

Joe Pane – Vice President, East Portal Bocce Club

I have proudly served on the East Portal Bocce Club (EPBC) Board for four years, including the past two as Vice President. For the last five months I have stepped into the role of Acting President to provide continuity during President Jay James's medical leave.

I chaired the Fundraising Committee in the successful rebuild of the pole barn over Courts 4 and 5 and have often boasted of my recruitment of board member, John Leonard, whose expertise helped bring the project to completion. I initiated EPBC's inaugural "Open to the Public Bocce Day" fulfilling a key agreement with the City of Sacramento. This event now takes place monthly, on the third Sunday, and has become a cherished tradition that welcomes new faces to the club. In addition to my board duties, I have chaired the last three End-of-Year dinners and am currently leading the planning for the upcoming New Year Kickoff celebration. I have also served as a host and tutor at the bocce courts for three years, mentoring youth from the City of Sacramento's Summer program and welcoming participants from the McClaskey Adult Center on select Fridays.

As a member of EPBC for over 20 years, my roots in the club run deep — my uncle, Orlie Pane, was one of its founding members. My dedication is to the club's growth and vitality. I am a passionate advocate for the ongoing maintenance and improvement of EPBC's facilities, often referring to the courts as "Our Little Fenway Park". My leadership reflects a deep respect for the club's history and a clear vision for its future.