

ARIZONA AMERICAN ITALIAN CLUB

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Come on in and enjoy our great restaurant, live music and other social activities. Facilities are available to rent for celebrations, family events and meetings!

ARIZONA AMERICAN ITALIAN CLUB HOURS

MONDAY ~ CLOSED ~ TUESDAY ~ 3:00PM - 9:00PM
WEDNESDAY ~ THURSDAY ~ 11:00AM - 10:00PM
FRIDAY ~ SATURDAY ~ 11:00AM - 11:00PM
SUNDAY ~ 9:00AM - 4:00PM

KITCHEN HOURS: MONDAY ~ CLOSED
TUESDAY 3:00 - 9:00 ~ WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY
~ 11:00 - 9:00 ~ FRIDAY & SATURDAY 11:00 - 10:00
SUNDAY ~ 9:00 - 3:00

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

March is here! In March, we celebrate Michaelangelo's birth on March 6, 1475, St. Patrick's Day on March 17th and St. Joseph's Day on March 19th. March 17th is also the date the "Kingdom of Italy" was established in 1861. We certainly have a rich history. At the Club this year, we will celebrate St. Patrick's Day and St. Joseph's Day with delicious food, contests, raffles, and fellowship! The Club has new expanded Happy Hours on Wednesdays and Saturdays!

Now that the holidays are over, we are back to work on improving the Club! The lounge is being painted and we are looking at bids to redo the floor. Thank you to the volunteers who came out to help paint and the volunteers who help decorate our Club every month! As they say in that old English proverb, "Many hands make light work!" I really appreciate our employees and volunteers who keep the Club running smoothly and never hesitate to jump in and help when help is needed!

February was a busy month at the Club! March is going to be just as exciting with so many events to enjoy! Don't miss our rescheduled Painting with Rosy, Queen of Hearts, Bar Bingo, the Cowboy Dance (this time with free raffles for Cowtown Boot Gift Cards), Sunday Funday, 70's Party Bingo, St. Patrick's Day Party, weekly Bingo, Mahjong, Trivia, Karaoke, expanded Happy Hours, and all of the other events we have every month at the Club!! There's something to enjoy every day of the week, a variety of events, and we look forward to seeing you at the Club!

Grazie di tutto!!
Michael Mellaci, President

**American Italian Club
2026/2027 EXECUTIVE BOARD**

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Welcome New Members:

Regular/Italian: Marie Bippus, Mark Cefalu, Sidney Foster, Lola C Mitchell, Andrea Panzarino, Eddie Smith, Bernard Stutes

All New Regular/Italian Members must attend a Board Meeting to be sworn in and receive their Membership Cards

Affiliates: Mark Barnhart, Kelly Barnhart, Maiela Castro, Phoebe Glawe-Sergent, Jacob Glawe-Sergent, Gloria Henson, Sam Henson, Julie Holman, Tammi Jackson, Jessica Patriquin, Melissa Patriquin, Brad Porter, Cyndi Porter, Shannon Rankin, Nancy Richards, Brian Schnakenberg, Julie Smith

New Affiliate Members may pick up their cards at the bar.



Mark Your Calendars and Save the Dates!

**LETS grow your business. Place your add here
and support the Club.**

Business Card	1/4 Page	Half Page
1 issue ~ \$20	1 issue - \$45	1 issue ~ \$60
6 issues ~ \$90	3 issues - \$90	3 issues ~ \$150
12 issues ~ \$120	6 issues - \$120	6 issues ~ \$270
	12issues ~ \$150	12 issues ~ \$425

For Information Contact:
Patti in the Main Office

Bylaw Committee Meeting
Wednesday, March 4th at 7:00p

Volunteer Meeting
Wednesday March 18th at 7:00p

AAIC Board / General Meeting ~
Tuesday March 17th at 7:00p

All members are welcome to attend!

Show your card at the door.

March 2026 Entertainment

Join us for Bar Bingo in the Lounge
Every Tuesday and Friday

NOW PLAYING 2 DAYS A WEEK IN THE LOUNGE!

ARE YOU READY TO PLAY SOME BAR BINGO???

TUESDAY COVERALL NIGHT - 6:30 TO 8:30
Come Out and Play 5 Coverall Games - Four \$2 games and one \$5 game. Happy Hour Drinks ALL Day Too!!

FRIDAY AFTERNOON - 12:30 TO 3:30
Play up to 14 Games ~ Bingo sheets cost \$2, \$3 and \$5 depending on the games being played



Every Wednesday
Karaoke ~ 6:30 - 9:00p

FUEL THIS FIRE with *Linda Sue*

ENTERTAINMENT

DJ • Karaoke • Vocalist

Every Thursday
Team Trivia ~ 6:30p - 8:30p

TRIVIA NIGHT

ON THURSDAYS

6:30 PM
Every Thursday

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Grab a Friend & Form a Team!!

Prizes Awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place Winners!



Wednesday - March 11th
Painting with Rosy 6:00p

Painting with Rosy

MARCH 11, 2026 @ 6PM
AZ ITALIAN CLUB
7509 N 12TH ST

RSVP WITH AMY TANNER
480-234-0285

YES, WE ARE PAINTING THIS, STEP BY STEP!!!!



\$35 Cash
Bring your friends!!

FRIDAYS AT THE CLUB

Friday March 6th ~PAM LOE & HIPSHOT 7p-10p



Friday March 13th ~ FROSTY & SILVERTONES
7p - 10p



Friday March 20th ~ TIM HOPE 7p - 10p



Friday March 27th ~ JIMMY MAC BAND 7p - 10p



ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY
FRIDAY, March 13th 7:00p



COUNTRY DANCE NIGHT!

Saturday, March 21st 7:00p

**TWO FREE RAFFLES for \$100 Gift Cards to
 Cowtown Boots will be given away!!!**



SUNDAY FUNDAY!

Sunday, March 22nd 12:00p

Get your tickets at the Bar - only \$20



Cares of the Heart

We meet so many wonderful people at The Club. I want to share with you how special it was to meet Tommy Scuderi and his family. Tommy is 97 years old and a life time member. He and his family had dinner and enjoyed the music at The Club one Friday evening. His wife, Mary, passed about 10 months ago. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Happy 6th Anniversary to Chrstina and Stephen Danford, and congrats on adopting two lovable Labrador dogs, too. It is so nice to see people enjoying themselves, with family and friends. Come with your family and friends and relax at our special gathering space. We keep all our members and their families in our prayers and thoughts. For all those who are ill and/or recovering from surgery; may you have a speedy recovery. Buon Compleanno (Happy Birthday) and Felice Anniversario (Happy Anniversary), to those who are celebrating a birthday or anniversary in March.

Please email Jeanette Rouse, fljcprouses74@gmail.com with any news that you would like to be included in the AAIC newsletter.

Food For The Soul

Spring is nature's way of saying "Let's party!" Robin Williams

Submitted by Jeanette Rouse

Bocce Ball at the Arizona American Italian Club!



Only Winter League Play is Permitted on Wed/Thurs Nights. We Invite Everyone to Come Out, Watch & Cheer Us On!

Bocce Balls are Available to Check Out at the Bar.
Friday Mornings are Closed for Play.

Signups for **SPRING** League Now in Progress...
Spring League Play Starts End of March 2026!
Signup Sheets on the Bocce Wall by the Bar's Restrooms
Need Teams for **Wed Nights**

ANNOUNCING NEW HAPPY HOURS FOR CLUB MEMBERS

HAPPY Hour

Enjoy

\$3.00 WELLS, HOUSE WINES & DOMESTIC BOTTLES

TUESDAYS, 3PM to CLOSE
WEDNESDAYS, 11AM to 4PM
SATURDAYS, 11AM to 4PM
The Arizona American Italian Club

HAPPY HOUR PRICING ONLY APPLIES TO CURRENT ANNUAL CLUB MEMBERS

SPRING IS HERE!
Come In and Play

Queen of Hearts

Join us Every Tuesday Night
Tickets Sold ANY Time the Club is Open
Come Find YOUR Pot of Gold!!
The Drawing is at 7:00 pm



Galindo's
CUISINE

TACO TUESDAY MENU

4 STREET TACOS ON SOFT CORN TORTILLAS W/RICE, BEANS & SALSA



CHOOSE FROM:

- CHICKEN
- STEAK
- PASTOR (Spicy Pork)
- FISH (Fried)
- SHRIMP (Fried)
- VEGGIE

\$12

Bingo at the Club!

Wednesdays & Fridays at 6:30 pm - Hall doors open at 4:30 pm
Sundays at 1:00 pm - Hall doors open at 10:30 am



Power Machines Available! Guaranteed Prize Board \$2,950!
21 Games Played - All Paper Pads With \$5 Discounts for Club Members
Including NEW \$1,000 Bonus Game
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

AMERICAN MAHJONG

Come Play at the Club
Thursdays 12~3pm

NMJL Player's Card Needed.
New Players Welcome!
Beginner Lessons 1st Thursday
of Every Month With a New
Players Table!

Come Join the new Cult of Mahjong!
Be Prepared to Laugh, Learn and Meet New Friends!
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AAIC Scholarship Committee

♥ Scholarship Program Update – 2025–2026 School Year ♥



We are proud to share that for the 2025–2026 school year, we have raised more than \$10,000 in scholarship funds! In addition, we received nine outstanding student applications. This year's applicants represent some of the highest grade point averages and most heartfelt essays we have seen to date. Their aspirations for the future are truly inspiring, ranging from aerospace engineering to equine training (horses) and rehabilitation, to careers in the medical field. It is clear that these young scholars are driven, compassionate, and dedicated to making a difference.

The Scholarship Committee will be presenting its recommendations at the upcoming Board meeting on March 17. Stay tuned for details about our Scholarship Awards Dinner this Spring so you can reserve your seat and join us in celebrating these exceptional students.

In the meantime, please mark your calendar for the Clubs upcoming Mahjong Tournament benefiting the Scholarship Fund on April 18. Sign up to play at the Club's bar and support our scholarship program while enjoying a fun and friendly competition!

As always, thank you for your continued generosity and support.

Bocce News!

The Winter Bocce League has ended. The first place team hasn't been determined at the time of this printing. There will be a Super Bocce Bowl game on March 12 at 7pm between the top team from Wednesday and Thursday night to play for the right to have their names engraved onto the Bocce Wall of Fame. I'd like to congratulate the 11 rookies that played in the Winter League. You are now considered veterans of the game.

Spring league sign ups are in progress on the Bocce Wall. There are spots available for Wednesday night. Spring league will begin Apr 1 & 2 and finish by mid May. League play is a total of 7 weeks, depending on the weather. Never played before?? Sign up NOW and enjoy the fun! There are plenty of players to show you how to play. Any questions, please contact me, contact info below.

We had 24 players that participated in the Opposite Hand Tournament on Feb 22nd. Congrats to the winners: Mel Bohler, Jerry Gries, Kathy Eveland and Chuck Pence.

Ciao . . . for now
Paul Castaldo & First Lady Debby
480-8761-4903;
paul3657@gmail.com.



BOCCE WALKWAY

Now is time to pay tribute to a loved one or a friend by memorizing them by having their name or quote from their life engraved on a brick and be added to the Tribute Walkway located behind the Bocce courts.

The cost is \$60 per brick, max of 3 lines, 15 characters per line, \$6 extra for each special art design. The proceeds will help the AAIC Bocce Club maintain our precious courts that were voted #1 in the Valley.

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Order forms are located on the Bocce wall in the hallway behind the bar (next to the women's restroom).

If you have any questions, regarding the Memorial Walkway, please don't hesitate to contact me via email, phone or text at 480-861-4903 or Paul3657@gmail.com.

Your help will be greatly appreciated.
Thank you, Paul Castaldo Pres,
AAIC Bocce League



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

The Club is always in need of volunteers. Come to our volunteer meeting on March 18th at 7p and join the team. No commitments, no demands, just opportunities to help out! For more information, email abrownca123@yahoo.com or text (480) 234-0285



OUR SERVICES INCLUDE:

- Transfer and Mobility Assistance
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 - Bathing, Dressing, Skin Care
 - Meal Preparation
 - Contenance Care
 - Transportation
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Patti Kelly
Doctorate Social Worker
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ABOUT: WE CAN ACCOMODATE ANY SIZE GROUP FROM 25 TO 250. ONSITE CATERING AVAILABLE & TAILORED TO SUIT YOUR GUESTS' DIETARY NEEDS.

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Anyone can get our Newsletter, here's how:

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2. Click the newsletter link on AAIC's Facebook page or the AAIC website www.azaiclub.com
3. Pick up a copy of the newsletter at the Club

AAIC MARCH 2026 CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Bar open 9a-4p Kitchen 9a-3p Breakfast & Lunch Bingo in the Hall -1p	2 CLUB CLOSED!	3 Bar Open 3p-9p Happy Hour 3p-9p (Members only) Kitchen 3p – 9p Taco Tuesday Bar Bingo 6:30p Queen of Hearts 7p	4 Bar Open 11a-10p Kitchen 11a-9p Bingo in the Hall 6:30p Karaoke 6:30p-9p Bylaw Mtg 7p	5 Bar Open 11a-10p Kitchen 11a-9p Sandwich Specials Beginner's Mahjong 12:30p Team Trivia 6:30p	6 Bar Open 11a-11p Bar Bingo 12:30p Kitchen 11a-10p Prime Ribs & Fish Fry Bingo in the Hall 6:30p Pam Loe & Hipshot 7p	7 Bar Open 9a-11p Kitchen 11a-11p Steak & Salmon Dinners
8 Bar open 9a-4p Kitchen 9a-3p Breakfast & Lunch Bingo in the Hall -1p	9 CLUB CLOSED!	10 Bar open 3p-9p Happy Hour 3p-9p (Members only) Kitchen 3p – 9p Taco Tuesday Bar Bingo 6:30p Queen of Hearts 7p	11 Bar Open 11a-10p Kitchen 11a-9p Bingo in the Hall 6:30p Karaoke 6:30p-9p Paint w Rosy 5p	12 Bar Open 11a-10p Kitchen 11a-9p Sandwich Specials Mahjong 12:30p Team Trivia 6:30p	13 Bar Open 11a-11p Bar Bingo 12:30p Kitchen 11a-10p Prime Ribs & Fish Fry Bingo in the Hall 6:30p Frosty & Silver tones 7p ST. PATTY'S DAY PARTY	14 Bar Open 9a-11p Kitchen 11a-11p Steak & Salmon Dinners
15 Bar open 9a-4p Kitchen 9a-3p Breakfast & Lunch Bingo in the Hall -1p	16 CLUB CLOSED!	17 Bar open 3p-9p Happy Hour 3p-9p (Members only) Kitchen 3p – 9p Taco Tuesday Bar Bingo 6:30p Queen of Hearts 7p Board Meeting 7p	18 Bar Open 11a-10p Kitchen 11a-9p Bingo in the Hall 6:30p Karaoke 6:30p-9p Volunteer Mtg 7p	19 Bar Open 11a-10p Kitchen 11a-9p Sandwich Specials Mahjong 12:30p Team Trivia 6:30p St. Joseph's Day	20 Bar Open 11a-11p Bar Bingo 12:30p Kitchen 11a-10p Prime Ribs & Fish Fry Bingo in the Hall 6:30p Tim Hope 7p	21 Bar Open 11a-11p Kitchen 11a-11p Steak & Salmon Dinners COMBOY DANCE Lessons 6:30p Level 5 Band 7:30p
22 Bar open 9a-4p Kitchen 9a-3p Breakfast & Lunch Bingo in the Hall -1p	23 CLUB CLOSED!	24 Bar open 3p-9p Happy Hour 3p-9p (Members only) Kitchen 3p – 9p Taco Tuesday Bar Bingo 6:30p Queen of Hearts 7p	25 Bar Open 11a-10p Kitchen 11a-9p Bingo in the Hall 6:30p Karaoke 6:30p-9p	26 Bar Open 11a-10p Kitchen 11a-9p Sandwich Specials Mahjong 12:30p Team Trivia 6:30p	27 Bar Open 11a-11p Bar Bingo 12:30p Kitchen 11a-10p Prime Ribs & Fish Fry Bingo in the Hall 6:30p Jimmy Mac Band 7p	28 Bar Open 11a-11p Kitchen 11a-11p Steak & Salmon Dinners 70'S PARTY BINGO 6:30p
29 Bar open 9a-4p Kitchen 9a-3p Breakfast & Lunch Bingo in the Hall -1p	30 CLUB CLOSED!	31 Bar open 3p-9p Happy Hour 3p-9p (Members only) Kitchen 3p – 9p Taco Tuesday Bar Bingo 6:30p Queen of Hearts 7p				