

Board of Directors Bio for Ryan Tracy

I stepped onto Court 1 at East Portal Park back in September of 2021, not knowing a thing about bocce. My day didn't go so well, as I remember turning to my opponent after an early round and asking him, "What's a casino? Is that bad? Does it happen often?" The answers weren't good, and neither was I. But I most remember at the time that our facility scoreboard would sometimes go well over 2 weeks without ever being updated. I had no idea what our record was, or what place we were in. But I really liked playing bocce and was committed to showing up every week. I told myself to stop complaining about the scoreboard situation - and fix it myself. So, I drove over to Kinko's on 56th and bought a red dry erase pen and a green dry erase pen, and I've been updating the scoreboard for the league ever since. In 2023, I told myself to stop complaining about a schedule that had 1 Wednesday night team playing on Court 1 seven times in 10 weeks and never playing on Court 3 at all. I found a schedule online where every team plays on each court twice, and never in back-to-back weeks. Our leagues have been enjoying that fair and equal schedule for a number of seasons now. In 2025, I was informed that I was the newly appointed League Manager. I wanted to implement an end of the season playoff format that would allow teams to eagerly participate and complete their playoff games in just 2 hours' time (plus a flexible format that's a little longer for those teams that often travel to out-of-town tournaments). So, I created the **Fast, Fun and Done** playoff format that was successfully tested this past Summer and is in place for the Fall 2025 season. And during this upcoming off season, I will be promoting a mid-December East Portal Bocce gathering of teams from all around the league who want to come out for 2 hours to be part of a casual, social event filled with bocce, holiday cheer, maybe a classic ugly Christmas sweater or two (I've got mine all ready to go), and hopefully a stroll through the Fabulous 40s to look at all of the amazing Christmas lights displayed in that neighborhood. My intention is to continue providing ideas and solutions to the Board of Directors to improve the friendly bocce experience for our ever-expanding club.