

¹ MARTINEZ BOCCE FEDERATION

February 2012 News Letter Part 2

With so much happening, at this our busiest time of the year, I thought that instead of waiting for the March edition I would add a 2nd February issue to keep everyone up to date.

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2012 General Membership Meeting 2/7/12.

First duty of the evening was to fill the available places on the Board and the results were as follows.

Anselmo, Mike - 141
Calhoon, Russ - 63
Delpine, Victor - 136
Francis, Steve - 125
Maxfield, Roger -134
Mercado, Vicky - 58
Rebar, John - 124
Reich, Tina - 135
Rittburg, Gene - 136
Surges, Al - 139

Encumbent Board Members re-elected for the next 2 years:-

Gene Rittburg, Mike Anselmo, Steve Francis, Tina Reich, Al Surges, John Rebar & Vic Delpine.

New Board Member for 2 year term:-

Roger Maxfield



Your new Board of Directors for 2012 is as follows:-

Gene RittburgCommissioner
John Rebar Vice Commissioner & Maint
Sue Harbrecht Treasurer
Tina Reich Recording Secretary & Web
Doreen Bagno Correspod Sec, Rules & Web
Steve Francis Senior Scheduler
Mike Anselmo Scheduling Committee
Tony Herndon Court's Maintenance
Al Surges Rules & Scheduling
Bill Kintana Memorials & Maintenance
Manny Romo Rules & NorCal
Bob MannAnnual Maintenance & Events
Megan KeithScheduling & July 4th
Roger Maxfield.....Rules & Les Schwab
Vic Delpine.....Communications, Scorekeeper,
& News Letter Editor

Non-Board Member, George Gonsalves, will continue to be available and to assist in the opening & closing of the Club House and may well be on hand for other activities and weekend events associated with the club.



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY



RAY GAUDENZI



At this time, on behalf of the Board of Directors & The Martinez Bocce Federation, I would like to thank Ray Gaudenzi for his service over the past 2 years. He is experiencing some health issues and was unable to stand for re-election. We sincerely wish Ray a speedy recovery and all our good thoughts & wishes go with him.

Saturday 2/11/12 New Teams & Change of Night

Well, the line really began to form early today. # 1 were "The Roll Players" and they did it in style.



Wishing to move from Sunday to a week night they arrived at 4.53am bringing a heater, coffee and donuts to wait out the 4 hours before registration began. That's dedication from Keith & Lisa Campbell & Kristy Minka, who achieved their goal.



Arrival Time	Name	Team Name
4:53 am	Kristy Minka, Lisa Campbell, Keith Campbell	The Roll Players
5:00 am	Carol Dahlquist	Martinez Bocce
5:55 am	Randall P. Whit	Bocce Bros II
6:30	LORI DERKSEN	La Bella Vita
6:33	Robert Sloan	
6:40 AM	Diana	

Sign up sheet above. Below, Carol Dahlquist, 2nd in line, completes the formalities with Jim Yarbarren & Peter Cardinale finishing their paperwork.



A Personal Note to all Members.

Over the course of the past 2 years, many of you have given your personal information to the Club. I would like to make it clear that we respect your privacy and under no circumstances will it be available outside of the Club.

However, over the past 2 years we have had cause to write to several members due to their email addresses being compromised by hackers and the resulting "Spam" being sent to the Martinez Bocce Federation. I do my utmost to "Detect" this potentially harmful correspondence and our email system, being "Web Based" and hosted by Go Daddy, may have better security facilities that you may have on your home computers.

I would just ask you to be additionally vigilant this season so that we can keep these instances to a minimum.

Thank you All



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UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS & EVENTS

Upcoming tournaments and events have been posted on the MBF website under "Tournament Schedule".

The link below will take you to the "Tournament Schedule" on the Club's Home Page. Click on the individual event that you are interested in and download the flier.

<http://www.martinezboccefederation.org/mbftournaments.html>

Mar 10th Pappalardo Tournament, Saturday March 10th. Antioch. (Flier)

Mar 11th-17th Bay Area Senior Games Livermore (Flier)

Apr 3rd CAPO meeting 6.00pm @ Martinez Moose Lodge

Apr 21st Spring Maintenance/Clean Up day 9.00am

Apr 21st Annual Bocce Bash @ the Moose Lodge 6.00pm (Flier)

Apr 22nd Sunday Season Opener, Martinez

May 5thSpecial Olympics, Martinez

May 12thColombo Club Rental, Martinez

May 26thShell Alumni Rental, Martinez

June 6thPleasant Hill Rotary Rental, Martinez

Jul 4thAnnual July 4th Celebration Tournament, Martinez

Aug 4th Les Schwab 2nd Annual Bocce Extravaganza August 4th. Martinez

Aug 25thColombo Club Rental, Martinez





Bocce @ The Bay Area

Senior Games.

March 11th – 17th



Both "Open Rules" & "Punta Raffa Volo" events are being held.

Sport Description:

Punto Raffa Volo is a precision sport played internationally under the rules set forth by Confederazione Boccistica Internazionale (CBI). Individuals who are not familiar with the rules and techniques of precision raffa and volo shooting are encouraged to enter the Open Team Bocce division.

There are no age group divisions for Men's and Women's Punto Raffa Volo. The maximum number of teams competing is 32 for Men's PRV and 16 for Women's PRV.

Open Rules team bocce is the style of recreational sport commonly played at facilities and parks throughout the United States. The sport will be played under the rules set forth by the United States Bocce Federation (USBF). This includes an open back wall and shooting from behind the B Line which is used for lagging.

Open Rules team event will have age groups of 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, and 80+. There are no gender divisions for Open Rules teams. Due to court availability and potential inclement weather the number of participating teams is limited to 16 for each age group except 80+, which is limited to 4 teams.

Players may participate in both PRV and Open Team events. Up to two alternate players may be listed on an Open Rules team roster. Registration and sport fees apply

to alternate players. Teams may be comprised of players from multiple age groups, in which case they will be placed in the division of the youngest player on the team.

Bocce Schedule Information:

As a first year sport the exact dates and times for each division cannot be finalized until all registration forms have been received. Time limits will apply to games and it may be necessary to alter the posted event schedule in the case of inclement weather. Tournament play will begin at 8:00 am each day.

Check in from 7:00-8:00 am on the day of your event. Preliminary rounds will be held on the first day of competition. Playoffs and finals will be held on the following day depending on the number of teams in each division. Starting date, time and tournament format for each age group will be posted once all applications are received. The event draw will be held in advance at a public event.

It is very exciting that both Open Rules bocce and Punto Raffa Volo have been added as an official sport in the 2012 Bay Area Senior Games- California State Championship.



Facility: - Campo di Bocce of Livermore is an Italian restaurant facility with eight world class bocce courts with synthetic surfaces. The courts are considerably faster than outdoor courts. Participants are urged to practice on synthetic courts at any of the following locations:

- Campo di Bocce of Livermore
- Campo di Bocce of Los Gatos
- Marin Bocce Club, San Rafael
- Italian Athletic Club, Stockton
- East Portal Bocce Club, Sacramento

Hotels: Local available Accommodations will be posted at www.bayareaseniorgames.org website.

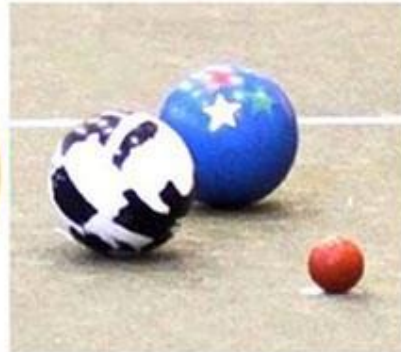
Meals: Lunch, appetizers and dinner are available for purchase at Campo di Bocce of Livermore.



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2012
Bay Area
Senior Games

California
State
Championships



BOCCE

Date: March 11 - 17, 2012

Venue: Campo di Bocce 175 E Vineyard Ave, Livermore, Ca.

Competitions: Open Team Event - 4 Players - 50-54, 55-59, etc. (March 12 - 17)

Women's Double Punto Raffa Volo (50+) (March 11 - 12)

Men's Punto Raffa Volo (50+) (March 14 - 15)

To register, go to www.bayareaseniorgames.org

Then in red box, click either Online Registration or Register by Mail

Registration deadline is Feb. 28, 2012

First California Senior Games Bocce Tournament

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OPEN HOUSE @ CAMPO di BOCCE of LIVERMORE



I recently received the invitation below for Martinez Bocce Federation members to make use of the facilities at Campo di Bocce of Livermore in preparation for the upcoming Bay Area Senior games being held there March 11th thru 17th.

Victor,

"Please let your "senior" league players know that Campo di Bocce of Livermore will have "Open House" bocce from 9:00-11:00 am on Monday and Wednesday mornings from February 6-29, 2012. We welcome members of your league to take advantage of this opportunity to meet players from other clubs and to practice for the upcoming Bay Area Senior Games.

Please share this information with your senior members age (50+)."

Margaret Shindelus

Campo di Bocce of Livermore

You can see a schedule of bocce events for the Bay Area Senior Games and other informational documents at the link below.

<http://www.martinezboccefederation.org/mbftournaments.html>





Pappalardo Tournament

Saturday March 10th

The Indoor Bocce League at the Contra Costa County Fairgrounds

Registration 8:00 am ----- Tournament starts at 8:30 am
Open Rules ----- Sign-up Deadline: February 29th
Limited to first 26 teams - Prize amounts based on 26 teams
Four – Five Players per Team

ENTRANCE FEE \$35 per player includes:-

Continental Breakfast Coffee, Tea, Orange Juice, Donuts & Sweet Rolls

Special Seafood Lunch by Anna and Carlo Pappalardo

With soda and a bottle of wine for each team

Double Elimination plus Second Chance
1st Place \$450 - 2nd Place \$350 - 3rd Place \$250 - 4th Place \$150
Second Chance: 1st Place \$100 2nd Place \$50

Send Check & Registration Form to:-
Carlo Pappalardo
1723 Yellowstone Park Ct.
Newman, CA. 95360
Home: (209) 862-3748 Cell: (831) 601-8954

Click on the link below for Registration Form:-

<http://www.martinezboccefederation.org/mbftournaments.html>



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Carlo is seen below, taking part in the 2010 NorCal Tournament held in Martinez. However, this time he will be busy with the seafood.

The Team he was playing for, "Taylor Auto Wreckers" won the event.



Carlo in action, NorCal Tournament, Martinez, 7/31/2010





Martinez Bocce Federation

2012 Kick Off Dinner & Dance

The Moose Lodge

414 Escobar Street

April 21st 2012 - 6.30pm

No Host Cocktails - 5.30pm

Music & Dancing

\$20 per person

Choice of Steak or Chicken

Reservations by April 18th Please

Phone Lodge after 3.00pm

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La Boules de Fort.

The other day, while talking with a fellow player, the subject of the court surface and side walls cropped up.



It certainly would be interesting playing on a court with the sides curved, or with no sides at all, instead of having a flat wall. I remembered seeing some old photos of courts with curved sides so I did a little research into it and found that there is a variation of the game called “La Boules de Fort”.

As seen from the photos below, the game is shown being played with conventional round balls and also with specially fabricated “Boules”. I’m not sure if the game is named from the court, the boules, or both.

This is a link to a “You Tube” short video showing the fabrication of the “specialty boules”.

[FBF Fabrication de boule de fort - YouTube](#)

And you have to watch the other 2 “You Tube” links to see perfection in action.

[Boule de fort à Marcé, suite - YouTube](#)

[boule de fort - YouTube](#)









EN ANJOU-La Boule de Fort



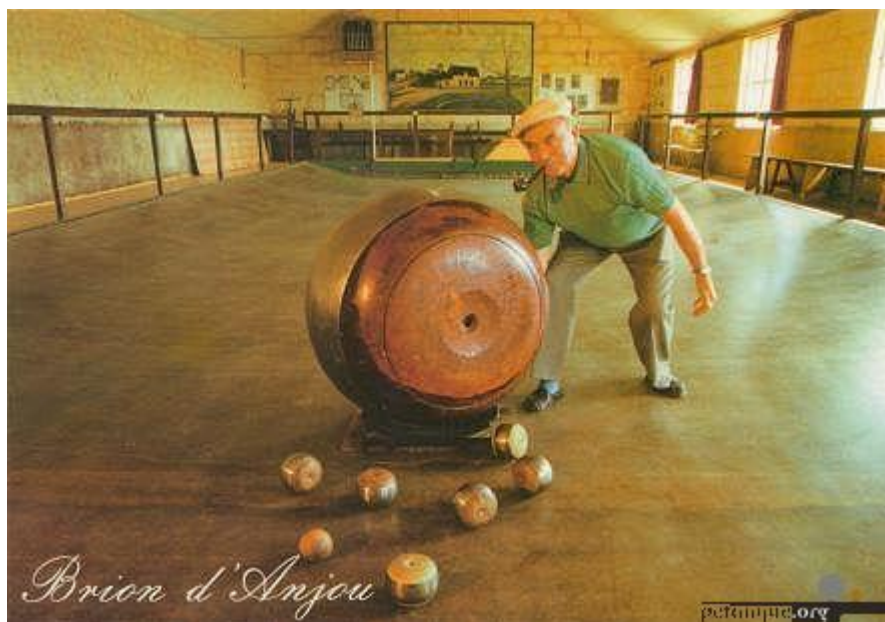


**You can view many interesting photos & artwork in the
Martinez Bocce Federation "Photo Gallery"
Click on the link below and select your "Gallery".**

<http://photos.martinezboccefederation.com/>

And also at

<http://www.petanque.org/postcards/>



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FOUNDER'S CELEBRATION

Why Free Beef?

Les Schwab Tire Centers Free Beef promotion started in the early 1960's, when Les Schwab was looking for a way to help grow his business and support the local communities where his employees and customers lived and worked. For the first few years of the program, Les handed out Beef certificates to be redeemed at local grocery stores. At that time, many of his customers were local farmers and ranchers and by promoting Free Beef, he helped bring awareness to an important Northwest Industry.

Les Schwab's Free Beef promotion has seen many changes over its 49 years. This year, we are proud to celebrate the program's history by promoting Free Beef during our *Founder's Celebration—All New Free Beef Promotion*. Customers will get the opportunity to enter for a chance to win 1 of 1,500 Free Beef prizes worth \$500 each. This promotion continues our commitment of giving back to our customers and the communities where we do business.



It's Free Beef Time at the Les Schwab sign.

Dwayne, Manager Martinez.

Click on link to go website:-
<http://www.lesschwab.com/>

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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. We can mix sizes and colors so as soon as we get enough to make an order of 12, the wait time will be minimal. If you require shirts between now and the beginning of the 2012 season please write to:-

vicdelpine@martinezboccefederation.com

Colors being offered are Gray, Green & Red.



Official MBF Club Hat

Hats \$20



License Plate Frames



"Martinez Bocce Federation" license plate frames are available at \$5 each.



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Club Contact Email
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Please note:-
Our website ends in (.org)
Our email is (.com)

HOTLINE
925-295-2003





Perimeter Security Issue

I have not included any details of progress regarding the "Perimeter Security Issue", in this newsletter, as we are still getting feedback as a result of member's letters to the City of Martinez and the EBRPD, other than to say that EBRPD management has been extremely negative in their responses.

EBRPD seem not to grasp the facts and persist in the misguided notion that we request the security fence to keep the general public from using the facilities, which is completely the opposite of what we are seeking.

They seem not to understand, or to ignore, that we intend to have the facility open during normal park hours but that it will be **secured** during those EBRPD "Park Imposed Curfew" times, exactly the times when the vandalism occurs.

How this doesn't make sense to those representatives, who control **OUR** Regional Parks, baffles me.



We will be writing, yet again, to further clarify our position and to somehow explain to these parties that:-

We do not intend to exclude the bocce facilities **from** the general public but to secure the bocce facilities **for** the general public, including approximately 2000 members of the general public who also happen to belong to the Martinez Bocce Federation and whose annual team subscriptions pay for the upkeep of this facility and for the repairs occasioned by wanton episodes of vandalism.

If you have not yet sent in your support for the Perimeter Security initiative please do so now. You may refer back to the December News Letter and all news letters from November 2011, as they are now being archived.

The link below will take you to the archived News Letters.

<http://www.martinezboccefederation.org/newsletter.html>



SPONSORSHIPS

Advertise locally,
Purchase locally, Prosper locally.

Martinez "Speaks" bocce and its influence is felt all over the town. Many residents as well as business owners are associated with the club and its popularity continues to grow more & more every year.

Hagin's Automotive, will again be the sponsor for the "2012 Score Sheet". In addition, Andy Hagin will be a regular monthly sponsor of the News Letter.

<http://www.haginsauto.com>



Les Schwab Tires are now the second local business to become a regular sponsor of the Monthly News Letter.

<http://www.lesschwab.com/>



And we also wish to welcome Auto Parts Emporium, located at 401 Escobar Street.



Live link from our News Letter to
your Website or email address.



If you, or anyone you know, wishes to advertise their business, and in doing so, become a MMBF News Letter Sponsor, please write in and let us know how we may assist you.

Monthly rates can be as low as \$15 up to \$150 for a single one time Full Page (per month). Regular subscriptions to a "Full Page" result in big discounts.

For the \$15 per month we will group your corporate/business card with others onto a single page.

For \$25 a sponsor can be associated with an article and have their name promoted at the beginning of it.

For \$50 it could be a larger 1/4 page special with your own promotional message.

Iwould like point out to potential sponsors that we are "LOCALLY ORIENTED" with Martinez & Pacheco being at the heart of the membership and then attracting players from Pittsburg, Bay point, Antioch, Concord, Pleasant Hill, Walnut Creek, Danville, Orinda, Lafayette, Fairfield and Benicia, among other locations, which shows the popularity and competitive nature of our league. The advertising, the sponsorship, the revenues stay local and the money goes back into the Club. This gives great coverage to those local "large & small" businesses that are "on the way" every time our members travel to the Bocce Courts, all 2000 of them, every week, during the season.

FYI, we now have in excess of 1000 email subscribers. Over the next few weeks this will be revised as we update the "Subscriptions File" to reflect the 2012 Team Rosters, with all the comings and goings associated with the beginning of a new season.

The resulting list will include some where it goes to more than just one recipient like Husband/Wife/Significant Other/Son/Daughter, so, conservatively we reach 1200 members of the club every month and this has been increasing since the beginning of the 2010 season. The News Letter also goes further afield, as far as Stockton, Sacramento, Los Gatos & Livermore and down South to Monterey.

A\$15 per month outlay with 1200 recipients is 1.25 cents for each potential reader. A \$150 outlay with 1200 recipients is 12.5 cents each. You decide whether it's for you.

Our local businesses include, Real Estate Agents, Restaurants, Auto Repair Shops, Hair Dressers, Motels, Hotels, Attorneys, Bail Bonds, Auto Supply Shops, Antique Stores, Financial Consultants, Building Contractors, Lumber Yards, Hardware Stores, Muffler Shops, Fashion Stores, Florists, Coffee Shops, Bakeries and Bars, all of which thrive on local business.

To see a copy of the latest News Letters, click on the link below or paste the address into your web browser and check out the February Editions, there are 2 this month. Rates are per month irrespective of more than one issue being published during that period.

<http://www.martinezboccefederation.org/newsletter.html>

You may contact me for further details at the email link below:-

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Sincerely,
Victor Delpine.