MARTINEZ BOCCE FEDERATION

March 2016 Newsletter

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Capo's Meeting April 5th

The annual Capo's meeting is on Tuesday April 5th at 6.00pm in the Moose Lodge. This is a must attend event so please make sure if the Capo is unavailable that a representative from your team is in attendance. Handbook, schedules and scoresheets will be distributed and the latest news on the upcoming season will be announced.

There is still a vacany for a Monday night Volo team.

If you would like to take advantage of this spot please write to me at:-
info@martinezboccefederation.com

New Division System for 2016

The 2016 Division System has been updated and they are as follows.
Monday Volo, B, C, D & E.
Tuesday thru Friday A, B, C, D & E.
Sunday B, C, CC, D & E.

The Scheduling committee is working on the divisions during March and details will be available at the Capo's meeting on April 5th.

Consideration has been on going to revamp the existing system and we will evaluate the results at the end of the 2016 season.

J.B. SERVICES

Many thanks to J.B. Services and Beverley Forrest who dealt with the annual mailing of the Roster Forms.

Happy Easter

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

Apr 5th	Capo's Meeting		6.00pm Martinez Moose Lodge
Apr 16th	Annual Clean-Up Day		9.00am
Apr 16th	Pre Season Bocce Dinner & Dance		Moose Lodge
Apr 17th	Opening Day of 2016		Sunday 5.00pm
Apr 21st	Opening Day Senior Bocce League		Thursday 9.30am
Apr 23rd	Il Sacco Tournament	Pittsburg	Ted Nicholson/Jess Quesada
May 14th	Gene Rittburg Memorial Tournament		Wanda Rittburg & Jeremy Calhoon
May 21st	Les Schwab Tires		Doreen Bagnoi
June 11th	Shell Alumni		Vic Remorini
June 18th	Martinez Rotary		Jerry Telles
June 25th	Colombo Club		Dave Nardi
July 4th	Traditional July 4th Tournament		Megan Keith
July 9th	Buccellato Brothers Memorial Tournament	Pittsburg	Ginny Nelson
July 23rd	Mike Thompson's Office		Mary Jane
Aug 13th	Aiello-Belleci Memorial Tournament	Pittburg	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

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The Pre Season Dinner/Dance held at the Moose Lodge 4/16

The annual pre-season dinner/dance will be held on Saturday April 16th at the Moose Lodge. Please see the flyer information on page 4.

So have fun, enjoy the dinner and dancing and relax, especially if you voluntered at the "Annual Clean-Up" day in the morning and remember that this year's top raffle prize is:-

"free registration for your team in 2017"

Calling All Capos

Do you need additional team members

I have several people who are looking for teams requiring players.
Most have little experience.
If you require players please write to me:-

info@martinezboccefederation.com

Revision of the Rules

There are several revisions/adjustments to the Rules so please take the time to refresh yourself with them. They are in the process of being updated and will appear in the 2016 Handbook, at the courts and online.

Happy Easter

BOCCE DINNER & DANCE

Saturday April 16th

Martinez Moose Lodge 414 Escobar Street

No Host Cocktails at 6.00pm Dinner at 6.30pm

Menu choice of Steak or Chicken

with

Veggies, Salad & Dessert

$25

After Dinner Dance Music by DJ

Great Raffle Great Prizes!!!

Grand Prize "Free Bocce for one team in 2017"

Tickets Available at the Moose Lodge, Phone BILL, 925-228-8822

Ticket Deadline is Wednesday April 13th

Happy Easter

NorCal Indoor Summer League

For those of you who wish to play indoor bocce this summer, without travelling out of the area, NorCal Courts are contemplating holding a "Summer League".
If you require details please contact NorCal at:-

barrykleiman@gmail.com

Facebook

NorCal Courts have set up a Facebook page for their leisure activities. The link below will take you to there.

https://www.facebook.com/sportsatnorcalcourts

"Like" the site and keep in touch with all the news.

NorCal website is:- **www.bocceball.norcalcourts.com**

If you have any questions please write to..... vicdelpine@martinezboccefederation.com

Happy Easter

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

Happy Easter

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".
Visit them on the web at http://www.haginsauto.com

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Happy Easter

Remember the ROSTER Rules

Players may register in all 3 categories, Night-time Open, Volo and Senior Bocce leagues BUT you can only register on ONE team within each of those categories.

IF YOU REGISTER AND PLAY ON MORE THAN ONE TEAM WITHIN EACH OF THOSE CATEGORIES, YOUR TEAM RESULTS WILL BE NULLIFIED AND ANY VICTORIES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE OPPOSING TEAM. IT IS UP TO THE CAPOS TO ENSURE THAT THEIR PLAYERS ARE ABIDING BY THE RULES.

To recap on the Team Roster:-

Your "Final Roster" must be completed by the 3rd (third) week of the season.

Before those third week games, if you have any amendments, your Final Roster must be handed in to the Club House Score Box with any changes on an OFFICIAL "Team Roster Change Sheet" which you can download from the website. The link below will take you to it.

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

This means, when playing your third match, that will be your Roster for the season with the following exception.

After the third week you can only "Replace" an existing player. You simply cannot add a player.

In the event of "Rainouts" during the first 3 weeks of the season, the deadline for your "Final Roster" will be extended to the actual 3rd week of your personal playing season.

ONCE A PLAYER PARTICIPATES IN ONE GAME FOR A TEAM THAT WILL BE THE TEAM HE/SHE WILL PLAY ON FOR THE REST OF THE SEASON.

Happy Easter

CAPTAINS

MEETING

Tuesday April 5th

Moose Lodge, Tuesday April 5th. 6.00pm.

2016 Season Introduction, Distribution of Handbooks and Score-Sheets

Happy Easter

Pride in Performance
Tires LES SCHWAB
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Click on link to go to website:-
http://www.lesschwab.com

Happy Easter

New "MBF Video Gallery" on the Website

With last year's video from John Todor, which featured Gene Rittburg and the recent 2 part video of the interview with Sante Cerri, I asked our webmaster, Bryan Mero, to set up a new section on the website. Go to the Home Page and click on the "MBF Video Gallery" on the left hand side. Hopefully further videos will be added so we can build up a library of people and events associated with the MBF.

Happy Easter

Annual Maintenance & Clean up at the courts

Saturday April 16th

Volunteers are required for the annual

"Pre-Season Clean Up" at the bocce courts.

Activities begin at 9.00am

Happy Easter

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

Happy Easter

Useful Contacts & Connections

Email Address vicdelpine@martinezboccefederation.com

Non-Emergency Number 925-324-3400
Emergency Number 925-933-1313
MBF Hot Line 925-295-2003

Newsletter link http://www.martinezboccefederation.org/newsletter.html

Please note:- website ends in (.org) www.martinezboccefederation.org
Our email is (.com) info@martinezboccefederation.com

Happy Easter

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

Happy Easter

1st Annual Gene Rittburg Memorial Bocce Tournament

Benefiting **Where Angels Play**

Saturday, May 14th - Martinez Bocce Federation bocce courts
4-person round-robin tournament. $35 entry fee
8:30am check-in, 9am start. Dead backboard

What's included with entry fee?

- Entry in door prize drawing
- Music (Gene's favorites)
- Continental breakfast goodies
- BBQ lunch
- Afternoon snacks
- Firefighter-themed awards in honor of Gene for top 4 teams

What's available for a donation?

- Soda and candy
- Raffle prizes
- 50/50 raffle
- Shoot and lag competition
- Optional "Re-Buy" tournament (separate from main tournament)

What's "Where Angels Play?": A national non-profit started by some of Gene's firefighter friends to provide hope and recovery by building playgrounds for kids who've endured violence and tragedy.

Make checks payable to Jeremy Calhoon. Mail checks ($35/player) *and entry form* to Jeremy Calhoon, 3055 Treat Blvd. Apt. 21, Concord, CA 94518. Register by April 30th. Limited to first 40 teams. For questions call Jeremy at (925) 818-5066.

**Team Name*: _____
**Captain*: _____
**Phone Number*: _____
**Player #2*: _____
**Player #3*: _____
**Player #4*: _____
Optional Player #5: _____ (Will not receive award)
Indicate # of extra lunches ____ @ $10/lunch

Happy Easter

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

Happy Easter

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.

Happy Easter

Happy St. Patrick's Day

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A Very Happy Easter

Enjoy your Bocce
Vic Delpine, Editor.

Happy Easter