

# Italia-America Bocce Club

## IL GIORNALE

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### WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS OF THE IABC:

**Jennifer Tucker**

*Sponsored by Dave Zona & Phil Torrisi*

**Tim B. Hanley**

*Sponsored by Richard Longland & Jeff Proctor*

**Nolan Matarazzi**

*Sponsored by Richard Longland & Jeff Proctor*

**Douglas Grasse**

*Sponsored by Louis Grasse & Andy Schwartz*

**Michael Sestric**

*Sponsored by Chris Ruggeri & Joe Fogarty*

**Rosemary Parentin**

*Sponsored by Scott Richardson & Dorothy DiGregorio*

**Ronald Grimoldi**

*Sponsored by Johanna Grimoldi & Anne Agusti*

**Joseph Cusumano**

*Sponsored by John Anselmo & Rich Robertson.*

**Beth Crowe**

*Sponsored by Rich Robertson & Chris Ruggeri*

### Welcome returning members:

**George Giudici**

**Guy Giudici**

**Donny Gianino**

### Notice of Upcoming Elections

The *Italia-America Bocce Club* will hold its annual election on **Sunday, May 21, 2017**, at your Club. This election will be held to replace the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Also, 3 three year terms and 2 one year terms on the Board of Directors.

George Kriegshauser has been asked by President, Tony Sanna to chair the nominating committee. Any questions concerning the election may be directed to George at **314.568.4589**.

Anyone interested in placing their name on the election ballot for one of the vacant positions may do so by providing George, an officer, or a director of the club with a written signed application petition. The petition must include the signatures of at least 5 current members in good standing.

**For your convenience, the last page of this newsletter is an application form for you.**

The deadline for inclusion on the ballot is **Sunday, April 23, 2017** 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 30, 2017**.

**FOR QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT:**

**George Kriegshauser  
Committee Chairman  
314.568.4589**

**REMINDER:**

YOUR ANNUAL  
MEMBERSHIP DUES OF  
\$250.00 ARE DUE  
JUNE 2017

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*Our old flags that were torn  
and tattered have been  
replaced with new flags.*

*Thank you to the  
Landscaping Committee for  
taking care of this; they look  
great!*

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

**Wesley "Skip" Charles Johnson, Jr.**

**Pietro Chirco,  
brother of Vito Chirco and cousin of  
Leo Chiro**

**Angela M. Panneri**

**UPCOMING MEETING DATES:**

**Board of Director Meetings:**

Wednesday, April 12, 2017  
Wednesday, May 10, 2017  
Wednesday, June 14, 2017

**Membership Meetings:**

Sunday, April 23, 2017\*  
Sunday, May 21, 2017\*\*  
Sunday, June 25, 2017\*\*\*

**\* This meeting would normally  
be on the 3rd Sunday of the  
month, however the 16th is  
Easter Sunday this year.**

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

**\*\*\* This meeting would normally  
be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month,  
however the 18<sup>th</sup> is Father's Day.**

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***Tournament of Champions***

**Tuesday, May 2, 2017**

Fall Tournament of Champion

Winter Pictures:

<http://italiaamerica.shutterfly.com/7372>

***Men's Fun Night***  
**Thursday, May 4, 2017**

The cost is \$ 20.00 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 28, 2017. Additional cost of \$5.00 will be charged per person to play in the money tournament that night.

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**Save the Date**

*Off to the Races!*

***Ladies Spring Banquet***



**Date:** Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 6:30 p.m. (appetizers)  
7:00 p.m. (dinner)

*'Kentucky Derby' Attire*



*Captains, begin coordinating who is attending from your team. There will be a sign-up sheet coming out soon.*

***25th Annual  
IABC Golf  
Tournament***

**Sunday, July 16, 2017**

***Tapawingo National  
Golf Course***

**18 Hole Shotgun Start**

**Dan Drago and  
Frank DiGregorio  
are the Co-chairmen.**

**You won't want to miss  
out on this special  
anniversary golf event!**

Event details can be found on the club website.

<http://www.stlbocce.com/event/24th-annual-iabc-golf-tournament>

Pictures from prior year's event can be seen at <https://italiaamerica.shutterfly.com/7255>

***2nd Annual  
“Summer Fun”  
Saturday, July 22, 2017***

***“Cash” Bocce Tournament***

For additional information

contact: Sue Zona

@ 314-422-3562

[susanfzona@hotmail.com](mailto:susanfzona@hotmail.com)

Web Links from last year’s event:

Teams: <https://italiaamerica.shutterfly.com/7372>

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***11<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Aldo Della Croce  
Tournament  
November 10-12, 2017***

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

Web Link from last year’s event:

<https://italiaamerica.shutterfly.com/7691>

***IABC Officers:***

**Tony Sanna** – President  
**Robert Della Croce** – Vice President  
**Leo Chirco** – Treasurer  
**Dave Zona** – Secretary

***IABC Board of Directors:***

Frank DiGregorio  
Dan Drago  
Joe Geiger  
John A. Marino  
Gayle Morris  
David Passanise \*  
Rich Robertson  
Calvin Whitaker\*

*\*David Passanise and Calvin Whitaker volunteered to fill two (2) vacancies until the upcoming May election at which time they will be eligible to run for a Director position.*

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*Welcome to a new presentation in the newsletter called the “Membership Spotlight”.*

*While space doesn’t always allow for this new and interesting information section, we will do our best to include this section as often as possible. First, we would like to take a look at a few of our members who served in WWII. (For those of you who are too young to remember, that stands for World War II, 1939-1945).*

*If you have a member you would like to have put in the “Spotlight”, please contact Joe Geiger at 314.540.0799.*

*Our 1<sup>st</sup> spotlight is on member, Jim “Babe” Spinale. Babe is 94 years young. He was born on The Hill in St. Louis, Missouri. He attended Shaw School and Southwest High “U” of Wisconsin. Babe married and has two (2) daughters. Babe made his living in banking and has been a member of the IABC for over 25 years. Babe was a part of the IABC construction expansion and helped out with wherever he was needed including hauling out the construction trash. At 19 Babe served in the military and was in the USAC. He performed duties as an Aircraft Mechanic. Babe has made a hobby of woodworking and his participation in sports includes golf and of course bocce.*

*Our 2<sup>nd</sup> spotlight is on long time member, Norman “Norm” Merlotti. Norm, like Babe, is a “nonagenarian” – 92 years young! Norm was born in St. Louis, MO and also attended Shaw School. Norm married and made his income in the maintenance field. He has been playing the IABC courts since they were constructed back in the ‘70’s. When Norm was 18 he entered the military and decided the U.S. Army was the place for him where he was a crane operator. Norm’s hobbies include stamp collecting, reading and study all things Italian. Norm was a speed skater and we hear a heck of a soccer player too!*

*Our 3<sup>rd</sup> spotlight is long standing member, Vincent “Vince” DiRaimondo. Vince is 90 years young and was also born and bred in St. Louis. Like Babe and Norm, Vince also attended Shaw school. When Vince was 18 he joined the U.S. Army and served in the artillery division as a cannoneer. Vince married and has 3 beautiful children. Vince was a dispatcher for many years. Vince has been a reliable member of the Italia-America Bocce Club for over 30 years. Vince’s hobbies include bocce and softball.*

# **ITALIA-AMERICA BOCCE CLUB 2017 ELECTION APPLICATION**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

To the *Italia America Bocce Club*;

I wish to place my name, \_\_\_\_\_, on the ballot for the position of Board of Director of the *Italia-America Bocce Club*.

The undersigned are five signatures of members in good standing who support my candidacy.

Respectfully submitted,

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signatures

1.) \_\_\_\_\_

2.) \_\_\_\_\_

3.) \_\_\_\_\_

4.) \_\_\_\_\_

5.) \_\_\_\_\_

**Application is due by Sunday, April 23, 2017.**