

Italia-America Bocce Club

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IABC Annual Election **Sunday, May 21, 2023***

Voting Hours 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

***Annual Membership Meeting will follow the Election**

There are (2) available Officer positions coming up May 21, 2023. Both of these open positions are three (3) year terms.

- Running unopposed for the office of Vice President is Leo Chirco.
- Running unopposed for the office of Treasurer is Michael Noelke.

There are six (6) available Director positions.

- Three (3) directors will serve a (3) year term.
- One (1) director will fulfill a vacant (2) year term.
- Two (2) directors will fulfill vacant (1) year terms.

The 3 members with the most votes will fulfill the 3 year terms. The member next will fulfill the 2 year term, and the least votes 2 will fill the 1 year terms.

- The following eight (8) members running for office are listed in alphabetically order:
- Sally Drago, Rob Floretta, Diane Langeneckert, Richard Lecinski, Chris Marlo, Justen Meyer, Vincent Passanisi, and Ruben Sanchez.

Welcome to the following 21 new members:

Jake Balmer - Sponsored by Mary Balmer and Ron Puricelli.
Jeff Beaton - Sponsored by Chris Marlo and Paul Drago.
Michele Bugh - Sponsored by Nick Imo and Megan Whitehead.
Tracy Casatta - Sponsored by Joe Garr and Matt Meiners.
Cindy Cole-Stege - Sponsored by Lisa Muxo and Paul Drago.
Robert Crane - Sponsored by Dan Wilcutt and Tony Floretta.
Joe Grimaldi – Sponsored Mary Balmer and Joanna Grimaldi.
Gary Guarino – Sponsored by Michael DiRaimondo and Tom Pelizzaro.
Susan Knowles - Sponsored by Joe Garr and Matt Meiners.
Christine Marino - Sponsored by Joseph Grana and Dominic Grana.
Sydney Marino - Sponsored by Sally Drago and Gina Imo.
Cynthia Marlo - Sponsored by Maria Mayo and Sally Drago.
Janet Mazzola – Sponsored - Sue Lucia and Martin Scanlan.
David McCubbins – Sponsored by Bob Ruebsam and Bob Wacker.
Glennon Schaeffer – Sponsored by Peter Arena and John Groves.
Brenden Soyster - Sponsored by Lisa Muxo and Michael Muxo.
Karen Stoverink - Sponsored by Joe Garr and Matt Meiners.
Robert Radice - Sponsored by Michael Di Raimondo and Tom Pelizzaro.
Gordon Stuart – Sponsored by Joe Weinbauer and Lisa Muxo.
Michael Tindall - Sponsored by Lisa Muxo and Michael Muxo.
Joseph Vitale - Sponsored by Angelo Sita and Tony Meyers.

**Dining and Courtside Rentals along
with all Club events and activities
are now on our website @
www.stlbocce.com**

We are introducing new additions to the website menu for **Rentals, Events Calendar and for all Club Activities.**

- You can check a date and then contact me for an e-Contract or download PDF revised 2023 rental or dining room contract and drop it off in the mailbox on the office door.
- The next step is to call, text, or email me, Ron Farotto, so I can validate the reservation.
My cell number to call or text is 314-578-4034 or my email is RonFarotto.IABC@Gmail.Com

The contract is now an eContract form and you will need to submit a check as your deposit within 3 days to lock in the reservation.

I will respond to each person to make contact to have first choice on a date, and we will move to the next member accordingly. Please leave a message if you call, so it will **TIME STAMP** who is next in line.

Sue Lucia will then take over and help you facilitate the bar details or any requests. She will report to me on any updated concerns. Sue Lucia @ 314-728-7469, or her email is SueLuciaIABC@Gmail.Com. When you reach out to either of us, one of us will get back to you within 24 hrs.

REMINDER – Effective 1-1-2023, you must be a member in good standing for at least six (6) months before you will be allowed to rent either the Dining Room or the Courtside Area.

Thank you as we help the *Italia-America Bocce Club* improve and thrive.

Ron Farotto
Events Director

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

*Rose Kelso
Josephine Aiazzi
Alfred E. Noelke
(Father of Mike Noelke)
John “Jack” Henry Stelzer
Thomas “Tom” Michael Consiglio*



The *Italia-America Bocce Club* will hold a Memorial Mass at St. Ambrose on Sunday, September 17, 2023 @ 11:00 am. This remembrance will be observing deceased members of the IABC since 2019. Following the mass there will be a brunch provided at the IABC. There will be no brunch charge for the spouses of the deceased members, but a cost of \$10.00 for all others.

For additional information please contact Angelo Sita @ 314.435.4120 or angelosita@sbcglobal.net

2023 Winter Bocce Fun Day

Sunday, April 30, 2023

Lunch served at 1:30 pm sharp!

Grilled salsiccias, pasta and two (2) sides on the menu!

\$ 20.00 per person includes three (3) drink tickets!

All money must be turned in by Friday, April 28, 2023.

The \$ 5.00 bocce tournament will follow!

Contact Tim Moore @ 314.537.0778 or Robert Della Croce @ 314.477.0154.

(If you participated in Men's, Women's, or COED Winter Leagues you are eligible to participate in this event)

Tournament of Champions

Tuesday, May 2, 2023 - - - 7:00 pm

2023 COED Summer Bocce

The deadline for registration is at the captain's meeting on

Tuesday, May 9, 2023 - 5:30 pm.

Games begin Sunday, May 21, 2023
2:15 pm and 4:00 pm

Rules:

1. All players must be an active member, spouse or under 21 children of an active member.
2. Two (2) men and two (2) women must always play. No playing with three players and no walking.
3. No hitting/shooting bocce balls; lagging only allowed.
4. Teams will play twelve (12) points or twelve (12) frames. A 1.5-hour time limit to complete both games will remain in effect. If a game ends in a tie, a roll off will determine the winner.
5. The league fee will be \$20.00 for each player. Money must be turned in by the Captain's Meeting on Tuesday, May 9, 2023. Payout is 1st through 3rd Place finishers.

Please contact Dan Drago, Jr. at 636-900-1412 ASAP if you are interested in playing in this league as it will fill up fast!

Tuesday Night Open Bocce "Pickup Game"

Begins Tuesday, May 9, 2023

Please ARRIVE by 6:45 pm in order to sign in for the prompt 7:00 pm start.

Cost is \$5.00 – small bills are appreciated 😊 All money is paid out at the end of the night to the winning teams.

All skill levels are welcome, and this is a great way to meet new members for 2023 Fall League play!

REMINDER for all bocce league ladies who have paid their captains -

Ladies' Bocce Leagues Spring Luau

Wednesday, May 10th, 2023

Appetizers - 6:00 pm

Dinner - 6:45 pm



SEE YOU ALL THERE!

Men's NEW Summer Bocce League

**Mondays, beginning
June 5, 2023
@ 5:00 pm**

**8 or 10 weeks of play
2 games per night**

- \$15.00 per player
- Team can carry 8 men and a minimum of 2 can play.
- Only 3 “hitting or Volo shots” per game.
- Play to 12 points – NO frames.
- Winning team will receive a \$20.00 credit to purchase IABC clothing, beverages and/or pizzas in the club.

To reserve a team, be put on a list to play, or for more information contact Angelo Sita ASAP at 314-435-4120 or angelosita@sbcglobal.net

Get your tickets soon - these are selling fast!

Tickets are available at the bar or you may contact Sally Drago @ 314.330.6742 or Dan Drago, II @ 636.900.1412 for additional information.



- Who is ready for the IABC golf cart raffle brought to us by John Scire at Touch of Gold?
- Only 175 tickets will be sold at \$100 each.
- Cart is a \$12k value with 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 10/1/2023 at the 34th Annual IABC Golf Tournament, however you need not be present to win.



IABC Open Bocce Tournament
CASH PRIZES 1st- 3rd Places
Saturday, June 17, 2023

- Open Play Bocce - 11 points, no frames and 55-minute time limit.
- Teams can be Men's, Women's or Mixed
- A steel ball palino will be used.
- \$175.00 per team - five (5) persons max on a team.
- Three (3) games guaranteed.
- Continental Breakfast and light lunch provided.
- Free wine tasting during tournament play on Saturday.
- Courts available for practice, Thursday, June 15, 2023, from 4:00 pm - close and Friday, June 16, 2023, 12:00 pm until start of tournament possibly Friday evening.
- For additional information contact Dan Drago, II @ 636.900.1412 - dmdrago2@gmail.com

The tournament is limited to the first twenty (20) teams who pay in full and out of town teams will be invited soon. Please fill out a registration form and return to Dan Drago, II.

Team money must be turned in along with the registration by Monday, May 22, 2023.

REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT
THE CLUB

Vinny Drago “Dirt on My Boots” Fundraiser

Sunday, July 16, 2023
12:00 pm – 6:00 pm

In memory of Vinny on his Angelversary, we are hosting a fundraiser for *H.E.R.O.E.S Care* at the *Italia-America Bocce Club*. All proceeds raised will be donated to our friends at *H.E.R.O.E.S Care*.

H.E.R.O.E.S. Care is an affiliation of program partners working together to provide support to military families in the communities where they live. *H.E.R.O.E.S. Care* combines the power of national organizations dedicated to providing emergency financial aid, employment opportunities, and mental health care services through a network of specially trained care givers before, during, and after deployment.

There will be food, drinks, raffle items, 50/50, blind draw bocce tournament, and a bags tournament. All things Vinny loved! 😊
Purchase information for the event T-shirts will be posted shortly.

Vinny was a proud member of the *Italia-America Bocce Club* on The Hill. Our event is similar to the Sunday Funday concept that Vinny looked forward to every week!

We were overwhelmed with the love and support from our family and friends at last year's event. Vinny is missed terribly by so many. We are hoping that a day of fun, friendship and Vinny's favorite things will bring smiles with the tears.

Also, the committee is looking for volunteers from the *IABC* regarding donations of sides and desserts. Please contact Maria Randazzo at 314.852.8084. If anyone can help with the cleanup, please contact Peggy Mazzuca at 314.814.1954. More information will follow....

Hope to see everyone there! Thank you in advance.....**Paul and Kim Drago**

SAVE THE DATES:

Upcoming Board Meetings

Monday - May 8, 2023 – 5:30 pm
Monday - June 12, 2023 – 5:30 pm

Upcoming out of town Tournaments:

*United States Bocce
Federation 2023 Nationals*
June 18 – 24, 2023

<https://usbf.us/>

Highwood Bocce Club
Highwood, Illinois

<https://highwoodbocce.com/>

Contact Robert Della Croce @ 314.477.0154

Additional out of town tournaments are listed
on our Facebook page –
Italia America Bocce Club

Fall Bocce Leagues
begin August 21, 2023
Additional information
will follow.

STAY CONNECTED:

Website: www.stlbocce.com

Facebook:

Italia America Bocce Club

Email:

glmorris3@hotmail.com

34th Annual IABC Annual Golf Tournament

Sunday, October 1, 2023

Tapawingo National Golf Course
18 Hole Shotgun Start

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.

16th Annual Aldo Della Croce Bocce Tournament November 3-5, 2023

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

There will again be two (2) divisions:

Giampiero Division – the team will

consist of all men, all women, or mixed.

Laura Division – the team will 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