

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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35TH ANNUAL CLEVELAND CHALLENGE CUP OF BOCCIE SET FOR AUGUST 24-26TH

The Wickliffe Italian-American Club celebrates the 35th anniversary of the Cleveland Challenge Cup of Bocce tournament this year over the August 24th-26th weekend as the club prepares to showcase its beautiful facility to an expected crowd of 12,000 people over the 3-day event. The field is capped out at 96 teams in the Open Division, and has already filled over 80 spots as of mid-July. Tournament Co-Directors, Paul Diccico and Vince Continenza expect both the Open and the Women's division to sell out before August 1st.

The tournament features 96 teams competing for over \$20,000 in prize money, and attracts players from Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Illinois, Michigan, Maryland, Florida, Mississippi, California, and Canada and is acclaimed to be not only the biggest tournament in the Midwest, but also the best run. Last year's Open Division champions

was local Vandra Brothers team. They will be returning to defend their title again along with the Women's Division Champs, Formica Plumbing from Wickliffe, Ohio.

This year marks a turning point for the Club, as long time Tournament Director and President/Emeritus, Gino Latessa, has stepped back (though still involved), and has passed the torch to Paul Diccico and Vince Continenza to carry on the tradition of coordinating all the various elements that go into putting on an event of this magnitude. Other veteran club members who have been involved in various aspects of the tournament such as Media Director - Larry Koval, and Bar Director - Randy Continenza, are also grooming younger club members to take over their roles in the near future as the club looks to have an orderly process so as to continue the tradition of excellence that they have become known for.

The opening ceremonies will begin at

5:30 p.m. on Friday, August 24th, with the national anthem of the USA, Italy, and Canada being sung by Giovanni Castiglione of Solon. Tournament play begins directly afterward and will run continuously through Sunday night on the nine covered bocce courts. The Club will present the top 12 teams with cash prizes totaling \$20,750. Entertainment will run throughout the weekend in the covered pavilion. Saturday also features cultural activities from noon to 3 p.m., hosted by Angie Spitalieri from La Gazzetta Italian Newspaper. Sunday is Family Day and will once again feature a variety of entertainment and activities for children including Magician Rick Smith Jr.; an appearance by "Jungle Terry", and DJ Dave spinning music. A wide variety of food vendors will provide homemade Italian food and specialty dishes as well as traditional American fare. The event is partially funded with a grant from the Lake County Visitors Bureau.

2018 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, August 24th: 5:30 - Opening Ceremonies, National Anthems sung by Gio Castiglione
 6:00 - Tournament play begins
 7:00 - 11:00 p.m. - Live music by Cavalieri Reale

Saturday, August 25th: 8:00 a.m. - Tournament play resumes
 Noon to 3:00 p.m. - Italian Cultural Activities in the Pavillion

- Emcee Angie Spitalieri, Publisher of La Gazzetta Italian Newspaper
- Jim Frank Trio
- Cooking Demonstration by Chef Dan of the Euclid Culinary School
- Appearance by Miss Italia
- Photo display from the Western Reserve Historical Society on the History Of Italians in Cleveland (In the Club Room)

4:00 - 6:00 Live Entertainment by Bobby Leach (Sinatra music)
 6:00 - 8:00 Live Broadcast with Tony Marotta of Radio Italia/Cleveland; WRUW 91.1 FM
 8:00 - Midnight Live music by ROCK THE HOUSE

Sunday, August 26th: 8:00 a.m. - Tournament play resumes
 Noon - 1:00 Live Broadcast with Carmelina Antonelli's "Touch of Italy" show; WELW 1330 am
 1:00 - 1:50 Magic Show with Rick Smith Jr.
 2:00 - 3:00 Jungle Terry Exotic Animal Show
 3:00 - 5:00 DJ Dave
 4:00 Women's Division Championship (approximate time)
 6:00 Men's Division Championship (approximate time)

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 5th Family Picnic

August 7th Monthly Meeting

August 24-26th Cleveland Challenge Cup of Bocce

August 28 Board Meeting

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

BUON COMPLEANNO:

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - BERNIE GIANNETTI
- 12 - DANIEL BASISTA
- 13 - MICHAEL S. CLAYTON
- 19 - ANTONIO GUERRIERI
- 19 - JOHN MAZZOLINI
- 26 - VINCE CONTINENZA
- 29 - PAUL DICICCO

AUXILIARY JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 23 - Margie Koval
- 27 - Barb Vincent



CLUB STARTS YOUTH INSTRUCTIONAL BOCCIE LEAGUE

Club President, Charles Albertone, announced at the July meeting, the start of a Youth Instructional Bocce league that will run from July 26 through August 16th. The target age is Kindergarten through Middle School, with the goal being to introduce children to the game of bocce by teaching

the various elements of the game, practicing and then competing. Member volunteers will go over the rules, boundaries, discuss and demonstrate the importance leading off, pointing, and also hitting. The four week program will be capped off by a tournament. This instructional program is open to the

public, not just Club members. Future leagues will be determined based on the feedback, interest, and turnout for the instructional program. If you have a child in the target age group and are interested in signing them up, please contact Charles Albertone at cinti54@aol.com or 440-478-9729.