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## BOCCE NEWS

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**Jim Whatley.** Photos taken in 2019

This week I'm featuring one of the many Captains who volunteer their time guiding their team members through out the tournament season. Jim started playing bocce on July 14<sup>th</sup>, six years ago and soon became the proud Captain of a team. Over the years he has had many teams and good players. This past year his team called the Bocce Buddies, consisted of team members, Carm Citrigno, Bill Crill, Peter du Fosse', Michael Filice, David Rollo, Marty Schlager and Burt Snitz.

Jim not only is an excellent bocce player, but is a decorated Veteran who began his military career in the Merchant Marines in 1945 during WW II. In 1950 he served in the Navy for two years and then in the Reserves for an additional 20 years. Thank you, Jim, for your military service.

Jim came to San Jose and worked for GE for another 20 years, before retiring here in the Villages. Jim and his daughter Krissy are mainstays at the bocce courts. Both can't wait to return to tournament play once the Covid 19 business is over.