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The Pallino Post -- Your Weekly (or so) Bocce Update

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It's the final week of the Spring Mixer! Playoffs begin Monday, May 11 with the championship game on Wednesday. We'll head to the Gazebo after the final game on Wednesday for the Tiki Lunch celebration at 11:30. If you haven't signed up yet, contact Barbara Orlando at orlmuh2@comcast.net

Yay! Someone sent me a picture! Here is the Breakfast Club team from the Spring Mixer. They are not in the finals, but they win the award for best breakfast. They are eating donuts! The picture courtesy of Jean Corrigan. Thank, Jean!



Katy, Mary, Miyo, Ron, Sue, Marsha, Laurie, and Jean (Captain).

Breakfast Club

The Bash is Back!

Welcome **Julie Moss**, our new Bash Director.



Everyone is welcome to attend the Friday bashes from 3 to 5pm at the courts. All three courts are reserved for your casual play. Everyone brings the goodies to eat, so if you plan to partake, **please bring a nice appetizer for a dozen or more people.** Watch for special themed events as well. I'm sure Julie has some fun ideas for our future bashes.

As always, I welcome any help with pictures, since I am still working and can't attend the bashes. Thanks!

Skilz Training

Our next Skilz Training is on May 26 at 2:00 for advanced intermediate players. This is limited to the first 30 players. Sign up at [Advanced Beginner Skilz Class](#). For questions, contact Jeff Rose at jeffarose11@gmail.com or 408 489-1968.

Friendly Reminders (rules and etiquette)

The rule for ties has slightly changed. If two teams are tied at the end of the game, there will be another full frame (instead of a single roll-off). If this frame also ends in a tie, then there will be a single roll-off.

A message from our board president, Jana King

Bocce here in the Villages, is a game rooted in camaraderie and sportsmanship. Whether you're playing casually among friends or in a tournament, the spirit of the game depends on mutual respect—especially toward referees, captains, and fellow players.

Referees play a vital role in ensuring fair play. Their decisions may not always please everyone, but they deserve to be treated with courtesy and professionalism. Questioning a call by the referee is part of competition; doing so respectfully is part of good character.

Team captains carry the responsibility of guiding their players and communicating with officials. Supporting captains—both your own and your opponents'—helps maintain order and keeps the game moving smoothly. A respectful exchange between captains sets the tone for everyone on the court.

The number of members who can play in a bocce tournament depends on the number of captains and referees who volunteer. If fewer people volunteer because of unpleasant experiences with unfriendly, uncooperative, or unsportsmanlike players, our tournaments will have to turn more players away.

Most importantly, bocce is about people. Every player deserves to feel welcome, valued, and respected. Celebrating good shots, accepting tough losses, and treating opponents with kindness strengthens the community that makes the game enjoyable.

In the end, how we play matters just as much as the score. Respect keeps the game fair and fun!

Happy Mother's Day to all!



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