

MARTINEZ BOCCE FEDERATION



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2016 Registration Day

Another registration day has passed and went reasonable smoothly.
6 Board Members were elected, 3 incumbent and 3 new to the Board. (See page 3)
New officers were appointed and plans for the new season will be discussed at the March meeting.

Vacancy for a VOLO team on Monday night

We have one vacancy for a Volo Team on Monday night. If you would like to take advantage of this spot please write to me at:-

info@martinezboccefederation.com

New Team Registration Saturday February 6th



Some of the hopeful bocce enthusiasts in line for the New Team registration on Saturday morning February 6th.

Once again the line formed very early and #1 was Lynne Wilson who turned up at around 4.00am

Every year I write about the growing membership and 2016 is no exception. Again I have to report that we have set a new record for team signups and for the first time in the history of our club Sunday is filled with 35 teams competing. (See page 3)



Happy Valentine's Day



Martinez Bocce Federation Calendar & Events

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

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| Apr 5 th | Capo's Meeting | 6.00pm Martinez Moose Lodge |
| Apr 16 th | Annual Clean-Up Day | 9.00am |
| Apr 16 th | Pre Season Bocce Dinner & Dance | Moose Lodge |
| Apr 17 th | Opening Day of 2016 | Sunday 5.00pm |
| Apr 21 st | Opening Day Senior Bocce League | Thursday 9.30am |
| May 14 th | Gene Rittburg Memorial Tournament | Wanda Rittburg & Jeremy Calhoon |
| May 21 st | Les Schwab Tires | Doreen Bagno |
| June 4 | Italian Club | Dave Nardi |
| June 11 | Shell Alumni | Vic Remorini |
| June 18 | Martinez Rotary | Jerry Telles |
| June 25 | Big C Athletic Club | Bianca Olson |
| July 4 | Traditional Tournament | Megan Keith |
| July 23 | Mike Thompson's Office | Mary Jane |
| August 13 | Italian Club | Dave Nardi |
| Sept 17 | Knights Of Columbus | Don Brocca |

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Results of the 2/2/2016 MBF Election

There were 6 seats up for election with 3 incumbents standing and 5 other names on the ballot.

The results of the successful applicants were:-

Vic Delpine (Incumbent), Tina Reich (Incumbent), Mike Anselmo (Incumbent)
Bob Farone (New Member), Neil Janes (New Member), Laurie Leibert (New Member)

Greg Travers was appointed Commissioner and Mike Anselmo Vice Commissioner.
Tina Reich will carry on as Recording Secretary and Doreen Bagno will continue as
Correspondence Secretary and also take on the task of Treasurer.

The Team Registration went smoothly but as usual some teams missed the meeting. Several
phone calls sorted out most of those missing teams and left a few vacant spots remaining

New Team Registration 2/6/2016

A wonderful response again this year with all the vacated slots taken except for 1 Volo team and
for the first time in the history of our club, Sunday teams have completely filled the slots with
35 taking part.



So the Martinez Bocce Federation now has a record number of teams with 203 Open Bocce, 30
Senior Open Bocce and 6 Volo teams (239 teams).

Congratulations to all the New Members who braved the cold weather and lined up at the
clubhouse and special mention for Lynne Wilson who started the line at 4.00am.



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This is a special request to all Capos
regarding availability of players.

I have several people who are looking for teams requiring players.

Most have little experience but I have one player with several years experience and wishes to play on Thursday Morning Seniors.

If you require players please write to me:-

info@martinezboccefederation.com

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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" and details will be available shortly. If they have not contacted you please write to me and I will get you the information.

info@martinezboccefederation.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

Details of league standings will be posted to the above website.

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

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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>

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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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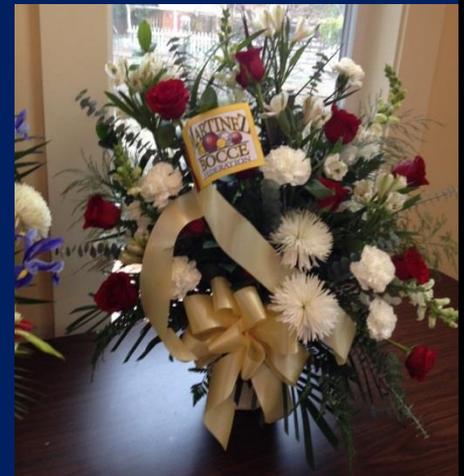
Farewell Gene



Hello everyone.....It's just after 1.00pm on Saturday January 23rd and I have just got back from St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church and being part of the "Farewell Ceremony"



of our Commish, Gene Rittburg. It was a very moving celebration of his life and it brought together all aspects of the "Man", from his dedication to his profession as a Firefighter, which continued after his retirement where he continued to lecture and train firefighters, his association with Bocce in Martinez and his guidance of the Martinez Bocce Federation as Commissioner for 10 years and to his private life which showed his tender side with his family and finally



when he married the "love of his life" Wanda in August 2015.

I didn't know Gene until about 6 years ago. I knew of him but it wasn't until I worked with him on the Board of Directors of the MBF that I really found out what he was all about. You had to be around him to really understand and look beyond that harsh and somewhat crusty exterior he sometimes displayed.

In your face.....oh yeah.....unedited.....oh yeah.....did you know when he wasn't happy.....oh yeah.

The ceremony started with a Call to Worship and was followed by the hymn, "In The Garden". Pastor Ernie Hess lead readings from the Scriptures and the congregation recited Psalm 23.



After some words from the Pastor a video slideshow was shown. Starting off with Gene's professional life, fighting fires, and which covered all aspects during those many years. The

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middle section covered his work for the Martinez Bocce Federation and many photos of him with friends and colleagues. The final section showed the tender side of Gene with his family and with Wanda, whom he married in August 2015.



Then it was the "Time of Remembrance" with speakers, Julie Vilardi, John Rebar, Mark Turvey and also many tributes came from fellow "Firefighters" who travelled from all parts of the country, Texas, New Jersey, Florida and Nevada, relating stories of the man and his presence. Many moving stories and not one speaker leaving the stage without showing some sadness on their faces.



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The celebration ended with the Firefighters presenting the "Flag" to Wanda and the ringing of the ceremonial "Bell", three times three, and followed by a very moving rendition of Amazing Grace, played on the bagpipes, which closed out the morning.

By this time emotions were running high so it was with some relief that Pastor Ernie Hess invited the congregation to move across the way to the far hall where refreshments and food were available. It seemed that most of the congregation followed up their celebration of Gene's life and continued to remember



him in the more relaxed environment, sitting down and having a meal with relatives, friends and colleagues.

As one of the Firefighters said during his remembrance of Gene, "It has been said that you die 3 times. The first time is when you actually die. The second time it when you are buried or cremated. The third time is when you are forgotten and no one talks about you. Gene.....you still have got a long life ahead of you.

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And to conclude, I must say that it was very strange to see so many people dressed in their Sunday best, making apologizes to each other for not recognizing one another.

Vic Delpine.

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Pittsburg Bocce Federation

The Pittsburg Bocce Federation will be holding tournaments this season for their memorial tributes so look out for the dates for the Aiello-Belleci and the Buccellato Brothers.

Dates and times will be available in March and shown on the MBF Calendar.





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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. Please write to:-
vicdelpine@martinezboccefederation.com
Colors being offered are Gray, Green & Red.

Official MBF Club Hat

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Useful Contacts & Connections

Email Address vicdelpine@martinezboccefederation.com

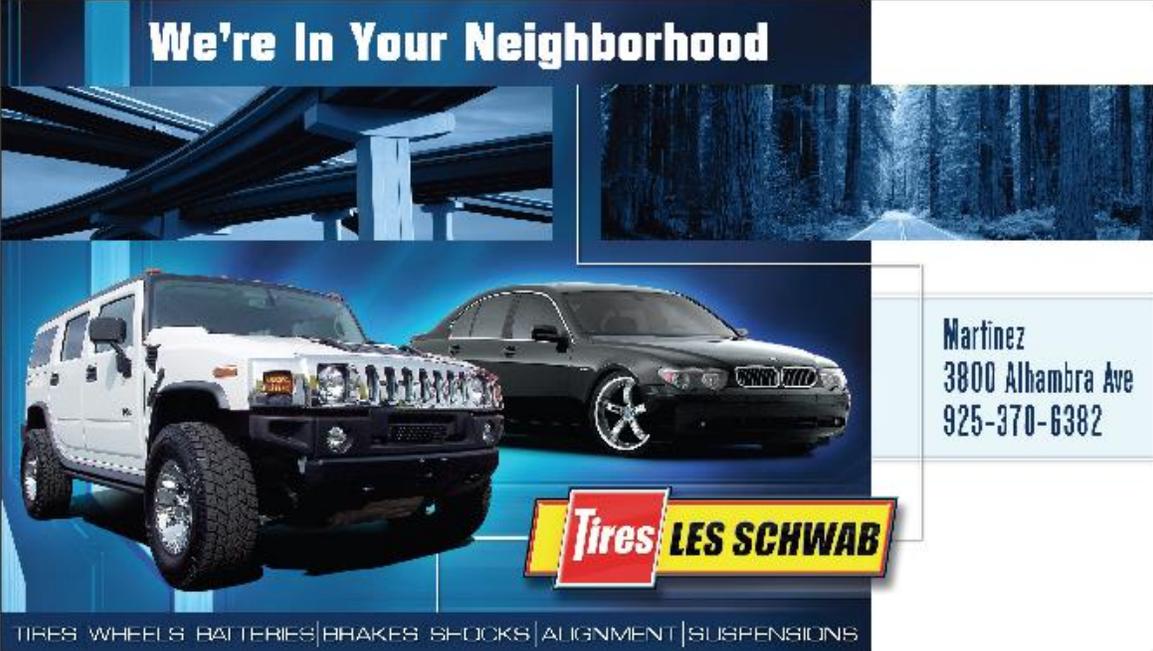
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Newsletter link <http://www.martinezboccefederation.org/newsletter.html>

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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



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Gene Rittburg Memorial Tournament May 14th.

There will be a memorial tournament for Gene Rittburg which will benefit "Where Angels Play Foundation", a non-profit organization which was very dear to Gene.

A link to their organization is shown below:-

www.globalgiving.org/projects/where-angels-play-playgrounds-coming-soon/

The date proposed is the May 14th and will be organized by Jeremy Calhoon and Wanda Rittburg.

Details will follow in the March Newsletter

So mark your calendar and reserve that day.

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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.



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Enjoy your Bocce
Vic Delpine, Editor.

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