



January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Dear League Member,

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Our Norristown Bocce League 2011 seasons were a great success and we would like to congratulate all of our League & Tournament Champions. We continued to support our local communities with activities and tournaments and raised close to \$4,000 for the Fox Chase Cancer Center this year. The picnic patio was completed with the engraved pavers and we had the opportunity to enjoy it all season long. The new Sweet Sixteen playoff format provided new match ups and very exciting games.

This year we are planning to erect a brand new pavilion that will cover most of the picnic patio. This will make our bocce club an even better venue to hold league and non-league events and provide us with protection from the rain and the hot summer sun.

Dave Fusco and Jerry Milice have decided to step down as NBL President and Vice President after 17 years directing our club. Under Dave and Jerry's leadership, our club has gone from dream to reality, from an unused park lot to the best bocce venue in Montgomery County. The NBL is not just two bocce courts in the park, but a community resource that has touched thousands of lives and brought the ancient game back to a new generation of players. As bocce has become more popular in this area through Dave and Jerry's efforts, they have also provided their knowledge, expertise and knack for organization to many bocce start ups near and far. Have no fear as Dave and Jerry will stay on the board and still be very active in the club. All of the NBL Board members would like to say, Thank You to Dave and Jerry!

The leadership of the club will be taken up by the Board of Directors with Joel Gluckman as President, Rick Gambone as Vice President. Sandy Campbell and Pat Pastorius will be taking over the duties of Recording Secretary from Julie Fusco and Julie will handle club communications. Sandy and Pat will also act as Senior League liaisons. Andy Ragusa will continue to lend his support as club Treasurer. All of the Board of Director members will be heading up committees and our contact information and committee responsibilities will be posted on the cabin bulletin board so that you can get in touch with us to join a committee and share your ideas on how to make the club a better place for one and all. You can also e-mail us your suggestions, questions, or concerns at [NorristownBocce@gmail.com](mailto:NorristownBocce@gmail.com).

The NBL enters its 18<sup>th</sup> season stronger and better than ever. With the quality of play, the work of our volunteers, and the new capital improvements, we should all be proud to be a part of the Norristown Bocce League!

We would like to inform you about the details of the upcoming NBL 2012 Seasons. After much discussion between league members, team captains, and board members, the board has voted to evenly split the Summer & Fall Leagues into two 14 week seasons. This will allow all 128 teams to participate in 14 regular season matches and standardize league membership fees at \$50.00 per player, per league.

Additionally, the Senior League will now play on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday with the Monday teams moving to Wednesday and the other teams making no change. This change has come about due to the desire of many Senior League



members to be able to have 3 or 4 day summer weekends that may include Fridays and Mondays. The Monday team captains have been contacted and welcome this scheduling change.

The Summer League will start as usual on the third Sunday of April, 04/15, and run through Thursday, July 19. The Sweet Sixteen playoff format will remain the same as last year and run for one week, with a start date of Saturday, July 21, for the evening players and Monday, July 23, for senior players. The Summer Championship is scheduled for Saturday, July 28 (rain date Sunday).

The Fall League will start on Sunday, July 29, and run through Thursday, November 1, with the playoffs starting on Saturday, November 3, for evening players and Monday, November 5, for senior players. The Fall Championship is scheduled for Saturday, November 10 (rain date Sunday).

The league banquet is scheduled for Saturday, November 17.

- **Registration Dates & Fees** – On site registration for the Summer League is Saturday, 03/17, & Sunday, 03/18, from 12:00PM – 2:00PM. The deadline for summer team registration is at 2:00PM on that Sunday.

Fall League on site registration is scheduled from 12:00PM – 2:00PM on Saturday & Sunday, June 23 & 24, with the deadline at 2:00PM on that Sunday.

Each roster must have a minimum of 5 players with \$250.00 due at registration. You may enter a roster with 4 names and 1 TBA as your fifth player, but the fee is still \$250.00 at time of registration. All fifth player TBA's must be registered by the first day of league play (Sunday for the Evening League, Tuesday for the Senior League). Additional roster spots beyond your fifth player may be registered up until the start time of your third game of the season.

All checks and money orders should be made payable to "NBL".

For your convenience, you can mail in your completed registration form and \$250 check to our mailing address at the bottom of the page.

Registration forms and waivers (for first time members) can also be printed at [www.NorristownBocceLeague.com](http://www.NorristownBocceLeague.com).

We appreciate your continued support and look forward to another successful season and our new picnic pavilion. Should you have any questions about registration or league business in general, please send us an e mail at [NorristownBocce@gmail.com](mailto:NorristownBocce@gmail.com) or contact Joel Gluckman at [joel.gluckman@staples.com](mailto:joel.gluckman@staples.com) or 484-576-9458.

Sincerely,

Joel Gluckman