

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:

We made it through the year! First, Congratulations to our returning Board members for 2026/2027. As we look forward to the New Year, we are working to make the Club more successful, more joyful, and a place you can bring your family and friends for a sense of community!

We absolutely welcome your suggestions. As you know, this is a Volunteer Club. I am hopeful that your New Year's Resolutions will include getting involved (or more involved) in the Club's activities and opportunities to participate! We have some new and exciting things in store for Valentine's Day, Chinese New Year, and St. Joseph's Day in the near future! We still have openings to serve on the Board - and we welcome all volunteers - if you are interested, contact me for more information.

Christmas is a time to reflect on our lives, spend time with family and friends and share our hopes, and wishes. This year has had its challenges here at the Club, but the New Year is a new beginning and an opportunity to reset! We often make grand resolutions, but the little changes and simple day-to-day kindnesses are often more impactful. We will continue to work hard to improve your Club and make it an enjoyable community to share!

As always, the Club continues to host a lot of activities and events to keep our members entertained! The Backyard BBQs will resume in January, and so will our Cowboy Dances, with a great band and lots of dancing! We now have updated equipment in Bingo, and the snack bar will continue to serve our guests. We have Tuesday Night Happy Hour (for members), Bar Bingo, Party Bingo, Karaoke, Queen of Hearts, Booze 'n Brushes, Mahjong, Trivia, and delicious dinner specials from Galindo's Cuisine. There's something to enjoy every day of the week!

Buon Natale and Felice Anno Nuovo!!
Michael Mellaci, President



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 1. Tell your family & friends to send their email to: kbass2728@yahoo.com
 2. Click the newsletter link on AAIC's Facebook page or the AAIC website www.azaicclub.com
 3. Pick up a copy of the newsletter at the Club



Welcome New Members:

Regular/Italian: Michael Bonk, RoseAnn Colamartini, Nicholas Colamartini, Michael Colosimo, Julie McManus, Mario Mediat, and Kathy Ritchie

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

Affiliates: Margaret Bell, Stacie Cipollaro, Ron Davis, John Larkin, II, Art Pell, Mary Pell, Jon Robinson, and Bill Whitaker

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

Mark Your Calendars and Save the Date!

Volunteer Meeting
 Tuesday, Dec. 9th at 6:30p

AAIC Board / General Meeting ~ Tuesday
 December 16th at 7:00p

All members are welcome to attend!
 Show your card at the door.

**LET'S 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
	12 issues ~ \$150	12 issues ~ \$425

For Information
 Contact:
 Patti in the Main Office

**Renew Your
 AAIC Membership
 Before January 31, 2026**

**TIME TO
 RENEW**



No renewals will be accepted after January 31st. Per the Bylaws, anyone who does not renew by January 31st must complete a NEW APPLICATION.



December 2025 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

BAR BINGO

Every Wednesday
Karaoke ~ 6:30 - 9:00p
(NO KARAOKE on Dec. 24th or 31st)

FUEL THIS FIRE with *Linda Sue*
ENTERTAINMENT
DJ • Karaoke • Vocalist

Every Thursday
Team Trivia ~ 6:30p - 8:30p
(No Trivia on Christmas Day.)

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!

Saturday -Dec. 27th
DRAG Party Bingo 6:30p

Drag Queen BINGO Night

Come out and enjoy a night of Drag Queen Bingo with your hostess Miss Tan Steele. Along side a few special guests. A night you will not soon forget.

DECEMBER 27TH, 2025
START AT 6:30PM

2 Performances
Special Betty Book Game
Buy in \$20 at the door

Call for reservations
(602-976-8294)

FRIDAYS AT THE CLUB

Friday Dec. 5th ~MERGE BAND! 7p-10p



Friday Dec. 12th CHRISTMAS PARTY WITH
Tim Hope~7p - 10p - TNT Entertainment



Friday Dec. 19th SONIC GROOVE
7p - 10p



Friday Dec. 26th VIVA LOST WAGES ~
7p - 10p



Come Celebrate the New Year at the Club! Only \$25 per person paid in advance!

2026
happy new year

Buy your tickets at the Bar starting Dec 10th.

Includes Champagne Toast at Midnight.

Email kbass2728@yahoo.com for more information.

AAIC Scholarship Committee

On behalf of the AAIC Scholarship Committee, we thank Ernie Oakes for leading AAIC's 2nd Annual Car Show, which raised over \$4,700, our largest fundraiser in recent memory!! This year's event hosted 115 cars, breaking last year's record of 105—even with APS renting part of our parking lot. Special thanks to Nancy Perry Productions, all of our sponsors, especially title sponsors -Down n Out Motorcycles, Hurricane Motor Sports, PRCA Rodeo-, vendors, and the many volunteers who made the day a success. Despite a weather delay, the community rallied, and everyone enjoyed live music, great food, lively atmosphere, and cool cars. Events like this highlight what AAIC is all about: community, service, and giving back.

The 2025–2026 AAIC Scholarship Program is now accepting applications! High school seniors graduating in 2026 are encouraged to apply before January 31, 2026. Scan the QR code to download the application. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our members, we have exceeded our fundraising goal and raised over \$10,000 this year! In celebration, the Scholarship Committee has paused fundraising for December.

The AAIC Scholarship Committee wishes everyone a wonderful holiday season and looks forward to continued support in the new year. For questions or more information, contact aaicscholarship@gmail.com.



Cares of the Heart

December is a month of giving and reflecting upon our own actions and words. Some questions that arise in my mind are: "In what ways, did I think of others?", "Do I try to be a giving, positive person?" "How can I be more encouraging to others?" What are your thought- provoking questions and answers?

Our prayers and thoughts are with our members and their families. We hope those who are ill or who have had surgery are on the mend. May you have a speedy recovery. For those of you who have lost a loved one, may you be comforted and given peace.

Buon Compleanno (Happy Birthday) and Felice Anniversario (Happy Anniversary), to those who are celebrating a birthday or anniversary in December.

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

"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give." Winston S. Churchill

Submitted by Jeanette Rouse

KIDS LUNCH WITH SANTA
 DECEMBER 13, 11:00-2:00
 RSVP is Mandatory
 "Spaces are Limited"
 Call Claudia @ 623-296-8666
 By November 24th

GIFT FOR CHILD
PHOTO WITH SANTA
 Open to Members' Children,
 Grandchildren, Nieces & Nephews



GET UGLY



Christmas Party Dec. 12th with Tim Hope at 7pm!!
Wear your UGLIEST SWEATER and win a prize!!

GAME DAY
COME TO THE CLUB EACH SUNDAY!



COME HERE TO WATCH YOUR FAVORITE TEAMS PLAY!!



HAPPY HOUR PRICES
FOR ANNUAL CLUB MEMBERS
EVERY TUES NIGHT
3:00 - 9:00 PM
FEATURING \$3.00:
 WELLS, HOUSE WINES &
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Merry Christmas
From the Queen of Hearts

Visit us Every Tuesday Night for Your Chance
 at Winning the **Queen of Hearts** Jackpot!
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 the Drawing is at 7:00 pm.



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

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Bingo at the Club!
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Play starts at 12:30 PM
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Bocce News!

Congratulations to the AAIC 2025 Fall League Bocce Champs, Team Chiovari; Capt Joe Chiovari, Sal Chiovari, Frank Bartolomeo, Brian Callahan. They were the Wednesday night First place UNDEFEATED winners.

Team Castaldo: Capt Paul Castaldo, Gary Gries, rookie Renee Cooperman and rookie Mike Juado were the Thursday night First place winners. There was supposed to be a Super Bocce Bowl playoff between the two first place teams on Nov 20, but Mother Nature prevented that from happening. It will be rescheduled this month. Our awards banquet will be Dec 4th in the Bingo Hall at 6pm

A big shout out to the 12 rookies that played in the Fall League. You are now veteran Bocce players. You impressed many long-time players, as if you had played the game before.

ATTENTION TO ALL AAIC MEMBERS

Want to play Bocce? You are invited to participate in an Opposite Hand Bocce game. Here is how it's played, you will have a ribbon tied to your dominant hand. You will roll the ball with the opposite hand. No experience needed. Come on out and have some fun. Take a break from the Holiday Hassle, The bar and restaurant will be open. Come dressed in your favorite (or least favorite) holiday sweater, shirt etc. Sunday, Dec 14th at 10am.

Winter League sign up is in progress. The signup sheet is located on the Bocce wall, Winter league starts Jan 14/15. Never played Bocce?? Don't worry, there are plenty of veterans to teach you. Don't miss out on the fun of playing Bocce.

If you have any questions regarding Bocce, please reach out to me via text or email. paul3657@gmail.com 480-861-4903

Ciao . . . for now
Paul Castaldo
Pres AAIC Bocce Club



The Club will begin collecting NEW, UNWRAPPED, toys for children of all ages on November 1st!!

Donation boxes will be located in the lounge.

Booze 'n Brushes

DEC 10, 2025 | 6 TO 9 PM
\$35 Cash or Card Paid at the Bar the Night of Event

Reserve now ~ Call or Text
Kathryn 248-563-3940, or Email:
sipsizzleserve@yahoo.com

Sign up Today for Some Holiday FUN!
Choose to Paint One of These Images:



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Bocce Tribute 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



You are Invited to Come Out and Play Bocce Ball!
Open Bocce Play Every Sun Morning.

Only 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 Winter League
Now in Progress...**

**Winter League Play Starts
Jan 15th!**

**Signup Sheets on the Bocce
Wall by the Bar's Restrooms.**



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AAIC DECEMBER 2025 CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 CLUB CLOSED!	2 Bar Open 3p-9p Happy Hour 3p-9p (Members only) Kitchen 3p – 9p Taco Tuesday Bar Bingo 6:30p Queen of Hearts 7p	3 Bar Open 11a-10p Kitchen 11a-9p Bingo in the Hall 6:30p Karaoke 6:30p-9p	4 Bar Open 11a-10p Kitchen 11a-9p Sandwich Specials Mahjong 12:30p Team Trivia 6:30p-8:30p	5 Bar Open 11a-11p Kitchen 11a-10p Bar Bingo 12:30p Prime Rib& Fish Fry Bingo in the Hall 6:30p MERGE BAND 7p	6 Bar Open 11a-11p Kitchen 11a-10p Steak & Salmon Dinners
7 NFL Sunday Football Bar Open 9a-4p Kitchen 9a -3p Breakfast & Lunch Bingo in the Hall -1p	8 CLUB CLOSED!	9 Bar Open 3p-9p Happy Hour 3p-9p (Members only) Kitchen 3p – 9p Taco Tuesday Bar Bingo 6:30p Volunteer Mtg 6p Queen of Hearts 7p	10 Bar Open 11a-10p Kitchen 11a-9p Bingo in the Hall 6:30p Karaoke 6:30p-9p Booze 'N Brushes 6p	11 Bar Open 11a-10p Kitchen 11a-9p Sandwich Specials Mahjong 12:30p Team Trivia 6:30p-8:30p	12 Bar Open 11a-11p Bar Bingo 12:30p Kitchen 11a-10p Prime Rib& Fish Fry Bingo in the Hall 6:30p CHRISTMAS PARTY Tim Hope 7p	13 LUNCH w/ SANTA 11a-2p Bar Open 9a-11p Kitchen 11a-11p Steak & Salmon Dinners
14 NFL Sunday Football Bar Open 9a-4p Kitchen 9a -3p Breakfast & Lunch Bingo in the Hall -1p	15 CLUB CLOSED!	16 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	17 Bar Open 11a-10p Kitchen 11a-9p Bingo in the Hall 6:30p Karaoke 6:30p-9p	18 Bar Open 11a-10p Kitchen 11a-9p Sandwich Specials Mahjong 12:30p Team Trivia 6:30p-8:30p	19 Bar Open 11a-11p Bar Bingo 12:30p Kitchen 11a-10p Prime Rib& Fish Fry Bingo in the Hall 6:30p SONIC GROOVE 7p	20 Bar Open 11a-11p Kitchen 11a-11p Steak & Salmon Dinners
21 NFL Sunday Football Bar Open 9a-4p Kitchen 9a -3p Breakfast & Lunch Bingo in the Hall -1p	22 CLUB CLOSED!	23 Bar Open 3p-9p Happy Hour 3p-9p (Members only) Kitchen 3p – 9p Taco Tuesday Bar Bingo 6:30p Queen of Hearts 7p	24 Bar Open 11a-10p Kitchen 11a-9p No Bingo No Karaoke	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS! Club is CLOSED! Enjoy your day with family and friends!	26 Bar Open 11a-11p Bar Bingo 12:30p Kitchen 11a-10p Prime Rib& Fish Fry Bingo in the Hall 6:30p Viva Lost Wages 7p	27 Bar Open 11a-11p Kitchen 11a-11p Steak & Salmon Dinners DRAG PARTY BINGO 6p
28 NFL Sunday Football Bar Open 9a-4p Kitchen 9a -3p Breakfast & Lunch Bingo in the Hall -1p	29 CLUB CLOSED!	30 Bar Open 3p-9p Happy Hour 3p-9p (Members only) Kitchen 3p – 9p Taco Tuesday Bar Bingo 6:30p Queen of Hearts 7p	31 Bar Open 11a-10p Kitchen 11a-9p No Bingo No Karaoke NEW YEARS EVE MERGE BAND			