

# Italia America Bocce Club

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### Welcome to the following new and returning members:

**Dave Drago** – Sponsored by Tom Drago and Dan Drago, II

### Mark Your Calendars! Important Upcoming IABC Events

March 8th - Feast of St. Joseph's  
Dinner and Altar

March 10<sup>th</sup> - Board Meeting - 5:30

March 15<sup>th</sup> - 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Spring  
Classic Bocce Tournament

April 6th - Golden Member Brunch

April 23rd - Ladies Spring Banquet

April 4<sup>th</sup> - F.A.C.E. Charity Bocce  
Tournament at American Sons of  
Columbus in Kansas City.

May 18<sup>th</sup> - Annual Election

July 13<sup>th</sup> - "Dirt on My Boots"

Fundraiser in memory of Vinny Drago

September 14th - 36<sup>th</sup> Annual IABC

Invitational Golf Tournament at  
Forest Park.

### IABC Annual Election Sunday, May 18, 2025 Voting 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

- There are two (2) officer positions open, President and Secretary. To qualify for an officer position, you must be a member for at least three (3) years.
- There are three (3) director positions available.
- All five (5) open positions are three (3) year terms.
- If you would like additional information please contact Election Chairman, Joe Weinbauer at 314.704.0174

The Membership meeting will follow the election.

Upcoming Board Meetings  
5:30 pm on the following Mondays:

March 10, 2025

April 14, 2025

May 12, 2025

# 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winter 2025 COED Bocce Winners

## Congratulations to “The Salsiccia Train”

**Sally Drago, Tony Bandera, Gina Imo, Dan Drago II, Maria Mayo, Chrissie Bandera and not pictured Leo Chirco and Gayle Morris.**

**Thank you to all the players – see you in the upcoming summer session!**



## 2025 Las Vegas National Bocce Tournament Results:

The *Southside Shockers* took 2nd out of 80 teams, going 9-2 in the tournament. All IABC teams made our club proud. Congrats to the ASOC team of Jerry, John, Jimmy and Vincent from KC for finishing 7th in the Gold division, *The Salsiccia Train* with Dan, Nick and Mark, finished 9th, IABC 1 with Jimmy, Cameron and Doyle and *Brick City Bocce* with Bo, Frank and Steve finished tied for 25th. The *Bada Blings* with Michelle, Cindy and Chrissie took 4th in the Bronze division, *The Playmates*, with Dee, Susan and Gayle finished 5th in the Bronze division and *Southside Shockettes* with Theresa, Aaron and Casey.

Congratulations to all the IABC players that travelled to Las Vegas to participate in the tournament! Way to represent our great club!



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

**Eldon Francis Arteaga  
(father of member Brad Arteaga)**

**Marge Cacciatore**

**Lisa Courtway  
(sister of member Mark Courtway)**

**Frank A. Guarino**

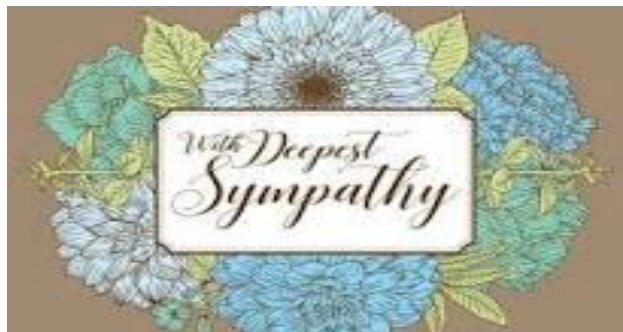
**Joseph J. Lonigro**

**Leonilda (nee Laurella) Marklein  
(mother of Tracy Marklein)**

**Doris A. (nee Flake) Noelke  
(mother of Treasurer Mike Noelke)**

**Patricia J. (nee Suntrup) Ponciroli  
(wife of Charley Ponciroli)**

**Stanley Ponciroli  
(brother of Charley Ponciroli and  
father of Kevin Hauser)**



## **TO ALL BOCCE LEAGUE PLAYERS AND MEMBERS:**

- **PLEASE** do not wear street shoes to play bocce on the courts. You can bring shoes each week or contact Dan Drago for an open locker to use to store court shoes and bocce balls.
  - **PLEASE** pick up after yourselves. Bring your glasses back to the bar and throw away any trash you see around.
  - **REMINDER**, you are **NOT** allowed to bring in any liquor to the club **EVEN** when the bar is closed, and this includes the outside patio areas.
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- ❖ To bring another Italian tradition to the IABC, we are offering lessons playing Italian card games, Briscola and Scopa with Italian card. Please contact Angela Sita @ 314.435.4130 or [angelosita@sbcglobal.net](mailto:angelosita@sbcglobal.net).
  - ❖ The IABC has been offering bocce lessons at 10:00 am on Saturday mornings. Since the last session has ended, if you are interested in learning the game of bocce or helping with coaching, contact Angelo Sita.

**STAY CONNECTED:**

Website: [www.stlbocce.com](http://www.stlbocce.com)

Facebook: **Italia America Bocce  
Club**

Email: [glmorris3@hotmail.com](mailto:glmorris3@hotmail.com)

**Dining and Courtside Rentals along with all Club events and activities are now on our website @ [www.stlbocce.com](http://www.stlbocce.com)**

- You must first go to the website STLBocce.Com to see if your date is available. If date is available, print, complete and submit the contract along with the rental fee in person to Director, Cindy Marlo. Cindy and the member will review the contract together. Once everything is agreed upon, she will present it to the board at the next board meeting.
- Members are required to have 6 months of active, continuous membership to qualify for a rental.
- All events require approval from the Board of Directors of the IABC. These meetings are usually held the 2nd Monday of each month.
- Cindy will contact the member to indicate whether the rental request was approved, denied, or requires further information from the IABC Board.
- If the event was approved, Cindy will meet in person or discuss via phone call the details of the contract which you need to have already thoroughly read.
- For questions, please contact Cindy Marlo @ 636.288.4018.

## **St. Joseph Altar Saturday, March 8, 2025**

**The St. Joseph Altar can still use donations for the Silent Auction. Please drop off items at the club. Anything that might be attractive to our members, such as wine, liquors, and novelty items. These items will be stored for the St. Joseph Altar.**

**For additional information contact Angelo Sita, 314-435-4130 or [angelosita@sbcglobal.net](mailto:angelosita@sbcglobal.net).**

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## **SAVE THE DATE!**

**The IABC 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament will be held on the three (3) 9 hole Norman K. Probstain courses in Forest Park this year on **Sunday, September 14, 2025.****

If you are interested in having a charity of your choice be a recipient of this event, there are a couple things you should know.

- The charity needs to be local and not nationally funded.
- The member must agree to sell a minimum of 50 golf cart tickets and be involved in helping from beginning through the end of the tournament.

If you are interested in having a charity considered for the recipient, please contact Dan Drago @ [dmd2.iabc@gmail.com](mailto:dmd2.iabc@gmail.com) Additional information regarding the golf tournament will be provided in the coming months.