

## BOCCE BALL 2011

We are back for a second year and everything remains the same except we are charging less this year.:

- The games will be held on Tuesday Evenings.
- The games will start at 7:00 PM so people should plan to arrive at 6:30 PM
- The games will commence on June 1 and continue once a week to August 31.
- We will collect \$2.00 per per person each week and we will have a wrap up celebration in September.
- The games will be played at the homes of volunteer hosts.
- People should bring their own refreshments to the games.
- Bring your own chair if possible.
- A schedule will be drawn up and published.
- A web page will be created.
- Communications will be by email in general and by phone for those who do not have email access.
- In the case of questionable weather players are requested to make their own decision whether to play or not. No phone calls please.
- We have five volunteer hosts so far and we know of other potential volunteers as part of our initial schedule we are requesting that more volunteers choose a date and let us know so we can complete the schedule.
- The games are open to anyone who wants to play, if you have guests bring them along.
- Children ages 10 and up are welcome as long as they can throw the bocce ball.
- People who have bocce ball sets are encouraged to bring them in case your hose needs an extra set

### HOSTING

- Washroom facilities will be necessary
- You are not expected to provide any refreshments or food.
- Your neighbours are more than welcome to join in.
- Find a place for the court. Ideally you'll have a patch of grass or lawn that is 60 to 80 feet long and 8 to 12 feet wide. Step off 25 paces for length and three or four paces for width. Shorter is ok.
- You should have three pieces of rope to mark off the hog lines and mid line of the court.
- We will have some home-made score boards for your use.
- You should arrange to have two or more sets of bocce balls
- The host will collect the weekly pay-as-you-play funds.
- Games will to a set time or a set score. It will depend on the light.
- There can be from 2 to 4 people on a team it will vary with attendance.
- Odd numbers can be handled by having one person play two turns.
- Have a deck of cards ready when people arrive they draw cards to decide the teams. (number chips will do as well)

### RULES OF THE GAME

Two to eight people can play at a time, in even pairs. With just two players, each bowls four balls and then alternate ends of the "court." More than two people are divided into two teams of two, three or four players. Half the players are at each end of the court. Each team gets to throw four balls each "frame." A team and person is chosen to start and throws the jack ball underhanded at least halfway down the "court." The same team and player bowls first. The object of each "frame" is to get your ball or balls closest to the jack ball. All throws, including lobs in the air, must be done underhanded. The team farthest from the jack continues bowling until they get a ball closest to the jack. Then the other team follows the same scenario.

Only one team scores each frame - the team with the closest ball or balls, gets one point for every ball that is closer to the jack than all of the other team's balls. If a ball is touching the jack it will count for 2 points. The game ends when one team reaches 13 or more points. Sometimes the game is shortened to 11 or 12 points.

It is fair to try to block the path to the jack ball, knock away your opponent's balls, and even to knock the jack away from an opponent's better lie. You'll need to practice both rolling and lobbing the bocce balls. Accuracy will be challenging until you've had a number of games under your belt.

If you knock the jack out-of-play your opponent will score 1 for each ball they have in play

The host can create local rules to protect their property. Rules such as no high lob balls to protect their lawns.