

# 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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[www.wickliffeianda.com](http://www.wickliffeianda.com)



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 216-789-6393

## SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The Wickliffe Italian-American Club / Scholarship Corporation had its annual Awards ceremony combined with a BBQ / Reverse Raffle on June 9th at the Club's outdoor picnic pavilion. The event is one of several that the organization does to raise money for Scholarships which are given out each year to worthy applicants who meet the criteria spelled out in their charter.

This year, 16 Scholarship recipients were honored at this event and another 3 are awarded through the Italian-American Cultural Foundation (IACF).

The next fundraiser scheduled to benefit the Scholarship Corporation will be a Glo-Bocce Tournament, scheduled for September 9th. Details will be forthcoming in the next issue of La Gazzetta, or contact Steve Tripepi at [smtripepi@gmail.com](mailto:smtripepi@gmail.com) for more information.



## JUNE CLUB EVENTS

- 7 Club Night
- 11 Member Meeting (pushed back one week due to July 4 Holiday)
- 15 Wickliffe Bi-Centennial Celebration
- 21 Club Night
- 25 Board Meeting

Check Our Website for a Current List of Events: [www.wickliffeianda.com](http://www.wickliffeianda.com)

## BUON COMPLEANNO:

### JULY BIRTHDAYS

LESTER LATESSA III  
 MICHAEL KONTURA  
 REGIS MATIYASIC  
 CHRIS YANICK  
 RONALD PERROTTI  
 ANTHONY GRANDINI  
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### JULY AUXILIARY BIRTHDAYS

Janet Brunetti  
 Louise Seifert  
 Toni Perossa  
 Gina Oppedisano

## BOCCE LEAGUES IN FULL SWING

The bocce courts at the Wickliffe Italian-American Club have a reputation as being some of the best in the country, as was detailed in the recent documentary - Breaking Balls, which screened at the Cleveland International Film Festival this spring. With 9 fully covered courts, the Club is a magnet for bocce leagues that have been growing in popularity over the last few years. Our club is the home for five different

leagues: Monday afternoon (Italian Sons & Daughters # 192 League), Monday evening (Holy Redeemer league), Tuesday (Highland Hts. League), Wednesday (the Club's mixed couples league), and Thursday (the Club's men's league). Most of the leagues begin play in May and some run all the way through September. We post schedules, rules, and standings for each league (as long as they provide the information)

on our website at the following link: <http://www.wickliffeianda.com/bocce/wickliffe-ia-leagues/>

Club Member Michael Vitantonio is our liason with the various bocce leagues, so you can contact him with any questions regarding rentals or contacts for the various leagues. Michael's email is: [mvit@superiorcapmgt.com](mailto:mvit@superiorcapmgt.com)

## CLEVELAND CHALLENGE CUP OF BOCCE: AUGUST 25-27

The Wickliffe Italian-American Club is thrilled to announce that the 34th Annual Pat O'Brien Chevrolet / Cleveland Challenge Cup of Bocce will be held this year on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday August 25th, 26th and 27th at the Club's world class facilities, located at 29717 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe, Ohio 44092. The event features 96 competing bocce teams from Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Massachussets, Illinois, Michigan, Maryland, Florida, Mississippi, California, and Canada! Last year's winner was the local Adelio's Contracting team, consisting of players in their early to mid 30's from the eastern suburbs of Cleveland, playing in only their 2nd tournament together.

The event has become much more than a bocce tournament however, as the weekend is filled with a variety of entertainment, cultural activities, food vendors, activities for children and an overall family friendly atmosphere. Various members of the Lake County Visitors Bureau, which awards grants each year to organizations that attract visitors from outside the county, have made such comments about the event as:

- Amazing Event!
- Internation event, hundreds of overnight stays
- It is a unique cultural experience

The last few years have seen local teams rise to the forefront despite competing against some of the best teams in the country and internationally. Local bocce players can hold their own against anyone and the sport has seen a resurgence in recent years as young, athletic players have taken up the sport. The tournament is capped at 96 teams and the spots usually fill up quickly, so if you are interested in entering a team you can pick up a team entry application at any of the Pat O'Brien Chevrolet stores, or download one from [www.wickliffeianda.com](http://www.wickliffeianda.com), or you can call Paul DiCicco at 440-552-1865. A full Schedule of Events will be listed in next month's La Gazzetta and on the Club website.