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2011 Martinez Bocce Federation Report

The Martinez Bocce Federation is proud to be known as the largest Bocce League in America. Martinez also lays claim to the invention of the Martini and the home of Joe DiMaggio.

- In 2011 we had 190 teams of Organized Open Rules League Bocce. An additional 25 Senior League teams made up of several hundred senior citizens played on Thursday mornings. A total of 215 teams played Sunday thru Friday.
- We have approximately 2000 members playing about 4 hours of Bocce each week. The Federation thus provides 108, 000 Bocce Leisure Hours through the 18 week season.
- The Martinez Bocce Federation also facilitates many tournaments, outside club organizations, private functions, (Special Olympics) and just people using the facility. We host the “Traveling Bocce League” once a month, VFW and Martinez Community Seniors use the facility once a week.
- The Martinez Gazette has greatly increased its coverage of Bocce activity in the last 2 years so the entire community can appreciate this sport. These articles and our website www.martinezboccefederation.org have drawn larger numbers to our Federation sport activities within the heart of Martinez. We have also printed full color brochures which are always available at the Martinez train station and Chamber of Commerce for those looking for activities in Martinez.

- Maintenance/court prep, at a cost of \$14,000+ per season. This expenditure exemplifies the level at which we hold our club, within the Bocce community. Our superior court composition and surface prep continues to draw attention from other Bocce leagues. This figure does not include the cost of vandalism repair estimated at another \$8000.00+.
- Vandalism is a large cost in repairs to the facility. Over the years it has been used as a thoroughfare for horses, bicyclists, skateboarders, scooters, and kids going to and from the Skateboard Park. Other incidents include all types of disgusting garbage left in our trash receptacles and on the courts, manhole cover removed (people hazard) and a court shade covering stolen. Our Club House was burned down a few years ago. (Rebuilt with MBF funds and donations).
- We have to rent a portable toilet as the adjacent city toilets are in such disgusting condition that people are afraid to use them at night, especially the ladies. (EBRPD toilets are not in this condition).
- Rentals - we do not rent the courts. We rent our equipment, bocce balls, scoreboards, club house with microwave refrigerator and barbecue pit.
- Another successful annual pre-season meeting with the Martinez Police Department was held in April with new Police Chief Gary Peterson, to facilitate acquaintance and understanding of expectations.

We are a non-profit organization that is self-sufficient and operates at an exemplary financial level, even in these difficult times for our nation and economy. The largest Bocce facility in the USA should be recognized as such and be able to have and maintain a well kept appearance in keeping with its status. Martinez Bocce Federation strives to provide quality and dependable recreation for its 2000 member Club and the community of Martinez, while maintaining a high standard of business practices.

We take pride in our contribution to the city and look forward to working with Martinez leaders as we continue to serve the people of this community.
Respectively submitted,

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