

Italia-America Bocce Club

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IABC Annual Election Results Held Sunday, May 15, 2022

The IABC election was held with two (2) open officers' positions for 3-year terms and four (4) open director positions.

Dan Drago, II was elected as the new President.

Gayle Morris retained her position as Secretary.

Three (3) directors serving 3-year terms are:

- Steve Salvaggio
- Ron Farotto
- Vince Mancuso

Drew Werninger and Bob Ruebsam tied in the vote count. They agreed on Drew to serve as the Director for the two (2) year term.

The installation of the new directors was held on June 13, 2022 at the board meeting.

Congratulations to the NEW and reelected Officers and Directors!

Bocce Club Bar Hours:

Monday through Friday..... 4:00 pm -1:30 am

Saturday.....12:00 pm -1:30 am

Sunday.....12:00 pm - 6:00 pm



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THE IABC ANNUAL DUES FOR 2022 – 2023

The total amount due is as follows:

Dues are \$250.00 - If paid by June 30, 2022

Dues are \$275.00 - If paid July 1, 2022 thru July 31, 2021

\$300.00 – If paid August 1, 2022 thru August 31, 2022

\$350.00 - September 1, 2022 thru September 30, 2022

Questions pertaining to dues should be directed to AnnMarie Lumetta @ 314.960.5721

If your dues are not paid prior to the start of Fall Bocce League, 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 2023.

Welcome to the following new members:

Gary Baumann – Sponsored by Peggy Mazzuca and Sue Lucia.

Tim Benoist – Sponsored by David Grimoldi and Joe Daniele.

Charles “Phil” Decker – Sponsored by Rich Longland and Dan Drago.

Darren Hill – Sponsored by Carl Mazzuca and Dan Drago.

Elizabeth Page – Sponsored by Vince Cutelli and Peter Cutelli.

Leslie Schultz – Sponsored by Rich Longland and Dan Drago.

Jason Wirick – Sponsored by Bill Mitchell and Sandra Narrow.



STAY CONNECTED:

Website: www.stlbocce.com

Facebook: **Italia America Bocce Club**

Email: glmorris3@hotmail.com

Upcoming Board Meetings will be at
6:00 pm on the following
Monday nights:

July 11, 2022
August 15, 2022
September 12, 2022

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

Josephine (Virgil) Bertani
Thomas “Tom” Kinealy



Dining Room and Courtside Rental

If you are interested in renting the dining room or courtside areas for a private party, please read through the Usage Agreement for the area requested on our website at www.stlbocce.com or there are copies where the bocce league schedules are posted at the club.

In order to reserve/rent either area, you **MUST** contact:
Ron Farotto at 314.578.4034
ronfarotto.iabc@gmail.com

**Women's League Captain's Meeting
for Fall 2022 Bocce Leagues**

Wednesday, August 3rd at 7:00 pm

Agenda for the Meeting:

- Place new players on teams
- Review bocce rules
- Pay team league fees
- Ladies Banquet or Fun Day or Night participation

If you are not currently playing on a team, you need to contact Susan Zona PRIOR to this meeting for her to make room for you on a team.

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

Susan Zona – 314.422.3562

Joann Rolfi – 314.239.7404

Kim Pedroli – 314.359.9694

**2022 Women's Fall League begins
Wednesday, August 17, 2022**

**Men's and PRV Leagues Captain's
Meeting for Fall 2022 Bocce Leagues**

Monday, August 8th at 7:00 pm

Agenda for the Meeting:

- Place new players on teams
- Review bocce rules
- Pay team league fees
- Tournament of Champions
- Fun Day or Night Information

If you are not currently playing on a team, you need to contact Tim Moore or Robert Della Croce 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:

Tim Moore 314.537.0778

stlproserve@gmail.com

or Robert Della Croce 314.477.0154

**2022 Fall Men's and PRV Leagues
begin Monday,
August 22, 2022**

**TO ALL MEN AND WOMEN
BOCCE PLAYERS:**

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!

The IABC golf committee will be raffling off this newly refurbished gas golf cart. Accessories include USB ports, \$600 blue tooth speaker, drop down rear seat, cooler under the rear seat and much more. 150 tickets will be sold for \$100 each. **NO LIMIT** on the number of tickets you can purchase. The winning ticket will be drawn the day of the golf tournament being held on 9/25 at beautiful Tapawingo. You do not have to be present to win. Thank you to John Scire, owner of *Touch of Gold* who provided the cart.

**Contact Dan Drago @ 636.900.1412 to
purchase tickets**





'Dirt on My Boots' Fundraiser
In Memory of VINNY DRAGO



ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT OUR FRIENDS AT "CAMP HOPE" www.camphopeusa.org

FOOD, DRINKS, RAFFLE ITEMS, 50/50 AND GAMES – ALL THINGS THAT VINNY LOVED

\$10 Ruger AR 556 NATO Raffle



Only 500 Tickets Sold - Contact Paul Drago

JULY 16, 2022

ITALIA AMERICA BOCCE CLUB
2210 MARCONI AVE ST. LOUIS, MO 63110

To order TShirts, visit the website:
www.vinnydragomemorial.com



Open Play Cornhole and Poker



Bocce Tournament Starts at 1pm
Names will be drawn to determine teams



- The doors will open at 12 noon, and we will start gathering names for the Bocce Tournament at that time.
- Raffle tickets will be sold all day and will be announced at 6:00 pm. Peggy Mazzuca will oversee the Raffle items.
- 50/50 tickets will be sold. We will NOT accept the money back. If you win you will keep it!
- The Salsiccia Train members past and present will oversee the food. They will be grilling and smoking items. If anyone wants to donate or prepare a side, please coordinate with Dan (636-900-1412) or Sally Drago - Food will be shared in the dining room.
- Food is free but there will be a donation bucket out for those of you that can donate. That money will go to Camp Hope.
- Peggy and Lisa Muxo will also oversee clean up and will more than likely need some help if you can volunteer. Raffle items will be displayed on the dance floor.
- Poker will be in the dining room. At least 6 tables set up for open play and a possible tournament that will be announced.
- Cornhole will be set up on the parking lot. At least 6 sets will be available for open play and a possible tournament that will be announced.
- Anyone looking to volunteer, please just help with cleaning off tables, picking up trash, taking out trash when full and checking on our bartenders to see what needs to be stocked.

To volunteer please contact

Paul Drago at 314.501.3413 or Kim Drago at 314.517.2288.

Vinny was an amazing young man and touched so many hearts in his short 22 years with us.

Our family is overwhelmed with the outpouring amount of support from everyone at the IABC. We are truly grateful and appreciate each of you. It's going to be an amazing day and we hope everyone has a great time. Vinny would want that for sure. Thank you from Paul and Kim Drago.



Jazz Party

The Joe Mancuso Jazz Band
Mancusojazz.com

August 6th @IABC

Tasting @6:30pm/Jazz @8pm

A swanky evening of wine tasting,
charcuterie boards and jazz

\$25 Per person

Tickets on sale 5/15

****For more info on the Jazz Party contact:
----- Dan Drago, II – 636.900.1412 -----

Grab your bocce gear and let's head to Kansas City, MO! 8th Annual Tom Gialde Memorial Bocce Tournament

American Sons of Columbus Bocce Club
Kansas City, Missouri
August 12-14, 2022

USBF Open rules apply Men and Women
Divisions

Entry fee is \$ 75.00 per player includes Saturday
lunch and dinner. For more information contact:

Tournament Director

John Liberto j_liberto@yahoo.com

816.616.4685

IABC 33rd Annual Golf Tournament

**Tapawingo National Golf Club
Sunday, September 25, 2022**

**Cost is \$175.00 per golfer or
\$700.00 per foursome**

Co-Chairmen

Dan Drago, II and Steve Salvaggio

- **Registration questions**
sallydrago14@gmail.com
jenmancuso@gmail.com
- **Tee Box registrations**
\$100.00 - Maria Mayo
314.956.9556
- **Raffle donations**
Barb Burke @
zesty53@att.net or
314.406.6841
- **General questions/Sponsorships**
Dan Drago, II
dmd2.iabc@gmail.com
636.900.1412

**Also, the information and
forms are located our website:**
www.stlbocce.com

**Honorable mention goes to several
IABC members who traveled to
represent our club at the**

2022 United States Bocce Federation Nationals in Methuen, MA

Thank you to our IABC members, Nick Imo along with The Salsiccia Train - Dan Drago, II, Ron Farotto and Vince Mancuso that traveled to *Methuen Sons of Italy Bocce Club* in Boston, MA. Sally Drago and Phyllis Farotto paired up with friends Michelle Vitale and Mary Jo Spino from *American Sons of Columbus* in Kansas City to form team Bada Blings. Congratulations to Ron for finishing 2nd and receiving the Silver Medal in the Precision Shooting contest. Thank you to all these members for representing the IABC in the Nationals! Next year USBF Bocce Nationals will be held at the Highwood Bocce Club in Chicago, Illinois. Hope to see you there!

15th Annual Aldo Della Croce Tournament November 4-6, 2022

\$75.00 per person entry fee USBF Open rules, teams of four (4) players. Entry fee includes dinner Friday night and lunch on Saturday.

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

Giampiero Division – will consist of teams of all men, all women, or mixed.
Laura Division – will consist of teams that are all women only.

For additional information or to get an application contact:
Tournament Chairperson
Robert Della Croce
314.477.0154
iabcstl22@gmail.com



Dear Members,

Italia-America Bocce Club members seeking to contribute to their child or grandchild's education via scholarship are encouraged to apply for The Aldo Della Croce Memorial Scholarship detailed below by the scholarship committee.

The Aldo Della Croce Memorial Scholarship, honors Mr. Della Croce as one of the original founding fathers of the club and will be awarded this year at The Annual Aldo Della Croce Bocce Tournament. The IABC Officers and Directors are pleased to offer a scholarship on a competitive basis. It is hoped that the award will not only contribute to the personal development of our recipient but also steward the game of bocce that our founding fathers envisioned. An application for the ADC Scholarship is available in the IABC office. The scholarship is not based on financial need or grade point average but on the merit of the applicant's self-statement as instructed on the forms.

All children or grandchildren of an *Italia-America Bocce Club* member that is in good standing at the time of the application are eligible. Other family members are not eligible. The applicant must be a student **ENTERING THEIR FRESHMAN YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL** in the **2023-2024** school year and must successfully complete the application form and self-statement as instructed on the forms located in the IABC office.

The completed application and required self-statement must be submitted to Mrs. Gayle Morris, 3166 S. 59th Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63139, either by USPS or by dropping them off at the bocce club **no later than October 1, 2022**. Neither Gayle Morris, nor The *Italia-America Bocce Club* are responsible for lost applications or late submittals. The winning recipient will be notified prior to The Annual Aldo Della Croce Bocce Tournament, and it is strongly recommended that he/she attend the tournament banquet. Banquet details will be provided to the winner of the scholarship.

Best wishes,

The Aldo Della Croce Memorial Scholarship Committee
Italia-America Bocce Club
2210 Marconi Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63110

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