



# Bardolino Champions Cup

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## THE FORMER PRESIDENT ALDO GIANFRANCESCHI

Aldo was born in Bardolino on 25/10/1941 and he passed away last 09/10/2021. He had been a very successful builder for over 50 years, together with his son Andrea who now proudly runs the building company inherited by his father.

Aldo was also a very committed person in charity organisations, in the public and in the sport sectors, especially for young athletes. For this reason in 1995 he became President of "USDC BARDOLINO 1946" and continued in that role until 2000. He was appointed once more in 2008 until 2018 when the local Football Club was dissolved.

He was a shy, strong and determined man, away from the spotlight, and never out of place. He wasn't one for quarreling but was always determined when he had to talk to his collaborators or players, with such a good temper and great generosity. He had also, together with football, a great passion for hunting, and while he was doing so he prematurely found his death.

He was of outstanding help in the creation and organisation of the stalls for the annual "Wine Festival" which is one of the oldest attractions in Bardolino, involving numerous local charities.

On May 1st 2013, during the first edition of the youth tournament "Adriano Gradizzi", a fundamental meeting between Giuseppe (Pino) Apolloni and Aldo took place where he quickly and enthusiastically showed his interest and support for setting up an international youth football tournament, supported also by the Vice President Ottolini Luigi and the Secretary Valter Rizzi. All of this was the starting point of what has now become after many years one of the most important international under-10 football events, called "G. Chincerini Memorial" and defined as the under 10 Champions Cup which attracts many of the prestigious European clubs.

Hand in hand, the "Gradizzi" tournament takes place at the beginning of May, before the international one, and has become a sporting reality where 32 teams, coming from all over Italy and from some European countries play and compete, to gain the right to participate at the following tournament.

To recognise this historical trajectory, the "ASD BARDOLINO CHAMPIONS CUP", born from a rib of the previous USDC BARDOLINO 1946, will honor and pay tribute to the unforgettable figure of Aldo Gianfranceschi, and thanks to the support of his family, has decided to entitle the Gradizzi youth tournament to him, starting from the next edition 2022.

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