



MARTINEZ BOCCE FEDERATION



February 2012 News Letter

2012 TEAM REGISTRATION

With about a week to go before the "Annual Team Registration" sign up, I would like to recap on events in case there are any Capos, or prospective Capos out there, who either missed the January News Letter or who are still not clear about the procedure.

Team Registration will be held on Tuesday February 7th at the "Martinez Moose Lodge" at 6.00pm. This meeting holds several important functions.

The sequence of events is as follows and no "2012 Roster Forms" will be accepted until the 1st & 2nd parts of the meeting have been completed.

First we hold a vote to elect new board members for 2012 and **any** club member may attend and exercise their vote.

This is not purely limited to Capos.

Second, the Board of Directors will address the Capos directly about important aspects and any up to date news items.

Third part of the meeting is for returning teams from last season to hand in their "Roster Forms" and payment for 2012.

New Teams & Teams Requesting Change of Day

If you are a returning team but you wish to move to another day, you must submit your team roster for your current day at this meeting and then line up at the Club House on Saturday February 11th.

Commencing at 9.00am the committee will take requests for "NEW TEAMS" and for "DAY ALTERATIONS" on a "FIRST COME FIRST SERVED" basis.

From past experience, the line begins to form very early, so this is a "Heads Up" to arrive well in time so as not be disappointed.

Are You Thinking About Moving To Another Team or Looking For A Team To Join?

If you fall into this category write to me and I will see if I can place you on a team. You may also let me know at the February 7th meeting or even on the following Saturday, the 11th at the Club House.

There are normally players from all levels seeking teams and teams from all divisions seeking players. I will try to match your requests so that everyone gets a team and vice versa.

Contact.

info@martinezboccefederation.com



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Attention Returning Teams!



~2012 League Sign Up~

To secure your night this year, you **must** have your roster and check in **at** the General Membership Meeting on the first Tuesday in February (Feb. 7) at the Martinez Moose Lodge at 6 PM. **No mail-in rosters will be accepted.**

If you miss this date, you will be considered a new team. New teams or those requesting a change of night, will line up at Bocce Clubhouse on the second Saturday in February (Feb. 11th) at 9 AM. **FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED!**

Martinez Bocce Federation Meeting Agenda:

- Election of new board members
- Turn in filled out roster with payment
- Board meeting and election of officers

~Other Important Announcements & Reminders~

- ❖ Please print neatly or type rosters so that we can read them.
You can access an electronic roster at
www.martinezboccefederation.org
- ❖ If you are NOT the Capo for your team, please pass this on to the Capo.
- ❖ There will be a **mandatory CAPO Meeting** at the Moose Lodge at 6pm on April 3. Teams not represented will risk losing their 1st choice night for the 2013 season.



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How to Join the Martinez Bocce Federation:

For our readers “Outside” of the Martinez Bocce Federation

Every year on the First Tuesday in February, the Martinez Bocce Federation (MBF) holds their annual General Membership Meeting. For many years it has been held at the Martinez Moose Lodge. The date, time and location will be announced on the Website. Anyone wishing to join the league for the first time may pick up a blank roster at that time and turn it in with the team fee the following Saturday at the courts. The team fee in 2011 was \$240 and this has been maintained for the 2012 season.

This results in a cost, per night of play, ranging from \$1 - \$2 per person depending on the size of your team, the best entertainment value around. Every team must consist of no less than 6 and no more than



12 players. This insures that there will be enough players to field a team for all scheduled games during the season.

The season generally starts in late April and runs through early September with games scheduled weekly.

The league is set up with three Divisions. The “A” Division includes the most experienced and serious players. The “C” Division includes generally newer players and players that, for the most part, are light-hearted fun recreational players. The “B” Division is comprised of players that have been playing for a while, have not yet worked their way up to the “A” Division and are often somewhat more experienced but recreational players.

If you are looking for a team to play on, or additional players for your existing team,

Contact: Vic Delpine.

E-Mail:
info@martinezboccefederation.com



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TOURNAMENTS & EVENTS

I have received several fliers regarding upcoming tournaments and events and apart from listing them here I have posted full details on the MBF website under "Tournament Schedule". Simply click on the individual event that you are interested in and download the flier.

The link below will take you to the "Tournament Schedule" on the Club's Home Page

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

It is of some note that in the past many of these tournaments required membership of the USBF as a pre-requisite for entry. For some of these upcoming events this has been waived. Here is the letter from Ben Musolf of Campo Di Bocce who also represents the USBF.

To whom it may concern:

Happy new year to all in Martinez! I am writing to you to make you aware of the 2012 Maureen Albanese Bocce Tournament, February 11, 2012. This is the 15th annual (and consecutive) and it would be great to have a few teams from Martinez participate.

At our recent USBF meeting, we made a decision to NOT require USBF cards for individuals to participate in Open Rules tournaments this year. The main reason for this decision was to simply promote the sport of bocce to the masses. I am hopeful you will spread the word of this news, and also participate in the 2012 Maureen Albanese Valentine's Day Bocce Tournament in Los Gatos.



Benjamin Musolf
Campo di Bocce

Stockton & Waterloo Gun Club----- Saturday February 4th

<http://www.martinezboccefederation.org/download/Feb4th2012StocktonWaterloo.pdf>

Campo Di Bocce, Los Gatos. Maureen Albanese 2 Man/2 Woman Valentine's Event

Saturday February 11th

<http://www.martinezboccefederation.org/download/Feb11th2012CampodiBocce.pdf>

Papparlardo Tournament, Saturday March 10th. Antioch. (No flier yet)

Stockton & Waterloo Tournaments ---February thru May

<http://www.martinezboccefederation.org/download/FebthruMayStocktonWaterloo.pdf>

Click on links to go to MBF website & fliers.



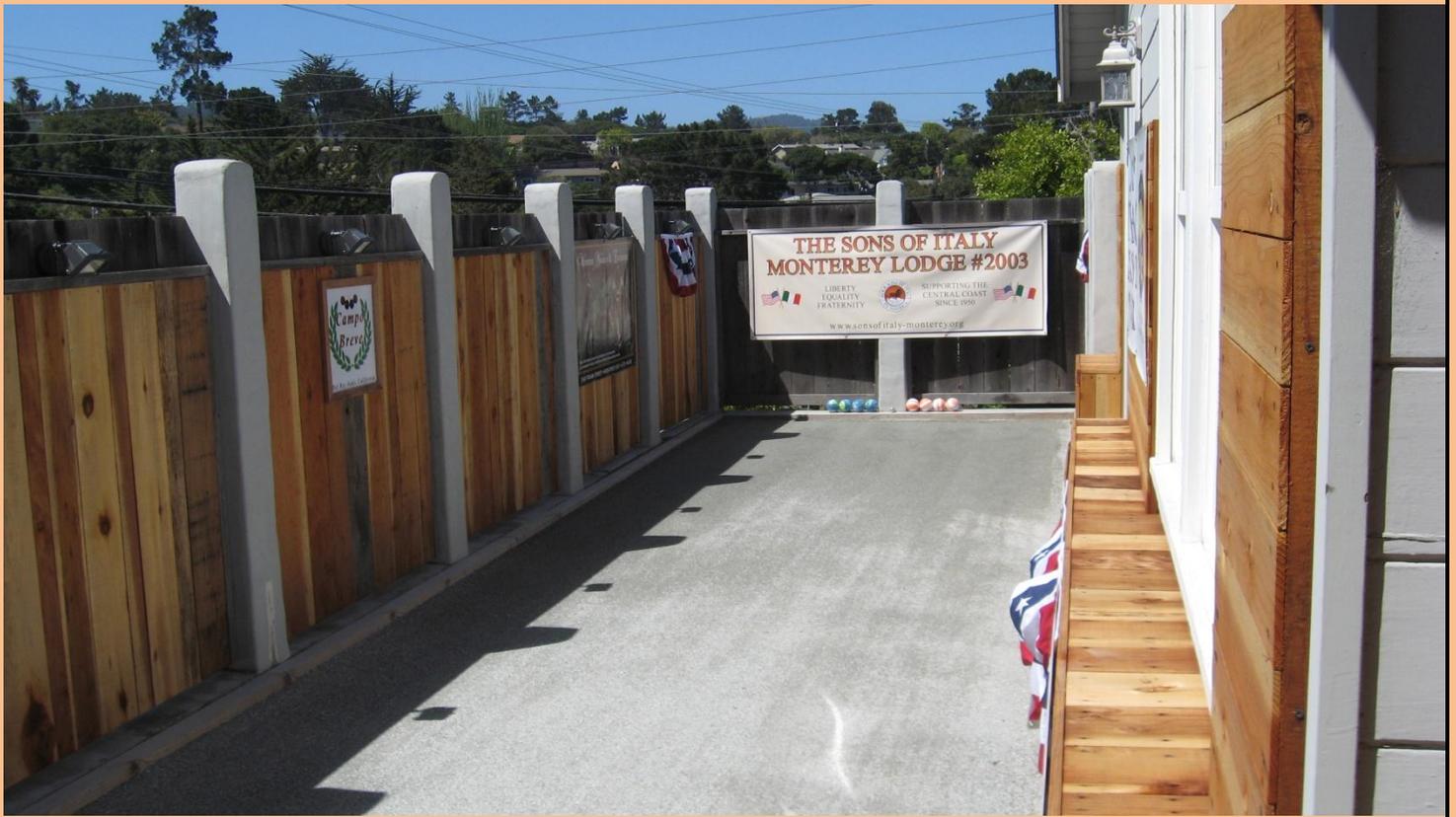
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Home Court Advantage

This month's "Home Court Advantage" belongs to a good friend of mine, Francuzzo Lucido, who I met through the "Sons of Italy", Monterey Lodge, when I began playing Bocce down on the Peninsular about 18 months ago. The bocce club forms a very important part of the Monterey Lodge with membership growing every year. Frank is the "Giochiamo a Bocce", equivalent to our Commissioner. Among some of the many other "Hats" that he wears within the OSIA #2003 Monterey Lodge, are Graphic Arts editor for their monthly News Letter "Il Giornale", official title of "Orator" within the Lodge Officers, and also the Editor of the monthly bocce magazine for the lodge, aptly named "The Bocce Report".



Frank built his court in his backyard after deciding that the only way to get better at bocce was to practice, practice, and practice.

In the process, he started his own business that designs and builds bocce courts. So far, he has designed seven courts and built three of them.

The court in his back yard is 9 feet wide by 41 feet long due to the fact that it was all the room that he had. I now know why his "Short Game" is so good.

Made out of an Oyster shell based on the special "Bocce Brothers" recipe, it's his "surface of preference" to play on, excluding synthetic options.



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Surrounded by a 6 foot high wood fence, the court boasts seven halogen lights for night play, a long running side table for the players to set their wine, cigars and sausage, and a space to store the equipment. I really like the idea of the "Long Running Table" for the "accessories" that make Bocce so pleasurable.

Frank has named his court "Campo Breve" meaning "Short Court". Although shooting is not allowed, his backyard court has helped him develop the technique to improve his short game, along with helping him create some consistency in delivery.

With 4x6" wooden posts laid end-to-end horizontally, it created the border for the playing surface. 4" class II aggregate base compacted below the 3" of Oyster Shell Mix, and topped with a bit of oyster powder completed the area.

Sweep, Water, Rake and Roll is Frank's description of the maintenance routine. You can't do enough of it, he says.

The cost to build courts can vary, depending on so many factors. But in this example it ran about \$4,000 in material and labor.

Frank considered this well worth it, as his game has improved so much since building "Campo Breve" and he has had the time of his life playing the world's greatest sport.

I started off this piece by introducing Frank as "A Good Friend of Mine" but as yet I have not been invited to play "Camp Breve" or to sample the fare on the "Long Running Table".

Maybe in 2012 Frank?



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AND TO CONCLUDE

How it all began

In ancient Israel, it came to pass that a trader by the name of Abraham Com did take unto himself a young wife by the name of Dot.

And Dot Com was a comely woman, broad of shoulder and long of leg.

Indeed, because of her stature, she was often called Amazon Dot Com.

And she said unto Abraham, her husband, "Why dost thou travel so far from town to town with thy goods when thou canst trade without ever leaving thy tent?"

And Abraham did look at her – (as though she were several saddle bags short of a camel load) - but simply said, "How, dear?"

And Dot replied, "I will place drums in all the towns and drums in between to send messages saying what you have for sale, and they will reply telling you who hath the best price. The sale can be made on the drums and delivery made by "Uriah's Pony Stable" (UPS).

Abraham thought long and decided he would let Dot have her way with the drums. The drums rang out and were an immediate success.

Abraham sold all the goods he had at the top price, without ever having to move from his tent.

To prevent neighboring countries from overhearing what the drums were saying, Dot devised a system that only she and the drummers knew. It was called "Must Send Drum Over Sound" (MSDOS), and she also developed a language to transmit ideas and pictures. "Hebrew To The People" (HTTP).

But this success did arouse envy. A man named Maccabiah did secrete himself inside Abraham's



drum and began to siphon off some of Abraham's business. But he was soon discovered, arrested and prosecuted for insider trading.

And the young men did take to Dot Com's trading as doth the greedy horsefly take to camel dung. They were called Nomadic Ecclesiastical Rich Dominican Sybarites, or NERDS.

And lo, the land was so feverish with joy at the new riches and the deafening sound of drums that no one noticed that the real riches were going to that enterprising drum dealer, Brother William of Gates, who bought off every drum maker in the land.

And he did insist on drums to be made that would work only with Brother Gates' drum heads and drumsticks.

Lo, Dot did say, "Oh, Abraham, what we have started is being taken over by others!" And as Abraham looked out over the Bay of Ezekiel, or eBay as it came to be known, he said, "We need a name that reflects what we are", And Dot replied, "Young Ambitious Hebrew Owner Operators" or "YAHOO" said Abraham. And because it was Dot's idea, they named it YAHOO Dot Com.

Abraham's cousin, Joshua, being the young Gregarious Energetic Educated Kid (GEEK) that he was, soon started using Dot's drums to locate things around the countryside. It soon became known as God's Own Official Guide to Locating Everything (GOOGLE).

And that's how it all began!

I know..... this has nothing to do with Bocce but I thought it needed clarifying.

One learns something every day.



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Andy, Cathy and all the staff at Hagin's Automotive wish you a Very Happy Valentine's Day 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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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



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



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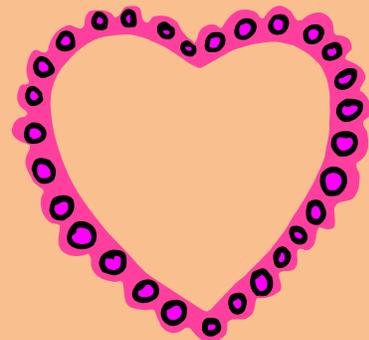


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Enjoy Your Bocce
Vic Delpine



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Who was Les Schwab? He was much more than just the name on a tire store. At his core, Les Schwab was a man who believed in hard work and loyalty to his family, his employees and the community.

Les Schwab was born in 1917 in Bend, Oregon. He lived in logging camps and went to school in an old railroad boxcar. His parents died while he was still a teenager. This was a man who built his life from very humble beginnings.

After high school, Les married Dorothy Harlan, who was his loving wife for the next 70 years. He found work as a circulation manager for a newspaper in Bend, and life moved along until a decision in 1952 that changed his life forever.

That year, Les bought a small tire store in Prineville, Oregon. In the decades that followed, Les built his business from that one store to over 430 stores across the western United States, making Les Schwab Tire Centers one of the largest independent tire businesses in the country.

Les believed in going above and beyond for his customers. He knew treating customers fairly was the right thing to do, and he committed his entire company to it from the start.

Les also treated his employees as partners. He provided them opportunity to grow and succeed, both financially and personally. That is the reason why many employees have been with the company for 20, 30 or even 40 years.

Although Les passed away in 2007, his vision for the company remains stronger than ever. It remains at the heart of our business as we celebrate our 60th anniversary. For the 7,000+ employees of Les Schwab Tire Centers, this is now their story.

Les Schwab. Doing the right thing since 1952

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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>



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