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## BOCCE NEWS

By Barbara Orlando



From the Villages Bocce Club



Entertainer, David Johnson

**The Bocce Club's, "Valentine's Day" Installation Dinner** will take place on Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 9 p.m., when the club will install its new board members in the Cribari Auditorium. Dinner will be prepared by the Bocce Club, which will include Roasted Chicken with a Lemon & Oil Drizzle, Red Roasted Potatoes, Green Garden Salad & Garlic Bread. All you need to bring is an appetizer or dessert to share with 8-10 people. A-L brings an appetizer and M-Z brings a dessert. Plates, napkins & utensils will be provided, along with coffee and water.

Reservations for tables of up to 8, can be made by emailing Jeanne-Anne, at [jawhitacre@live.com](mailto:jawhitacre@live.com) or phone at 650-493-3638. **Cost is \$19 per member, guests \$24.** This will be charged to your house #.

Your evening will include, for your listening and dancing pleasure, David Johnson, a frequent entertainer at the Villages. Also provided, red and white wines, and a specialty drink at our bar. We will have some lovely door prizes for a lucky few. Sign up and support the new board members for 2020. Deadline and no refunds after Sunday, February 1st.

**Boot Camp** starts on Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and continues each Monday and Thursday through-out the month of February at those times. New to the Villages? Just want something to do? George Paris, our new Tournament Director, welcomes anyone interested in learning how to

play, to come over to the bocce courts, where experienced instructors are anxious to show you how to play one of the oldest games in sports history. Questions, email George, at [geonio68@gmail.com](mailto:geonio68@gmail.com).

**The Beginners Tournament** is a **one-day** tournament on Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Kerry Besmehn, the Tournament Coordinator will assign you to a team, provide a non-playing experienced Captain, where you can learn how to play on a team and in a tournament. There are 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place awards, which will be presented at our club's Awards Dinner in November. The Bocce Club will provide lunch on February 27<sup>th</sup>, for all the participants playing. Sign up is easy, just attend one or more days of Boot Camp, become a member and sign up for the Tournament. Your assigned Captain, will contact you to meet your team and for practice dates.

**Save the Date:**

**Referee Training** on Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> from 11-Noon for anyone who is a member of the bocce club and would like to be a referee. Questions can be directed to Referee Trainer, Michael Sunzeri at [twosunzeris@comcast.net](mailto:twosunzeris@comcast.net)

**Spring Mixer Captain's Meeting** will be held on Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m., Montgomery Center.

**Pre-Season Clinic** on Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> from 3-5 p.m. at the bocce courts. Ken and Jean Brady are your Clinic Instructors for 2020. Regular Clinics begin Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> from 3-5 p.m. every month on the third Wednesday through the month of October.

**First Bash of the Season** will be held on Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> from 3-5 p.m., celebrating St. Patrick's Day. Tony Orlando, your new Bash Director, along with his committee look forward to seeing you at Bash.

**Tip from the courts:** Tournament Rules and Court Etiquette can be found on our club's website at [www.villagesbocceclub.com](http://www.villagesbocceclub.com) or in the notebook in the kiosk at the courts.