

With the hint of cooler weather in the air (hopefully), two things come to mind – football and Blue Lake residents looking forward to spending more time outside instead of inside.

Many of us will be down at the new bocce ball court next to the flat fitness trail in Devil's Hollow Park. We began to play last Spring and our games quickly became very popular especially on Sunday evenings. However the oppressive heat has chased everyone indoors.

Bocce ball is a fun sport which combines skill, strategy and just a little luck. The object of the game is to roll a larger ball (bocce) closer to a smaller target ball (pallino) than your opponents. The player or team whose bocces are closest to the pallino scores.

Most people do not realize that, next to soccer and golf, bocce is the third most participated sport in the world and is considered the oldest known sport in history according to the United States Bocce Federation www.bocce.com.

The sport appeared to be in danger of extinction in the U.S. until resurgence began in California during the 1970s. Today it is estimated that one million people are playing bocce ball in the U.S.

So, bring your lawn chairs, a beverage of your choice and come to the park on Sunday afternoons around 6:00pm. However, if you want to get a group together on your own, the POA has a set of Bocce balls that can be checked out from the golf pro shop.

By the way, there are also horseshoes and washers at the park that are available for everyone.