

# Italia-America Bocce Club

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### Notice of Upcoming Elections

The *Italia-America Bocce Club* will hold its annual election on **Sunday, May 19, 2019**, at your Club. This election will be held to replace the President, Vice-President and Secretary and four (4) Board of Directors.

As provided in the recently amended bylaws, the President and Secretary positions are for three (3) year terms. The Vice President position is for a one (1) year term to align it with the next election for Treasurer when both positions move to three (3) year terms. We will then alternate voting for the two (2) positions of President and Secretary on opposite years of Vice-President and Treasurer.

For Director positions, the three (3) highest vote getters will serve three (3) year terms and the fourth highest voter getter will get a two (2) year term.

I have been asked by President, Tony Sanna to chair the nominating committee. Any questions concerning the election may be directed to me at **314.771-9916**

Anyone interested in placing their name on the election ballot for one of the vacant Board of Director positions may do so by providing me, an officer, or a director of the club with a written signed application petition. The petition must include the signatures of at least five (5) current members in good standing. There are application petitions by the bulletin board next to the kitchen.

**The deadline for inclusion on the ballot is Sunday, April 21, 2019 four (4) weeks prior to the annual election.**

The nominating committee will ask each candidate to complete a one (1) page survey of questions concerning the club as well as your goals and aspirations for the club's future. This one-page survey will be posted within the club prior to the annual election. Club members can expect a notice of election, with the names of all candidates running for the vacant positions, to be mailed by **Sunday, April 28, 2019.**

**Mary Balmer  
Committee Chairperson  
314.771-9916**

### **Please welcome the following new and returning members:**

**Peter Arena** – Sponsored by Joe DiGregorio and Tino DiFranco

**Constantino “Tino” DiFranco** – Sponsored by Joe DiGregorio and Nick Riggio

**John DiMartino** – Sponsored by Chris Ruggieri and Tom Cusumano

**Claude Matthews** – Sponsored by Matt Meiners and Bob Rose

**Matthew Stelzer** – Anne Gallagher and Franco Floretta

**Peter Vitale** -Sponsored by Jim O'Brien and Michael Calcaterra

**John Wilson** – Sponsored by Dan Drago and Tony Ferrara

**Susan Zona** – Sponsored by Joann Rolfi and Gayle Morris

**RETURNING MEMBER: Kevin Hunt**  
Sponsored by Tony Sanna and Nicola Cottone



**A special bylaw meeting was held at the IABC on March 10, 2019 at which the following two (2) amendments were approved:**

Article VI Meetings  
Section A. Regular Membership Meeting

Regular or General Membership meetings shall be held at the *Italia-America Bocce Club* on the third (3) Sunday of each month at 1:00 pm with the exception of the months of July, August, and December when no General Membership meetings are scheduled.

**Proposed and Accepted change:**

General Membership meetings shall be open to members of the club. They shall be held no fewer than three (3) times per year on dates determined by the board in addition to the Annual Meeting held the third (3rd) Sunday of May at a time determined by the board.

Article VIII, Section D:

The term of office for the officers shall be for two (2) years for the President, Vice-President, and the Secretary. The term for the Treasurer shall be three (3) years. Their term will begin June 1st following their election at the Annual meeting. No person can serve as an officer in the club for more than three (3) consecutive terms. The he/she may not serve as an officer for at least one (1) year.

**Proposed and Accepted change:**

Each of the officers shall serve a three (3) year term. The terms of the President and Secretary expiring at the same time, and the terms of the Vice-President and Treasurer expiring at the same time. Their term will begin June 1 following their election at the annual meeting. The transition to three (3) year staggered terms for officers shall be governed by the procedures as established by the board.

No person may serve as an officer of the club in the same position for more than two (2) consecutive terms. Officers who vacate their offices after serving for two (2) consecutive terms in the same positions shall not be eligible to serve as officers again in their previous positions for at least one (1) term after vacating office. They shall, however, be eligible to run for positions other than the vacated positions.

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

John J. DiGregorio  
Tony Ilardi



**UPCOMING MEETING DATES:**

**Board of Director Meetings – 6:00 p.m.**

Wednesday, April 10, 2019  
Wednesday, May 08, 2019  
Wednesday, June 12, 2019

**Membership Meetings – 1:00 p.m.**

Sunday, April 28, 2019\*  
Sunday, May 19, 2019\*\*

***\* This meeting has been moved due to Easter Sunday.***

***\*\*This Sunday is also the IABC Annual Election Day.***



Carmen Floretta, Maria Chirco, Maria Gianino,  
and Donna Robertson.

**1st Place Winners**

**12th Annual Aldo Della Croce  
Tournament “Fiore” Division –  
2018**

**CONGRATULATIONS  
LADIES ON A JOB WELL DONE!**



YOUR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES OF  
\$250.00 ARE DUE  
JUNE, 2019



Pictured: Brock Guseman – Rich Robertson

Brock Guseman along with Terri Dallas, and Sarah Byland received the **Special Olympics Missouri Hall of Fame Award** at Northwest High School on January 20, 2019. They were recognized at the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame in Springfield, Missouri on January 27, 2019.

Many thanks to Rich Robertson, *IABC* member and terrific mentor to the group.

Submitted by Tom and Carol Guseman  
(Brock's proud father and mother)

# Tournament of Champions

**Tuesday, April 30, 2019**  
**Starts 7:00 pm**

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Ladies Pizza and Salad  
Night (following bocce)

**Wednesday, May 1st**

If you have any questions,

Kim Pedrolli is organizing this event so  
please contact her at 314.359.5069 or

[kimpedrolli@gmail.com](mailto:kimpedrolli@gmail.com)

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***Men's Fun Night***

**Thursday, May 2, 2019**

*Dinner @ 6:00 p.m.*  
*Tournament @ 7:00 p.m.*

The cost is \$ 25.00 per person and includes  
two (2) drink tickets.

Tickets cannot be used for  
after dinner drinks. All money must be turned  
into your Commissioner by April 25, 2019.  
Additional cost of \$5.00 will be charged per  
person to play in the money tournament that  
night

Tuesday Night Bocce  
"Pick Up Game"  
**Starts promptly at 7:00 pm!**

Beginning on **May 7th, every Tuesday** there is  
a mini bocce game. Just come to the club by  
6:45 pm and Robert will have the players draw  
cards to match up for teams. This is great  
practice not only for your game, but a great  
chance to play with the different caliber of bocce  
players each week. The cost is \$5.00 and ALL  
of the money is paid backout to the 1st, 2nd, and  
3rd place teams at the end  
You really should check this out; it is a lot of fun!

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**2019 USBF National  
Championships**

June 23rd – 29th, 2019

***Sons of Italy Bocce Club***  
**Lodge #902**  
**Methuen, MA**  
**(suburb of Boston)**

For additional information please contact  
Robert Della Croce at 314.477.0154  
[iabcstl22@gmail.com](mailto:iabcstl22@gmail.com)

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***"Bocce Road Trip"***

**(Date to be determined)**  
Riverside Park  
2308 Commercial Lane  
Murphysboro, IL

Cost is \$40.00 per person  
and includes bus ride, tip, lunch, beer, and soda.  
You may bring anything else that you want to drink  
with you on the bus.

Bus leaves promptly at 7:30 a.m. and returns to the  
club around 9:00 p.m.

If you are interested in going, please sign the form  
on the bulletin board. We need a minimum of 40  
participants in order to make this trip possible, so we  
are getting an idea of how many are interested in  
going.



# **SAVE THE DATES!**

## **30th Annual IABC Golf Tournament Sunday, July 21, 2019**

*Tapawingo National Golf Course  
18 Hole Shotgun Start  
Co-chairmen Dan Drago and  
Frank DiGregorio*



## **We need your help!**

*Each year, the Italia-America Bocce Club Golf Tournament is a huge fund raiser for our club. We also donate 20% of the proceeds to a charity. This year the charity will be The BackStoppers, Inc. In order to continue with this worthwhile event, we need members to become a 'Tee Box Sponsor'. Individual sponsorships are \$ 50.00 each and a family or business sponsorship is \$100.00. PLEASE help out with this worthwhile event and contact Frank DiGregorio @ 314.630.2325 or Dan Drago @ 314.406.8308 to become a 'Tee Box Sponsor'.*

## **4th Annual "Summer Fun" Saturday, July 20, 2019**

### **"Cash" Bocce Tournament**

For additional information  
contact: Sue Zona  
@ 314-422-3562  
[susanfzona@hotmail.com](mailto:susanfzona@hotmail.com)



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## **13<sup>th</sup> Annual Aldo Della Croce Tournament**

**November 8-10, 2019**

USBF open rules, teams of four (4) players, entry fee includes dinner Friday night and lunch Saturday and Sunday. For more information or to get an application contact Robert Della Croce at 314.477.0154 or [iabcstl22@gmail.com](mailto:iabcstl22@gmail.com)



## ***The Aldo Della Croce Memorial Scholarship***

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 yearly 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 on the *Italia-America Bocce Club* website, [www.stlbocce.com](http://www.stlbocce.com). The scholarship is not based on financial need or grade point average but on the merit of the applicant's self-statement that is also defined on the website.

All children or grandchildren of an *Italia-America Bocce Club* member that is in good standing at 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 2019-2020 school year and must successfully complete the application form and self-statement as instructed on the website.

The completed application and required self-statement instructions (provided on the website), must be submitted by email to [glmorris3@hotmail.com](mailto:glmorris3@hotmail.com) or mailed via USPS to: Mrs. Gayle Morris, 3166 S. 59<sup>th</sup> Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63139, **no later than October 1, 2019**. The *Italia-America Bocce Club* is not responsible for lost applications or late submittals. The 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 recipient.

With best wishes we are,

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