

# Italia-America Bocce Club

## IL GIORNALE

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*Buon Anno!*  
and  
welcome to the following new  
and returning members:

Kitty (Marty) Berra - Sponsored by John DiGregorio  
and Frank Bertarelli

Samuel Caputa - Sponsored by Frank DiGregorio and  
Steve Severino

Cyrus Dashtaki – Sponsored by Vincent Passanisi and  
Alexander Cornwell

Rocco Fiordelisi, III - Sponsored by James Lahrman  
and Chris Saracino

Anthony (Tony) Meyers Jr. – Sponsored by Angelo  
Sita and Tony Meyers (Returning member)

Paul Michaels - Sponsored by Paul Drago and Tom  
Drago

Patrick Schumm - Sponsored by Thomas Bottini and  
Leo Chirco

Carlo Spadari - Sponsored by Steve Severino and  
Angelo Varvaro

Mary (Peggy) Stelzer - Sponsored by Jack Stelzer and  
James Lahrman

Sebastian R. Viscuso - Sponsored by Gina Imo and  
Michael Santangelo



### 2022 Fall Tournament of Champions Winners!



Congratulations to  
*“The Salsiccia Train”*  
Cameron Clifton, Vittorio  
Ventimiglia, Dan Drago, II, and  
Nick Imo

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**Mark Your Calendars!**  
**Important Upcoming**  
**IABC Events**

January 2nd - Men's Bocce Leagues Meeting

January 4<sup>th</sup> - Ladies' Bocce Leagues Meeting

January 12<sup>th</sup> - High School Leagues Begin

January 16<sup>th</sup> - Men's Leagues Begin

January 18<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> - Women's Leagues Begin

February 19<sup>th</sup> -Membership Meeting-1:00 pm

March 11, 2023 - St. Joseph's/St. Patrick's  
Day Dinner

## 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](mailto:stlproserve@gmail.com)  
314.537-0778 or  
Robert Della Croce 314.477-0154  
[iabcstl22@gmail.com](mailto:iabcstl22@gmail.com)

**Winter Bocce Leagues begin  
Monday, 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  
@ 7:00 pm**  
**Friday, January 20, 2023  
@ 7:00 pm**

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### **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!**

The *Italia-America Bocce Club* now has more than 500 members, and a new concept was discussed at the recent Board of Directors Meeting.

We are exploring organizing an early men's league. This could be convenient to our retired members and perhaps open space in our existing leagues for new members to put together a team or join an established team.

To start the early league, we need at least four (4) teams of 4 players on each team. Naturally, as with all leagues, there can be more than four (4) on the team. Starting time for the league is not finalized but we are considering somewhere between 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm. The league could be scheduled on Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday nights depending on a start time. To begin with, the league may be limited to eight (8) or ten (10) weeks depending on the number of players.

Suggestions on starting this early league are welcome and encouraged.

If you interested and would like additional information or to reserve a team, please contact (even if just to discuss) -

Angelo Sita – 314.435.4120  
[angelosita@sbcglobal.net](mailto:angelosita@sbcglobal.net)

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The IABC is seeking bids to replace the banquet room floor with plank flooring and carpet along with refinishing the existing dance floor. If you are an active MEMBER who owns or works for a flooring company and are interested in submitting a bid, please contact me, Dan Drago II, at [dmd2.iabc@gmail.com](mailto:dmd2.iabc@gmail.com)  
Please specify if you are an owner or employee and the company name.

## HELP NEEDED

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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## Upcoming Meetings

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

January 9, 2023  
February 13, 2023  
March 13, 2023

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

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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)

## Dining Room and Courtside Rental

If you are interested in renting the dining room or courtside areas for a private party, AND you have been a member for a minimum of six (6) months (effective January 1, 2023), please read through the **Usage Agreement\*** for the area requested on our website at [www.stlbocce.com](http://www.stlbocce.com). There are also copies where the bocce league schedules are posted, or by asking an officer for a copy at the club.

To reserve/rent either area,

you **MUST** first contact:

Ron Farotto at 314.578.4034

[ronfarotto.iabc@gmail.com](mailto:ronfarotto.iabc@gmail.com)

**\*PLEASE USE THE "NEWEST" VERSION OF THE USAGE AGREEMENTS DATED 12/22 THAT ARE POSTED ON THE WEBSITE, AVAILABLE WHERE SCHEDULES ARE POSTED, OR BY ASKING AN OFFICER.**

## St. Joseph's Altar with St. Patrick's Dinner



**Saturday, March 11, 2023**

### Menu

Minestrone Soup

Corned Beef and Cabbage, Potatoes,  
Carrots, Dessert & Coffee

Tickets are per person:

\$15.00 - with an Altar Donation

\$20.00 - without Altar donation

Cash bar

Dinner 6:30 pm

Open to members and their guests however

ONLY 200 tickets will be sold

\*Money raised from the Altar Raffle ticket sales will benefit St. Louis Area Foodbank

For tickets or more information contact:

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

Robert Della Croce 314.477.0154

Julie Belfi-Sanna 314.614.9534

Payment is due at the time of ticket purchase.

Ticket sales begin: January 18, 2023

Ticket sales end: February 26, 2023