



## LOS ALTOS ROTARY CLUB BOCCE BALL PROJECT

by  
Harry I. Price

**A proposal for a Los Altos Rotary Club (LARC) Community Service project: to construct Bocce Ball courts, one pair each in parks within the City of Los Altos and in the Town of Los Altos Hills, California**

### Project Vision, Goals and Objectives:

Our two local communities, Los Altos and Los Altos Hills, each have local recreational facilities in the park system. The park system is already widely used by individuals, families, and groups, for a variety of purposes. Spearheading an effort to install a pair of bocce ball courts in several of the local parks will not only add to the recreational facilities, it will enable a compatible use that is currently not present: the introduction of a low-key social activity that is enjoyed by individuals of all ages; an opportunity to play a game that is not currently offered in many communities; and by implementing game venues in multiple locations it will not only serve the entire community, but will provide an opportunity for groups to engage in "tournaments."

### How Serving the Community Strengthens the Community:

Rotary is committed to community service. Installing bocce ball courts in several parks would help create an additional reason for utilizing the parks. It may serve to draw individuals to our park system that previously shied away, thinking that it was just for kids. There is no other local community with multiple venues of bocce ball courts; the restaurant Campo di Bocce in Los Gatos is the default choice for many. In that respect, it may provide still another reason to put Los Altos "on the map" - the addition of multiple local installations that we will not only be proud of, but use on a regular basis, will expand the repertoire of events for families and groups. Groups will be able to host tournaments. Sporting events, as well as friendly competitions, always generate interest.

### Implementation of the Plan:

Location and Type: Identifying parks, and the locations within each park, as well as the type of bocce ball court surface (crushed oyster shell vs. artificial turf), would need to be determined.

Budget: The objective would be to determine the cost for implementation of the plan (design, erosion control, construction and maintenance); conceptualize the budgeting and fundraising for LARC to pay for the initial design and construction; work with the City of Los Altos and the Town of Los Altos Hills to allow the installation in return for signage, a "reader board" for reservations, scoring and identifying LARC as contributor to the installation; thereafter, the municipalities would be responsible for the future maintenance of the courts.

### How to Measure Success of the Plan:

Enhancing the facilities available in the local community park system would be success in and of itself. Bocce Ball courts in multiple locations can only raise our community's profile in a positive way: everyone enjoys a game of Bocce Ball with friends!