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April 2012 News Letter

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IMPORTANT DATES IN APRIL

There is a lot going on this month.
Also check out the “Martinez Events Calendar” in “Tournaments & Events”.

MANDATORY CAPO’S MEETING.

APRIL 3rd  MOOSE LODGE @ 6.00pm.

ANNUAL SPRING CLEANUP & MAINTENANCE.

April 21st Bocce Courts 9.00am.

KICK OFF DINNER & DANCE.

April 21st Moose Lodge 6.30pm.

SEASON OPENS WITH SUNDAY LEAGUE PLAY.

April 22nd 5.00pm.

ANNUAL DRIVE TO FIND TEAMS
FOR NEW MEMBERS

I began this in the March edition but we still have about 3 weeks to the opening day of our season and I still have a few players desperately trying to get on a team for 2012.

So, once again, if there are any teams who have a vacant slot on their roster, get in touch with me and I will see if I can fill them.

I have always been grateful to Marian Walker, of the “Pro’s From Dover”, for introducing me to the game just over 6 years ago and if it wasn’t for her invitation to join that team, I wouldn’t be writing this piece now.

We have been able to form 2 “New Teams”, from those new to the game, who wrote in to the club, searching for a team to join. Most of them came with little or no experience. They have entered the Sunday “C” division, bringing in 16 new members to the Club and we wish teams “What A Bi-occe” & “No Palle Senza Gloria” all the best in their “Rookie” year with the Martinez Bocce Federation.

For some it’s a social event while for others it’s the competition. For whatever reason you play, there is something special about our sport and to give the opportunity to another, to enjoy what we enjoy, is.........................

“In the Spirit of the Game”
HOWARD B. SHELBY (1951 – 2012)

Howard was involved in the construction of the "new" bocce courts. To old timers the "new courts" are the ones we play on now. The "old courts" were at Granger's Wharf. Howard was very connected during the 1980s.

He was involved in tournament operations during both of the National Championships that the MBF and City of Martinez hosted. He was often involved in helping run tournaments and for many years participated in the League scheduling.

He played on a team in Open League for College Lane and also loved the Volo game where he participated on the Le Petomane team. Howard served on the Board of Directors in the late 80’s & early 90’s, including terms as Commissioner and Vice Commissioner.

He had a unique bocce delivery, shown here at the National Championships is San Mateo, CA.

He was also an avid supporter of the Martinez Bocce Federation, Special Olympics program until the day he died.

Below is the link to the 1990 News Letter when Howard Shelby was the “Comish”.


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New Bocce Balls for 2012

As most of you know by now, the Club is ordering New Club Pro Perfetta Bocce Balls for the start of the 2012 season.

The Board of Directors have voted to offer, individual Members, the same opportunity to purchase their own set of balls at the same price as the Club will be invoiced, (rounded up to the nearest dollar). This will be a great opportunity for you to own the same set of balls as you will be playing with all season, which you can use for practice & recreation purposes.

There is still time to order your own personal set. The final cost will be $109, which includes shipping.

If you would like to take advantage of this offer, order your sets by emailing the club at:-

info@martinezboccefederation.com

AND mail your check for $109 to:-

Martinez Bocce Federation - P.O. Box 642, Martinez, CA 94553

Or hand your check to a Member of the Board.

Click on the link below to go to the Playaboule website

http://www.playaboule.com/Perfetta_Club_Pro_bocce_Set.aspx

Deadline for orders is April 10th
Payment must be received by this date

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This year the Martinez Bocce Federation will be hosting the 2012 Contra Costa County Championships.

If you are not familiar with this event, each of the “Five Families” from Antioch, Concord, Crockett, Pittsburg & Martinez, are represented by 2 teams each, 10 in all, from their “A” division leagues and they play off for the bragging rights of becoming County Champions until the following season.

Martinez came oh so close to winning the event last year, in Pittsburg, with “La Macchina” taking a 9-3 lead in the final only to be reined in by Pag’s Bunch from Crockett who eventually won 12-9. 

Make a day of it. Mark your calendar and come down and support our 2 representatives and see if we can capture the title this time.

2011 Team “La Macchina” from Martinez
UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS & EVENTS

The link below will take you to “Tournaments & Events” 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

Apr 3rd .................. CAPO meeting 6.00pm @ Martinez Moose Lodge (Flier on Website)

April 7th ................. Stockton & Waterloo Club 2 Men & 2 Women. (Flier on Website)

Apr 21st .................. Spring Maintenance/Clean Up day 9.00am (Flier on Website))

Apr 21st .................. Season Opener, Dinner & Dance @ the Moose Lodge 6.30pm (Flier on Website)

Apr 22nd ............... Sunday Season Opener, Martinez (No Flier)

Apr 26th ................. Thursday Senior League Opener (No Flier)

May 5th .................. Special Olympics, Martinez (No Flier)

May 12th ............... Colombo Club Private Event Martinez (No Flier)

May 19th ............... Dominic Lucido Alhambra High School Fund Raiser (No Flier)

May 20th ............... 6th Annual Les Schwab Car & Bike Show (Flier on Website)

May 26th ............... Shell Alumni Private Event, Martinez (No Flier)

May 26th ............... Mimmo Memorial Tournament, Customs House Courts, Monterey (Flier on Website)

Jun 2nd .................. Hagin’s Automotive First Annual, Martinez, $1000 first prize (Flier on Website)

Jun 16th ................. Pleasant Hill Rotary Private Event, Martinez (No Flier)

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Jun 23rd .................. Big “C” Athletic Club, Private Event, Martinez (No Flier)

Jul 4th .................. Annual July 4th Celebration Tournament, Martinez (Flier Pending)

Aug 4th .................. 2nd Annual Les Schwab, August 4th, Martinez $1000 first prize (Flier on Website)

Aug 18th ................. Morello Park Elementary Challenge Private Event, Amber Cole (No Flier)

Aug 25th ................. Colombo Club Private Event, Martinez (No Flier)

Sep 1st-3rd .............. USBF West Coast Bocce Club Championship Campo Di Bocce (Flier on Website)

Sep 27-28th ............. Martinez Bocce Club Volo Playoffs and Finals + C & CC Prelims on 28th

Sep 29th - Oct 5th ........ Martinez Bocce Club Playoffs

Oct 6th .................. Martinez Bocce Club Final Fours

Oct 20th .................. Contra Costa County Championship 5 Families Final (Flier on Website)

Also, don’t forget the “Martinez Events Calendar” which is updated every month.

The link below will take you to the Calendar.

http://www.martinezboccefederation.org/download/Martinez_Community_Events_Calendar.pdf
Sponsored in part by Hagin’s Automotive

Andy, Cathy and all the staff at Hagin’s Automotive wish you a Very Happy Easter and 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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Announcing 1st Annual “Hagin’s Automotive” Bocce Bonanza, Saturday June 2\textsuperscript{nd} 2012.

We are pleased to announce that Andy Hagin, of Hagin’s Automotive, will be sponsoring a new tournament on June 2\textsuperscript{nd}. It promises to be a sellout event so be sure to register early. Registration deadline is Monday May 28\textsuperscript{th}. Click on link below for Registration Form


The event will be limited to 32 teams with an option of 4/5 players per team. Open Rules with Dead Backboard apply and they are available for review on the website at the link below.


Entry fee is $35 per player and this includes Continental Breakfast and a great Barbecue Lunch.

Lunch is being catered by “Smokehouse10”, winner of the “King of the County Cook Off” at the Waterfront Park in 2011.

Visit them at www.smokehouse10.com

We will also be holding the “Shooting & Lagging Competition” that was so popular at last year’s Les Schwab Bocce Extravaganza and will be including a bonus for those who wish to try out their skills at this competition. The competition is restricted to 4 attempts per player but if you pay for those 4 attempts with the team registration, you will receive 2 bonus attempts. Refer to the Registration form for details.

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Great Photos From The Past

Lawn Bowls from England

Visit the Photo Gallery at the following link:
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Bocce In History & Art

William Blake Richmond---The Bowlers 1870

Richmond, 1842-1921, is most famous for designing the mosaics of Saint Paul’s Cathedral in London. The mosaics were commissioned in 1891 by Queen Victoria, who wanted to “brighten up” the interior of Saint Paul’s. Richmond’s designs were strongly influenced by Italian and Byzantine mosaics.

Il Gioco Delle Bocce by Henri Matisse
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Bocce Cartoon Humor

THAT WOULDN'T WORRY ME.....BUT I'M SURE I'D NEVER GET THE HANG OF ALL THE HAND MOVEMENTS...

Graeme Dazeley – originally published in the Launceston Examiner
Discount Tire Event carried over to April

Extended through the month of April, Les Schwab Tires are continuing their annual tire discount event. By mentioning that you saw this promotion in the Martinez Bocce Federation News Letter you will receive

10% discount.

This cannot be combined with any other offer. Don’t forget to mention where you saw this.

Dwayne, Manager Martinez.

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

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6TH ANNUAL
LES SCHWAB
CAR & BIKE SHOW

SUNDAY MAY 20, 2012
3800 Alhambra Blvd
Martinez, CA
8AM - 2PM AWARDS
20 AWARDS GIVEN OUT

$25 Registration • All Vehicles Welcome
First 200 Entries Receive a Goody Bag Including a Show T-Shirt!

FOOD
Barbeque
Provided by Kinder’s BBQ

FREE ADMISSION TO SPECTATORS

MUSIC
Live Music
Provided by Garageland Rodeo
10AM - 1:30 PM

VENDOR BOOTHs

50/50 DRAWING & RAFFLE • 100% OF PROFITS BENEFIT MARTINEZ UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

For more information call: 925.370.6382 or visit www.LesSchwabCarShow.com
Pre-register at Les Schwab, 3800 Alhambra Ave., Martinez, CA
First come First serve on parking • Entry starts at 6AM

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OFFICIAL CLUB SHIRTS

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).

Colors being offered are Gray, Green & Red.

vicdelpine@martinezboccefederation.com

License Plate Frames

“Martinez Bocce Federation” license plate frames are available at $5 each.

New Sponsor

Our latest sponsor is Dennis Davis of “J & D Custom Embroidery” 1636 Pacheco Blvd. Martinez, who will be sponsoring this page.

Dennis is also the owner of the previously named “Foster Freeze”. which is now

“BOSCOZ BURGERZ”

1500 Pacheco Blvd. Martinez.

Visit their website at

www.jd929.com

And view their complete range of apparel, custom embroidery, silk screening, hats & shirts.

Official MBF Club Hat $20

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Useful Club Contacts

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NEWS LETTER ARCHIVES

If you wish to refer back to a previous edition of a News Letter, as from the November 2011 edition, they are being archived. The link below will take you to the website.

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

Photo Gallery

http://photos.martinezboccefederation.com

Martinez Bocce Federation Website

http://www.martinezboccefederation.org

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

HOTLINE

925-295-2003

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A Very Happy Easter to all our Members

Let’s get this season underway

Enjoy Your Bocce
Vic Delpine, Editor

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So you think you know the “RULES”

With the new season rapidly approaching, it’s time to brush up on what you believe are the “RULES”. This is equally important for seasoned players as it is for rookies entering the Martinez Bocce Federation for the first time. Have some fun and see how you get on.

The link below will take you to the questions.


AND this link will get you to the answers


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Martinez Bocce Federation
2012 Kick Off Dinner & Dance
The Moose Lodge
414 Escobar Street

April 21st 2012 - 6.30pm
No Host Cocktails - 5.30pm
Live Music & Dancing

$20 per person
Choice of Steak or Chicken
Reservations by April 18th Please
Phone Lodge after 3.00pm
925-228-8822

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