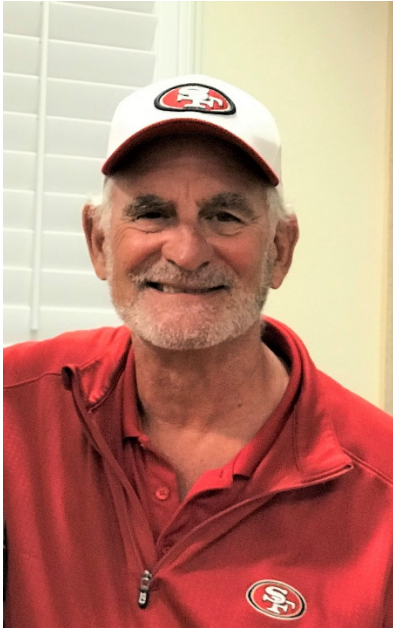


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BOCCE NEWS

By Barbara Orlando



New Tournament Director, George Paris

Meet our Bocce Club's new Tournament Director for 2020, George Paris. He's already preparing for all the tournaments for the bocce club season. George wants to remind you, that Boot Camp will start on Monday, February 3rd. He, along with Tournament Coordinator, Kerry Besmehn look forward to meeting you at the courts. Boot Camp is every Monday and Thursday though-out the month of February from 11 am to 12:30 pm. Culminating with the Beginner's Tournament on Thursday, February 27th for all those who participated and then became members of the bocce club. Lunch will be provided for those playing in the tournament.

George, along with his wife Helen, live in Olivas and both are quite active here in the Villages. George has a sports background and is involved in sports of all kinds, whether it be playing or just relaxing with friends as a spectator. He will bring his vast experience in sports, to the game of bocce. His goal is to make it fun and fair. Everyone is excited for the bocce season to begin and sign-ups for the Spring Mixer are now being taken. George is making sure there is a fair selection process of the teams for the Spring Mixer. He is making this his top priority. Note: Something you probably didn't know about George, he's an avid reader, sometimes finishing 5 or more books per month.

The Spring Mixer Tournament is played with teams of beginners, intermediate and experienced players. This year's Spring Mixer will be played on Mondays and Thursdays, with 3 time slots (10:30am, 12:30pm & 3pm) on each day. Individual sign-ups are now being taken. Chose 1st, 2nd & 3rd choice for the day/time you would like to play, by going online at www.villagesbocceclub.com or by signing up at the kiosk at the bocce courts. Questions can be directed to Tournament Coordinator, Jeanne-Anne Whitacre at 650-493-3638 or email at jawhitacre@live.com.

The Spring Mixer Captain's Meeting is on Friday, February 28th, at Montgomery Center at 1 p.m. The club is always looking for Captains, so volunteer, it's fun and you meet new people. Never been a Captain before? It's easy and help is always available.

Reminder: "SOLD OUT". Hopefully you've already reserved your spot, for the "Valentine's Day" Installation Dinner is on Saturday, February 8th in the Cribari Auditorium from 5-9 pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Tip from the courts: Reserving the bocce courts for your parties is easy, contact Court Manager, Paul Andersen at 530-613-3057 or email pandersen1953@yahoo.com.