



Agenda
City of Scotts Valley
Senior Center Board Special Meeting
DATE: April 10, 2023 1:00pm

CITY OF SCOTTS VALLEY

Recreation Division
361 Kings Village Road
Scotts Valley, CA 95066

MEETING LOCATION

Scotts Valley Senior Center
370 Kings Village Road
Scotts Valley, CA 95066

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Harvey Bustichi, Board Member
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Lewis Farris, at-large Board Member

Anna Pissanetzky, Board Member
Margaret Schraft, Board Member
Vacant, at-large Board Member

City Staff Members

Chris Lamm, Public Works Director
Ali Robinson, Recreation Division
Manager
Darshana Croskrey, Senior Center
Coordinator

Call to Order: 1:00 PM

Roll Call:

Consent Agenda:

Approve Senior Board Special Meeting minutes of 03-7-23.

Public Comment Time:

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Additions/Deletions to Regular Agenda:

(Any person wishing to speak on the consent or regular agenda may do so by raising their hand as the item is called out by the chairperson.)

Parks and Recreation Report Update: PWD Lamm

Regular Agenda

1. Bylaws approval update – PWD Lamm
2. Parks Master Plan update – RDM
3. Bocce Court Roof – RDM Robinson
4. Senior Center Coordinator Report – D. Croskrey

Future Agenda Items

Adjournment

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Recreation Division
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Scotts Valley, CA 95066

MEETING LOCATION

Scotts Valley Senior Center
370 Kings Village Road
Scotts Valley, CA 95066

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Call to Order:

Roll Call: Present: Bergholz, Bustichi, Diaz, Farris, Pissanetzky, Schraft

Consent Agenda:

**M/S: Diaz/Lewis to approve Senior Board of Directors meeting minutes of 02-7-23.
Carried 6/0**

Public Comment Time: None.

Additions/Deletions to Regular Agenda: None.

Parks and Recreation Report Update:

- PWD Lamm staff updates:
 - Parks Master Plan Update. the last time it was updated in 1996. Anticipate April is a big community outreach month.
 - Facility and Park Maintenance contract is underway for an assessment of the condition of our assets.
 - Maintenance team down half of maintenance worker staff since December. Two Maintenance Workers start next week bringing the team up to full staff.

Regular Agenda**1. Bylaws approval update –**

Chair Bergholz tabled the approval of the bylaws to the April meeting to allow time for all board members to review the clean version.

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2. Bocce Court Roof presentation –

Cynthia Dzendzel presented on behalf of the Skypark Bocce Club and distributed materials outlining the current conditions issues. A proposed project for improvements was distributed along with metal roof quotes. Cynthia went over detailed design providing information on cost, sun, court plan, usability, solar panel considerations, wind and electrical. Cynthia provided photos examples of neighboring cities courts. Cynthia explained some construction costs are not available from contractors without involvement of Public Works and City Departments.

Six community members joined Cynthia in support of the Bocce Improvements project. An informal poll was conducted at the Bocce sign up table at the Senior Center: 39 yes & 6 No.

Board member Schraft confirmed this proposal does not add maintenance.

Cynthia gave economic, social and health reasons to support Bocce and why Bocce is a sport accessible to all physical abilities. The sport could have financial benefits through court rentals.

Following the presentation, Chair Bergholz opened public comment:

Debbie announced that weeding was ineffective, and a roof would help keep moisture out.

Chair Bergholz closed Public Comment.

Board member Farris asked the following questions:

- Where did the user poll/numbers come from. Cynthia explained there are Senior and Recreation leagues and the poll was asked of the Senior Bocce League participants during sign ups.

-Is this is the highest attended senior program?

-What are the fees? Board member Schraft confirmed the fees are \$2.00 a game.

-Whose else is using the courts/other communities use besides seniors? RDM Robinson spoke about the Adult Bocce League and private court rentals from the community and organizations.

-What would the maintenance cost be? Director Lamm confirmed the City does not currently maintain the courts.

-What is the highest cost per play the players would be willing to pay in order to cover the cost of the project?

Cynthia noted that Campo Di Bocce, a business in Los Gatos, charges \$15. They operate as a private facility. The goal for the proposed project is to donate/fundraise to build the court and the group does not support the idea of the City recuperating the cost through raising fees.

The Board discussed changing the fee structure to a per league/season versus per game.

Chairman Berholz announced concerns with the cost and safety of solar batteries.

Board member Bustichi asked the difference between outdoor and indoor play. Cynthia explained indoor is too expensive and an outdoor roof with 15 ft will protect from rain.

Coordinator Darshana announced how important hand/eye coordination is for those with lack of mobility and

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expressed support for the game of Bocce for seniors.

M/S Berholtz /Bustichi motioned to send this proposal to the P&R commission. They can work on trying to get the cover on the courts and to considering the proposal from Skypark Bocce Club.

Board member Bustichi asked where the money is coming from?

The motion stayed on the floor without vote.

M/S Farris/Bustichi motioned to 1. Continue to agenize this item and; 2. Come up with a proposal that the Senior Board is comfortable with to move to City Council or the P&R Commission.

Carried: 6/0

The Board discussed what their action is and what their next step is regarding this proposal.

Board member Farris noted this is an actionable board.

Cynthia asked the board if she should do further work or provide more information.

Board members Farris and Bustichi advised that no more research be done until the Senior Board has done research and comes up with their recommendations.

3. Senior Center Coordinator Report –

- The Genealogy class got sufficient numbers and started this week with enthusiastic participation.
- St. Patrick's Day event is getting sign ups.
- Two new offerings
 - Carol McMahon will present "What's Next" which addressed life stages.
 - Healthier Me, a new wellness class.
- SCO 60's Sing-A-Long was a great event.

Public comment:

Cynthia commented the food was plentiful at the Holiday Luncheon and recognized Darshana's effort.

Board member Farris asked if improvement funds have been requested for the FY24 year. Director Lamm explained the 5-year CIP that is in place now and asked if there was a specific project in mind.

Board member Farris would like to have the light switches re-routed, so they are closer to the entrance. Darshana gave a history on the building and why this was not an option. Board member Farris would like to offer his expertise and to get a second opinion.

Board member Schraft asked that a dishwasher be budgeted for FY24. Darshana explained we could look into the current health rules for 2023. The board discussed a dishwasher.

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Skypark Bocce Cover

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:50pm

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City of Scotts Valley
SENIOR CENTER BOARD
STAFF REPORT

DATE: April 10, 2023
TO: Scotts Valley Senior Center Board
FROM: Ali Robinson, Recreation Division Manager
SUBJECT: Senior Center Board Bylaw Revisions

SUMMARY OF ISSUE

Background

The City of Scotts Valley's Senior Center Board is an Advisory Board to the City Council.

The Senior Board members have drafted changes to their existing bylaws over the course of the previous five years. Their version of the bylaws, with their desired changes, was submitted to the City Attorney for review before going to City Council. After the City Attorney's review, there are significant changes required to ensure the new revisions will meet the standard to which all City Advisory bodies operate.

In March 2023, the Senior Board reviewed the original Bylaws, the Redline Version from the Senior Board over the past four years, the Clean version by the City Attorney, and a sample from another City Advisory Body. The Board requested this item be returned with the solo clean version for review.

Discussion

In following models of the other Advisory Bodies, the City Attorney has created a redline version with her edits to review what has been changed and a clean version which shows the final document. The Senior Center Board can discuss the changes and submit questions for the City Attorney to staff. In order to be in compliance as a City Advisory Body, these are the bylaws that will be required.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION
FISCAL IMPACT

None.

- Review the clean Senior Center Board Bylaws revisions from the City Attorney.

- Recommend to approve the revised Senior Center Board Bylaws and send to City Council for adoption.

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SCOTTS VALLEY SENIOR CENTER ADVISORY COMMISSION

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I. NAME

- Section 1. NAME: The name of this organization is the Scotts Valley Senior Center Advisory Commission, hereinafter referred to as the Senior Organization.
- Section 2. PLACE OF BUSINESS: The principal place of business of this Senior Organization shall be the Scotts Valley Senior Center located at 370 Kings Village Road, Scotts Valley, California 95066.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

- Section 1. OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSE: The purposes for which this organization is formed are:
- A. The specific and primary purposes of the Senior Organization are to advise the City Council on issues affecting the senior population of the City of Scotts Valley and to provide an opportunity to persons 50 years of age or older to pursue their interests in educational, recreational, and craft activities and to promote the welfare of the senior citizenry of the City.

ARTICLE III. MEETINGS

- Section 1. MEETINGS OF THE SENIOR ORGANIZATION: The Senior Organization shall hold meetings follows:
- A. Annual Meeting. One (1) meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held yearly. If there is an at-large member vacancy on the Board of Directors, the Board of Directors shall hear recommendations on who shall fill that vacancy and all the people attending the annual meeting shall vote on that vacancy. The person receiving the most votes of the Board of Directors and the people attending the meeting shall be recommended to the City Council for appointment to the Senior Organization Board of Directors.
- B. Regular Meetings. The Board of Directors shall meet monthly on the first Tuesday of each month at 1:00pm at the Senior Center.
- Section 3. SPECIAL MEETING: Special meetings may be called by written notice and posted not less than ten (10) days or no more than sixty (60) days to the date fixed for said meeting. Said notice shall specify the date, time and place of the meeting and the matters to be considered.
- Section 4. NOTICE OF MEETINGS
- A. Regular Meetings: Notice shall be given each member of the Board of Directors seventy-two (72) hours notice, by email, mail and/or telephone, for any

change in meeting time or place. The agenda for the meeting shall be posted in accordance with State law.

B. Special Meetings: Notice must be posted in accordance with State law, at the Senior Organization and each member of the Board of Directors shall be given email and/or telephone notice of the time and place of all meetings at least twenty-four (24) hours

Section 5. QUORUM: A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum. Any motion receiving the affirmative vote of a majority when a quorum is present shall be a binding act of the Senior Organization unless a greater number is required by law or by these bylaws.

ARTICLE IV. BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Section 1. BOARD OF DIRECTORS: The affairs of the Senior Organization shall be managed and supervised by a seven (7) member Board of Directors five of whom shall be appointed by the City Council in the manner provided for the appointment of Commissioners and Committee members in the Scotts Valley Municipal Code. Two (2) of the seven (7) appointments shall consist of members recommended for appointment in accordance with the terms of Article III, Section 1 to serve for a four (4) year term.

Section 2. AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD: The Board of Directors shall be responsible for the Senior Organization's compliance with its Bylaws. The Board shall advise the City on all matters pertaining to the maintenance of the Senior Organization, its physical properties and its activities. The Board shall advise the City with respect to the conduct of the affairs and business activities of the Senior Organization, as well as with respect to matters of policy.

It is specifically recognized that the authority of the Board of Directors under this Section and under these Bylaws is subject to and limited by the provisions of Resolution Nos. 1228.3, 1228.4 and 1228.5 of the City of Scotts Valley.

It is specifically recognized, notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, that the use of any Senior Organization building that is owned by the City of Scotts Valley, shall be subject to all rules and regulations of the City of Scotts Valley and that no alteration of any such building may occur without the approval, first had and obtained, of the City Council.

Section 3. TERM OF OFFICE: Each appointed Board Member shall serve for a term as appointed by the City Council. Board Members shall assume duties when directed by the City Council. If a Board Member is unable to complete their term of office, they shall notify the Board of Directors in writing. The Chair Person shall notify the City of said vacancy. A Board Member may be removed from office by the City Council as provided in the Scotts Valley Municipal Code

Section 4. OFFICERS: The officers of the Senior Organization shall be the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. All officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors and shall serve a term of one year. All the aforesaid officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors from among its own ranks at the October Board of Directors Meeting to take effect at

the following January Board of Directors Meeting.

- Section 5. NOMINATIONS: If required, at the annual meeting, nominations for the two at-large members of the Board of Directors Members may be made by the Board of Directors and/or members from the floor as discussed in Section 1 of Article IV. All nominees must have previously agreed to serve.
- Section 6. BALLOTING: In the event that more nominees are named than there are vacancies, secret balloting shall be conducted. Names on the ballot shall be listed in the order of a random drawing.
- Section 7. PANEL OF CANDIDATES: The candidates shall also be made known through the Senior Center newsletter two months prior and the usual posted notice in the Senior Center at least two weeks prior the election for recommendation.
- Section 8. DUTIES OF THE CHAIR:
A: The Chair shall preside at meetings of the Board of Directors and at members meetings. The Chair shall, with the approval of the Board of Directors appoint chairpersons of all committees; shall sign all documents on behalf of the Senior Organization as authorized by the Board; shall act as ex-officio member and advisor of all committees other than the nominating committee. The Chair shall exercise general supervision of the activities of the Senior Organization.
- Section 9. DUTIES OF THE VICE-CHAIR: The Vice-Chair, in the absence of the Chair, shall perform their duties and carry out such other duties as authorized by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V. COMMITTEES

- Section 1. STANDING COMMITTEES: The Board of Directors has the authority to form committees to further the purposes of the Senior Organization. All committees and committee members will be on a volunteer basis with prior approval of the Board after consultation with the Coordinator. Standing committees may be, but not limited to, Balloting, Entertainment, Kitchen, Membership, Property, Publicity, Senior Care, Social, Sunshine, Ways and Means or other committees as may be deemed necessary and approved by the majority of the Board. Liaisons to the Board of Directors may be appointed by the Board for any committee. Meetings of Standing Committees shall be subject to the requirement of the Brown Act.
- Section 2. SPECIAL COMMITTEES: Ad-Hoc committees may be appointed from time to time for a limited purpose and limited duration by the Chair with the approval of the majority vote of the Board.

ARTICLE VI. FEES AND DUES

- Section 1. The City Council, in consultation with the Board of Directors, shall establish dues for participation in events at the Senior Center.

ARTICLE VII. MISCELLANEOUS

- Section 1. RULES OF ORDER: Robert's Rules of Order shall be adhered to at all meetings of the Board of Directors and members.

- Section 2. SOLICITORS OF AGENTS: No solicitors or agents shall be allowed to display their ware, conduct or transact their business in the Senior Center at any time unless requested to do so by the Coordinator with Board of Directors' approval.

- Section 3. AMENDMENTS OF BYLAWS: The Board of Directors may recommend that these bylaws may be amended, altered or repealed by the City Council. Further, no amendment of these bylaws shall be effective for any purpose unless and until the same is approved by the City Council

City of Scotts Valley
SENIOR CENTER BOARD
STAFF REPORT

DATE: April 10, 2023
TO: Scotts Valley Senior Center Board
FROM: Ali Robinson, Recreation Division Manager
SUBJECT: Skypark Bocce Court Roof Request

SUMMARY OF ISSUE

Background

The City of Scotts Valley Senior Center Board heard a presentation from the Skypark Bocce Club at their March 2023 meeting. The group representative outlined a two part request for the Board:

1. The Scotts Valley Senior Center Board recommend that the Parks and Recreation Department and Parks and Recreation Commission recommend to the Planning Commission that design and planning for a roof over the existing bocce courts be included in the current year's budget for the Parks and Recreation Department and that funds for the construction of the roof be included in the following year's budget.

\$120,000 should be sufficient for the cost of the kit, cement supports for the metal columns, and labor to install the kit.

2. The Scotts Valley Senior Center Board recommend that 2 new bocce courts with a roof and artificial surface be included in the Master Plan for the Parks and Recreation Department. The location and feasibility of new courts would have to be determined by the Parks and Recreation Department in collaboration with the Public Works Department.

The Senior Board heard the proposal and requested the item continue to be on their regular agenda to formulate a recommendation they are comfortable with sending to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Discussion

The Senior Board will consider the group request and discuss the issues.

City staff has announced to all the Advisory Boards that a Parks Master Plan is underway for 2023 which a key component will be hearing from the Scotts Valley community about what their needs and satisfaction are with all the park facilities and amenities. Stakeholder groups, such as the Bocce players, will be invited to share their opinion with the consultant and staff team. April is the information gathering month for the Parks Master Plan and will include a community wide survey and three community events to get participation in the survey. The Parks Master Plan process will continue throughout 2023 and will be taken to City Council in February 2024 for adoption.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

- Review the request from the Skypark Bocce Club.

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Sky Park Bocce Courts

My name is Cynthia Dzendzel. I live in Felton but have been a Scotts Valley Senior Center member since 2012 and my mother-in-law was a member for many years before that, so I know what an important part the Senior Center plays in the lives of many seniors in this county.

Bocce was the main reason I joined the Senior Center, and Darshana says it has been the **first reason many members join**. I have referred many people myself, and I know many bocce players who would return to play here, if some improvements were made.

Certainly, exposure to the weather is a big factor in the decision to play in a given location.

Exposure to direct sun and rain may cause:

1. **Skin cancer**
2. **Vision problems**
3. Heat stroke
4. The need to wear clothing that interferes with ability to play
5. **Deterioration of the court surface**
6. **Deterioration of the wood and painted structures** around the courts, including shade structures, ball racks, scoreboards, and benches
7. The need for **umbrellas**, which **must be installed and removed** each day, and which may become hazardous when not properly attached.
8. **Growth of weeds**, mold, and algae, depending on the type of surface.
9. The need to blow or sweep water off the courts **after rain events**, or **wait a week** for them to dry out, as at Sky Park.
10. The **need for effective drainage** for natural surfaces like Sky Park.

Some players at Sky Park will not play in the Summer League, due to the intense heat.

Others find play difficult at different times of the day, due to the sun hitting them directly in their eyes.

Rain makes **Sky Park courts unplayable from November to April**.

Benefits of a permanent roof:

1. Allow **year long play**, as well as **night play** with the **addition of lights**.
2. **Reduce the cost** in money and time of **maintenance** of the court surface and structures.
3. Allow for the choice of a synthetic surface, which would require much less maintenance.
4. Tarps could be hung on the sides to **keep out the wind** during bad weather, with **overhead radiant heaters** to warm those waiting to play.
5. Allow for the installation of **solar panels**, which could provide power for the lighting for the whole park as well as other functions, and possibly generate revenue.

Why not use temporary shade/rain solutions?

1. Campo di Bocce in Los Gatos pays \$15,000 per month for canvas tenting on two courts during the rainy season. However, rain is not always predictable. A permanent roof would **pay for itself in one year, compared to canvas tenting**.
2. The canvas shade solutions at Campo di Bocce and other locations do not completely shade the courts. As the **sun moves**, so do the **shade and sun patches** on the courts.
3. Shade structures do not completely block the rain.
See picture of Martinez Bocce Club shade structures (15 courts).
See picture of Sky Park shade structure.



Cost:

1. A **metal building kit** would cost about **\$60,000**. This would include engineered **plans**. The supplier would take care of **permits** and **coordination** of specifications and delivery with the concrete contractor and installer. The proposed kit would have an **open beam design**, not requiring posts in the center. It would include **panels** on both ends to keep the sun from entering at the **peak on each end**. It would not include side walls below 8 feet, to **allow air flow**. The roof would extend over the existing sidewalks and picnic benches to **protect spectators and players** waiting their turn to play. Opaque roof panels to function as **skylights** are available.

See pictures of Denis Prosperi's court in Fresno being built from a kit.



2. The cost of the required **concrete perimeter foundation** cannot be determined without information from the Department of Public Works about existing underground infrastructure, such as electrical, plumbing, irrigation, and sewers, which might be disturbed by the foundation installation, and the water table, drainage, and soil stability.
3. The cost of **labor to install the kit** after the perimeter foundation has been completed cannot be determined without input from the Department of Public Works on the schedule that would be acceptable and other conditions, such as the cost of insurance, prevailing rates, etc.

4. If **solar panels** are to be included, a solar company would have to give an estimate for the number of panels and placement of the panels, allowing for “skylight” panels between the solar panels. The building kit would have to be modified to account for the weight of the solar panels and the uplift force of the wind, as well as the placement and method of installation of support brackets. Further costs would be associated with the installation of **conduits and fixtures for lighting** and to interface with the existing controls and distribution system, as well as the new **battery** storage equipment.

See article on Round Hill CC Solar Power Project.

<https://clubandresortbusiness.com/round-hill-cc-unveils-1-95m-solar-power-project/>

Santa Cruz Parks and Recreation installed solar panels at Delaveaga Park.

Other Considerations:

The Department of Public Works will, and other interested parties may have input on the color and other **esthetic considerations** for the new roof, which could affect the cost.

A **local construction company** may wish to propose a different method of construction and design. It will be important to weigh the cost and benefits of alternatives, keeping in mind the factors listed above.

Beyond the roof:

Bocce courts have been built, with and without protection from the weather, in many locations in California. Those with **protection from the weather last much longer** before the surface needs to be replaced or repaired, no matter which type of surface is installed.

Sky Park courts are maintained by volunteers from the Senior League. (See picture below on left.) Compared to the existing oyster flour and silver fines, many types of **artificial surfaces require very little maintenance**,. (See picture at right below.) A good example of artificial turf is at Almaden Lake County Park.



Another is at El Portal Bocce Club in Sacramento. That type of surface could be installed on **two courts for about \$50,000.**

The type of surface at Campo di Bocce, Marin Bocce Club, and some private courts costs much more and is best installed over a professionally leveled cement slab. Direct sun causes cracks and bubbles. It would be much more expensive.



Planning for the future:

As part of the new Master Plan, **2 new courts** could be **designed with an artificial surface and include a roof** and all associated equipment, such as scoreboards, ball racks and benches.

What can the S. V. Senior Center Board do now?

I am requesting that the Scotts Valley Senior Center Board **recommend** that the Parks and Recreation Department and **Parks and Recreation Commission recommend to the Planning Commission** that **design and planning for a roof over the existing bocce courts** be included in the **current year's budget** for the Parks and Recreation Department and that **funds for the construction of the roof be included in the following year's budget.**

\$120,000 should be sufficient for the cost of the kit, cement supports for the metal columns, and labor to install the kit. Denis Prosperi told me a cost of \$15 per square foot would be reasonable. The square footage of the proposed 60'x120' roof would be 7200 sq ft.

This would **not include** solar panels, electrical connections, plumbing or other infrastructure the City may wish to add to the project. Any unforeseen conditions or requirements, as mentioned above, would cause unknown increases in the cost of the project.

What else can the S. V. Senior Center Board do?

I am requesting that the Scotts Valley Senior Center Board **recommend** that **2 new bocce courts with a roof and artificial surface** be included in the **Master Plan for the Parks and Recreation Department.**

The location and feasibility of new courts would have to be determined by the Parks and Recreation Department in collaboration with the Public Works Department. Possible locations are:

- 1) to the east of the existing courts in the unpaved area between the picnic table shelters
- 2) Near the tennis courts
- 3) In the Al Shugart park, after the dog park is built.

Why care about Bocce?

Bocce, like soccer, is a sport that **has grown in the last four decades**. It attracts people who are interested in a **healthy way to socialize** and compete in a friendly way. It can be played, like soccer, with **very little individual investment** in equipment and clothing. It is thus **accessible to all income levels**.

However, if a person becomes interested in competing at a higher level, there is much money to be spent on uniforms, tournament fees, food, lodging and travel to different locations. **Scotts Valley businesses could benefit**, as do those in Los Gatos, Marin, and Martinez, etc. from the players that come for tournaments.

Bocce tournaments are held to support many charities. A few years ago, Sky Park hosted a fund-raiser for the Boys and Girls Club. The Steve Mariucci Tournament gives **people of different abilities** an opportunity to compete, while raising money for Special Olympics, among other charities.

Sky Park already attracts a **diversity of players coming for family events** and could do more to **attract youth and young adults**. Chicago's bocce club has mentored a large group of **young players now competing internationally**, and the Marin Bocce Club is actively recruiting in the schools in their area. They are willing to share their knowledge.



Sky Park is an ideal location for families and friends of all ages to build community or learn to play as a team. Some have already discovered bocce for birthday parties. In time, they will look for more opportunities to play bocce.

With additional courts, Sky Park could attract more players for league and tournament play.

Scotts Valley has produced national champions and one international player. It is time to **invest in the future** and inspire new players.



Pictured are Brian Peterson, Alan Knox and Ken Gorny, former Scotts Valley Senior League players, winning third place in Silver Division in Las Vegas this weekend. (They won gold medals in two previous Las Vegas tournaments.)