

Italia-America Bocce Club

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Welcome to the following new and returning members:

Anthony Bander - Sponsored Gina Imo and Jim Cacciatore
Sean Beebe – Sponsored by Sue Lucia and Peggy Mazzuca
Mark Buzzio - Sponsored by Tom Drago and Joe DeGregorio (returning member)
David Chandler – Sponsored by Paul Drago and Tom Drago
Tom Daniels – Sponsored by Joe Weinbauer and Ann Marie Lumetta
Jeffrey Desits - Sponsored by Matthew Noel and Tony Ferrara
Caroline Ernst - Sponsored by Ann Gallagher and Sue Lucia
Amy Funk - Sponsored by Paul Drago and Carl Mazzuca
Claudia Fuse - Sponsored Sue Lucia and Jim Cacciatore
Brandon Holloway - Sponsored by Matthew Molli and Kent Johnson
Paul Horgan - Sponsored by Randy Valli and Michael DiRaimondo
Tina Kehm - Sponsored by Randy Valli and Jim Komlosy
Mike Klein - Sponsored by Freddy Lugo and John Lancia
Ben Lifritz - Sponsored by Gina Imo and Scott Hannigan
Mitchel Maglione – Sponsored by Chris Pagano and Joseph Garavaglia
Jim Marino - Sponsored Chris Marlo and Dan Drago, II
Paul Michaels – Sponsored by Tom Drago and Paul Drago.
Caleb Mundorf – Sponsored by Joseph Garavaglia and Chris Pagano
Mary Murabito – Sponsored by Steve Pariani and Michael Santangelo
Steve Miller - sponsored by Joe Weinbauer and Larry Fuse
Benjamin Modde - Sponsored by Scott Modde and Tom Jegle
Salvatore Joseph Pagano - Sponsored Mary Balmer and Michael Maglione
Richard Pacanowski – Sponsored by Vince Cutelli and Pete Cutelli
Nicholas Sailor – Sponsored by Eddie Tumminia and Joseph Garavaglia
Tom Vonderheid– Sponsored by Joe Weinbauer and Larry Fuse



On behalf of the *Italia-America Bocce Club's 33rd Annual IABC Golf Tournament*, we are pleased to donate a check in the amount of \$ 7,000.00 to this year's charity recipient



Thanks to all our golfers and sponsors, after expenses, we raised over \$ 20,000.00! The most ever since the beginning of the annual tournament over 33 years ago.

My many thanks to the 33rd 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 September 24, 2023, at the 34th Annual IABC Golf Tournament.

Submitted by Dan Drago, II

Mark Your Calendars! Important Upcoming IABC Events

November 13 - Winter Coed Bocce Leagues
 December 4th - Fun Day for League Players
 December 6th - Tournament of Champions
 December 7th - Ladies Bocce Christmas Banquet
 December 11th - Children's Christmas Party
 December 31st - New Year's Eve Party
 January 12th - High School Leagues Begin
 March 11, 2023 - St. Joseph's/St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Sadly, we need to address a problem that is getting worse in the club

TRASH BEING LEFT AROUND

Since all members are stockholders in the club, we need everyone to participate in taking care of "their" club. We need every member who visits the club, including all your guests to pick up after themselves or for you to pick up after them. With the holidays coming, this problem will only increase if we don't get ahead of it. No one wants to bring guests into the club and be embarrassed by trash sitting around.

With new cameras installed, it's now easier to see who the culprit is, and we don't want to have to reprimand anyone, but we need to keep the club cleaner by being responsible for removing any trash.

We the Officers and Board of Directors need everyone's participation with this – PLEASE! If you see ANY trash laying around - JUST THROW IT AWAY.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR HELP!

15TH Annual Aldo Della Croce Tournament Thank You!

The IABC hosted the 15th Annual ADC Tournament on November 4 -6th, 2022. This year twenty-seven (27) teams participated in the **Giampiero Division** and fifteen (15) teams participated in the **Laura Division**. Teams participated from California, Florida, Illinois, Michigan, and Missouri.

On behalf of myself and my Co-Chairperson, Paola Brush, we would like to thank all the players that participated in the tournament. We especially want to thank our entire volunteer staff who volunteered their time and talents to make this a successful tournament. We wish we could name all of you, but we do not want to leave anyone out 😊

A big THANK YOU to our very generous sponsors who without their help, we would not be able to continue this tournament every year.

**15th Annual
ALDO DELLA CROCE BOCCIE TOURNAMENT
2022 SPONSORS**

Pizza-A-Go-Go
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 Tony & Julie Sanna
 David R. & Susan Zona
 Young's Restaurant and Ice Cream

Again, thank you to everyone who participated, volunteered, or came to watch the 2022 Aldo Della Croce Tournament!
 See you in November 2023 for the 16th Annual Aldo Della Croce Bocce Tournament.
 Submitted by Robert Della Croce

15th ADC Tournament

Results:

- **BOLD DENOTES IABC WINNERS**

2022 Giampiero Division Results:



1st Place: *Highwood Bocce (Chicago)*
Captain Lio Giannotti, Robert Bertoncini,
Maurizio Perrelli, and Anthony LaBarbera

2nd Place: *American Sons of Columbus (KC)*
Captain Benny Cardello, Joe Mazzeffe, Chris Cardello,
and Frank Pisciotta

3rd & 4th Place (same payout): *Azzurri (STL)*
Mike and Robert Della Croce, Leo Chirco, Tony
Sanna

Arch you Aldo from Chicago (Chicago)
Danko Dykyj, Vanessa Garippo, Milan Tomic and
Frank DeLuca

5th through 8th Place (same payout):
Southside Shockers (STL)
Chris Marlo, Dino Murabito, Ron Bozikis and Mark
Wekenberg

The Salsiccia Train (STL)
Dan Drago, II, Vince Mancuso, Nick Imo and Brad
Thayer

Cavalieri del Salsiccia Train (STL)
Tom Drago, Ron Farotto, Rosario Alu, and Rick
Lecinski

American Bocce Co. (Chicago)
Andy Zimmerman, Lauren McDermot, Frankie Ostello
and Dave Krone

9th & 10th Place (same payout):
Big Picture Bocce (STL)
Leigh Borage, Tim Moore, Angelo Varvaro and
Tom Sonthmeier

Volorama (STL)
David R. Zona, Joe Grippi, Rich Robertson, Jim
Summers, and John Denando.

2022 Laura Division Results:



1st Place: *Playmates (STL)*
Sally Drago, Gayle Morris, Captain
Susan Zona, and Julie Belfi-Sanna.

2nd Place: *Sister Act (STL)*
Cherie Galimberti, Charlene Lain, Cheryl Galimberti,
and Mary Jo Biondo-Geiger

3rd & 4th Place (same payout):
That's How We Roll (STL)
Paola Brush, Daniela Della Croce, Peggy Mazzuca
and Tammy Borage

La Bocce Vita (STL)
Maria Varvaro, Maria Chirco, Phyllis Farotto and
Maria Mayo.

5th & 6th Place (same payout):
Lucky Ladies (STL)
Johanna Grimoldi, Amy Stevens, Maria Gianino and
Ann Marie Lumetta

Bocce Girls Gone Wild - (KC)
Joy Biscari, Michelle Vitale, Rosetta Guarino, and Mary
Jo Spino.

- The two (2) bocce ball raffles were won by Ron Bozikis and Dr. Ron Farotto.
- The recipient of the 6th Annual Aldo Della Croce Scholarship is Ava Della Croce.

Dining Room and Courtside Rental

If you are interested in renting the dining room or courtside areas for a private party, please read through the Usage Agreement for the area requested on our website at www.stlbocce.com or there are copies where the bocce league schedules are posted at the club.

To reserve/rent either area, you **MUST** first contact:

Ron Farotto at 314.578.4034
ronfarotto.iabc@gmail.com

Upcoming Meetings

Board Meetings are at 5:30 pm on the upcoming Monday nights:

December 12, 2022
January 9, 2023
February 13, 2023

Membership meeting is Sunday, February 19, 2023 – 1:00 pm.

STAY CONNECTED:

Website: www.stlbocce.com

Facebook: **Italia America Bocce Club**

Email: glmorris3@hotmail.com

HELP NEEDED

Former Treasurer, Leo Chirco has graciously volunteered to be the Interim Treasurer until we can find a new volunteer. An *IT* background would be helpful as would any bookkeeping or CPA experience but is not necessary to take the position. The only qualification (as dictated by our bylaws), is that you must be a member in good standing of the of IABC for at least three (3) years as this is an Officer position. **PLEASE consider volunteering for this very important position.**

High School Bocce Leagues will begin again on January 12, 2023. Chairman Rich Robertson is looking for volunteers. The high schoolers come to the club on Thursday afternoons at 3:15 pm and play just 2 games for a couple of hours. The league lasts about 6 – 7 weeks. The last day of bocce Thursday, February 23, 2023, ends with a pizza party provided by *Imo's Pizza*.

Please contact Rich Robertson at 314.606-0018



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Every year, a club Christmas tree is put up in the bar area next to court one. If you have never added an ornament, we ask that you take the opportunity to drop off an ornament with your family name on it to be a part of our *Italia-America Bocce Club* family tree collection. Feel free to leave the ornament with any of the bartenders.

Winter 2023 Men's and PRV Bocce Leagues Meeting:

Monday
January 2, 2023 - 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 16, 2023

Winter 2023 Ladies' Bocce Wednesday and Friday Leagues Meeting:

Wednesday
January 4, 2023 - 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

2023 Winter Leagues begin

Wednesday, January 18, 2023

@ 6:45 PM

Friday, January 20, 2023

@ 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!



When: Sunday, December 11, 2022

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 + Adults.....\$ 10.00

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

For reservations you must call or text Mary Canino @ 314-753-8243

NO later than December 3, 2022

We will not be able to accommodate walk-ins.

*In the event of inclement weather, the party will be canceled, and your money will be refunded.



Italia-America Bocce Club New Year's Eve Party!

December 31, 2022
7:00 pm – 1:00 am

Cost - \$ 75.00 per person includes:

- One (1) drink ticket
- Free Wine Tasting from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
- Appetizers @ 7:00 pm (Antipasto and toasted ravioli)
- Dinner Buffet @ 8:00 pm (Provided by Joe Boccardi's)
- Homemade Cannoli's
- Live Music from "Pure Nectar"
- Champagne toast at Midnight! 🍾🥂

Tickets may be purchased from Sally Drago, Sue Lucia, Cindy Marlo and Ed and Leslie Schultz

Let's Celebrate!

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