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2009 LIVING TRADITIONS BOCCE BALL

Bocce, an ancient sport is taking root in the American sports culture. Bocce is a word stemming from the common Latin, *Bottica* and was introduced to the Romans by the Greeks. It was played everywhere, from churches and castles to city streets. People from all walks of life could play the game; young or old, man or woman. Bocce became so popular in Italy, that it was once threatened with prohibition, as people who were playing bocce in the streets were hitting the knees of passing noblemen with the bocce balls.

This ancient game, whose modern adaptation most closely resembles bowling and is played around Europe and also on other continents with Italian immigrants, including Australia and North and South America, requires skill, strategy and just a little luck. Members of the Utah Bocce Association set up the courts at Living Traditions and provide instruction in the game throughout the festival.

The bocce ball courts are located on the northwest lawn of the Salt Lake City & County Building.

Operated by the Utah Bocce Association

Hours:

Friday evening 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Saturday 1:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Sunday 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm

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