

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

October Events:

- 1 - MEMBER MEETING
- 5 - CLAMBAKE
- 12 - SOLON BOCCO TOURNAMENT
- 14 - COLUMBUS DAY PARADE
- 29 - BOARD MEETING

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

BUON COMPLEANNO:

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 4 - DANIEL THOMEIER
- 8 - JEFFREY SIMON
- 9 - OLIVER MARKON
- 9 - LAWRENCE ROTONDO
- 11 - RONNIE CONTINENZA
- 12 - VICTOR MEZACAPA
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- 17 - RICHARD MATIYASIC
- 22 - ANTHONY DIMATTIA
- 26 - FRANK TIZZANO
- 28 - ANDREW J. DINUNZIO
- 30 - ANTHONY PREVITE

AUXILIARY OCT. BIRTHDAYS

- 5 - DONNA BRASSELL
- 23 - BEVERLY LOPARO
- 25 - JEAN LATESSA
- 26 - JUDY D'ANGELO

LOCAL TEAM WINS THE 2019 CLEVELAND CHALLENGE CUP OF BOCCO!

BY LARRY KOVAL

August, 25th, 2019; Wickliffe, Ohio....Bocce is now a young man's game. That fact was on display at the 36th Annual Pat O'Brien Chevrolet / Cleveland Challenge Cup of Bocce Tournament on Sunday, as two teams with players 30 years old and under emerged from the 100 team pack to square off in the finals. One of the teams - ABV Contractors, happened to be a local team.

Utica's Favorite Barber from another stronghold in York, where Series of Bocce place each year WSB is another nament on the bocce circuit, larger than in Wickliffe. Finest Bar- whose players from Rome, b r e e z e d the winners beating some nially good along the way,

including the Rainbow Creek team from Toronto, the Matrice # 1 team from Mentor/Collinwood, and the Toccalana # 10 team (also from Rome, NY). That pitted them against ABV in the Winner's Bracket final, and Utica jumped out early and cruised to the win, sending ABV into the Loser's Bracket, where they had to play the dreaded Palazzo 777 team - last year's champions! In an exciting game, ABV won the game on the last shot where there had to be a measurement to determine the outcome. That put ABV into the finals against Utica.

Since ABV was coming out of the loser's bracket, they had to win twice to become the champions. The game went back and forth early, but then ABV went on to build a 14-9 lead. But Utica fought back with single points in the next two frames, to



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11-14. They then hit the grand slam with a four-point frame on a shot by Anthony Melaragno, Jr., a local player who was filling in for Utica. Melaragno, who has won the Cleveland Challenge Cup as a member of the Adelio's / 2016 team, provided a veteran influence for the young Utica team. With Utica now up, 15-14, ABV was on the brink of elimination! But ABV was not to be rattled. Clutch shots by Dennis Strnad and Anthony Croce, propelled ABV to two points and the win. That would set up the rematch to determine the 2019 Champion.

Once again, the game went back and forth early, and Utica went out to a 3-1 lead. In the next frame, ABV's Croce and Strnad both missed hits, but Michael Frabotta came through with a hit and ABV ended up with four points! From there, ABV went on an 11-0 run, eventually winning by a score of 16-4. That makes them 3-time champions at the Cleveland Challenge Cup of Bocce, having won back-to-back in 2014 and 2015. These two young teams - one from Cleveland, one from Rome, NY., are the future of bocce. They're talented, focused, intelligent and have complementary skills. One guy misses a shot, his teammate picks him up. Whether it's pointing or hitting, each player can do both, equally as well. Expect to see these two teams squaring off again in the future! You don't want to miss it.



ABV Contractors team members (pictured with Club President, Charles Albertone): Dennis Strnad, Anthony Croce, Michael Frabotta, Domenic Aveni

TEE SHIRTS AVAILABLE ONLINE



For those of you who would like to get a Cleveland Challenge Cup of Bocce tee shirt, we've hooked up with Tony G's Italian Tees to provide them on-line. Women's and Men's shirts available. Check out the



link and put your order in. Easy peasy!

<https://tonygit.com/product/bocce-womens-tee/>

WOMEN'S DIVISION

Bottiglieri's Lawn Care from Niles, Ohio successfully defended their title from 2018, defeating the challengers - "Resting Bocce Face" to become the 2019 Women's Division champions. Coming through the loser's bracket, Resting Bocce Face had to beat Bottiglieri's twice in order to claim the title. They got halfway there, winning the first game and setting up a finals match to decide the ultimate winner. Bottiglieri's got out to an early lead, and kept the pedal to the metal to bring home the title. Resting Bocce Face team consisted of women from Ashtabula and the Lexington, Kentucky area. Team members were Cathy Fasano-Chmielewski, Debbie Friend, Holly Hivers, and Kasi Paulino. Members of the Bottiglieri team were: Debbie Bottiglieri, Lee Christman, Jen Hardy, and Taylor Rupeka. Congratulations to both teams on the excellent competition!



Bottiglieri's Lawn Care, 2019 Champ

LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS

After our summer break, the I&A Auxiliary Ladies met with a full agenda. We welcomed our newest member, Patti Britton who is the wife of Chuck Britton. We look forward to Patti being a part of the Auxiliary and sharing her talents with us.

As a special feature of our meeting, Sgt. Isaac Petric of the Wickliffe Police Department was invited to present the ALICE program. ALICE is an acronym for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate. Sergeant Petric explained several options to increase the chances of surviving an active-shooter incident. Those in attendance commented that they feel better informed and will be more aware of their surroundings while out in public.

Sergeant Petric closed with a short Q&A session and quoted President Teddy Roosevelt who once said, "In any moment of decision, the best thing you can do is the right thing, the next best thing is the wrong thing, and the worst thing you can do is nothing." Many thanks to Sgt. Petric for an informative, interesting, and clearly delivered presentation.