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November 2023

Dear IACC Members and Friends,

This will be the last newsletter for 2023 and it's amazing that another year has gone by. We had a very busy end of August, that led into September and a full schedule of events for Italian Heritage Month in October.

As the Fall leagues winded down and we entered Winter, we also saw several organizations hold bocce tournaments and members use the facilities for special events. It is always a pleasure to see the Club and the courts being utilized for the enjoyment of all. August saw the SSF Police Activities League hold their annual fundraiser while the SSF Fire Department held its annual fundraiser for burn victims in October. We also had one of the SF Fire Stations join us for their special event.

You may have noticed that we've had some new and younger faces around the Club as we began hosting a number of different youth organizations that cater to those with special needs. In addition to the bocce lessons we provide, it is rewarding to see these young men and women have the opportunity to get out and experience an activity that provides some competitiveness.

September 24th was a very special day for the IACC as we produced the first-ever Festa Italiana in South San Francisco in partnership with the City of South San Francisco and the California Law Enforcement Columbia Association. While the city provided extraordinary and needed support and services, it was the IACC that made arrangements for the 30 vendors and associations that had booths, booked the bands and made all the logistical arrangements for the tables, chairs, porta potties, etc. It was a difficult job that was achieved with the work of many. Manny Garcia took the lead for the bocce tournament while John Dianos orchestrated the car show which had 36 entries; and Rich and Winnie Girard made sure our volunteers were fed. Julie Link and Steve Ormond handled the many volunteers and made sure the many tasks that needed to be done were covered. The Columbia Association dealt with the sponsorships and other financial details per their public charity status.

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July New Members



Linda Zanagni, Michael McGuirk, Connie and Marie Clemente, Nancy Roberts, Sandy Peck, Frankie Simmons, Sandra Lencioni, Anthony Pierini

September New Members



L-R back: Donna Ochoa, Jim Reber. Dennis & Colleen McGuirk, Katheen Beare, Bob Waterman, Carole & Mike Murphy, Joanna Vincenzi, Eileen Tating, Alex Vincenzi, Frances Winn, Steve Chiappari. Kneeling L-R: Peerayn Vannadilok, Brendan Spillane, Gary Della Maggiora, Gina Pierini, Daisy Delrosario

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Clubhouse

Tuesday, Nov. 7 at 6:00 pm

GENERAL MEETING

St Veronica's Cafeteria

Tuesday, Nov. 21 Meeting 7:00pm

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I would like to send a special thank you to the Le Donne d' Italia and their president Jennifer Consalvi, who coordinated the Kid's Zone and made the Festa a very family-oriented event. They worked in concert with the SSF United Youth Soccer League, and we even had the mascot Q from the San Jose Earthquakes interact with the kids.

We have received nothing but positive feedback and a sincere hope that another Festa Italiana will be held next year. It was estimated that during the course of the day 1500 – 2000 people attended the event and we saw visitors from as far away as Sacramento, Merced and Fresno enjoy the activities. My hat is off to the IACC and Columbia volunteers that made this all happen. This was our inaugural event and I think we hit it out of the park.

The festivities continued as Italian Heritage Month opened with the historic 155th Italian Heritage Parade in SF's North Beach, in which we had Joe Lavin with his 1967 Ford Mustang and Sandra Lencioni with her 1936 Ford Coupe participate and represent the IACC in the parade.

The following week we witnessed Italian flag raisings at San Francisco and South San Francisco city halls in addition to a ceremony at the Colma Community Center.

In closing out October, we held our in-house IACC Festa on October 21 and, while writing this, we were preparing for our annual Italian Heritage Bocce Tournament on October 29. It is a pleasure to bring together the many Italian clubs from the area, which includes teams from the IACC, the Italian American Social Club of SF, the SF Italian Athletic Club, the Oakland Liguri Club, the Fratelanza Club and the Crocker Amazon Bocce Club this year.

In the middle of all this we held our Lasagna Challenge, in which we will announce the winner at our next General Meeting to those who did not attend the Social. We will also have determined who will be our Person of the Year for 2023 shortly after the beginning of November. RSVPs for the Christmas & Person of the Year Dinner Dance on Sun, Dec 10 at the SSF Elks Club will begin in November.

Make sure to check out our website at www.ssfiacc.org where many of the photos of events mentioned here are posted.

While this will be my last official letter to our members and friends as the holiday season is upon us, I would like to wish everyone and their families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

I hope to see many of you at our General Meeting on Tuesday, November 21 at 7 pm, and at the following important General Meeting on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, in which we will hold our elections.

Sincerely yours,

Leo Pierini, President

Italian American Citizens Club of South San Francisco

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Our Person of the Year/Holiday dinner dance will be held **December 10th** at the SSF Elks Lodge. We will be ringing in the holidays as well as honoring the recipient of the IACC Person of the Year award. The recipient will be announced next month. Invitations will be mailed out early/mid November, so please plan to RSVP as soon as you can.

Celeste & Winnie

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2023



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**Nominate
now**

ANNOUNCEMENT! SSF IACC 2024 ELECTIONS

There are six (6) **Board** seats, the office of **President** and one (1) **Trustee** position open for 2024.

Please submit your name or nomination for any of the above positions to Rich Garbarino at poppihas8@gmail.com 650-872-1143

or Julie Link at

jlink320@icloud.com 415-806-1311

Nominations may also be made in person at the November 21, 2023 General Meeting.

The voting will take place at the January 2024 General Meeting.

**Nominate
now**

COLMA ITALIAN FLAG RAISING FOR ITALIAN HERITAGE MONTH - OCTOBER 11

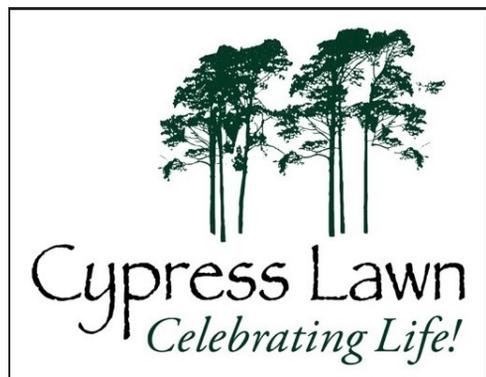


IACC CALENDAR 2023-2024

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME	CONTACT
Nov 7	Board Meeting	Clubhouse	6:00pm	Rich G/ Julie L
Nov 21	General Meeting NOMINATIONS	St Veronica's Cafeteria	7:00pm	Leo Pierini
Dec 10	Person of Year / Christmas Dinner Dance	SSF Elk's	5:30pm	Winnie / Celeste
Jan 8	Board Meeting	Clubhouse	6:00pm	Rich G/ Julie L
Jan 22	General Meeting VOTING	St Veronica's Cafeteria	7:00pm	Leo Pierini
TBD	Special Board Meeting	Clubhouse	6:00pm	TBD
Mar 5	Board Meeting	Clubhouse	6:00pm	TBD
Mar 19	General Meeting	St Veronica's	7:00pm	TBD

LEAGUES & TOURNAMENTS

DATE	EVENT	TIME	CONTACT
Jan 15	Winter Monday Night League	6:00pm 7:00pm	Dan & Ruth DeNardi
Mar	Spring Leagues	TBD	TBD
Apr 4-25	Beginner Bocce every Thursday in April	10:00am & 6:30pm	TBD





ITALIAN AMERICAN CITIZENS CLUB

MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2024

Dear IACC Member,

Membership Dues for 2024 is \$50 per member. We are looking forward to seeing all of our members in the new year. THANK YOU for continuing to support our club.

Membership Dues (per person): \$50

Please make your check payable to: IACC

**Mail the form and check to: Julie Link
80 San Benito Way
San Francisco, CA 94127**

Contact for questions: Email: IACC.membership@yahoo.com or call: 415-806-1311

Dues are due on or before **December 31, 2023**

- **As of January 1, 2024: Members will be considered Not in Good Standing. Participation in all Club activities, League Play, are not allowed and Voting rights are revoked until dues are paid.**
- **As of January 15, 2024: Members will considered Late and Delinquent and removed from the Membership Roster. Reinstatement to the Membership roster shall require a payment of \$85 (\$50 Dues, \$25 Late Fee and \$10 Administrative Fee)**



Please return this portion with your **Dues** payment: Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Name: _____
(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: _____
(PLEASE PRINT)

Current email address: _____



BOCCE NEWS

As you know, summer is over and fall is here, and the holidays are right around the corner. The IACC had a very busy September, and October will finish strong. In September we started the fall leagues. We also had the free lessons on each Thursday morning, and night. Morning was run by Taco Morales "thank you Taco for all the help teaching new people the basics of the bocce, great job! And at night Germano, Rich Vaznaugh, Larry Fioranelli & I taught the lessons.

In September, David Stiff from Shiloh United School, a small private school in SSF, contacted me, asking if they could bring 12 to 16 students to learn the game of bocce. The students loved playing the game, and they are now coming on Mondays, until it starts to rain. On Friday we teach the AbilityPath adults with special needs; also on Fridays we had the Adult Transition Program class which ended for now, and will resume with new students this coming year. Thank you Germano very much, for teaching the students.

As Leo mentioned in his column, September also was the 1st Park and Recreation & IACC Festa Italiana, and our bocce courts had a tournament with 8 teams from corporate participating. 1st and 2nd place winners received a new set of bocce balls, medallions and trophies and 3rd place receive medallions.

On Sept. 26 San Francisco Fire Station 11 know as "jack ass" held a tournament, The Firemen had a great day of fun food and drink. They loved our courts, many fire trucks and firefighters from South San Francisco came by for a great lunch. They will be back next September.

On Saturday 30 the YMI Fundraiser Tournament had a fun day of fundraising for kids for Christmas.

1st Place - On a Roll: Dominic Franco, Fernando De Alba, Norm Fadia, Danny Marcucci

2nd Place - The Oddball: Don Sherer, Kevin Butler, Ed Taco Morales, John Dianos.

The IACC Scholarship Fundraiser Tournament was canceled due to lack of interest; Maltese Historical Society was also canceled only three teams signed up.

On Sept 13 the SSF Firefighters Charitable Foundation's 8th Annual Tournament was held to help raise money for the Burn Unit, it was a sold out event. All players and firefighters they had a great day. Good food, good beer, good time playing bocce and a great raffle as always. This year prize money was donated:

1st Place - Mangia Bene: Germano Colombana, Richard Fierro, Kathy Bianchi, Mike Bianchi

2nd Place - Below The Rise: Ed Taco Morales, John Dianos, Bob Schenone, Rich Girard

3rd Place - Rise Above: Larry Fioranelli, Rich Vaznaugh, Jamaica Nally, Carroll Meek

4th Place - Bocce Rollers: Frank Scafani, Steve Hawthorne, Tom Balestreri, Mark Radovich

On Sunday, October 29 the Second Annual Heritage Tournament will take place.

Manny Garcia
Bocce Chairperson



AbilityPath students



Shiloh United School students

Uno vs. Uno Tournament – Sept 9

1st
Mike Mathis



2nd
Rich Vaznaugh



3rd
Roy Bellafronte



4th
Bill Ayoob



THURSDAY 9:30 LEAGUE

1st

Larry Fioranelli, Carroll Meek
Jamaica Nally, Rich Vaznaugh



2nd

Pat O'Kane, Pat Reilly,
Helen Birkeland, Tom Richie



3rd

Jeanette Ford,
Germano
Colombana,
Charlene
Colombana,
missing Bill Ayoob



Chris' Wed League Halloween Dressup



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Italian American Citizens Club Bocce Courts

In co-sponsorship with the SSF Parks & Recreation Department



"Players at Monday Pedro at One, hoping to receive the elusive Pedro cards"





SF ITALIAN HERITAGE PARADE - OCTOBER 10



Will Sandoval, Russ Miyashiro, Kimberly (Joe's daughter), Joe Lavin



IACC Member Sandra Lencioni & boyfriend Pablo Matos, Jr. 1936 Ford Coupe



IACC FESTA 2023



It turned out to be a lovely day as we celebrated our "8th Annual FESTA" on Saturday! In spite of Orange Park's events and limited parking, over 160 people showed up to enjoy the festivities! The largest group we've had yet.

A sincere thanks to the 60 volunteers who contributed to our success. A special thanks to all the members who brought delicious appetizers. As usual, you are always so generous!

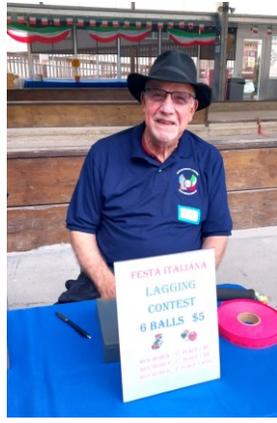
I specifically wish to give a BIG THANKS to the "FESTA" Committee members in charge of events (and their helpers):

- Guest Check-in Helen Birkeland
- Wine Bar Jeanne and Joe
- Schaukowitch
- Runners Diane Green
- Lagging Taco Morales
- Salami Toss Larry Fioranelli

Without this committee we could not have this event! So when you see any of these members, please thank them for a great day! Finally, I wish to thank Manny Garcia who was available to help me in a multitude of ways!

We are happy to report that we earned over \$600 for the IACC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM for 2024. Thanks to your generosity!

Sincerely,
Barbara Baxter, Festa Chairperson







ITALIAN AMERICAN CITIZENS CLUB

South San Francisco



GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

7 PM

ST. VERONICA'S FALCON HALL

434 ALIDA WAY, SSF

(Enter on Alida at the Rectory, down to the church parking lot)

Water, Coffee & Sodas Will Be Served

Proceeds from other refreshments to fund Member's activities

ITALIAN AMERICAN CITIZENS CLUB

South San Francisco



TIS THE SEASON OF GIVING

Accepting donations of gently used or new coats, blankets, sweaters, gloves and socks

WANTED!!!



Collection bin will be located in IACC Clubhouse from

October 9th through November 10th

Clothing will be donated to Hearts for Humanity (www.heartsforhumanity.info)

Italian American Citizens Club

South San Francisco

MEMBER'S SPECIAL



IACC Polo Shirts

\$25.00



Navy Blue Polo Shirt with the IACC Embroidered Logo

Sizes S through XXLG Available

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or see Leo or Manny

Italian American Citizens Club

South San Francisco

XMAS & PERSON OF THE YEAR DINNER DANCE

(PERSON OF THE YEAR TO BE ANNOUNCED IN EARLY NOVEMBER)



Sunday, December 10, 2023

So. San Francisco Elks Lodge

920 Stonegate Drive, So. San Francisco

6 PM No Host Bar / 7 PM Dinner / 8 PM Dancing

\$75.00 Per Person RSVP by December 1, 2023

Choice of: Mixed Grill, Baked Salmon, or Eggplant Lasagna

(Mixed Grill includes Filet, Chicken Marsala & Giant Prawns)

Dinner includes Appetizers, Salad, Main Course, Dessert & Wine

Mail RSVP To: IACC Person of the Year, Helen Birkeland, 187 Poplar Ave, San Bruno, Ca 94066

IACC 2023 Xmas & Person of the Year RSVP - \$75 Per Person

RSVP by 12-1-2023 with payment to IACC Person of the Year, Helen Birkeland, 187 Poplar Ave, San Bruno, Ca 94066

Names Attending: _____

Main Course & Number: [] Mixed Grill [] Baked Salmon [] Eggplant Lasagna

Request Seating With: _____ Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

**Bon Appetit
Terry**



RICE with LEAN BEEF OR LAMB
(this recipe is popular in the Middle East)

1 pound cubed lean beef or lamb
6-8 tablespoons butter
1 yellow onion, chopped
1 can 15 oz. can chickpeas
1 teaspoon Salt
Pepper
1 teaspoon cumin or to your taste
2 cups long grain rice

Brown meat in melted butter in a large saucepan with the onions. Meat should be rich in brown color and the onions golden. Add chickpeas and cover with water. Season with salt and pepper. Add cumin (I usually add a lot more cumin to my taste) Simmer covered until meat is tender, about 2 hours.
If there is less than 4 cups water liquid left in pan add water to make up to 4 cups liquid
Bring to a boil, add rice cook for about 20 minutes.
Goes well with plain yogurt on the side

At our Wednesday Morning league Nella Conti brought her homemade Almond Cake. Players were coming up to me saying how great it was. I guess it went fast, I didn't get to try it. She was kind enough to send it to me to share with our members.

I can't wait to make it. And for once I have all the ingredients. *Thank you Nella*

ALMOND CAKE

1 ½ cups flour
1 ½ cups sugar
2 eggs
1 cube butter (melted)
1 ½ tsp. vanilla extract
1 tsp. almond extract

Butter and flour a 9 inch pan. Preheat oven at 350 degrees.

Melt butter, beat in sugar, add eggs, vanilla & almond extracts and finally flour, beat until combined (should be a creamy, sticky texture).

Pour into prepared pan, sprinkle top with sliced almonds then sprinkle sugar on top.

Bake for 30-35 minutes.



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IACC General Meeting
Tuesday, Nov. 21
Meeting 7:00pm
St. Veronica's Cafeteria

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