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Bocce News
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Villager Krissy Whatley with a few of her Special Olympic Medals

Along with her dad Jim, his daughter Krissy Whatley is a frequent sight at the bocce courts. She can also be seen driving around the Villages in a pretty blue golf cart. You also might remember her from her unusual, and very successful, two handed throwing style. Did you know that Krissy played bocce in the Special Olympics long before her move to the Villages? In 2008 Krissy and Jim lived in El Dorado Hills and she had joined the local Special Olympics. Her coach was interested in getting a bocce team together. The team didn't have a place to play, so the coach improvised by laying out a long piece of carpet down on the ground. There were no side boards so the players had to be careful to keep the ball straight otherwise they would have to run after their errant balls. Over the years Krissy played in matches throughout Northern California, including the California State Championships in Berkeley. Krissy has numerous medals from bocce and also from other sports she enjoyed, such as swimming, track & field, basketball, and bowling. Asked for advice for new players, Krissy says, "Don't throw the ball too hard and the object of the game is to win." If you see Krissy on the court stop by and say hello. You will always get a friendly smile in return.

Bocce Picnic May 12th is your last chance to buy tickets for the Bocce Club Spring BBQ and Picnic on Saturday, May 19th. For reservations or information, call Jeanne Anne Whitacre at (650) 493-3638.

Bocce Bash This is a friendly reminder that our Bocce Bash is held every Friday from 3 to 5 pm. It's a great time to meet up with old friends and make new ones!

Bocce Clinic Our next one day Bocce Clinic hosted by Ken and Jean Brady is May 16th at 3:00 p.m. Please sign up at the bocce cabinet. All are welcome.

Did You Know... Today, Friday May 11th, is "Eat What You Want Day." This unofficial holiday allows people to take one day from the year and guiltlessly indulge in their favorite foods! Go ahead, have something delicious!