

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:

This month, we celebrate Easter, one of the most important days in the Christian faith, which falls on April 5th. I wish you all a blessed Easter celebration. Also this month in history, April 21st, 753 BC, is believed to be the date Rome was founded. The Italian people also celebrate the 25th of April, the anniversary of the liberation of Italy from the fascist regime and the Nazi occupation which ended in 1945. Famous Italian artists, Leonardo da Vinci and Raphael, Roman Emperor and philosopher Marcus Aurelius, and the legendary Giacomo Casanova were all born in April.

The Club is looking better all the time! Thanks again to Gregg, and the volunteers who helped him paint the lounge - Paul, Jeanie, and Patti! Since the summer heat is here, we are going to have to replace a couple of our A/C units. We are working on bids to replace the floor in the lounge, too. We've added some art work and continue to upgrade. Your patience during these changes is really appreciated.

It's only April, but the summer heat is already here! Our Sunday Fundays are back and continue to be an enjoyable way to beat the heat, enjoy great music and share delicious food! If you haven't been to one of our Cowboy Dances, don't miss the next one! We have lots of dancing, a free raffle, and no charge for members to attend! Don't miss the Queen of Hearts, Bar Bingo, the Mahjong Tournament, weekly Bingo, Mahjong, Trivia, Karaoke, expanded Happy Hours, live music Friday nights, Myrtle Street Boys, or any 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

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Welcome New Members:

Regular/Italian: Sarah Bleyer. Theresa Fricker. Lora Gennari. Gilbert Hernandez Santos, Phil Maniaci, Antonio Natale, Peter Powers

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

Affiliates: Marianne Donnan, Michael Fricker, Coral Gallaher, Kiri Gonsalves, Rob Gonsalves, Missy Grams, Jon Gustafson, Annie Hukill, Caroline Hurley, Emory Hurley, Jackie Maniaci, John Masters, Karen Mulgrew Stiny, Virgil Pyburn, Kevin Young

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



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12 issues ~ \$120	6 issues - \$120	6 issues ~ \$270
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For Information Contact:
Patti in the Main Office

Mark Your Calendars and Save the Dates!

Volunteer Meeting

Wednesday April 29th at 7:00p

AAIC Board / General Meeting ~

Tuesday April 21st at 7:00p

All members are welcome to attend!

Show your card at the door.

April 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 7 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

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!



Saturday, April 25th
MYRTLE STREET BOYS
20th Anniversary Party
(Reservations Recommended.)

MYRTLE ST. BOYS
Anniversary Party!!



AMERICAN ITALIAN CLUB

FRIDAYS AT THE CLUB

Friday April 3rd ~SPEEDWAY BAND 7p-10p



Friday April 10th ~ SIGNATURE BLEND 7p - 10p



Friday April 17th ~ TIM HOPE 7p - 10p



Friday April 24th ~ RED CANYON BAND 7p - 10p

Country and Classic Rock

Red Canyon



COUNTRY DANCE NIGHT!
Saturday, April 18th 7:00p
NO COVER FOR MEMBERS!
FREE RAFFLE for \$100 Gift Card to
Cowtown Boots will be given away!!!



SUNDAY FUNDAY!
Sunday, April 26th 12:00p
Featuring **SIGNATURE BLEND!**
Italian Beef or Meatball Subs with sides
and a drink!
Get your tickets at the Bar - only \$20



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:
The Club is always in need of volunteers.
Come to our volunteer meeting on
April 29th at 7p and join the team. No
commitments, no demands,
just opportunities to help out!
All members welcome!!!
For more information, email
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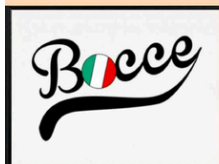
Cares of the Heart

Spring is here. There is a newness all around us. At The Club, in March, we celebrated Chinese New Year (China) and St. Patrick's Day (Ireland). Those two events got me to thinking about Italy, and its flag of green, white, and red. The green stripe is widely interpreted as a symbol of hope, renewal, and joy. White stands for peace, purity, honesty and the enduring spirit of Italy. And red represents the virtue of charity as well as the passion and vitality of the Italian people. Easter is celebrated during this month. It is a time of hope, renewal, joy, peace, honesty, and charity – all of which are represented by our Italian flag. Let's live anew!

We keep those who are ill and recovering from surgery in our thoughts and prayers. We especially remember the family and friends of Frank Cucitro and Jim Thiem, a member who loved to play bar bingo, Stephanie Hill, Frank's sister and member, Jim Thiem, and Phyllis Setaro, wife of Paul Setaro, who have passed recently. Phyllis celebrated many birthdays and anniversaries at The Club. She loved to go all out for the costume contest for Halloween, Christmas party, St. Patrick's, etc. Please pray for their souls and keep all of their family and friends in your thoughts and prayers. Please contact Jeanette Rouse, FLJCPROUSES74@gmail, with any news you would like to have put in the newsletter.

Food For The Soul: "In April, all things renew." Christina Rosetti

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.

ANNOUNCING NEW HAPPY HOURS FOR CLUB MEMBERS

HAPPY

Enjoy *Four*

\$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

April Showers Bring May Flowers! Celebrate SPRING With the Queen!



Play Queen of Hearts Every Tuesday Night!! WIN Cash Prizes! Tickets Sold Anytime at Our Ticket Machine - Drawing 7pm!

Galindo's CUBINE

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 12~3pm

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



AAIC Scholarship Committee

Scholarship Program Update – 2025–2026 School Year

Celebrate a Record Year on April 24th: AAIC Scholarship Awards Dinner

At the March Board Meeting, the Scholarship Committee shared highlights from nine extraordinary students connected to our AAIC family. Their stories of perseverance, sacrifice, and hope for the future were deeply moving—bringing pride to the room and even a few tears.

Because of the unwavering generosity of our members through the 50/50 raffles, the Car Show, and the countless volunteer hours, the Board unanimously approved awarding \$1,000 scholarships to all nine students!! This marks the largest one-time scholarship effort in our Club's recent history.

This is the heart of AAIC—family supporting family, lifting up the next generation, and honoring the values that bring us together. Grazie to our incredible community for making this possible.

Please join us on Friday, April 24 at 6:30pm for the Scholarship Awards Dinner. Come meet these inspiring students and celebrate what we've accomplished together!

Make your reservations today and be part of this unforgettable evening.

Classic American Mahjong Tournament

AT THE ARIZONA AMERICAN ITALIAN CLUB

Benefitting the Club's Charitable Scholarship Fund

Saturday, April 18th at 11AM

Entry Fee is \$35 Paid in Advance At the Bar With a Reservation Form

Seating is Limited to 40 Registrants and Almost SOLD OUT!

Sign up NOW if You Wish to Participate

Lunch is Available for Extra Charge

Join us for the AAIC Mahjong Tournament and support the AAIC Scholarship Fund—helping invest in the next generation while enjoying a fun afternoon with great company. Sign up by April 16th.

Experience friendly competition, exciting raffle prizes, and cash awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Whether you're a seasoned player or just learning, all are welcome! Seats are filling up fast! Reserve your seat today!

Bocce News!

Congratulations to the Winter League "Super Bocce Bowl" champions: Marie Ryan, Jan McCarthy, Linda Calabrese, Christine Giffin. There were over 50 spectators of family, friends and AAIC club patrons cheering on their favorite team. It was a very exciting night.

Spring League is now underway with 8 teams competing on each Wednesday and Thursday nights at 7pm. I believe it's going to be a "Hot" Spring League. There were 11 rookies competing in the Winter league and are now returning as veterans in the Spring League. The AAIC Bocce family would like to welcome the 5 rookies joining us for the Spring League. Come on out and watch the competition and you will want to sign up for the Fall League that starts at the end of Sept. Look for an announcement in July regarding sign up for the Fall League. The AAIC Bocce League takes the "Hot" summer months off.

If you want to play Bocce on the courts for some fun, ask the bartender for a bag of Bocce balls. If you have any questions regarding Bocce, please contact me

Ciao . . . for now
Paul Castaldo, Pres. AAIC Bocce Club
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AAIC APRIL 2026 CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5 Bar Open 9a-4p Kitchen 9a-3p Breakfast & Lunch Bingo in the Hall -1p	6 CLUB CLOSED!	7 Bar Open 3p-9p Happy Hour 3p-9p (Members only) Kitchen 3p – 9p Taco Tuesday Bar Bingo 6:30p Queen of Hearts 7p	8 Bar Open11a-10p Kitchen 11a-9p Bingo in the Hall 6:30p Karaoke 6:30p-9p	9 Bar Open11a-10p Kitchen 11a-9p Sandwich Specials Mahjong 12:30p Team Trivia 6:30p	10 8a Bar Open 11a-11p Bar Bingo12:30p Kitchen 11a-10p Prime Rib& Fish Fry Bingo in the Hall 6:30p Signature Blend 7p	11 Bar Open 9a-11p Kitchen 11a-11p Steak & Salmon Dinners
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19 Bar Open 9a-4p Kitchen 9a-3p Breakfast & Lunch Bingo in the Hall -1p	20 CLUB CLOSED!	21 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	22 Bar Open11a-10p Kitchen 11a-9p Bingo in the Hall 6:30p Karaoke 6:30p-9p	23 Bar Open11a-10p Kitchen 11a-9p Sandwich Specials Mahjong 12:30p Team Trivia 6:30p	24 8a Bar Open 11a-11p Bar Bingo12:30p Kitchen 11a-10p Prime Rib& Fish Fry Bingo in the Hall 6:30p Red Canyon Band 7p Scholarship Dinner	25 Bar Open 11a-11p Kitchen 11a-11p Steak & Salmon Dinners MYRTLE STREET BOYS 20TH ANNIVERSARY. PARTY 6:30p
26 Bar Open 9a-4p Kitchen 9a-3p Breakfast & Lunch Bingo in the Hall -1p SUNDAY FUNDAY 12p	27 CLUB CLOSED!	28 Bar Open 3p-9p Happy Hour 3p-9p (Members only) Kitchen 3p – 9p Taco Tuesday Bar Bingo 6:30p Queen of Hearts 7p	29 Bar Open11a-10p Kitchen 11a-9p Bingo in the Hall 6:30p Karaoke 6:30p-9p Volunteer Meeting 7p	30 Bar Open11a-10p Kitchen 11a-9p Sandwich Specials Mahjong 12:30p Team Trivia 6:30p		