

Italia-America Bocce Club

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Welcome to the following new and returning members:

Ricky Bandera – Sponsored by Bill Mitchell and Sandra Narrow
William ‘Billy’ M, Bandera – Sponsored by Tony Bandera and Jim Marino
Zachary Bozikis – Sponsored by Ronald Bozikis and Tony Bandera
Ronald Bozikis, II – Sponsored by Tony Bandera and Ronald Bozikis
John Burchoff – Sponsored by Tony Rolfi and Dan Burchoff
Jacob Butz – Sponsored by Christine Pedroli and Peter Sullivan
Dan Clauss – Sponsored by Daniel Smith and Nolan Matarazzi
Andrew Cook – Sponsored by Tony Bandera and Steve M Cook
Mark Courtway - Sponsored by Jessica Mayo and Maria Mayo
Amy Craig – Sponsored by Matt Meiners and Thomas Graetz
Erica DeBarr – Sponsored by Richard Longland and Sara Galluzzo
Nick Fragale – Sponsored by Kent Johnson and Rich Longland
Denis Scott Gray – Sponsored by Joe Weinbauer and Carson Menges
Donald Hammann – Sponsored by Chris Marlo and Vince Mancuso
Bradley C. Hill – Sponsored by Dan Drago and Sally Drago
Jennifer Winkler Kleissle – Sponsored by Gina Imo and Brian Winkler

new members continued:

Marian Linck – Sponsored by Richard Longland and Sara Galluzzo
Stephanie Vollmer Malone – Sponsored by Nolan Matarazzi and Peter Sullivan
Tracy Marklein – Sponsored by Andrew Schwartz and Louis P Grasse
Tom Marschner – Sponsored by Alex Cornwell and Kent Johnson
Billy Meyer – Sponsored by Chris Marlo and Vince Mancuso
Raffaele Mondello – Sponsored by Vito Chirco and Cesare Vitale (returning member)
Kathryn (Katie) Narrow – Sponsored by Sandra Narrow and William Mitchell
Christopher Newman – Sponsored by Sally Drago and Dan Drago
Samuel Philip Ojile – Sponsored by Dwayne Worley and Marianne Ojile
Bhavik Patel – Sponsored by Kent Johnson and Matthew Molli
Jordan Shapiro – Sponsored by Dominic Grana and Jim Marino
James Edward Sullivan – Sponsored by Tony Rolfi and Dan Burchoff
Jayne Thaller – Sponsored by Gina Imo and Jeff Proctor
Bob Tisone – Sponsored by Leslie Schultz and Stephanie Morgan
Jacob R. Wagner – Sponsored by Tony Bandera and Jim Marino
Robert Zangas – Sponsored by Leo Chirco and Susan Kelly
Antoinette Briguglio Zychinski – Sponsored by Leslie Schultz and Phil Decker

...new and returning members continued:

Matt Brozovich – Sponsored by Franco Floretta and Rob Floretta

Steven Campbell – Sponsored by Matt Sullivan and Daniel Drago

Brian Coats – Sponsored by Doyle Moffitt and Tom Drago

Christopher Court – Sponsored by Matthew Sutherland and Richard Lecinski

Joseph Drago – Sponsored by Tom Drago and Paul Drago

Claudia Evers – Sponsored by Tony Floretta and Rob Floretta

Jennifer Gianino – Sponsored by Lynn Marie Alexander and Joseph Weinbauer

Curtis Hall – Sponsored by Richard Lecinski and Matthew Sutherland

Mike Hogan – Sponsored by Mark Buterin and Ted McNulty

Blair Lewis - Sponsored by Joe Weinbauer and Stephanie Morgan

Adrianna Mancuso – Sponsored by Dan Drago and Vincent Mancuso

Nathan Orso – Sponsored by Leslie Agusti and Peter Sullivan

Andrew M Rocco – Sponsored by Matt Sullivan and Ben Lifritz

Colleen Rossomanno – Sponsored by Paul Drago and Amy Funk

Christine Nordmann Sita – Sponsored by Paola Brush and Robert Della Croce

Honorary membership for Bishop Mark S. Rivituso – Vicar General for the Archdiocese of St. Louis.



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 @ sallydrago14@gmail.com 314.330.6742.

Congratulations!

**1st Place Winter "Coed Bocce"
League Winners:
"The Sum of Us"**

**Jim Summers, Gayle Morris, Susan
Zona, and David R. Zona**



**2nd Place - Ball Busters - Chris and
Cindy M., Ron and Teresa B., Mark
and Lisa W., and Tina, and Dino M.**

**3rd Place - Salsiccia Train - Dan and
Sally D., Vince M., Gina I., and
Maria M.**

Congratulations!

**1st Place "2024 Winter Classic"
Winners:
"Salsiccia Train"**

**Dan Drago, II, Jim Summers, Joe
Grippi, and Vince Mancuso**



**2nd Place - American Sons of
Columbus (KC) - John L., Joe and
Chris C., and Joe M.**

**3rd Place - The Vinny Drago Memorial
Team (IABC) of Tommy D., Dr. Ron F.,
Paul D., and Luke P.**

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

Antonino "Nino" Casamento

Francesca Cirami
(family of Tony Illardi)

Denise Marie (Cissi) Haddock
(sister of Tom Cissi)

Sue R. Wachter
(mother of Chrissie Bandera)

Virginia "Ginny" Valli
(mother of Marty Valli)



IABC Annual Election
Sunday, May 19, 2024
Voting 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

There are three (3) director positions available, and they are all three (3) year terms. If you would like additional information please contact Election Chairman, Joe Weinbauer at 314.704.0174
Membership meeting will follow the election.

Upcoming Board Meetings
5:30 pm on the following Mondays:

March 11, 2024
April 8, 2024
May 13, 2024

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!



Bocce with the Best! The Italia America Bocce Club in St. Louis is proud to be hosting the **2024 United States Bocce Federation National Championship June 23 - 29, 2024**. This is our ninth time hosting the USBF National Championship and our club welcomes those who have been here before and those who have not yet participated or attended this great event. We hope you enjoy the club, our city, the competition, the camaraderie, and the sportsmanship of your fellow bocce players from across the United States. **All players must be a USBF card holder. These may be purchased from Robert Della Croce at the IABC.**

- The USBF Championship has two (2) different components, Open Bocce and Punto Raffa Volo (PRV).
- This year's PRV events of Men's Doubles and Women's Doubles are non-qualifiers and will be played to 12 points or 55 minutes. The qualifying events to represent the USA in the World Championship in Turkey are Mixed Doubles, Men's PRV Singles, and Women's PRV Singles and they will be played to 12 points or 8 frames. The PRV Mixed Doubles team members do not have to belong to the same club. The PRV matches will be staggered, to allow for play in multiple PRV events. There will also be a Men's and Women's Precision Shooting Contest.
- The Open Tournament is for medals and money and must consist of four (4) players (men, women, or mixed), and these games will be played to 12 points or 55 minutes. The Open team members do not have to belong to the same club. USBF Open rules will apply.
- **Registration deadline for all events is Wednesday, May 15, 2024.**
- Several PRV events and the Open Tournament will be broadcast throughout the week on the *Bocce Broadcast Network*.

The Awards Banquet will be Saturday, June 29, 2024 - 7:00 PM. Cost is \$ 50.00 per person and guests are welcome to purchase tickets. Tickets must be purchased at the time of your registration for you and your guests.

All of the registration forms are posted on our website www.stlbocce.com and the USBF website www.usbf.us or for additional information, feel free to contact me at 314.477.0154 or iabcstl22@gmail.com.

See you in June,

Robert Della Croce
Tournament Chairman

The Italia America Bocce Club (IABC) has been selected to host the United States National Bocce Championship for the 9th time in June 2024.

There will be teams participating from various parts of the United States and we are proud to showcase St. Louis during this event.

A program book is being constructed to commemorate this event, as well as, offering various sponsorship level opportunities. The Italia America Bocce Club was founded in 1975 and has grown to 650 members strong.

The IABC not only benefits its members, but also other organizations across the St. Louis metropolitan area. Programs such as BackStoppers, CHAMP Assistance Dogs, Youth and High School Bocce Leagues, area schools, "The Hill" Community, and many more. This tournament truly reflects the main mission of the IABC, which is to promote the sport of bocce.

To fulfill this mission, the committee is asking for your support through sponsorship at the azure blue, green, white, red, or referee levels or placement of an advertisement in the program book. Depending on your level of sponsorship, you may be entitled to some of the following: an advertisement banner (which remains on display for an entire year), visibility of your advertisement on the Bocce Broadcast Network (who will be live streaming the event), advertisement in the program book, and your company logo on commemorative apparel.

For more specifics on the various levels, advertisement sizes/prices, and submittal, please contact Dee Marino or Chrissie Bandera, who are the Co-Coordinator for the book.

This event is open to the public at no charge. Your support will be visible to the participants, their guests, and spectators of the tournament.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dee Marino, Program Book Co-Coordinator, at 314-303-2473 or Chrissie Bandera, Program Book Co-Coordinator, at 314-520-1898, or submit questions to stlnationals2024@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support!

Azure Blue Sponsor \$ 2,000.00

Green Sponsorship - \$ 1,500.00

White Sponsorship - \$ 1,000.00

Red Sponsorship - \$ 500.00

Referee Sponsorship - \$ 600.00

Program Book Advertisements

8 x 11 - Full Page \$ 400.00

8 x 5 - 1/2 page \$ 225.00

4 x 4 - 1/4 page \$ 125.00

2 x 3 - 1/8 page \$ 75.00

Benefits for sponsorship may include advertisement banner on bocce court, logo in program book, company logo on commemorative apparel, and tickets to the awards dinner. All benefits are dependent upon the level of sponsorship and are listed in detail on our website at www.stlbocce.com.

Email ads in PDF Format.
Submit advertisement copy or questions to stlnationals2024@gmail.com

Please mail completed form and payment to:
Dee Marino
4835 South Lindbergh Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63126

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION:
May 15, 2024