

# Men's Bocceros set to conquer in Casablanca at World Bocce Championships - 17 to 24 September



**Over 40 bocce sport playing nations set to converge onto Casablanca for the World Bocce Championships 2017.**

Two athletes one from Victoria, Santo Pascuzzi and one from New South Wales, Daniel Samsa with International Australian Team Coach Jurica (George) Milic are set to represent Australia in Morocco.

Australia's **Santo Pascuzzi** is a seasoned international competitor. He has just returned from the World Games, where he achieved his Personal Best world ranking of 5<sup>th</sup> placing in the Progressive Throw. Santo also holds the Progressive Throw Oceania record and is looking forward to the challenge of taking on the best in the world with renewed confidence!

**Daniel Samsa** is bound for Casablanca, full of confidence, having recently had smashing performances in the U23 Asia/Oceania International and the Australian Senior titles. Daniel has an impressive international experience, winning the Precision Throw in 2016 at the International renowned Denis Ravera Bocce Challenge in Monaco. His youth, enthusiasm, stamina and past Junior World experience will be up to the challenge!

Coach **George Milic** has put the team members through gruelling practice over the past three months. Milic says that the boys are fit, have trained well and so the plan is to contest all six championships on offer - Singles, Doubles, Bowl Throw, Precision, Progressive and the Doubles Relay Progressive. George Milic is confident that the team will perform at their best and make the finals.

The top nations to beat are France, Italy, Slovenia, Croatia and Argentina.

The World Bocce Volo Congress will be convened during these Championships. The Australian President Frank Funari will participate as the Australian delegate.

Photograph: President Frank Funari Australian Delegate and players Daniel Samsa, Santo Pascuzzi and Coach George Milic.