Accurate measuring is so important during Tournament play. According to Nancy, the measuring is the easy part. It's the getting up off your knees when done that's the real challenge!



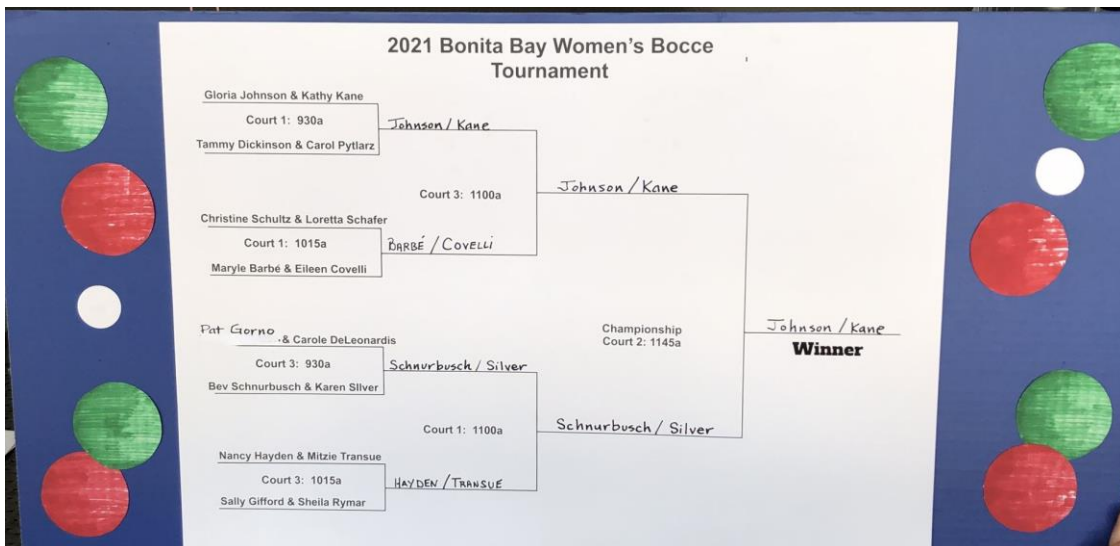
Who is that masked man? That's Vinnie Petrolino who stopped by to give the ladies his encouragement. The ladies just couldn't resist this photo op. Nor could Vinnie!



Sometimes life can be a "drag" but Art Johnson doesn't seem to mind as he manicures the courts for the ladies!



Dave Williams, the Bocce Club President and also our Facilities Director, working along with Nancy as they wipe down the equipment before play.



The Final 2021 Women's Tournament Results

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Membership Update

The Bocce Club membership has remained strong even with the obstacles it faced during this difficult time. The 2020- 2021 Club now has a total paid membership of 479 members. The Club gained 55 new members this season. Members who wanted to stay in the club but did not want to play were allowed to suspend their membership. Currently we have 86 members who opted to suspend their membership. We also had 88 members who have allowed their membership to lapse.

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Men's Tournament

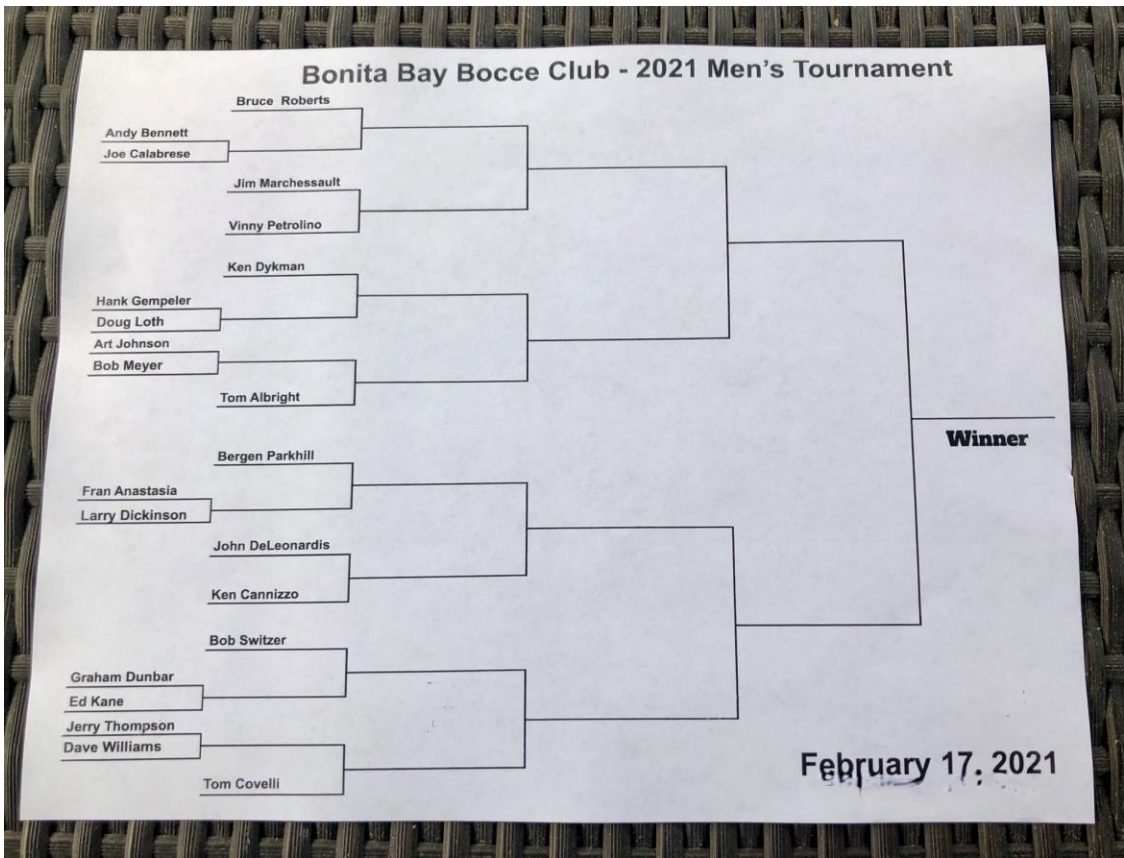
A beautiful sunny day greeted this season's 2021 Men's Tournament. As with the Women's Tournament, due to Covid-19 concerns, this year's event was changed to a one day, single elimination Tournament. Similar safety protocols were put into effect. As expected though, the change in format did not deter what was a very competitive and well played contest. New entrants to the event, along with those who have competed in year's past, led to exciting matches, upsets, and created a spirited, but good natured, day of bocce.

The Tournament finalists, Fran Anastasia and Joe Calabrese, faced off in what became a very close, hard fought finale. In the end, Joe held off Fran and became the 2021 Men's Tournament Champion. Kudos to Joe for his stellar championship performance. Also, well deserved congratulations to our runner-up, Fran, who fought his way through a strong field of players, including a match against the 2020 Champion, to get to this year's final.

Tournament Participants

Twenty-two men signed up for this year's tournament. They were as follows: Larry Dickinson, Vinnie Petrolino, Jim Marchessault, Ken Dykman, Tom Albright, Bob Switzer, John DeLeonardis, Bruce Roberts, Ed Kane, Jerry Thompson, Bergen Parkhill, Doug Loth, Graham Dunbar, Tom Covelli, Fran Anastasia, Art Johnson, Joe Calabrese, Hank Gempeler, Bob Meyer, Andy Bennett, Dave Williams, and Ken Cannizzo.

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Pairings above for the 2021 Men's Tournament



2021 Men's Champion

Joe Calabrese



2021 Men's Runner-Up

Fran Anastasia



Congratulations Joe and Fran!



Our most senior Tournament contender, Vinnie Petrolino, at age 103, shows his masterful bocce touch during his 1st round victory.



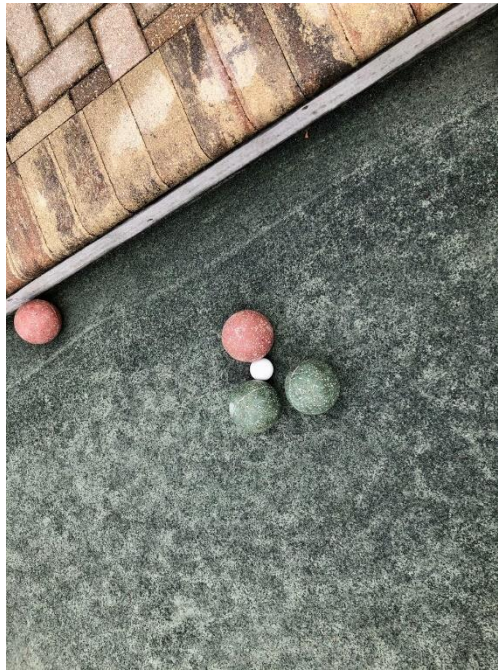
Tom Covelli, the 2020 Men's Champion, worked at defending last year's title with this 2nd round win.



After his 2nd round victory Tom Albright is ready to keep on rolling! Looking good Tom!



Every point is important! During the championship match, and with the finalists looking on, Dave measures to be sure who earned this one.



As usual, this season's Tournament was very competitive and it doesn't get much closer than this!



Bob Switzer, after an earlier 2nd round win, helps out here as a ref.



Joe, Jerry Thompson, and Bruce Roberts take a moment during 2nd round play.



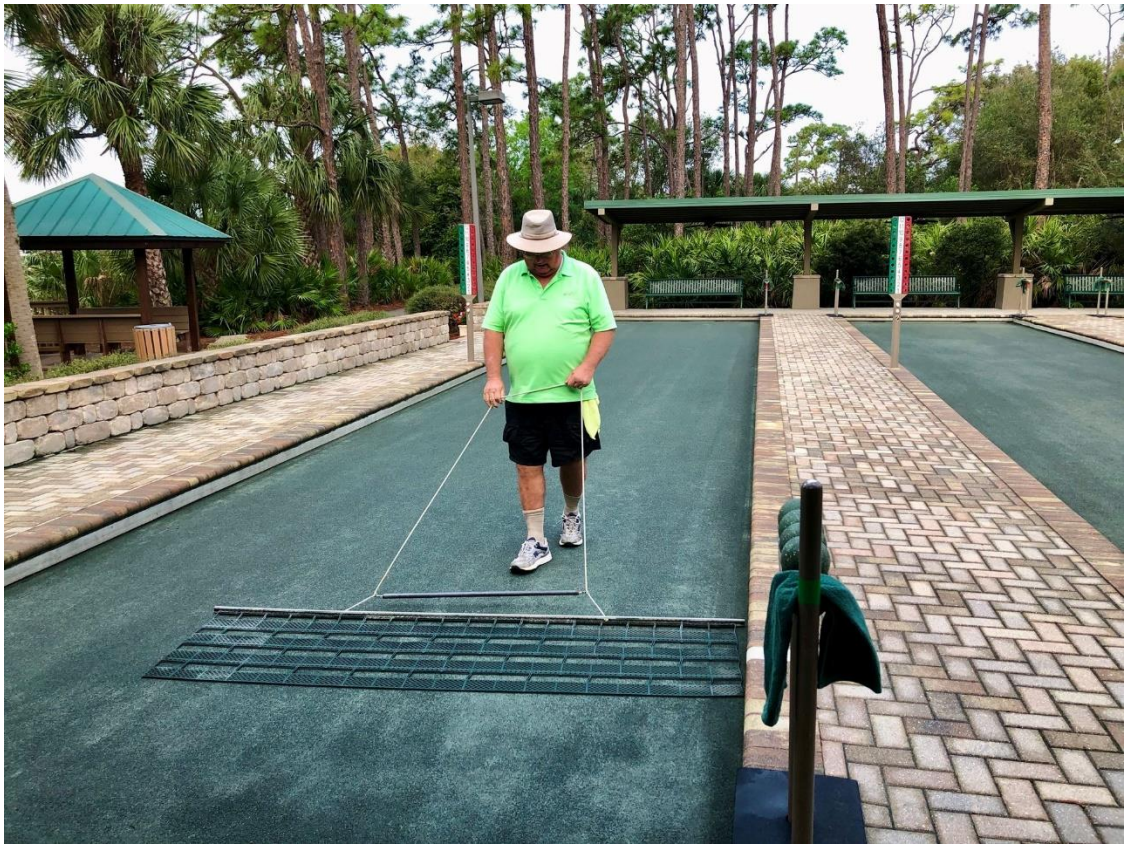
Ken Dykman reached the semifinals before being eliminated by the eventual tournament champion.



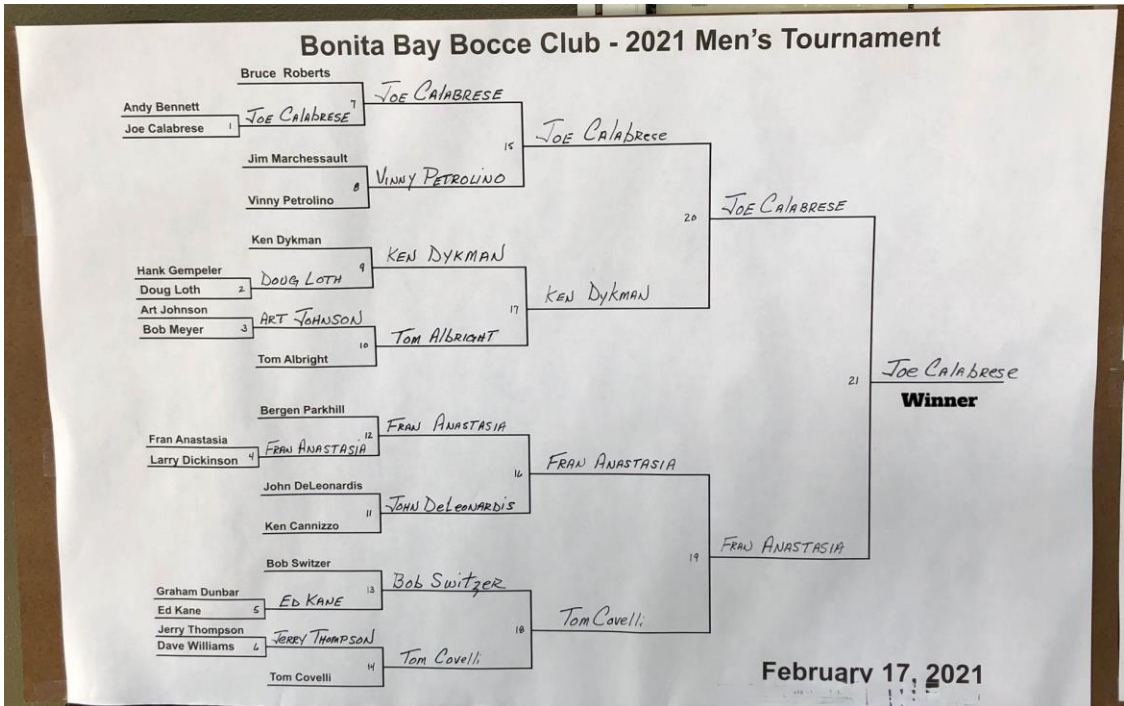
June Cousineau, the
Women's Co-Champion last season, directs play.



Jim Marchessault and Vinnie take a photo op during their 2nd round match.



Bob Newbery working his court maintenance magic. Bob's diligence, both in the Tournaments like this but also throughout the year, is a key factor in keeping our bocce courts in such wonderful shape for all of us to use.



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BOCCE BITS

- Good News! The construction of the Riverwalk Pavilion restroom is now completed. See the pictures posted in the section below.
- Brick pavers will be installed in front of the bocce equipment storage closet on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 2 and 3. There may be times when the areas around the pavilion and restroom are blocked off for safety reasons.
- FYI --- Are you are a person who reads the Banter on your phone? Did you know that if you turn your phone so it can be read in a horizontal direction that it will show the Banter format more like you'd see it on a laptop. The spacing and pictures will be displayed much more as they were originally formatted. When read with the phone held vertically it often causes the content to be displayed in a more skewed fashion. It's all the same content, same pictures, but just a less reader-friendly presentation.
- As everyone is aware, Covid-19 limited the number of the many events and activities that are usually a part of the Bocce Club season. Normally scheduled events begin with the Welcome Back party in November, the Social Dinner and Dance in January, February's Battle of the Sexes, Women's & Men's Tournaments, and concluding with the new Gonzo Bocce Tournament format in March. We are hopeful that life will return back to normal as we move towards 2022.
- **Volunteers:** Whether you are a new member this season or an on-going member from season's past, if in the future you are interested in being more involved as a volunteer in any of the activities or events listed above, then get in touch with any of the Board members listed below:

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Board member contact information can also be found on the Bocce Club website under contacts.

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Volunteer Needed

Membership Software

Director

The Bocce Club is presently seeking a member who has the technical background listed below to assume the Membership Software Director position presently held by Bob Switzer. If qualified, and you have an interest in volunteering for this position, please contact Bob at the email listed below.

bobswitzer@verizon.net

Description:

Responsible for maintaining the BBBC Membership Management software application, Wild Apricot (WA). Provide support to other BBBC Board Directors in use of WA application functions, including event management, email communications, financial management, membership management, and website development. Assists BBBC Directors and members with WA questions and issues, including analysis and resolution of issues. Contacts WA Technical Support for assistance with application issues and finding best solutions for new functionality.

Requirements:

Extensive experience using personal computers.

Deep knowledge of MS Office applications and features, including Word (editing, templates, form design), Excel (data management, editing), email and web browsers.

Experience using computer application software packages, such as Quicken, QuickBooks, or ERP (MS Dynamics, SAP, Oracle, Salesforce, etc.)

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Thank You Recognition

The Tournaments shown in the Banter sections above are able to take place because of those members who give their time and energy to the many various aspects necessary for this to happen. Thanks are in order to Tournament Director Tom Covelli whose leadership brought both these tournaments to fruition. Listed below are those who assisted Tom and were instrumental in making each of the Tournaments a success.

- Wild Apricot Registration: Bob Switzer
- Women's Tournament Referees: Carol Pytlarz, Mary Calabrese, Nancy Hayden, Dave Williams, Jerry Hoerner.
- Men's Tournament Referees: Dave Williams, Nancy Hayden, Hank Gempeler, Joe Calabrese, Bob Newbery, June Cousineau, Bob Switzer, Jerry Thompson, Roger Stedronsky, Sheila Rymar, Will Rymar, Bergen Parkhill.
- Pictures: Carol Pytlarz, Eileen & Tom Covelli
- Court Maintenance: Bob Newbery
- Coaching and advice from the frozen tundra to the North: Diane Sweeney



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The Final Restroom Pic

After month's of watching the progress of the Riverwalk Pavilion restroom being constructed it is finally ready for use.



The Beginning



The Middle



All Done!!!

Mission Accomplished!!!

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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.

KeepThe Ball Rolling! Play Bocce !

