



Sacramento threw a Ticker Tape Parade for all our SUMMER 2026 Teams!!!

*okay, maybe the 1940 era automobiles were a dead giveaway, not to mention the fact the photo is in black and white.

Minor details.

What's **REALLY** important though, is that the EAST PORTAL BOCCE CLUB says

“THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU !!!!!”

to all **53** teams in our SUMMER 2026 Season.

The campaign was a fantastic success, with 12 new teams joining our fast growing Bocce family. Ballbarians, Aperollers, Blarney Stones, Team DD, Tre Ballerz, Tre Compagnia, Vicino alla palla, Alianza Rollers, Bocce Belles, Summertime Rolls, Bocce Please, and La Bocce Vita.

The ***Fast, Fun and Done*** Summer playoffs started on Tuesday morning August 4th (congratulations go out to Bocci Amici for winning the regular season with a record of 15-3 and then also winning the Tuesday Morning League playoffs against an always challenging Allegria team). The playoffs concluded on Saturday, August 15th (congratulations go out to Curtis Culprits in the GREEN Pool and also to Balls N Dolls in the RED Pool for both teams' gritty,

hard fought wins over Sicko Mode in the GREEN Pool and the Holy Hand Grenades in the RED Pool).

Monday Night League Champs were **Bocci Amici** (as David Zaffa likes to put it, “Bocci Too-Muchee”). Amazing, Amazing, Amazing success for the gentlemen from the Folsom & Cameron Hills area. Much deserved, for sure.

Tuesday 10am Morning League Champs were **Bocci Amici** (as mentioned earlier, these masters of the bocce courts also won the Tuesday Morning *Fast, Fun and Done* playoffs). Simply incredible.

Tuesday Night League Champs were **Tre Compagnia**. These three first timers to East Portal ended up with an impressive season record of 13-5, and (I’m guessing) presented more personality than the East Portal courts have seen in decades. We absolutely loved it, and we’re looking forward to a lot more of that in the years to come.

*a **VERY, VERY special shout out** goes to the lovely ladies of **Sicko Mode** who contacted me way back in the early stages of the creation for the Summer 2026 Leagues to tell me they wanted to play on **Tuesday Nights**. The only challenge at the time was that we didn’t HAVE a Tuesday Night league put together for the Summer months. Meghan Larson said, “We have some friends that want to join the league and create a team.” My first thought was, “Great. We have 2 teams on Tuesday Nights.” I advised Meghan and Lauren and Paige and Cameron to recruit, recruit, recruit if they wanted to play on Tuesday nights. It didn’t take more than 2 weeks before we had 10 teams signed up for Tuesday Nights!!!!

Fantastic job, ladies, and thank you SO much for all your hard work in getting so many teams to come to the table.

Wednesday Night League 3 Person Bocce Format – the Champs were the **Hit Squad** with an incredible record of 19-1. Their only blemish came about as what can only be described as a very appreciated (albeit unintentional) “gift” in their second game against Tienimi La Birra when one of the Hit Squad’s team members accidentally shot out their only defensive ball with 5 of Tienimi’s bocce balls circled around the pallino. Other than that one errant shot, the Hit Squad was absolutely flawless the entire Summer in their execution, week after incredible week. Congratulations on another League Championship in what I often refer to as “The Meat Grinder League” – a collection of some of the finest bocce players throughout the Western United States.

Thursday Night League Champs turned out to be **The Holy Hand Grenades** (AGAIN) with a near perfect record of 18-2 on the season. Dave Johnson, Kate Lorenzen, and Mike Moylan did the unthinkable for the second Summer season in a row...win the League Championship when that League contains a team called Balls N Dolls. Some might think this season’s Championship for the Holy Hand Grenades comes with an asterisk due to a 2-game forfeit by Balls N Dolls earlier in the season against another league opponent. But I’ve looked everywhere on my computer keyboard for an asterisk and I simply can’t find it. So, by default, there’ll be no asterisk on that season Championship for the Holy Hand Grenades!!

Thanks to ALL 10 teams that participated in the Tuesday Morning ***Fast, Fun and Done*** playoffs PLUS the 18 teams that participated in the **GREEN** and **RED** Pools of the Evening League ***Fast, Fun and Done*** playoffs on Saturday!!

Rest up everybody, because the **FALL 2026** season begins in barely over a week!!

Thanks again to everybody for making the SUMMER 2026 campaign a season to remember. We'll see you all out on the courts in just a few short days!!

Sincerely,

Ryan Tracy

League Manager