



IL CITTADINO

Founded 1916

March 2024

Dear IACC Members and Friends,

In our last newsletter we were embarking on our elections for 2024 through 2025 on January 16. We had eight individuals run for six Board positions and I want to acknowledge all eight that stepped up to put their names on the ballot in an effort to help in running our Club. I would also like to thank all those that showed their support for me in having elected me for a second term as your President as well as those who elected Armando Altamirano to the Trustee position.

The individuals elected to new terms for 2024-2025 are Robert Cox and Rosemarie Garcia while Rich Garbarino, Winnie Gerard, Celeste Giuliani and Manny Garcia were elected to their second terms. They will join Judy Dianos, Ken Hartje, Janae Morales, Bob Schenone, and Bob Strupeni to fill out our Board of Directors for 2024. Altamirano will join Don Quigley as a Trustee.

On January 31 a Special Board Meeting was held and Garbarino was elected by the Board as their Chairperson for 2024. I look forward to working with Rich and the rest of the Board members in the coming year.

In the first two months of the year, we didn't skip a beat in activities for our members. Marie's Open Pedro Play has already begun on Monday afternoons and we had a number of members attend our Super Bowl Watch Party, which didn't have the desired result for our 49ers. Our first major event for 2024 was our Crab Feed on February 23 in which we had 130-plus in attendance in our effort to raise funds for our scholarship and charity programs. As a reminder, applications for our scholarships have already begun and the deadline is April 26. I also want to say a big thank you to the Italian class students from South San Francisco High School who volunteered their time do the serving.

The IACC Spring Bocce Leagues will begin the week of March 11 while SSF Parks & Recreation Dept.

will have their Bocce League beginning on April 4. IACC League dates and times will be posted on the Bocce Board at the courts. We will also, once again, be hosting a number of Special Needs Groups on Mondays and Fridays to expose them to the fun of learning and playing bocce ball.

JANUARY NEW MEMBERS



Keith Conti, Linda Nieder, Rob Aveson, Sue McGuirk, Arthur & Caroline Mozqueda, Al & Valerie McNease, Vivian Huddleston, Roger Weiner, Susan & Bob Bacigalupi

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Clubhouse
Thursday, Mar 5 at 6:00 pm

GENERAL MEETING
St Veronica's Cafeteria
Tuesday, Mar 19, Meeting 7:00pm

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In upcoming events we will hold a President's Bingo Social on Sunday, April 28 at 1 pm to allow members to enjoy the event during the day. As usual, there will be a dessert and finger food potluck.

Looking down the road, the San Francisco Giants Italian Heritage Night will be on Tuesday, July 9 and more information will be sent out as we get closer to the date. Other dates to remember are the Members Appreciation BBQ on Sunday, July 21 and the Festa Italiana – SSF 2024 on Sunday, September 29 which will once again have organization displays, vendors, food, beer and wine, a car show and will combine those events with our annual Italian Heritage Bocce Tournament.

I am also proud to announce the following individuals who have stepped up to Chair the President's Committees for 2024: Major Events: Winnie Gerard & Celeste Giuliani; General Maintenance: Ken Hartje & Bob Cox; Hospitality: Terry Elsibai; Bocce & Sports: Manny Garcia; Bocce Courts Maintenance: Taco Morales; Cultural: Rino Bertini and Communications: Janae Morales. Reenie Hartje will be handling Sunshine and Rosemarie Garcia will take care of Emails & Notifications. Janae will continue to handle our newsletter, Il Cittadino, but we are looking for an individual or individuals to take over the newsletter. If interested, contact me at IACC.LEO@YAOO.COM or at the Club email at IACC.SSF@YAHOO.COM.

Last, but not least, the next Board Meeting will be held on March 3 and the next General Meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 19 at St. Veronica's (cafeteria) Falcon Hall in which we will have pizza for everyone attending.

I hope to see many of you at the various events we have planned and, once again, thank you for your support in electing me to a second term.

Sincerely yours,

Leo Pierini, President

Italian American Citizens Club of South San Francisco



IACC SSF – OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS 2024



OFFICERS

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Adam Elsibai, Vice President 510-520-5731

Barbara Guevara, Treasurer 650-259-9981

Dee Delorio, Secretary 650-740-3205

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Rich Garbarino, Chairperson 650-438-7309

Bob Cox Judy Dianos Manny Garcia
Rose Marie Garcia Winnie Girard Celeste Giuliani
Ken Hartje Janae Morales Bob Schenone Bob
Strupeni

TRUSTEES

Don Quigley Armando Altamirano

BOCCE COMMITTEE

Manny Garcia, Chairperson

Chris Babcock Terry Elsibai Carroll Meek

Janae Morales Rich Vaznaugh

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MARCH

She goes out like a
Lion and returns
As a Lamb....

The seasons have
Claimed the month
Of March all seeing....

The wind rain and
Leaves that fall are
At her very beckon call

Her forecasts are really
True.... As the saying
Goes.... The eyes of
March are on you!

By Diana Stanton Minsky



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

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

SUNSHINE CORNER by Reenie Hartje



To
Sharon Albera's
family

Ron Baxter
Sharon Menesini
Kay McGough



Nancy Balestreri
Bob Cox
Bob Schenone

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



BOCCE NEWS

The Winter leagues will be ending by the first week of March. The Spring leagues will begin on the second week in March. Last year, due to the excessive amount of rain, we couldn't begin the spring league until the last week in March with the courts being in very bad shape. Fortunately, the forecast for this March looks very good with only 3 days in the entire month having any rain.

Currently the crew is working on the courts, and hope to have them in shape when the leagues begin. Contact Taco at 650-755-5366, if you would be willing to help with getting the courts ready. They can always use the extra help.

A big **THANK YOU** to long-time members (*since 1991*) Joe and Gloria Sanchez for donating two Bocce Ball Retrievers to the IACC, for members to use at the courts who have difficulty picking up the bocce balls. We now have 4.

We are happy to learn that the special needs class from South San Francisco will be back again in March - date to be determined.

On Saturday, May 18, the IACC will be hosting the **United States Bocce Federation's 2024 Western Sector Open Championship**, with the help of Margaret Shindelus, and others from the USBF, running this tournament of **4 Players - 24 teams**. (see flyer on page 15)

On June 15, Confederazione Boccistica Interazionace or CBI will hold a Punto-Raffa precision shooting clinic using mats hosted by Margaret Shindelus from USBF Golden Gate club out of Livermore. *Watch for a flyer to be available soon.*

Note to members new and old, the **Free Bocce Lessons** at our courts will begin again **every Thursday in April at 10am & 6:30pm**. Our Members and the public are always welcome to attend. Just show up.

Manny Garcia
Bocce Chairperson

IACC CALENDAR 2024

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME	CONTACT
Mar 5	Board Meeting	Clubhouse	6:00pm	Rich Garbarino
Mar 19	General Meeting	St Veronica's - Pizza	7:00pm	Leo Pierini
May 7	Board Meeting	Clubhouse	6:00pm	Rich Garbarino
May 21	General Meeting	St Veronica's	7:00pm	Leo Pierini
Jul 2	Board Meeting	Clubhouse	6:00pm	Rich Garbarino
Jul 16	General Meeting	St Veronica's	7:00pm	Leo Pierini
Sep 3	Board Meeting	Clubhouse	6:00pm	Rich Garbarino
Sep 17	General Meeting	St Veronica's	7:00pm	Leo Pierini

BOCCE LEAGUES & TOURNAMENTS

DATE	EVENT	TIME	CONTACT
Mon	Pedro Every Monday	1:00pm	Marie Cox
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
Mar 23	Pedro Tournament	9:30am	Dee Delorio
Mar 25	Spring Monday Night	6:00pm	Ruth DeNardi
Apr 4-25	Beginner Bocce every Thursday in April	10:00am & 6:30pm	Manny Garcia
Apr 20	2 nd Annual ITALIAN GAME – Bocce/Pedro	8:30am	Dan/Ruth De Nardi
May 18	USBF Western Sector Open	7:30am	Manny Garcia
Jun 15	Bocce Shooting Clinic/Contest	TBD	Manny Garcia
Aug 10	USBF 2 nd Annual 4-Person Open	TBD	Manny Garcia

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY AT THE COURTS





IACC Crab Feed February 23, 2024

Thanks to the Volunteers

The People Who made it Happen

The crab feed is the annual fund raiser for the Club. I have only been a member of our Club for a little over one and a half years.

I have found a very rich club. It is rich in talented people that are caring, kind and respectful to others. They are the doers at your functions. God Bless them all.

They are the ones that really made your event a success.

Thank you for sharing (participating) with us and **also singing along**

Thank you, to all the generous folks who contributed the beautiful gifts for our fabulous raffle!!!

Many thanks to all who generously shared their energy, knowledge, experience, time and talent: (listed in no particular order)

Winnie Girard

Richard Girard

Celeste Giuliani

Bill Giuliani

Dianne Green

Bill Green

Helen Birkeland

Chris Babcock

Leo Pierini

Jennifer Perini bar tending

Dee Delorio Rafael

George Campi, our talented accordion player

Manny Garcia



Lynn Keller

Mike Keller

Erica Baxter

Judie Dianos

John Dianos bar tending

Eileen Tating bar tending

Tina O'Keefe bar tending

Patti Sarracino

Jamaica Nally

Rose Arce

Denise Villa

Christina Bonete

Sally Lagman

Toni Bava

Sue Spillane

Joan Daly

Gina Todaro

Ruth Denardi

Pat Riley

Linda Grassi

Marie Cox

Bob Cox

Taco Morales

Janae Morales

Ed Hornung

Karen Hornung

Thank You Leo Pierini for finding the great Venue facility.

Lastly, forgive me if I missed your name.

Special thanks to South San Francisco High School students that gave up there Friday night to serve us. Thanks for the leadership from Italian language teacher, Juliane Franceschi

We had fun with George Campi, our talented accordion player

Your laughter and joy was infectious to all in the room and added to the enjoyment of the evening. Thank you for sharing & participating with us.

Thank you for coming to the Crab Feed and see you next year!!!!

Robert Lasher, Head Crab



2024 CRAB FEED

Raffle Tickets

- 7 Tickets --- \$5
- 15 Tickets --- \$10
- 30 Tickets --- \$20

CRAB FEED



Italian American Citizens Club
of South San Francisco
P. O. Box 5674, South San Francisco, CA 94080

To Whom It May Concern:

The Italian American Citizens Club of South San Francisco announces the availability of two (2) two-thousand-dollar (\$2,000.00) scholarships for high school seniors.

Applicants must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.25 or better. The scholarships will be awarded based on scholastic achievements, future goals, involvement in community activities, financial need, Italian heritage and/or language study, and a letter of recommendation.

Applicants may qualify if he/she is one of the following:

- a student of Italian descent residing or attending high school in South San Francisco.
- a child, grandchild, niece, or nephew of an Italian American Citizens Club member.
- a high school senior studying Italian language at an accredited high school.

All completed applications must be submitted online or post marked by **April 26, 2024**.



Scan to Apply

Please send paper applications to:

Karen Bettucchi
1307 Lasuen Drive
Millbrae, CA 94030

For further information please contact Karen Bettucchi at (650) 455-3609 or kbettucchi@gmail.com.

Thank you for applying and best of luck as you strive to achieve your future goals and aspirations!

Sincerely,

Karen Bettucchi
Scholarship Committee Chair
Italian American Citizens Club of South San Francisco

DEADLINE April 26, 2024

Mail application to Karen Bettucchi, 1307 Lasuen Drive, Millbrae, CA 94030



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Scholarship Application

Part 1: Personal Information

Full Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Date of Birth: _____

Father, Mother, or Guardian Name:

Phone: (____) _____

Mailing Address (if different than student):

I qualify for the IACC Scholarship in the following way (check all that apply):

- I am a student of Italian descent residing in South San Francisco.
- I am a child, grandchild, niece, or nephew of an IACC member.
Name of relative: _____
- I am a high school senior studying Italian at an accredited high school.
Name of accredited high school: _____

DEADLINE April 26, 2024

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Which high school(s) have you attended (list current school first)?

At which University(s) or College(s) have you been accepted or registered? Please attach copy of your acceptance letter(s) and/or confirmation of registration.

Part 2: Scholastic Information

Cumulative GPA: _____

Please attach an official copy of your high school transcript.

Part 3: Financial Need

Excluding your parental support, what portion of your expenses must you provide? If awarded, how will you use this scholarship award to support your educational goals? (Feel free to use the back or attach your response.)

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Part 4: Activities, Personal Statement, Essay, and Recommendation

1. What community activities, extracurricular activities, work experiences, and/or cultural experiences have you participated in during high school? Please explain on an attached sheet.
2. On a separate sheet, describe yourself and your goals and aspirations for college and beyond. (Minimum 250 words)
3. On a separate sheet, describe an Italian American who you feel has made a significant contribution to society. What did this person accomplish? Why/how do you feel that this was significant? (Minimum 750 words)
4. Include a letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, or supervisor.

Part 5: Certification

I certify that the above information is true to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's signature Date

Principal's signature Date

Parent's/Guardian's signature Date

DEADLINE April 26, 2024

Mail application to Karen Bettucchi, 1307 Lasuen Drive, Millbrae, CA 94030

ITALIAN AMERICAN CITIZENS CLUB

South San Francisco



GENERAL MEETING PIZZA NIGHT

Tuesday, MARCH 19, 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

OPEN PEDRO PLAY & LESSONS



MARIE'S PEDRO CARD GAMES

EVERY MONDAY at 1 PM

Tables next to Court 6

SIGN UP TO PLAY

CONTACT MARIE COX

mariemco@icloud.com

Italian American Citizens Club Bocce Courts

In co-sponsorship with the SSF Parks & Recreation Department

Italian American Citizens Club

South San Francisco

PRESIDENT'S SOCIAL



BINGO BINGO

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024

1 P.M.

Bring a Dessert, Finger Food

Bring a Friend or Two

At the Clubhouse / Bocce Courts

Questions / More Info at WWW.SSFACCLUB.ORG

Or email: IACC.EVENTRY@GMAIL.COM

Proceeds from Refreshments to Raise Funds for Members' Events

FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE COURTS

*SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO ITALIAN AMERICAN CITIZENS CLUB
In Cooperation with the City of SSF Parks & Recreation*

IN HOUSE – IACC MEMBERS ONLY

IACC 4th Annual Pedro Tournament



Saturday, March 23, 2024
At the Bocce Ball Courts
9:30 am Check-In Time
10:00 am Start Time (sharp)
Cost: \$20 per player
— **Bring your own lunch** —
and
(if you'd like) an appetizer or snack to share



- ♣ First-come, first-served – up to 32 players.
- ♣ Teams of 4 will be randomly drawn for the first game. Teams will change after each game with the 2 winners moving on to next table and changing partners.
- ♣ **Starting bid is 6 – if no one bids, 7 to the dealer.**
- ♣ We will play 3 games (8 hands each game) — stop for lunch — then play remaining 3 games (8 hands each game).
- ♣ You will receive a scorecard to keep track of your individual game points – have opposing team initial your score before moving on to next game.
- ♣ Cash prizes for the highest scoring individuals – 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th places

For Additional Information:

Call Mike or Dee Delorio - 650-588-0501 or cell 650-740-3205

Make checks payable to "IACC" and drop off or mail with application to:

IACC, 1144 Morningside Avenue, South San Francisco, CA 94080

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APPLICATION – IACC MEMBERS ONLY

PEDRO TOURNAMENT

Application must be received by Monday, March 18, 2024

NAME (PRINT) _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

**SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO ITALIAN AMERICAN CITIZENS CLUB
AND UNITED STATES BOCCE FEDERATION**



**2024 WESTERN SECTOR
OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP
MAY 18, 2024
IACC Orange Park Bocce Courts
783 Tennis Drive, South San Francisco
4 PLAYERS - 24 TEAMS**

**COURT
SPONSORSHIP
AVAILABLE
\$50**

**Registration @ 7:30 am / Play @ 8:30 am
\$50 per player / 2024 USBF Cards Required
USBF Open Rules / Dead Backboard
Prizes based on number of Teams
Fees must Accompany Entry Form
Register by May 4, 2024
Light Continental Breakfast
Regional Draw / Date TBD**

**Please
RSVP for
BBQ
Lunch
Sandwich
\$10**

1st	\$1000
2nd	\$ 800
3rd	\$ 700
4th	\$ 600

Prizes Based on 24 teams

Send Entry Form and Check Payable to IACC:

Manny Garcia, 3630 Baldwin Hills Ct., South San Francisco, CA 94080

TEAM NAME: _____ CITY/STATE: _____

EMAIL: _____ CELL/TEXT#: _____

CAPTAIN: _____ CELL#: _____ USBF#: _____

PLAYER 2: _____ CELL#: _____ USBF#: _____

PLAYER 3: _____ CELL#: _____ USBF#: _____

PLAYER 4: _____ CELL#: _____ USBF#: _____

TEAM FEE: \$200 PLUS LUNCHES: 1= \$210 2= \$220 3= \$230 4= \$240

COURT SPONSORSHIP DONATION: \$50.00

USBF cards for IACC Members' are covered by the club's USBF Membership



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, March 19
Meeting 7:00pm - Pizza
St. Veronica's Cafeteria

Italian American Citizens Club of South San Francisco
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South San Francisco, CA 94083-5674

