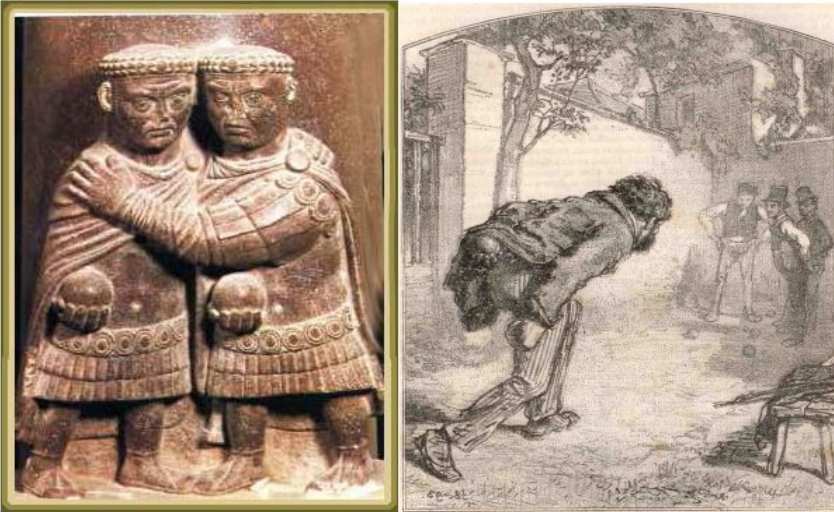


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Did you ever think you had something in common with the Ancient Egyptians and Romans?? Well bocce players do! It all started around the Nile Delta in the 5<sup>th</sup> Millennium BC at about the same time the wheel was invented. These early players used rocks instead of balls. Bocce has come a long way since then. Today bocce is played with balls either on structured courts of clay, oyster shell, carpet or outside on the lawn.

Even King Henry VIII was an avid player, but banned his soldiers and the working class from playing. He thought it to distracting and kept them from their work. Modern day bocce is credited to the Italians. General Guiseppe Garibaldi used bocce to unite Italy during the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. Today bocce is enjoyed in over 30 countries and has 25 million bocce enthusiasts in the United States alone. Whether it be tournaments or just a fun filled afternoon with friends or family, bocce is a great sport for all ages.

## Here's What's Happening at the Courts:

**Triple Play** is winding down and playoffs are taking place. Next week the results will be posted. If you want faster results check out our club's website ([www.villagesbocceclub.com](http://www.villagesbocceclub.com)). Photos and results will be listed.

**Boot Camp** will be taking place on September 7<sup>th</sup> at the courts from 2 to 3 p.m. If you want to learn how to play bocce just come by and knowledgeable instructors will be happy to help. You don't need to be a member to attend. Bocce is a sport that is becoming popular with all ages, so why not give it a try.

**Fall Round Robin** will be starting on September 8<sup>th</sup> and will run through October 24<sup>th</sup>. This is the last tournament of the Bocce Club season and is very much anticipated by club members. If you haven't signed up you need to do so very soon. Check with the tournament coordinator, Paul Andersen ([pandersen1953@yahoo.com](mailto:pandersen1953@yahoo.com)) or phone at 530-613-3057. Information can also be found on our club's website or in the cabinet at the courts.

**The Village Challenge** will be taking place on September 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. If your Village isn't represented, it's not too late to enter. Contact Marion Logie ([logiem@sbcglobal.net](mailto:logiem@sbcglobal.net)) or 408-274-2805 for signup information.