

Italia-America Bocce Club

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Welcome to the following new and returning members:

Joseph Albrecht – Sponsored by Trisha Duncan and Nicholas Sailor

Tony Arvanitakis – Sponsored by Drew Werninger and Jerry Arvanitakis

David Berkley - Sponsored by Doyle Moffitt and Matthew Androff

Keith J. Byer – Sponsored by Justen Meyer and Peter Sullivan

Cory Chiodini – Sponsored by Ken Weiss and Reiad Khouri

Mitchell Fairfield - Sponsored by Dan Wilcutt and Dan Drago

Jim Finazzo - Sponsored by Graham Mueller and Craig Proctor

Jake Franklin – Sponsored by Diane Collier and Jim Sanders

Rich Imperiale – Sponsored by Kimm Winn and Leslie Schultz (returning member)

Ralph Johnnie - Sponsored by Joe Weinbauer and Dino Chirco

Jacob Johnson – Sponsored by Gina Imo and Doyle Moffitt

John J. Marino – Sponsored by Dominic Grana and Joe Grana

Tracey Meadows – Sponsored by Sally Drago and Gina Imo

Molly Rois - Sponsored by Maria Gianino and Rosario Alu

Jack M. Sailor – Sponsored by Trisha Duncan and Nicholas Sailor

Ed Schultz - Sponsored by Mario Mayo and Sandra Byrne

Mark Seier - Sponsored by Steve Miller and Joe Meiner

Michael Slivinski – Sponsored by Cesare Vitale and Angelo Varvaro

Neil J. Stoessel – Sponsored by Vince Passanise and Mark Visintine

Jamey Torregrossa – Sponsored by Dan Drago, II and Vince Mancuso

Vinny P. Torregrossa – Sponsored by Dan Drago, II and Vince Mancuso

Blake Urbani – Sponsored by Enrico Garabaglia and Tom Bottini

Christopher Zittel – Sponsored by Stephanie Morgan and Sara Galluzzo

IABC HELP NEEDED!

ATTENTION: (Part 1)

The Italia America Bocce Club will be **CLOSED** January 3-4, 2024

....to allow for the club to be professionally cleaned by *Coverall Commercial Cleaning Service*. This includes the carpet, 3 chandeliers in dining room, degrease kitchen floor and clean/sanitize all kitchen sinks, detail cleaning, scrub flooring, sanitizing 4 restrooms, scrub/buff all flooring in bar area and court area, entry ways, scrub step around bar, and clean all the baseboards in court and bar areas.

The cleaners will be moving many chairs and tables back and forth to facilitate this professional cleaning. *(none of the bids obtained would cover removing items from the kitchen). **This is a trial** to explore if an occasional cleaning (1-3 times a year) by a professional service would be beneficial to the overall cleanliness and sanitation of the club, in conjunction with our great employee cleaner crew.

Therefore, for the safety and ease of these transitions, the Club will need to be closed. **Before, during, and after pictures will be taken.** I, Paola Brush, will be there both days to ensure the work is completed, nothing placed on courts, tarp placed on dance floor for chandelier cleaning and to take pictures.

Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. Your cooperation is much appreciated!!!

***ATTENTION: (Part 2)**

January 2 at 6:00 pm, **the following help is needed:**

- 1) Cloth tarps to put down on new flooring near the kitchen to protect it from items being removed from the kitchen. The Brush family has some plywood to put on top of the tarp.
- 2) Assistance in removing items from the kitchen (metal island, wire shelving, tables, etc.). The refrigerators, freezer, warmer, ovens, will not be moved out of the kitchen, but moved out from the wall, so cleaners can get to the flooring.

January 5, 2024, at 6:00 pm assistance placing and organizing items back in the kitchen. Many hands will make this happen very quickly!!

Contact Paola Brush- 314.223.9277 if you are available to help with anything!

Thank You!

1st Place 2023 Fall Ladies Wednesday League Winners:

“Are We There Yet”

**Mary Lou Johnson, Jennifer Johnson Paola
Brush (Captain), Claudia DiMartino, Cheryl
Schaeffer, Julie Belfi-Sanna and Dea Hoover
(not pictured).**



**1st Place 2023 Fall Ladies Friday League
Winners:
“Forever Friends”**

**Carmen Floretta (Captain), Amy Stevens,
Johanna Grimoldi, Paola Brush and Mary
Balmer**



**2023 Tournament of Champions Winner
“Excommunicado”**

**Dominic Grana, Vince Weinbauer,
Captain Nick Imo, Tony Sanna, Doyle
Moffitt, Gina Imo**



Congratulations!



**Italia America Bocce Club
Memorial Mass and Brunch
Sunday, February 4, 2024**

The Italia America Bocce Club will have a Mass of Remembrance for our deceased brothers and sisters who have passed away in the past 3 years. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Jack Siefert at Noon on Sunday, February 4, 2024, at the Club. Following Mass there will be a traditional Italian Brunch featuring foods that can be found at a breakfast in Italy.

As of January 1, 2024, members may purchase as many tickets as they choose. However, only 200 tickets are available, so all are encouraged to purchase their tickets without delay. Traditionally, the Bocce Club has not charged a fee for a brunch following our Memorial Mass. Because we need an exact number of those attending, we must charge a fee.

All proceeds from the ticket sales will be donated to St. Ambrose to help defray mandatory pay increases for the teachers at the school. If you will be paying by check, please make out the check to St. Ambrose and if you feel generous, you can make a larger donation to St. Ambrose.

Tickets may be purchased at the Club or by contacting Angelo Sita at 314- 435-4120 or angelosita@sbcglobal.net.

Winter 2024 Men's and PRV Bocce Leagues Meeting:

Monday
January 8, 2024 - 7:00 PM

Agenda for the Meeting:

- Place new players on teams,
- Review bocce rules,
- Pay team league fees,
- Tournament of Champions night
- Fun Day information

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 for the League Captains to try and make room for you on a team.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Director of Bocce Tim Moore @

stlproserve@gmail.com

314.537-0778 or

Robert Della Croce 314.477-0154

iabcstl22@gmail.com

Winter Bocce Leagues begin
January 22, 2024

Winter 2024 Ladies' Bocce Wednesday and Friday Leagues Meeting:

Wednesday
January 10, 2024 - 7:00 PM

Agenda for the Meeting:

- Place new players on teams,
- Review bocce rules
- Pay team league fees.
- Ladies Banquet
- Fun Day information

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

Joann Rolfi – 314.239.7404

Sue Zona – 314.422.3562

Kim Pedroli – 314.359.9694

2024 Winter Leagues begin
Wednesday, January 24, 2024
@ 6:45 PM
Friday, January 26, 2024
@ 7:00 PM

TO ALL BOCCE LEAGUE PLAYERS:

All players must turn in their league money 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

Dining and Courtside Rentals along with all Club events and activities are now on our website @ 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, Sally Drago. Sally 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.
- 2. Members are required to have 6 months of active, continuous membership to qualify for a rental.
- 3. All events require approval from the Board of Directors of the IABC. These meetings are usually held the 2nd Monday of each month.
- 4. Sally will contact the member to indicate whether the rental request was approved, denied, or requires further information from the IABC Board.
- 5. If the event was approved, Sally will meet in person or discuss via phone call the details of the contract which you need to have already thoroughly read.
- 6. For questions, please contact Sally Drago @ 314.330.6742.

STAY CONNECTED:

Website: www.stlbocce.com

Facebook: **Italia America Bocce Club**

Email: glmorris3@hotmail.com

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

Dominic Consolino

Eugene Mariani

John A. Marino



Mark Your Calendars! Important Upcoming IABC Events

January 2nd - 6:00 pm - Members needed for cleaning set up.

January 3rd & 4th - - CLUB CLOSED

January 5th - 6:00 pm - Members needed for re-organization after cleaning.

January 7th - 11:00 am - Youth Bocce Leagues (filled) and COED bocce resumes

January 8th - 7:00 pm - Men's Winter Captain's League Meeting

January 9th - 6:00 pm - 2024 USBF Bocce Nationals Meeting

January 10th - 7:00 pm - Ladies Winter Captain's Meeting

January 11th - High School Leagues Begin

January 15th - 5:30 - Board Meeting

January 22nd - Men's Winter Leagues

January 24th - 6:45 pm Women's Wednesday Winter Leagues begin

January 26th - 7:00 pm Women's Friday Winter Leagues begin

February 4th - Memorial Mass

February 12th - 5:30 Board Meeting

February 17th - Winter Classic Bocce Tournament (sold out)

February 18th - 1:00 pm - Membership Meeting

March 9, 2024 - 5:30 doors open for St. Joseph's Altar/St. Patrick's Day Dinner

St. Joseph's Altar with St. Patrick's Dinner



Saturday, March 9, 2024

Doors Open: 5:30 pm

Dinner Served: 6:00 pm

Menu

Soup

Corned Beef and Cabbage, Potatoes, Carrots, Dessert, & Coffee

Tickets are per person:

\$15.00 - with an Altar Donation

\$20.00 - without Altar donation

Cash bar Open to members and their guests

ONLY 184 tickets will be sold.

Pot-o-Gold, Altar Raffle Items, and a Surprise 50-50

*Money raised from the Altar Raffle ticket sales will benefit

Down Syndrome Association of Greater St. Louis

For tickets or more information contact:

Paola Brush 314.223.9277 pdcbush@att.net

Robert Della Croce 314.477.0154

Payment is due at the time of purchase.

Tickets sales begin: January 22, 2024

Tickets sales end: February 23, 2024