



WICKLIFFE ITALIAN-AMERICAN CLUB

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# THE 41ST CLEVELAND CHALLENGE CUP OF BOCCE

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### Press Release

WICKLIFFE, OHIO – The 41st Cleveland Challenge Cup of Bocce, sponsored by Firelands Auto Group, will take place **Friday, August 22nd, Saturday, August 23rd, and Sunday, August 24th, 2025**, at the Wickliffe Italian-American Club, located at **29717 Euclid Avenue in Wickliffe, Ohio**. Admission, parking, and entertainment are all free for everyone attending this exciting event!

This premier bocce tournament will host 120 teams (104 Open Division & 16 Women’s Division) and showcase world-class bocce players from across the United States and Canada — including Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Florida, California, and more — all vying for over \$34,000 in prize money.

Last year’s Open Division champion, **3 Men & A Puppy** from Mentor, Ohio, captured their first CCCoB title, and the Women’s Division winner **Dirty 30** from Warren, Ohio, secured back-to-back championships. Both teams return in 2025 to defend their titles against the fierce competition.

Opening ceremonies will begin at **3:45 p.m. on Friday, August 22nd**, and will feature pre-recorded national anthems of the U.S.A., Italy, and Canada by Giovanni Castiglione of Solon, Ohio. The tournament will commence immediately after the ceremonies and continue nonstop through Sunday evening on the club’s nine covered bocce courts.

To enter your team, please register through the Tourney Machine App. For questions, contact Luciano DeSensi, Tournament Bracket Director — Text: 440-373-7942 or Email: [CCCOCB@wickliffeianda.com](mailto:CCCOCB@wickliffeianda.com). For full tournament details and schedule, visit the club’s website at [www.wickliffeianda.com](http://www.wickliffeianda.com).



2024 Champion “3 Men & A Puppy” celebrate their 1st CCCoB Open Division Title  
Roster (L to R): Mike Trivisonno, Ron Reheer, Doug Carter, Pino Rosati

2024 Champion “Dirty 30” celebrate their 2nd CCCoB Women’s Division Title  
Roster (L to R): Leslie Readman, Jolene Marcello, Tina Hogue, Denise Romanchek

**Entertainment & festivities** will run all weekend long in the covered pavilion, with the main stage sponsored by Khash Saghafi – Liberty Home Mortgage. Friday night will feature live music by **Soul Shake & The Eastside Horns**, kicking off the weekend in style. On Saturday afternoon from noon to 3 p.m., guests can enjoy cultural activities, followed by a live performance by local favorite **Pieces of Eight featuring The Lakeside Brass** on Saturday night.

Sunday is **Family Day**, filled with entertainment for all ages, including a **Magic Show by Rick Smith Jr.** and an appearance by **Jungle Terry & Friends**. Throughout the weekend, savor homemade Italian specialties, traditional American favorites from local food vendors, and drinks from our fully stocked bar as you enjoy all the fun!

## **2025 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

### **FREE Admission, Parking & Entertainment!**

***The Cleveland Challenge Cup of Bocce main stage of entertainment is sponsored by Khash Saghafi - Liberty Home Mortgage***

**Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>:** 3:45 p.m. - Opening Ceremonies & National Anthems pre-recorded by Gio Castiglione  
4:00 p.m. - Bocce Tournament play begins (Open Division)  
7:00 – 11:00 p.m. - Live music by **Soul Shake & The Eastside Horns**

**Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>:** 8:00 a.m. - Bocce Tournament play resumes (Open & Women’s Division)  
Noon to 3:00 p.m.

- o Jim Frank Trio
- o Cooking Demonstration by Chef Dan of the Euclid Culinary School

Noon – 4:00 p.m. - Photo display from the Western Reserve Historical Society on the History of Italians in Cleveland (Clubhouse)  
3:30 – 5:00 p.m. - Grant Elsing  
7:00 – 11:00 p.m. - Live music by **Pieces of Eight featuring The Lakeside Brass**

**Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>:** 8:00 a.m. – Tournament play resumes (Open & Women’s Division)  
2:15 – 3:00 p.m. - Magic Show with Rick Smith Jr.  
3:00 - 4:00 p.m. - Jungle Terry & Friends Exotic Animal Show  
4:00 p.m. (approximate time) - Women’s Division Championship  
6:00 p.m. (approximate time) - Open Division Championship

**This event is funded in part through a generous grant from the Lake County Visitors Bureau.**

THE WICKLIFFE ITALIAN-AMERICAN CLUB is a community-based social/fraternal organization established in 1932 (recognized by the state of Ohio in 1933) for people of Italian ancestry who live in and around the area of Wickliffe, Ohio (a suburb east of Cleveland, Ohio). The club actively promotes and recognizes those of Italian descent who have furthered the Italian cultural bond they share. In addition, each year college scholarships are awarded to students who have achieved academic excellence and have demonstrated knowledge & pride in their Italian heritage. The Cleveland Challenge Cup of Bocce Tournament is now in its 41st year and has grown from 16 teams to 100+ teams in recent years (selling out in 2025), with record breaking attendance in 2024. It is currently one of the largest men’s bocce tournaments in the country.

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