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## **Bocce Ball Fans:**

The 2022 season is at half - way and we can now take our summer break. Play will begin again on August 22. Playoffs will begin on October 10. Check your schedule on [www.middletonbocce.org](http://www.middletonbocce.org).

There were many changes from last year, and now is a good time to recognize all of the effort that has gone into making your Bocce Ball play more pleasant.

**Chair and Umbrellas:** The Jesus Christ Fellowship Church received a donation of real nice chairs, umbrellas and other outdoor items. The Church has provided them for our use. Take advantage of them to make your spectator time more comfortable. Thank you to Aaron York, Pastor, for your assistance.

**Umbrella Installation:** Thank Don Elder (Knuckleheads) for manufacturing the nice concrete stands for the umbrellas, for repairing tears in the umbrellas, and installing them for our enjoyment. Don also volunteers as a member of our Board of Directors.

**Assistant Railings:** Don Elder at work again. These are well designed, very handy, and add to the safety of entering and exiting the courts.

**New Court Surface:** We searched diligently for a new surface for court 1 that would not break the bank and would provide a flat, stable surface to play on. It is still a work in progress, but seems to keep getting better. It was a big project to get all of the new material on the court, pack it, level it, pack it again and level it again. Thanks go out to Eric Ahern (Seal Team Six), Jack Reece (Craig's List), Derrick Andress (KaBoom), Marty Cassidy (Kaboom), Don Elder (Knuckleheads), Tim Weber (Misfits), Terry March (Lake County Winners), Russ Cataline (Cobb Mountain Rollers), Craig Eve (Craig's List), Mike Bell (Lake County Winners), and Bill Waite and Bill Thacher (Rollin' Stones) for their help with this project.



Left to right: Craig Eve (in his tractor), Eric Ahern, Mike Bell, Derrick Andress, Marty Cassidy, Don Elder. Tim Weber is in the distance on "weed patrol".

**Weed Control:** Tim Weber (Misfits) hates weeds, so he attacked the whole property with his weed eater. The results were admirable! We thank Tim, who also volunteers as a member of your Board of Directors.

**Wood Chips:** A tree service company donated those huge piles of chips to the Church and we are in the process of spreading them all over the property. Much better than weeds, rocks and dirt! Thank Craig Eve (Craig's List), Ken Gonzales (Bocce Nova), Tim Weber (Misfits), Eric Ahern (Seal Team Six), and yours truly (Rollin' Stones) for the use of their time and machinery tackling this big project.



Eric Ahern leveling the new chips.



Craig Eve and his tractor spreading wood chips.



Ken Gonzales moves another load of chips with his tractor.

**Barbecues:** Our barbecues were donated by Cheri Johnson (Living the Life) and Craig Eve (Craigs List). Both Cheri and Craig also volunteer as members of our Board of Directors.

**New Top Caps for the Courts:** This was a big project. This is \$700.00 worth of lumber. It was an tedious undertaking to get all of them level and straight.



Craig Eve confirming that the new top caps fit perfectly.

**Barbecue During the First Week of the Season:** I hope you all enjoyed a hamburger or hot dog. You can thank Monna Hull (Bocce Nova) for organizing this event. Monna also volunteers on our Board of Directors.

**Solar Lighting System:** Thanks to Jim and Monna Hull (Bocce Nova) for donating a solar panel for this project. The labor for installation was the combined efforts of Don and Bill Elder (Knuckleheads) and yours truly (Rollin' Stones).

**Score Board Upgrades.** We were concerned that some day a scoreboard would fall over on someone. Jim Hull (Bocce Nova) contributed his time and creativity to installing sturdier scoreboard posts. Pretty nice! If you recall, Jim also built the very useful ball holders installed at each end of the court.

**Want To Help?** We always have a project that needs to be done around the courts. If you would like to contribute your time or have ideas for improvements please contact myself or a Board member.

**Distribute this newsletter:** If you have team members who do not receive emails, please give them a copy of this newsletter.

See you on the courts!

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