

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:

Cari amici e famiglia, Buona fine e buon principio!
(Dear friends and family, a good end and a good beginning!)

This past year brought many challenges to our Club, but also many moments of fellowship, joy, and accomplishment. I appreciate the hard work of our Board, Volunteers, Employees, and Members who are all working together for the benefit of the Club. We continue to welcome many new and returning members to the Club!

Reflecting over the past year, I sincerely appreciate the kind words and support I have received from our members during this past year. I appreciate our volunteers' willingness to show up and help out – even on short notice! I appreciate the generosity of our members and guests for our charity drives, donations and raffles. I appreciate the hard work of our bartenders and employees. We still have work to do, but I am confident that the Club family will continue to step up to get things done!

Italians love to socialize! We have some exciting new events coming up! In addition to our regular parties, this year, we will have a very special program for Chinese New Year which is being sponsored by one of our members. The popular Cowboy Dances will resume this month, we have a new paint and sip Artist, and of course, we will have a Valentines' Day Dance, St. Patrick's Day party, St. Joseph's Day celebration, monthly party bingo, and our regular Friday night music events.

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, Paint & Sip, Mahjong, Trivia, and delicious dinner specials from Galindo's Cuisine.

There's something to enjoy every day of the week, a variety of events, and we look forward to seeing you at the Club!

Felice Anno Nuovo!!
Michael Mellaci, President



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HAPPY New Year

**WE WILL BE CLOSED
NEW YEAR'S DAY**

Anyone can get our Newsletter, here's how:

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: Pat Agosta, Mark Burkett, Scott Fitzpatrick, Kelly Hundelt, Gary Pastore, and Krista Roy

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

Affiliates: Linda Allan, Lynn Edwards, Bob Edwards, Patrick Foley, Michael Haskell, Sean Kelly, Gary Kern, Kathy Long, Carolyn Weiner, and Arthur Weiner

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

Mark Your Calendars and Save the Dates!

Volunteer Meeting
Wednesday Jan. 14th at 6:30p

AAIC Board / General Meeting ~ Tuesday
January 20th at 7:00p

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

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and support the Club.**

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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.



January 2026 Entertainment

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



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



Every Thursday
Team Trivia ~ 6:30p - 8:30p
(No Trivia on New Year's Day.)



Saturday -Jan. 24th
Pajama Party Bingo 6:30p



FRIDAYS AT THE CLUB

Friday Jan. 2nd ~SONIC GROOVE 7p-10p



Friday Jan. 9th ~ RED CANYON BAND~7p - 10p



Friday Jan. 16th ~ SPEEDWAY BAND 7p - 10p



Friday Jan 23rd ~ JIMMY MAC BAND 7p - 10p



Friday Jan 30th ~ TIM HOPE 7p - 10p



SPECIAL EVENT - MYRTLE STREET BOYS

SATURDAY, Jan. 10th 6:30p - 9:00p



COWBOY DANCE - LEVEL 5 BAND

SATURDAY, Jan. 17th 6:30p - 9:30p

COWBOY DANCE NIGHT

**SATURDAY
JANUARY 17TH**

**DANCE LESSONS
6:30 - 7:30**

LIVE MUSIC 7:30 - 9:30

FREE ENTRY FOR MEMBERS!

Music by: LEVEL FIVE BAND

Cares of the Heart

Happy and healthy 2026 to each of you, your family, and friends. Every year, I find myself asking "Where has this year gone?" There are many sayings and songs on the internet, that express the quickness of life passing by. So, I assume life passes quickly for all who are active, thinking positively, and especially thinking of others, rather than ourselves.

I have been hearing more and more of our members being in some kind of bodily pain or having cancer. Know that you are in our prayers and thoughts. May your recovery be speedy.

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

Please email Jeanette Rouse, flicprouses74@gmail.com with any news that you would like to be included in the AAIC newsletter.

Food For The Soul

"Every day is a chance to begin again. Don't focus on the failures of yesterday; start today with positive thoughts and expectations." Catherine Pulsifer

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Submitted by Jeanette Rouse



We are excited for the return of Painting with Rosy!! Wednesday, Jan. 28th at 6pm in the Game Room. Still only \$35 per person paid at the bar. Text or call (480) 234-0285 to make your reservation.



You are Invited to Come Out and Play Bocce Ball!

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.

GAME DAY
COME TO THE CLUB EACH SUNDAY!

COME HERE TO WATCH YOUR FAVORITE TEAMS PLAY!!

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4 STREET TACOS ON SOFT CORN
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- STEAK
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- FISH (Fried)
- SHRIMP (Fried)
- VEGGIE

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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

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Calling ALL Players of
Mahjong

Come Join Us at the Club on THURSDAY Afternoons to Play!
Must Have a 2025 Mahjong Card.
Play starts at 12:30 PM
Questions? Call Barb: 602-582-4460

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AAIC Scholarship Committee

♥ With Gratitude to Our AAIC Community ♥

Thanks to your incredible support—every 50/50 raffle ticket purchased, sponsorship, hour volunteered, and donation made—we are thrilled to share we raised over \$10,000 in scholarship funds this year! You truly are opening doors for our students and helping dreams take flight.

The AAIC Scholarship Committee thanks YOU from the bottom of our hearts. We can't wait to celebrate together at the Spring Scholarship Awards Dinner, and to your continued support in the years ahead.

Supporting the Next Generation: AAIC Scholarships Applications Due January 31!

The Arizona American Italian Club (AAIC) Scholarship application deadline is January 31, 2026. This scholarship opportunity is available to Arizona high school seniors graduating this year. Applicants do not need to be AAIC members, and Italian heritage is not required.

Eligibility requirements include:

- Minimum 2.0 GPA
- In good standing with your school and community

Applications can be downloaded using the QR code.

Questions? Email aaicscholarship@gmail.com



Bocce News!

The 2025 Bocce season has come to a close, it was a huge success. We welcomed 23 rookies to the game of Bocce, and 11 more to start the 2026 season. This past Fall league we had 15 teams of 4, resulting in having a Wed and Thurs league, which ended in a Super Bocce Bowl playoff.

Congratulations to the Super Bocce Bowl Champions: Joe and Sal Chiovari, Brian Callahan and Frank Bartolomeo.



Winter league will begin Jan 14/15. Again, we have 16 teams competing with a Wed and Thurs league. Winter league signups are closed but you still can get on the waitlist. See info on the Bocce wall. Also look for information regarding Opposite Hand tournament to take place sometime in February. Our next Bocce Club mtg will be Jan 6 at 7pm in the Bingo Hall, Everyone is invited to attend, come and see what Bocce is all about.

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

paul3657@gmail.com or 480-861-4903

Happy New Year to All!

Paul Castaldo

Pres AAIC Bocce Club



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



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AAIC JANUARY 2026 CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 HAPPY NEW YEAR! Club is CLOSED! Enjoy your day with family and friends!	2 8a Open 11a-11p Kitchen 11a-10p Bar Bingo12:30p Prime Rib& Fish Fry Bingo in the Hall 6:30p SONIC GROOVE 7p	3 Bar Open11a-11p Kitchen 11a-10p Steak& Salmon Dinners
4 NFL Sunday Football Bar Open 9a-4p Kitchen 9a -3p Breakfast& Lunch Bingo in the Hall -1p	5 CLUB CLOSED!	6 Bar Open 3p-9p Happy Hour 3p-9p (Members only) Kitchen 3p – 9p Taco Tuesday Bar Bingo 6:30p Queen of Hearts 7p	7 Bar Open11a-10p Kitchen 11a-9p Bingo in the Hall 6:30p Karaoke 6:30p-9p	8 Bar Open11a-10p Kitchen 11a-9p Sandwich Specials Mahjong 12:30p Team Trivia 6:30p	9 8a Open 11a-11p Bar Bingo12:30p Kitchen 11a-10p Prime Rib& Fish Fry Bingo in the Hall 6:30p Red Canyon Band 7p	10 Bar Open 9a-11p Kitchen 11a-11p Steak & Salmon Dinners Myrtle Street Boys 6:30p – 9:00p
11 NFL Sunday Football Bar Open 9a-4p Kitchen 9a -3p Breakfast& Lunch Bingo in the Hall -1p	12 CLUB CLOSED!	13 Bar Open 3p-9p Happy Hour 3p-9p (Members only) Kitchen 3p – 9p Taco Tuesday Bar Bingo 6:30p Queen of Hearts 7p	14 Bar Open11a-10p Kitchen 11a-9p Bingo in the Hall 6:30p Karaoke 6:30p-9p Volunteer Mtg 7p	15 Bar Open11a-10p Kitchen 11a-9p Sandwich Specials Mahjong 12:30p Team Trivia 6:30p	16 8a Open 11a-11p Bar Bingo12:30p Kitchen 11a-10p Prime Rib& Fish Fry Bingo in the Hall 6:30p Speedway Band 7p	17 Bar Open 11a-11p Kitchen 11a-11p Steak & Salmon Dinners COWBOY DANCE Lessons 6:30p Level 5 Band 7:30p
18 NFL Sunday Football Bar Open 9a-4p Kitchen 9a -3p Breakfast& Lunch Bingo in the Hall -1p	19 CLUB CLOSED!	20 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	21 Bar Open 11a-10p Kitchen 11a-9p Bingo in the Hall 6:30p Karaoke 6:30p-9p	22 Bar Open11a-10p Kitchen 11a-9p Sandwich Specials Mahjong 12:30p Team Trivia 6:30p	23 8a Open 11a-11p Bar Bingo12:30p Kitchen 11a-10p Prime Rib& Fish Fry Bingo in the Hall 6:30p JIMMY MAC BAND 7p	24 Bar Open 11a-11p Kitchen 11a-11p Steak & Salmon Dinners PAJAMA PARTY BINGO 6p
25 NFL Sunday Football Bar Open 9a-4p Kitchen 9a -3p Breakfast& Lunch Bingo in the Hall -1p	26 CLUB CLOSED!	27 Bar Open 3p-9p Happy Hour 3p-9p (Members only) Kitchen 3p – 9p Taco Tuesday Bar Bingo 6:30p Queen of Hearts 7p	28 Bar Open11a-10p Kitchen 11a-9p Bingo in the Hall 6:30p Karaoke 6:30p-9p PAINTING w ROSY Paint & Sip Party 6p	29 Bar Open11a-10p Kitchen 11a-9p Sandwich Specials Mahjong 12:30p Team Trivia 6:30p	30 8a Open 11a-11p Bar Bingo12:30p Kitchen 11a-10p Prime Rib& Fish Fry Bingo in the Hall 6:30p TIM HOPE 7p	31 Bar Open 11a-11p Kitchen 11a-11p Steak & Salmon Dinners