



By Barbara Orlando

Well it's official, the Goodwin's are moving to Prescott, Arizona on October 9th. I had the honor and pleasure of sitting down and reminiscing with both Bob and Rika. They will be moving to a 55+ gated community called Victoria Estates so that they can be closer to their daughter and grandson and no, there isn't any bocce. They are excited to start on their new adventure, but will miss everyone here and of course playing bocce. As Bob put it, he is especially excited to be closer to family, a nearby casino and Costco.

Since becoming members in 2003, Bob and Rika have loved the game of bocce. Rika always cheering Bob on from the side lines, they have both been mainstays at the bocce courts. Everyone knows Bob and his boyish antics at the courts, it puts a smile on my face remembering the roll of masking tape that someone brought to the courts. Bob always being the good sport went along with the tape across the mouth. But rest assured that didn't stop Bob. He recalled the "time out chair" which he was supposed to sit in when he was misbehaving. He not only provided the chair himself, he used it quite often. Those infamous words yelled by Bob after somebody had a great shot "I taught them that" and he probably did. So many memories of the good times with Bob and Rika.

Bob has served on the Bocce Club board in positions such as Bash, Tournament and Social Directors. Both Rika and Bob always volunteered and both expressed how very happy they were to be of service to the bocce club. Having been a Captain over the years, Bob is an exceptional teacher and an excellent player as well. He wanted to mention some of the players through the years that have been on his team the High Rollers. Bill & Marie Durante, Cappie & Lorraine Cappellieri, Marisa Gorton, Ruth Bastelli, Ruth Spirakis, Aloma Lazetera, Liz Giarratana, Bill Fletcher, Syd Labo, John & Virginia Gavin, Claire Vandenberg and Gerri McCoid. By the way, I know everyone wants to know "did Rika ever play bocce"? Well yes she did, the first two years as a member on a team called Pros & Cons. Rika decided she was better suited cheering on Bob's team and keeping him out of trouble.

The Bocce Club Board and membership bid a fond farewell and best wishes in your beautiful new home in Arizona. Bob and Rika, you will be missed. We love you both!!

Reminder:

The Awards Dinner takes place on Saturday, November 3rd at 5:00 p.m. at the Clubhouse.

Membership/Elections on Monday, November 12th from 1 to 3 p.m. at Foothill Center.