

REMINDER:

Don't forget to pay your dues!

If your dues are paid between

August 1-31, 2017	\$300.00
September 1-30, 2017	\$350.00

Questions pertaining to dues should be directed to
Leo Chirco @ 314.526.1147

Dues **MUST** be paid before Leagues begin.

You don't want to miss out on playing in the Fall Leagues. If dues are not paid before Fall Bocce League begins, you will not be allowed to play in the Fall Bocce League.

As long as dues are paid after the start of the Fall Bocce League, you will be able to sign up for the Winter Bocce League that begins in January 2018.

Welcome to the following new members:

David Rauh

Sponsored by Andy Schwartz & Julie Belfi

Mathew Meiners

Sponsored by Bob Rose and Joe Garr



LIVE MUSIC

**Friday, August 4th at IABC
8:30 PM to 11:00 PM**

**Featuring Club Member
*Dominic
Consolino***

**Playing Old Rock & Roll to
Sinatra**

**No Cover Charge - Bring your
friends & snacks!**

Congratulations!

2nd Annual “Summer Fun” Bocce Tournament Winners



“Roller Coaster”

**Jim Summers, Nicola Cottone, John
Scire, Joe Grippi”**

**This was our 2nd year hosting this
tournament, we had a great turnout.
12 teams joined in the fun. We had
2 out of town teams and 10 from the
club.**

**Thank you to all of the teams and
players who participated. We hope
everyone had a great time and hope
to see you again next year.**

**'GOOD LUCK' to the teams that are
traveling to Kansas City, MO for the
“4th Annual
Tom Gialde Memorial Tournament”
August 11 -13th!**

**Thank you to the members who
traveled to HIGHWOOD, Illinois
June 17 – June 24, 2017
for the USBF National Championships
and “CONGRATULATIONS” to the
following players:**

**4th Place Medal Competition: “VOLORAMA” -
Dave Zona, John Denando, Joe Grippi and
Rich Robertson.**

**7th Place Medal Competition: “IABC” - Robert
Della Croce, Tony Sanna, Tom Drago, and
Leigh Borage.**

**3rd Place Money Competition: “VOLORAMA” -
Dave Zona, John Denando, Joe Grippi and
Rich Robertson.**

**5th Place Money Competition: “IABC” – Robert
Della Croce, Tony Sanna, Tom Drago, and
Leigh Borage.**

**Robert Della Croce and Tony Sanna competed
in the Men’s Singles PRV Division and while
they did not place, Robert won the “Silver”
Medal for the Precision Shooting Contest,
while Tony brought home the “Bronze”.**

**Not to be left out, our ladies were well
represented by Susan Zona and Joann Rolfi
who competed in the Ladies Singles PRV
Division.**

**CONGRATULATIONS AGAIN TO ALL OF THE
IABC MEMBERS THAT TRAVELED TO USBF
NATIONALS THIS YEAR!**

**NEXT YEAR THE NATIONALS WILL BE HERE
IN ST. LOUIS! ADDITIONAL INFO COMING
SOON.....**

MEETING FOR FALL 2017 MEN AND PRV BOCCE LEAGUES:

Agenda for the Meeting:

- Place new players on teams,
- Review bocce rules,
- Pay team league fees,
- Tournament of Champions night
- Men's Fun Night info

Monday,
August 7TH, 7:00 PM

***This meeting is for ALL
nights regarding the men's
leagues and Tuesday night
PRV.***

All players who are not on a team, please attend the meeting. If you are unable to attend this meeting, there will be a signup sheet on the bulletin board at the club. Your name, phone number and the night you want to play must be printed on the signup sheet PRIOR to this meeting in order for the League Captains to try and make room for you on a team.

If you have any questions please contact:
Director of Bocce Rich Robertson
314.839.0682 – drrobertson59@att.net
or Dave Zona – 314.322.9976 –
davidzona@yahoo.com

2017 FALL LEAGUES
START THE WEEK OF
AUGUST 21, 2017

WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY NIGHT LADIES BOCCE LEAGUE MEETING:

Wednesday, August 9th at 7:00 PM

- Place new players on teams,
- Review bocce rules,
- Pay team league fees,
- Ladies Banquet
- Ladies Midwest (cancelled)

Team Captains will be mailed additional information via USPS.

If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Ladies Bocce Committee:

Joann Rolfi – 314.239.7404
Gayle Morris – 314.306.6569
Sue Zona – 314.422.3562

***Note: There will be no Ladies Midwest
Tournament in Chicago due to their
cancellation of the tournament.***

2017 FALL LEAGUES START:
Wednesday, August 23, 2017 – 7:00
PM
Friday, August 25, 2017 – 7:00 PM

TO ALL MEN AND WOMEN BOCCE PLAYERS:

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!

Condolences

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

Anne Marie "Berra" Beermann
Mark Donavan (husband of Theresa)
Roger Lahr
Norman "Norm" Merlotti
Marie Stefanoni
Louis Valli

A BIG "THANK YOU" FROM THE "25th" Anniversary Annual Golf Tournament Committee

The *Italia-America Bocce Club* Golf Tournament committee wants to extend a BIG thank you to all who sponsored, donated, and volunteered at the golf tournament held again this year at *Tapawingo National Golf Club*.

We couldn't have done it without the most generous volunteers and sponsors we have had to date.

The tournament was a major success and we hope to grow on this success next year. It was a great day for fun and fundraising.

See you next year!

**Thank you again from
Co-Chairmen
Frank DiGregorio and
Dan Drago**

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

6:00 PM BOARD MEETINGS:

Wednesday, August 9, 2017
Wednesday, September 13, 2017
Wednesday, October 11, 2017

1:00 PM MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS:

NO AUGUST MEETING

Sunday, September 17, 2017
Sunday, October 15, 2017

"Bocce Trip to Murphysboro, IL."

Riverside Park
2308 Commercial Lane
Murphysboro, IL 62966

Saturday, September 23, 2017

Sign up individually or put together a 4 person team and join the fun!

Cost is \$30.00 per person and includes the bus ride, driver tip, lunch and beverages.

Bus leaves PROMPTLY at 7:30 AM and returns to the IABC around 9:00 PM

40 people is the maximum for the bus.

There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board and the deadline to sign up and pay Robert Della Croce or Tony Sanna is **September 12, 2017.**

Questions contact:
Robert Della Croce – 314.477.0154
or
Tony Sanna - 314.223.9694

**Columbus Day Parade
On The Hill**

Sunday, October 1, 2017

If you are interested in riding or walking in the parade, please contact:

Joe Geiger @ 314.540.0799

**11th Annual
ALDO DELLA CROCE
TOURNAMENT
November 10-12, 2017**

\$75.00 per person entry fee USBF open rules, teams of four (4) players, entry fee includes lunch Saturday, Sunday and Awards dinner Saturday night.

Again this year there will be two (2) divisions:

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

FIORE Division – the team will consist of women only.

For additional information or to get an application contact:

Robert Della Croce

314.477.0154

iabcstl22@gmail.com

11th Annual

**Aldo Della Croce
Tournament Sponsorship
Information**

*Hosted by the Italia-America Bocce club
the weekend of November 10-12, 2017*

We are asking all members to help get sponsors for this event. If you own your own business, please think about sponsoring. If you have a friend who owns a business, please ask them if they would be interested in sponsoring.

*Sponsorship starts at \$ 100.00
up to \$ 1,000.00 +.*

What does your sponsorship provide?

- *Free High School Bocce League*
- *Free Special School District Bocce*
- *Activities for Special Needs Children*
- *The NEW "Aldo Della Croce Annual Scholarship" Award.*

Both the "Scholarship" application and the "Tournament Sponsorship" forms can be found on our website www.stlbocce.com. For additional information, you can also contact the ADC Tournament Director:

*Robert Della Croce via email
iabcstl22@gmail.com
or by phone 314.477.0154. You
may also contact John
Denando
@ 314.482.4680*

Welcome back to our presentation in the newsletter called the

“Membership Spotlight”.

Again, while space doesn't always allow for this interesting information section, we will do our best to include this section as often as possible. One again we would like to “spotlight” a member who served in WWII. (For those of you who are too young to remember, that stands for World War II, 1939-1945).

Our 1st spotlight this month is on member Vincent “Vince” Lumetta. Vince is 94 years young. Vince was born in St. Louis and completed his education from Ranken Tech. When Vince was 20 years old, he joined and served in the Army 15th Air Corp as a tail gunner on a B-17. His service began in Africa and ended during the “The Big Week” of February 25, 1944 when he was shot down over Italy. Vince married and he and his wife were blessed with 5 children. Vince established a company called Autronics, Inc. in Baden, MO starting with 3 employees and at one time had 80 employees working for him. Since the age of 8, Vince loved to engage in taking things apart and reassembling them for no other reason than to increase his knowledge of how they worked. This has served him well, as he has engineered and perfected the art of making beautiful stained glass objects. He was also one of the 2 people that donated the flag pole out in front of the IABC that holds our 3 flags; the United States American Flag, the Missouri State Flag and the City of St. Louis Flag. Vince, we here at the Italia America Bocce Club would like to thank you for your service!

Our 2nd spotlight is on Joseph (Joe) Mazzuca. Joe is also 94 years young and was born in St. Louis. Joe attended Shaw School. On February 7th of 1943, Joe joined the 9th Air Force. He served in England, France, Belgium and Germany until he was honorably discharged in March of 1946. After his Air Force service Joe chose his profession as a prominent truck driver for Alberici. Alberici is a diversified North American Construction company serving in the automotive, building, energy, healthcare, heavy industrial, manufacturing, mining and water industries. Joe was also employed as a skilled labor worker. Joe and his wife were blessed with 4 children.

Joe we here at the Italia-America Bocce Club would like to thank you for your service!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**UNITED STATES BOCCE
FEDERATION NATIONALS
ARE COMING HERE NEXT
YEAR!**

JUNE 24, 2018 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2018!

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE NEEDED!

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL BE
COMING SOON OR YOU CAN CONTACT**

**ROBERT DELLA CROCE @
314.477.0154.**