

Italia-America Bocce Club

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Welcome to the following new
and returning members:

Tony Arvanitakis – Sponsored by Drew Werninger and Jerry Arvanitakis
Frank Badolato – Sponsored by Freddy Lugo and Mike Kleine
Brian Behrens - Sponsored by David Zona and Rob Floretta
David Berkley – Sponsored by Doyle Moffitt and Androff
Jeremy Dummerth – Sponsored by Nolan Matarazzi and Tim Hanley
Mitchell Fairfield – Sponsored by Dan Wilcutt and Dan Drago
Jim Finazzo – Sponsored by Graham Mueller and Craig Proctor
John Geisz – Sponsored by Joseph Garr III and Matt Meiners
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Tina Kimbell – Sponsored by Pat Viveros and Pete Arena
Sean McDonough - Sponsored by James McDonough and Steve V Severino
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Molly Rois – Sponsored by Maria Gianino and Rosario Alu
Mark Dino Russo – Sponsored by David Grimoldi and Pete Cutelli
Ed Schultz – Sponsored by Mario Mayo and Sandra Byrne
Mark Seier – Sponsored by Steve Miller and Joe Meiners
Elizabeth Siesener – Sponsored by Matthew Schaller and Rob Schrader
Kerrie Townsend – Sponsored by Dan Drago, II and Sally Drago
Rachel Trares – Sponsored by Amy Funk and Thomas Bottini

On behalf of the *Italia-America Bocce Club's 34th Annual IABC Golf Tournament*, we are pleased to donate a check in the amount of **\$ 10,000.00** to this year's charity recipient



Thanks to all our golfers, volunteers, and sponsors. After expenses, we raised over **\$ 30,000.00!** The most ever since the beginning of the annual tournament over 34 years ago.

My many thanks to the *34th Annual IABC Golf Tournament* Committee, along with the volunteers too numerous to name, and the sponsors too generous to forget.

To all of you, your tireless effort, dedication, assistance, and kindness has been unprecedented. I can never begin to extend the amount of thanks and appreciation equal to your support and generosity.

Hope to see all of you next year on Sunday, September 29, 2024, at the *35th Annual IABC Golf Tournament*.

Submitted by Dan Drago, II

Mark Your Calendars! Important Upcoming IABC Events

December 5th - Tournament of Champions
 December 6th - Ladies Bocce Christmas Banquet "Music Bingo"
 December 8th - Ugly Sweater Christmas Party
 December 10th - Children's Christmas Party
 January 10th - Ladies Winter Captain's Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
 January 8th - Men's Winter Captain's League Meeting - 7:00 pm
 January 7th - Children's Bocce Leagues
 January 11th - High School Leagues Begin
 February 17th - One day bocce tournament.
 February 18th - Membership Meeting
 January 22nd - Men's Winter Leagues
 January 24th - Women's Winter Leagues
 March 9, 2024 - St. Joseph's/St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Upcoming Meetings

Board Meetings are at 5:30 pm
on these Monday nights:

December 11, 2023
 January 9, 2024
 February 13, 2024

Membership meeting is Sunday,
 February 18, 2024 – 1:00 pm.

16TH Annual Aldo Della Croce Tournament thanks you!

The IABC hosted the 16th Annual ADC Tournament on November 3 -5th, 2023. This year thirty (30) teams participated in the **Giampiero Division** and twenty (20) teams participated in the **Laura Division**. Teams participated from California, Florida, Illinois, Michigan, and Missouri.

I would like to say a big thank you to all our very generous sponsors. Without them we could not have this wonderful tournament every year. I would also like to thank my co-chairperson, Paola Brush, who without you we wouldn't have had all the volunteers and those wonderful homemade cookies from our members. Thank you to Katie Terbrock who along with Paola kept the score table running and the tournament flowing. Thank you to the bartenders, kitchen help, and all members who pitched in when needed.

**16th Annual
ALDO DELLA CROCE BOCCIE TOURNAMENT
2023 SPONSORS**

See you November 8 – 10, 2024 for the 17th Annual
Aldo Della Croce Bocce Tournament.
 Submitted by Robert Della Croce
 Tournament Director

16th ADC Tournament Results:

- **BOLD** DENOTES IABC WINNERS

2023 Giampiero Division Results:



1st Place: **IABC (STL)**

**Greg Della Croce, Mike Della Croce,
Robert Della Croce, and Nick Imo**

2nd Place: *Highwood (Chicago)*

Maurizio Perrelli, Lio Gianotti, Anthony LaBerbera, and Miles Russell

3rd & 4th Place (same payout) :

American Bocce (Chicago)

Alex Gara, Andy Zimmerman, Lauren McDermott, and Frankie Ostello

Jay Wolfe Toyota (KC)

Benny Cardello, Chris Cardello, Frank Fragale, and Jim Summers (STL)

5th through 8th Place (same payout):

Southside Shockers (STL)

Chris Marlo, Dino Murabito, Ron Bozikis and Mark Wekenborg

Arch you Aldo (Chicago)

Danko Dykyj, Vanessa Garippo, Milan Tomic, ad Robet Bertoncini

Vinny's Team (STL)

Tom Drago, Ron Farotto, Nick Salamone, and Tony Sanna

Big Picture Bocce (STL)

Tim Moore, Angelo Varvaro, Rosario Alu and Tom Sonthmeier

2023 Laura Division Results:



1st Place: **The Hill Rollers (STL)**
**Cindy Marlo, Gina Imo,
Dee Marino, Chrissie Bandera and
Teri Cook**

2nd Place: *Lucky Ladies (STL)*
**Carmen Floretta, Johanna Grimoldi, Maria Gianino,
and Amy Stevens**

3rd & 4th Place (same payout):
Glow with the Flow (STL)
**Joann Rolfi, Colleen McCluskey, Carrie Paul and
Theresa Donovan**

Spicy Marinara's (KC)
**Teresa Pisciotta, Maria Martin, Jean Fiorello and
Michelle Seaton**

5th & 8th Place (same payout):

Rolling Divas (STL)
**Paola Brush, Daniela Della Croce, Peggy Mazzuca,
and Brandy Tanner**

Playmates (STL)
**Susan Zona, Sally Drago, Julie Belfi-Sanna, and
Gayle Morris**

Andiamo (STL)
**Phyllis Farotto, Maria Mayo, Laura Illardi and Felicia
Ventimiglia**

Godmothers (STL)
**Maria Varvaro, Julie Weinbauer, Maria Chirco, and
Josephine Vitale**

- The bocce ball raffle was won by Joe DeLuca from Chicago.
- The recipient of the 7th Annual Aldo Della Croce Scholarship is Nora Lecinski.

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 @ 314.330.6742.

Volunteers Wanted

If you are interested in volunteering to represent the IABC as the club Parliamentarian or the club Historian, we are looking for volunteers to fulfill these exciting roles. Please contact a board member and they will explain what the duties entail and how you can obtain one of these positions.

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

Jerome "Jerry" Buterin
(father of member Mark Buterin)

Joseph V. Mancuso
(member/father of Vince Mancuso)

Member Eugene Mariani

Roberta "Bobbi" Watson
(mother of member Chelli Feletti)



Winter 2024 Men's and PRV Bocce Leagues Meeting:

Monday
January 8, 2024 - 7:00 PM

Agenda for the Meeting:

- Place new players on teams,
- Review bocce rules,
- Pay team league fees,
- Tournament of Champions night
- Fun Day information

This meeting is for ALL nights regarding the men's leagues and Tuesday night PRV.

All players who are not on a team, please attend the meeting. If you are unable to attend this meeting, there will be a signup sheet on the bulletin board at the club. Your name, phone number and the night you want to play must be printed on the signup sheet 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:
Director of Bocce Tim Moore @
stlproserve@gmail.com
314.537-0778 or
Robert Della Croce 314.477-0154
iabcstl22@gmail.com

Winter Bocce Leagues begin
January 22, 2024

Winter 2024 Ladies' Bocce Wednesday and Friday Leagues Meeting:

Wednesday
January 10, 2024 - 7:00 PM

Agenda for the Meeting:

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

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

Joann Rolfi – 314.239.7404
Sue Zona – 314.422.3562
Kim Pedroli – 314.359.9694

2024 Winter Leagues begin

Wednesday, January 24, 2024
@ 6:45 PM
Friday, January 26, 2024
@ 7:00 PM

TO ALL BOCCE LEAGUE PLAYERS:

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!

STAY CONNECTED:

Website: www.stlbocce.com

Facebook: **Italia America Bocce Club**

Email: glmorris3@hotmail.com



IABC 2023 CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

When: Sunday, December 10, 2023

Time: 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Lunch is served at 12:00 pm

SANTA arrives at 1:00 pm

Cost: Children 3 and under are FREE!

Children 4 – 8.....\$ 5.00

Children 9+.....\$ 10.00

A MAXIMUM of four (4) adults is allowed per child.

Reservations MUST be made NO later than December 3, 2023, as we are not able to accommodate walk-ins. Contacts are listed below, and you may also pay at the club bar, but be advised that credit cards will incur a 3% service charge.

Mary Canino - 314.753.8243

Jeannie Bandera – 314.565.4810

Sandy Narrow – 314.332.8470

*****This year, in the spirit of the holidays, we are asking all participants to please bring a donation for Nurses for Newborns. Items include but are not limited to baby shampoo, body wash, Enfamil formula, baby wipes, bottles, adult hygiene products, clothing from preemie to 4T, all size diapers and pull ups.

* In the event of inclement weather, the party will be re-scheduled, and you will be notified or canceled, and your money will be refunded.



Italia America Bocce Club

Ladies Bocce Holiday Banquet

Presented by the Belles of the Ball & the Ball Busters

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

\$25 per person

6:30 p.m.

Includes: Food, Dessert, Drink Ticket, Prizes, and a Good Time

Join us for a lively evening of Music Bingo with seasonal jingles, popular past and present soundtracks, and theme songs from T.V./Movies.

RSVP by Wednesday, November 22 to:

Mary Grasse @ 314-852-6288 or

Julie Weinbauer @ 314-704-1198