



Italian American



Club of Boise

April 2024

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Ciao a tutti,

Do you consider yourself a new Club member? Want to meet other new members and learn more about the Club? Join us at the New Member Mixer on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Stay to play Scopa!

Want to practice your Scopa skills or learn to play the game? See you April 7<sup>th</sup> to play this fun Italian card game with fellow Club members.

Sharon and Steve are cooking again! Learn to make Chicken Vesuvius on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

Have you made your reservation for the Club's Il Sugo dinner on April 21<sup>st</sup>? Seating is limited. Reserve your spot now.

The fun atmosphere of Boise Bocce League play begins May 7<sup>th</sup>. Come cheer for the teams Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at Kristin Armstrong Municipal Park. Play begins at 6 pm.

Ci vediamo,  
*Diana*

#### Italian American Club Officers & Board Members

Diana Malatesta Parker, President	Mark Mays, Board Member
Steve Botti, Vice President	Teri Henry, Board Member
Kathleen Vinci, Recording Secretary	Kim Clutts, Board Member
Catherine Carter Goldston, Acting Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary	Jim Lance, Board Member

Next Board Meeting: April 8<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm

Unless otherwise noted, IAC events take place at 600 N Curtis, Boise.

Club mailing address: PO Box 7014 Boise 83707

Remember to visit the IAC Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/groups/IACBoise](http://www.facebook.com/groups/IACBoise) and website at [www.iacboise.org](http://www.iacboise.org) for all this information and more!

# APRIL

## New Member Mixer

April 7<sup>th</sup>, noon @ Sturiale Place 1501 W Jefferson St., Boise.  
An opportunity for new members to meet each other and to learn more about the Club. RSVP Kim Conti Clutts at 925-858-2363. Stay for Scopa!

## Scopa!

April 7<sup>th</sup>, 1 pm @ Sturiale Place 1501 W Jefferson St., Boise.  
Come to learn, teach or play this famous Italian card game with other Club members. Free to members, \$10/non-members. If interested, please RSVP Kim Conti Clutts at 925-858-2363.

## A Different Adventure in Cooking Class!

This month we will travel to the home of Sharon and Steve Botti to make CHICKEN VESUVIO! Occasionally we go somewhere other than Odd Fellows to have our cooking class & this month is one of those special times. Chicken Vesuvio is a recipe of chicken and potatoes cooked in garlic & wine sauce. Then we will prepare a dessert to share. After preparing it, we will have Chicken Vesuvio for lunch with salad, bread, beverage & the dessert!

April 20 -- Class starts at 9 AM.

The cost: \$35/members & \$45/nonmembers. Pay at the door & bring an apron.  
Sign up: call/text Catherine 208-761-2872. Class limited to 10. Carpooling option.  
Botti's address is 4221 E Indigo Ct, Nampa. Directions? Call 208- 794-9128.

## Impromptu Dinner- IL SUGO

April 21st, 3 to 5 PM @ *Il Sugo*, 1407 W McMillan, Meridian.  
Enjoy three delicious pasta entrees (including a vegetarian option), appetizers, two salads, and bread. No host beverages.

Reserve and prepay by April 13<sup>th</sup>. Cost: \$35/member, \$45/non-member.

Mail check to IAC Boise P O Box 7014 Boise ID 83707 OR  
go to the website [www.iacboise.org](http://www.iacboise.org) to pay on PayPal with a small fee.

This event is limited to 70 people due to restaurant capacity.

## Upcoming Events

### Bocce Court Clean-up/League Games

To prepare for the games, there will be a Court Clean up on Saturday May 4th, at 10:00 am at Kristin Armstrong Municipal Park in Boise. Bocce lessons will be at 12 pm. League play begins Tuesday May 7th and Wednesday May 8<sup>th</sup>. Come cheer for the teams. It's a fun atmosphere!

### Meatballs!

May 18<sup>th</sup>, 9 am @ Odd Fellows Building

To share your family recipe or reserve a spot in the May Cooking Class contact Catherine @ 208-761-2872.

### General Meeting & Picnic Potluck

May 19<sup>th</sup> @ 3 pm @ Kristin Armstrong Municipal Park, Boise

Let's enjoy spring weather and gather under the tree canopies at the bocce courts to catch up over potluck dishes and play some bocce. The Club will collect your donation of non-perishable food items for the Fort Boise VA Food Bank. More details next month.

### IAC at the Hawks Baseball Game

June 7<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm @ Hawks Stadium

In the spirit of baseball greats Joe DiMaggio and Yogi Berra, the Club will enjoy a buffet, game, and fireworks. More info on this family friendly event in the May LaVoce.

### **IAC Blood Drive**

September 4<sup>th</sup> 12-6 pm @ Odd Fellows

The need is always great. Reserve an appointment @

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give>

Once you're at the page, type in "IACBoise"

## Survey Results

At the January General Meeting a club survey was presented to the membership. The purpose was to better communicate with the membership and solicit their ideas on which way they would like to see the club grow and flourish. The survey was based on the mission statement of the club's by-laws, focusing on activities promoting Italian Culture, Sociability, Philanthropy, Education and Entertainment. Out of the 59 attendees we got back 27 responses which is a fantastic response rate.

Our board wants you to know we hear your ideas! Below are the results of the survey. A few of these new ideas are in the planning stage. Remember, this is your club. We need those of you who have expertise or ideas in these events to step forward and help out. The board will help lead and assist whenever and wherever we can!

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## Volunteer Opportunities

Participate with your bestie or make new friends.

**\*Christmas Party.** We're still looking for a chair/co-chairs. This involves managing the venue, banquet and dj contracts. To learn more about what is involved, please contact Diana Malatesta Parker at 916-995-1947.

**\*Spaventapasseri.** Amici, please start thinking about ideas for this year's entry to the Idaho Botanical Garden's annual Scarecrow Stroll. Our first brainstorming meeting will be in June. No experience necessary! Let's get those creative juices going. Contact Kim Conti Clutts 925-858 2363 with any questions or to volunteer.

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## Parla Italiano?

We know many of you are interested in Italian language classes. Although we are not aware of any classes locally, the following are available online.

1. The Italian Cultural Center. Classes begin 4/1. [www.italiancenter.net](http://www.italiancenter.net)
2. Google "Italian with davide"
3. Google "free online Italian speaking lessons"

## Save the Date

- 4/7 New Member Mixer 12 pm  
4/7 Scopa 1 pm  
4/20 Cooking Class 9 am  
4/21 Il Sugo Impromptu 3 pm
- 5/4 Bocce Court Cleanup 10 am  
5/18 Cooking Class 9 am  
5/19 General Meeting/ Potluck 3 pm
- 6/7 IAC at the Hawks 7 pm
- 9/8 Annual Picnic & General Meeting
- 11/3 Annual Meeting & Potluck

## Helping Hands

\*The Italian American Club was recognized by the Salvation Army for participation in the 2023 Kettles Program (Bell Ringing) and the Angel Tree Tag program. We were part of 300 volunteers who braved the cold to bell ring, providing income for SA programs. Over 300 Angel Tags went out to clubs and businesses and our club provided over 25 filled tags which were collected at our December Christmas Party. Congratulations to those who participated in this philanthropic effort!

\*The Fort Boise VA Food Bank provides non-perishable food items to veterans and their families throughout the Treasure Valley and beyond. The Club will be collecting these items at our May General Meeting and Potluck. Suggested food items will be listed in the May LaVoce. Thanks in advance for your generosity!



**Benvenuti!**

Laura Cifelli

Jay Campagnone

## GRAZIE MILLE

Steve Botti for volunteering to serve as the Club Vice President!

Kim Clutts for organizing the New Member Mixer and the Scopa event.

Linda Lambert for organizing the Il Sugo Impromptu Dinner.

Catherine Carter Goldston and her sous chefs for the delicious lasagna roll cooking class.

Rich Goldston and Rich Goldston Jr. for organizing the Darts event. Congratulations to Christopher Goldston on becoming Darts Champ!