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THE PAT O'BRIEN CHEVROLET CLEVELAND CHALLENGE CUP OF BOCCO
RETURNS TO WICKLIFFE

Wickliffe, Ohio – The Wickliffe Italian-American Club announced that the 27th Annual Pat O'Brien Chevrolet Cleveland Challenge Cup of Bocce will be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday August 27th, 28th & 29th, 2010 at the Wickliffe Italian-American Club located at 29717 Euclid Avenue in Wickliffe, Ohio 44092. The event features an unprecedented number of 96 competing bocce teams from Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Michigan, Florida & Canada, as the “Maxxy Valley 777” team from Toronto tries to defend it’s title from 2009. The tournament begins at 6:00 p.m. on Friday August 28th, and runs continuously through Sunday night on the nine bocce courts, six of which are covered. The Wickliffe Italian-American Club will present the top 16 teams with cash prizes totaling \$16,000.

NEW THIS YEAR, is the addition of a Women’s Division tournament, which will be held on Sunday, August 29th. Cash prizes totaling \$1600 will be paid out to the top 3 teams. To enter a team in this year’s tournament (4-5 person team entry fee is \$175 for men’s division, \$100 for women’s division), call Gino Latessa at 216-789-6393. Applications are also available at the 4 Pat O’Brien Chevrolet stores in Willoughby Hills, Westlake, Vermillion, and Medina as well as various Key Bank branches and can also be downloaded from the club’s website (www.wickliffeianda.com).

The Club’s 3rd Annual “**Cornhole**” **Tournament**, featuring 64 two-man teams competing for \$1,600 in prize money, will run simultaneously with the bocce tournament. To enter a team in the Cornhole Tournament, call Michelle Cahill at 440-665-7347.

Entertainment will run throughout the weekend in the covered pavilion featuring

“**Cavaliere Reale**” (Italian band) from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Friday night, and **Pieces of Eight** (classic rock) from 8 p.m. to midnight on Saturday. Sunday is Family Day and will once again feature radio station WELW personality – Carmelina- broadcasting live starting at noon, and the return of the “**Jungle Terry**” show immediately following. A wide variety of food vendors will provide homemade Italian food and specialty dishes as well as traditional American fare.

This year’s event will again feature an **Italian Cultural Exhibition** on Saturday, August 28th from noon until 3:00 p.m., where activities will include a

- **cooking demonstration by.....**,
- a **wine-making workshop** by Wickliffe’s own *Barrel Room Winery*,
- performance by *The Italian Choral Group*,
- **book signing** by **Mario Pagnini**, author of the book and on-line newsletter, “*Joy of Bocce*”.
- Performance by the Ohio Northern Chorus
- Appearance by Miss Italia/Ohio

THE WICKLIFFE ITALIAN-AMERICAN CLUB is a community-based social/fraternal organization established in 1932 for people of Italian ancestry who live in the city of Wickliffe, Ohio (a suburb of Cleveland, Ohio). The club actively promotes and recognizes those of Italian descent who have furthered the Italian cultural bond that they share, and offers educational programs for the children and grandchildren of it’s members, as well as awarding college scholarships each year to those who have demonstrated knowledge and pride in their Italian heritage. The Pat O’Brien Chevrolet Cleveland Challenge Cup of Bocce Tournament is now in it’s 27th year and has grown from 16 teams to 96 teams, with attendance hitting over 10,000 once again in 2009. It is now the largest men’s bocce tournament in the Midwest.

