



Founded 1916

Italian American Citizens Club of South San Francisco

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September 2025

Dear IACC Members & Friends:

I truly believe that the highlight of the Summer was our Member's Appreciation BBQ that was held on July 20. We had more than 170 members and their families enjoy good company and good food. And to all those that stepped up and helped during the course of the day and with the set-up and clean-up, it is much appreciated. In combination with the regular bocce leagues and tournaments, we have had to condense many of the activities at the Club for August, September and October due to the renovations that will begin on Monday, September 15 and run through October 20. Your patience during this time is paramount as we will see the garden area double in size. In discussions with the SSF Parks & Recreations Department we will continue to be the contact point for all the activities at the complex. I believe it also provides us with an opportunity to expand our use of the facilities. At the Board of Director's Meeting in September I will propose that we purchase a canopy tent and chairs so that we can utilize the new space for more of our events. If all goes well, this matter will be brought to the members at the General Membership Meeting on September 16.

It is without question that the generosity of our members is equal to none. This was noted when our Board Chair Rich Garbarino went before the Parks & Rec Commission for our co-sponsorship renewal in June. Commissioners noted how impressed they were with our activities that embrace the community, from the Christmas Clothes Drive to hosting a number of youth groups for Bocce Summer Camps to the Festa Italiana. All the work and time that our members put in solidifies our relationship with the city and it does not go unnoticed.

THE FUTURE OF BOCCÉ

Summer Camp activities keep our youngsters engaged in activities that instill great traits, all the while having fun. They also teach bocce to these youngsters, to secure that the game will be passed on to the next generation.

For more Bocce Summer Camp photos, go to page 2



MEMBER'S APPRECIATION BBQ



IACC members and family enjoyed a wonderful day at the Club at the annual Member's Appreciation BBQ on July 20. More photos on page 5

Despite the compound closure, our league and tournament activities will continue beforehand and afterwards. The Festa Italiana – SSF will take place on Sunday, September 14 and promises to be bigger and better than last year. Our members will once again participate in the SF Italian Heritage Parade on Sunday, October 12 and we will host our in-house IACC Festival on Sunday, October 26 in a newly renovated compound.

In November we will begin our preparations for the January elections with the closure of nominations at the General Meeting and our Christmas & Person of the Year Dinner Dance lurks in the not to distant future on Sunday, December 14 at the SSF Elk's Club. A new feature for the IACC will be Italian Language Classes, which will take place at our Clubhouse beginning in January. More information about the classes and our wonderful instructor can be found on page 10.

Enjoy.

Leo Pierini

IACC President

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

Clubhouse

Tuesday, September 9, 2025, 1 pm

GENERAL MEETING

St. Veronica's Cafeteria

Tuesday, September 16, 2025, 7 pm

JULY GENERAL MEETING - WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS



At our July General Meeting we welcomed new members (L-R) Ben Cowlishaw, Lana Appenrodt and Frank Nichols.

BOCCE SUMMER CAMPS



Orange Park 3rd & 4th Grade



Ponderosa 11- & 12-Year Olds



Ponderosa



Orange Park



Park & Rec Kinder Group



Ponderosa

IACC SSF – OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS



2025



(Terms Serving)

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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

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Rose Marie Garcia * Kathy Gianassi * Germano Colombana

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HALLOWEEN

By Diana Stanton Minsky

Witches, skeletons and ghosts
Pumpkins carved with faces
And a familiar "Trick or Treat"
In costumes from door to door
On the run, getting the prize – candy
That's the Spirit...now you're done
Happy Halloween

SPECIAL EXHIBIT

at



SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025
ORANGE MEMORIAL PARK
11 AM – 6 PM



PRESENTED BY



Sunshine Corner



Bruno Zamboni



Rose Marie Garcia
Harold Wendell
Kay McGough
Diana Minsky
Jennifer Pierini

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

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IACC RECYCLE PROGRAM

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. Please note that because of the renovations at the Club, bocce courts and garden area, the Recycle Program will be put on hold from September 15 to October 20. Once we resume, we do ask that everyone be conscious of what they place in their bags and check to see that your items have the CRV label on them. Any questions, contact Barbara, our Recycle Queen, at: tisbarb@sbcglobal.net.



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CASH ONLY

ITALIAN AMERICAN CITIZENS CLUB

South San Francisco



GENERAL MEETING

PIZZA & PIE

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

Tuesday, September 16, 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)

Festa Italiana
SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO
A FREE, FUN FAMILY EVENT
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025
ORANGE MEMORIAL PARK
11 AM - 6 PM

BE ITALIAN FOR A DAY
MUSIC * FOOD * KID'S ZONE * CAR SHOW * CULTURAL DISPLAYS * VENDORS
ITALIAN AMERICAN CINEMA EXHIBIT BY MUSEO ITALO AMERICANO

MEMBER'S APPRECIATION BARBEQUE



Peri Anders (second from right)
was presented with her IACC
Lifetime Membership Certificate



MEMBER'S APPRECIATION BARBEQUE



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BOCCE NEWS



September will be a slow month for Club activities due to the renovations beginning on September 15 and going through October 20.

We will have free Bocce Lesson on Thursdays, September 4 and 11 in the morning and evening.

On Saturday, September 6 the Club will sponsor the fundraiser for the South San Francisco Athletic Club Soccer Club. Action will continue on Sunday, September 7 with the SSF PAL Booster's fundraiser and on Friday, September 12 with the SSF Fire Department Burn Unit Fundraiser.

On Sunday, September 14, during the Festa Italiana – SSF activities, the Club will host the Bordi Memorial Italian Heritage Bocce Tournament. There is still time to sign-up your team. Entry forms are at the Club.

The Monday Night Fall league will begin on Monday, September 8 and then suspend action because of the renovations and will begin again on Monday, October 27.

Rounding out October will be the Maltese Historical Bocce Tournament on Saturday, October 27.

We understand that it is difficult to deal with a piecemeal schedule for many of our activities, including those for our daily afternoon bocce and card players, and your patience is appreciated.

Manny Garcia

Sports & Bocce Director

IACC Vice President

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SUMMER LEAGUE



First Place



Second Place



Third Place



SAVE THE DATES

Tuesday, September 9 – IACC Board Meeting

Sunday, September 14 – Festa Italiana – SSF

Tuesday, September 16 – General Meeting

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

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

Sunday, December 14 – Xmas & POY Dinner



SUMMER 4-PERSON MIX TOURNAMENT



1st Place: Rise Above -
Carroll Meek, Ron
DelCarlo, Jamaica Nally,
Rich Vaznaugh



2nd Place: Lucky Four - Joe
Giusto, Mario Conti, Roy
Bellafronte, Delio Cuneo



3rd Place: Boyz - Tom
Balestreri, Frank Scafani,
Mark Radovich, Steve
Hawthorne



**4th Place: Medicare
Prime -** Pat O'Kane, Jim
Breivas, Germano &
Charlene Colombano

WOMEN'S SUMMER TOURNAMENT



1st Place A Group: Bocce Babes –
Rose Arce, Patti Sarracino,
Christina Bonite, Patricia Lilavois



2nd Place A Group: Bocce 4 Fun
– Joan Daly, Winnie Girard,
Sally Lagman, Janae Morales

3rd Place A Group: Bocce
Bombers – Pat O'Kane,
Chris Babcock, Denise
Villa, Jeanette Ford



1st Place B Group: Pallino Sisters
– Helen Birkeland, Jamaica
Nally, Carroll Meek, Pat Reilly



2nd Place B Group: Bocce Bellas – Debbie
Cushman, Erica Baxter, Dee Delorio, Janis
Gallagher



3rd Place B Group: Karen Safley,
Marilyn Peters, Pat Hatch, June
Wylder



ITALIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES 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.

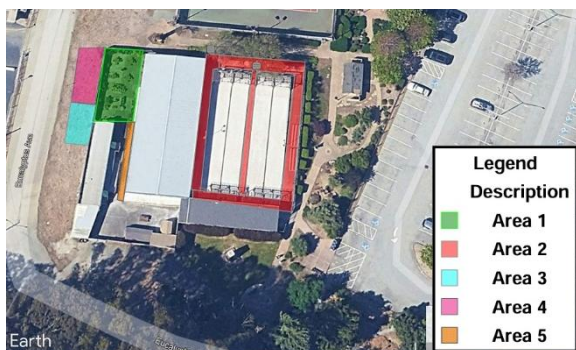
In 2011 she moved to the Bay Area with her husband, their children and two dogs. Now she proudly calls the Bay Area home after obtaining her double citizenship.

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.

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

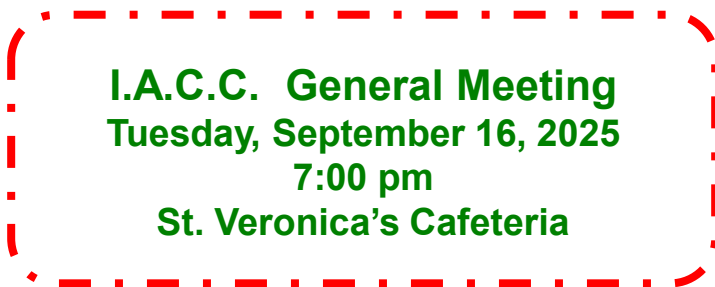
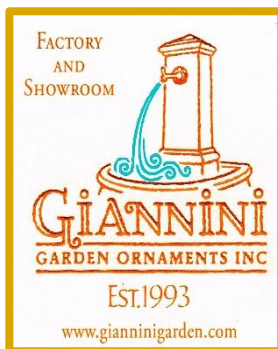
DATES AND TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

SEPTEMBER 2025

Sun 31	Mon 1 Labor Day 3:00 PM Private Party Bertucchi	Tue 2 1:00 PM Board Meeting	Wed 3 6:00 PM P&R Fall League	Thu 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	Fri 5 9:30 AM P&R Fall League	Sat 6 9:00 AM SSF Athletic Club Tourney
7 8:00 AM SSF PAL Fundraiser	8 5:00 PM IACC Fall League	9	10 6:00 PM P&R Fall League	11 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	12 8:00 AM SSFFD Fundraiser	13 Festa set-up
14 Festa Italiana - SSF 8:30 AM Bordi Ital Her Tourney	15 Courts & Garden Renovation	16 Courts & Garden Renovation 7:00 PM General Meeting	17 Courts & Garden Renovation	18 Courts & Garden Renovation	19 Courts & Garden Renovation	20 Courts & Garden Renovation
21 Courts & Garden Renovation Concert in the Park	22 Courts & Garden Renovation	23 Courts & Garden Renovation	24 Courts & Garden Renovation	25 Courts & Garden Renovation	26 Courts & Garden Renovation	27 Courts & Garden Renovation
28 Courts & Garden Renovation	29 Courts & Garden Renovation	30 Courts & Garden Renovation	1 Courts & Garden Renovation	2 Courts & Garden Renovation	3 Courts & Garden Renovation	4 Courts & Garden Renovation

OCTOBER 2025

Sun 28 Courts & Garden Renovation	Mon 29 Courts & Garden Renovation	Tue 30 Courts & Garden Renovation	Wed 1 Courts & Garden Renovation	Thu 2 Courts & Garden Renovation	Fri 3 Courts & Garden Renovation	Sat 4 Courts & Garden Renovation
5 Courts & Garden Renovation	6 Courts & Garden Renovation	7 Courts & Garden Renovation	8 Courts & Garden Renovation	9 Courts & Garden Renovation	10 Courts & Garden Renovation	11 Courts & Garden Renovation
12 Courts & Garden Renovation SF Italian Heritage Parade	13 Courts & Garden Renovation	14 Courts & Garden Renovation	15 Courts & Garden Renovation	16 Courts & Garden Renovation	17 Courts & Garden Renovation	18 Courts & Garden Renovation
19 Courts & Garden Renovation	20 Courts & Garden Renovation	21 Courts & Garden Renovation	22	23	24	25 7:00 AM Maltese Historical Tourney 5:00 PM IACC Festa set- up
26 12:00 PM IACC Festa	27 5:00 PM Resume IACC Fall League 6:00 PM Resume IACC Fall League	28	29 6:00 PM Resume P&R Fall League	30 5:00 PM Resume P&R Fall League 6:00 PM Resume P&R Fall League	31 9:30 AM Resume P&R Fall League	1 8:00 AM P&R End of Season



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