

Italia-America Bocce Club

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May 2024 Election Results

Thank you to the two hundred and four (204) members who voted on Sunday, May 19, 2024.

Congratulations to our returning director David R. Zona and to our two 2 new directors, Tony Bandera and Cindy Marlo.

The new Directors were sworn in on Monday, June 10 at the 5:30 pm Board Meeting.

Thank you to our outgoing Directors, Sally Drago and Ruben Sanchez for their hard work while having served on the IABC Board of Directors.

Upcoming 5:30 PM Board Meetings:

August 12, 2024
September 9, 2024
October 14, 2024

Membership Meeting:

Sunday, August 25, 2024 – 1:00 PM



If you have not already paid your annual IABC dues, please be advised that the payment of \$ 275.00 is now due if paid by 7/31/2024.

\$300.00 – Dues if paid 8/1 - 8/31/2024
\$350.00 – Dues if paid 9/1 - 9/30/2024



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

Richard "Scott" Robertson
(grandson of member Rich Robertson)

**2024 US Bocce National
Championships results:
(St. Louis winners are in bold)**

Women's Doubles (PRV Rules)

**Gold: St. Louis Dreamers – St. Louis, MO / Tampa, FL
(Gina Imo, Teresa Passaglia)**

Silver: Left Coast Bocce – Northern CA (Diane Kelley,
Rena Harel)

Bronze: Shindelus/Godin – Northern CA (Margaret
Shindelus, Jean Godin)

Bronze: Bocce Gals – Northern CA (Joanne Lopez, Emi
Fuji)

Men's Doubles (PRV Rules)

Gold: Mazzini Verdi – Chicagoland, IL (Anthony
LaBarbera, Maurizio Perrelli)

**Silver: IABC (Italia America Bocce Club) – St. Louis,
MO (Greg Della Croce, Nick Imo)**

Bronze: California Roll – Northern CA (Mark Wolff,
Alan Knox)

Bronze: D'Amore/Nicosia – Northern CA (Oscar
D'Amore, Benedetto Nicosia)

Mixed Doubles (PRV Rules)

Gold: Ant & Court – Chicagoland, IL (Anthony
LaBarbera, Courtney Strickland)

Silver: Gilligan/Godin – Northern CA (Gerald Gilligan,
Jean Godin)

Bronze: Thayer/Shindelus – Long Island, NY /
Northern CA (Brad Thayer, Margaret Shindelus)

**Bronze: Nick/Teresa – St. Louis, MO / Tampa, FL
(Nick Imo, Teresa Passaglia)**

Women's Singles (PRV Rules)

Gold: Courtney Strickland – Chicagoland, IL

Silver: Teresa Passaglia – Tampa, FL

Bronze: Brigid Reidy – Chicagoland, IL

Bronze: Martha Crosley – Northern CA

**2024 US Bocce National
Championships results continued:
(St. Louis winners are in bold)**

Men's Singles (PRV Rules)

Gold: Jose Botto – Lake Orion, MI

Silver: Hunter Gallero – Lake Orion, MI

Bronze: Nick Imo – St. Louis, MO

Bronze: Anthony La Barbera – Chicagoland, IL

Women's Precision Shooting

Gold: Courtney Strickland – Chicagoland, IL

Silver: Lauren McDermott – Chicagoland, IL

Bronze: Margaret Shindelus – Northern CA

Bronze: Vanessa Garippo – Chicagoland, IL

Men's Precision Shooting

Gold: Tom Holleman – Highwood, IL

Silver: Anthony La Barbera – Chicagoland, IL

Bronze: Nick Imo – St. Louis, MO

Bronze: Todd Mikell – Highwood, IL

Open A / STL Money (Open Bocce Rules)

Gold: The Alliance – Brad Thayer, Michale Scialdone,
Dr. Joe Masternick, Sal Lini

Silver: I Amuse You – Miles Russell Anthony LaBarbera,
Hunter Gallero Natale Scala

**Bronze: Volorama – David R. Zona, Susan Zona, Rich
Robertson, John Denando**

Bronze: Highwood 7 – Gordon Gruenes, Tom
Holleman, Tim Tolari, Todd Mikell

***Congratulations to all the winners
and a big, big thank you to all our
sponsors, participants and
volunteers for making this a great
USBF National Championship event.***



Welcome to the following new members:

Keith Borzillo
Richard G. Browne, IV
Reid Cranmer
Joseph K. Drago
Michael J. Lowry
Richard Mazzarella
Corey Marlo
Mike McGlew
Duane M. Oehmen

Men's and PRV Leagues Captain's Meeting Fall 2024 Bocce Leagues

Monday, August 5th at 7:00 pm

- 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 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:
or Robert Della Croce 314.477.0154

**2024 Fall Men's and PRV
Leagues begin Monday,
August 19, 2024**

Women's League Captain's Meeting Fall 2024 Bocce Leagues

Wednesday, August 7th at 7:00 pm

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

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

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

**2024 Women's Fall Leagues start
Friday, August 16th and Wednesday,
August 21st.**

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!

STAY CONNECTED:

Website: www.stlbocce.com

Facebook: **Italia America Bocce
Club**

Email: glmorris3@hotmail.com

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, Cindy Marlo. Cindy 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. Cindy 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, Cindy 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 Cindy Marlo @ cinfurr@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, July 14, 2024
Noon – 6:00 p.m.

In memory of Vinny Drago, we are hosting a fundraiser to benefit the St Louis Hero Network! There will be Food, Drinks, Raffle Items, Silent Auction Items, 50/50 raffle, blind draw Bocce Tournament and so much more!

We are creating a new T-Shirt design! Stay tuned!

Vinny was a proud member of the Italia America Bocce Club on The Hill. The Bocce Club was one of his favorite places to be. We would not want to have this event anywhere else! Thank you IABC! We were overwhelmed and humbled with the love and support from our Family and Friends everyday but especially at the last two events. Vinny is missed terribly by so many - We are hoping that a day of fun, friendship and Vinny's favorite things will bring fond memories, smiles with a few tears.

About St. Louis Hero Network -
www.STLHeroNetwork.com

The St. Louis Hero Network is a non-profit organization founded by firefighters and veterans with a mission to support local heroes, their families, and their businesses. Since it was founded in 2018, the St Louis Hero Network has provided financial support to families of fallen heroes in their time of need, collaborated with similar organizations, and given first responders and veterans a place to promote their business. Hiring a hero from within the network is a way to thank a hero for their service and sacrifice.

The St Louis Hero Network holds fundraising opportunities throughout the year to support causes close to our hearts. In the last 5 years, they have raised over \$870,000! These funds went to countless individuals, families and non-profits who needed it most. Let's help them continue to provide support to families of fallen or injured First Responders and Military Personnel - past, present, and future!

2024 'Dirt on My Boots' Fundraiser
In Memory of VINNY DRAGO



ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT OUR FRIENDS AT



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

Golf Cart Raffle Time!

The IABC is raffling off this beautiful and accessory loaded golf cart with an \$800 Bazooka, blue tooth speaker and much more.

All proceeds of the cart sales go directly to [CHAMP Assistance Dogs](#). Only 200 tickets will be sold at \$100 each.

The live drawing will take place on Sunday, September 29, 2024, during our annual golf tournament at Tapawingo National Golf Club.

Tickets can be purchased at the IABC or **Contact Sally Drago @ 314.330.6742 or Dan Drago @ 636.900.1412 to purchase tickets**

You do not need to be present to win.

Thank you to John S. at Touch of Gold for again taking our ideas and creating this build.



Save The Date!

IABC 17th Annual Aldo Della Croce Tournament November 8 - 10, 2024

USBF open rules, teams of four (4) players, entry fee of \$ 100.00 includes dinner Friday night and lunch Saturday.

There will again be two (2) divisions: *Giampiero Division* teams will consist of all men, all women, or mixed.

Laura Division

teams consist of women only. For more information or to get an application contact Robert Della Croce @ 314.477.0154 or iabcstl22@gmail.com

Gayle Morris - Chairperson of the Aldo Della Croce Scholarship Award may be contacted @ glmorris3@hotmail.com

MEMBERS PLEASE - Your FOB is for your use ONLY! It is not to be given out to friends or family members including children. Children of any age are not allowed to be in the club or on the courts without being accompanied by a parent or member responsible for the child. This rule needs to be strongly enforced.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Sunday
Sept 29, 2024



ITALIA-AMERICA BOCCE CLUB 35th Annual Golf Tournament

\$800
per Foursome
**Must be paid in full to
complete registration**

Four-person Scramble Includes:

- Continental Breakfast with Bloody Mary's & Mimosas
- Beer & Soda
- Lunch (served on course)
- Club Dinner
- Cash prizes
- Participant Gifts
- Raffle and 50/50 Opportunities

\$880

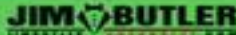


Golden Ticket Foursome

Includes everything above plus:

- Skins
- Mulligans
- Putting Contest
- Vegas Hole
- Hole-in-one challenge for chance to win a car!

Sponsored by



Tapawingo National Golf Club
13001 Gary Player Drive
St. Louis, MO 63127

7:00 AM Registration/Breakfast

8:00 AM Tee-off

Awards dinner immediately following

Registration
deadline is Sept. 1st
or when we are at full
capacity. Submit attached form
with full payment
today!



A portion of the net
proceeds will be donated to
CHAMP Assistance Dogs
<https://www.champdogs.org>

Sponsorship Opportunities

Hole Sponsor: \$100

Banner Sponsor w/logo: \$500

Contact Information

Sponsor Contact:

Maria Mayo - 314-406-6841/mmayo@ramcoi.com

Raffle Donations:

Leslie Schultz - 314-243-3656/leslie.schultz.jne@gmail.com

Volunteering and General Inquiries:

Dan Drago II - 636-900-1412/dmd2.iabc@gmail.com



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