

Italia-America Bocce Club

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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

*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!*

*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 3rd Sunday of the month,
however the 18th is Father's Day.**

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.

Save the Date

Off to the Races!

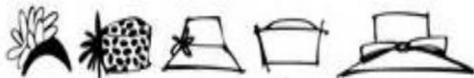
Ladies Spring Banquet



Date: Friday, May 5th

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

Web Links from last year’s event:

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

***11th 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

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.*

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 1st 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 2nd 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 3rd 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.