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So what does all this stuff say? It says, "Is all this 'alone' time in the house making you do some 'odd' things? And what does an Egyptian have to do with me anyway?

## We Can Thank This Egyptian for Our Bocce Games!

Italian culture just can't be complete without a picture of some old Sicilians playing a game of bocce. But what are the roots of the game? Egypt, believe it or not.

Here's a video that gives you a little more history of the game and how it progressed to the one we play today. Click here to see it.

Did you notice in the video (towards the end), all the men are standing at what appears to be the "end" of the court? The thrown balls almost touch their feet and no one is yelling, "Get off the court so I can throw!"

Another tidbit about the game in America: The **oldest bocce club in America** is the Aquatic Park Bocce Club, founded by Italian immigrants, in San Francisco.

The rules are simple, it's a lot of fun, and anyone can play—young

or old or in between. The most important tools of the game-besides the balls--are a measuring tape and people who can bend over to take measurements!

The popularity of the game is well-known in the Italian Club. Members are willing to get up early and make it to the courts to play the game no matter what the weather! If you haven't yet seen the video of the 2019 LHIC Bocce season, **click here to see it**.

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