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A FULL AGENDA

by

Larry Cereghino

President,

United States Bocce Federation

Wow! Here we are in 2017 and I am holding a position in the USBF I swore I would never want to do. If you would have asked me in August what my plans were I would have said that I'm just going back to promoting bocce in our local area of Portland and Gresham. Like many I was frustrated with the USBF.

When I decided to run for President I had a lot of encouragement and support. How much support I'll have after a few months in office is unknown. Some people will no doubt be disgruntled.

There are many things that need to be addressed in our federation. One of the most important things is to get things done. In the past having one or two meetings a year just doesn't work. I know that some will be disappointed in the fact that there will be more meetings. I think we all are a little frustrated that many items on our agenda never get talk about because of so few meeting. By the end of June we will have three full board meetings and at least two executive committee meetings.

Some of the topics that we will address in the first few months are Marketing and Sponsorships, Youth training facilities, bringing Open rules Bocce into the mainstream and reaching out to non member clubs.

For years some of us have been harping about finding a way to get a National Sponsor. I find it hard to believe after all these years our representative to International events still must fund their own way. The only way to correct this is to grow

the Federation and market our sport. Getting more kids involved will help immensely with finding a National sponsor.

We need to be open about advising and helping non member clubs. A soft sell always works best. Just because their non member doesn't mean we can't assist in some way. Just because they don't play our rules doesn't mean they can't be part of the USBF. We need to take care of our member clubs also even if they don't play our rules. We need them more than they need us. One way we can assist our member clubs is to continue to encourage use of our incentive program. There are other ideas floating around to assist in other ways.

We need to improve the image of the USBF. A prime example is years ago when the some USBF players came up to Gresham to play in one our tournaments. They were good players and didn't really push the USBF on us but just encouraged us to take a look at them. The old timers in the Paesanos didn't want anything to do with them. "Stay away from the USBF". "All they want is our money and tell us how to play". Apparently this is the perception by many clubs in the USA. At the time I was in charge of the Bocce program and I liked the rules in which the USBF plays. So some of us got together and decided we would change one rule every year until we played USBF rules. The perception is out there that we are elitists and don't care. I know that this isn't true and we must change that perception. It will take time but it will happen and when it does the sport of Bocce in the USA will be better off as well as the USBF.

I hope the 2017 season is a great one for everyone. Looking forward to getting out and seeing new venues.

Larry Cereghino
President USBF



THE WORLD GAMES

WROCLAW 2017

The year following the Summer Olympic Games, the World games are held to highlight those sports than are not an Olympic event. These games allow athletes to compete on the world stage with the hope that their sport will be selected as a sport in the Olympics. There is a concerted effort to have bocce appear as a sport in the 2024 Olympics.

When a nation is selected to host the Olympics, they are allowed to select non-Olympic sports as demonstration sports with the hope that they will be added as a permanent sport.

This year the United States Bocce Federation will participate in the International World Games held in Wroclaw, Poland July 20 through July 25. This will be a men's doubles and singles event only.

Jose Botto's 2nd Place finish in the World Bocce Championships in Rome in 2015 has qualified the United States to send representing men's teams to the World Games. Unfortunately, our women's team failed to qualify.

The USBF will be holding qualifying events in all three sectors. A certain number of the top finishers will advance to the

final qualifier in Highwood, Chicago April 22nd. Winners in the Chicago final will advance to play in the World Games.

The Western Sector will hold their qualifying event in Livermore CA on March 5th 2017 starting at 8 am.

The Midwest will hold their events in St. Louis and Cleveland.

The Eastern Sector will hold their qualifying event at the Methuen Son of Italy.

Neither the Midwestern nor the Eastern Sectors have firm dates for their qualifiers yet.

Applications for the sector qualifying rounds will be sent to all USBF members as soon they are available. The cost to enter the events at any of the three sectors will be \$100.00 per two man team.

The top qualifying teams from each sector will compete in Highwood Bocce Club in Chicago IL on April 22nd. Winners of this competition will advance to the World Games, to be held in Wroclaw, Poland from July 20 to 25, 2017.

Larry Cereghino
President
USBF



The announcement of the candidacy of Boules Sport for the 2024 Olympic Games has cast the spotlight on a sport and disciplines which are still not well-known. Petanque, Volo, and Punto Raffa Volo, the Boules Sport disciplines, are represented in **165 countries**, via **262 federations** and more than **200 million players**.

Click on the Boules Sport 2024 logo to learn more and support the Candidacy



HIGHWOOD BOCCE CLUB

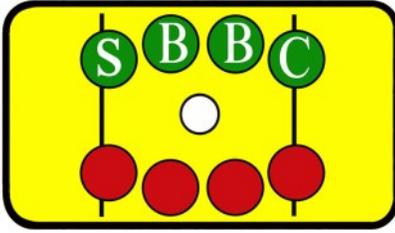
June 20th - June 25th 2017

United States Bocce Federation

National Championships

- **Monday, June 20th** – Registration for US Open Medal Tournament
- **Tuesday, June 21st** - US Open Medal Tournament
- **Wednesday, June 22nd** - Highwood Bocce Club Open Tournament (Cash Prizes)
- **Thursday, June 23rd** - Men's, Women's and Under 21 Punto Raffa Volo Tournament
- **Friday, June 24th** - Men's, Women's and Under 21 Punto Raffa Volo Tournament
- **Saturday, June 25th** - Men's, Women's and Under 21 Punto Raffa Volo Tournament & Awards Banquet.

Complete Information To Be Released Soon



South Bay Bocce Club Of Torrance, California Completes a Seven Year Journey

By Bob Chiota, President of South Bay Bocce Club

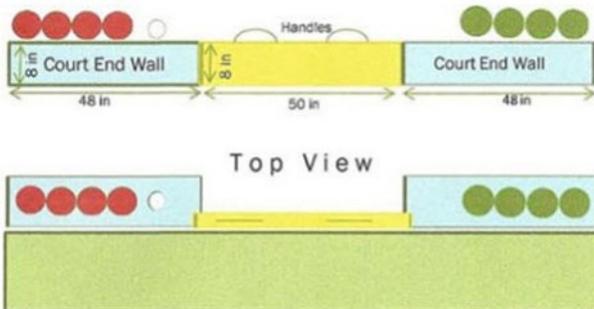


Joel Massa, left, and Bob Chiota

In 2009, the city of Torrance, California put an ad in the local newspaper asking for ideas to beautify the city. My friend Joel Massa suggested bocce courts. His suggestion was accepted and he and I took it from there. Our long road to completion began.

We initially began with a 60-ft. version, but older bocce aficionados suggested that “professionally sized” courts were the right choice for several reasons, not the least was the ability to host tournaments.

We began to determine who the targeted audience was going to be, and settled on four segments of the population: Recovering wounded warriors/first responders; senior citizens; the general population and those who were physically challenged. That set the stage for universal accessibility, and led us to court design.



The Back walls were specifically designed for quick entry and exit by physically impaired players

We knew that a typical competitive court had dirt (sophisticated dirt, including crushed oyster shells,) but that would not handle the use of wheelchairs, walkers, scooters and the like without damaging those beautiful surfaces. Our only choice was to use concrete, covered with synthetic turf.



The location was the first indication that a lot of work was on the horizon. The discovery of clay surfacing the entire park made the task that much more daunting.

The site selected, a lighted, unused basketball court, offered the possibility for three courts, so that became the requirement. Now we had the location (we thought) and the design, but no money. Joel and I went with hands out looking for big money donors. We found few who were willing to fund a sport, so we ran fundraisers. One of the most striking and heartwarming, was a bocce tournament held in 2014. The San Pedro Bocce Club organized a tournament at the Hawthorne Bocce Club courts and the South Bay Bocce Courts Project was the beneficiary of the proceeds!!!! We still can't believe that wonderful gesture from San Pedro Bocce Club and Hawthorne Bocce Club. Now we had seed money.



On April 14, 2015, the Torrance City Council unanimously approved the building of the bocce courts at Columbia Park.

Click on the photo above to see the video of the approval and a few words of thanks by Bob Chiota and Joel Massa.

We went to the city to ask for their financial help. That was slow in coming and unfortunately led to a change in location. Yes, it was still in the same park but not where we were planning. You are starting to see why it took so long. About 6 months into the redesign of the courts for the new location, we returned to the original location. As the new Mayor pointed out, nearer the parking lot; closer to handicapped access; to picnic tables/benches; to rest room facilities and existing light poles.

Along the way, the realization that the entire park is atop clay raised its ugly head. This required the need for a substantial concrete base along with a robust drainage system which equals LOTS OF MONEY.

Fortunately, over the years, the attractiveness of having these courts and the undy-

ing persistence of two Italian Bocce players carried the day. The city developed a superb requirements document, went out for solicitation and awarded a contract in mid-2016.



A drainage system had to be installed as well as the re-routing of water pipes. After this was accomplished, we were ready to get down to the business of building the courts.



Construction finally began, but we had to tear down before we could build up. Everything had to be removed, including the basketball court surface, the immediate subsurface and even some of the light poles.



After the initial "ground work" was completed, the frames were installed, cement was poured and the outline of three 90 by 12 foot bocce courts began to take shape.



The Columbia Park Bocce Courts in Torrance, California



Columbia Park Bocce Courts Dedication Ceremony December 3, 2016

On December 3, 2016, a Dedication Ceremony was held at the Columbia Park officially opening the bocce courts to the general public, with an emphasis that they are open to all, but specifically designed and built for the recovering wounded warriors/first responders,

senior citizens, the physically impaired and Special Olympic athletes.

The three courts are beautiful, functional, all universally accessible and beautifully lighted! Come play on them soon!



Bob Chiota, Mayor Patrick Furey and Joel Massa



**Parks and Recreation Commission Chairperson
Andrea Reilly addresses the audience.**



**Mayor Patrick Furey
rolls the first ball.**



**Council Member
Heidi Ann Ashcroft**



**Council Member
Kirk Williams**



**Council Member
Tim Goodrich**



**Council Member
Mike Griffiths**



Joel Massa watches Bob Chiota roll out the first pallino



A heartfelt Thank You to all.

YOUTH BOCCE CLUB EXCELS At Margaret Mead Junior High School In Elk Grove Village, Illinois

By Michael Coy



Players names are not available

After coaching wrestling and basketball for several seasons at the junior high school level, I knew I was not reaching all of my students. Where only the most talented players were chosen and the rest were cut, I decided to find a better way of reaching children's interest in excelling at sports. "Behind every good man is a better woman" as the saying goes, and so it was my wife who suggested starting an after school bocce club. She had remembered that I had played bocce with my parents as a child and thought it would be the perfect sport where all children, regardless of strength, ability, gender, or disability could participate. In the fall of 2002, my journey began.

A brilliant idea but would it work with 13



After explaining that indoor bocce might present a problem space-wise at the junior high school, Danny came up with a solution. Using wooden 4 x4s as a barrier and rolling out a piece of carpet the width of the room, we could build a court in the school's cafeteria and unassembl it once the club was over. Now, all we needed were students.



year olds who thought that the Internet was a sport and rarely looked up from their cell phones? I was not even sure of where to begin. My wife again suggested asking local bocce clubs and organizations for assistance. I sent out over 15 letters asking for donations to purchase a set of bocce balls and a wagon, thinking bocce was only played outdoors. The only respondent to my letters was Danny Pasaglia from the USBF. He invited me to play bocce on indoor courts in Highwood, Illinois and immediately hooked me on indoor bocce.





In our first season, I was able to teach 40 students how the game of bocce was played. Danny led the first meeting, purchased a set of bocce balls for the court and even assisted with paying for t-shirts for the students. We played after school for two months, rolling out the carpets and placing out the wooden barriers and then rolling up the carpets and stacking the wood. This seemed to be working and the student's interests grew.



During the second season, over 80 students joined. With the help of a local plumbing company, 4 inch pipe was donated to make two "lightweight" courts and also another length of carpet was purchased. We held a tournament at the end of the season, complete with medals for the winning team. Bocce was a hit and we were on our way!

Over the past 13 seasons, bocce has become an institution at Mead Junior High school. Over one thousand students have

been introduced to the sport of bocce, taught the fundamentals of the game, and have produced the next generation of bocce players. Our "club" is complete with scoreboards, music, and is run by an executive board of students whom make decisions for the club.



What started out as a sport I played passionately with my parents has become a student-run club that teaches students about the game of bocce while promoting friendship and teamwork. The end of the season bocce tournament now takes place in the school's gymnasium due to the amount of bocce teams participating and the amount of families that comes out to watch. Who would of thought a bunch of junior school students could fill a gymnasium....to play bocce?





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Ivo Silveira Gym in Chapeco, Brazil



Team USA

From left: Coach Joe Quartarone, Laura de la Rosa, Jean Godin, Emi Fujii and Margaret Shindelus



Capturing memories



The often needed measurement.



Team USA versus Team Chile

Kudos to Brazil

By Margaret Shindelus

They did it all and they did it right! The Confederacion Panamericana de Bochas and the Federacion Brasileira de Bochas recently hosted the 2016 Pan-American Women's Punto Raffa Volo Championships. Teams from six countries competed including Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Uruguay, Paraguay and the United States. We were welcomed with enthusiasm by the Brazilian national team coach, Silvenio Mergen, and players Carol Martins (Silver medalist at 2015 CBI World Championships, Rome) and Thays Dos Santos (2014 CBI World Championships, China). Since none of us were bilingual we used the Google Translate app to assist with communications. We were so excited to be there and it was obvious they were equally excited to host a team from the USA.



The Referees

Although, we did not understand all that was said during the week it was clear the attendance of the USA was a truly appreciated by all of the organizers and teams competing. We received big applause during the Opening Ceremonies address, and at the Closing Banquet the entire contingent of South American participants stood and applauded the USA. It was a proud moment for our country, for the USBF, and for the five member contingent who had the honor of representing the USA.

The competition was fierce as we expected with many young, athletic players who have developed tremendous long volo skills.

The South American style of play is a



Team Brazil

hybrid of Volo and Punto Raffa Volo with many long volo shots taken. The Brazilian team was formed of 8 top players from throughout the county and coached by their national team coach. Some players drove 12-15 hours or longer to participate. The South American countries are enthusiastically developing programs and athletes to compete at the international level and they are starting up Olympic training curriculum as well.

The Brazilian contingent did it all. They were so kind and gracious to us throughout the week and even prepared and served Brazilian barbeque to us at the banquet. They clapped for us, danced with us, hugged and kissed us, they were happy to have us and made sure we had a wonderful time. These are the memories that will last forever.

Fortunately we will get to see players from Brazil and Argentina again soon when they come to Methuen, MA for the USBF Pan-Am friendly games on October 26-30.



Margaret Shindelus

A Once In A Lifetime Experience

By Jean Godin

In August, my teammates and I had the privilege of representing the USA and USBF at the Pan-American Women's Punto Raffa Volo Championships in Brazil. After a very long travel day, we arrived in Chapeco and were greeted by five smiling faces, with only one speaking English. We quickly adjusted, with the help of Google Translate and big enthusiastic hugs.

That was just the start of the warm, welcoming attitude that we received from players of the other participating countries. Every one of the eight players on the Brazil national team bent over backwards to make us feel welcome and appreciated. We found the Brazilians to be warm, friendly people and they made our stay wonderful.



Team Argentina

The team from Argentina stayed in rooms across the hall from us and we had a lot of laughter in our exchanges with them. They watched out for us and made sure we never missed the bus. Monica Cergneux, the head coach, presented me with the uniform jersey she wore in China as part of the 2014 CBI World Championship team. I felt honored to receive the jersey from her, which in addition to being sentimental it has really cool decorations.

We also got close to the young team from Chile that ranged in age from 10-34. They almost all spoke English and really liked to sing American pop music. They liked practicing their English on us and we frequently



Team Chile

called on them to translate for us. On the last day of competition, Patty Torres, the eldest player on team asked me to trade jerseys with her, which I was delighted to do.

Joe Quartarone, our Head of Delegation, was very helpful to us and we had a lot of fun together experiencing the tastes of Brazilian barbeque and "Caipirinha", the national cocktail. Joe was a great ambassador for the USBF and was very popular with everyone.

Thanks to Ben Musolf of Campo di Bocce for making sure we looked sharp by sponsoring nice uniform shirts and jackets for the team. Thanks also to President Jerry South and the USBF Board of Directors for approving and supporting participation in the competition. Overall, we had a once in a lifetime experience that I'll never forget.



Jean Godin

Bon Jovi... Welcome to Brazil

By Emi Fujii

Bon Jovi... and Welcome to Brazil! This was the first Portuguese word I learned... Bon Jovi – Good Morning. Needless to say, I greeted several of our fellow competitors from the host country before I realized that the correct pronunciation is “Bon Dia (pronounced bun-gee-a). Because of my misunderstanding, it was always a laugh when my fellow teammates greeted me.

Upon arriving in Chapeco, Brazil, Margaret, Jean, Laura and I were greeted by the coach from Brazil, his daughter and two bocches players from Brazil. Surprisingly, one of the ladies was wearing a Team USA jacket. We soon discovered that she received the jacket from Albert Leonardi ten years ago!

The Pan-American Games were very organized with excellent coordination by the host country. I can't imagine the logistics that went into this event by the representatives from Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay and our Team USA. Joe Quartarone did a fantastic job. He was able to secure a commitment from the men's and women's bocchas team for the Pan American Friendly Games held in Methuen, Massachusetts. People loved him and he was a great ambassador.



Team Paraguay

Playing in my first international games was exciting and nerve wracking at the same time. However, after our first three wins from Paraguay, my nerves settled down, and now it was “game on.” Not wanting to miss any part of this experience, I watched the games from the competing countries and soon realized I likely

will never will reach the skill level that was demonstrated on the courts by the much younger generation of players than me.

I feel very fortunate to be given this once-



Team USA

in-a-lifetime experience. The journey is one that I will never forget. I was expecting the worst and hoped for the best in my travels to Chepaco, Brazil. I soon discovered that the city was primarily immigrants from Italy, Germany and Brazil, and the city is one of the safest, most educated and affluent cities in Brazil where technology and the cattle and pork industry has strengthened the cities growth and economy. The food was delicious (I even ate sushi). The city reminded me of the hills of San Francisco, and the people were most generous and kind. Fellow competitors from the various countries were always gracious and courteous and I enjoyed sharing time with them when time permitted.

It was an exciting and memorable time, and I truly appreciate the support from USBF President Jerry South and Mr. Ben Musolf from Campo di Bocce of Livermore

Adios!!!

Emi



Margaret and Emi

A Few Memories Shared

By Laura de la Rosa



Inside the Chapeco gymnasium. Notice the Green, Yellow and Blue colors which are the same colors of Brazil's national flag.



I'm playing Single's against Franca Martini from Chile. You can see the flags of the participating countries displayed above us and the Chapeco State flag in the middle. Also, no fancy electronic scoreboards needed. Just flip the number for an additional point.



USA's team picture with the Chilean team. Watch for one or more of these ladies to represent Chile in the 2014 Olympics.



Here we are practicing before the next game.



Team USA relaxing at the bar of a local restaurant.



Check out Brazil's national drink, the Caipirinha. Yummy! You can order similar versions of the Caipirinha, but the name changes depending on the spirit you choose.

Jo-eee

By Margaret Shindelus

So. In the years leading up to the recent Olympic games, it seemed that RIO2016 was somewhat sabotaged by the media. As a result attendance at the games was lower than usual due to fear of disease, crime and political unrest in Brazil.

Well. That somewhat carried over to the formation of the USBF contingent to attend the 2016 Women's Pan-American Punto Raffa Volo Championships in Chapeco, Brazil.



Alberto Limardo, President of Confederacion Panamericana de Bochas and Team USA Coach Joe Quartarone.

At last. Someone stepped up and really wanted to accompany the team to Brazil as Head of Delegation/Coach. That individual is Joe Quartarone from Methuen Sons of Italy Lodge just north of Boston, MA. Joe, along with Ralph Bagarella, co-directed the 2015 USBF National Championships in Methuen, which was a great success. They are also preparing to host the 2016 USBF Pan-Am Friendly Games on October 26-30.



A Brazilian player presents Joe with a Team Brazil shirt

So. Joe recognized that attending an international Punto Raffa Volo competition in Brazil was a great opportunity to meet, network and develop relationships with the heads of the South American

bocce federations.

And that he did. Joe showed up big time even though his flight was delayed, he missed a connection and spent 8 hours in a taxi ride with strangers (now friends) to meet us in Chapeco. He arrived dead tired, hungry, thirsty and with a huge smile on his face and his arms extended to meet and greet everyone he encountered.



Joe and a local vendor.

Joe got right into sync the next morning meeting dignitaries from Panamerican Bocce Federation, Brazilian Bocce Federation and other coaches and heads of delegations. With his personality and people skills, Joe fit right in as was able to navigate his way through the process. He provided the team with the leadership and support we needed.

In the end. Joe shared himself with many at his own expense and represented the USA and the USBF very well. He made friends with everyone he encountered and was a great ambassador. He also learned a lot about tournament organization and came away recognizing the need for development of youth programs in the USA.

Jo-eee. Thanks for all you do.



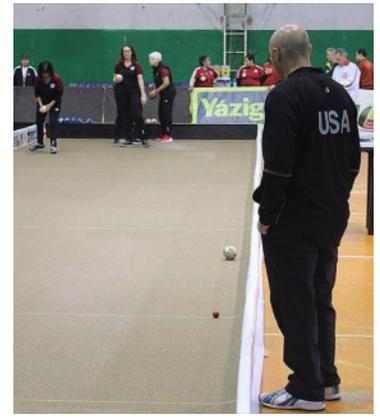
Playing pre-tournament bocce with Alberto Limardo



On a bus tour with Team Argentina



Emi Fujii



Joe Quartarone



Jean Godin



Two Coaches



Laura de la Rosa



Emi Fujii



Margaret Shindelus



Joe Quartarone and Romina Bolatti of Team Argentina



Margaret Shindelus



Laura de la Rosa



Measuring



Team USA



Team Argentina and Team USA



The gathered teams at the Closing Ceremony



Team Uruguay

AWARDS, AWARDS AND MORE AWARDS

By Margaret Shindelus



Awards, Awards and more Awards

Hands down, there were more gifts, trophies and medals awarded at the 2016 Pan-American Championship event in Chapeco, Brazil, than at any other event I have ever attended. Each of the referees received a beautiful commemorative medal. Both the youngest player (10) and the oldest player (78) were also recognized with an award. In the Punto Raffa Volo event the top three teams, Brazil, Argentina and Chile swept the match play events taking home the awards in each of the following categories: Team (Overall), Triples, Doubles and Singles. There were also awards for Precision Volo Shooting competition, which will be one of the “raffa specialty” throwing events considered as a future Olympic sport.

SECTOR REPORTS



Western Sector It's Time to Get The Ball Rolling

By Ron Jacobs
Western Sector President

2017 started with having to cancel our first Western Sector meeting due to the weather. The decision was made in order to keep everyone safe from heavy rain and flooding in some areas of the sector. With the help of Ben Musolf, we were able to set a new date. Thank you, Ben.

At present we have full leagues starting with the Tuesday Raffa and Thursday Open at the Italian Athletic Club in Stockton, CA. Campo di Bocce in Livermore and Los Gatos are also organizing their leagues. It's time to get the ball rolling again. If you haven't joined a league yet, check with your

local club, now is the time to do it before the leagues are full and you're left out.

If you already haven't done so, it's also time to get your 2017 USWBF Membership card and to encourage your Home Club to join. It is very important to support our wonderful and enjoyable sport.

There are tournaments coming up on the schedule that need our support by putting together a team and entering. Hopefully, we can fill all our tournaments and keep from having to cancel any of them, which happened too many times last year. I know Jo Ann and I will be playing in the first one and as many of them as possible afterwards. It's a great time to see your friends and enjoy the day with them.

Something to Think About

Are you a good role model for new beginning players?



USBF Treasurer Looking Forward

By Cynthia Rivera
Treasurer and Membership Officer

It seems like the year has just started a day or so ago and already one month is practically gone. It's incredible how, if you don't pay attention, the days and weeks go by without much fanfare. With that thought in mind, we have to turn our attention beyond those days and weeks and set our minds to taking care of the business at hand. As for the business at hand that I can control, it's about membership.

At this point in time, I think one of the most important aspects of the USBF from my point of view is to get our member clubs to sign up again for the 2017 year. Of equal importance, of course, is getting individual members to join, but the member clubs can make a major impact on total individual membership when they use the incentive program to get their members to join.

Our Membership Incentive program is in year two of a three year commitment. For those who are new to USBF, or whose club wasn't a USBF member club last year, I'll reiterate this win-win proposition.

At the end of the year, the USBF will send an incentive check to each member club equal to five dollars for each one of their members who joins the USBF. This incentive check is sent to the club, which can use the money for any purpose they wish. This is a win for the clubs because they get this money simply by having their members join USBF, and it is a win for the USBF because we get a larger membership base.

Two years ago, before we started the program, our total membership numbers were 659 individual members, and 30 member clubs. Last year, our first year offering the incentive, our individual membership numbers jumped to 1,095 members and 40 member clubs.

Let's all work together to make the USBF grow even more in 2017.

I want to thank the six following clubs who joined USBF as Member Clubs in January:

1. **4S Bocce Club** in San Diego, CA
2. **Bundox Bocce** in Reno NV
3. **Elkhorn Bocce Club** in Stockton, CA
4. **Palazzo di Bocce** of Lake Orion, MI
5. **Peninsula Italian America Social Club** in San Mateo, CA.
6. **Scotts Valley Bocce Club** in Scotts Valley, CA

SECTOR REPORTS



Midwestern Sector

Gregory Della Croce
Midwestern Sector President

No Sector Report submitted



Eastern Sector

Guy De Santis
Eastern Sector President

No Sector Report submitted

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT COMMUNICATING WITH THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In today's high tech world, we are beginning to receive robocalls even on our smartphones. We receive text message advertising, and the offers to give us millions by unknown benefactors in foreign countries are getting more frequent. The concept of privacy is almost becoming a thing of the past. We as individuals must take personal steps to maintain our privacy.

In an effort to maintain the privacy of those who volunteer to give their time as officers of the USBF National Board and the three sector boards in the United States Bocce Federation, we will no longer publish the email addresses of those board members; not in the two USBF newsletters nor on the usbf.us website. This is not an effort to protect our officers from honest inquiries from bocce enthusiasts, but an effort to keep their personal email addresses

out of the reach of those who have no interest in bocce, but have been able, in the past, to freely see and possibly use those addresses through our publications for their own nefarious reasons.

A central hub for USBF officers has been set up to receive any messages any individuals may send to our sitting officers. The email will be forwarded to the officer as named in the email. You will have the option of sending an email through our central email hub, or you may avail yourself of the "Contact Us" portal on the usbf.us website.

Should you choose to use our email hub, please send your messages to:

usbfbboardmember@gmail.com

Be sure to indicate to whom the message is directed to.



Four year old Mia Palermo has been playing bocce for two years. She is the daughter of Mike and Audra Palermo and lives in Andover, MA.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Membership.....\$15 | <input type="checkbox"/> Bocce Club Membership\$ 75 |
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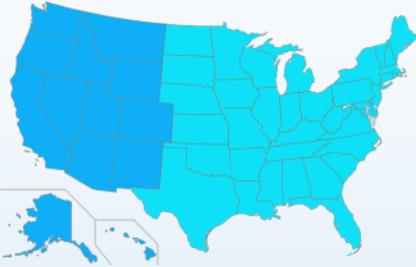
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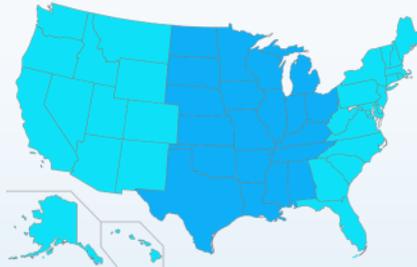
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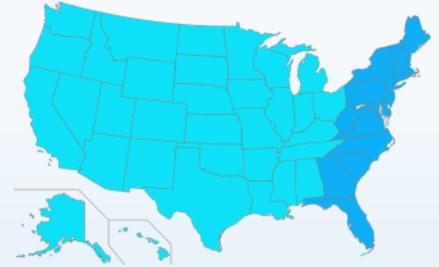
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