

ARIZONA AMERICAN ITALIAN CLUB

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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:

It's May and it's starting to get hot!!! We know many of our Club members travel to cooler country during the summer. We wish you save travels and an enjoyable summer! We look forward to seeing you again when you return!

In May, we will celebrate Mother's Day at the Club with a lovely brunch, flowers, a gift basket raffle, and Mimosas! (Make your reservations now!) Later in May, on Memorial Day, we solemnly remember our fallen heroes who gave all so that we could continue to enjoy our freedoms.

The Club has hosted some really exciting events lately and we have many more to come! This month, we are hosting a qualifying dance for the Arizona State 2-Step Championships on May 16th at our Country Dance. There is no cover charge for members!! Take the dance lesson and join some great country dancers on the dance floor!

We are *giving back to the community in a big way this month* with our Sunday Funday **BLOOD DRIVE!!!** There is an ongoing URGENT NEED for blood donors in our community and our State and we know our members will step up to help!! Did you know there is no age limit for adults to donate? Vitalant Blood Services (a non-profit organization) provides blood to all the hospitals in Maricopa County and 90% of the medical facilities in the State. Your donation will directly impact someone right here in our community!! Be a HERO - Save Lives!! (A link to schedule your donation will be forthcoming in an email- or you can call the number on the ad!)

Bob and Simona were married at the Club 20 years ago, and on April 25th Bob's band, Myrtle Street Boys, had another great party at the Club where Bob and Simona (with some help from our very own Gregg) renewed their vows!! What a wonderful celebration and an amazing party!!!

Once again, Domingo and Gregg knocked it out of the park with our April Sunday Funday! The food was just amazing!! The Italian Beef and Gregg's family recipe for meatballs and sauce were absolutely delicious. The music was great and Walter's raffles were really successful, too!

Every week, we have live music, lots of dancing, 50/50 raffles, the Queen of Hearts, Bar Bingo, Mahjong, Bingo, Trivia, Karaoke, expanded Happy Hours, Sunday Funday, and many other events here 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 !! Michael Mellaci, President

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Welcome New Members:

**Regular/Italian: Joseph Affrunti, Bradley Barnett,
Frank Caporaso, Rick Landucci, and
Alfred Sanpetrino**

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

**Affiliates: Dan Heurman, Katherine Heurman,
Chrystian Iniguez, Cara Kroenke, Norma Larson,
Donna Nelson, Dimple Patel, Norm Petrovich,
Cindy Petrovich, Steve Reiman, Renee Reiman,
Mike Ross, Kristen Ross, and Lark Saad**

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



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

The Club is always in need of volunteers.

Come to our volunteer / fundraising meeting on
May 27th at 7p and join the team. No commitments, no
demands, just opportunities to help out and share your
ideas! **ALL MEMBERS** are welcome!!!

For more information, email abrowncat123@yahoo.com
or text (480) 234-0285

Mark Your Calendars and Save the Dates!

Volunteer/Fundraising Meeting

Wednesday May 27th at 7:00p

AAIC Board / General Meeting ~

Tuesday May 19th at 7:00p

**ALL MEMBERS are ENCOURAGED to
attend! Show your card at the door.**

May 2026 Entertainment

Bar Bingo in the Lounge 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



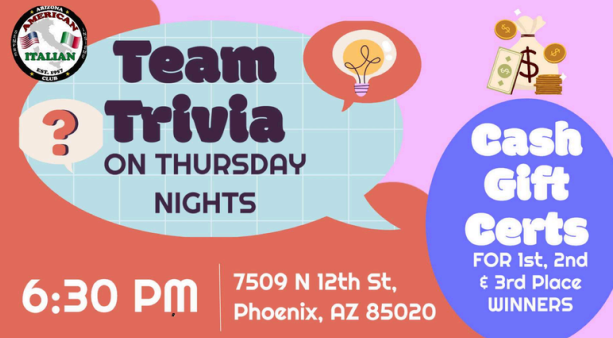
BAR BINGO!

Wednesday Karaoke ~ 6:30 - 9:00p



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

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



Team Trivia
ON THURSDAY NIGHTS

Cash Gift Certs
FOR 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place WINNERS

6:30 PM | 7509 N 12th St, Phoenix, AZ 85020

Saturday, May 9th - Tim the Piano Man
No Cover Charge



October 3rd, 2026
3rd Annual AAIC Car Show



7509 N 12th St. Phoenix, AZ
All makes, models, years welcome!
Contact Ernie Oakes ~ 303-883-4041

FRIDAYS AT THE CLUB

Friday May 1st ~PAM LOE & HIPSHOT 7p-10p



Friday May 8th ~ SONIC GROOVE 7p - 10p



Friday May 15th ~ TIN TRAILER BAND 7p - 10p



Friday May 22nd ~ SIGNATURE BLEND 7p - 10p



Signature Blend

Friday May 29th ~ VIVA LOST WAGES 7p - 10p



PLEASE JOIN US FOR

Kentucky Derby

PARTY BINGO

Saturday, May 2nd
6:30pm



Wear your best Kentucky Derby Hat!!!

Prizes, Raffles, 50/50, and a special menu!!

Reservations recommended.

Mother's Day Brunch

\$20 - includes entree from our special Brunch menu.
9am to 1pm



Mother's Day Basket Raffle!
Complimentary Flowers
\$5 Mimosas

Tickets on sale at the bar.



Celebrate Mother's Day with Brunch at the Club!

Galindo's Mother's Day Brunch Menu
Choice of:

- Turkey Omelet**
Oven-roasted turkey, red bell peppers, and Swiss cheese.
- Strawberry French Toast**
Served with 2 eggs any style, 2 sausage links or 2 bacon strips.
- Traditional Eggs Benedict**
English muffins, ham, and poached eggs topped with hollandaise sauce. Served with country potatoes.
- Smoked Salmon Bagel**
2 toasted bagels topped with cream cheese, smoked salmon, onions, cucumbers, and capers.

Make your reservations now at the Bar!!



COUNTRY DANCE NIGHT
FEATURING:
LEVEL FIVE BAND!

Dance Lessons 6:30 pm
Live Music 7:30 pm
Free Raffle for \$100
Cowtown Boots Gift Card!
Qualifier for Arizona 2-Step Championships

GRAB YOUR HAT, PUT YOUR BOOTS ON AND JOIN US

SATURDAY, MAY 16TH ~ No Cover Charge for Members!

Arizona American Italian Club, 7509 N 12th St, Phoenix, AZ 85020

Drag Queen BINGO

Featuring Savannah Stevens

May 23rd at 6:30pm
Raffles, Spin-the-Wheel, 50/50
Jello shots, party menu

Reservations Recommended.



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The Club is hosting a Blood Drive with Vitalant (formerly United Blood Services) on Sunday Funday!!

vitalant and the AAIC are hosting a **BLOOD DRIVE** at the Club!!

BE A LIFESAVER and Make plans to join us!!

Sunday, May 31st from 12p - 4p

Arizona American Italian Club - Banquet Room
7509 North 12th Street
PHOENIX, AZ, 85020
Open 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Use QR Code or



Call 877.258.4825 to schedule by phone

SundayFunday

Featuring August Manley

May 31st 12pm
Smoked BBQ Brisket Sandwiches
\$20 includes a drink ticket and sides



Cares of the Heart

Welcome to May! Come and have fun with your family and/or friends at The Club. Looking forward to seeing everyone relaxed and having a great time. For those who are traveling, safe travels. Hope to see you back soon. Our gratitude goes out to our mothers, both living and dead. May each of us bring that care and love that we have seen and felt to all we meet.

We keep each of our members and their families in our thoughts and prayers, especially those who have had surgery or who are ill. Healing and peace be to you. Buon Compleanno (Happy Birthday) and Felice Anniversario (Happy Anniversary), to those who are celebrating a birthday or anniversary in May.

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: *"The world's favorite season is the spring. All things seem possible in May."* - Edwin Way Teale

Submitted by Jeanette Rouse



Bocce Ball at the Arizona American Italian Club!

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

**Spring League Play Starts
April 1 & 2, 2026!**

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

HAPPY HOURS
for Annual AAIC Members Only

Tuesday - 3 to 9pm
Wednesday - 11 to 4pm
Saturday - 11 to 4pm



**SUMMER IS ALMOST HERE!
LET'S BEAT THE HEAT!!**

Come Cool Off at the Club
Every Tuesday Night With the
Queen of Hearts

Raffle Tickets Can Be Bought ANY Time the Club is Open! The Weekly Drawing is Every Wednesday Night at 7:00 pm

FIND THE QUEEN OF HEARTS PLAYING CARD AND WIN CASH!



Galindo's CUISINE

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

CHOOSE FROM: **\$12**

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



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 12:30~3pm

NMJL Player's Card Needed.
New Players Welcome!

FREE Beginner Lessons 1st Thursday of Every Month With a New Players Table!

Come Join our Community 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



AAIC Inaugural Mahjong Tournament a Great Success

The tiles clicked, and the room buzzed as the AAIC hosted its first-ever Mahjong Tournament. Bringing together 40 players and a dozen volunteers, the sold-out April event was an afternoon of friendly competition, all in support of the AAIC Scholarship Fund.

Guests enjoyed a fun and welcoming atmosphere, complete with swag bags, great raffle prizes, and a delicious lunch by Galindo's Cuisine. The excitement reflects the growing momentum of the Club's Mahjong group—a vibrant community that has already welcomed 27 members since the fall to the AAIC. Thanks to the dedication of the Mahjong group and its volunteers, the event ran seamlessly. Even after awarding cash prizes, it contributed over \$3,000 to support the 2026–27 Scholarship Fund, helping support the next generation of students and setting the stage for many more tournaments to come.

This event reflects the spirit of the AAIC, bringing people together, having fun, and giving back.

If you're interested in joining the fun, please contact Laura Jackson at 602-882-3332.



AAIC Scholarship Awards Dinner Sets New Milestones in Giving and Impact

This year's AAIC Scholarship Awards Dinner, held on April 24, marked a historic milestone for the Club's Program. Fueled by the strong support of AAIC members and the community, the program achieved its largest amount of funds raised to date.

Those contributions made it possible to award the largest amount of scholarship funding in our program's history, supporting nine incredible students, the largest group

of recipients we've ever had in a single year.

And while GPA is just one of many factors the Scholarship Committee considers, this year's recipients truly stand out. Many have earned GPAs above 4.0, and several are among the first in their families to attend college. Their achievements, and the journeys behind them, make this moment especially meaningful for all of us. The evening was a powerful reminder of what our Club can achieve together—and our shared commitment to the next generation. In the months ahead, stay tuned for Scholarship Spotlights highlighting each of this year's remarkable recipients.

Bocce News!

Bocce is halfway into the Spring league of play. We have a total of 16 teams again playing on Weds and Thurs nights till May 14. The nights are starting to be a little warmer than usual, but everyone is enjoying the time together. This season we have 6 rookies playing the Spring league and 9 returning from Winter league. So from the last 3 seasons there have been a total of approximately 27 new players.

We take the summer off due to the extreme heat, but we will be starting the Fall league in September. So if you want to play bocce, don't wait till the last minute to sign up, Fall sign ups will begin July 1st. The sign up sheet will be on the Bocce Wall which is located in the hallway next to the women's restroom that is behind the bar.

If you have any questions regarding bocce, please reach out to me via text or email.

**Ciao . . . for now
Paul Castaldo
Pres AAIC Bocce Club
480-861-4903; paul3657@gmail.com**





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AAIC MAY 2026 CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>3 Bar Open 9a-4p Kitchen 9a -3p Breakfast & Lunch Bingo in the Hall -1p</p>	<p>4 CLUB CLOSED!</p>	<p>5 Bar Open 3p-9p Happy Hour 3p-9p (Members only) Kitchen 3p – 9p Taco Tuesday Bar Bingo 6:30p Queen of Hearts 7p</p>	<p>6 Bar Open 11a-10p Kitchen 11a-9p Happy Hour 11a-4p Bingo in the Hall 6:30p Karaoke 6:30p-9p</p>	<p>7 Bar Open 11a-10p Kitchen 11a-9p Sandwich Specials Mahjong 12:30p Team Trivia 6:30p</p>	<p>8 Bar Open 11a-11p Bar Bingo 12:30p Kitchen 11a-10p Prime Rib & Fish Fry Bingo in the Hall 6:30p Sonic Groove 7p</p>	<p>9 Bar Open 9a-11p Happy Hour 11a-4p Kitchen 11a-9p Dinner Specials Tim the Piano Man 6p</p>
<p>10 Bar Open 9a-4p Kitchen 9a -3p Breakfast & Lunch Bingo in the Hall -1p Mother's Day Brunch 9a-1p</p>	<p>11 CLUB CLOSED!</p>	<p>12 Bar Open 3p-9p Happy Hour 3p-9p (Members only) Kitchen 3p – 9p Taco Tuesday Bar Bingo 6:30p Queen of Hearts 7p</p>	<p>13 Bar Open 11a-10p Kitchen 11a-9p Happy Hour 11a-4p Bingo in the Hall 6:30p Karaoke 6:30p-9p</p>	<p>14 Bar Open 11a-10p Kitchen 11a-9p Sandwich Specials Mahjong 12:30p Team Trivia 6:30p</p>	<p>15 Bar Open 11a-11p Bar Bingo 12:30p Kitchen 11a-10p Prime Rib & Fish Fry Bingo in the Hall 6:30p Tin Trailer Band 7p</p>	<p>16 Bar Open 11a-11p Happy Hour 11a-4p Kitchen 11a-9p Dinner Specials COWBOY DANCE Qualify Az State 2 Step -Lessons 630p</p>
<p>17 Bar Open 9a-4p Kitchen 9a -3p Breakfast & Lunch Bingo in the Hall -1p</p>	<p>18 CLUB CLOSED!</p>	<p>19 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</p>	<p>20 Bar Open 11a-10p Kitchen 11a-9p Happy Hour 11a-4p Bingo in the Hall 6:30p Karaoke 6:30p-9p</p>	<p>21 Bar Open 11a-10p Kitchen 11a-9p Sandwich Specials Mahjong 12:30p Team Trivia 6:30p</p>	<p>22 Bar Open 11a-11p Kitchen 11a-10p Prime Rib & Fish Fry Bingo in the Hall 6:30p Signature Blend 7p</p>	<p>23 Bar Open 11a-11p Happy Hour 11a-4p Kitchen 11a-9p Dinner Specials DRAG QUEEN PARTY BINGO w BENADDICTION!!!!</p>
<p>24 Bar Open 9a-4p Kitchen 9a -3p Breakfast & Lunch Bingo in the Hall -1p</p>	<p>25 We HONOR those we have lost on Memorial Day!</p>	<p>26 Bar Open 3p-9p Happy Hour 3p-9p (Members only) Kitchen 3p – 9p Taco Tuesday Bar Bingo 6:30p Queen of Hearts 7p</p>	<p>27 Bar Open 11a-10p Kitchen 11a-9p Happy Hour 11a-4p Bingo in the Hall 6:30p Karaoke 6:30p-9p Volunteer Meeting 7p</p>	<p>28 Bar Open 11a-10p Kitchen 11a-9p Sandwich Specials Mahjong 12:30p Team Trivia 6:30p</p>	<p>29 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</p>	<p>30 Bar Open 9a-11p Happy Hour 11a-4p Kitchen 11a-9p Dinner Specials</p>
<p>31 BLOOD DRIVE 12p SUNDAY FUNDAY 12p with August Manley</p>	<p>CLUB CLOSED!</p>					<p>Joe Avati Show 8p</p>