



The Highwood Bocce Club

A home for Italian Heritage and Culture on Chicago's Northshore

Built by Members

Creating a gathering place for the recently immigrated Italian families of Highwood was a community priority in the 1960s. Once the city donated the property our members built the Club using their considerable skills as entrepreneurs, masons, plumbers, electricians, and other tradesman.



Run by Volunteers

We are a 501c.7 nonprofit and all operations at the Club are managed and run by our amazing member volunteers, with the exception of our kitchen. We are a club not a business, and our dedicated members are the difference.



Home of World Class Bocce

The HBC has hosted 3 National Championship tournaments and will host its 4th in 2023. We have also hosted the first and only Men's International Bocce World Cup and Women's Pan-American Bocce Championships held in the US. Our members compete fiercely locally, nationally, and internationally.



Promoting Italian Culture

We are so much more than a bocce club as our mission includes promoting Italian heritage and culture. Activities include hosting Italian language classes for children, passing down the art of tortellacci making and Italian cooking, and celebrating Easter Cocetto.



Serving the Community

Our ties with the community have always been strong. We are the Highwood Cub Scouts Charter Organization and offer a league for community children. We also serve as a gathering place for local seniors who enjoy speaking Italian, and playing cards and other activities.



Growing for the Future

Even the pandemic hasn't slowed our growth, reaching record levels of over 700 members in 2022 and hosting more bocce leagues than ever before. Our reach into the Northshore has extended as well, with the majority of our membership coming from surrounding communities including many from Chicago.

