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ITALIAN EVENTS BEGIN IN JUNE

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear IACC Members & Friends:

As we get further into the Spring season, June will signify the beginning of Italian activities for 2026. The National Day and the Republic Day of Italy is celebrated on June 2 of each year, much like our Fourth of July. The first festa of the season will be the SF Italian Athletic Club's Festa in North Beach on Saturday and Sunday, June 6 and 7. We will hold our Member's Appreciation BBQ on July 19 to be followed by the Festa Italiana – SSF on September 19 and the IACC Italian Festival on October 18.

Beforehand, we will hold our Women's Bocce Tournament in May to honor Mother's Day and our Men's Bocce Tournament in June to honor Father's Day. Entry forms are posted at the courts.

Internally, the bocce courts will be closed from Monday, June 2 to Friday, June 12 to undergo some major maintenance work. Taco Morales and his crew will be paying special attention to the ends of each court, removing the backboards and raising up those areas that have become worn down from use over the years. Please cooperate with the maintenance signs that will be posted during this process. And remember, all this work is being done by the generosity of the volunteers on Taco's crew.

We tried out the new canopy in the patio area for the Club's Lasagna Challenge and Bingo on April 26. We are still evaluating how and when to use the canopy (which can be assembled and disassembled), but it does provide us a variety of opportunities for different events. As work continues to be non-stop around the facility, Maintenance Committee Chair Ken Hartje has scheduled a Clean-up Day for the Club on Friday, June 5 beginning at 9 am. It gives us an opportunity to clean various areas and do minor repairs in preparation for the Summer and Fall. Each member is encouraged to take the opportunity to sign up and help with the clean up.

The SF Giants' Italian Heritage Night will be held on Tuesday, July 28. The interest sheet at the white will be replaced by sign-up sheets in June. We have secured tickets for Club Section 227 and will, again, have a trolley for the first 24 members who sign up.

I hope to see many of you at the General Meeting on May 19 at the IACC Clubhouse at 6 pm where we will be presenting our scholarships for 2026 and celebrating with pizza and cake.

Leo Pierini
IACC President

LASAGNA CHALLENGE & BINGO



IACC members and friends gathered on April 26 for the Annual Lasagna Challenge and Bingo under the new canopy. Our wonderful chefs, Winnie Gerard, Terri Elsibai, Jennifer Pierini and Dee Dee Martin provided great food for the event and everyone enjoyed an afternoon of bingo. New member Dee Dee Martin (above, far left) was crowned the Lasagna Capo for 2026 and will be acknowledged at the General Meeting on May 19. Congrats to all and thanks for your time and effort.

More photos on pages 2

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

IACC Clubhouse
Tuesday, May 5, 2026, 1 pm

GENERAL MEETING

IACC Clubhouse
Tuesday, May 19, 2026, 6:00 pm

LASAGNA CHALLENGE & BINGO



NEW MEMBERS



David Umbertus



Linda Umbertus

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more are on the IACC website:
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2026
(Terms Serving)



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LADY MOON

By Diana Stanton Minsky

Oh! Lady of the moon
Your face is star struck
Your eyes sullen...
Your cheeks billowy.
You rest on the beams
And shadows!
Oh! Lady of the Moon
Come light the balconies of love.
Your silhouette profile
Luminescent in secresies
Like the Mona Lisa's smile.
The sun nor the evening star
Light the lovely...
Lady Moon

BOCCE COURTS WILL BE CLOSED
Tuesday, June 2 – Friday, June 12
For Major Maintenance Work
All other areas around the bocce
courts and the IACC Clubhouse will
remain open for activities

Sunshine Corner



Tom Ricci
Richard Benavides Family
Pat Sarracino Family
Maurico Melara Family



Manny Garcia



Jerry Wentworth
Winnie Girard
John Dianos
Cathy Welch
David Umbertus

*If you would like a Club member to
receive a card, contact Chris Babcock
650-873-8730*

SAVE THE DATES

Tuesday, May 5 – IACC Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 19 – IACC General Meeting
Sunday, July 19 – Member's Appreciation BBQ
Tuesday, July 28 – SF Giants Italian Heritage Nite
Saturday, September 19 – Festa Italiana SSF
Sunday, October 18 – IACC Festival
Sunday, Dec. 12 – Xmas & Person of the Year Dinner



BE ITALIAN FOR A DAY

MUSIC * FOOD * KID'S ZONE * CAR SHOW * CULTURAL DISPLAYS * VENDORS
BOCCIE TOURNAMENT * EXHIBIT BY MUSEO ITALO AMERICANO

SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY

Friday, June 5, 2026

The Club will have a Spring Clean-up Day on Friday, June 5, beginning at 9 am. Tasks to be completed will be general clean-up around the courts and in the Clubhouse in addition to minor maintenance. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the white board at the courts. Help get us ready for the busy Spring and Summer events.

Help is always also needed for the various events, tournaments and other activities at the Club. We encourage all those that can assist in a number of roles, big or small, to sign up. The IACC is only as good as we make it. Tasks include set-up and clean-up or helping with the planning and the execution of a particular event. The Maintenance Committee has an endless task during the year as does the Events Committee. A list of the various committees, their Chairs and their emails are listed on page 3. More hands-on deck always makes the process easier and smoother and is well appreciated.

S.F. GIANTS ITALIAN HERITAGE NIGHT VS. MILWAUKEE BREWERS



WE HAVE SECURED TICKETS FOR THE SF GIANTS ITALIAN HERITAGE NIGHT
IN CLUB LEVEL 227 WITH AN ITALIAN BASEBALL T-SHIRT GIVEAWAY

WITH TWO OPTIONS

TICKET TO THE GAME AND TROLLEY RIDE TO AND FROM - \$55.00

TICKETS TO THE GAME ONLY - \$45.00

SPACE ON THE TROLLEY WILL FILL UP FAST

FORMS WILL BE POSTED AT THE COURTS SOON.

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BOCCE NEWS



May will be a busy month as we see many Spring Bocce Leagues end before we take a break and begin Summer League action.

The IACC's 3rd Annual Pedro Tournament, run by Dee and Mike Delorio, will be on Sunday, May 3 while the IACC Spring Tuesday 10:00 a.m. league will end on May 12. The IACC Tuesday Night Friendship League, from 6-8 p.m., started last month on April 14 and will run until the end of August. The IACC Wednesday Night Raffa league will end on May 20, and IACC Wednesday Spring League will end May 27. The IACC Monday Night league will end June 1.

SSF Parks & Recreation's Wednesday Night Spring league ends May 27, Thursday Night Spring league ends May 28, and Friday Morning Spring league ends on May 29. The Special Olympics' Saturday training league, from 1-3 p.m., will end May 30. I'd like to thank Chris Babcock, Janae Morales, and Terry Elsibai for setting up and closing the courts for the Special Olympics.

The IACC Al Sacco Women's Tournament, run by Chris Babcock and Rich Vaznaugh, will be held on Sunday, May 17 and the IACC Men's Al Sacco Tournament will be on Saturday, June 13 and run by Rich Vaznaugh and Norm Faria. Thanks to Chris, Rich, and Norm for running these tournaments.

The bocce courts will be closed from June 2 through June 12 for Taco and his crew to make some major repairs and maintenance work to get them ready for Summer and Fall league play. A big thank you to Taco and his crew for all your hard work. Please note that the areas around the courts and the IACC Clubhouse will still be available for other activities.

On Sunday, May 14, the Club will co-sponsor La Festa Della Repubblica with the Lucchesi Nel Mondo.

IACC Summer Tuesday Morning (9:30 a.m.) league begins on June 16, run by Karen Safley and the IACC Summer Wednesday Morning (10:00 a.m.) league begins June 17, run by Chris Babcock and Pat Hatch.

SSF Parks & Recreation's summer leagues begin as follows: Wednesday night, June 17; Thursday night, June 18; and Friday morning, June 19.

On a personal note, thank you for all your prayers and cards. Hoping to be back and see all my friends soon.

Manny Garcia
Sports & Activities Director
IACC Vice President



THURSDAY MORNING SPRING LEAGUE



FIRST PLACE: Team Sirloin – Joe Lavin, Diana Minsky, Mike Bianchi, and Don Cresci



Second Place: Team Flank – Ron Del Carlo, Helen Birkeland, Tom O'Neil, and Pat O'Kane



Third Place: Team Brisket – Mike Tognotti, Phyllis, Nella Conti, and Mario Conti

AROUND THE CLUB

Various areas in and around the IACC Clubhouse and the Orange Memorial Park Bocce Courts have been undergoing various renovations and upgrades in the past months. In addition to the patio area having been extended and enhanced with new tables, benches, planters and a barbeque, an ADA ramp (lower right) was installed to the entrance. The Club also purchased a 20 X 30-foot canopy, which can be assembled and disassembled for various activities. Below is a view of the canopy hosting an IACC member's family birthday party, the canopy without sides and with the full enclosure. The IACC Board of Directors and Officers continue to work with the South San Francisco Parks & Recreation Department for the enjoyment of all. With the completion of the new aquatics center set for later this year, IACC members and the public will have state of the arts facilities for their leisure activities for years to come.



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IACC CALENDAR

DATES AND TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

MAY 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 2 PM IACC Lasagna Ch...	27 6 PM IACC Bocce Spring	28 10 AM IACC Bocce 6 PM IACC Friendship L...	29 10 AM IACC Bocce 5 PM P&R Bocce 2 more	30 10 AM IACC Spring Boc... 1030 AM Free Bocce Le...	1 9 AM P&R Bocce	2 1PM Special Olympics B...
3 10 AM IACC Pedro Tour...	4 6 PM IACC Bocce Spring	5 10 AM IACC Bocce 1 PM IACC Board Meeting 6 PM IACC Friendship L...	6 10 AM IACC Bocce 5 PM P&R Bocce 2 more	7 430 PM P&R Bocce	8 9 AM P&R Bocce	9 1PM Special Olympics B...
10	11 6 PM IACC Bocce Spring	12 10 AM IACC Bocce 6 PM IACC Friendship L...	13 10 AM IACC Bocce 5 PM P&R Bocce 2 more	14 430 PM P&R Bocce	15 9 AM P&R Bocce	16 1PM IACC Private Party 1PM Special Olympics B...
17 9 AM IACC Tournament	18 6 PM IACC Bocce Spring	19 630 PM IACC General ...	20 10 AM IACC Bocce 5 PM P&R Bocce 6 PM P&R Bocce	21 430 PM P&R Bocce	22 9 AM P&R Bocce	23 1PM Special Olympics B...
24	25 10 AM St. Dunstan's You...	26 6 PM IACC Friendship L...	27 5 PM P&R Bocce 6 PM P&R Bocce	28 430 PM P&R Bocce	29 9 AM P&R Bocce 4 PM P&R End of Season	30 8 AM P&R End of Season 1PM Special Olympics B...
31	1 6 PM IACC Bocce Spring	2 Non Bocce Allowed ALL COURTS CLOSED	3 Non Bocce Allowed ALL COURTS CLOSED	4 Non Bocce Allowed ALL COURTS CLOSED	5 Non Bocce Allowed ALL COURTS CLOSED	6 Non Bocce Allowed ALL COURTS CLOSED

JUNE 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1 6 PM IACC Bocce Spring	2 Non Bocce Allowed ALL COURTS CLOSED	3 Non Bocce Allowed ALL COURTS CLOSED	4 Non Bocce Allowed ALL COURTS CLOSED	5 Non Bocce Allowed ALL COURTS CLOSED	6 Non Bocce Allowed ALL COURTS CLOSED
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21 8 AM Solstice Bocce To...	22	23 930 AM IACC Summer ... 6 PM IACC Friendship L...	24 10 AM IACC Summer Le... 5 PM P&R Bocce 6 PM P&R Bocce	25 5 PM P&R Bocce 6 PM P&R Bocce 7 PM P&R Bocce	26 9 AM P&R Bocce 10 AM P&R Bocce	27
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I.A.C.C. General Meeting
Tuesday, May 19, 2026
6:00 pm
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