

# Italia-America Bocce Club

## IL GIORNALE

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### *Welcome to the new and returning members:*

**John Agusti** – Sponsored by Leslie Agusti and Dino Chirco

**Michael T. Berra** - Sponsored by Thomas Bottini and Frank Bertarelli (returning member)

**Charles “Jerry” Cova** – Sponsored by Tom Stremiau and Ronald Puricelli

**Robert J. Dudley** – Sponsored by Tom Drago and Paul Drago

**Jim Fesler** – Sponsored by Steve V. Severino and Leo Chirco

**John Garavaglia** – Sponsored by Tim Moore and Ron Puricelli

**Michael Graetz** – Sponsored by Matt Meiners and Thomas Graetz

**Martin Hanley** – Sponsored by Jesse Arcobasso and Sean Maltagliati

**Joe Kehder** – Sponsored by Paul Drago and Tom Drago

**James T. Lahrman** – Sponsored by James Lahrman and Gina Imo.

**Mark Marino** – Sponsored by Joseph Grana and Dominic Grana

**Elise McDonough** – Sponsored by Steve V. Severino and James McDonough

**Michael McDonough** – Sponsored by Steve V. Severino and James McDonough

**Michael Nugent** – Sponsored by Chris Ruggeri and Robert Della Croce.

**Louis F. Obert** – Sponsored by Robert Floretta and Brendan Floretta

**Jeff S. Raglani** – Sponsored by Robert Donaker and Susan Zona

**Thomas P. Sanders** – Sponsored by Nolan Matarazzi and Tim Hanley

**Mark Savio** – Sponsored by Johanna Grimaldi and David Grimaldi

**Tricia Schicker** – Sponsored by Karen Lambert and Claire Schwartz

**Stephen L. Severino** – Sponsored by David Zona and Steve V. Severino

**Sean Sheehan** – Sponsored by Robert Wacke and Scott Hannigan

**Bill Tate** – Sponsored by Karen Lambert and Claire Schwartz

**Leslee Tate** – Sponsored by Karen Lambert and Claire Schwartz

**Rachel Trares** – Sponsored by Amy Funk and Tom Bottini

**Craig Voss** – Sponsored by Frank Bertarelli and Brandon Powers

**Janina S. Wacker** – Sponsored by Robert Wacker and Robert Ruebsam

**Matthew Wacker** – Sponsored by Patrick Bannister and Scott Hannigan

**John Winter** – Sponsored by Thomas Bottini and Dan Earley



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

1. You must first go to the website [STLBocce.Com](http://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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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**IMPORTANT – Delinquent Dues  
Information**

To remain a member in good standing with FOB access to the club, your annual dues for 2023-2024 must be paid no later than by September 30, 2023. The total amount now due is \$325.00. If you no longer want to be a member of the IABC, or if you have any questions regarding your stock redemption, please contact Treasurer Mike Noelke @ 314.229.1499.

Dues are \$250.00 - If paid by 6/30/2023  
\$275.00 - If paid 7/1-7/31/2023  
\$300.00 - If paid 8/1-8/31/2023  
**\$325.00 - If paid 9/1-9/30/2023**

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

Costantino "Tino" DiFranco  
Ken Sanders  
(brother of Lynn Marie Alexander)  
Anthony P. Severino  
Joan Biafora Summers  
(mother of Jim Summers)



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**Attention Members:**

If you are the member, the spouse of a member, or the child of a member, and you would like to use the Dining Room for a luncheon after a loved one's funeral service, you may contact Secretary Gayle Morris @ [glmorris3@hotmail.com](mailto:glmorris3@hotmail.com) to help you with the arrangements. Please contact Gayle with your name and number if you would be willing to help her with a few of these events as they come up. (This is not an all day or night event.)

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**September 17, 2023, Memorial Mass  
is POSTPONED until further  
notice.....**

*The club regrets that we will have to postpone the Mass of Remembrance for our deceased brothers and sisters who have passed in the past three (3) years. There are some issues with the parquet floor in the dining room and scheduling an event prior to the completion of repairs or replacement is not safe. We will send updated information when the event is rescheduled.  
If you have already purchased tickets, please contact Treasurer, Mike Noelke @ 314.229.1499 for a full refund.*



## Clean the Club Day

(in preparation of the Aldo Tournament)

Sunday,  
October 29, 2023  
9:00 am – 12:00'ish

Many hands make light  
work and less time.

Come for a little or the  
entire time.

All help is sincerely  
appreciated!!!

Contact Paola Brush, if you  
have any questions,

314-223-9277

## IABC Lockers for rent:

We have some lockers in the coat room that you can rent for \$50.00 a year. Several teams have rented a locker and leave their shoes to be worn on the courts along with their bocce balls. If interested, please contact Dan Drago, II at 631.900.1412

If you are wearing your street shoes in to play on the courts, we need everyone to please be careful about bringing in any water, excess dirt, and rocks from their shoes onto the courts. Many clubs around the country have a “no street shoes allowed” rule and we are trying to avoid resorting to this policy.

### Additional reminders:

Remember that there are no beverages (including water) or food of any kind allowed on the courts. If you are enjoying the popcorn courtside, please remember to pick up any dropped popcorn and wipe off your hands before handling the bocce balls.

And lastly, please throw away any empty bottles or plastic glasses, and popcorn trash that you see on the railings or tables. Let's all pitch in to help keep our club as clean as possible.

With two (2) leagues on every night except Friday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> leagues should not have to pick up the trash and clean up after the 1<sup>st</sup> league.

Please be considerate of your fellow players and members.

## Mark Your Calendars and save the dates for the following upcoming events....

October 1, 2023 - IABC 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf  
Tournament (sold out)

October 8, 2023 - Italian Heritage Parade  
& Festa (Berra Park)

October 22, 2023 - Membership Meeting,  
1:00 pm

October 29, 2023 - Clean the Club Day,  
9:00 am - 12:00'ish

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

December 5, 2023 - Tournament of  
Champions, 7:00 pm

December 6, 2023 - Ladies Christmas  
Banquet

December 7, 2023 - Fun Night, 6:00 pm

December TBD - Children's Christmas  
Party

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### STAY CONNECTED:

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

Facebook: **Italia America  
Bocce Club**

Email: [glmorris3@hotmail.com](mailto:glmorris3@hotmail.com)

**Reminder the IABC 34th  
Annual IABC Golf Tournament  
this year at  
Tapawingo National Golf Club  
is Sunday, October 1, 2023**

**\*\* We are needing members to become a 'Tee Box Sponsor'. Tee Box cost is \$100.00 or a corporate sponsorship can be purchased for \$ 500.00. Corporate sponsorship provides significantly larger signage. Please help out by becoming a Tee box sponsor for this event by contacting Dan Drago, II at 636.900.1412**

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**MEMBERS PLEASE - Your FOB is for your use ONLY! It is not to be given out to friends or family members including children. Children of any age are not allowed to be in the club or on the courts without being accompanied by a parent or member responsible for the child. This rule needs to be strongly enforced. Thank you for your cooperation.**

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If you are a member of the club and would be interested in catering the dinner for the Aldo Della Croce Tournament Banquet on November 3, 2023, please contact Ann Marie Lumetta @ 314-960-5721 for additional details. We are looking for all club members who are restaurant owners with suggestions for the banquet dinner along with proposals and costs for 200 - 225 attendees.

## **16<sup>th</sup> Annual Aldo Della Croce Bocce Tournament Sponsorship Information**

Hosted by the *Italia-America Bocce Club* the weekend of November 3-5, 2023. We are asking members to help get sponsors for this event. If you own your own business, or have friends that own a business, please consider sponsoring this tournament.

Sponsorships start at \$ 100.00 up to \$ 1,000.00 +

Sponsorship provides the following:

- Free High School Bocce Leagues
- Free Special School District
- Free bocce for children with special needs
- The “Annual Aldo Della Croce Scholarship” Award

The tournament sponsorship form along with the “ADC Scholarship” forms can be found in the club office and on our website [www.stlbocce.com](http://www.stlbocce.com).

For additional information, you can also contact:

Chairperson Robert Della Croce  
@ [iabcstl22@gmail.com](mailto:iabcstl22@gmail.com)  
314.477.0154

or

Co-Chairperson Paola Brush  
@ [pdcbush@att.net](mailto:pdcbush@att.net)  
314.223.9277

## **16<sup>th</sup> Annual Aldo Della Croce Bocce Tournament November 3-5, 2023**

USBF open rules, teams of four (4) players, entry fee of \$ 85.00 includes dinner Friday night, lunch Saturday, and lunch Sunday.

There will again be two (2) divisions:

*Giampiero Division* teams will consist of all men, all women, or mixed.

*Laura Division*

teams consist of women only. For more information or to get an application contact Robert

Della Croce

@ 314.477.0154 or

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

*Gayle Morris - Chairperson of the Aldo Della Croce Scholarship Award may be contacted @*

[glmorris3@hotmail.com](mailto:glmorris3@hotmail.com)

The scholarship forms are also available on the website [stlbocce.com](http://stlbocce.com) and there is a strict deadline that is followed.





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 this year 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 in the IABC office. The scholarship is not based on financial need or grade point average but on the merit of the applicant's self-statement as instructed on the forms.

All children or grandchildren of an *Italia-America Bocce Club* member that is in good standing at the 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 **2024-2025** school year and must successfully complete the application form and self-statement as instructed on the forms located in the IABC office.

The completed application and required self-statement must be submitted to Mrs. Gayle Morris, 3166 S. 59th Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63139, either by USPS or by dropping them off at the bocce club **no later than October 1, 2023**. Neither Gayle Morris, nor The *Italia-America Bocce Club* are responsible for lost applications or late submittals. The winning 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. Banquet details will be provided to the winner of the scholarship.

Best wishes,

The Aldo Della Croce Memorial Scholarship Committee  
*Italia-America Bocce Club*  
2210 Marconi Avenue  
St. Louis, Missouri 63110

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