

PICKLEBALL/BOCCE EXCHANGE

A club exchange is coming to The Villages! The Pickleball Club and the Bocce Club are having two exchanges in the upcoming months. These exchanges are for members only.

One exchange is August 5th from 3-6pm where both clubs will be playing bocce together. In order to learn the game, Pickleball Club members are encouraged to attend a training session on July 15th at the bocce courts at 3pm. This training session is for pickleball players only. On July 18th there will be a bocce clinic open to anyone who wants to learn. It is also at 3pm. The Bocce Bash which is held at 3pm on Friday's is a great time to practice your skills. Check out the pickleball website for more dates, villagespickleball.org. I went to a training session last week and played a couple of games. It was so much fun!

On September 9th from 3-6pm the Pickleball Club and the Bocce Club will be playing pickleball together. This exchange will take place on courts 5 & 6. Bocce Club members are encouraged to attend one or more of the Pickleball Club's Wednesday/Friday drop-in sessions at 1pm. Bob Iacopi is trying to arrange a Saturday training session for bocce players who work or otherwise cannot make a drop-in session.

Both of the tournaments are going to be social events and we hope members of both clubs will attend both tournaments. There will not be any fees to participate, equipment will be provided and we will not be giving awards. These are going to be enjoyable events with free food and drinks too!

A sign-up sheet for the bocce tournament is at the bocce courts, and you can sign-up online at the Bocce Club website villagesbocceclub.com. The sign-up sheet for the pickleball tournament is at the Tennis Shack or online at the Pickleball website villagespickleball.org. Signing up online is the preferred method as it saves time and work for all concerned, and avoids retyping and potential errors of using handwritten forms.

The deadline for signing up for the bocce tournament is **July 29th**. The pickleball tournament registration deadline is **September 1st**. Watch for more details here and on the websites, and contact Bob Iacopi with any questions or concerns at iacopi@comcast.net