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EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE 2011 MLBC SEASON TOUR

JOE CERCHI MEMORIAL BOCCIE IS A HUGE SUCCESS WITH PLAYERS SPECTATORS ALSO LINE THE COURTS IN RECORD NUMBERS

By Santino Pasquinucci
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The 2011 Joe Cerchi Memorial Bocce Tournament was once again the most popular event of the season.

The contest was not only the collection of the usual suspects (CVAC 4, Veni Vidi Vamos, Belle Donne, The Country Four, and Team Grappa (or was it “La Famiglia”) but also debuted the arrival of sev-

eral new teams (WLBC, Mama Cerchi, Fair To Middling Team Cerchi, New Kids on the Bocce, and Andiamo).

With 11 teams participating, 45 players and over 100 spectators, it was the largest gathering of the season to date, and a

wonderful way to celebrate the man known as Joe Cerchi.

Joe’s wife, Jackie, was on hand to see the crowd enjoy what turned out to be a day-long marathon of stories about Joe, a little bocce competition, and a lot of smiles.

A “FAIR TO MIDDLING” SURPRISE!

In what surely must be considered the upset of the year, the team called “Fair to Middling” upset heavy favorite Veni Vidi Vamos in the first round of the Joe Cerchi Memorial Bocce Tournament played last week at the Custom House Plaza in Monterey.

Named after one of Joe’s favorite expressions, the foursome of Vinny Lucido, Trish Lucido, Anthony Lucido and Gabriel Lucido advanced farther than any other Cerchi team in the history of the event. Well done gang!

PUT IT ON YOUR SCHEDULE
AUGUST:
THE MLBC CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS
Sunday, August 14th
at Custom House Plaza

NEW KIDS CAUSE A STIR ON THE COURTS

It was only their second MLBC event, but the first time that all four had played together in a tournament.

Dubbed “The New Kids on the Bocce”, Joe Minafo, Richard Davison, Barbara Lucido and Joe Lucido went undefeated in the Round-Robin portion of the Joe Cerchi Memorial Bocce Tournament played last week at the Custom House Plaza in Monterey.

Although they lost in a second round play-off to the eventual champions, the New Kids gave notice that they are here to play, and here to stay!

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THE HAMILTON SHELTER PLAYER OF THE MONTH FREDDY TRABANO



Freddy Trabano checking it out

By Enzo L. Fornaio
Rollers Press International

The MLBC Players Association has named Freddy Trabano as their August 2011 Player of the Month. Freddy is the chairman of the OSIA Watsonville Lodge Bocce Club and the first member of another Sons of Italy lodge (other than Monterey) to win this award.

We’re proud to have Freddy as a member of the MLBC Players Association and also a member of the Order Sons of Italy in America.

Congratulations Freddy, see you out there on the courts!





PLAYER ROUND-UP

CURRENT RESULTS FOR THE 2011 MLBC SEASON



2011 MLBC TOUR POINTS

RANK	PLAYER NAME	1st HALF	2nd HALF	TOTAL
1	Frank Graziano	6200	850	7050
2	Victor Delpine	6250	300	6550
3	Richard Quaglia	5650	850	6500
4	Tony Vella	5575	850	6425
5	Vickie Lucido	5675	300	5975
6	Gary Carlson	5500	300	5800
7	Jennie Rouch	4800	700	5500
8	Rose Ventimiglia	4700	700	5400
9	Francuzzo Lucido	4450	850	5300
10	Barbara Vella	4500	0	4500
11	Bev Hodge	4150	300	4450
12	Barbara Henares	3675	700	4375
13	Bob Enea	3600	700	4300
14	Joann Parent	4225	0	4225
15	Fred Taft	3650	300	3950
16	Mary Lou Shapiro	3500	300	3800
17	Capp Wormley	2900	850	3750
18	Don Schmidt	3450	300	3750
19	Patricia Quaglia	3725	0	3725
20	Nick Henares	2400	300	2700
21	Josie Villalpando	2150	0	2150
22	Ellinor Roeck	1800	300	2100
23	Paul Burdick	2100	0	2100
24	Carolyn Wormley	1625	300	1925
25	Michael Lucido	1850	0	1850
26	Lori Chung	1550	300	1850
27	Freddie Trabano	1250	300	1550
28	Virgil Schnorf	1050	300	1350
29	Isaac Benavidez	1300	0	1300
30	Joe Lucido	800	500	1300
31	Tony San Filippo	1150	0	1150
32	John Villalpando	1150	0	1150
33	Diane Kennedy	1050	0	1050
34	Barbara Lucido	550	500	1050
35	Cesca Giamona	1000	0	1000
36	Mike Kennedy	950	0	950
37	Joe Minafo	450	500	950
38	Anna Graziano	650	300	950
39	Frank Lucido III	850	0	850
40	Jeanette Mazzarino	800	0	800

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2011 MLBC TOUR TITLES

PLAYER NAME	TITLES	MAJORS
Francuzzo Lucido	7	2
Richard Quaglia	5	2
Frank Graziano	5	1
Tony Vella	5	1
Capp Wormley	4	2
Victor Delpine	4	
Gary Carlson	4	
Rose Ventimiglia	3	
Vickie Lucido	3	
Don Schmidt	3	1
Joann Parent	2	
Fred Taft	2	
Mary Lou Shapiro	2	
Patricia Quaglia	2	
Isaac Benavidez	2	
Jennie Rouch	1	
Michael Lucido	1	1
Barbara Vella	1	
Bev Hodge	1	
Joe Lucido	1	
Josie Villalpando	1	
Lee Morgan	1	
Gino Giromini	1	
Jeanette Mazzarino	1	
Anthony Harffelt	1	

THE HAMILTON SHELTER 2011 PLAYER OF THE MONTH

January · Barbara Henares
 February · John Villalpando
 March · Joann Parent
 April · Adriana Martinez
 May · Don Schmidt
 June · Frank Graziano
 July · Mary Lou Shapiro
 August · Freddy Trabano

home



at the little red house



TEAM ROUND-UP



CURRENT RESULTS FOR THE 2011 MLBC SEASON

TEAM TITLES (FIRST HALF)

The Exhibition Amici
WINNER: HAMILTON SHELTER
 (Rose Ventimiglia, Marylou Shapiro, Vickie Lucido, Anthony Hartfelt)

The Warm Up Amici
WINNER: MISS TRAWICK'S GARDEN SHOP
 (Don Schmidt, Isaac Benavidez, Jeanette Mazzarino, Jennie Rouch)

The Hamilton Shelter Pre-Season Challenge
WINNER: VENI VIDI VAMOS
 (Gary Carlson, Victor Delpine, Fred Taft, Bev Hodge)

The President's Invitational
WINNER: ESPN 630AM
 (Rose Ventimiglia, Isaac Benavidez, Joann Parent, Tony Vella)

The MLBC Round-Robin
WINNER: BELLA FAMIGLIA
 (Tony Vella, Barbara Vella, Vickie Lucido, Francuzzo Lucido)

The MLBC Eliminator Amici
WINNER: THE LONE OAK LODGE
 (Gary Carlson, Don Schmidt, Josie Villalpando, Francuzzo Lucido)

Miss Trawick's Garden Shop La Tazza di Bocce
WINNER: LA FAMIGLIA
 (Capp Wormley, Don Schmidt, Richard Quaglia, Mike Lucido, Francuzzo Lucido)

MLBCPA Championship
WINNER: LA FAMIGLIA
 (Capp Wormley, Frank Graziano, Richard Quaglia, Francuzzo Lucido)

Le Generazione
WINNER: THE BOCCIE BOMBERS
 (Frank Graziano, Vickie Lucido, Lee Morgan, Gino Giromini)

The Rain-Out Amici
WINNER: THE MAGNIFICENT SEVEN
 (Richard Quaglia, Victor Delpine, Gary Carlson, Frank Graziano, Rose Ventimiglia, Patricia Quaglia, Fred Taft)

The MLBC BBQ Bonanza
WINNER: TOASTIES CAFE
 (Joann Parent, Tony Vella, Francuzzo Lucido)

il Bocce Due
WINNER: DELPINE/CARLSON
 (Victor Delpine, Gary Carlson)

The Monterey Bocce Open
WINNER: LA FAMIGLIA
 (Tony Vella, Capp Wormley, Frank Graziano, Richard Quaglia, Cuzzo Lucido)

The Intermezzo Amici
WINNER: HAMILTON SHELTER
 (Joe Lucido, Mary Lou Shapiro, Victor Delpine, Patricia Quaglia)

TEAM TITLES (SECOND HALF)

The Joe Cerchi Memorial Bocce Tournament
WINNER: TEAM GRAPPA
 (Tony Vella, Capp Wormley, Frank Graziano, Richard Quaglia, Cuzzo Lucido)

2011 MLBC SEASON TOUR SCHEDULE

Sponsored by

The Lone Oak Lodge of Monterey

The MLBC Club Championships (Singles Format)
 Sunday, August 14th at Custom House Plaza

The Gold Record Entertainment
MLBC All-Star Bocce Tournament (Amici Series)
 Sunday, August 21st at Custom House Plaza

The Carried Away Boutique
Golden State Games (Major Format)
 Sunday, September 18th at Custom House Plaza

The Western Flyer Project
Autunno Classico (Amici Series)
 Sunday, October 2nd at Custom House Plaza

The Winners
Take All (Amici Series)
 Saturday, October 22nd at Custom House Plaza

The Hamilton Shelter
Tournament of Champions (Major Format)
 Saturday, November 12th at Troy's Bocce Room
 in Morgan Hill

Schedule may be revised at any time to either add, subtract or change events without notice.

TEAM STANDINGS (MINIMUM 10 GAMES PLAYED)

TEAM NAME	WINS	LOSSES	PCT	GB
La Famiglia	13	3	0.813	--
Veni Vidi Vamos	14	9	0.609	2.5
Team Grappa	7	5	0.583	4.0
The Country Four	13	11	0.542	4.0
Belle Donne	5	9	0.357	7.0
CVAC 4	3	11	0.214	9.0
Quattro Nuovo	2	13	0.133	10.5



MLBC PLAYERS ASSOCIATION



The MLBC Players Association is an organization created for the benefit of bocce players who participate in MLBC sanctioned events. Membership dues are \$15.00 per year. One of the most popular benefits of Players Association membership is the \$5 discount off of entry fees for specified events. In only three events, the player recovers the \$15 membership fee.

Anyone can join the Players Association. And you don't have to be a member of Sons of Italy to join the Lodge. Although it's true that Sons of Italy Lodge members receive their own set of benefits, the holder of a Players Association Card will receive greater benefits than those of an at large player.

Now, if you really want benefits, join both the MLBC Players Association and the Sons of Italy. That combination gets the player even more bonuses. See the monthly MLBCPA card holder bonus column for details on how to become a member of these two great organizations.

So if you are interested in joining the MLBC Players Association and/or the Order Sons of Italy, give us a call at 831-224-3628 or send email to mlbcboce@yahoo.com.

FROM THE CHAIR OF THE COMMISSIONER'S DESK

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

We've made some big changes to the season schedule (see page 3 of this issue). The biggest change is probably the fact that we've renamed the United Lodge event "The MLBC All-Star Bocce Tournament" on Sunday, August 21st at Custom House Plaza and changed it to an Amici series format.

Since the Monterey Lodge no longer belongs to the United Lodge, it makes sense to change the event. The national championship we were hoping to create did not materialize, and the Amici series has become so popular that we felt this was good for the MLBC.

The other big change is that the Autunno Classico is also now an Amici format for obvious reasons. We've also eliminated two events (The Showdown Amici and the Celebration) and moved the Tournament of Champions to Troy's in Morgan Hill.

COMMISSIONER'S DESK

We're proud that we've been able to maintain our commitment to The Seaside Hamilton Shelter throughout the season.

We could not have done this without the help of our sponsors, supporters and players. These people make it possible for our little bocce club to contribute to an organization that provides a much needed service to our community.

Our event sponsors include Victor Delpine, Bev Hodge, Rosemary and Bill Valuch of Carried Away Boutique and Miss Trawick's Garden Shop, Bob Enea, and Patricia and Richard Quaglia of the Lone Oak Lodge of Monterey have been more than generous with their hearts and wallets. We can't thank them enough for all they have for the MLBC this season.

But we're gonna try one more time.

*"I'd rather be an optimist who is sometimes wrong than a pessimist who is always right."
~ Luke Andolini*

MLBCPA CARD HOLDER AUGUST BONUS

By Paulo Pizzimenti
Staff Writer

Are you a member of the MLBC Players Association? Have you paid your dues yet?

If either answer no, then why not? Are you a member of the Monterey Lodge Sons of Italy?

If the is answer no, then why not?

Are you going to play in The MLBC Club Championships on Sunday, August 14th at Custom House Plaza in Monterey?

The following will explain why it is to your advantage to join the

MLBCPA and The OSIA Monterey Lodge:

The MLBCPA offers a monthly bonus to current card carrying members. And starting this year, we've changed the qualifying criteria for this year's tournament.

All you have to do is be a member of Players Association

and you will be eligible to play in the event that determines the annual Club Champions.

You won't have to fill out any forms or be subject to the other Monterey Lodge procedures as in the past.

So all you have to do is show up, sign up and pay up! Hope to see you there!



The Hollywood Shuffle

Backstage Bocce

By Betty La Bocca

The good folks at the MLBC asked me if I'd take a break from my Vegas schedule to perform at a benefit in Hollyweird.

I said I'd do it if, and only if that darling little Belle Donne Diva Babs Vella accompanied me on the ivories. She did, so I did.

I'll write more when I'm not so busy doing favors for other people.

So until we meet again, Betty La Bocca will be watching.



Betty La Bocca performs on the stage at the Paul G. Gleason Theater in Hollywood on July 30th with our own Barbara Vella on the piano



The views expressed in Ms. La Bocca's column are provided for entertainment purposes only, and do not necessarily reflect those of OSIA, The Monterey Lodge #2003, and/or The MLBCPA.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS SHOULD BE BEST EVER

Last year's event was nothing short of exciting. This year's MLBC Club Championships promises to be even more so.

With all the talent that is out there this year, it's bound to be a solid fight for first prize.

All players who are members of the MLBC Players Association are eligible to play in this tournament.

The entry fee is \$20 per player

for the tournament that will be

played on Sunday, August 14th at Custom House Plaza in Monterey.

There will be a Women's Division Champion and a Men's Division Champion, and the two winners will fight it out for the right to be called Club Champion.

The third place winner (runners-up in both divisions play for this award), will win a set of four EPCO indoor balls with bag and pallino, donated by Bocce Brothers of America, U.S.A.



The MLBC Club Champion takes home the prestigious Silver Cup

CERCHI PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE MLBCPA CARD

The players who paid \$20 to play in the Joe Cerchi Memorial Bocce Tournament on July 23rd will receive their MLBCPA Card upon their next entry into any tournament this year.

Most players paid \$15 to play in the Cerchi, but some paid \$20.

It has become a common practice of the MLBC to reward players who play in certain events with bonuses and awards as show of gratitude.

This event follows suit.

RULE OF THE MONTH

All teams must use their own sets of balls during tournament play. The MLBC will issue sets to teams in the event they do not have their own. All sets must be MLBC approved.

THE AMICI SERIES STATS AND CONGRATS



MLBC ALL-STAR AMICI BOCCE

THE 2011 MLBC AMICI SERIES

continues with

The Gold Record Entertainment

MLBC ALL-STAR TOURNAMENT

on

Sunday, August 21

at the Custom House Plaza

Check-In at 10:00 AM

Play Starts at 10:30 AM

\$20 per Player Entry Fee

Your Amici Index will establish your place on a team that could win first prize

SIGN UP TODAY!

PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT BENEFIT THE HAMILTON SHELTER

This event will be like no other Amici Event this year!

The Gold Record Entertainment MLBC All-Star Bocce Tournament Amici Tournament will be played Sunday, August 21st at Custom House Plaza in Monterey.

The format will be a little different than the other Amici Series events this year, but the concept is still the same.

The goal is to have fun, spend time with friends and family, raise a little money for charity, and above all, play some bocce!

We'll mix up the teams as we usually do, but being that it's an all-star event, we'll make it a little more interesting than the normal Amici Series fare.

After the first round, the teams will be reconstructed to mix-up the winners and losers and play a second round of games. The process will be repeated until four victorious All-Stars will be named "Campioni".

The number of times the teams will be shuffled will depend on the number of players entered in the tournament.

This should be a fun day for all who want to play, keeping in mind that the reason we play Amici tournaments is to reach out to the new players who need a little helping hand while learning to play this great game.



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1	Hamilton Shelter	1625
2	La Piazza di Bocce	1425
3	ESPN 630AM	1400
4	Miss Trawick's Garden Shop	1400
5	Lone Oak Lodge	1375
6	TigerWolf	1300
7	Carried Away Boutique	1125
8	The Twin Brothers	1050

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based on career statistics

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RANK	PLAYER NAME	2011	2011	2011	CAREER	CAREER	CAREER	CAREER	CAREER
		TITLES	MAJORS	TOUR POINTS	EVENTS	AVG.	TITLES	MAJORS	INDEX
1	Richard Quaglia	5	2	6500	27	454	10	4	20.90
2	Frank Graziano	5	1	7050	30	427	8	2	20.77
3	Francuzzo Lucido	7	2	4450	41	279	20	3	20.01
4	Victor Delpine	4	0	6550	18	542	7	1	19.64
5	Tony Vella	5	1	6425	34	336	9	2	19.10
6	Gary Carlson	4	0	5800	10	580	4	0	18.32
7	Capp Wormley	4	2	3750	16	505	10	3	16.69
8	Rose Ventimiglia	3	0	5400	26	431	8	1	16.38
9	Vickie Lucido	3	0	5975	37	283	6	1	15.20
10	Fred Taft	2	0	3950	9	550	3	0	13.53
11	Jennie Rouch	1	0	5500	34	359	6	1	13.43
12	Don Schmidt	3	1	3750	12	396	3	1	12.94
13	Joann Parent	2	0	4225	30	300	5	1	12.02
14	Bev Hodge	1	0	4450	12	454	2	0	11.89
15	Mary Lou Shapiro	2	0	3800	22	328	6	1	11.72
16	Patricia Quaglia	2	0	3725	16	355	3	0	11.28
17	Barbara Vella	1	0	4500	28	304	4	1	11.09
18	Bob Enea	0	0	4300	28	348	3	1	10.25
19	Joe Lucido	1	0	1300	2	650	1	0	9.95
20	Gino Giromini	1	0	700	1	700	1	0	9.77
21	Lee Morgan	1	0	700	1	700	1	0	9.77
22	Josie Villalpando	1	0	2150	4	538	1	0	9.75
23	Barbara Henares	0	0	4375	26	290	1	0	9.13
24	Michael Lucido	1	1	1850	15	363	6	1	8.70
25	Isaac Benavidez	2	0	1300	10	310	2	0	7.69
26	Barbara Lucido	0	0	1050	2	525	0	0	7.06
27	Gene Giromini	0	0	550	1	550	0	0	6.72
28	Nick Henares	0	0	2700	9	300	0	0	6.63
29	Jeanette Mazzarino	1	0	800	2	400	1	0	6.60
30	Paul Burdick	0	0	2100	8	347	0	0	6.48
31	Joe Minafo	0	0	950	2	475	0	0	6.39
32	John Villalpando	0	0	1150	8	381	2	1	6.17
33	Gabriel Lucido	0	0	500	1	500	0	0	6.11
34	Vinny Lucido	0	0	500	1	500	0	0	6.11
35	Trish Lucido	0	0	500	1	500	0	0	6.11
36	Anthony Lucido	0	0	500	1	500	0	0	6.11
37	Cesca Giamona	0	0	1000	22	297	6	1	6.00
38	Lori Chung	0	0	1850	20	249	3	1	5.90
39	Ellinor Roeck	0	0	2100	20	228	3	1	5.90
40	Carolyn Wormley	0	0	1925	13	279	1	0	5.79
41	Bruce Commiskey	0	0	0	2	500	1	0	5.73
42	Anthony Hartfelt	1	0	500	2	350	1	0	5.71
43	Virgil Schnorf	0	0	1350	5	360	0	0	5.68
44	Freddie Trabano	0	0	1550	7	314	0	0	5.45
45	Angeliqe Giromini	0	0	800	2	400	0	0	5.38
46	Giovanni Napoli	0	0	0	1	450	1	0	5.12
47	Richard Davison	0	0	750	2	375	0	0	5.05
48	Jim Collins	0	0	0	1	450	0	0	5.01
49	Kathy Daniels	0	0	400	1	400	0	0	4.89
50	Dahlia Ashfoor	0	0	400	1	400	0	0	4.89

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The MLBC

“It’s not business ... It’s personal”

The MLBC Mission Statement

The Sons of Italy Monterey Lodge Bocce Club's mission is to promote community spirit through Bocce related events and activities, along with providing an environment for people of all ages to congregate, socialize, compete and have fun.

Our goal is to raise awareness of the Lodge's presence in the community through our Lodge members, and encourage youth-inclusive bocce activities.

We will cultivate membership growth through friendly competition and games and supplement fund-raising efforts for Lodge supported charitable projects.



**THE LONE OAK LODGE
in Monterey
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OUR NEXT EVENT

The MLBC CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Rebecca Anne Goucher, SGPI of America

The MLBC Championships is the contest that determines our Club Champion. The winner of the Women's Division will play the winner of the Men's Division for the title.

All players must have current paid MLBC Players Association membership card (call or email for details). Entry fee is \$20 per player.

Check-in time is 11:00 am, and play starts at Noon at the Custom House Plaza Bocce Courts in Monterey.

Ciao,

Rebecca

Call 831-224-3628 and ask for Rebecca Anne, or send email to: MLBCocce@yahoo.com



Our next tournament:

The MLBCPA presents

The MLBC Club Championships

Sunday, August 14th
at Custom House Plaza in Monterey

For the 2011 MLBC schedule, go to: www.montereyweb.org/soimonterey/mlbc-schedule.htm
For photos of MLBC events, go to: www.montereyweb.org/soimonterey/mlbc-pictures.htm
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