

Wickliffe Italian-American Club

The Wickliffe Italian American Club was founded in 1932, and received its non-profit charter in 1933. Our purpose is to promote the social, civic, and cultural fellowship of the Italian heritage.

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BOCCE DOCUMENTARY – “BREAKING BALLS”

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Dan Polletta, John Vourlis, Dave D'Oreo
 (Ideastream TV show)

As we mentioned last month, the Club is proud to be featured in the upcoming documentary titled “Breaking Balls” produced and directed by Honorary Member, John Vourlis – a Wickliffe native, who has worked on this project for 4 years. The documentary, which will be screened at the Cleveland International Film Festival (CIFF), explores the game of bocce as a cultural phenomenon, and is centered around the Club’s annual Cleveland Challenge Cup of Bocce tournament, which



Gino Latessa, Tony Marotta, John Vourlis (Italian Sounds radio show, WRUW 91.1 FM)

WOMEN’S AUXILLIARY ANNUAL CARD PARTY

For over twenty years, the Wickliffe Italian-American Club’s Women’s Auxilliary has been holding their annual card party, raising money that is given to a variety of charities in the community. About five years ago, the format was changed to a Chinese Raffle, and the event attract over 25 sponsors who put up various prizes to be raffled off. The event is being held in the James Catering Banquet Hall and 200 tickets will no doubt sell quickly. The date is Thursday, April 20th. For more information, call Debbie or Sue at 440-585-0432.

APRIL CLUB EVENTS

- 4 Member Meeting
- 14 Club Night
- 20 Women’s Auxilliary Card Party
- 26 Board Meeting
- 28 Club Night
- 29 Wine Tasting Competition



John Vourlis, Gino Latessa at WJCU radio station.

has grown to be one of the biggest and best tournaments of its kind in the country. Vourlis and club member Gino Latessa, who is the Tournament Executive Director and former club president, made the rounds at local radio stations WJCU and WRUW to promote the premiere of this film at the CIFF. Vourlis also interviewed with Dan Polletta from WVIZ’s “Ideastream” program.

A group of club members will be attending the premiere on April 3rd together on a chartered bus, heading downtown for a casual dinner at Stainato’s Restaurant in the Flats before winding up at Tower City for the 7:35 showing of the film. Advance sales were so strong, that the CIFF had to open up another theater for a 2nd showing at the same time on Monday! Congratulations to John Vourlis for all the hard work and dedication to seeing this project through to completion.



BUON COMPLEANNO:

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 ANTONIO FRANSICHELLO
- 10 JOHN AUSTIN
- 11 LEO MARRA, JR.
- 13 RUSS MERAGLIO, JR.
- 14 PETE NUNES
- 19 MARK GASPAR
- 23 DOUG SCHNUG
- 26 CHRIS FEDERICO
- 29 GUISEPPE FRANSICHELLO
- 30 DAVE LOPARO

AUXILIARY APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 6 Carol Pitingolo
- 9 Cookie Loschiavo
- 12 Sue Iafelice

Homemade Wine Tasting & Competition

Saturday, April 29th 7:00 – 10:00

And the winner is...

Free Admission to all who enter the Competition!!!

Featuring a Frank Sinatra & Dean Martin Tribute Show

Winners in the following categories

Red Wine
White Wine
Blush Wine

All level of winemakers welcomed!

Competition Details:

You will be asked to bring one gallon of wine for each category you wish to enter. You can enter one, two or all three categories. We will provide you all the cups you need to hand out samples to attendees. The winner(s) will be selected by the people’s choice – everyone that attends will be able to vote for one person in each category.

To enter the competition or answer any questions please call Bill Hawkins at 216 – 390 – 1110.

For Those Attending:

Tickets are \$15 per person and will include samples from each competitor and appetizers.

Beer, liquor, and hardy food options will be available for purchase

Event to be held at the Wickliffe I&A Small Hall,
 Located at 29717 Euclid Ave, Wickliffe, OH 44092

Proceeds to benefit the Wickliffe I&A Scholarship Fund

Must be 21 to attend the event • Wine samples provided, while supplies last • Be Responsible, Do Not Drink & Drive, Get a DD