

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

May Events:

- 1 - MIXED COUPLES BOCCE LEAGUE BEGINS
- 2 - MEN'S BOCCE LEAGUE BEGINS
- 4 - SPECIAL OLYMPICS BOCCE
- 7 - MONTHLY MEETING
- 28 - BOARD MEETING

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

BUON COMPLEANNO:

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 - ROBERT BUSH
- 8 - PHILIP FRATINO
- 9 - ADAM CONTINENZA
- 15 - MARIO DIMATTIA
- 22 - JOHNNY DIFRANCO
- 24 - CHUCK BRITTON
- 29 - GEORGE DILISIO

AUXILIARY MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 17 - RITA SIMON
- 18 - SUE IAFELICE

CLUB BOCCE LEAGUES AND KICKOFF TOURNAMENT NEWS

On April 14th, the Wickliffe I&A membership gathered for its annual spring grounds and court cleanup. While not the most festive event of the year, it serves as the critical enabler of the bocce league season that began on May 1st and will end with championship tournaments this September.

While the courts will be home to multiple weekly and weekend special contests, the Wednesday Couples and Thursday's Club Leagues are the primary source for I&A bragging rights. The Club men's league is the longest running and largest league, having begun many years ago. This year, 21 teams will compete in hopes of claiming the club championship currently held by the Jim Vincent team, who won the round robin tournament and the

Chuck Britton team, which had the best record during the regular season. Similarly, approximately 22 teams comprise the Couples league currently ruled by our 2018 champions: the Ciasullo team.

Those players hoping for a chance at tournament glory before the season's end can participate in the league's Summer Kickoff Tournament on June 1st. The tournament is a 2-person team, double-elimination format, with brackets for both men's (32 slots available) and women's (8 slots available) teams. The \$80 per team entry is open to all players. Anyone interested in participating should contact tournament lead, Chuck Britton at 440.289.0612.

See you on the Courts!

HOMEMADE WINE AND HARD SAUSAGE TASTING / COMPETITION

The Club's Scholarship Corporation held its 3rd annual Homemade Wine Tasting Competition on March 30th. The event has become quite popular since its inception to the point that it had to be moved into the newly renovated large hall this year and turnout was roughly 300 this year, filling the hall to capacity. Contestants entering their wine in the competition had to provide at least one gallon of wine for each category they entered (Red, White, Blush). This year also saw a new category added to the competition - that of hard sausage. Those entering the sausage competition had to bring at least 2 pounds of sausage for sampling.

The crowd was in high spirits, with the various blends of wine working their magic. We even had a contingent of Amish folk who attended and it looks as if they really enjoyed themselves. The contestants seemed to develop a camaraderie that comes from their level of expertise, as they shared stories and sampled each other's wines.

Entertainment which of course creates the ambiance for an event like this, was provided by the popular Sinatra tribute singer - Bobby Leach, who performed last year as well and also performed at the Cleveland Challenge Cup of Bocce, as well as being a staple at Nido Italia in Little Italy on Columbus Day!

Club member Bill Hawkins spearheaded the event and deserves credit for a job well done, along with Thomas Tripepi and the rest of the Scholarship group.



LADIES AUXILIARY CARD PARTY

Excitement was in the air as the Ladies of the I&A Auxiliary worked to get the I&A Hall ready for the annual Spring Card Party. The excitement carried over and was quite evident on the evening of April 11, 2019 when over 200 ladies gathered for a delightful evening of friendship and enjoyment. The hall looked superb with fresh colors

of spring and with such a beautiful collection of raffle prizes and door prizes. The meal served by Trevi Catering was over the top in every aspect. Based on the comments made at the event and for days later, a good time was had by all. The tradition will continue! Thank you to all who attended and to all of the very generous donors.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Charles Albertone

After a week in which the weather seemed to take a turn towards spring, what better activity could we plan than our very own Spring Cleanup at the Club...in the cold rain! But my appreciation goes towards all the men who helped get our grounds and club room ready for the warm weather, bocce leagues, and rental season. Moving 50+ picnic tables, preparing our flower beds, cleaning the gutters, blowing leaves from the pavilion and bocce courts, leveling the bocce surfaces, cleaning up the garage, and most notably,

replacing our front doors and repainting the Club Room walls and ceiling. To our guests, and even some members, some of this work goes unnoticed. Not by me! What most don't realize is that we have FUN doing it too! We were playing music, had the Masters golf tournament on, and plenty of coffee and donuts to keep us going for the morning and afternoon! We have a tradition at our monthly meetings to allow our senior members to eat first - but this month, those who helped will be asked to get into line first. Thanks men!