



# IL CITTADINO

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July 2025

Dear IACC Members & Friends:

Change. Something that is extremely hard for some to take and, for others, a time of adjustment. And then there are those that just roll with the punches. But change is what keeps things going and keeps things fresh and in line with the times. In the nearly three and a half years that I have been president of the IACC we have had a number of changes. Some have worked and some we have had to make adjustments to. Well, in the coming months we will once again experience a number of changes. Some brought on by necessity and some by the simple fact that we need update how the Club functions.

One of those changes will be thrown into the arena for our members to vote on, hopefully, in July. As you have heard the last few months, we have had a committee working on amending our bylaws. Not an easy undertaking that has led to many hours of work for those on the committee, namely Rich Garbarino (Chair), Celeste Giuliani, Winnie Girard, Barbara Guevara and myself. Now the time has come for your Board of Directors to do a final review and, ultimately, send that final draft to the members for a vote at our General Meeting on Tuesday, July 15, 2025. These bylaws number some 25-pages and most of the amendments deal with bringing the Club into compliance with corporate laws and regulations in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The fact of the matter is that there are really not many changes, just rewording of certain sections. Unfortunately, gone are the days of a simple bylaw's booklet, like the one you can see in our display case in the Clubhouse from early in the Club's beginnings.

## YOUTH SUMMER CAMPS



**Ponderosa 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders**

**Thanks to all our IACC volunteers for teaching the youngsters Bocce Ball.**

**More Summer Camp photos on page 2**

## SF GIANT'S ITALIAN HERITAGE NITE



**The IACC had 45 members and friends attend the San Francisco Giant's Italian Heritage Night on Tuesday, June 17 against the Cleveland Guardians. Everyone was treated to an Italian Jersey. Big thanks to Cypress Lawn for the trolley ride. More photos on page 5.**

But there are a few changes that I believe are important to bring to our member's attention. One is a provision that each member of the Club should make an effort to contribute at least 20 hours of volunteer time to Club activities. Those hours can include simply attending a General Meeting (counting for three hours), serving in office or on a committee, helping in the setting up or cleaning up after an event, running a bocce league or tournament, or helping behind the scenes with any event or activity that the Club holds. Honorary and Lifetime members would be exempt from this provision.

The second item is that in the case that there is only one candidate running for office in any election, that the individual running must still be ratified by a

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## BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

Clubhouse

Tuesday, July 1, 2025, 1 pm

## GENERAL MEETING

St. Veronica's Cafeteria

Tuesday, July 15, 2025, 7 pm



## MAY GENERAL MEETING - WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS



Welcoming our new members at the May General Meeting, President Pierini (center) swears in (from left to right) Marilyn Foley, Peter Foley, Donna Skovaard and Joseph Lacey.

## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS FOR 2025



Congratulations to our 2025 scholarship recipients Tenley Flahaven, whose certificate was accepted by her grandmother Rose Flahaven (left) and Jollyn Gunardi (right). Flahaven attends St. Francisco High School and has maintained a 4.21 GPA while Gunardi, who is a student at South San Francisco High School, has maintained a 4.26 GPA and has studied Italian for four years.

## BOCCE SUMMER CAMPS



Ponderosa Fifth and Sixth Graders



Orange Park Second and Third Graders

# IACC SSF – OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS



2025



(Terms Serving)

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Judy Dianos (25-26) \* Janae Morales (25-26) \* Bill Green (25-26)

Sandy Lencioni (25-26) \* Armando Altamirano (25)

## TRUSTEES

Steve Hawthorne (25-26) Armando Altamirano (24-25)

## BOCCE COMMITTEE

Manny Garcia (Sports / Bocce Director), Chris Babcock \* Terry

Elsibai \* Carroll Meek \* Janae Morales \* Rich Vaznaugh \*

Rose Marie Garcia \* Kathy Gianassi \* Germano Colombana

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## INDEPENDENCE DAY

*Author Unknown*

Let the poets of Europe write odes on  
their king  
Or their musical notes raise so high,  
The birth-day of freedom we ever will sing  
And rejoice on the Fourth of July.  
No proud, haughty monarch can here bear  
the sway  
Since tyranny now we defy;  
Fair liberty ushers this joyful glad day,  
And proclaims 'tis the Fourth of July.



## Sunshine Corner



Leo Pierini for sister  
Kathy Pierini Spes



Rose Marie Garcia  
George Lynch  
Colleen Baptista  
Gloria Sanchez



Manny Garcia  
Robert Lasher  
Evonne Medeghini  
Kathy Gianassi  
Bruno Zamboni  
Joan Vina

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



## GET INVOLVED

### VOLUNTEER FOR CLUB ACTIVITIES

Help is always needed for the various tournaments and other events going on at the Club. Enjoy the various activities and lend a helping hand in setting up and/or cleaning up.

Contact Manny at 650-892-0391 or

[manny3630@yahoo.com](mailto:manny3630@yahoo.com)

## IACC RECYCLE PROGRAM

We'd like to thank everyone that has taken the time to bring their recycle items to the Club. It is very much appreciated. And a special thank you to those of you that have stepped up to help sort and make the run to the recycle center. We do ask that everyone be conscious of what they place in their bags as we have found many items that are garbage instead of the needed plastics and cans. If in doubt, just check to see that your items have the CRV label on them. To help, contact Barbara, our Recycle Queen, at: [tisbarb@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tisbarb@sbcglobal.net).



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## ITALIAN AMERICAN CITIZENS CLUB

South San Francisco



## GENERAL MEETING

### HOT DOGS & APPLE PIE

(please bring \$5 for hot dogs & pie to offset costs)

**Tuesday, July 15, 2025**

**7 PM**

**ST. VERONICA'S FALCON HALL**

**434 ALIDA WAY, SSF**

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

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

### Members' Appreciation BBQ Lunch



**Sunday, July 20, 2025**

**1:00 PM**

### IACC Members & Family Only

Choice of Tri-Tip Sandwich,

Hamburger or Italian Sausage

And Various Salads & Desserts

Please RSVP to [IACC.EVENTS@YAHOO.COM](mailto:IACC.EVENTS@YAHOO.COM)

(RSVP how many are attending by July 17, so we know how much food to purchase)

**This Event Is Open to IACC Members & Family Only**

(\$10 Food Charge for Non-Member Guests, Collected at the Event)

**Special Recognition for Lifetime Members & Others**

**At the Clubhouse / Bocce Courts**

In Co-Sponsorship with S.S.F. Parks & Recreation



# S.F. GIANT'S ITALIAN HERITAGE NIGHT



## SAVE THE DATES

Tuesday, July 15 – General Meeting

Sunday, July 20 – Member's Appreciation BBQ

Sunday, September 14 – Festa Italiana – SSF

Sunday, October 12 – S.F. Italian Heritage Parade

NEW DATE: Sunday, October 26 – I.A.C.C. Festa

Sunday, December 14 – Xmas & POY Dinner







# BOCCE NEWS



We have a lot of activities at the bocce courts during the summer months. In the month of July, we begin with the Park & Rec Children's Summer Camps. We have two sessions - Orange Park at 11:00 a.m. and Ponderosa at 1:00 p.m. I would like to thank the members who stepped up to help and make this year a great and fun summer camp for the kids. They are: Karyl Matsumoto, Germano and Charlene Colombano, Steve Firpo, Sandra Lencioni, Chris Babcock, Winnie Girard, Don Ibarra, Dan and Ruth DeNardi, Rose Marie Garcia, Sally and Jorge Lagman, Pat Hanley, Julie Link, Jim Brevis, and Peter Callies.

We also have two IACC Summer Leagues: Tuesday at 12:00 p.m. with Kathy Gianassi as leader and Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. with Chris Babcock as leader. Thank you both. Park & Rec Summer Leagues are on Wednesdays 6:15 p.m.-7:30 p.m.; Thursdays 5:00 p.m.-6:15 p.m. and 6:15 p.m.-7:30 p.m.; and Friday 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. On Saturday, July 26 we will hold a 4 Person Mixed Team or Single Tournament. The cost is \$25.00 and the flyers are at the courts. This event should be a lot of fun.

In August, for anyone who wants to learn how to play Raffa, Germano will be starting free Raffa lessons at 1:00 p.m. on August 8, 22, and 29. On Sunday, August 10, All Souls and St. Augustine will have an Italian Catholic Federation Tournament fundraiser and on August 16, Dan De Nardi will hold an End of Season Tournament from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Monday night fall leagues will start on August 11, 5:00 p.m.-6:15 p.m. and 6:15 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Park & Rec leagues begin August 20, 6:15 p.m.-8:30 p.m.; August 21, 5 p.m.-6:15 p.m. and 6:15 p.m.-7:30 p.m.; August 22, 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. We will be offering free bocce lessons on Thursdays, August 21 and August 28 and on September 4 and September 11. Taco Morales will teach the morning class from 10:00a.m. - 11:30a.m. and Germano from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. The Kiwanis Tournament is on Saturday, August 23rd from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. On Sunday, August 24, there will be the Museo Italo Americano Tournament from 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. and on Saturday, August 30th from 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. we'll be holding the IACC Women's Team tournament. Flyers are coming soon.

## **Manny Garcia**

Sports Bocce Director  
IACC Vice President

## **SRING END OF SEASON TOURNAMENT**





## SPRING MONDAY NIGHT NL LEAGUE



## SPRING MONDAY NIGHT AL LEAGUE



## SUMMER SOLSTICE TOURNAMENT





## TUESDAY MORNING SPRING LEAGUE



First place: Ed Hornung, Toni Bava, Hermie Lagman (missing from photo Janis Gallagher)



Second place: Karen Safley, Mike Bianchi, Pat Jurado, Aldo Peruzzi



Third place: Bill Giuliani, Celeste Giuliani, Bill Green (missing from photo Pat Marques)

## WEDNESDAY EVENING RAFFA SPRING LEAGUE



Clockwise – 1st place: Celeste Giuliani, Bill Green, Erica Wise, John Dianos. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Ken Hartje, Mike Menesini, Charlene Columbo (missing Sally Lagman). 3rd place: Ed (Taco) Morales, Bob Schenone, Gary Queirolo (missing Jorge Lagman)



## WEDNESDAY MORNING SPRING LEAGUE

League Results: 1<sup>st</sup> Place: James Gallagher, Joe Lavin, Diane Minsky, and Evonne Medeghini. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Debbie Cashman, Pat Hatch, Chuck Luthy and Linda Marcelli



1<sup>st</sup> Place



2nd Place



3<sup>rd</sup> Place

## THURSDAY MORNING SPRING LEAGUE



## WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SPRING LEAGUE



1<sup>st</sup> Place: Chuck Luthy, Rose Flahavan,  
Nary Cordes-Hutchings and Ed Horning



2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Alvaro Bettucchi,  
Karyl Matsumoto, Eileen  
Tating and Ken Mesita



3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Dan Sullivan, Don Sherer, Rob Aveson  
and Dennis Gunther

## MOTHER'S DAY TOURNAMENT



1<sup>st</sup> Place Division A: Karen  
Safley, Kathy Bianchi, Diana  
Minsky, Patti Cabano



2<sup>nd</sup> Place Division A: Elise  
Piepmeier, Pat Hatch,  
Winnie Girard, Linda  
Dezman



1<sup>st</sup> Place Division B: Christina  
Bonite, Debbie Cushman,  
June Wydler, Evonne  
Medeghini



Second place Division B: Linda  
Marcelli, Carole Meek, Joan  
Daly, Denise Villa

## FATHER'S DAY TOURNAMENT



1<sup>st</sup> Place: Tom Ricci, Tom  
Wright, Larry Fioranelli,  
Don Sherer



2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Mike Gallagher,  
Herme Lagman, Jim  
Brevis, Chuck Luthy



3<sup>rd</sup> Place: George Lagman, Ed  
Horning, Rich Vaznaugh, Tom  
McGee



4<sup>th</sup> Place: Norman Tiernan,  
Germano Colombana, Tony  
Geraci, Mike Bianchi



## President's Message, Continued from page 1

simple majority of the members voting at that General Meeting holding elections.

One last amendment that is very important is that the President and Treasurer positions will be elected in the same cycle, meaning that the Vice President and Secretary will be elected in alternate years from the President and Treasurer. In ratifying this amendment, the members will alter last January's election of Treasurer to one year and bring that position up for election in January of 2026.

As I mentioned before, some changes are brought on by necessity and that bring us to our relationship with the City of South San Francisco and the renovation of the areas surrounding our Clubhouse, namely the bocce courts and the garden area. As many of you know, we have a unique and well-established relationship with the Department of Parks & Recreation that goes back many years. In June, our Chairperson of the Board Rich Garbarino represented me at the annual Co-Sponsorship Meeting before the Parks & Recreation Commission, and we were once again approved for the fiscal year 2025-2026.

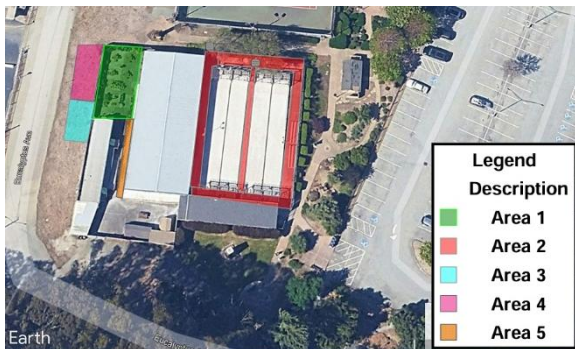
With the recent renovations at Orange Memorial Park regarding the baseball/soccer fields and, currently, the building of the new Aquatics Center, we have been working with the city in an upgrade of the bocce courts and garden area. The plans, which can be seen below, include extending the garden area some 700 square feet and the repaving of many areas. A separate entry area, a built-in BBQ and picnic tables will also be added. Parks & Recreation officials understand the amount of work that goes into scheduling and keeping the bocce courts in pristine condition. With these new additions the city hopes to add an area that is attractive for the community to utilize. With our unique situation in that we lease space in the park, comes an opportunity for us to also utilize this space for the good of our members and our activities. We have a unique co-existence in the park that I believe can and will benefit all.

With all that has been transpiring, you should know that your IACC Officers and Board Members have been working diligently for the betterment of its members and to keep bringing competitive and social events throughout the year. One of those events, which we are very proud of, is the annual awarding of scholarships. At our May General Meeting we presented Tenley Flahaven (St. Francis High School), granddaughter of Rose Flahaven, and Jolly Gunardi, a student at SSF High School who has studied Italian for four years, \$2,000 scholarships each. I want to congratulate these two individuals for their hard work in high school. Flahaven maintained a 4.21 GPA and plans to attend UC Santa Barbara and double major in Marine Science and Education while Gunardi maintained a 4.26 GPA and plans to attend San Francisco State University and major in Chemistry to pursue a career in Forensic Science.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at our annual Member's Appreciation BBQ, which is scheduled for Sunday, July 20. The Summer will hold an abundance of activities, from league play to tournaments, and will lead right into the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Festa Italiana – SSF on Sunday, September 14. Enjoy.

**Leo Pierini**  
IACC President

## BOCCE COURTS & GARDEN AREA RENOVATION



Orange Memorial Park Bocce Court Project							
ID	Task Name	Duration	Start	Actual Start	Actual Finish	Finish	Contractors
0	Orange Memorial Park Bocce Court Project	89 days?	Mon 6/16/25	NA	NA	Mon 10/20/25	
1	Team Schedule	1 day?	Tue 7/1/25	NA	NA	Tue 7/1/25	
5	Milestones / Important Dates	89 days	Mon 6/16/25	NA	NA	Mon 10/20/25	
6	NTP	0 days	Mon 9/15/25	NA	NA	Mon 9/15/25	
7	Start Submittal	0 days	Mon 6/16/25	NA	NA	Mon 6/16/25	
8	Project Completion	0 days	Mon 10/20/25	NA	NA	Mon 10/20/25	
9	Submittals	5 days	Mon 6/16/25	NA	NA	Fri 6/20/25	
10	Asphalt	5 days	Mon 6/16/25	NA	NA	Fri 6/20/25	
11	Class 2 AB	5 days	Mon 6/16/25	NA	NA	Fri 6/20/25	
12	Fabric	5 days	Mon 6/16/25	NA	NA	Fri 6/20/25	
13	Construction	26 days	Mon 9/15/25	NA	NA	Mon 10/20/25	
14	Mobilize	1 day	Mon 9/15/25	NA	NA	Mon 9/15/25	
15	Locating Existing Utilities/ Potholing	5 days	Tue 9/16/25	NA	NA	Mon 9/22/25	
16	Demolition	5 days	Tue 9/23/25	NA	NA	Mon 9/29/25	
17	Grading	5 days	Tue 9/30/25	NA	NA	Mon 10/6/25	
18	Install AB	5 days	Tue 10/7/25	NA	NA	Mon 10/13/25	
19	Paving Asphalt	5 days	Tue 10/14/25	NA	NA	Mon 10/20/25	

Above is a preliminary view and schedule for the renovation. Work is to begin on Monday, September 16 and be completed by Monday, October 20, 2025. The courts and all areas around the Club will be closed during this time.





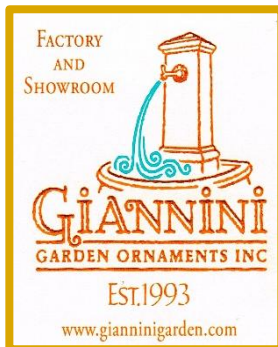
# IACC CALENDAR

DATES AND TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

## JULY & AUGUST 2025

Sun 29 9:00 AM Father's Day Al Sacco Tourney	Mon 30	Tue 1 1:00 PM Bocce League 1:00 PM Board Meeting	Wed 2 10:00 AM Bocce League 6:00 PM P&R Summer League	Thu 3 5:00 PM P&R Summer League 6:00 PM P&R Summer League	Fri 4 9:30 AM P&R Summer League	Sat 5
6	7	8 1:00 PM Bocce League	9 10:00 AM Bocce League 6:00 PM P&R Summer League	10 11:00 AM Summer Camp Bocce 1:00 PM Ponderosa Summer Camp 5:00 PM P&R Summer League 6:00 PM P&R Summer League	11 9:30 AM P&R Summer League	12 8:00 AM Mid Summer Roll
13 9:00 AM Mix IACC Tournament	14	15 1:00 PM Bocce League 7:00 PM General Meeting	16 10:00 AM Bocce League 6:00 PM P&R Summer League	17 5:00 PM P&R Summer League 6:00 PM P&R Summer League	18 9:30 AM P&R Summer League	19 Members Appreciation BBQ set-up
20 Members Appreciation BBQ	21	22 1:00 PM Bocce League	23 10:00 AM Bocce League 6:00 PM P&R Summer League	24 11:00 AM Summer Camp Bocce 1:00 PM Ponderosa Summer Camp 5:00 PM P&R Summer League 6:00 PM P&R Summer League	25 9:30 AM P&R Summer League	26 9:00 AM IACC 4-Person Mix
27	28	29 1:00 PM Bocce League	30 10:00 AM Bocce League 6:00 PM P&R Summer League	31 11:00 AM Summer camp Bocce 1:00 PM Ponderosa Summer Camp 5:00 PM P&R Summer League 6:00 PM P&R Summer League	1 9:30 AM P&R Summer League	2
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10 8:00 AM ICF Tourney	11 5:00 PM IACC Fall League 6:00 PM IACC Fall League	12 1:00 PM Bocce League	13 10:00 AM Bocce League 6:00 PM P&R Summer League	14 5:00 PM P&R Summer League 6:00 PM P&R Summer League	15 9:30 AM P&R Summer League	16 8:00 AM End of Season Tourney
17	18 5:00 PM IACC Fall League 6:00 PM IACC Fall League	19	20 10:00 AM Bocce League 6:00 PM P&R Fall League	21 9:30 AM Free Bocce Lessons 5:00 PM P&R Fall League 6:00 PM P&R Fall League 6:30 PM Free Bocce Lessons	22 9:30 AM P&R Fall League 1:00 PM Raffa Lesson	23 9:00 AM Kiwanis Tourney
24 11:00 AM Museo Italo Tournament	25 5:00 PM IACC Fall League 6:00 PM IACC Fall League	26	27 10:00 AM Bocce League 6:00 PM P&R Fall League	28 9:30 AM Free Bocce Lessons 5:00 PM P&R Fall League 6:00 PM P&R Fall League 6:30 PM Free Bocce Lessons	29 9:30 AM P&R Fall League 1:00 PM Raffa Lesson	30 8:30 AM IACC Women's Team Tourney
31	1 Labor Day	2 1:00 PM Board Meeting	3 6:00 PM P&R Fall League	4 9:30 AM Free Bocce Lessons 5:00 PM P&R Fall League 6:00 PM P&R Fall League 6:30 PM Free Bocce Lessons	5 9:30 AM P&R Fall League	6 9:00 AM SSF Athletic Club Tourney





**I.A.C.C. General Meeting**  
**Tuesday, July 15, 2025**  
**7:00 pm**  
**St. Veronica's Cafeteria**

**Italian American Citizens Club of South San Francisco**  
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