

UNITED STATES BOCCE FEDERATION QUARTERLY



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Welcome to the April edition of the USBF Newsletter. It's hard to believe that we are just 2 months away from our [National Tournament](#). If you haven't registered for this event yet, you will need to do so soon.

For the past few years the CBI, ([Confederazione Boccistica Internazionale](#)), has failed to hold a World Bocce Tournament. It now seems that there is some movement to get back on track and hold a World event. The CBI has scheduled a meeting in Europe for the 2nd week of May to try and reach an agreement to get the events going. Danny Passaglia will be attending for the USBF.



Benedetto Nicosia at 2016 [Nationals in Livermore](#)

With the weather starting to improve a little in the Northwest, clubs are starting to gear up for another season. The [Paesano Bocce Club](#), (which I belong to), finally received some good news about covering their courts. After 7 years of waiting for a decision from environmentalists, they received the go ahead. Fund raising has started and they hope to start improvements at the end of this year.

For those players who like to change things up a bit when playing Bocce check out Margaret Shindelus' article below on the Raffa-Volo combination game.

May 18, 19, 20 the IAC in Stockton will host the Northwest vs California shootout. Friday the 16th is an il Sacco, Saturday is the Ryder Cup style tournament. Players must play singles, doubles and four person. One point is awarded for each match. Sunday the 20th is an open rules money tournament.

Clubs or members wishing to place articles in the USBF newsletter can do so by submitting to usboccefed@gmail.com. We would like to hear what is going on in your area.

Larry Cereghino
President, United States Bocce Federation

**2018 UNITED STATES
BOCCE CHAMPIONSHIP**
June 24 - 30, 2018
Italia-America Bocce Club
St. Louis, Missouri



Mark your calendars for the 2018 United States National Bocce Championship, **June 24 to June 30, 2018!** Bocce with the Best at the [Italia-America Bocce Club](#) in St. Louis, Missouri, along the mighty Mississippi. We hope you enjoy our Club, our City, the competition, camaraderie and sportsmanship of your fellow Bocce players from across the United States.



2010 United States Bocce Championship at the italia-America Bocce Club in St. Louis

For all of the details visit www.usbf.us

For Championship information please contact

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RAFFA-VOLO COMBINED

On March 4 and March 25, 2018, the game Raffa-Volo Combined made its debut as a USBF Tournament event at [Campo di Bocce](#) of Livermore, CA. Eight players participated in the Singles Showdown events while at the same time learning the rules and scoring system of the game.

The game is derived from the brass ball "Combined" volo throwing game. The Italian Bocce Federation (FIB) created a set of rules for this fast paced game to entice young players to develop lagging and shooting skills without requiring knowledge the Punto Raffa Volo game rules. A set of English rules is currently being finalized and will be posted on the USBF website in the near future.

Winners of the Raffa Volo Combined Tournament
March 25th @ Campo di Bocce:
1st Place Laura De La Rosa,
2nd Place Bob Kennedy,
3rd Place Jack Woo
and Consolation Winner Jerry South!

Pictured left to right, Jerry, Jack, Laura & Bob



The combined game involves drawing a circle (70cm radius) around the pallino, which one player lags into and the opponent shoots out. The game is spectator friendly with four lags and four dynamic shots being taken in each of the eight frame game.

In a game each player lags 16 balls and takes eight volo shots and eight raffa shots. The scoring system assigns 1-4 points for each valid play made and the points are accumulated as they are earned.

What we've learned so far:

- The game is challenging and fun to play
- Games take only 45-60 minutes
- Spectators enjoy watching (like curling)
- Statistics can be kept on a players lagging, volo and raffa skills
- There are no decisions, measurements, racking missed balls and other actions that slow the game down.

Hopefully, Raffa-Volo Combined will be a future tournament event throughout the United States and beyond. Please look for updates including rules, score sheets and related docs in future newsletters and on the USBF Facebook and website.

Margaret Shindelus

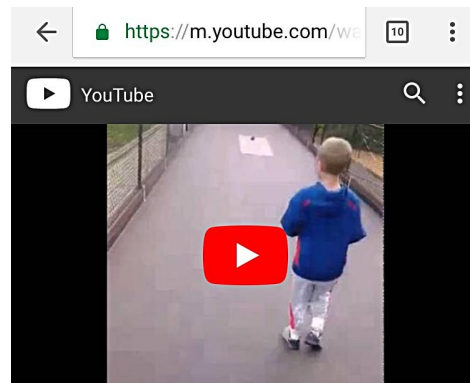
RAFFA VOLO COMBINED - SINGLES TOURNAMENTS

Sundays April 29, May 27 and June 10

Campo Di Bocce in Livermore, California

To enter an upcoming tournament contact Heather Veon
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Check out 8 year old Massimo Cereghino as he practices his volo shots, maybe he'll be playing in the 2024 Olympics!! www.youtube.com

Greetings Fellow USBF Members!

Some of you may or may not know about the problems ongoing in the International Federations. Last year a very emotional election was held and the previous President of the Italian Bocce Federation, Romola Rizzoli was ousted and the newly elected Mr. de Santis began a crusade to remove Mr. Rizzoli from office as the International President of CBI. Since these issues have reached antagonistic levels, there have been no World Championships for several years with no sign of one forthcoming. Last June during a visit to Rome to meet the new Officers of FIB, Mr. de Santis asked me to try to "kick-start" some movement internationally by asking the USA to host an International friendly.

After speaking with Larry Cereghino, I



proceeded to secure a host club and the [Italia-American Bocce Club](#) of St. Louis volunteered. The event is scheduled for the third week of September and will be a Men's team PRV event. Currently, Canada and Italy have confirmed participation. I also expect to hear from Brazil and Argentina in a positive way. Additional invites were sent to Switzerland and China. Should any country reject the invite, I have several other options. They all have until May 1st to respond. The goal is to have six foreign countries as well as our National Champions and one team from the Host club for a total of eight.

LEFT: For the first time in history Team USA, lead by [Jose Botto](#) from [Palazzo di Bocce](#), brings home the silver medal in the finals of the 2015 World Bocce Championship held in Rome, Italy!

Nothing is set in stone yet, but I am positive this event will be held this year and be a huge feather in our cap in the eyes of the International community. Once things have settled, I am sure we will be looking for volunteer referees so be prepared. I already have received two offers but will certainly need more so if you are willing please contact me directly so I can add you to our list. Let's keep things moving in a positive way as a united Federation!

Thanks,

Danny Passaglia
Director of International Affairs