



HIGHWOOD BOCCE CLUB

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January 14, 2022

Membership Meeting: New Board Members Installed



Pictured above, from left to right, back row: Trustees Lenny Innocenzi and Bruce Bertucci, President Tom Holleman, Judge Rochford, and Trustee Miles Russell. Front row, from left to right: Trustee Mary Ann Pedersen, Treasurer Heidi Peddle, and Assistant Treasurer Paula Perrelli.

During the General Membership Meeting held on January 9, 2022, the Highwood Bocce Club inaugurated new officers and trustees. A special thank you to Judge Elizabeth Rochford for swearing in our newly elected board members pictured above.

In his address to membership, new President Tom Holleman thanked outgoing President Dave Massello, Treasurer Elizabeth Falzone, and Trustees Mike Puccio and Pino Bernardi for their time and contributions. He also outlined the new board's operating principles, priorities, and goals for the coming year.

Operating Principles

- Accountability to get things done and follow through quickly on decisions reached.
- Collaboration to ensure we can work together effectively, and to ask our members for help when we need it.
- Respect for each other, as we may not always agree, and that's OK.
- Transparency within the board, and with our members. We are better when we debate, decide, and act together – and to do that effectively requires transparency.

Board Priorities

- Document, recognize, and educate our members on the Club's history and its founding members/families.
- Strengthen the bond between our club and its members' businesses.
- Provide greater transparency with financials, including developing and publishing a prioritized capital investment list.

Other goals include

- Hold more private events by doing more to promote and market our banquet services
- Hold more tournaments as we continue our reopening. This includes hosting the USBF Nationals here as early as 2023, USBF approval pending.
- Improve our competitiveness at USBF Nationals. Club members took 9 of 20 medals at last year's Nationals and we have the talent and desire to do even better.
- Develop a new marketing logo to supplement the current logo and use it to sell apparel and merchandise.

November-December Highlights



Women's Tournament Winner

Congratulations to **Amy Lazzaretti**, our 2021 Highwood Bocce Women's Club Champion! Two great games with runner-up and two time defending champion Paula Perrelli were played on December 5, 2021. Thanks to all who participated in this year's tournament.



2021 National Tournament

Competitors from the Highwood Bocce Club (HBC) joined more than 60 of the best bocce players in the country in St. Louis, Mo., November 1-7, 2021, to compete in the 2021 United States Bocce Championship and 14th Annual Aldo Della Croce Bocce Tournament, held at the Italia-



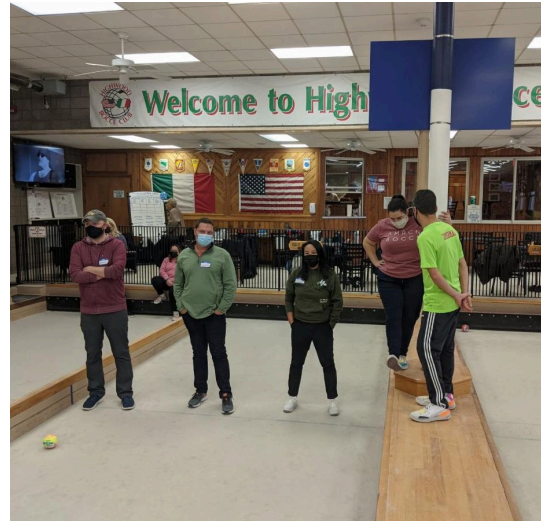
America Bocce Club. Highwood had an impressive medal haul with 3 silver and 3 bronze as well as first place in the Aldo Della Croce Tournament.

We are looking forward to competing at the 2022 USBF Championships in June at the Sons of Italy Lodge in Methuen, Mass.

[Read more about nationals here.](#)

2021 Developmental League

This fall we hosted a Development League in partnership with American Bocce Company. Andy Zimmerman and Miles Russell provided the foundations and techniques of bocce, and wrapped up with a mini-tournament where the techniques taught were put into practice. It was a great success! The future looks bright for bocce. Stay tuned for future sign-ups and information for spring leagues.



Club Announcements

FRIDAY NIGHT BUFFET
JANUARY 28th @ 6:30

POLENTA (PLAIN OR LAYERED
w/CHEESE + SAUCE)

ITALIAN SAUSAGE w/ PEPPERS
GARLIC ROASTED CHICKEN
ROASTED POTATOES / VEGI'S
GARDEN SALAD/DESSERTS

SIGN-UP DEADLINE - JAN 26th

CALL OR EMAIL DONNA
847-946-7838 PIERACCI
dmpieracci16@gmail.com

\$ 25.⁰⁰ p.person

Upcoming Events: Friday Night Dinner Buffet

Please join us on Friday, January 28, at 6:30 p.m. for a wonderful polenta dinner with roasted chicken and Italian sausage.

Members and their guests are welcome. Cost is \$25 per person. Please call Donna Pieracci at 847-946-7838 or email dmpieracci16@gmail.com with your reservation details.



Bulletin Board in Card Room

The bulletin board in the cardroom has been re-purposed to help members stay informed about club operations and help support businesses owned by HBC members. The board will be regularly updated with membership, financial, memorial, and business information.



Operating Hours

All members have access to the Club via their key fob from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., 7 days a week.

The bar is open and welcoming members from 6:30 p.m. to Closing (usually between 10-12 PM) Monday - Friday and from 12 - 6 on Sundays.

Private Event Bookings

The Club is a great place to host a party with excellent food, reasonable rates, and attentive service. The Banquet Room has recently been repainted and is ready to welcome your group. Donna Pieracci is the primary point of contact for booking parties. She and her staff handle all aspects of party planning, menu selection, set-up, etc.



Contact Donna at 847-946-7838 or dmpieracci16@gmail.com.

New Members Welcomed

The Club recently welcomed the following new members:

Julie Amari
Hollis and Paul Blume
Robert Benassi
Franco Cisternino
Ila and Jim Coretti
Gary & Sally Eide
Geoff Ellis
Jenny and Andy Fleury
Michael Mucerino
Jeff Salmon and Linda Renella Salmon
Michael Curcio & Nicole Sherrod
Robert Tricarico

In Memoriam

Mario G. Galletti

January 5, 1934 - January 11, 2021

Longtime member Mario G. Galletti passed away on Tuesday, January 11, 2022, he was 88 years old. Visitation will be held Sunday, January 16, 2022, from 12-5 p.m. at Seguin & Symonds Funeral Home, 858 Sheridan Road, Highwood, with a reception following at the Highwood Bocce Club. Interment will be private. [Find his obituary here.](#)



Mary (Pasquesi) Bacci

August 26, 1933 - December 24, 2021

Mary Bacci was the mother of Trustee Frank Bacci and the sister of Ettore and Joe Pasquesi. Services were held in December. [Find her obituary here.](#)



The Club honors the memories of our members and their loved ones. The bulletin board in the card room has space to place memorial cards, and news of a loss can be shared with [Peter Pieracci](#) who will share the information with our members.

Officers

President

Tom Holleman

Vice President

Peter Pieracci

Treasurer

Heidi Peddle

Recording Secretary

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Trustees

Frank Bacci

Tony Biondi

Bruce Bertucci

Paolo Giannetti

Lenny Innocenzi

Mary Ann Pedersen

Miles Russell

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