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Italian American Citizens Club of South San Francisco

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November 2024

Dear IACC Members and Friends,

With the holidays upon us I hope that everyone had a wonderful Fall Season. As we prepare to enjoy the season with friends and family, it is my hope that the last year brought enjoyment and fun with the many leagues, tournaments and activities we shared at the Club.

As the Fall Leagues wrap up, we can look back to the last few months where we celebrated Italian Heritage Month in October with an abundance of events. The Festa Italiana – SSF on September 29 ushered in October and was again a great success despite the many challenges we faced with the construction of the new Aquatics Center. Despite those challenges, we seem to always have our members step up and meet those hurdles. In particular, I want to thank Rich and Winnie Girard, Celeste Giuliani, Box Cox and Rich Vaznaugh for taking the lead in the many areas that needed to be addressed. I'd also like to acknowledge the many volunteers from the IACC and the Columbia Association who also put in their time and energy in helping set up and, most importantly, helped with the clean-up.

For those of you who had an opportunity to attend, the Town of Colma held a ceremony to officially raise the Italian Flag on October 9 and the SSF City Council presented us with a proclamation honoring Italian Heritage Month.

Just when you thought the many, many events were coming to a close, we held our own IACC Festa on October 20 which brought in 150 members, family and friends. Robert Lasher, who also coordinated our Crab Feed earlier this year, was once again in the lead position and he and his many helpers did a great job.

Back in September we hosted the USBF Women's Bocce Tournament and we followed that up with the annual Italian Heritage Bocce Tournament that was held during the Festa Italiana. It is also with great pleasure that we continue to host fundraisers for the SSF PAL Boosters and the SSF Fire Department Burn Victims program.

Due to so many activities and other events, the Lasagna Challenge has been postponed to Spring 2025 to give everyone a chance to catch their breath and prepare for the busy season ahead.

One of the most celebrated events of the year is coming up as we will once again honor our own at the Person of the Year & Holiday Dinner Dance on Sunday, December 8 at the SSF Elk's Club. I hope you had the opportunity to nominate one of our deserving members for this year's honor. Nominations close on November 4 so that the Board of Directors can confirm this year's honoree at their meeting on November 5.

Our next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 19 at St. Veronica's Falcon Hall (cafeteria) at 7 pm. Looking ahead, our following General Meeting will take place on January 21 and is of the utmost importance as we will hold elections for Club leadership positions for the next two years. At this coming election cycle, we will be selecting a vice president, secretary, treasurer, trustee and five board members. I hope many of you throw your hat in the ring to help take on the many tasks that we face during the course of the year, if not in an elected position, by volunteering for the many events and activities at the Club. Nomination forms are in this newsletter and at the courts.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Clubhouse

Tuesday, November 5 at 3:00 pm

GENERAL MEETING

St Veronica's Cafeteria

Tuesday, November 19 at 7:00 pm

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As I enter my fourth and final year as your president, I hope, with the help of many, I have made the Club a fun and enjoyable place to be and that we continue to treat all our members, their families and friends that participate in Club events with respect and curtesy. As the Club continues to grow, as we approach 400 members, we have many new faces and participants. All this is an opportunity to make new friends in celebrating and honoring the history and heritage of the Italian American Citizens Club of South San Francisco.

Many of us have been met with personal challenges during the course of the last year and some of us have lost family members or faced medical issues. I know I join you in your prayers and thoughts for those of us who have been faced with these challenges. I wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas. 2025 is on the horizon and a new year always brings new hope.

Leo Pierini, IACC President

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

At the IACC General Meeting on September 17 we welcomed three new members to our Club. Please make South City residents **Michael and Evelyn Gonzalez** and **Jerry Wentworth** feel at home (sorry no photos for this edition).

S.F. ITALIAN HERITAGE PARADE



IACC SSF – OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS 2024



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Rich Garbarino, Chairperson 650-438-7309

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Janae Morales * Rose Marie Garcia * Winnie Girard
Celeste Giuliani * Bob Schenone * Bob Strupeni

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Armando Altamirano

BOCCE COMMITTEE

Manny Garcia, Sports / Bocce Director

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THANKSGIVING

By Diana Stanton Minsky

*I have a pet turkey named
Him Lucky
He's not for serving on a platter with yams
Enjoy your family and friends
With an abundance of food that never ends
With Blessings and Love
Lucky, the turkey says...
Eat Ham*

SAVE THE DATES

Monday, November 4 – POY Nomination Deadline

Tuesday, November 5 – Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, November 19 – General Meeting

Sunday, December 8 – POY & Holiday Dinner

Saturday, December 14 – White Elephant Social

Tuesday, January 7 – Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, January 21 – General Meeting, Elections



Mike & Dee Delorio
(Son – Keith)

Bob & Marie Cox



Renee Hartje
Helen Birkeland
Manny Garcia
Roni Vaznaugh

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

IACC RECYCLE PROGRAM

Please continue to bring items for recycling to the Club. Once again, we'd like to commend our members for packing up their recyclable items so we can make funds that go directly into our events and activities. It only takes a minute to drop them off at the courts. But, unfortunately, with Manny Garcia having experienced some medical issues, we need help and would like to continue this successful program. We meet every Thursday morning around 10:00 a.m. and help is needed to load the items. These loads are pretty heavy, so if you have the time please come and help load and if we have more than can fit in our vehicles and you have a vehicle, you can also follow us and take a load to the recycling center just a few blocks away from the Club. If you are willing to help, please email Barbara at: tisbarb@sbcglobal.net.

The Recycle Queen and most appreciated partner, Manny!!!

**All photos in this newsletter,
and more are on the IACC website:
[HTTPS://SSFIACC.ORG](https://ssfiacc.org)**



ITALIAN AMERICAN CITIZENS CLUB

South San Francisco



GENERAL MEETING

Bringing in the Holidays

Pizza & Pie - \$8 Per Person

Tuesday, November 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)

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Italian American Citizens Club

South San Francisco



Saturday, December 14, 2024

1 PM - 5 PM

WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE - 2:30 PM

For those who want to participate, bring a wrapped gift valued at \$30 or less. It can be weird, funny, or really awesome. You will be given a number. Once play begins, the lowest number goes first. Gifts can be "stolen" only twice.

Bring a Dessert, Finger Food

Bring a Friend or Two * Play Bocce

Bring the Kids or Grandkids

At the Clubhouse / Bocce Courts

Questions / More Info: IACC.EVENTS@YAHOO.COM

Proceeds from Refreshments to Raise Funds for Our Members' Events
In Co-Sponsorship with the SSF Parks & Recreation Department



Cypress Lawn
Celebrating Life



BOCCE NEWS



As the season starts to change to colder weather, all Fall League will be coming to a close in November. Soon Winter League action will start with Wednesday mornings beginning on December 11 at 10:00 am and Monday night League on January 13, 2025. The Parks & Recreation Leagues will begin with Wednesday night on January 15, Thursday night on January 16, and Friday morning on January 17. My special needs classes on Fridays have been cancelled until I get through my medical issues.

This September 29 we had the Annual Italian Heritage Tournament with 1st place going to the Marche Club Azzurri (SF/SSF), 2nd place to IACC Rise Above (SSF), and 3rd place to Advance Auto Body (Roseville).

On October 26 the South San Francisco Athletic Club Fundraiser Tournament took place with The Hit Squad, out of Sacramento, taking 1st place, the Azzurri (IACC/SSF) placing 2nd, and showing for 3rd place was a combination of Castle Rock and Advance Auto Body out of Roseville.

I would like to thank everyone for all the cards and "Get Well" wishes.

Thank you all once again,

Manny Garcia
Bocce / Sports Director

1st Annual USBF Four-Women Open Tournament



1st Place Bocce Amigas

Lydia Romo;
Chris Sloane; Allison
Bryan; Melissa
Maghoryup



2nd Place Bocce Addics

Martha Crosley;
Cynthia Odem;
Barbara McCoy; Cathy
Skinner



3rd Place Palino Sisters

Helen Birkeland;
Carroll Meek;
Pat Reilly;
Pat O'Kane



4th Place ABA

Gloria Taylor;
Maureen Kelleher;
Ginny Nelson; Teresa
Wagstaff

Annual Italian Heritage Tournament

1st Place – Marche Club Azzurri (SF)

Roy Bellafronte, Mario Conti, Joe Giusti, Matteo DelGrosso, Dante DelGrosso

2nd Place – IACC Rise Above (SSF)

Rich Vaznaugh, Larry Fioranelli, Carroll Meek, Jamaica Nally

3rd Place – Advance Auto Body /Castle Rock (Roseville)

Dan Marcucci, Patrick Miller, Tom Belluomini, Mike Mathis



BOCCE

THURSDAY MORNING FALL LEAGUE



First Place: Teal - Judy and John Dianos, Germano & Charlene Colombana



Second Place: Mallard - Carroll Meek, Jamaica Nally, Larry Fioranelli, Rich Vaznaugh



Third Place: Wood - Joe Lavin, Diana Minsky, Chuck Luthy, Tom O'Neil (not pictured)

MONDAY NITE FOOTBALL FALL LEAGUE & DINNER



SSF PAL BOOSTERS FUNDRAISER



SO. SAN FRANCISCO ATHLETIC CLUB TOURNEY



1st Place – The Hit Squad (Sac)
Steve Choe, Al Velasquez,
Mario Mejia, Vern Cooper



2nd Place – IACC Azzurri (SSF)
Roy Bellafronte, Mario Conte,
Roberto Lonardi, Teddy Nicleson



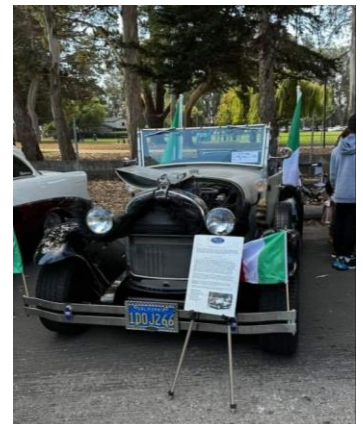
3rd Place – Castle Rock (Roseville)
Dan Marcucci, Tom Belluomini,
Patrick Miller, Bob Strupeni



FESTA ITALIANA – S.S.F. 2024

Presented by the IACC, CLECA & the City of S.S.F.





I.A.C.C. FESTA 2024









LASAGNA CHALLENGE

Italian American Citizens Club

South San Francisco



SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 3

HAS BEEN MOVED TO SPRING 2025



2024 I.A.C.C. POY NOMINATION FORM

FOR THE ITALIAN AMERICAN CITIZENS CLUB "PERSON OF THE YEAR" AWARD

- Please deposit in Black Box next to the bulletin boards no later than November 4, 2024.
- Or submit by email to: Terry Elsibai – lcby52@gmail.com

After further review, all members in good standing are eligible to be nominated.

NAME OF NOMINEE: _____

Support of the Italian American Citizens Club: *In which areas has the nominee supported the IACC by being active:*

SERVING ON COMMITTEES:

ORGANIZING EVENTS:

CLEANING UP/MAINTAINING COURTS:

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Information not included in the form that can be beneficial for the nominee in the selection process. Feel free to write comments on the back of this sheet.

Form submitted by: _____

Date form submitted: _____

Telephone No.: (____) _____-_____

ITALIAN AMERICAN CITIZENS CLUB

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO

ELECTIONS FOR 2025

POSITIONS UP FOR ELECTION

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Five Board Positions

To run for an IACC office, you must be a member in good standing and have been a member of the IACC for one year.

If interested in running or would like to nominate an individual, please fill out the sheet below and submit to the IACC Election Committee Chairperson Sandy Lencioni:

By email to: SKAARMOM@GMAIL.COM

By mail to: 106 Knoll Circle, South San Francisco, Ca 94080

Or in person by dropping the slip in the black box by the white information board at the courts.

Name of Person Running: _____

Office Running For: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Nominated By (if applicable): _____



ITALIAN AMERICAN CITIZENS CLUB MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2025

Dear IACC Member,

IACC Membership Dues for 2025 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**

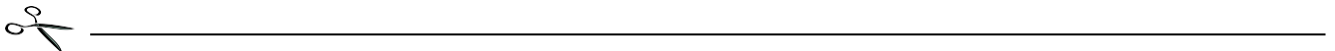
Please make your check payable to: **IACC**

Mail the form and check to: **Judy Dianos**
809 Tioga Dr
Millbrae, CA 94030

Contact Judy for questions: **650-692-5752**

Dues are due on or before December 31, 2024

- **As of January 1, 2025:** 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, 2025:** Members will be 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: _____

IACC CALENDAR

DATES AND TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

NOVEMBER 2024

Sun 27	Mon 28 1:00 PM Pedro Play 6:00 PM Bocce League	Tue 29 10:00 AM Bocce League 6:00 PM Freedom League Bocce	Wed 30 Today 10:00 AM Bocce League 1:00 PM Bocce League 6:00 PM Bocce Raffa League	Thu 31 4:30 PM P&R Bocce 5:30 PM P&R Bocce 6:30 PM P&R Bocce	Fri 1 9:30 AM P&R Bocce 10:00 AM APCAP Bocce 6:00 PM Private Party	Sat 2
3 1:00 PM Lasagna Challenge - postponed to 2025	4 1:00 PM Pedro Play	5 10:00 AM Bocce League 3:00 PM Board Meeting 6:00 PM Freedom League Bocce	6 10:00 AM Bocce League 1:00 PM Bocce League 6:00 PM Bocce Raffa League	7	8	9 9:00 AM End of Season Bocce
10 9:00 AM Private Party	11 1:00 PM Pedro Play	12 10:00 AM Bocce League 6:00 PM Freedom League Bocce	13 10:00 AM Bocce League 1:00 PM Bocce League	14	15	16
17	18 1:00 PM Pedro Play	19 10:00 AM Bocce League 6:00 PM Freedom League Bocce 7:00 PM General Meeting	20 10:00 AM Bocce League	21	22 5:00 PM SSF Dept of Public Works	23
24	25 1:00 PM Pedro Play	26 6:00 PM Freedom League Bocce	27	28	29	30 10:00 PM Private Party

DECEMBER 2024

Sun 1	Mon 2 1:00 PM Pedro Play	Tue 3 6:00 PM Freedom League Bocce	Wed 4	Thu 5	Fri 6	Sat 7
8 6:00 PM IACC Christmas & POY Dinner	9 1:00 PM Pedro Play	10 6:00 PM Freedom League Bocce	11 10:00 AM Bocce Winter League	12	13	14 1:00 PM President's Social - White Elephant
15	16 1:00 PM Pedro Play	17 6:00 PM Freedom League Bocce	18 6:00 PM Bocce Winter League	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Christmas	26	27	28
29	30	31	1 New Year's Day	2	3	4



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I.A.C.C. General Meeting
Tuesday, November 19, 2024
Meeting 7:00 pm
St. Veronica's Cafeteria

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