

# Italia-America Bocce Club

## IL GIORNALE

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### MAY 17, 2015 ELECTION RESULTS:

**President:**

Tony Sanna

**Vice President:**

Robert Della Croce

**Secretary:**

David Zona

**New Directors:**

Paola Brush  
Jim Ramsey  
Rich Robertson  
Cherie Wilson

***Thank you to all of the candidates and the previous board members for your service.***

***Also, there will be the installation of the NEW officers and directors at the next membership meeting on June 14, 2015***

***PLEASE COME AND WELCOME YOUR NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS.***

**\*NOTE\* THIS MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS BEING HELD THE 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN JUNE DUE TO THE 21<sup>ST</sup> (THE 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY), BEING FATHER'S DAY.**

### Message from the President Elect: Tony Sanna

First of all, although you didn't have to vote for me, I would like to thank all the members who voted for me. I am honored and proud to be the President of the Italia-America Bocce Club. And for those who did not, I hope to prove to you that I will do all I can to make sure our club remains the Best Club in the Midwest, and hope to gain your support and trust in the future.

Two years ago Robert asked me to run for President and I told him at that time that I did not feel ready to be President of our organization; And that he would be the best person for the job. Now, after two years of being Vice President I am ready to take on this position. Since we were un-opposed this election, I take that as a compliment that we and the board have done a good job over the past two years. The members of this club seem pleased the club is financially well and with how the club is being run.

My goals for this term are to continue to improve the relationships within and outside of our club. To work hard for our members and solicit their input. I want to stress that our members are the strength of this club; and that we need to have more members come to club functions and volunteer to help in these endeavors. This is our club, like our home, so let's be sure to treat it as such and pick up after ourselves. If you see trash on the floor, pick it up and throw it away; if you see empty bottles around, throw them away; if you see something that needs to be fixed, tell a board member so that it may be addressed. Please be responsible yourselves and your guests and be sure they follow the rules of our club.

Lastly, please remember that the officers and directors of this club are all volunteering their time and efforts to ensure that our club works efficiently and in the best interest of our members. Please be nice to them.

Thank-you and God Bless. 😊

## ***Bocce Club Web Site New and Improved***

The changes to the web site for the Bocce Club was launched in January.  
([www.stlbocce.com](http://www.stlbocce.com))



You can now find

- League Schedules (current session)
- Team standing (updated weekly)
- Events sponsored by the club
- Bocce Rules
- Photos
- Newsletters
- And much, much more!

Take a tour and tell us what you think.  
<http://www.stlbocce.com/contact-us>

## **THE IABC ANNUAL DUES FOR 2015 – 2016**

The total amount due is as follows:

- \$250.00 - If paid by June 30, 2015**
- \$275.00 - If paid July 1, 2015 - July 31, 2015**
- \$300.00 – If paid August 1, 2015 - August 31, 2015**
- \$350.00 - September 1, 2015 – September 30, 2015**

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

**If your dues are not paid before Fall Bocce League begins, you will not be allowed to play in the Fall Bocce League.**

**If dues are paid after the start of the Fall Bocce League, you will be allowed to play in the Winter Bocce League that begins in January 2016.**

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

**Frank Bommarito**

Sponsored by Dan Drago & Roger Lahr

**Matthew Bonini**

Sponsored by Mary Canino and  
Mary Ellen McGauley

**Drew Buzzio**

Sponsored by Joe DiGregorio & Mary  
Balmer

**Marc Buzzio**

Sponsored by Joe DiGregorio & Mary  
Balmer

**Ethan Corlija**

Sponsored by Dan Drago and  
Robert Della Croce

**Beth Foreman**

Sponsored by Robert Della Croce and  
Rich Robertson

**Jason Greenwell**

Sponsored by Dan Drago and  
Robert Della Croce

**Enrico Stazzone**

Sponsored by Rio Vitale and Angelo Sita

**CONGRATULATIONS !**

**HERE ARE THE WINNERS OF THE  
“TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS”**

**FROM THE 2015 WINTER**

**BOCCE LEAGUES:**

Congratulations Angelo Sita,  
Vince DiPiazza, Sam Chianta,  
Nicola Cottone and Jim Summers



*Angelo Sita, Vince DiPiazza, Sam Chianta, Nicola Cottone  
and Jim Summers*

Take a look at the pictures of all the  
teams that participated.

<https://italiaamerica.shutterfly.com/6302>

**Ladies Midwest Tournament  
Kansas City, Missouri  
September 18-20, 2015**

***Additional information will follow from  
the Ladies Bocce Committee in the  
upcoming months.***

Pictures from last year's event:  
<https://italiaamerica.shutterstock.com/5495>

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**9<sup>th</sup> Annual Aldo Della Croce  
Tournament  
November 6-8, 2015**

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

Pictures from last years event:  
<https://italiaamerica.shutterstock.com/5702>

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**NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS  
SUNDAY JUNE 14, 2015**

**THERE WILL BE NO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP  
MEETING IN JULY OR AUGUST, 2015.**

**THE NEXT BOARD MEETINGS ARE:**

**Wednesday, June 3, 2015  
Wednesday, July 8, 2015  
Wednesday, August 12, 2015**

***Italian Consul from Chicago  
Representative Comes to St. Louis***

When someone in St. Louis needs the assistance of the Italian Consul in Chicago it is often time consuming and difficult. A trip to Chicago is necessary and with the staff shortage in the office, appointments are difficult to obtain and need to be made months in advance.

Rio Vitale and Angelo Sita have been trying to get the office to send a representative to St. Louis for over a year. In February, they were notified that Ettore Scalia would be coming to St. Louis, but he wanted assurances that he would be able to meet with at twenty people who needed passports. Rio and Angelo spread word throughout the Italian community that there was this opportunity to obtain Italian passports and inquire about Italian citizenship in St. Louis.

Angelo asked the Board of the Bocce Club if Sig. Scalia could use the club as a meeting place. The Board agreed and indicated they would welcome assisting the Italian Consul in Chicago and the Italian community of St. Louis.

Then on April 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, Ettore Scalia came to St. Louis. In a day and half, he met with over 75 people. He completed the paperwork for 40 passports and 13 people obtained Italian citizenships.

Chris Stephens, Antonino Lombardo and Artur Durro also worked to make this a success.

Adriano Monti, the Italian Consul in Chicago was so satisfied that he indicated he would like to make this service available again in St. Louis. If any member has any questions concerning Italian passports or Italian citizenship, they can contact Rio Vitale – [rvitale10@aol.com](mailto:rvitale10@aol.com); Chris Stephens – [chrisjstephens@me.com](mailto:chrisjstephens@me.com); or Angelo Sita – [angelosita@sbcglobal.net](mailto:angelosita@sbcglobal.net).

The Italian America Bocce Club should be commended for assistance to the Italian community in St. Louis.



## ITALIA-AMERICA BOCCE CLUB

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### 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Invitational Golf Tournament

Sunday - July 12, 2015

Tapawingo National Golf Club

Proper golf attire required

Registration/Continental Breakfast: 7:00 am ••• Tee-off: 8:00 am ••• Cost: \$150

Continental Breakfast \* Lunch served on the Course \*

Dinner following golf tournament at Tapawingo National Golf Clubhouse

\* 4-person Scramble \* Closest to the Pin \* Hole-in-One \* Skins Game \* Golfer Thank You Gift \*

Golf Committee Chairs: Dan Drago

Frank DiGregorio

Golf Committee: Leo Chirco  
Lori Henrotay

Robert DellaCroce  
Rich Miriani

Lisa Campisi

The proceeds of our tournaments have helped The Italia-America Bocce Club support various community endeavors including the International FOP Assn, BackStoppers, Kiwanis Club, Lions Club, Special Olympics, St. Ambrose Parish and many more! This year a donation will be made to Canine Companions for Independence (CCI). Canine Companions for Independence is a non-profit organization that enhances the lives of people with disabilities by providing highly trained assistance dogs. Carli Henrotay, a 19-year-old young lady with a rare disease, Fibrodysplasia Ossifican Progressiva will be traveling to Ohio in May to be matched with her successor dog.



Join us at the Bocce Club throughout the year. For Membership Inquiries, Contact Frank Digregorio @ 314-776-1062 Ext 106 or [frank@digregorifoods.com](mailto:frank@digregorifoods.com).



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I would like to sponsor a hole. Signage: \_\_\_\_\_

Please register my team. (Remember proper golf attire--no jeans or tank tops--soft spikes only)

	Golfer Name	e-mail	shirt size
(1)	_____	_____	_____
(2)	_____	_____	_____
(3)	_____	_____	_____
(4)	_____	_____	_____

Team Captain Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to Italia-America Bocce Club. Mail to:

Italia-America Bocce Club  
Attention: Frank D.  
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or [frank@digregoriofoods.com](mailto:frank@digregoriofoods.com)