

May 10, 2024

Bocce News

Join the 2024 Spring Round Robin Tournament!

By Tom Hunt

Get ready for six weeks of thrilling Bocce action, starting Monday, June 10th and ending Thursday, July 19th. Playoffs kick off on Monday, July 22nd and 23rd, with the Championship game set for Wednesday, July 24th. Registration is now open! Captains should submit their team information (team name, players), and preferred time choices.

Time choices available are as follows:

- Mondays at 10 a.m., 12:30 p.m. & 3 p.m.
  - Wednesdays at 10 a.m., 12:30 p.m. & 3 p.m.
  - Thursdays at 10 a.m., 12:30 p.m. & 3 p.m.
- (Please note: There is no guarantee of first choice.)**

All registrations will be conducted online at the bocce website where you can sign up as a team or an individual.

Round Robins are distinct from Mixers. Captains will assemble their own teams of 8 without assistance from the Tournament Director. Individuals without a team can sign up by June 3rd to be matched with open slots.

For inquiries, reach out to Tournament Director Todd Horvatich at [bocceboy777@gmail.com](mailto:bocceboy777@gmail.com).

***Tips from Todd*** – (Valuable insight from our Tournament Director)

End of game etiquette – When the game is tight, let's maintain the pace of play and offer the trailing team the chance to catch up. Normal rules apply, the team that won the point has the pallino, but there should be no stalling.

Falling Occurrences – There have been a few instances of players falling while entering the courts. If mobility is a concern for you, please utilize the ADA access and railings, or feel free to request assistance. Our aim is for everyone to stay healthy, happy, and fully enjoy the game!

For the latest updates on dates for these exciting events and other Bocce Club activities we encourage you to stay informed by visiting the bocce website, [www.villagesbocce.vgcc.club](http://www.villagesbocce.vgcc.club). We're looking forward to seeing you on the courts soon!

May 17, 2024

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Bocce Fever Sweeps Through Spring Mixer!

By Tom Hunt

As the sun warms up our days and flowers bloom, there's an unmistakable buzz in the air - it's Bocce season! The Spring Mixer is in full swing, and halfway through the event, excitement is reaching its peak. Amongst the rolling balls and spirited cheers, three teams stand tall, undefeated, and ready to take on all challengers: Gettin Better, B.A.B.B., and the Village Vandals.

The competition has been fierce, with each team displaying remarkable skill and strategy. From precise throws to cunning maneuvers, it's been a sight to behold. As the battle for supremacy continues, spectators eagerly anticipate the outcome, wondering who will emerge victorious.

For those eager to stay updated on the standings, the Bocce Club's website ([www.villagesbocce.vgcc.club](http://www.villagesbocce.vgcc.club)) provides a convenient hub for all the latest information.

But the fun doesn't stop there. Every Friday at 3pm, the Bocce Club hosts its Weekly Bocce Bash - a lively gathering where residents and enthusiasts come together to enjoy the game they love. We simply ask that you bring your own drinks, and an appetizer to share.

And if you're looking to show off your Bocce pride in style, be sure to check out the Bocce Apparel sale at the Bash. From custom shirts to stylish hats, there's something for everyone to sport their club colors with pride. Can't make it to the Bash? Don't worry - the Bocce Club's website also features an online store where you can browse and purchase all your favorite gear from the comfort of your own home.

So, whether you're a seasoned veteran or a curious newcomer, there's never been a better time to join in on the Bocce craze. With thrilling competition, lively events, and stylish apparel, the Bocce Club has something for everyone. Come roll with us and discover the joy of Bocce today!

May 24, 2024

## Bocce News

Bocce Club welcomes 63 New Members!

By Tom Hunt

The Bocce Club has added 63 new members who have joined, following the extremely successful Bocce Boot Camp!

Our club is delighted to welcome new members to what has started out as a very exciting 2024 season. For many of the new members, it's their very first-time playing bocce which makes the fact that 56 of them joined our Spring Mixer impressive! It has been great to see our existing members providing tips and tricks to better bocce play. We are looking forward to seeing the new members joining our Round Robin tournament which begins on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Enrollment is still open so please sign-up at the bocce website.

We are looking for volunteers to help put together items for a silent auction to be held at the Summer BBQ on June 29<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Tom Hunt @ 408-205-0313 to contribute items.

***Tips from Todd*** – (Valuable insight from our Tournament Director)

Please Put the Bocce Balls Away Properly – Remember to store the Bocce Balls in the appropriate colored bag and place them inside the left-hand side of the shed. Leaving them out can lead to loss and unnecessary wear and tear.

Handle Bocce Balls and Pallino with Care – Always handle the bocce balls and pallino from inside the court, and not on the cement. We have had several instances of damaged bocce balls, and this will allow our equipment to last longer.

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May 31, 2024

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Spring Mixer Playoffs Starting!

By Tom Hunt

It's hard to believe but the first tournament of the 2024 bocce season is almost complete! It has been great fun to see everyone back on the courts again. The competition is heating up, and the teams are looking forward some spirited matches to determine this year's Spring Mixer Champs.

The excitement doesn't stop there. Our Spring Round Robin tournament will begin on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Enrollment will be open until June 3<sup>rd</sup>, so sign-up on the bocce web site as a team or an individual and join in the fun.

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Embrace the fun! – Have fun and enjoy playing bocce with your friends, family and neighbors. Take the change to make great memories together. Whether you win or lose, appreciate the friendly competition and the time spent together. Keep a positive attitude and play with good sportsmanship.

Golf Cart Parking – When visiting the bocce pavilion, please park in the gravel area, and not on the grass or in the mulched areas under the trees.

Modifications to Bocce Pavilion – We've had some recent issues and want to remind everyone that the bocce pavilion belongs to the Villages, and not just the Bocce Club. If you have ideas for improvements, please bring them to the Courts Manager, Ken Colaizzi at [kencolaizzi@gmail.com](mailto:kencolaizzi@gmail.com).

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