

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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UPCOMING EVENTS

June 02 Summer Kickoff Classic
 Bocce Tournament

Check Our Website for a Current List of
 Events: www.wickliffeianda.com

BUON COMPLEANNO:

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 2 DOMINIC DICICCO
- 4 EUGENE CIASULLO
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- 28 RANDY CONTINENZA
- 28 MICHAEL ALBERTONE
- 29 LOUIS SPRONZ

AUXILIARY JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Jenilena Bellissimo
- 27 Theresa Latessa
- 30 Toni Ciancibello

Special Olympics Bocce Competition Brings Spring Life to the I&A Courts

Spring is in the air and that means bocce. But while Wickliffe I&A will have to wait until June 02 to crown the champions of the its 2018 Summer Kickoff Classic (<http://www.wickliffeianda.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/2018-Summer-Kickoff-Classic.pdf>), Special Olympics Ohio has already crowned winners of its Area 12 doubles bocce tournament. On May 5th, a beautiful Saturday morning at the I&A courts, more than fifty athletes representing Lake and Lorain counties participated in a traditional double-elimination tournament.

As is tradition, the event began with the playing of our National Anthem followed by the reciting of the Special Olympics' motto: "Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt." The athletes were not only brave, but joyous, caring, proud and entertaining for the crowds who watched them compete for more than four hours.

Speaking of tradition, Wickliffe I&A was proud to host the event in what is believed to be at least its 25th year on the Club's grounds. Special Olympics Ohio Program Director, Martin Allen, who led the event, noted that "This is one of our events that is most anticipated each year. The athletes and their fans love coming here, not only for the competition, but to see old friends from the I&A." Those 'old friends' are comprised

of more than twenty I&A members who served as volunteers. In doing so, they gained front-court views by serving as score keepers, court preparers, referees and the always-important determinants of 'closest to the pallino'. Club volunteers also served lunch to the special athletes and participated in the medals ceremony.

In the end, winners from six divisions were awarded gold medals: D1 was won by Lake Deepwood's Melissa Coad and Madalyn Nolan
 D2 was won by Lorain Murray Ridge's Katie Kellogg and Lizbet Negron
 D3 was won by Lorain Murray Ridge's Linda Brewer
 D4 was won by Lake Deepwood's Kim Jonke and Judy Koprivnik
 D5 was won by Lorain's Maria Poling and Casey West
 D6 was won by Charity Anerson and Julie Sobol

For the winning teams, bragging rights and, perhaps, participation in a June statewide tournament awaits. For those on the short-end of the brackets, a year to prepare for their next shot. For all, athletes, visitors and club volunteers, alike, a lifetime of wonderful memories and pride.



The I&A Court 1 Banner Welcomes Athletes to the Annual Event



Intensity and Camaraderie Were Evident Throughout the Competition



The Athletes Enjoy a Well-earned Break for Lunch

3RD ANNUAL WINE TASTING AND COMPETITION

On April 28th, almost 200 participants filled the I&A clubroom in support of the third Annual Scholarship Wine Tasting Event. The attendees enjoyed more than two dozen wines handcrafted by I&A members and local vendors. Importantly, each also served as a judge in the awarding of best-of-class designations in the red, white and blush/fruit categories. Reds ranged from traditional Italian table blends, to single vinifera offerings including petite sirah, primitivo and cabernet sauvignon. Non-red fans enjoyed white blends and specialty fruit wines that included a blackberry chocolate desert offering.

Adding to enjoyment of the wines were traditional antipasto appetizers and the

musical stylings of Bobby Leach. In the right light and with enough vino, some thought they were listening to Ol' Blue Eyes himself.

All proceeds from the event benefit the Club's Scholarship fund. In 2017, the fund awarded more than \$10,000 to 21 students in support of their college entry. Based on the turnout, the fun and the competition among winemakers, a fourth annual tasting is in order.



Visitors Enjoying the Vino and the Conversation



The Joy of Winning (and Wine)



Salud! After the Wine, Members Share a Toast to the Club's Passed Members