

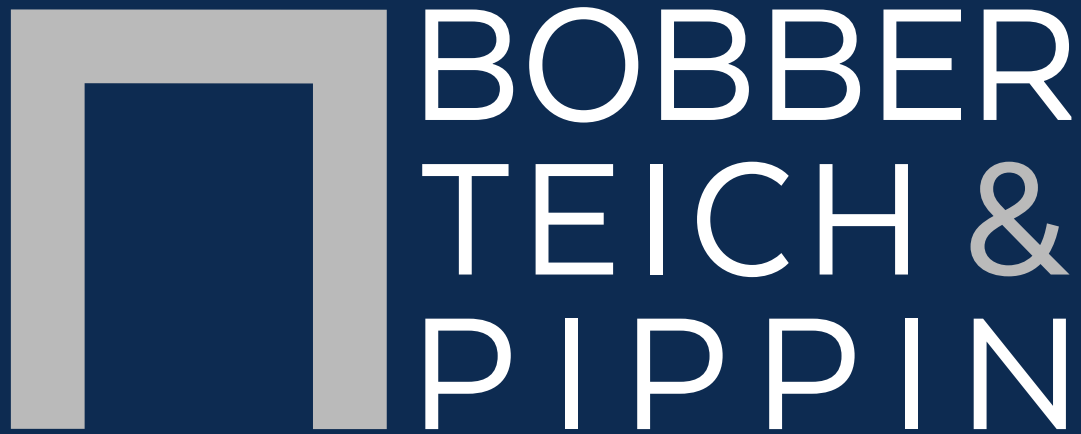
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TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE



Day	Event(s)	Time	Tournament Schedule	Extra-Curricular Events & Food Specials
Sunday, June 18		10-10	Courts Open for Practice	
Monday, June 19	Open B	8-10:30 9-10 10-4 4-5	Courts Open for Practice Registration and Check-In Open B Pool Play Open B Bracket Play	Lunch @HBC Buffo's Pizza
		6-7	Open B Finals	
Tuesday, June 20	Opening Ceremony Women's PRV Doubles Women's Precision Shooting	7-9 8-9 10-3 3-5 5-6:30	Courts Open for Practice Registration and Check-In 9-10 Opening Ceremony Women's PRV Doubles Pool Play Women's PRV Doubles Bracket Women's Precision Shooting	Lunch @HBC Buffo's Pizza
		6:30-7 8-9	Women's Precision Shooting Women's PRV Doubles Finals	
Wednesday, June 21	Mixed PRV Doubles	6-8 7-8 8-5 5-8	Courts Open for Practice Registration and Check-In Mixed PRV Doubles Pool Play Mixed PRV Doubles Bracket Play	LUNCH @ HBC Grab-n-Go Sandwiches Enjoy dinner at the Highwood Evening Market, Food, Drinks Entertainment in Everts Park 111 North Avenue
		8-9	Mixed PRV Doubles Finals	
Thursday, June 22	Men's PRV Doubles	6-8 7-8 8-5 5-8	Courts Open for Practice Registration and Check-In Men's PRV Doubles Pool Play Men's PRV Doubles Bracket Play	LUNCH @HBC - Grilled Steak Sandwiches
		8-9	Men's PRV Doubles Finals	
Friday, June 23	Open A Men's Precision Shooting	7-9 8-9 9-4 5:30-8	Courts Open for Practice Registration and Check-In Open A Pool Play Men's Precision Shooting	LUNCH @HBC - Marinated Grilled Chicken breast Sandwiches
		8-9	Men's Precision Shooting Finals	
Saturday, June 24	Open A Awards Banquet	7-9 9-1 1-3	Courts Open for Practice Open A Pool Play Open A Bracket Play	LUNCH @HBC Grab-&-Go Sandwiches 2-7 PM Hand Rolled Cigars with Yadira BANQUET: Tortellacci with meat sauce, Panko Chicken, White Fish, Roasted Potatoes, Green Beans Almandine, Garden Salad, Desert Table
		3-4 6-Late	Open A Finals Awards Banquet	

Tournament Rules and Code of Conduct are posted at the Club and available at highwoodbocce.com

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June 19, 2023

Dear Players and Guests,

On behalf of our Board and over 750 members, we welcome you to the Highwood Bocce Club, and extend our heartfelt greetings!

Our Club stands as a testament to the unwavering dedication and determination of our founding members. It was established as a haven for preserving and celebrating Italian heritage and culture, fostering an environment where families and friends can come together. What began as casual bocce games played in the backyards and alleys of Highwood has evolved into one of the finest bocce facilities in the country. In fact, the *Wall Street Journal* once hailed us as the "America's Bocce Capital." We take immense pride in our contributions to the sport, both at a national and international level.

Over the years, we have had the privilege of hosting numerous regional, national, and international tournaments. In 2019, we had the honor of hosting the Pan American Women's Bocce Championship, marking the first time this prestigious event was held in North America. The U.S. National Championships have graced our facility three times, most recently in 2017. In 1996, we were chosen as the venue for the first and only Bocce World Cup event held in America, attracting teams from 14 different countries.

This year, we are proud to add another chapter to our storied legacy. We are thrilled to be hosting the 2023 National Championships, welcoming players from all corners of the country to participate in a week filled with exhilarating competition and the spirit of camaraderie. Our aim is to elevate the Nationals experience, providing both players and spectators with an unforgettable time. We extend our deepest gratitude to our board, players, and the countless volunteers who have dedicated their time and effort to make this momentous event a reality.

Looking ahead, I am filled with excitement about the future of our Club and the sport of bocce. Whether you engage in bocce for the social aspects or the competitive thrill, this sport offers something special for everyone. Led by organizations like the United States Bocce Federation (USBF) and the American Bocce Co., players across the nation are uniting to share their passion for the game, forging lasting relationships in the process. We express our sincere appreciation to all those who contribute their skills, time, and unwavering passion to our Club and this sport. Together, we continue to grow and thrive.

Once again, a warm welcome from the Highwood Bocce Club. May your time here be filled with memorable moments and the joy of bocce.

Sincerely,

Tom Holleman, President
Highwood Bocce Club

USBF WELCOME



UNITED STATES BOCCE FEDERATION

Welcome!

On behalf of the Officers and Board Members of the United States Bocce Federation (USBF), I want to congratulate and thank the Highwood Bocce club for hosting the 2023 National Tournament. It is not an easy task and requires a lot of effort, planning, and most of all volunteers! I welcome all participants and wish them a week of great Bocce, fun, and friendship. During this week you will experience several modalities of the game. Raffa, shooting skills, team and doubles events along with Open Rules. The Highwood courts have been recently renovated and a lot of work done to make the event a success. The USBF is extremely fortunate to have a facility such as Highwood to be willing to Host our National Tournament.

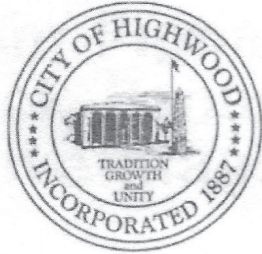
I would also like to encourage all the players and guests to support the local sponsors that contributed to making this event come to fruition. You will enjoy the many restaurants with diverse menus, and you can even walk to see nearby Lake Michigan. The train stop gives you access to downtown Chicago if you have time and inclination. I would be remiss if I didn't thank Tom Holleman as Club President for spearheading this undertaking and creating the fantastic atmosphere we can all enjoy.

Best wishes to all the attendees and good luck to the competitors! Remember, it is not if you win or lose, it is the fact that you played the game!

Ciao!

Danny Passaglia
USBF President

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Welcome!

On behalf of the Highwood City Council and our entire community, it is my great pleasure to welcome you to our city!

We are so proud of the Highwood Bocce Club and are thrilled the National Bocce Championships have returned to Highwood in 2023. Our Club is one of a kind, literally built by hand by Highwood's residents and the social center of the community where neighbors gathered to play bocce and forge lifelong friendships. Today, the Highwood Bocce Club welcomes members from across Chicagoland, who come to enjoy its outstanding courts and welcoming members who have helped establish its reputation for excellence.

Highwood's location between Lake Forest and Highland Park, conveniently located near Chicago and adjacent to Lake Michigan, offers visitors access to world class attractions and beautiful natural surroundings. Highwood is also known for its food culture, with forty restaurants and bars within its vibrant downtown. We hope you visit some of these locally owned establishments and check out the many options to dine and socialize – you won't be disappointed!

Thank you for choosing our community and club to host your event and please make yourselves at home during your visit.

Sincerely,

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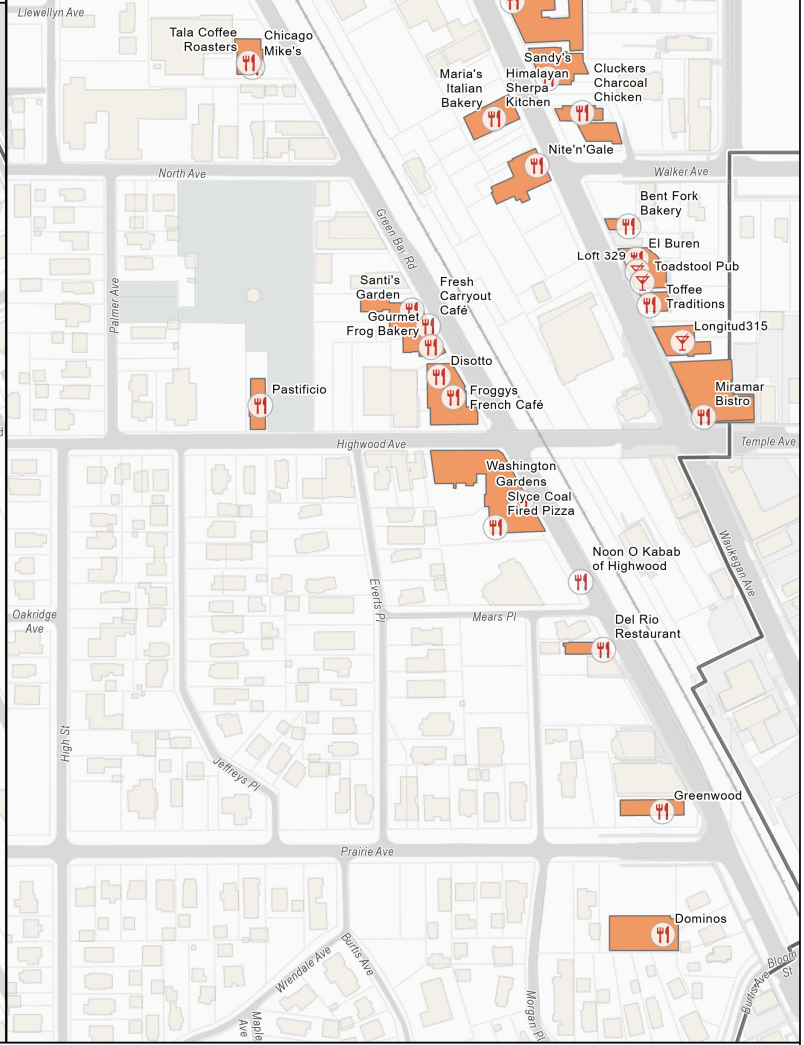
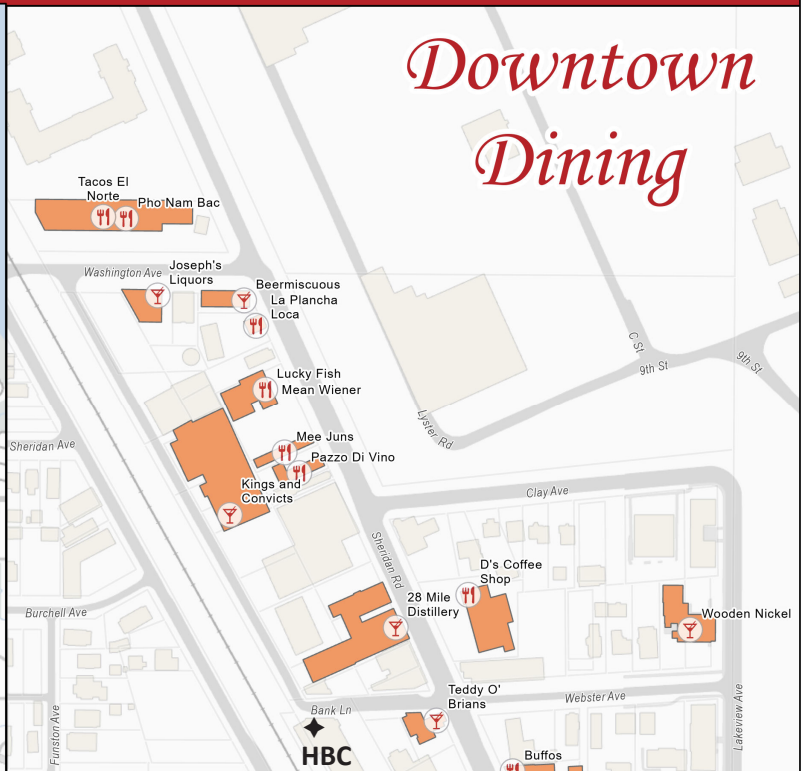
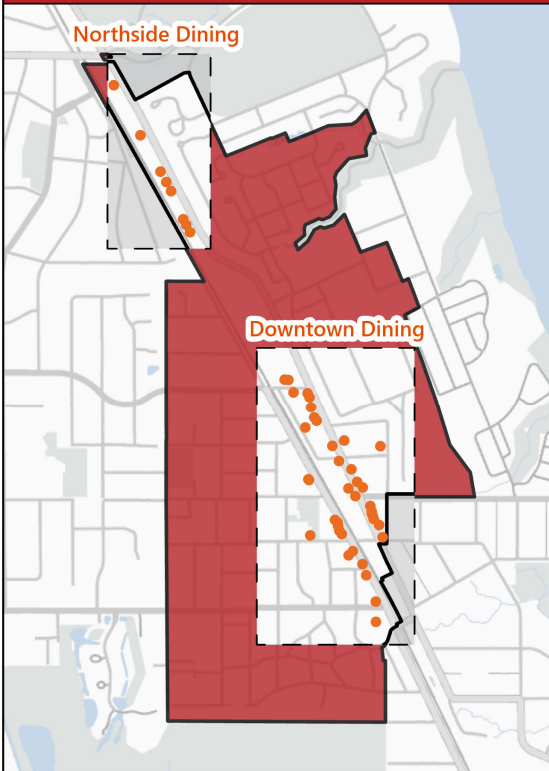
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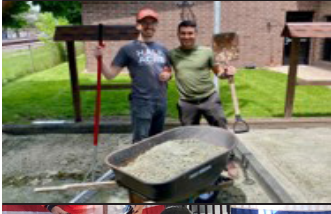
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A home for Italian Heritage and Culture on Chicago's Northshore



BUILT BY MEMBERS

Creating a gathering place for the recently immigrant 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.



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The Highwood Bocce Club (HBC) is a 501c.3 nonprofit and operations at the Club are managed and run by our volunteers. We are a club not a business, and our dedicated members are the difference.



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The HBC has hosted four National Championship tournaments and 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.



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Our mission includes promoting Italian heritage and culture and the Club hosts many activities including Italian language classes for children, passing down the art of tortellacci making, and celebrating the annual Easter Coccetto and children's holiday party with the Modenese society.



SERVING THE COMMUNITY

Our ties with the community have always been strong. The HBC serves as the Highwood Cub Scouts Charter Organization and offers a league for community children. We also serve as a gathering place for many local seniors who enjoy playing cards and other activities.



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Membership reached record levels with more than 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.

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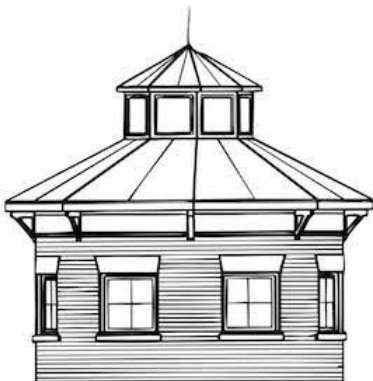
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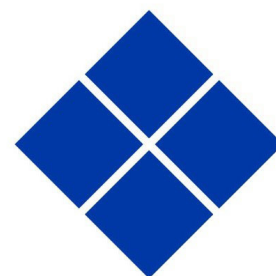
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Adrienne Sassaman

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Betty Holleman

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2022 Methuen, MA	1995 St. Louis, MO
2021 St. Louis, MO	1994 Las Vegas, NV
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2019 Methuen, MA	1992 Memphis, TN
2018 St. Louis, MO	1991 San Mateo, CA
2017 Highwood, IL	1990 St. Louis, MO
2016 Livermore, CA	1989 Round Lake, IL
2015 Methuen, MA	1988 New Orleans, LA
2014 St. Louis, MO	1987 Las Vegas, NV
2013 Stockton, CA	1986 Duluth, MN
2012 Round Lake, IL	1985 Kansas City, MO & Stockton, CA
2011 Los Gatos/Livermore, CA	1984 San Mateo, CA
2010 St. Louis, MO	1983 Phoenix, AZ
2009 Livermore, CA	1982 New Orleans, LA
2008 Highwood, IL	2002 Los Gatos, CA
2007 Livermore, CA	2001 Las Vegas, NV
2006 St. Louis, MO	2000 St. Louis, MO
2005 Orion Township, MI	1999 Stockton, CA
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1996 Martinez, CA	1979 Las Vegas, NV





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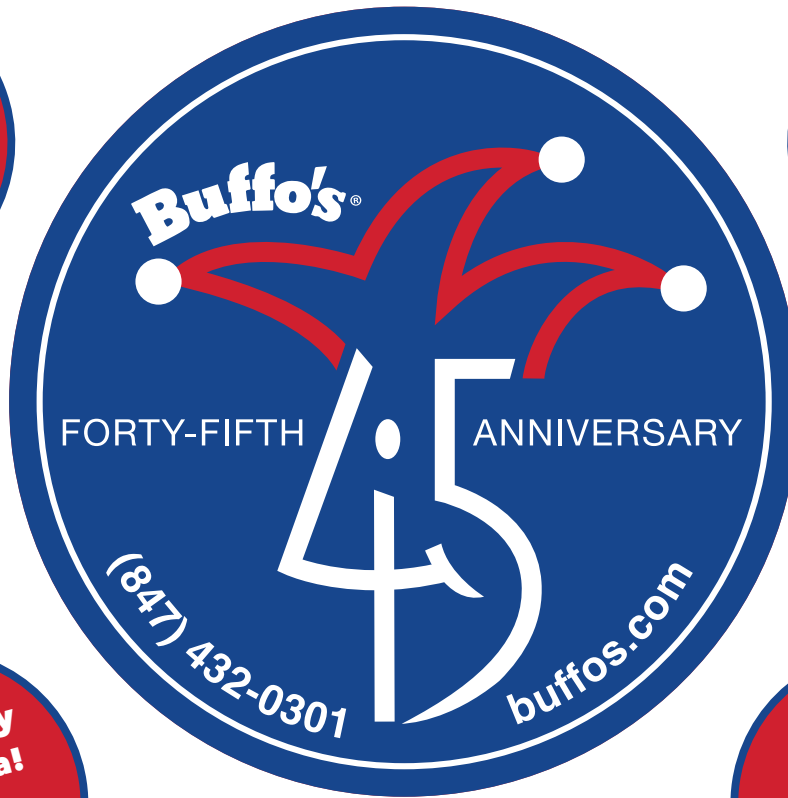
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