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BOCCE NEWS

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2019 Boot Camp attendees with Instructor Evonne Cook

Bocce season is officially starting on February 3rd, with Boot Camp the whole month of February. Everyone who lives in the Villages is welcome to attend, you needn't be a club member. George Paris, the Coordinator for Boot Camp and Kerry Besmehn, Beginner's Tournament Coordinator, have everything organized to make learning how to play easy and fun. Boot Camp is every Monday & Thursday from 11am to 12:30pm. Learn how to play with experienced instructors, helping and answering questions. Boot Camp finishes off with the **Beginner's Tournament**, on Thursday, February 27th for anyone who attended one or more Boot Camps, became a member of the bocce club and signs up. Lunch will be provided that day for anyone participating in the tournament. Plan to attend one or more Boot Camps. You don't want to miss out on this opportunity to meet new friends and learn how to play bocce.

Spring Mixer signups are now being taken. This tournament is a six-week commitment, starting on Monday, March 9th, with the playoffs the week of Monday, April 20th through Wednesday, April 22nd. Sign up online at our website www.villagesbocceclub.com or at the kiosk at the courts, for Mondays at 10:30am, 12:30pm & 3pm, Wednesdays at 10:30am, and Thursdays, at 10:30am and 3pm. This tournament matches up beginners, intermediate and advanced players, all competing together as a team. It's a great way to play with new players and meet new people. Jeanne-Anne Whitacre is your Tournament Coordinator and can answer any questions you might have at 650-493-3638 or email at jawhitacre@live.com. Volunteer to be a Captain, it's fun and help is always available.

Spring Mixer Captain's Meeting is on Friday, February 28th at Montgomery Center at 1 p.m. Captains should attend or send a representative from their team.

Referee Training Session: Michael Sunzeri, the bocce club's Referee Trainer, is holding a class for anyone interested in being a referee. on Wednesday, February 26th from 11am to noon.

First Clinic of the season will be on Wednesday, March 4th at the bocce courts, between 3-4pm. Clinic continues, once a month on the third Wednesday of each month, 3-4pm ending in October. Ken & Jean Brady are your Clinic instructors.

First Bash of the new season begins on Friday, March 13th from 3-5pm. Tony Orlando and his bash committee will have their first themed bash of the year, St. Patrick's Day. With the courts decorated for the occasion, it should be a great bash. Make sure you wear o' wee bit of the green!

Remember, you don't have to be a member to attend, just bring along a snack to share (optional), a drink and join in the fun.

Tip from the courts: **Never** take bocce balls outside the courts. Always, place the balls, in the correct bags inside the courts when done.

Note: The pallino goes in the bag with the red balls.