



HIGHWOOD BOCCE CLUB

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Dear Highwood Bocce Members and Friends,

Ciao! We have missed you. We have missed our bocce, cards, delicious Italian food, and most of all the laughs and smiles we share while enjoying our Club together.

It's been a challenging time for all of us and we dearly hope you and yours are healthy, safe and looking forward to a better year ahead. One where we can once again enjoy each other's company and fellowship.

Soon after closing our doors on March 15, 2020 the HBC Board began planning our re-opening. We knew we did not have control over the schedule, but felt it was important to have a phased, methodical approach to re-open our beloved Club gradually and safely. On the next page you can read more about our overall re-opening framework as well as what we have done so far and plan for next steps.

We expect our reopening to be slow and gradual. As we go through this process, it's more important than ever we find new (or in this case bring back old) ways of connecting and communicating with our membership. Hopefully you find this newsletter both informative and helpful. In addition to the reopening plans you will also find important announcements and Club information, as well as some great photos from a few of the events we have been able to hold. Also look for more frequent and varied communication from us in 2021.

Spero di vedervi presto!

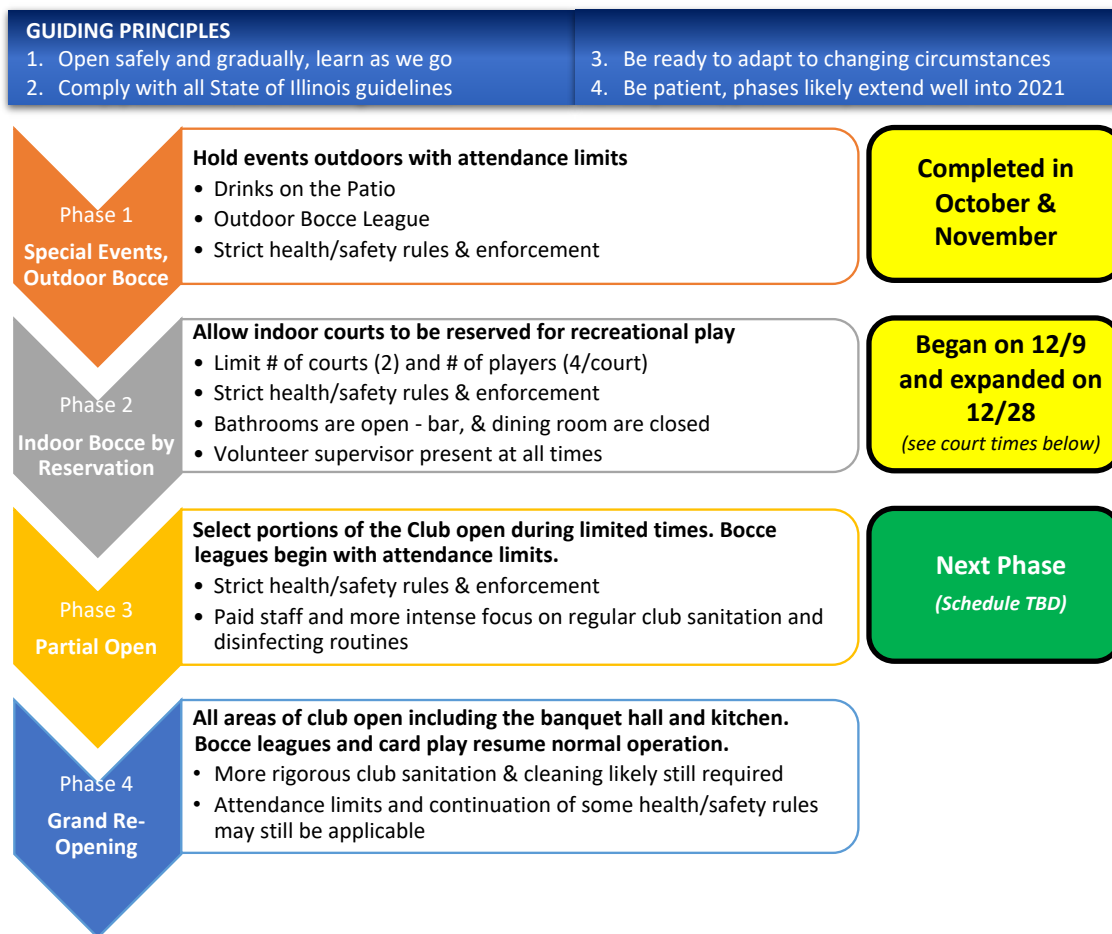
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Club Reopening

On July 26 the HBC Board approved the below re-opening framework which we've been following ever since.

Phases 1 and 2 have been successful thanks to some incredible volunteers, and we look forward to being able to move forward with our Phase 3 sometime soon. Importantly, our Phase 3 is dependent upon the withdrawal of the State of Illinois Tier 2&3 mitigations put in place in 2020.

Our commitment to our members is to keep your health and safety a priority and to communicate updates as we continue down our reopening path.



INDOOR COURT RESERVATIONS

To reserve an indoor court during any of these times, go to our web page at highwoodbocce.com and select the "Indoor Court Reservation" menu item. You can also contact Tom Holleman (tomho@yahoo.com) or Danko Dykj (dahnko@ameritech.net) directly.

We currently have times available on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays and may add new times in the future.

Recent Events

Four-week outdoor bocce league in October! A little cold at times, but so good to roll again, particularly on our refurbished outdoor courts!



Partnered with the Modenese Society and Santa Clause to raise \$2,000 for the homeless through the Fraternite Notre Dame as well as providing 90 stockings and 48 chocolate bunnies to our members, families, and community members.

Our indoor courts are open by reservation since December 9th. Times are available to be reserved on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays.



Announcements



- **Welcome to our newly and re-elected board members!** Vice President Peter Pieracci, Treasurer Elizabeth Falzone, and Trustees Frank Bacci, Tony Biondi, Paolo Giannetti and Tom Holleman took their oath of office on 1/3. A huge thank you to outgoing board members Luciano Brogi, Luigi Lunardi, David Beresid, and Mike Teich for their tremendous service to the Club.
- **The HBC Board is in the process of obtaining estimates for installing air conditioning in the courts as well as making other ventilation improvements.** Extending the use of our indoor courts in the summer as well as improving the air quality are items members have asked us to consider. Of course, as our by-laws require, any expenses greater than \$5k must be approved by membership. For now, we just want a better understanding of the estimated costs.
- **The HBC Board has approved the re-painting of the dining room** in order to give it a clean, fresh look.
- **Mark your calendars - we will hold our first ever General Membership meeting over Zoom on Sunday 2/14 at 3PM.** Meeting info including agenda will be sent out seven days prior to the meeting via email as well as posted on our website and Facebook page.
- **Just a reminder we have extended the current membership year to go through June 30, 2021 at no additional expense to our members.** Membership dues for the following year will be due on July 31, 2021 and be good through June 30, 2022. We are accepting new member applications already for the 2021/2022 membership year.

Condolences



The Highwood Bocce Club would like to extend our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of:

- Jackie Johnson (Yurkus)
- Lucy Konsler
- Pio Marasti

We will miss you dearly while treasuring our memories together.

New Members



Welcome to the following new members and their sponsors that have joined since October 2020!

- Tom Canale (Sponsor = Gordon Gruenes)
- Elizabeth Facchini (Sponsor = George Facchini)

Volunteers



The Club relies on its many volunteers. The HBC Board would like to give special thanks to the following individuals who were instrumental to our recent election, reopening activities, and other events.

- Anthony Bilotti
- Angelo Biondi
- Vito Buonasante
- Carl Carani
- Chuck Dushman
- Danko Dykyj
- Alex Gara
- Tom Garrity
- Gordon Gruenes
- Liz Hawari
- Al Kruse
- Amy Lazzaretti
- Joey Lorusso
- Maurizio Perrelli
- Vic Picchietti
- Miles Russell
- Steve Thornberry
- Andy Zimmerman