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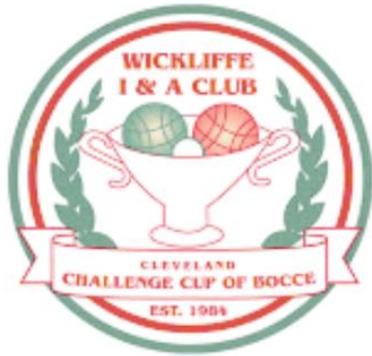
**Welcome to the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual  
Firelands Auto Group  
Cleveland Challenge Cup of Bocce**

Welcome to all players, families and friends to the 41st Cleveland Challenge of Bocce. I hope you all enjoy your time at our club. With the help of members, our bocce tournament has really grown into a vibrant family festival. We have live music throughout the day with top notch headline bands at night. Sunday is family day which features entertainment under the pavilion for children to enjoy. All weekend, visitors can watch over a hundred teams from all over the country and Canada competing for the Cup.

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# On Behalf of the Wickliffe Italian American Scholarship Foundation...

Congratulations to this years  
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Wren Loparo	Wickliffe High School
John Colacarro	Wickliffe High School
Addison Casey	Walter Payton College Prep
Giovanni Sandy	Willoughby South
Domenic Coletta	Gilmour Academy



**and good luck to all  
playing in the tournament!**

# GIOVANNI CASTIGLIONE



Giovanni “Gio” Castiglione has sung the U.S. and Italian Anthems throughout Northeast Ohio for a variety of sporting and civic events, however he is most proud of the sustained invitation to return to the Cleveland Challenge Cup of Bocce each year. Gio began singing the anthems for us in 2012 at the age of 10. Today, the Solon, Ohio native returns to sing the Canadian, Italian and U.S. anthems.

An accomplished soloist, Giovanni keeps the classics of the 50s and 60s alive with swing, jazz and pop favorites from Frank Sinatra, Dean

Martin, and Bobby Darin tunes. Judi Martino (the late crooner, Al Martino’s wife) says of Giovanni, “He’s a young man with an old soul who sings the classics wonderfully”.

Gio also sings baritone with the Bowling Green State University Men’s Chorus, the men’s Contemporary A Cappella ensemble Ten40!, the BGSU A Cappella Choir, two recital choirs, a quartet and an octet. He is an incoming junior at Bowling Green, majoring in vocal music education.

The youngest son of Dennis & Suzi Castiglione, Gio has a proud passion for his Italian heritage and always looks forward to performing for his dear friends at the Wickliffe Italian American Club.



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*CLEVELAND CHALLENGE CUP OF BOCCE*

*OPEN DIVISION - PAST WINNERS*

1984	DiFiore Waterproofing	Cleveland, Ohio
1985	Fred Taddeo	Cleveland, Ohio
1986	John Antonelli	Cleveland, Ohio
1987	Rainbow Creek Bocciofilia #1	Toronto, Canada
1988	Rainbow Creek Bocciofilia #1	Toronto, Canada
1989	Rainbow Creek Bocciofilia #1	Toronto, Canada
1990	Vandra Brothers	Cleveland, Ohio
1991	Rascals	Farrell, Pennsylvania
1992	Plaza Restaurant	Rome, New York
1993	A&J Cement	Cleveland, Ohio
1994	A&J Cement	Cleveland, Ohio
1995	J.J.'s Litehouse	Sharon, Pennsylvania
1996	Rainbow Creek Bocciofilia	Toronto, Canada
1997	St. Anthony's Bar	Struthers, Ohio
1998	Rainbow Creek Bocciofilia #4	Toronto, Canada
1999	Rainbow Creek Bocciofilia #4	Toronto, Canada
2000	Rainbow Creek Bocciofilia #4	Toronto, Canada
2001	J.J.'s Litehouse	Sharon, Pennsylvania
2002	Vandra Brothers	Cleveland, Ohio
2003	U Place 99	Richmond Hill, Canada
2004	J.J.'s Litehouse	Sharon, Pennsylvania
2005	J.J.'s Litehouse	Sharon, Pennsylvania
2006	Felice Construction	Concord, Canada
2007	Rochester, NY	Rochester, New York
2008	Rochester, NY	Rochester, New York
2009	Maxxey Valley 777	Toronto, Canada
2010	Vandra Brothers #1	Cleveland, Ohio
2011	Rainbow Creek Bocciofilia #24	Toronto, Canada
2012	Vandra Brothers #1	Cleveland, Ohio
2013	Palazzo 777	Ontario, Canada
2014	Mentor Fiat	Mentor, Ohio
2015	ABV Contractors	Willoughby, Ohio
2016	Adelio's Contracting	Willoughby Hills, Ohio
2017	Vandra Brothers	Cleveland, Ohio
2018	Palazzo 777	Ontario, Canada
2019	ABV Contractors	Willoughby, Ohio
2021	Coda Corp	Lockport/Rome, New York
2022	North Country Graphics	Rome, New York
2023	CPF Home Inspections	Mentor, Ohio
2024	3 Men & A Puppy	Mentor, Ohio

*CLEVELAND CHALLENGE CUP OF BOCCE*

*LADIES DIVISION - PAST WINNERS*

2011	Zele Funeral Home	Cleveland, Ohio
2012	IMBS	Koppel, Pennsylvania
2013	The Knockouts	Wickliffe, Ohio
2014	Three Balls Back	Rome, New York
2015	Dianna's Girls	Rome, New York
2016	Bottiglieri's Lawn Care	Niles, Ohio
2017	Formica Plumbing	Wickliffe, Ohio
2018	Bottiglieri's Lawn Care	Niles, Ohio
2019	Bottiglieri's Lawn Care	Niles, Ohio
2021	Bottiglieri's Lawn Care	Niles, Ohio
2022	Bottiglieri's Lawn Care	Niles, Ohio
2023	Dirty 30	Warren, Ohio
2024	Dirty 30	Warren, Ohio

# 2025 CLEVELAND CHALLENGE CUP OF BOCCIE - OPEN DIVISION PARTICIPANTS

Team	Captain	City, ST
3 Men & A Puppy	Pino Rosati	Wickliffe, OH
ABV Contractors	mike frabotta	Willoughby, OH
Adelio's Contracting	Sergio DiFranco	Willoughby Hills, OH
Adriatic Sea	Chris Yanick	Wickliffe, OH
Alfredo's Italian Market #1	Paolo Guerrieri	Willowick, OH
Alfredo's Italian Market #2	Alfredo Guerrieri	Willowick, OH
Alfredo's Italian Market #3	Marco Orlando	Willowick, OH
Alliance Payroll Solutions	Natale Scala	Rochester, NY
Alta House	Mike Cipullo Sr.	Little Italy, OH
Boccaholics	Todd Roman	Cleveland, OH
Bocce By Nature	Nathan Kirk	Warren, OH
BSB (Big Shot Bob's)	Matthew Taylor	Koppel, PA
Bulova	Jeff Simon	Wickliffe, OH
Carovillese Club Akron - Team America	Nicholas Pliolli	Akron, OH
Carovillese Club Akron - Team Undeafated	Nicholas Diorio	Akron, OH
Carrara Bocce	Pat DelFreo	Wickliffe, OH
Che Cazzo	MICHAEL CAVALIER	Mayfield Heights, OH
Chester Services	Rich Iannetta	Chesterland, OH
Ciociaro 777	Rocco Mastromarco	Woodbridge, CAN
Club DiMarino	Dennis DiMarino	Mentor, OH
Club Molisani #8	Tom Farinacci	Wickliffe, OH
Continenza	salvatore continenza	Wickliffe, OH
Cork N Bottle	Joe Mercurio	Highland Heights, OH
CPF Home Inspections	Chris Federico	Chesterland, OH
DCI	Dave Melaragno	Mayfield, OH
Destination Kia of Utica	Amanda Kolasz	Rome, NY
Devil's Trucking	Dan Tripepi	Chesterland, OH
Dilorio & Leone	Frank Leone	Mayfield Heights, OH
Dirtbox Cowboys	William Barnett	Seneca Falls, NY
Dirty Mike & The Boys	Mike Clayton	Wickliffe, OH
EBC	Jonathon Nisenboum	Cleveland, OH
Edge-O-Town	David Fasano	Ashtabula, OH
Extreme Bocce Club #1	Frank Di Matteo	Woodbridge, CAN
Extreme Bocce Club #2	Jim P	Woodbridge, CAN
F4tal	Lee Christman	Youngstown, OH
Fairview Builders	Julio Nalzana	Cape Coral, FL
Fioritto Funeral Service	Russ Meraglio	Lyndhurst, OH
Firelands Auto Group		Sandusky, OH
Foodie Box Love	Danny Catullo	Youngstown, OH
Formica Plumbing	Regis Mativasic	Wickliffe, OH
Goombaz	PETER DELBALSO	Mayfield Heights, OH
Hahn Manufacturing	Michael Dhondt	Mentor, OH
Harbor Talent Group	Vinny Latessa	Wickliffe, OH
Holley Bocce Club	Jacob Bower	Holley, NY
IMBS	Sean New	Koppel, NY
International Bakery	Lance Urraro	Erie, PA
ITAM #30	Jim Newbrough	Warren, OH
JD Concrete Overlay	Johnny DiFranco	Wickliffe, OH
Jensen 156	ryan reilley	Rome, NY
Kardiac Kids	Dylan Paulsey	Youngstown, OH
KATO Property Management Group	Luciano DeSensi	Wickliffe, OH
Keep It Rolling	Deshane D'Amore	Painesville, OH

Team	Captain	City, ST
Lockport Bocce Club #8	Joe Stranges	Lockport, NY
Lorenzino's 777	Rocco DeLisio	Youngstown, OH
Lorenzino's Bocce Club	Matthew Estes	Youngstown, OH
Magaas LLC	AJ Dinunzio	Willoughby Hills, OH
Matrice Club #1	Lou Fatica	Kirtland Hills, OH
Matrice Club #2	Tony Mutillo	Wickliffe, OH
Montanero BC	Gianluca DiFranco	Cleveland, OH
Mount Carmel Charities	Giuliano Romeo	Youngstown, OH
Mr. Excavator	Jerry Flesher Jr.	Chesterland, OH
MWP Synergy	Sara Monteleone	Canton, OH
North Country Graphics	Paul Louis III	Rome, NY
Nuovi Amici	Chris Chmielewski	Lexington, KY
NYConn	Ezio Carozzi	Rochester, NY
Outdoor Property Maintenance	Charles Albertone	Wickliffe, OH
Pallino Plus 3	Darren Rapposelli	Mayfield Village, OH
Plus EV	Pat Pezzin	Toronto, CAN
Ponte Drunken Lines	Franco Rinaldi	Waterbury, CT
Pontelandolfo #1	Angelo Guerrera	Waterbury, CT
Pontelandolfo #2	Rolando Polletta	Waterbury, CT
Rick's Lawn Care	Chuck Britton Jr	Wickliffe, OH
Rocco's Rolls	Brian Wilcocks	Lockport, NY
Rolling On In	Anthony Fistek	Highland Heights, OH
Sala Law	Rob Penpek	Erie, PA
Shamrock Realty	Fred Fox	Rome, NY
State Farm	Ed Isabella	Youngstown, OH
Stratton Oakmont	Tim Wilson	Youngstown, OH
Suite Haven Beauty	Nick Albertone	Wickliffe, OH
Sweet Berry	Patrick Laffey	Wickliffe, OH
TC Construction	Raffaele Colecchia	Willoughby Hills, OH
Team Lee Infinity of Beachwood	Rick Lee	Beachwood, OH
Team Previte	Joseph Previte	Wickliffe, OH
The Bocce Bros #1	Anthony Cugini	Westerville, OH
The Bocce Bros #2	Art Pietrangelo	Westerville, OH
The Farinacci Company	Anthony farinacci	Cleveland, OH
The Village Tavern	Frank Kuncio	Hermitage, PA
Toccolana 3 1/2	Michael Paolillo	Rome, NY
Toli	Dominic Piuanno	Little Italy, OH
TranSystems Corp.	Jim Fisher	Youngstown, OH
Trevi Catering	Steve Tripepi	Wickliffe, OH
Trevi Catering #13	Tom Tripepi	Wickliffe, OH
Tri State Bocce Club	Andrew Sweeney	Lockport, NY
Tripepi Consulting LLC	Tim Tripepi	Wickliffe, OH
Trump25		Chesterland, OH
Versace Law	Y Guy	Rome, NY
Volition Financial Network	Frank Gambatase	Highland Heights, OH
Waterside Azzurri	Anthony Falso	Syracuse, NY
Watertight Roofing Systems	Joe Palumbo	Hubbard, OH
Wickliffe	Paul DiCicco	Wickliffe, OH
Wickliffe I & A #59	Justin Silvaroli	Wickliffe, OH
Worden Road Mini Mart	Christopher Simon	Willoughby, OH
Zeolla Construction	Sal Zeolla	Erie, PA
Z's Lawncare	Nick Ludovici	New Castle, PA

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LADIES DIVISION PARTICIPANTS**

<b>Team</b>	<b>Captain</b>	<b>City, ST</b>
4 Non Blondes	Samantha Amato	Cleveland, OH
Bocce Bellas	Tara Mirabile	Kirtland, OH
Crane Memorial	Renee Abbattista	Youngstown, OH
Dirty 30	Tina Hogue	Warren, OH
Formica Plumbing #1	Rose Matiyasic	Wickliffe, OH
Formica Plumbing #2	Linda Miller	Wickliffe, OH
Franklin Hotel	AnnMarie Zakala	Rome, NY
Lady Devils	Samantha Mitchell	Chesterland, OH
McNulty Construction	Donna McNulty	Cleveland, OH
Nice Hits	Samantha Crookall	Wickliffe, OH
NLD Foundation	Deanna Hairston	Rome, NY
Nooners	Keara Severino	Wickliffe, OH
Norman Noble - Thunder Struck	Deana Morgano	Mayfield, OH
That's What She Said	Margie Ciasullo	Wickliffe, OH
Trevi Catering Women	Debbie Triepi	Wickliffe, OH
Yager Construction	Jess Spina	Rome, NY



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