

# Italia-America Bocce Club

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### Italia America Bocce Club

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### **\*Notice of Upcoming Elections\* Sunday, May 19, 2024 Voting 9 AM to 1 PM**

The *Italia America Bocce Club* will hold its annual election on Sunday, May 19, 2024, at the club facility, 2210 Marconi, St. Louis, MO 63110. Voting will begin at 9 AM and end promptly at 1 PM. Those members in good standing, with either a membership card or photo identification, may vote one ballot. The member must be present to vote. Absentee and proxy ballots are not permitted.

This election will be held to replace three (3) Director positions on the Board of Directors. The three (3) Director positions are each a three-year term. The election committee has reviewed and approved the below listed members seeking to fill the vacant positions.

The committee has made no recommendation of any member over another. Candidates will be listed on the ballot in order of submission to the election committee.

Applicants for the Board of Director positions listed here alphabetically are Tony Bandera, Vince Cutelli, Jim Marino, Cindy Marlo, Joann Rolfi, Tony Rolfi, Ruben Sanchez, and David R. Zona.

The election committee has posted for the membership, special information boards that are displayed in the club. The boards include a one-page resume submitted by each candidate running for a position.

The election committee will restrict all solicitation of votes by any person within the club building during the voting period of 9 am to 1 pm, Sunday, May 19, 2024.

Any questions concerning the election may be directed to Chairman Joe Weinbauer @ (314) 704-0174 or any of the following Election Committee members also listed alphabetically: Barb Burke, Dino Chirco, Ron Farotto, Larry Fuse, Karen Lambert, Maria Mayo, and Tim Moore. The IABC phone number is (314) 802-8546.

General Membership meeting will be held following the election.





**Welcome to the following new honorary member:**

Father Michael Caruso SJ.  
Father Caruso is a teacher for St. Louis University High School

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**Upcoming Board Meetings:**

May 13, 2024  
June 10, 2024  
July 8, 2024

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**Reminder-----**

**Pre U.S.A. -Nationals  
Warm-Up Bocce Tournament  
Saturday, May 4, 2024**

**Contact Dan Drago 636.900.1412 ASAP if you are not registered and interested in participating.**

**2024 Hill Wine Walk  
Saturday, May 11, 2024  
12:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

The IABC will again be a stop on the walk, and we are offering charcuterie cups and Italian beef sandwiches for sale!

**Dining and Courtside Rentals along with all Club events and activities are now on our website @ [www.stlbocce.com](http://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](mailto:sallydrago14@gmail.com) 314.330.6742.

## Men's Early Monday Summer 2024 Bocce League

- There will be a Captains Meeting at 6:00 pm on Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at the club. At this meeting, we can discuss any changes to the regulations of this league. Captains can pre-register their teams by sending the name of their team and the members of the team to Angelo Sita.
- On June 10<sup>th</sup>, the Bocce Club will be starting the Early Summer League.
- **The league will begin play at 5:00 pm on Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup>.**
- The league will run for 8 or 10 weeks and ends on either Monday, July 29<sup>th</sup> or Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. (no bocce June 24<sup>th</sup> due to USBF Nationals)
- This Summer league will begin play at 5:00 pm. **The cost to play in this league will be \$15.00 per person.**
- Each team can have up to 8 members on a team, and since it is a summer league a team can play a game with only 2 team members. Teenage boys, 16 years old and older, could play on a team with a father, grandfather, or uncle.
- The first team to get 12 points wins. Frames will not be used.
- To make the league more competitive for new members, each team can throw no more than 3 "Hit Shots or Volo Shots" per game. The captain of the opposing team is responsible for keeping track of how many times his opponents throw a hit shot.
- All members of a team cannot have a meeting to discuss how a particular ball should be played. A player can only consult with his teammate at his end of the court. This rule does not apply to boys who are new to the game or men who have never been on a team before.
- All players must stay behind the first white line on the courts during play, but they can cross the line to determine which ball is closest to the pallino.
- The team with the winning record will be the league champion. In case two teams have the same winning record, there will be a one game playoff to determine the winner.

At the conclusion of the season, there will be a cash prize of \$20.00 to each member of the winning team. There will be no prizes for second and third place teams.

For more information or to register your team contact Angelo Sita at 314-435-4120 or [angelosita@sbcglobal.net](mailto:angelosita@sbcglobal.net)

## IABC 2024 Summer Leagues

**League Schedule:** Most leagues will run May 13 through the week of July 29<sup>th</sup>. A league or combined leagues playoff will be decided.

**Cost:** \$25.00 per person each league except Tuesday Pick-up game and Men's Early Monday league.

**Monday Men's Early League:** 5pm league will begin in June. Please contact Angelo Sita (314) 435-4120 regarding this league schedule and rules.

**Monday Night Mixed League:** Mixed League. Open play with no hitting limitations. Form your team with any combination of men and women or all men, all women. If more than 10 teams register, the game times will rotate between 7pm and 8:30pm.

**Tuesday Pick-up:** Robert Della Croce will do a blind draw of cards for teams. Start time is 7:00 pm sharp! You need to be at the club no later than 6:30 to play as the number of teams allowed is limited on this night. Cost is \$ 5.00 per person for this game each Tuesday. Start date is Tuesday, May 7, 2024.

**Wednesday COED League:** You must have two (2) men and two (2) women for your team. - start time to be determined by number of teams. The contact for that league is Dan Drago.

**Thursday Night League:** Men's league. Thursday game times will be at 6:45pm. If more than ten teams register, the game times will rotate between 6:45pm and 8:30pm. If more than ten teams register, the game times will rotate between 7pm and 8:30pm.

**\*No games the week of Nationals June 24-29, 2024**

**If you were unable to attend the Captains meeting on 4-29, and would like to play in any of these leagues, contact:**

Robert Della Croce	314-477-0154
Dan Drago	636-900-1412

**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](http://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!

**IABC 35th Annual  
Golf Tournament**  
**Tapawingo National Golf Club**  
**Sunday, September 29, 2024**

Each year, the *Italia-America Bocce Club* Golf Tournament is a huge fund raiser for our club. Every year we give a very generous donation from the proceeds to a charity. Please help with this worthwhile event and contact Dan Drago, II @ 636.900.1412 if you can volunteer some of your time or make a raffle donation for this important club function.

Also...

**\*\* In order to continue with this worthwhile event, we have members become a 'Tee Box Sponsor'. Tee Box cost is \$100.00. Please help out by becoming a sponsor for this event. Registration and additional information will follow.**

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## 2024 Golf Cart Raffle

- Who is ready for the IABC golf cart raffle brought to us by John Scire at *Touch of Gold*?
- Only 200 tickets will be sold at \$100 each.
- Cart has a gas, fuel injected engine, custom designed seats and an \$800 sound bar and custom cooler built in under the back seat, LED lighting, custom wheels, Italian flag racing stripes and more!
- Will be raffled off on 9/29/2024 at the *35th Annual IABC Golf Tournament*, however you need not be present to win!

**Contact Sally Drago @ 314.330.6742 or Dan Drago @ 636.900.1412 to purchase tickets**



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](http://www.stlbocce.com) and the USBF website [www.usbf.us](http://www.usbf.us) or for additional information, feel free to contact me at 314.477.0154 or [iabcstl22@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.stlbocce.com).

Email ads in PDF Format.  
Submit advertisement copy or questions to [stlnationals2024@gmail.com](mailto:stlnationals2024@gmail.com)

Please mail completed form and payment to:  
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4835 South Lindbergh Blvd.  
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**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION:**  
**May 15, 2024**