

# Italia-America Bocce Club

## IL GIORNALE

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### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SPECIAL OLYMPICS USA TEAM TRAINED BY IABC MEMBER RICH ROBERTSON!



(L to R) Becca Tincknell, Kathy Witmeyer (Becca's mom and Unified Partner), Jaime Rosso, IABC Coach Rich Robertson, Amanda Koch and Lisa Barryhill.

*The girls are very grateful for the instructions they received from Rich who worked with them from January thru June. They attended the Special Olympics USA Games in Seattle, Washington from July 1st - July 7th. Each of them came home with at least one (1) medal around their neck. We are very grateful to your bocce club for allowing us access to your courts and for the years of support you have shown the Special Olympics athletes.*

*Thank you again very much!*

Regards,

Terri Dallas  
Leisure Services Coordinator  
NextStep For Life



*From September 19-22, 2018 our club hosted the International Friendly PRV Bocce Tournament. We welcomed teams from Australia, Brazil, Canada, Italy, Uruguay and USA. The winners of the tournament were:*

*1st Place – Italy*

*2nd Place – Brazil*

*3rd Place – Uruguay and Canada Ontario (tied)*

*Our club team of Greg and Mike Della Croce, Tony Sanna and Tom Drago finished 6th. I would like to thank the USBF for giving us the opportunity to host this event along with Danny Passaglia for interpreting 3 languages during the entire tournament. I would also like to thank all of the sponsors and volunteers who lent their time and talents to make this tournament a great success. A special shout out to Paola Brush, Sarah and Greg Della Croce, Tom and Dan Drago, Cherie Galimberti, Mary Ellen McGauley, Tim Moore, Rick Morris, Joann Rolfi, Tony Sanna and Julie Belfi-Sanna who were with me every step of the way from tournament planning to working every day.*

*Thank you again everyone!*

Robert Della Croce  
International Friendly Chairperson

## **Welcome to the following new members:**

**Michael Anderson**

*Sponsored by Dan Drago, Sr. and Dan Drago, Jr.*

**Margaret Baudo**

*Sponsored by Marie Gravatt and Paola Brush*

**Kathleen Chechik**

*Sponsored by Meegan Whitehead and Marge Cacciatore*

**Carmelo Desemone**

*Sponsored by Vince DiPiazza and Angelo Sita*

**Nickolas DiMartino**

*Sponsored by Vince DiPiazza and Agnelo Sita*

**Gerad Ewing**

*Sponsored by John Groves and David R. Zona*

**David G. Grimoldi**

*Sponsored by Franco Floretta and Johanna Grimoldi*

**John Gerard Lenzini**

*Sponsored by Dan Drago, Sr. and Joe Geiger*

**Michael Richardson**

*Sponsored by Anthony Lancia and Bradley Arteaga*

**James Sanders**

*Sponsored by Franco Floretta and Scott Modde*

**Daniel Smith**

*Sponsored by Andrew Jones and Phil Hocher*

**Charles Vollman**

*Sponsored by Dan Drago, Sr. and Pete Cavato*

Please contact Dave Zona @  
314.322.9976 to arrange to pick up your "new  
member" packet which includes your stock  
certificate and key FOB.

## **2018 Charity Recipient from our Annual Golf Tournament**



**Leo Chirco, Dan Drago, Sr., Battalion  
Chief Ron Battelle, Tony Sanna,  
Frankie DiGregorio**

**Battalion Chief Ron Battelle,  
receives a check for \$ 2,000.00  
for the *Backstoppers* from the  
Italia America Bocce Club  
Annual Golf Tournament.**

## **IABC HIGH SCHOOL BOCCE LEAGUES**

Leagues began on Thursday, September 13th and  
will continue through Thursday,  
November 15, 2018

3:00 pm – 5:00 PM

High School League Fun Day will be  
November 15, 2018

We currently have 30 teams representing  
10 high schools:

*Chaminade, CorJesu, DuBourg, Nerinx Hall,  
Rosati-Kain, St. Joseph's, St. Mary's, SLUH,  
Ursuline Academy and Vianney High School*

**GOOD LUCK TO ALL THE PLAYERS!**

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

### **6:00 PM BOARD MEETINGS:**

Wednesday, October 10, 2018  
Wednesday, November 14, 2018  
Wednesday, December 12, 2018

### **1:00 PM MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS:**

Sunday, October 14, 2018  
Sunday, November 18, 2018

**THERE IS NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING IN  
DECEMBER**



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## **CONDOLENCES**

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

*Angela Antinoro  
Joseph B. Early  
Rosalie V. Ruggeri  
Grace Ann Vitale*

## **VERY IMPORTANT!**

We are having **SERIOUS** issues with children unsupervised on the bocce courts. These courts were resurfaced this year and they are being misused by children running up and down, rolling around, and playing with the bocce retrieving sticks. **EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY**, if you bring children into the club, they must have an **ADULT ON THE COURT** with them supervising the game of **BOCCE**. These courts and this club are not a playground nor a babysitting venue. Continuation of these actions will result in your children's access to the courts being revoked!  
**Thank you for your immediate attention to this serious matter!**

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Potential Visit from a Representative of the Italian Consul Office to St. Louis in 2019

Next year the Italian Consul in Chicago, Giuseppe Finocchiaro, has agreed to send a representative from his office to help individuals obtain Italian passports and Italian citizenships. However, we must demonstrate there are a sufficient number of individuals in St. Louis who are in need of these services. The process can be quite involved and **APPOINTMENTS WILL BE NECESSARY**. If you are interested in pursuing an Italian passport and Italian citizenship, please contact one of the following members as soon as possible:

Rio or Marianne Vitale – 314.846.5802  
Vincenzo DiPiazza – 314.707.2429  
Chris Stephens – 314.308.0113  
Angelo Sita – 314.781.9341

## SAVE THE DATES:

**Columbus Day Parade on "The Hill"**

**Sunday, October 7, 2018**

**12<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL  
ALDO DELLA CROCE  
TOURNAMENT**

**November 2-4, 2018**

\$75.00 per person entry fee  
USBF open rules, teams of four (4) players,  
entry fee includes dinner **Friday** night, lunch  
Saturday and Sunday. Again, this year, there  
will be two (2) divisions:

*ADC Division* – open to all genders.

*FIORE Division* – open to women only.

Applications are now available at the club  
where the league schedules are kept.

For more information contact:

Robert Della Croce

314-477-0154

[iabcstl22@gmail.com](mailto:iabcstl22@gmail.com)

or John Denando 314-482-4680

Also see the **ADC Event Page** for additional  
information at

[www.stlbocce.com](http://www.stlbocce.com)

Registration Form, Tournament Invitation,  
USBF Open Rules (condensed version),  
Tournament Sponsorship Information

***Men's Fun Night***

**Thursday, December 6, 2018**

(A flyer will be posted at the club with additional  
details regarding the Men's Fun Night).

***Ladies' Bocce Banquet***

**Friday, December 7, 2018**

(Additional information will be provided at the club  
regarding the Ladies' Bocce Banquet).

***CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS  
PARTY***

**Sunday, December 9, 2018**

11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Lunch is served at 12:00

Children 2 and under are FREE!

Children 3 – 10: \$3.00

Adult price: \$8.00

A MAXIMUM OF FOUR (4) ADULTS  
IS ALLOWED PER CHILD.

**SANTA arrives at 1:00 PM**

YOU **MUST** CONTACT

Joann Rolfi at 314.239.7404

No later than December 5, 2018

***Tournament of  
Champions***

**Tuesday, December 11, 2018**

***New Year's Eve  
Celebration***

**Monday, December 31, 2018**

Please contact Tony Sanna at 314.223.9694 as  
soon as possible if you are able and willing to be a  
chairperson or help organize a *New Year's Eve*  
*Celebration* at the club on 12/31/2018. Without  
volunteers, there will be no event. We have to  
have your help to make this happen! Please  
contact Tony so that we can all have a great New  
Year's Eve Celebration at the IABC!



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October 1, 2018

Dear Bocce Players,

The *Italia-America Bocce Club* invites you to play in the *12th Annual Aldo Della Croce Open Bocce Tournament*, November 2-4, 2018. The tournament will have two (2) divisions. The *ADC* division is open to all genders with a minimum prize money of \$5,000.00 to be given out to the top eight (8) teams. The *FIORE* division is open to women only with a minimum of \$1,600.00 to be given out to the top four (4) teams. The entry fee is \$75.00 per player for either division and includes continental breakfast, 2 lunches, and dinner Friday night.

**NOTICE: The ADC Banquet will be Friday night at 5:30 pm instead of Saturday.**

Please pass this information along to other bocce players that you feel might want to play in the tournament. Also, please visit our web site at [www.stlbocce.com](http://www.stlbocce.com) to print out the registration application or a form to be a tournament sponsor.

Below is the preferred hotel for this tournament:

**Drury Inn & Suites - Forest Park**  
**2111 Sulphur Ave.**  
**St. Louis, Missouri 63139**  
**314.646.0770**

2 queen beds non-smoking or 1 king bed non-smoking \$139.00 plus 15.929% tax. To make a reservation either go online to <http://www.druryhotels.com/Reservations> and enter group #2314742 or you can call 1.800.325.0720 and ask for the room block for the *Aldo Della Croce Bocce Tournament* group #2314742.

**The deadline to get the special rate is October 13, 2018.**

**All teams must wear matching team shirts.**

For additional information please contact Robert Della Croce at 314.477.0154 or email me at [iabcstl22@gmail.com](mailto:iabcstl22@gmail.com).

See you in November!  
Robert Della Croce,  
Tournament Coordinator



## ***The Aldo Della Croce Memorial Scholarship***

Dear Members,

*Italia-America Bocce Club* members seeking to contribute to their child or grandchild's education via scholarship are encouraged to apply for The Aldo Della Croce Memorial Scholarship detailed below by the Scholarship Committee.

The Aldo Della Croce Memorial Scholarship, honors Mr. Della Croce as one of the original founding fathers of the club and will be awarded yearly at The Annual Aldo Della Croce Bocce Tournament. The *IABC* Officers and Directors are pleased to offer a scholarship on a competitive basis. It is hoped that the award will not only contribute to the personal development of our recipient but also steward the game of bocce that our founding fathers envisioned. An application for the ADC Scholarship is available on the *Italia-America Bocce Club* website, [www.stlbocce.com](http://www.stlbocce.com). The scholarship is not based on financial need or grade point average but on the merit of the applicant's self-statement that is also defined on the website. The financial award will be sent directly to the recipient's high school of admittance for his/her tuition.

All children or grandchildren of an *Italia-America Bocce Club* member that is in good standing at time of the application are eligible. Other family members are not eligible. The applicant must be a student entering their freshman year of high school in the 2019-2020 school year, must successfully complete the application form, and must attach a required self-statement as instructed on the website.

The completed application and required self-statement, must be post marked no later than **October 15, 2018** and mailed to the address at the bottom of the self-statement. The *Italia-America Bocce Club* is not responsible for lost applications or late submittals. The recipient will be notified prior to The Annual Aldo Della Croce Bocce Tournament and it is strongly recommended that he/she attend the tournament banquet to be presented with their certificate displaying their scholarship award. Banquet details will be provided to the recipient.

With best wishes we are,

The Aldo Della Croce Memorial Scholarship Committee  
*Italia-America Bocce Club*