

UNITED STATES BOCCE FEDERATION QUARTERLY



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President's Message

To all the members of the USBF I want to thank you for your loyalty and continued support of our Federation. To the **Board of Directors** I am appreciative of your vote of confidence in selecting me to return as your President. It is a task I take on with full anticipation that we can achieve many goals to improve our status both nationally and internationally. We have several new board members and with their support and creativity we shall move forward to meet those goals with enthusiasm and success.

I want to give everyone a brief synopsis of what has been happening in the world of bocce the past few months. In November we sent a Delegation to the **Pan-American Women's Championship in Uruguay**. While we represented the USA proudly and were well received by our hosts, our team finished in 6th place.



Jose Botto & Laura De La Rosa

Just recently we participated in the **World Championships in Tucuman, Argentina**. For the first time in history, the event was Singles Men, Singles Women and Mixed Doubles with timed games. CBI established many new rules for this event and I believe this format will be used from now on. Our players performed very well with **Laura De La Rosa** and the Doubles just missing the quarter finals by one loss. **Jose Botto** did extremely well and ended up playing Gianluca Formicone in the Semi Final. Gianluca was the eventual winner but none the less Jose came home with a Bronze Medal. Congratulations to the entire delegation for showing the USA as a force to be recognized.

I mentioned goals earlier and would like to expand on the statement. The USBF will dedicate time and effort to **instill the game of bocce into the youth of America**. We have appointed Directors in each Region to come up with programs to teach and hopefully inspire the younger generation to continue our sport. This effort is being used in many countries since the same problem is present everywhere. Unless we can induce younger players we will not be able to continue as a Federation. I remain steadfast in this effort and will do everything possible to attain this goal.

We need to improve membership in Clubs, Social Communities and individuals. I apologize for being late with this letter but with 2 major events within 5 months I just simply couldn't find the time. In the future the newsletter will be on time and hopefully more

frequent but that also relies on you!!! **We need information and articles about any and all events in your area.** Please send them in to our Secretary Teresa Rea so we can include them in the newsletter. This is one of the most important areas of communication for the USBF.

I also want to apologize for the website not being up to date or in order. During the transition we encountered many issues including lost passwords, webmaster performance and all this has delayed our progress. I can assure you that shortly we will have the website up to speed. That is all for now but thank you again for the support and understanding.

Sincerely,

Danny Passaglia, USBF President



Special Olympics Missouri Hall of Fame

Brock Guseman along with Terri Dallas, and Sarah Byland received the Special Olympics Missouri Hall of Fame award at Northwest High School on January 20, 2019 and were recognized at the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame in Springfield, Missouri on January 27, 2019.

They would all like to thank Rich Robertson, IABC member and terrific mentor to the group. Submitted by Tom and Carol Guseman, Brock's proud father and mother.

United States Bocce Championships June 23 - 29, 2019



The 2019 United States **Bocce Championships will head back to Methuen, MA.** The Tournament was last held in Methuen in 2015. Teams from CA, OR, WA, MI, IL, MO, NY, RI, NH, CT and MA are registered, and will be competing in 7 different tournaments over the week. For all of the details visit www.bocce.com.

USBF Website

After what seemed to be forever, www.bocce.com is up and running. Brainjar Media of Gresham, Oregon is our new webmaster. Sadly, entering content and updating came to a halt when Frank Rivera passed away. It took several months to acquire the passwords and gain access to the site.

Anyone wishing to add content to the website can do so by contacting the USBF at www.bocce.com/contact or contact your Sector President. All content must be approved by the executive committee.

Information about the upcoming Nationals can now be found on the [website](http://www.bocce.com). Anyone wanting to register as a member should download the form from the website and

send it in with your check to the address provided on the form. We are in the process of updating the online registration but at the time of this newsletter it is not complete yet.

Thanks,

Larry Cereghino, International Rep.

The Regency Bocce Club News

Throughout the winter months, the Regency Bocce Club can be found "rolling" on the beautiful indoor courts at **Bundox Bocce** in the Renaissance Hotel in downtown Reno. We are so fortunate to have such a fantastic facility that allows us to play our beloved game all year long. The schedule for play are the 2nd and 4th Sundays, from 1:00-2:30 pm. Due to Sundays being Family Day at Bundox Bocce, we get 1-1/2 hours of free play. However, we reciprocate their generosity by purchasing beverages and some food. The staff are so welcoming and we enjoy their high quality courts and super customer service.



We also meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays, at 1:00 pm, at the Regency Courts. We have been blessed with some great weather that has allowed us to stay in our neighborhood and get in a couple of games. During periods of inclement weather, we continue to meet in the clubhouse for some indoor games, which is also great fun!

Any neighbors who want to join in and/or learn about bocce are welcome to attend any Sunday, or to contact a member of the club for information. Club policy and contact information is provided on our website www.regencyatpresidio.com.

Bocce in 2019: We are looking at the possibility of establishing some league play, where we actually compete in organized teams. Also on the agenda will be some possible trips to Truckee (where we can compete against their local teams) and Stockton for a workshop with some past National champions. Check us out!

USBF Patches

Anyone interested in purchasing the Small 2" USBF patch can do so by going to www.bocce.com contact page and send your request. Cost of a patch is \$1.00.



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