

UNITED STATES BOCCE FEDERATION QUARTERLY



SEPTEMBER 2021

Hello to all USBF Directors and Members,

I would like to begin this letter with sincere apologies to everyone for the problems you probably experienced trying to renew membership or submit new applications. These issues were due to administrative deficiencies as well as internet difficulties.

I appreciate your patience and promise that within several weeks all will be corrected. The Board has begun implementing several new methods to expedite procedures that will result in timely and accurate information for every club and member. Due to an increased work load and relocation to the east coast our treasurer has stepped down and the new Treasurer is Laura de la Rosa. This change is effective as of August 15th.



I hope that everyone is safe and healthy and back playing bocce. Many facilities have reopened with few restrictions which is certainly great news. A new member Club is hosting the [2021 American Bocce Open](#) next month at Palazzo di Bocce which promises to bring a format that hasn't been used for quite awhile. Please check their [website](#) or email alex@americanbocceco.com for more details.

Once again the USBF will have Volo as part of our Federation. At the August 15th meeting, the Board unanimously approved the reinstatement of U.S. Volo. Mr. Benji Tosi was appointed International Representative for Volo and I have started the process of informing the World organizations. Hopefully, we will be able to send a very young (16 year old) player to the upcoming World Championships.



I have received many favorable responses from Europe and South America congratulating our Federation for finally having Raffa and Volo both under our umbrella.

Please try to attend our 2021 National Championship in St. Louis! I know the schedule has a conflict with another large Open event but the November date was the only option the Board had without having to cancel again. Information is available below, as well as on our website www.usbf.us. Please stay safe, play a lot of bocce, have fun and I personally hope to see many of you in St. Louis. Ciao for now!

Danny Passaglia
USBF President

**United State Bocce Federation
2021 National Championship
November 1st to 5th, 2021
Italia-America Bocce Club, St. Louis, Missouri**

Bocce with the Best! The Italia-America Bocce Club in St. Louis is proud to be hosting the 2021 United States Bocce Federation National Championship November 1 - 5, 2021 and the 14th Annual Aldo Della Croce Open Bocce Tournament, November 5 - 7, 2021. This is our eighth time hosting the USBF National Championship and our club welcomes those who have been here before and those who have not yet participated or attended this great event.



Gold Medal Winners 2018 Open Bocce Championship,
Italia-America Bocce Club in St. Louis



We hope you enjoy the club, our city, the competition, the camaraderie, and the sportsmanship of your fellow bocce players from across the United States. To play in the USBF Open and the USBF PRV events, all players must be a USBF 2021 card holder.

All of the registration forms are posted on our website www.stlbocce.com and the USBF website www.usbf.us.

For additional information, feel free to contact me at 314.477.0154 or abcst22@gmail.com. See you in November,

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Paesano Bocce Club Hosted Upward Bound



On Wednesday June 30th the Paesano Bocce Club hosted the Tigard / Tualatin High School Upward Bound students. Forty plus High School students spent the day learning and playing Bocce. There was an Introduction and History of Bocce presented by Mario Pompei, President Paesano Bocce Club. A brief review of the rules of bocce (USBF Open Rules) was followed with a demonstration by Dino Gavazza and John Benagni. The group came prepared and already had the 40 students divided into 8 teams. They were divided

into two pools of four and pool play began with a Paesano Bocce Club member acting as coach/referee on each of the four courts.

It was an honor to host these students. They were very enthusiastic, energetic, intelligent, sharp and a willingness to learn. They were very cooperative and polite. A great bunch of young adults!



What is Upward Bound?

"Upward Bound provides fundamental support to participants in their preparation for college entrance. The program provides opportunities for participants to succeed in their pre-college performance and ultimately in their higher education pursuits. Upward Bound serves high school students from low-income families; and high school students from families in which neither parent holds a bachelor's degree. The goal of Upward Bound is to increase the rate at which participants complete secondary education and enroll in and graduate from institutions of post-secondary education."

NW BOCCE CHALLENGE

On Saturday July 10, 24 Oregon players and 24 Washington players met in Gresham Oregon at Paesano Bocce Club for the Annual NW Challenge with consisted of 12 doubles matches, 24 singles matches, and 6 four-person team matches. Each player plays in all three formats.

Washington looking to win for the first time since 2010, was hot in doubles matches as the Washington team won six in a row, and was about to win 7 in a row but partners Butch Mason and Cody Mason came from behind to win 10-9 to stop the streak.

However, Washington still led 7-5 after the doubles. Paul Barash. of the Oregon team was heard saying at the time that was a pivotal win and he was right. Oregon put the hammer down on their visitors from the north winning the Singles matches 18-6. Oregon won the team matches 4 -2, winning the total 42 matches, 27 to 15.



Adam Leschber of Oregon rolling



Nick Rossi of Oregon in Red



A warm day was enjoyed by both sides as they had not competed against each other in nearly two years. Great times seeing familiar faces and catching up on each other lives.

Players Undefeated in Competition: Oregon - Paul Barasch, Brad Cotton, Butch Mason, Cody Mason, Liz Chase Von Demfange; Washington - Salvatore Cascone, Bob Sheffels

News from the Western Sector TOURNAMENTS HAVE REVIVED!!!!

The long dormant tournament competition offered by the WESTERN SECTOR sprang to life on July 17 at Marin Bocce, San Rafael. The men's doubles format attracted 20 teams from the greater Bay Area. Old friends and newcomers from Stockton, Martinez, Antioch, St Helena, Monterey, Nevada City, Los Gatos and Scott Valley banged away on Marin's 8 outdoor courts.



First Place: Ron Jacobs and Manny Romano



Second Place: Ken Gorny and Brian Peterson

Everyone got to play 4 games before quarter finals. Several of the "usual suspects" went home after lunch, but by mid afternoon Ron Jacobs and Manny Romano prevailed over Ken Gorny and Brian Peterson for first place. On an adjacent court the Italian bocceitori Stefano Landinni and Paolo Cipollo from Nevada City won third place from Steve Castellano and Jimmy Collins. For future attractions, Marin Bocce is hosting a doubles tournament for women and in the fall, mixed doubles.



Third Place: Stefano Landinni and Paolo Cipollo



Fourth Place: Steve Castellano and Jimmy Collins

AROUND THE SECTOR

Diane Kelly announced the formation of a Sunday morning Raffa League at Campo Di Bocce Los Gatos. Diane hopes to attract newcomers to the international game, which demands a higher skill level for pointing and features volo shooting as well as the traditional shot we use in open rules.

Ken Gorny from Scott Valley is headed to Detroit; Ken, Alan Knox, Paolo Pro and Diane

Kelly are off to the Palazzo. They won the recent Las Vegas tournament.

Jerry South, Marin Bocce

Las Vegas Tournament July 9-11, 2021

The long awaited Las Vegas National Bocce tournament was held on Friday, July 9th through Sunday, July 11th, 2021. Fifty-three, 3 person teams, from ten different states entered in this year's competition at the South Point Hotel and Casino.

The defending Champion, Scotts Valley had quite a scare when their point setter, Alan Knox, woke up ill the first day of the tournament causing him to be unable to play on Friday. They were able to pick up Pat Ross, from Stockton IAC, to fill in for Alan to enable them to play to a high seed after the first day of team pool play.



Main Tournament Gold Medal

Scotts Valley Montoni, Scotts Valley, CA
L to R Brian Peterson, Ken Gorny, Alan Knox.



Main Tournament Silver Medal

Zam Smarkey, Saratoga Springs, NY
L to R Zachary Scialdone Sharkey, Michael Scialdone Sharkey, Lew Scialdone



Main Tournament Bronze Medal

Alta House, Cleveland, OH
L to R Tim Tripepi, Anthony Capogreco, Gianni Colaizzi



Main Tournament 4th Place

Tre Diavoli, Paesano Bocce Club, Gresham, OR,
L to R Ben Mititiero, Tony Aiello, Antonio Mititiero

The darling of the tournament was the first year's team, Zam Smarkey, from Saratoga Springs, NY, consisting of Lew Scialdone with his two sons, Zachary Scialdone Sharkey and Michael Scialdone Sharkey. They were undefeated in the double elimination tournament portion of the event going into the championship game against Scotts Valley, whose team members were Ken Gorny, Brian Peterson and Alan Knox.

Alan was able to return to play in the two days of the double elimination tournament. The first game of the championship was an epic affair lasting 2-1/4 hours as the lead was traded back and forth. Scotts Valley was victorious forcing a second game for "All the Marbles". Ken, Brian, and Alan won the second game becoming the tournament's first back to back champions.



Second Chance Tournament First Place
3rd Dimension, Various Clubs around the SF Bay Area, CA. L to R Dario Bernardi, Martha Crosley, Giovanni Napoli



Organizers of the Tournament
L to R: Jack Bilancia, Frank Desantis, Theresa Robarge, Guy Desantis, Mike Pennino

16th ANNUAL ALDO ROSSI TOURNAMENT

On Sunday, July 11, 2021, the 16th annual Aldo Rossi tournament was held with 13 teams. \$1200 in prize money was at stake.



1st Place: Due Famiglie and Doug - Cody Mason, Mario Pompei, Doug Burchak, Butch Mason



2nd Place: The Wonders - Bob Sheffels, Jennifer Sheffels, Gail Dehnert, Brian Peterson



3rd Place: Pallino or Bust - Phil Schwyhart, Brad Cotton, Rick Cervi, Joachim Creten



4th Place: The Henry's - Pat Henry, Brian Henry, Amanda Henry, Anthony Singleton



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