

Italia-America Bocce Club

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Welcome to the following
returning and new members!

Holly Blaskiewicz - sponsored by Mary Ann Shaw and Chelli Faletti

Frank Calcaterra - sponsored by Vincent Passanise and Chris Calcaterra

Travis Caliper - sponsored by Dan Drago II and Brad Hill

Kelli Hughes - sponsored by Tina D Kimball and Mary Ann Shaw



STAY CONNECTED:

Website: www.stlbocce.com

Facebook: **Italia America Bocce Club**

Email: glmorris3@hotmail.com

Upcoming 5:30 PM Board Meetings:

September 9, 2024

October 14, 2024

November 11, 2024

Membership Meeting:

October 27th or November 3rd

TBD



If you have not paid your annual IABC dues, please be advised the payment of \$ 350.00 is now due by 9/30/2024 to remain an active member in good standing.

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

Lynn Marie Alexander

William Bryan Brownfield, Jr.

Carmelette "Carm" (nee Guidice) Cacciatore

Joseph "Joe" Anthony Fragale
Deacon St. Ambrose

Margaret "Maggie" Marino
(Sister of Jim Marino)



Another great Coed league with 18 teams and 107 players, culminated with the playoffs. The Salsiccia Train with Danny and Sally D., Gayle M., Leo C., Gina I., Maria M., Cameron C. and Jim S. won the league and playoff championship. The Hill Degenerates with Doyle and Melissa M., Bob and Chrissy P. and Matt and Emily P. came in second. The Gateway Rollers with Tracy C., Karen S., Susan L., Matt M., Cherri G., Bob R., and Joe G. finished third. The winter coed league will begin in mid-November.



Jim Summers, Gayle Morris, Sally Drago, Dan Drago.

Including but not pictured – Leo Chirco, Cameron Clifton, Gina Imo, and Maria Mayo.

In August, the *American Sons of Columbus in KC* held the *10th Annual Tom Gialde Bocce Tournament* and congratulations go to *St. Louis Hill Bocce* who brought home the gold by winning 1st Place in the Men's Division!



Joe Weinbauer, Vincent Weinbauer, Larry Fuse and Dino Chirco

Congratulations!

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.
- Children 14 and under are allowed to sit in the bar area when accompanied by an adult.
- 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 2nd leagues should not have to pick up the trash and clean up after the 1st league!

Please be considerate of your fellow players and members. These rule needs to be strongly enforced.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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 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.)

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, Cindy Marlo. Cindy 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. Cindy 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, Cindy will meet in person or discuss via phone call the details of the contract which you need to have already thoroughly read.

For questions, please contact

Cindy Marlo @ cinfurr@gmail.com

***IABC 17th Annual
Aldo Della Croce
Tournament
November 8 - 10, 2024***

USBF open rules, teams of four (4) players, entry fee of \$ 100.00 per player includes dinner Friday night and lunch Saturday.

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

ADC Tournament Scholarship forms are available in the office and on the website:

www.stlbocce.com

for additional information contact:

***Gayle Morris - Chairperson of the Aldo Della Croce Scholarship Award
glmorris3@hotmail.com***

The *Italia America Bocce Club* is holding the 17th Annual Aldo Della Croce Open Bocce Tournament on November 8-10, 2024. There will be teams coming from all over the Midwest. The tournament has been growing each year due to the support of our sponsors. We want to thank you for your past support of this tournament and hope that we can count on your support again this year.

The goal of the Aldo Della Croce Tournament is to remain one of the premier Open Bocce Tournaments in the USA.

What does your sponsorship provide? It provides:

- Free Youth Bocce League for area grade school children
- Free High School Bocce League
- Free Special School District bocce activities for students with disabilities.
- One (1) scholarship will be awarded to a qualified applicant who is entering their freshman year of high school in the 2025-2026 school year. The scholarship will be presented at the Awards Banquet on Friday, November 8, 2024.

The tournament sponsorship form can be found in the club office and on our website www.stlbocce.com.

For additional information, you can also contact:

Chairperson Robert Della Croce
@ iabcstl22@gmail.com 314.477.0154
or

Co-Chairperson Paola Brush
@ pdcbrush@att.net
314.223.9277



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 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 **2025-2026** school year and must successfully complete the application form and self-statement as instructed on the forms located in the 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, 2024**. 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



Attention Members

Donations needed
for golf tournament raffle prizes

Last year the **booze wagon** was a huge success thanks to your generous contributions and we are doing it again this year. In addition we are introducing a new prize; a **scratch off ticket tree**.

Donations needed:



Please submit donations to the club by Friday, Sept. 27th
For questions, contact Cindy Marlo at 636-288-4018.

Once again, **THANK YOU** for all your support!

IABC Golf Tournament Committee

SAVE THE DATE!

2nd Annual Ugly Christmas
Sweater Party

Friday, December 6, 2024
7:00 pm – Midnight

The Charity will be *Nurses for
Newborns*

*Additional information will be
available soon.*

These won't last!!!

182 tickets sold to date. Don't miss out on your chance to win. The IABC is raffling off this absolutely beautiful and accessory loaded golf cart with an \$800 Bazooka, blue tooth speaker and much more. All proceeds of the cart sales go directly to **CHAMP Assistance Dogs**. Only 200 tickets will be sold at \$100 each. The live drawing will take place on Sunday, September 29, 2024, during our annual golf tournament at Tapawingo National Golf Club. Tickets can be purchased at the IABC or by messaging **Sally Patricia**. You do not need to be present to win. Thank you to John S. at Touch of Gold for again taking our ideas and creating this build.

