MARTINEZ BOCCE FEDERATION
June 2016 Newsletter

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Missing Score-sheets

We had a bad couple of weeks in May with teams not submitting their score-sheets. This takes up so much time when we have to chase down teams/capos with phone calls and emails just to get your league details up to date. Please take the time to check all entries and make sure you place them in the score-box before leaving the courts.

Gene Rittburg Tournament

With an entry of 25 teams the first Gene Rittburg memorial tournament went off very well and so many of the participants expressed their enjoyment of the event and of the day's proceedings. Jeremy Calhoon has put some words and photos together and they can be found on pages 6-10.

Ken Cook

It is with regret that I heard Ken Cook had passed away recently.He was a long time friend and member of the MBF. The family will be holding a celebration of Ken's life on Sunday June 26th at the bocce courts and all those who wish to pay their respects are most welcome to attend.
The celebration will be between 11.00am – 2.00pm.

Schwab Bocce Extravaganza

Unfortunately, the Les Schwab Bocce Extravaganza was postponed and it is hopefully being planned for later on in the year.

Food Vendor

The food vendor has not worked out. It seemed that they were losing money so they pulled out after a couple of days.
Most Members, as is traditional, were bringing their own food so there will not be any catering services on site.

MBF Calendar & Local Events

If you are interested in using the Club's facilities in 2016, please email the MBF for available dates. From time to time we will list tournaments and events outside of the MBF. All events held at our club will be highlighted

June 11th	Shell Alumni		Vic Remorini
June 18th	Martinez Rotary		Jerry Telles
June 25th	Colombo Club		Dave Nardi
June 26th	Memorial Gathering for Ken Cook		11.00am – 2.00pm
July 4th	Traditional July 4th Tournament		Megan Keith
July 9th	Buccellato Brothers Memorial Tournament	Pittsburg	Ginny Nelson
July 16th	Football & Cheerleaders		Jackie Russo
July 23rd	Mike Thompson's Office		Mary Jane
Aug 13th	Aiello-Belleci Memorial Tournament	Pittsburg	Ginny Nelson
Aug 13th	Colombo Club		Dave Nardi
Sept 10th	Loaves & Fishes		.
Sept 17th	Knights Of Columbus		Don Brocca
Oct 15th	"Five Families" Contra Costa County Championships	Pittsburg	Ginny Nelson

TEAM NAME _____

Player 1 _____ Phone_____

Player 2 _____ Phone_____

Cash___ OR Check_____

Amount $_____

Received

Date _____

By _____

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1461 ASH STREET
MARTINEZ, CA 94553

Observe the "NO SMOKING" rule.

Every week there are complaints about people disregarding the NO SMOKING "LAW" which is in force in all areas of the "Park" and that includes the bocce courts.
If you see and are inconvenienced by someone smoking, politely ask them to stop and obey the laws of the "Park".
If they persist the only people who can make them obey the law are the Police. If you call the Police, when they arrive, they will cite all persons that they see who are disobeying the laws of the park.

Please be courteous to your fellow MBF Members and refrain from smoking at the bocce courts.

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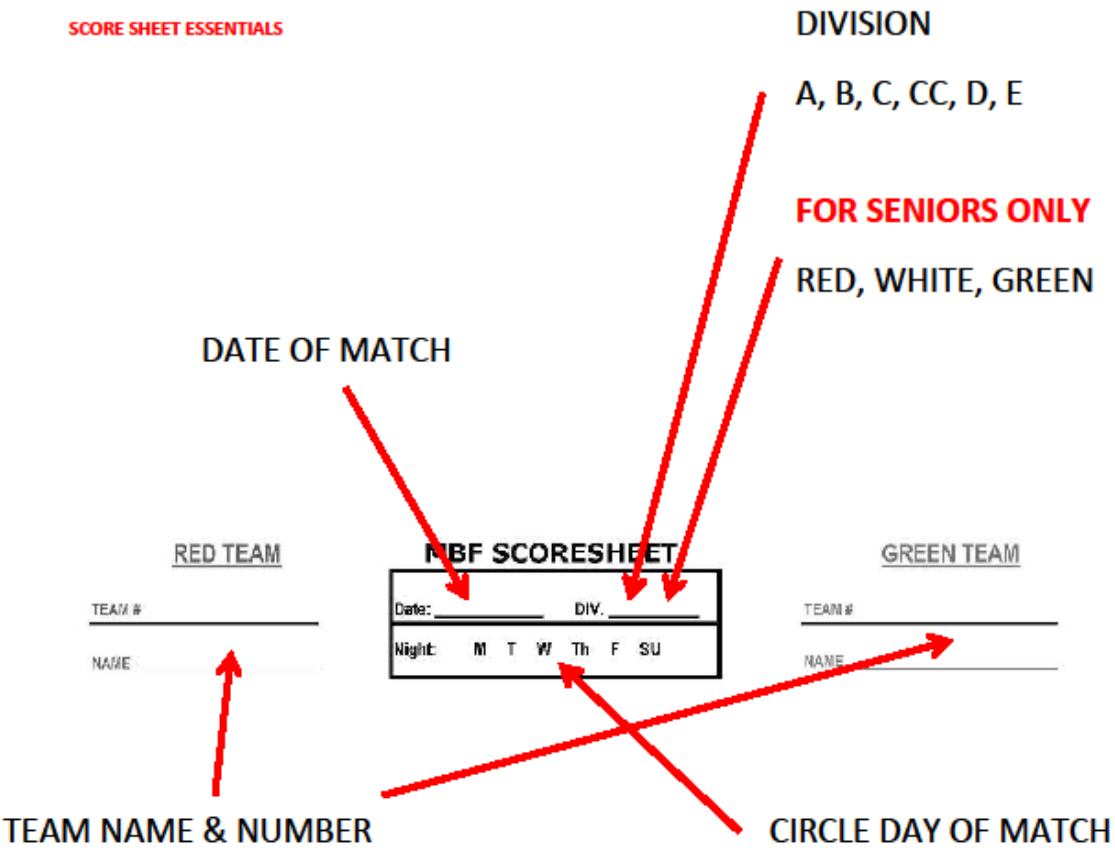
Completion of the Score-sheet

Please take the time to fill out the score-sheet correctly. It is putting added pressure on the scorekeeping staff when they have to investigate which teams are playing in what leagues. You can all see the number of teams in our leagues and it is no mean feat to get this updated ready for posting on Sunday so please play your part in assisting us to accomplish this.

SENIOR players your divisions are either RED, WHITE or GREEN.
DO NOT PUT "SENIORS" in the DIVISION BOX.



First Annual Gene Rittburg Memorial Bocce Tournament

First Place "Let's Roll" Ted Nicholson, Roberto Lonardo, Jess Quesada, Steve Castellano.

Second Place "Veni Vidi Vici" Gary Carlson, Vic Delpine, Al Piranio, Guy Colon.

Third Place "El Wopo" Don & Kathy Brocca, John Rebar, Jack Williams.

Fourth Place "Off The Wall" Roger & Tia Gregorie, Eddie Nicholas, Sesto Pacchetti.

John Rebar does his best B. B. King, closing his eyes in soulful glee, his fingers air-guitaring along with The Thrill is Gone, gently flowing from the dual speakers in the registration tent, bocce balls clinking and clanging in the background. As J.J. Cale's Call Me the Breeze kicks into full swing, Bill Kintana twirls Tina Reich in an impromptu 12-bar shuffle filled with giggling laughter. Seventeen tri-tips sizzle on the barbecue, the comforting smell wafting throughout the courts. A taste of the homemade horseradish provides a pleasurable burn, like aftershave on a freshly shorn face.

These were a few of the scenes from the first annual Gene Rittburg Memorial Bocce Tournament, held at the Martinez Bocce Federation bocce facility at the Martinez waterfront on Saturday, May 14th, benefiting the Where Angels Play Foundation. Over one hundred participants joined the festivities to honor a gem of a man, raise money for children's playgrounds, and have a mountain of fun in the process.

The day began with the Oak Ridge Boys' (one of Gene's favorites) acapella version of the Star Spangled Banner and a moment of silence, after which twenty five teams went to battle, slowly winnowing down to one, all to an incredibly fun blues playlist selected by Megan Keith. Eventually, yes, teams were eliminated, but all were smiling, even those being given their walking papers.

The lunch break saw a line of drooling players watching the first few early birds exit the line with plates piled high with generous portions of home-made tri-tip, pulled pork, coleslaw, pasta salad, baked beans, green salad and rolls – and don't forget that horseradish! As everyone drifted towards a beautiful food-coma, almost forty raffle prizes were handed out, including a two-burner propane barbecue (thanks Home Depot!), a television, a framed Disney art piece appraised at over $250, and a wireless Bluetooth headset. More than a third of the players walked away with raffle prizes. In a scene that would have made Gene's eyes go misty, Jack Williams won just south of four hundred dollars in the 50/50 raffle, but donated it right back to the charity.

When the dust settled and the sun began to set, four teams were awarded the top prizes. Each player received a framed drawing of Gene in his fire truck drawn by local children, which touched the hearts of all. They also each received a cooler to fill with frosty beverages, hopefully one day to use to raise a drink to the sky to toast that gem of a man, and tell an off-color joke in his memory.
Thank you to all of the attendees, whose generosity allowed us to send a check to Where Angels Play for over four thousand dollars ($4000).
A special thank you to all of the volunteers (you know who you are) who helped us put on this event.

Without you, this would not have been possible.

The Where Angels Play Foundation has made it its mission to give children in areas that have suffered tragedies an oasis in the form of a playground. It can give them a sense of normalcy after the storm and be the symbol that their community will recover. The playgrounds are also designated to celebrate the life of a given "angel," a child/hero who inspired the community and was taken too soon due to violence. It can give their family a place to remember and highlight what made their angel so special.

Please support our donors!

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State Farm Insurance - Pleasant Hill	Viano Winery - Martinez	Toys "R" Us - Pleasant Hill
Trader Joe's - Pleasant Hill	Wence's Restaurant – Pleasant Hill	Wingstop - Martinez

SMOKING IS PROHIBITED

As our league continues to grow each year so do the problems associated with this growth.
Everyone needs to remember that this is a family sport and must be treated as such.

Smoking is prohibited per Martinez City Ordinance and it is incorporated in the Rules of the Martinez Bocce Federation.

The link below will take you to the website and the Rules section.

http://www.martinezboccefederation.org/docs/BocceRules2014.pdf

Hagin's Automotive

Andy, Cathy and all the staff at Hagin's Automotive invite you to bring your car into their Alhambra Avenue location for a "FREE" complimentary 21 point inspection. Simply mention the "Martinez Bocce Federation".

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Buccellato Brothers Memorial Tournament

This year's tribute to "Sam & Leo" will be held on Saturday July 9th at the Pittsburg Bocce Federation Courts. Deadline is July 1st so there is plenty of time but don't leave it too late as this is one of those tournaments that attracts many teams from all over the area.
With a $35 entry fee per person, which includes breakfast and lunch, it is sure to be well attended. Additional information contact Ginny Nelson 925-229-3312.

See flyer for details on next page.

PITTSBURG BOCCE FEDERATION
BUCCELLATO BROTHERS
MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT
"A TRIBUTE TO SAM & LEO"

PLACE: Pittsburg Bocce Courts
Harbor St. & Buchanan Rd.

DATE: Saturday, July 9th, 2016

TIME: 8:00am Team Draw
8:30am Team Play

PRICE: $35.00 per player

LUNCH (Non-Player)/Guest: $10.00

Continental Breakfast and Lunch to be provided.

Prizes: Team Cash Awards for 1st thru 4th

1st Place: $400.00 2nd Place: $300.00
3rd Place: $200.00 4th Place: $100.00
(Amounts shown are based on a 20 team tournament, final award amounts may vary)

Double Elimination Tournament

DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JULY 1st, 2016

Additional Information Contact – Ginny Nelson (925) 229-3312

Mail Entry Form and Payment to:
Pittsburg Bocce Federation
C/O Ginny Nelson
P.O. Box 486
Martinez, CA 94553-0048

Make Checks payable to: Pittsburg Bocce Federation

ENTRY FORM:

Team Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

CAPO / Player #1 : _____

Player #2: _____ **Player #3:** _____

Player #4: _____ **Player #5:** _____

Martinez Bocce Federation Goodies

Official Club Shirts

In addition to the official MBF caps being offered we are now making official MBF shirts available with the Club logo above the left breast area. Shirts will be in sizes ranging from S to XXL at a cost of $25 (PAYMENT WITH ORDER).

Shirts will be made to order. Please write to:-
vicdelpine@martinezboccefederation.com
Colors being offered are Gray, Green & Red.

Official MBF Club Hat
Hats $20

Useful Contacts & Connections

Email Address vicdelpine@martinezboccefederation.com

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PITTSBURG BOCCE FEDERATION
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MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

PLACE: Pittsburg Bocce Courts
Harbor St. & Buchanan Rd.

DATE: Saturday, August 13th, 2016

TIME: 8:00am Team Draw
8:30am Team Play

PRICE: $35.00 per player

LUNCH(Non-Player)/Guest: $10.00

Continental Breakfast and Lunch to be provided.

Prizes: Team Cash Awards for 1st thru 4th

1st Place: $400.00 2nd Place: $300.00
3rd Place: $200.00 4th Place: $100.00
(Amounts shown are based on a 20 team tournament,
final award amounts may vary)

Double Elimination Tournament

DEADLINE: Thursday, August 4th, 2015

Additional Information Contact – Ginny Nelson (925) 229-3312

Mail Entry Form and Payment to:
Pittsburg Bocce Federation
C/O Ginny Nelson
P.O. Box 486
Martinez, CA 94553-0048

ENTRY FORM:

Team Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

CAPO / Player #1 : _____

Player #2: _____ **Player #3:** _____

Player #4: _____ **Player #5:** _____

Important Court Etiquettes

1).The Cone Zone.

If a court has a "Cone" placed on it, that court must not be used. It may have been recently groomed, may be reserved for an upcoming event or game or may simply be "soft" and is waiting to dry out. Please respect the "Cone Zone"

Per the agreement with the city, Public play will not be allowed on courts that are designated with orange cones. These courts have been newly groomed for league play or other events. This use is enforceable per the municipal code 8.24.120.

2). Bouncing of Balls on Concrete Court Surround.

In the past, some members have been seen to "Bounce" the bocce ball on the concrete edge of the court to remove grit and oyster shell. This practice must be discontinued as it not only may weaken the integrity of the ball but also will eventually crack the court's concrete walls, which will lead to costly repairs

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

MARTINEZ COUNCIL 6039

CHARITY BOCCE BALL TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY – SEPTEMBER 17th 2016

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DONATE TO MARTINEZ AREA CHARITIES AND YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS. COME AND PARTICIPATE IN A FUN DAY OF BOCCE COMPLETE WITH A CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST PLUS A GENEROUS LUNCH PREPARED BY THE KNIGHTS AND HELP THE KNIGHTS CONTINUE THEIR MISSION OF CHARITIBLE SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.

HELD AT THE MARTINEZ BOCCE COURTS

FOUR PLAYER TEAMS.....$30.00 PER PLAYER
REGISTER EARLY
ROUND ROBIN OR DOUBLE ELIMINATION BASED ON THE NUMBER OF ENTRIES
PRIZES FOR 1ST THROUGH 4TH PLACES

Event Date: Saturday – September 17th 2016
Breakfast and warm up – 8:30
Games Begin – 9:00

Register by September 13th 2016
Lunch Provided
Continental Breakfast

REGISTRATION FORM

TEAM NAME_____

TEAM CAPO
(CAPTAIN)_____**PHONE#**_____
PLAYERS
2_____
3_____
4_____
ALTERNATE_____

*** **ONLY FOUR AWARDS PER TEAM**

PLEASE SEND ENTRY FEE WITH REGISTRATION – DEADLINE September 13th 2016
Mail to: JIM KELLY – 536 PALM AVE. MARTINEZ, CA 94553 (925) 372-6357
QUESTIONS CALL - DON BROCCA – (925) 858-7330

No Smoking at the Bocce Courts

In the past, the Martinez Bocce Federation has received complaints that Club members are not abiding by the Rules of the Park where the subject of "No Smoking" is concerned.

We here on the "Board of Directors " are not the "Smoking Police" and can only display the relevant "Ordinance" and remind members that smoking is not permitted in the Park and is therefore against the law.

The following extract is taken from the "City of Martinez" website.

http://www.cityofmartinez.org/news/displaynews.asp?NewsID=374&TargetID=1

Council Adopts Second Hand Smoking Ordinance

The Martinez City Council adopted Ordinance No. 1352 C.S. on May 6, 2009 (Chapter 8.05 of the Martinez Municipal Code), to offer additional protections to the non-smoking public by regulating secondhand smoke in and around public places, such as City businesses (including bars and restaurants). The new regulation, which goes into effect on June 6, 2009, does not permit smoking within 20 feet of doors, windows, vents and air ducts of public places.

Additionally, the new law does not allow smoking in City parks, public plazas, farmers' markets, and services areas (such as ATM's, bus shelters, and the Amtrak Station). Secondhand smoke restrictions in multi-family residences, such as apartment buildings or condominiums with 4 or more units, will go into effect on June 1, 2010. The multi-family provisions limit smoking to inside a residence, or in an outdoor smoking area designated by the landlord. Smoking on balconies, porches, patios, carports, or similar private outdoor spaces of a multi-family residence will not be permitted in order to prevent such smoke from infringing upon another resident.

In the past, the Martinez Bocce Federation has been in contact with the Martinez Police Department on this subject and this is their reply.

"If a complaint is called in to them, they will respond and issue citations to all those they see smoking. They will not issue a citation if that person is not smoking at the time. They will cite all others that are observed."

Alcohol at the Bocce Courts

Drinking alcohol within the confines of the Bocce Courts' Perimeter is permitted by the Martinez Police Department and City Manager and a major factor in the renewal of that permit has been the "Trouble Free" history over the past 10 years in relation to alcohol consumption at the Martinez Bocce Federation in Waterfront Park. Please don't forget the "Designated Driver or Drivers" for your team and keep any related incidents to ZERO, especially so that you all get home safely after an enjoyable evening of bocce.
.....Cheers.

Facebook

Our webmaster, Bryan Mero, has set up a Facebook page for the Martinez Bocce Federation.
To access it search for the Martinez Bocce Federation or go to the link listed below.

https://www.facebook.com/groups/58815219173/

First Day of Summer
Monday June 20th

Enjoy your Bocce
Vic Delpine, Editor.