

Italia-America Bocce Club

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IABC Annual Election Results Held Sunday, May 21, 2023

The IABC election was held with two (2) open officers' positions for 3-year terms and there are six (6) open director positions.

Leo Chirco was elected as the Vice-President.

Mike Noelke was elected as the Treasurer.

Three (3) year director positions are:

- Rob Floretta
- Vince Passanisi
- Rich Lecinski

The two (2) year director position is:

- Chris Marlo

The one (1) year director positions are:

- Ruben Sanchez
- Sally Drago

The installation of the new officers and directors was held on June 12, 2023, at the board meeting.

**Congratulations to the
new and Officers and
Directors!**



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THE IABC ANNUAL DUES FOR 2023 – 2024

The total amount due is as follows:

Dues are \$250.00 - If paid by 6/30/2023
\$275.00 - If paid 7/1-7/31/2023
\$300.00 - If paid 8/1-8/31/2023
\$350.00 - If paid 9/1-9/30/2023

Questions pertaining to dues should be directed to Treasurer Mike Noelke @ 314.229.1499

If your dues are not paid prior to August 2023 Fall bocce leagues, you will not be allowed to play in the leagues.

If your dues are paid after the start of the Fall bocce leagues, you will be allowed to play in the 2024 Winter bocce leagues that begin in January 2024.

Welcome to the new and returning members:

- Steve Bandera** - Sponsored by Gina Imo and Vince Mancuso.
Bob Blumenkemper - Sponsored by Peter Cutelli and Richard Pacanowski
Vickie Boeckelmann - Sponsored by Leo Chirco and Susan Zona.
Ed Brinkman - Sponsored by Scott Hannigan and Patrick Bannister.
Cathy Buckingham - Sponsored by Maria Mayo and AnnMarie Lumetta.
Rose Chianta - Sponsored by Richard Coal and Eucarpio Numerosi.
Mike DiCarlo - Sponsored by Ron Farotto and Leo Chirco.
Gregory Frigerio - Sponsored by Dave Passanise and Rico Garavaglia.
Tina Godard - Sponsored by Teresa Harvey and Megan Whitehead.
Jessica Hegger - Sponsored by Maria Randazzo and Lisa Muxo.
Bill Hoar - Sponsored by Ray Maxwell and Trisha Duncan.
Doug Hurst - Sponsored by Sue Lucia and Michael Griffero.
Joey Laquinta - Sponsored by Mark Thenhaus and Rob Schrader.
Joseph Lifritz - Sponsored by Maria Randazzo and Lisa Muxo.
James Mott - Sponsored by Frank DiGregorio and Gina Schwer.
Christopher Myers - Sponsored by Ron Farotto and Vince Mancuso.
Joan Right - Sponsored by Rosalie LaGates and Rico Garavaglia.
Stephanie Scott - Sponsored by Gayle Pulliam and Cherie Galimberti.
Elizabeth Skaggs - Sponsored by Maria Randazzo and John DePetro.
Susan Troiani - Sponsored by Matthew Molli and Kent Johnson.
Girolama "Mimi" Vitale - Sponsored by Cesare Vitale and Michael Noelke.
Kate Walton - Sponsored by Gayle Pulliam and Cherie Galimberti.
- Returning Members:
Virgilio LaScola
Joseph G. Mazzuca
Matthew Stelzer



*The Italia-America Bocce Club
would like to extend their deepest
sympathy to the family and friends
of:*

*Thelma G. Bene (nee Pizzella)
Msgr. Salvatore E. Polizzi*



**Dining and Courtside Rentals along with
all Club events and activities are now
on our website @
www.stlbocce.com**

We are introducing new additions to the website menu for **Rentals, Events Calendar and for all Club Activities.**

- You can check a date and then contact me for an e-Contract or download PDF revised 2023 rental or dining room contract and drop it off in the mailbox on the office door.
- The next step is to call, text, or email me, Sally Drago, so I can validate the reservation. My cell number to call or text is 314-330-6742 or my email is sallydrago14@gmail.com

The contract is now an eContract form and you will need to submit a check as your deposit within 3 days to lock in the reservation.

I will respond to each person to make contact to have first choice on a date, and we will move to the next member accordingly. Please leave a message if you call, so it will **TIME STAMP** who is next in line.

I will help you facilitate the bar details or any requests. I will get back to you within 24 hrs.

REMINDER – Effective 1-1-2023, you must be a member in good standing for at least six (6) months before you will be allowed to rent either the Dining Room or the Courtside Area.

Women's League Captain's Meeting for Fall 2023 Bocce Leagues

Wednesday, August 2nd at 7:00 pm

Agenda for the Meeting:

- Place new players on teams
- Review bocce rules
- Pay team league fees.
- Ladies Banquet or Fun Day or Night participation

If you are not currently playing on a team, you need to contact Susan Zona PRIOR to this meeting for her to make room for you on a team.

If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Ladies Bocce Committee:
Susan Zona – 314.422.3562
Joann Rolfi – 314.239.7404
Kim Pedrolì – 314.359.9694

2023 Women's Fall Leagues start date to be determined.

Men's and PRV Leagues Captain's Meeting for Fall 2023 Bocce Leagues

Monday, August 7th at 7:00 pm

Agenda for the Meeting:

- Place new players on teams.
- Review bocce rules.
- Pay team league fees.
- Tournament of Champions
- Fun Day or Night Information

If you are not currently playing on a team, you need to contact Robert Della Croce PRIOR to this meeting for the League Captains to try and make room for you on a team.

If you have any questions, please contact:
or Robert Della Croce 314.477.0154

2023 Fall Men's and PRV Leagues begin Monday, August 21, 2023

TO ALL MEN AND WOMEN BOCCIE PLAYERS:

All players must turn in their league fees to their TEAM CAPTAIN. The Team Captain is responsible for turning in the appropriate amount of money for their team at the captains meeting.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!

STAY CONNECTED:

Website: www.stlbocce.com

Facebook: **Italia America Bocce Club**

Email: glmorris3@hotmail.com

Congratulations to the winners of the 2023 Winter Tournament of Champions! Leo Chirco, Greg Della Croce, Joe Grippi, and Jim Summers.



AND.....Congratulations to the winners of the USBF 2023 National Championship Mixed Doubles, Nick Imo, and Theresa Passaglia!



Thank you to all the IABC members who played in the *USBF 2023 National Championships* in Chicago, Illinois from 6/19-6/24/2023.

Dan Drago, II, Sally Drago, John Denando, Ron Farotto, Nick Imo, Vince Mancuso, David R. Zona, and Susan Zona.

CONGRATULATIONS to Nick Imo and Theresa Passaglia (*IABC Florida resident member*) who finished 1st in the Mixed Doubles earning the GOLD Medal (see photo page 3) and finished 2nd to win the SILVER Medal in the Open "A" Tournament.

A special shout out to Sally Drago who without ever having played a game of PRV, with the help of a great mentor, Susan Zona, represented the *IABC* in the Women's Doubles. Nice job ladies!

Tuesday Night PRV League is always looking for new players. If you are interested in joining a PRV team, please contact Robert Della Croce at 314.477-1054 or iabcstl22@gmail.com for more information.

Attention Members:

If you are the member, the spouse of a member, or the child of a member, and you would like to use the Dining Room for a luncheon after a loved one's funeral service, you may contact Secretary Gayle Morris @ glmorris3@hotmail.com to help you with the arrangements. Also, we are in desperate need of volunteers who would be available to help setup for the arriving caterer and/or clean up after the event. Obviously, we need people who could be contacted and available with short notice. Please contact Gayle with your name and number if you would be willing to help her with a few of these events as they come up.

Vinny Drago 2nd Annual "Dirt on My Boots" Fundraiser

Sunday, July 16, 2023
12:00 pm – 6:00 pm

In memory of Vinny on his Angelversary, we are hosting a fundraiser for *H.E.R.O.E.S Care* at the *Italia-America Bocce Club*. All proceeds raised will be donated to our friends at *H.E.R.O.E.S Care*. *H.E.R.O.E.S Care* is an affiliation of program partners working together to provide support to military families in the communities where they live. *H.E.R.O.E.S Care* combines the power of national organizations dedicated to providing emergency financial aid, employment opportunities, and mental health care services through a network of specially trained care givers before, during, and after deployment.

Vinny was a proud member of the *Italia-America Bocce Club* on The Hill. Our event is like the Sunday Funday concept that Vinny looked forward to every week! We were overwhelmed with the love and support from our family and friends at last year's event. Vinny is missed terribly by so many. We are hoping that a day of fun, friendship and Vinny's favorite things will bring smiles with the tears. There will be food, drinks, raffle items, 50/50, blind draw bocce tournament, and a bags tournament. All things Vinny loved! 😊 Purchase information for the event T-shirts will be posted shortly.

Also, the committee is looking for volunteers from the *IABC* regarding donations of sides and desserts. Please contact Maria Randazzo at 314.852.8084. If anyone can help with the cleanup, please contact Peggy Mazzuca at 314.814.1954. More information will follow....

Hope to see everyone there! Thank you in advance.....Paul and Kim Drago

MEMBERS PLEASE - Your FOB is for your use ONLY! It is not to be given out to friends or family members including children. Children of any age are not allowed to be in the club or on the courts without being accompanied by a parent or member responsible for the child. This rule needs to be strongly enforced.

Thank you for your cooperation.

2023 Golf Cart Raffle

- Who is ready for the IABC golf cart raffle brought to us by John Scire at *Touch of Gold?*
- Only 175 tickets will be sold at \$100 each.
- Cart is a \$12k value with a gas, fuel injected engine, custom designed seats and an \$800 sound bar and custom cooler built in under the back seat, LED lighting, custom wheels, Italian flag racing stripes and more!
- Will be raffled off on 10/1/2023 at the *34th Annual IABC Golf Tournament*, however you need not be present to win!

**Contact Sally Drago @
314.330.6742 or Dan Drago @
636.900.1412 to purchase
tickets**



IABC 34th Annual Golf Tournament Tapawingo National Golf Club

Sunday, October 1, 2023

Each year, the *Italia-America Bocce Club Golf Tournament* is a huge fund raiser for our club. Every year we give a very generous donation from the proceeds to a charity. Please help with this worthwhile event and contact Dan Drago, II @ 636.900.1412 if you can volunteer some of your time or make a raffle donation for this important club function.

Also...

**** In order to continue with this worthwhile event, we have members become a 'Tee Box Sponsor'. Tee Box cost is \$100.00. Please help out by becoming a sponsor for this event. Registration and additional information will follow.**

IABC 16th Annual Aldo Della Croce Tournament November 3-5, 2023

USBF open rules, teams of four (4) players, entry fee of \$ 85.00 includes dinner Friday night, lunch Saturday, and lunch Sunday.

There will again be two (2) divisions: *Giampiero Division* teams will consist of all men, all women, or mixed.

Laura Division teams consist of women only. For more information or to get an application contact Robert Della Croce @ 314.477.0154 or iabcstl22@gmail.com

Gayle Morris - Chairperson of the Aldo Della Croce Scholarship Award may be contacted @ glmorris3@hotmail.com



Dear Members,

Italia-America Bocce Club members seeking to contribute to their child or grandchild's education via scholarship are encouraged to apply for The Aldo Della Croce Memorial Scholarship detailed below by the scholarship committee.

The Aldo Della Croce Memorial Scholarship honors Mr. Della Croce as one of the original founding fathers of the club and will be awarded this year at The Annual Aldo Della Croce Bocce Tournament. The IABC Officers and Directors are pleased to offer a scholarship on a competitive basis. It is hoped that the award will not only contribute to the personal development of our recipient but also steward the game of bocce that our founding fathers envisioned. An application for the ADC Scholarship is available in the IABC office. The scholarship is not based on financial need or grade point average but on the merit of the applicant's self-statement as instructed on the forms.

All children or grandchildren of an *Italia-America Bocce Club* member that is in good standing at the time of the application are eligible. Other family members are not eligible. The applicant must be a student **ENTERING THEIR FRESHMAN YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL** in the **2024-2025** school year and must successfully complete the application form and self-statement as instructed on the forms located in the IABC office.

The completed application and required self-statement must be submitted to Mrs. Gayle Morris, 3166 S. 59th Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63139, either by USPS or by dropping them off at the bocce club **no later than October 1, 2023**. Neither Gayle Morris, nor The *Italia-America Bocce Club* are responsible for lost applications or late submittals. The winning recipient will be notified prior to The Annual Aldo Della Croce Bocce Tournament, and it is strongly recommended that he/she attend the tournament banquet. Banquet details will be provided to the winner of the scholarship.

Best wishes,

The Aldo Della Croce Memorial Scholarship Committee
Italia-America Bocce Club
2210 Marconi Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63110

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