



8th Annual Bocce at Belmar Tournament *An event of Festival Italiano*

July 13, 2010

Once again, we would like to welcome Colorado's Italian organizations to participate in the annual Bocce at Belmar Tournament during the 7th annual ***Festival Italiano*** on September 11th and 12th, 2010.

This year's Bocce at Belmar tournament will be held over 2 days as part of our weekend ***Italian Food and Wine Festival***. The festival features 75 vendors of the finest Italian artisan food, wine and products, authentic Italian entertainment including wine tastings, cooking demonstrations, kids' activities, Italian lessons and more!

Tournament Details:

This year's tournament will be a double elimination format. Colorado's Italian-American Organizations will compete in a tournament against each other on Saturday, September 11th. An Italian Lover's Tournament will take place on Sunday, September 12th, and will open to the general public to register for in advance. The winning team from the Italian-American Organization Tournament will return on Sunday afternoon to play the winner of the Italian Lover's Bocce Tournament for the grand prize of \$500. The schedule for the 2-day tournament is as follows:

Saturday, September 11th:

9:00 AM- Check-in for Italian-American Organizations Bocce Tournament
9:30 AM- Games Begin
TBD- 1st place prize awarded to winning team

Sunday, September 12th:

9:00 AM- Check-in for Italian Lover's Bocce Tournament
9:30 AM- Games Begin
TBD- 1st place prize awarded to winning team

FINAL GAME FOR THE GRAND PRIZE featuring the winning team of the Italian-American Organizations Bocce Tournament and the winning team of the Italian Lover's Bocce Tournament will be held Sunday afternoon, time TBD.

The tournaments will take place in the Belmar district in Lakewood, CO. Four bocce courts will be set up in the parking lot on the corner of Alaska Drive and Saulsbury Street, allowing 8 teams to play at once.

A registration fee of **\$60** is required to enter into the tournament. Court set-up and all equipment will be provided. A first place prize will be awarded to the winning team of the Saturday and Sunday tournaments, and a grand prize of \$500 will be awarded to the winner of the final tournament on Sunday evening.

Entry rules for the Italian-American Organizations Tournament are as follows:

- This tournament is **ONLY** open to members of Colorado's registered Italian-American organizations.
- Teams must consist of 4 players (you may also have 2 alternates).

- All members of any given team **MUST** belong to the same Italian-American organization.
- No members of any team can be registered to play in the Italian Lover's Bocce Tournament on Sunday, September 12th.
- One team per organization will be officially entered into the tournament at time of registration. If an organization would like to submit additional teams, they can be placed on a waiting list. We will try our best to accommodate all who wish to play, but would prefer that all of our Italian organizations represented before we accept multiple teams from any one organization.

Although the teams are limited to 6 people, we would like to welcome ALL members of Colorado's Italian organizations to come out to Belmar on September 11th and 12th to cheer for their bocce teams and enjoy fantastic food, wine and entertainment all day long. Also remember that you can encourage any of your friends to sign up for the Italian Lover's Bocce Tournament on September 12th. They can go to www.belmarcolorado.com/sub/festival_italiano/bocce.html to download the registration form or can contact Brittany Maynor at 303.742.1592 to have the letter mailed or faxed to them.

A registration form for the Italian-American Organizations Tournament is included with this letter. All forms and payment must be turned in by **August 1, 2010**- NO EXCEPTIONS. Please submit your payment in cash or a check made out to *Belmar Holdings*. A final announcement will be sent regarding team schedule, directions, etc the week before the festival.

Thank you in advance for your participation and support for Colorado's premier Italian Festival! Please feel free to call Sandra Ginther at 303.940.7455 or Chris Dickens at 303.466.7091 or our email at nille2881@msn.com if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Sandra Ginther