

***HAPPY NEW
YEAR!***



CONGRATULATIONS

TO THE WINNERS OF
THE "TOURNAMENT OF
CHAMPIONS" FROM
THE 2019 FALL
LEAGUES!

John Scire, Joe Grippi,
Nicolo Cottone, and Jim
Summers.

***AND TO SHOW
THAT BOCCE IS
FOR ALL
AGES.....***

***DON MARLO'S
YOUTH BOCCE
LEAGUES***

...are off to a great start! Here is a
sampling of some cuties playing every
Sunday under the direction of
Chairwoman Mandy Longland!



**A Special 'Thank You' to
the following guys for
helping out Jim Ramsey
on December 7, 2019 with
the lighting upgrade in
the club to the new
LED's:**

**Tom Cusumano
Dan Drago, Sr.
Phil Hocher
John Marino
Chris Ruggeri
Dennis Ruggeri
Tony Sanna
Dan Smith
Marty Valle**



**Please welcome the following
new members to the
Italia-America Bocce Club:**

Paul Berra, III – Sponsored by Bill LaVenture and Ted LaVenture.

Keith Crowe – Sponsored by Chris Ruggeri and Dino Murabito

Vincent Drago – Sponsored by Paul Drago and Tommy Drago

Steven Lammert – Sponsored by Mary Balmer and Frank DiGregorio.

Janet McKern – Sponsored by Dan Earley and Ron Bozikis.

Craig Proctor – Sponsored by Jeff Proctor and Calvin Whitaker.

Joseph Torrisi – Sponsored by Dan Drago and Dave Passanise.

Mark Wekenborg – Sponsored by Chris Ruggeri and Dino Murabito.



MEETING DATES:

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING:
February 16, 2020 – 1:00 PM**

**BOARD MEETINGS:
February 12, 2020 – 6:00 PM
March 11, 2020 – 6:00 PM
April 8, 2020 – 6:00 PM**

ELECTION MAY 2020

There is are (2) available Officer positions coming up May, 2020. The position of Treasurer is a three (3) year term and the Vice-President is a two (2) year term.

Article VIII, Section F:

“Only a dues paying member in good standing shall be able to run for one of the officer positions. He/She must have been a member of the organization for at least three (3) years.

There are also three (3) available Director positions May, 2020 and they are three (3) year terms.

Article VIII, Section G:

Only a dues paying member in good standing shall be able to run for one of the director positons. The Directors shall be elected to staggered terms with three positions becoming vacant each year. There shall be no additional restrictions pertaining to the director positions.

Please consider running for one of the above positions as the club needs all members to step up and participate in leadership of the club.

If you are interested in running for office, please share with any director or officer and they can explain the process in order to make your dream come true!



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And speaking of the election this year.....

In May of 2020, Leo Chirco will be retiring as the Treasurer of the IABC. If you have any accounting or bookkeeping experience, please consider running for this elected position next May. Leo will need some time to turn over the duties, but he is willing to work with the new Treasurer to help them make this transition as easy as possible. For additional information Leo's number is 314.526.1147. Please consider helping; we really need members to step up and donate their skills
~~~ Thank you!



### **CONDOLENCES**

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

**Fannie (Marchesi) Bommarito  
Louis J. Garr, Jr.  
Linda LaFerla**

## SAVE THE DATES:



**Friday, February 14, 2020**

Cocktails 7:00 pm  
Dinner 7:30 pm

Entertainment by "NIGHT SHIFT"  
begins 8:30 pm

Tickets: \$ 40.00/per person (Includes one (1)  
drink ticket)  
Cash bar

Dinner catered by *Guido's Restaurant*  
Mixed Greens Salad  
Beef Bistro w/mushrooms in port wine  
reduction  
Chicken Spiedini  
Bowtie pasta with cherry tomatoes and  
spinach  
Sautéed green beans almondine  
Rolls and butter  
Dessert

Contact Cherie Galimberti – 314.503.4365 or  
Tom Drago 314.805.6669

**INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!  
THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO  
THE PUBLIC**

## *St. Joseph's Dinner*



**Saturday, March 14, 2020**

### Menu

*Corned Beef and Cabbage, Potatoes,  
Carrots, Dessert & Coffee*

Tickets are *per person*:

\$15.00 - *with* an Alter Donation

\$20.00 - *without* donation

Cash bar

Dinner 6:30 pm

*Open to members and guests  
ONLY 200 tickets will be sold*

*For tickets or more information  
contact:*

*Paola Brush (223-9277) or  
[pdcbrush@at.net](mailto:pdcbrush@at.net)*

*Robert Della Croce (477-0154)*

*Julie Belfi-Sanna (614-9534)*

Payment is due at the time of the purchase.  
Tickets sales begin: February 10, 2020  
Tickets sales end: March 4, 2020

# **31st Annual IABC Golf Tournament**

**Sunday, July 12, 2020**

*Tapawingo National Golf Course  
18 Hole Shotgun Start*

*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. PLEASE help out with this worthwhile event and contact Frank DiGregorio @ 314.630.2325 or Dan Drago @ 314.406.8308 if you can volunteer some of your time for this important club function. Also...*

***\*\* In order to continue with this worthwhile event, we must have members become a 'Tee Box Sponsor'. Individual sponsorships are \$ 50.00 each and a family or business sponsorship is \$100.00. Please become a tee box sponsor for this event.***

# **14th Annual Aldo Della Croce Bocce Tournament**

**November – 6-8, 2020**

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

There will again be two (2) divisions:

***Giampiero Division*** – the team will consist of all men, all women, or mixed.

***Laura Division*** – the team will consist of women only.

For more information or to get an application contact Robert Della Croce @ 314.477.0154 or [iabcstl22@gmail.com](mailto:iabcstl22@gmail.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 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 2021-2022 school year** and must successfully complete the application form and self-statement. These forms are located on the website as well as in the office. Please request a copy from an officer or a director.

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, 2020**. 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,

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