



# IL CITTADINO

Founded 1916

January 2024

Dear IACC Members and Friends,

As we embark on a new year, I want to wish everyone health and happiness for 2024. In looking back at the last twelve months I feel we have made some great improvements to make the IACC enjoyable for all its members. At our last General Meeting in November, we had a total of 354 members while the applications continue to come in.

Our next General Meeting will be on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at St. Veronica's Falcon Hall and, as you probably know, will include the elections for many positions for the next two years. The President and Trustee positions have one nominee each and will run unopposed while we have eight individuals running for six Board seats. I'm looking forward to seeing many of you there as this is a very important meeting which will shape how the Club is run during the course of the next few years and beyond.

On Sunday, December 10, 2023 we held our Person of the Year and Christmas Dinner Dance at the SSF Elks Lodge and honored Diane Green for her many contributions to the Club over the years. We had approximately 125 folks attend the event which included a great dinner and music and the presentation of well-deserved honors and awards to Diane. As usual Celeste Giuliani and Winnie Girard did a great job and, without skipping a beat, Diane provided the centerpieces for the tables.

Our first major event for 2024 will be the Crab Feed, which is scheduled for Friday, February 23 at the Fernekes Recreation Center (across from parking lot from the IACC). The doors will open at 6 pm with dinner at 7 pm. I am happy to announce that Robert Lasher has stepped up to head the committee and we already have many members who have also stepped up to help.

As the November 2023 issue of the Il Cittadino went to print, we still had a number of activities going on to close out October.

We held our in-house IACC Festa on October 21 and it was attended by 160 individuals, making it the largest one to date. It was a day of camaraderie, games, raffles and great food brought in by our members. A special thanks to Barbara Baxter and all those on the committee and volunteers.

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## NOVEMBER NEW MEMBERS



Denise Villa, Joseph & Donna Mohr, George Lynch, Ralph Olcese, Pier Luigi Giannini, Daniela Giannini, Jeannine DeNardi, Bora Ly, Mike Bianchi, Pam Madden, Kathy Bianchi, Christina Bonite, Rose Arce, Patti Sarracino

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Clubhouse  
Thursday, Jan 4 at 6:00 pm

GENERAL MEETING  
St Veronica's Cafeteria  
Tuesday, Jan 16 Meeting 7:00pm

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On October 27 we held our Lasagna Challenge Social which had five chefs competing with the winner for 2023 being Gina Pierini. This was followed up by the IACC Italian Heritage Bocce Tournament on October 29 which had several IACC teams competing against squads from the Italian American Social Club of SF, the SF Italian Athletic Club, the Liguri Club of Oakland, the Frantelanza Club of Oakland and the SF Crocker Amazon Bocce Club. In the end, it was our own Afternooners who defeated the Crocker Amazon Club for first place.

During the course of November and into December, we held our One Warm Coat Drive which was coordinated by Nancy and Tom Balestreri. At the conclusion of the drive, we donated 635 items to Hearts for Humanity, which is a perfect example of the generosity of our members.

As we continue into 2024, the popular Marie's Open Pedro Play and Lessons will begin in January depending on the weather, and we will have three Bocce Leagues for the Winter on Monday evenings and Wednesday mornings and afternoons. We will continue to hold our President Socials and will always be looking for new ideas for events for our members to enjoy being part of the IACC. A date has already been set for the Festa Italiana – South San Francisco 2024 for Sunday, September 29. One new improvement for 2024 is that the Club has acquired WIFI to help make conducting Club business more efficient and to have additional features available to us.

Once again, I hope to see many of you at the General Meeting on Tuesday, January 16 at St. Veronica's Falcon Hall for our important elections.

Sincerely yours,

Leo Pierini, President

Italian American Citizens Club of South San Francisco



# IACC SSF – OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS 2024



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Celeste Giuliani                      Ken Hartje                      Janae Morales

Karen Safley                      Bob Schenone                      Bob Strupeni

## TRUSTEES

Steve Hawthorne                      Don Quigley

## BOCCE COMMITTEE

Manny Garcia, Chairperson

Chris Babcock                      Terry Elsibai                      Carroll Meek

Janae Morales                      Rich Vaznaugh

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## NEW YEAR 2024

May the New Year be  
Shining and bright...

Peace to the world and  
Health and prosperity

May we always live in a  
World full of hope and  
Promise and regain  
Kindness and respect  
For one another...

Bless Everyone  
Happy New Year!

*By, Diane Stanton Minsky*

**LOVE**  
**PEACE**  
**KINDNESS**  
**COMPASSION**  
**GRATITUDE**  
**SELF-CARE**  
WORDS TO LIVE BY

All photos in this newsletter, and  
more are on the IACC website:

[HTTPS://SSFIACC.ORG](https://ssfiacc.org)

## SUNSHINE CORNER by Reenie Hartje



Hank Marchi passed away

Prem Chand lost his wife

Larry Giusto lost his wife Louise

*If you would like a club member to receive a  
card contact Maureen Hartje 650 583-5887*

## IACC CALENDAR 2023-2024

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME	CONTACT
Thu Jan 4	Board Meeting	Clubhouse	6:00pm	Rich G / Julie L
Jan 16	General Meeting VOTING	St Veronica's Cafeteria	7:00pm	Leo Pierini
TBD	Special Board Meeting	Clubhouse	6:00pm	TBD
Fri Feb 23	Crab Feed	Fernekes at Orange Park	6:00pm	Robert Lasher
Mar 5	Board Meeting	Clubhouse	6:00pm	TBD
Mar 19	General Meeting	St Veronica's	7:00pm	Leo Pierini
May 7	Board Meeting	Clubhouse	6:00pm	TBD
May 21	General Meeting	St Veronica's	7:00pm	Leo Pierini

## BOCCE LEAGUES & TOURNAMENTS

DATE	EVENT	TIME	CONTACT
Jan 10	Winter Wednesday Morning	10:45am	Chris Babcock
Jan 10	Winter Wednesday Afternoon	1:00pm	Chris Babcock
Jan 15	Winter Monday Night League	6:00pm 7:00pm	Dan & Ruth DeNardi
Mar 11	Spring Monday Night *	6:00pm	Ruth DeNardi
Mar 12	Spring Tuesday Morning *	10:00am	Janae, Judy, Winnie,
Mar 13	Spring Wednesday Morning *	9:30am	Chris Babcock
Mar 13	Spring Wednesday Afternoon *	1:00pm	Manny Garcia
Mar 13	Spring Wednesday Night Raffa *	6:00pm	Ken Hartje
Mar 14	Spring Thursday Morning *	9:30am	Carroll Meek
Apr 4-25	Beginner Bocce every Thursday in April	10:00am & 6:30pm	TBD

**\* All league signup forms will be available at the courts on January 15**

ITALIAN AMERICAN CITIZENS CLUB

South San Francisco



GENERAL MEETING

&

ELECTIONS

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

7 PM

ST. VERONICA'S FALCON HALL

434 ALIDA WAY, SSF

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

Proceeds from refreshments to fund Member's activities

SAVE THE DATE

Italian American Citizens Club



South San Francisco



CRAB FEED



2024

Friday, February 23, 2024

Fernekes Recreation Building, Orange Park

(Across from the IACC Clubhouse & Bocce Courts)

6 PM Doors Open / 7 PM Dinner

For our non-crustacean folks, tri-tip is available

(Dinner includes Appetizers, Salad, Pasta, Main Course, Garlic Bread, Dessert & Wine)

RSVPS WILL BEGIN IN MID-JANUARY

Raffle & All Proceeds go to our Scholarships & Charity

(Please bring a raffle prize donation)

SAVE THE DATE

Festa  
Italiana

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

ORANGE MEMORIAL PARK

11 AM – 5 PM





# BOCCE NEWS

Taking a look back at 2023, we had quite a few "firsts". We had monthly tournaments, our first USBF Open tournament which had four-person teams competing from all over California, and the San Francisco fire department station #11 had their first "Jackass Tournament" which they plan on making this a yearly event. We also began teaching bocce to schools. We began working with special needs teens, and adults from the Baden School, and the Ability Path Community Access Program, the students from Shiloh United School of SSF, and a teen summer program through Park and Rec. We all had a lot of fun. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped teach the students. In 2024, we're planning more tournaments, hosting the 2nd Annual USBF Open tournament, continuing to work with the students at Baden School, and the Ability Path Community Access Program, and hopefully, teaching the game of Bocce to the Boy's and Girl's Club.

Wishing all a very happy and healthy New Year.

Manny Garcia  
Bocce Chairperson

**1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Ann Koenig, Erica Baxter  
Evonne, Ed Hornung

## FALL TUES 9:30 LEAGUE



**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:**

Janae, Judy, Winnie, Dan Sullivan



**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:**

Rich (sub) , Barbara Boccaleoni  
Chuck Luthy, Carlo Noce (not in photo)

## FALL WED 9:30 LEAGUE



**1<sup>st</sup> Place:**  
Bob Schenone,  
Janae Morales  
Roni Vaznaugh  
Joe Lavin

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:**  
Karen Safley  
Mike Gallagher  
Elise Piepmeier  
Mike Keller



**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:**  
Dan McGough  
Judy Dianos  
Aldo Peruzzi  
Marie Cox



## FALL WED 1:00 LEAGUE



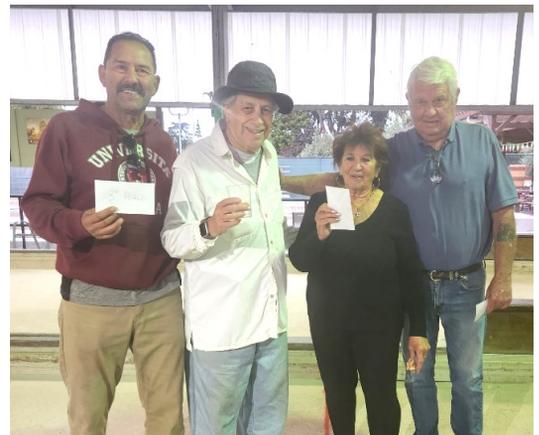
**1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Armando Altamirano, Amy Mah  
Germano Colombana, Kathy Gianassi



**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Dennis Gunther, Lynn Keller  
John Springer, Diana Minsky (not in photo)



**4<sup>th</sup> Place:** Robert Lasher, Mike Keller  
Mary Hutchings, Manny Garcia



**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** Don Ibarra, Harold Wendell  
Elain DeBono, Chuck Luthy

# PERSON OF THE YEAR 2023 – December 10

## Diane Green







# President's Social White Elephant – Dec 15





RAYMOND'S SOURDOUGH BREADS  
151 S. Spruce Avenue, So. San Francisco  
CASH ONLY 650-589-4572



TEANI'S ITALIAN DELI  
772 El Camino Real, So. San Francisco  
650-589-2456

IACC General Meeting  
Tuesday, Jan 16  
Meeting 7:00pm  
St. Veronica's Cafeteria

Italian American Citizens Club of South San Francisco  
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