

Buon giorno da Le Phare des Alpes!

The North Carolina State 4-person Bocce Championship will be held on September 7<sup>th</sup> at the Le Phare des Alps, 301 Laurel Street South, Valdese. This year 4<sup>th</sup> place teams from regional tournaments are invited to participate in this championship event.

All regional areas are asked to submit their entries as soon as possible so that game play may be made prior to game day. The tournament will be double elimination. Teams should not be playing their regional counterparts in the initial set up for game play. There may be some exceptions depending on the number of regional teams submitting registrations. Attached to this document is a copy of game rules which are similar to previously published NC State Bocce rules. Please submit your registrations to Le Phare des Alpes, 301 Laurel Street South, Valdese, NC 28690. The cost of each team entry will be \$60.00, payable at the time of registration. Please have your teams registered NLT Wednesday, September 4. A team registration form is enclosed.

Lunch and beverages will be available to all who attend the tournament at a cost of \$5.00 for lunch and \$1.00 per beverage. The meal will be as last year, soutisso (Italian sausage), cherry tomatoes, celery, carrots, grapes, cheeses, cookies and oven baked bread. Please remember that registration and meal monies from this event are used for prize money (\$120 1<sup>st</sup>, \$80 2<sup>ND</sup>, \$60 3<sup>RD</sup>), trophies, community projects and promotions of this wonderful event. Special diets are understood.

This year the LPDA will be taking team pictures for each team participating, both group pictures and pictures while your team is playing. We will use these pictures along with a brief article to provide each regional group with a sports news release. This will be emailed to each team captain and to your local news agency.

The clay courts of the LPDA will close at sundown on Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, for resurfacing and to ensure the courts are in top condition for game day. The courts will open again on the first team competitive practice roll on game day. A team captains' meeting will be held at 8:30am on the morning of the tournament. Team captains must attend this meeting and our senior line judge, Dr. John Lafferty, will address the teams. This will be an opportunity to ask questions and have them answered. Team members may attend this meeting. Game play will begin after the captains' meeting but no later than 9:00am. This year, as in the previous year, any team with a dispute or in need of a rule interpretation may call for a ruling from Dr. Lafferty or his designate. The final match will be officiated; all other matches are self-officiated.

The covered clay courts will be used for this event, so weather should not be a factor in the playdate for this event.

Morganton, only a few miles from Valdese, will be hosting the Morgantonfest on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of September. It's quite an event and many bocce teams have arrived on Friday to take advantage of attending this event. Details may be viewed at <http://www.morgantonfest.org/>.

The Le Phare des Alpes is honored to host this event and looks forward to renewing friendships and having fun.

A piu tardi,

See you later,

Willie Pascal  
On behalf of the members of Le Phare des Alpes  
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