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Italian American Citizens Club of South San Francisco

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November 2025

FESTA ITALIANA - SSF 2025



The Festa Italiana – SSF 2025 was a great success thanks to the cooperation of the IACC along with the City of South San Francisco and the California Law Enforcement Columbia Association. A special thanks to the Le Donne d'Italia and the Museo Italo Americano for their contributions to the event. The IACC is looking forward to next year, which is scheduled for Saturday, September 12, 2026.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear IACC Members & Friends:

A lot has transpired in the last two months. The Orange Park Bocce Courts are once again open following a month of renovations which saw the enlargement and resurfacing of the new patio area and around courts one through four. Work is still in the process as new picnic tables and a BBQ have arrived in the last weeks of October. The IACC has also been busy, having ordered new patio chairs to replace the worn-out ones and a small storage shed, which will serve two purposes in giving us another spot to store equipment and to limit access to the courts as it will be placed in the alley behind courts 5 and 6. Some of you may have noticed that new locks have been placed on the doors leading to the courts, which was done so that outside parties utilizing the patio area will not disturb the maintenance of the courts.

But the work will continue as we have discussed the area around the kitchen and maintenance storage sheds with the SSF Parks & Recreation (P&R) Department. An estimate was obtained to resurface the area with a topcoat (slurry) at \$7,000. P&R has proposed that the cost be split with the IACC at \$3,500 each. This matter will be brought before the Board on November 4 and, if approved, will be brought before the membership at the General Meeting on November 18.

While addressing the General Meeting, this month's gathering will be held at the IACC Clubhouse and Bocce Complex, beginning at 6 pm with a BBQ dinner and a 6:30 start time for the meeting. We have ordered 40 new folding chairs for the purpose of holding our meetings and additional event in the future in the new, spacious patio area and adjacent areas. The General Meeting will also include the final nominations for our elections in January and a special presentation to the Richard Bordi family in formally unveiling the Bordi plaque and renaming the Italian

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BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

IACC Clubhouse

Tuesday, November 4, 2025, 1 pm

GENERAL MEETING

IACC Clubhouse & Bocce Courts
Tuesday, November 18, 2025, 6 pm

SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING - WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS



Left: Past IACC President Dan McGough swears in the newest Club members at the September General Meeting; Marie Simpson, Paul Simpson (top L to R) and Dorothy Michelletti (Right).



SF ITALIAN HERITAGE PARADE



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - Continued from page 1

American Bocce Tournament the Bordi Memorial Italian American Bocce Tournament, which will be held every August or September and will invite Italian organizations from throughout the Bay Area.

Overall, the events celebrating Italian Heritage month began in September with the Festa ushering in the activities and was followed up with the South San Francisco, San Francisco and the Town of Colma raising the Italian flag at their respective city halls and community centers. The SF Italian Heritage Parade followed on October 12 with the IACC being represented by Sandra Lencioni and Joe Laven with their vintage vehicles.

On the home front, nominations for the executive officers, board of directors and trustee positions will close out at the General Meeting, and the Board will confirm our Person of the Year for 2025 at their meeting on November 4. Which leads us into the holidays and the always enjoyable Christmas and Person of the Year Dinner Dance, which will take place on Sunday, December 14 at the SSF Elks Club.

As activities slow down for the holidays, I would like to wish all our members and friends a very Merry Christmas and New Year and to thank all of you who have supported me for the last four years as your president. It was an enjoyable and eye-opening experience, and I hope that you feel that we have made progress during my tenure and moved the IACC into the 21st century.

Leo Pierini
IACC President

IACC SSF – OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS



2025



(Terms Serving)

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Rich Garbarino, Chairperson (24-25) 650-438-7309

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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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CHRISTMAS

By Diana Stanton Minsky

Santa comes but once a year
Bringing gifts and good cheer
Whether near or far apart
Let the magic and the spirit
of the season remain close to your heart
Merry Christmas
to all families and friends

Italian American Citizens Club

South San Francisco

SAVE THE DATE

CHRISTMAS & PERSON OF THE YEAR
DINNER DANCE



Sunday, December 14, 2025

So. San Francisco Elks Lodge

920 Stonegate Drive, So. San Francisco

6 PM No Host Bar / 7 PM Dinner / 8 PM Dancing

MORE INFORMATION

COMING SOON

Sunshine Corner



Louis Boccaleoni
Family



Bruno Zamboni



Beverly O'Connell
Robert Lasher
Gloria Sanchez

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

GET INVOLVED

IACC CLEAN-UP & MAINTENANCE DAY THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6 – 9AM

IACC Members are invited to help on Clean-up Day on Thursday, November 6 beginning at 9 am. Help is always needed for the various tournaments and other events, but we encourage all those that can to assist in getting the complex back in order after the current renovations. Tasks will include basic cleaning of various areas and some maintenance in assembling our new patio chairs and small storage shed. Contact Manny Garcia at 650-892-0391 or manny3630@yahoo.com or Ken Hartje.

IACC RECYCLE PROGRAM

The IACC Recycle Program has resumed now that the bulk on the renovations have been completed. Once again, we'd like to thank everyone that has taken the time to bring their recycle items to the Club 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 put in their bags (check to see that your items have the CRV label on them) and be conscious to place your bags in the designated areas. Any questions, contact Barbara, our Recycle Queen, at: tisbarb@sbcglobal.net.

SAVE THE DATES

Tuesday, November 4 – IACC Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 18 – General Meeting

(NOTE: Meeting at the IACC Clubhouse & Bocce Courts)

Sunday, December 14 – Christmas & POY Dinner

Sunday, December 28 – White Elephant & Bingo

Tuesday, January 6 – IACC Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 20 – General Meeting & Elections



ITALIAN AMERICAN CITIZENS CLUB

South San Francisco



GENERAL MEETING

Italian Sausage, Chips & Soda

(please bring \$5 for the meal to offset costs)

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

6 PM MEAL / 6:30 PM MEETING

IACC CLUBHOUSE & BOCCO COURTS

Special Plaque Presentation To The

BORDI FAMILY

(Officially naming the yearly Richard Bordi Memorial Bocce Tourney)

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



WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE & BINGO

Sunday, December 28, 2025

1 pm White Elephant / 2:30 pm Bingo

Xmas has passed, gifts have been received and given. Now bring the unusual to exchange. And top it off with an afternoon of Bingo at the:

IACC CLUBHOUSE & BOCCO COURTS

10 GAMES. \$15 BUY-IN (THREE CARDS) WITH CASH PRIZES

PLAYERS CAN ALSO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL CARDS

In Co-sponsorship with SSF Parks & Recreation

Teani's Italian Deli

772 El Camino Real

South San Francisco

650-589-2456



BOCCE NEWS



We are back open again! Starting in November, two leagues will be taking place. The first, on Tuesday, November 4, starting at 9:30 am, with Karen Safley as the Leader, for the first time. And on Wednesday, November 12, starting at 10 am with Chris Babcock as Leader.

In January we have a Monday Night league beginning on January 12, with Leader Ruth De Nardi, and a new league starting on Thursday, January 8 and going to February 19 with Leader Carroll Meek.

The only Tournament scheduled thus far is on Saturday, November 8 for the YMI.

I would like to give a special thanks to Don Sherer and Taco Morales for going out and acquiring the lumber and hardware needed to build a new template to mark the lines on the courts. They also purchased a new paint stick to fit the new template.

Don also removed all of the six court's red and green balls on the scoreboard and painted and clear coated them to bring them up to date. Great job Don for all you did.

Manny Garcia, Sports & Activities Director
IACC Vice President

BORDI MEMORIAL ITALIAN HERITAGE BOCCE TOURNAMENT



1st Place – Rise Above: Larry Fioranelli, Jamaica Nally, Carroll Meek, Rich Vaznaugh



2nd Place – Mangia Bene: Kathy Bianchi, Mike Bianchi, Germano Colombano, Charlene Colombano



3rd Place – Italponi: Alvaro Bettucchi, Sally Lagman, Karen Bettucchi, Alessandro Bettucchi



4th Place – Short Is No Good: Roy BellaFronte, Joe Giusto, Matteo DelGrosso, Ron DelCarlo

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LEARN ITALIAN AT THE IACC

ITALIAN AMERICAN CITIZENS CLUB

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO

PRESENTS

ITALIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES

BY INSTRUCTOR FRANCESCA LORENZON

Learn one of the Romance Languages with a class in Italian Basics & Introduction



THURSDAYS, JANUARY 8 – 29, 2026 (FOUR CLASSES)

AT THE IACC CLUBHOUSE, 783 TENNIS DRIVE, SSF (IN ORANGE PARK)

CHOICE OF CLASS TIMES: 5:30 PM – 7 PM OR 7:15 PM – 8:45 PM

\$140 plus purchase of class book, Nuovo Espresso 1 ISBN 9788861826724

(available on Amazon or at Libreria Pino, SF www.libreriapino.com)

IACC Member's Discount - \$130

IACC ITALIAN LANGUAGE CLASS

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____ 5:30 OR 7:15 PM CLASS (circle one)

CHECKS PAYABLE TO: ITALIAN AMERICAN CITIZENS CLUB (IACC), MAIL TO: IACC ITALIAN CLASS, PO Box 5674, SSF, Ca 94083
Or email IACC.SSF@YAHOO.COM to register or for more information

ABOUT OUR INSTRUCTOR FRANCESCA LORENZON

Francesca was born and raised in Friuli Venezia Giulia, in Northeastern Italy, where she received a Master's Degree with Honors in Modern Languages and Literature from the University of Trieste. In 2011 she moved to the Bay Area with her husband, their children and two dogs. Now she proudly calls the Bay Area home after obtaining her double citizenship.

Since 2014 she has been teaching Italian to learners age 3 to 70+ in many Bay Area schools and institutions, such as Istituto Italiano Scuola, Castro Valley Adult School, Palo Alto Adult School, Italingua and Polyglottist. Believing in continuous education, Francesca has attended many professional development courses in Italian Language Teaching from various institutions (Icon, Ca Foscari University in Venice, and Scuola Dante Alighieri in Recanati, Italy). She also became a certified CELI examiner. Teaching her mother language is her passion and her expertise. She knows that keeping students engaged and motivated in a friendly environment is the clue for their success in the learning process. In her free time, she loves hiking, cooking and reading.

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FESTA ITALIANA - SSF 2025 SPONSORS

The Italian Cemetery
SERVING ALL FAITHS AND NATIONALITIES SINCE 1899



IACC ELECTION NOMINATIONS

IACC-SSF 2026 Election Information

Hello Valued IACC Member -

Once again, we are closing in on the end of another successful year for our Club. There have been plenty of events held this year where many of us have gathered for food, fun, and bocce. As you can imagine, it takes a team of people, just like yourself, to keep our club and all of its events and processes running smoothly. It's time again for us to consider who the individuals on that team should be. Our next election will be held at our General Membership Meeting in January 2026. **If you would like to nominate a fellow member for one of the available positions, or include yourself as a candidate, simply return this form to me.**

Nominee: _____

Office Nominated/Running for: _____

Nominee Address: _____

Best contact information: _____

Nominated by or "self" _____

Please respond (nominations only) NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 8, 2025.

Nominations from the floor will also be accepted at our November 18, 2025 General Meeting.

Nominations will be accepted for the following positions. Please refer to your By-Laws for qualifications and responsibilities of these positions:

President

Treasurer

Board of Directors (6 positions available)

Trustee (1 position available)

Thank you,

Sandy Lencioni

IACC-SSF Election Chair Committee

% 106 Knoll Circle

South San Francisco, CA 94080

IACC CALENDAR

DATES AND TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

NOVEMBER 2025

Sun 26 Today	Mon 27 5:00 PM Resume IACC Fall League 6:00 PM Resume IACC Fall League	Tue 28	Wed 29 6:00 PM Resume P&R Fall League	Thu 30 5:00 PM Resume P&R Fall League 6:00 PM Resume P&R Fall League	Fri 31 9:30 AM Resume P&R Fall League	Sat 1 8:00 AM P&R End of Season
2	3 5:00 PM Resume IACC Fall League 6:00 PM Resume IACC Fall League	4 9:30 AM IACC Winter League 1:00 PM Board Meeting	5 6:00 PM Resume P&R Fall League	6 5:00 PM Resume P&R Fall League 6:00 PM Resume P&R Fall League	7 9:30 AM Resume P&R Fall League	8 7:00 AM YMI Tournament
9	10 5:00 PM Resume IACC Fall League 6:00 PM Resume IACC Fall League	11 9:30 AM IACC Winter League	12 10:00 AM IACC Winter League 6:00 PM Resume P&R Fall League	13 5:00 PM Resume P&R Fall League 6:00 PM Resume P&R Fall League	14 9:30 AM Resume P&R Fall League	15
16	17 5:00 PM Resume IACC Fall League 6:00 PM Resume IACC Fall League	18 9:30 AM IACC Winter League 6:00 PM General Meeting	19 10:00 AM IACC Winter League 6:00 PM Resume P&R Fall League	20 5:00 PM Resume P&R Fall League 6:00 PM Resume P&R Fall League	21 9:30 AM Resume P&R Fall League	22
23	24 5:00 PM Resume IACC Fall League 6:00 PM Resume IACC Fall League	25 9:30 AM IACC Winter League	26 League play suspended-Thanksgiving 10:00 AM IACC Winter League	27	28	29
30	1	2 9:30 AM IACC Winter League	3 10:00 AM IACC Winter League 6:00 PM P&R Fall League	4 5:00 PM P&R Fall League 6:00 PM P&R Fall League	5 9:30 AM P&R Fall League	6

DECEMBER 2025

Sun 30	Mon 1	Tue 2 9:30 AM IACC Winter League	Wed 3 10:00 AM IACC Winter League 6:00 PM P&R Fall League	Thu 4 5:00 PM P&R Fall League 6:00 PM P&R Fall League	Fri 5 9:30 AM P&R Fall League	Sat 6
7	8	9 9:30 AM IACC Winter League	10 10:00 AM IACC Winter League	11	12	13
14 6:00 PM Xmas & POY Dinner	15	16 9:30 AM IACC Winter League	17 10:00 AM IACC Winter League	18	19	20 8:00 AM DeNardi Family Party
21	22	23	24 League play suspended - Xmas 10:00 AM IACC Winter League	25	26	27
28 1:00 PM White Elephant & Bingo	29	30	31 10:00 AM IACC Winter League	1	2	3

IACC DUES FOR 2026



ITALIAN AMERICAN CITIZENS CLUB MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2026

Dear IACC Member:

Membership Dues for 2026 is \$50 per member. We look forward to seeing all of our members renew their memberships for the upcoming year. THANK YOU for your continued support of our Club.

Membership Dues (per person): \$50.00

Please make your check payable to: IACC

**Mail the form below and check to: % Sandy Lencioni
106 Knoll Circle
South San Francisco, CA 94080**

If you have any questions regarding membership, please send an email to Skaarmom@gmail.com or call 650-922-5237.

Membership dues MUST be RECEIVED on or before December 31, 2025

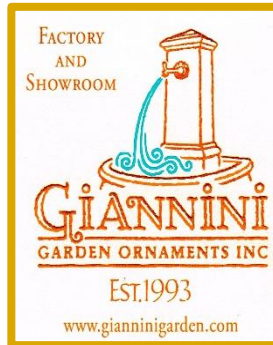
- Members will be considered **Not in Good Standing** on January 1, 2026 if dues are not received by the due date shown above. Participation in all Club activities and League Play will not be allowed. In addition, voting rights would be revoked for the January 2026 election.
- Members will be considered **Late and Delinquent** and removed from the Membership Roster if dues are not received by January 15, 2026. Reinstatement to the Membership Roster shall require a payment of \$85 (\$50 Dues, \$25 Late Fee, and \$10 Administrative Fee)

Please return the portion below with your Dues payment as soon as possible.

NAME(S) : _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FESTA ITALIANA - SSF PREMIER SPONSORS



I.A.C.C. General Meeting
Tuesday, November 18, 2025
6:00 pm
IACC Clubhouse

Italian American Citizens Club of South San Francisco
P.O. Box 5674
South San Francisco, CA 94083-5674

