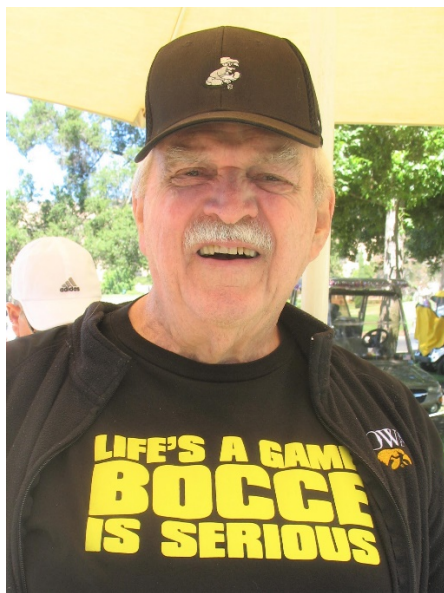


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Winter Play started yesterday and hopefully everyone is taking advantage of the reserved courts to practice on the new surfaces. The courts are beautiful, but will take some time readjusting to playing. Remember winter play is a drop-in from noon to 3 p.m. every Thursday through the months of December, January and February. Our court manager, Paul Andersen has reserved the courts for you to play, so get your group together and come over to enjoy Thursday afternoon's playing bocce.



Remembering: How many of you remember Bernie McCaffrey and the infamous "Bernie Ball"? There are lots of new members who hear "oh that's a Bernie Ball" and really don't know why it's called that. Bernie being the competitive person he was, would throw the pallino down into the far end corners of the bocce court as a challenge to see if you could get your ball closer without hitting the back board. He was always quick to call the closest ball from the opposite end of the court and he was usually correct. That came from endless years of playing. If Bernie liked you, he would give tips on how to read the courts. Many players benefited from his lessons. His t-shirt summed up how he felt about bocce. Bernie volunteered as a member on the Bocce Board and served in several positions from 2011 -2014 as VP, President, Bash Director, and Member at Large. We miss you Bernie!!

Bocce Club dues will increase starting in January to \$15.00 per year. This will enable our board to continue providing quality events and keep our courts and equipment in tip top shape. The Board of Directors' thank you for your continued support.

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