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The Colombo Club
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FAMILY DINNER

Past Presidents Night!

Saturday, July 27

5:30 pm Cocktails

7 pm Dinner

8:30 pm Dancing

Members: FREE

Spouses: \$33/person

Guests: \$38/person

Children 6-12: \$12/person

Children under 6 years: Free

**Salad, Pasta,
 Chicken Scallopini,
 Wine, Dessert, Coffee**

**Featuring
 the Dennis
 Cruda Band**

Make or cancel reservations by 6 pm on July 19
 Call 510-653-9716, press 1 and then
 press 4 for the family dinner.

104th Anniversary Dinner Saturday, August 17

Salad, Ravioli, Strip Roast, Wine, Dessert, Coffee

5:30 pm Cocktails

7 pm Dinner

8:30 pm Dancing

**Featuring the
 George Campi
 Band**

Members & Spouses: \$35/person
 Guests: \$40/person
 Children 6-12: \$15/person
 Children under 6 years: Free

Make or cancel reservations by 6 pm on August 9
 Call 510-653-9716, press 1 and then
 press 4 for the family dinner.

Birthday Dinners

July 11 and 25

Salad, Pasta, Pot Roast
 Dessert, Wine & Coffee

**Birthday Dinners
 Father-Daughter Nights
 Thursday, Aug 8
 Thursday, Aug 22**

Menu: Salad, Pasta, Italian Ham,
 Dessert, Wine and Coffee

5:30 pm Cocktails; 7:30 pm Dinner
 \$33 Members, \$38 Guests
 \$12 Children 6-12 yrs

Call (510) 653-9020

*Press 1 to make reservations,
 press 1 for the 1st Birthday Dinner, or
 press 2 for the 2nd Birthday Dinner*

Co-ed Nights - this month only

Thursday, July 11 SOLD OUT
Thursday, July 25

Call now for reservations

*To cancel reservations call by 7 pm Sunday
 before the dinner. Use the same extensions,
 above, to cancel.*

Cashless policy will be followed.



Bocce Day 2024

**A Tribute to
 John Tandi**

Saturday, August 3
 All-day event!

Martinez Bocce Courts, Martinez Marina

\$50 per person, \$25 for lunch only

Reserve your spot at www.thecolomboclub.com (click on the
 Prepaid Events/Dues tab) or use the flyer enclosed.

President's Message

Saluti A Tutti!

Happy 4th of July! I trust that everyone is enjoying the summer months with family and friends.

"Thank You!" to everyone who made our June events very successful. Our Father/Son Sports Nights were very well-attended; it's always great to see the next generation at our club. It's nice to see the students returning home from college, especially when you recall knowing them when they were in elementary school!

Pizza Night was a resounding success. Club Member and World Pizza Cup Champion Tony Gemignani brought his family and his talented staff to the club, to furnish and prepare the pasta and pizza for our sold-out event. The food was outstanding! Tony donated all the food for this event. Our club is very grateful for Tony's thoughtful generosity. Did you know that, when you visit one of his restaurants, you can order a "Colombo" pizza?!

This month our birthday dinners are co-ed; bring the entire family and your friends to enjoy our always popular Italian Pot Roast. Guests always enjoy a wonderful time at the club, so please support the club by asking your friends to attend these dinners with you. The July Family Dinner is Past Presidents Night, which is a free dinner for all Colombo Club members! We encourage you to bring your family and guests. Help us honor our Past Presidents and have a wonderful evening. The menu is special, and you can enjoy dancing in the ballroom after dinner.

Looking ahead to August, please plan on bringing your family and friends for our Father/Daughter birthday dinners in August. Our 104th Anniversary dinner on August 17th will be a special evening, with another wonderful menu and dancing after dinner. Thank you for supporting the Colombo Club.

Past President and House Committee Chairman Tony Tedeschi still has tickets for sale, for the July 20th Italian Heritage Day - A's v Angels baseball game. Please see Tony the next time you attend a club event, or call the Club and leave a message.

If you're considering volunteering at the Club, we're looking for a few dedicated members to train to run our always-popular Incentive Program at each Birthday Dinner. It's a great way to become involved, and it's critically important to the financial success of our Club! Please email me, if you're interested.

Lastly, if you have an idea for an event that you'd like to see held at our club, and/or if you would like to help-out at our club, then please contact me at my email address below. I look forward to seeing you at the Colombo Club this month!

Ciao!

Tony Ballestero, President
ballestero@protonmail.ch

In Memoriam
Angelo Magurno
Gold Card Member since 1963

**Italian Heritage Night
with the A's
Saturday,
July 20 1:07
pm**

**Angels @
Oakland A's,**



Section 129R

Tickets \$28 • Call 510-653-9020,
Press 1 to make reservations, press 6
to make reservations for this special
event.

Special giveaway: Italian Heritage Blanket!

Deadline for tickets: July 14, 2024.

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Grazie Mille

Incentive Program Donors

We thank the generous donors who contributed to our incentive program in June: Dino Rinetti, John Porras (Crown Liquors), Danny Foster, Stefan Molnar, Heffernan-Brignole Insurance, Tim Tomei, Fredi Moehl, Royal Auto Supply (Craig Jaber), James Petersen, Parma Delicatessen.

Sunshine Corner

If you know of a member who's been ill or has been in the hospital, please let Sunshine Chairman Gordon Bowman know.
gbowman999@yahoo.com.



Advertise in the Colombo Club Newsletter!

We have a new way for Colombo Members to support the Club and bring attention to their business. We are announcing a new advertising program for our electronic monthly newsletter.

Our monthly newsletter reaches all Colombo Club members as well as our Women's Auxiliary – a total of almost 1,300 members!

For a low annual fee, you can share information and generate interest in your business.

If you are interested in advertising with the Colombo Club, please contact John Nardi at rubiconref@comcast.net or text at 925.366.6962.

Thank you for your interest in supporting the best Italian Club in the U.S.!

The Club is Open for Your Next Private Party!



Book the Colombo Club for your private event.

You can also have a Party within a Party at one of our dinners. Your guests can enjoy the Ed Basso Room before and after dinner.

Call the Club at (510) 653-9020 and **press 3** for events and leave a message for the Member Event Coordinator Francis Bienati or House Chairman, Tony Tedeschi.

Our Cultural Heritage

Salute to Carmen Rizzo, Norman Deming and Angelo Magurno

by Rich Puppione

Carmen Rizzo is best remembered for not only for his generous and extraordinary commitment of time, support and leadership to the Colombo Club, but for the innovations that he instituted that brought many people to the club's social events and promoted the ongoing success of the club.



During his presidency (1996 – 1997), Carmen instituted the Father's Day breakfast and the Incentive Program which has greatly benefitted the club financially. He was a first and a second vice president. He was such an outstanding social chairman who increased the attendance at club social events that a room on the stage was dedicated in his honor. He served on the Board of Directors for many years. We are grateful and indebted to Carmen Rizzo for rejuvenating the club events during and after his presidency.



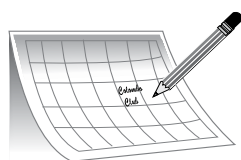
In 2002, **Norm Deming** retired after serving more than 40 years as the club's head waiter. Norm was

affectionately known as "Stormin Norman" for his nonsense approach to organizing many of the social events at the Colombo Club. Norm is in the middle of the picture with Jim Casa, Ray Fratangelo and Oscar Borin. Norm set the standard for the head waiter position.



The bar has always been a very popular place at the club. For many years **Colombo Club** gold card member **Angelo Magurno** served as bar manager. Angelo was very generous

with his commitment of time, support and leadership of the Colombo Club. Besides bar manager, Angelo scheduled bartenders for each event, cut up the needed fruits for cocktails, maintained the bar equipment and supervised clean-up of the bar. He was the receiver for deliveries of merchandise to the Club and a work party volunteer. Most importantly, as House Committee Chair, Tony Tedeschi said, "Angelo was a Vital Presence at the Club, a true gentleman to the ladies and well known and loved by all." Angelo passed away last week and we will all miss him greatly. Non ti dimenticheremo mai, Angelo



Mark Your Calendar

Birthday Dinners: 5:30 pm Cocktails, 7:30 pm Dinner

Family Dinners: 5:30 pm Cocktails, 7:00 pm Dinner

July 11 Birthday Dinner - Coed,
& July 25 *Pot Roast*

July 27 Family Dinner - Past
Presidents Night, *Chicken
Scallopini*

Aug 3 Bocce Day at Martinez
Marina, *Sausage Sandwich*

Aug 8 Birthday Dinner -
& Aug 22 Father-Daughter Nights,
Italian Ham

Aug 17 104th Anniversary
Dinner Dance - *Strip Roast*

Sept 12 Birthday Dinners,
& Sept 26 *Chicken Cacciatore*

Oct 10 Birthday Dinners,
& Oct 24 *Roast Beef*

Oct 19 Family Dinner, *Pot Roast*

Oct 26 **Women's Auxiliary
Polenta Dinner**

Nov 7 Birthday Dinners,
& Nov 21 *Sausage with Peppers*

Nov 12 Assembly Meeting &
Dinner, *Menu TBA*

Nov 16 Family Dinner, *TBA*

Dec 5 Family Dinner, *Spaghetti &
Meatballs*

Dec 12 Birthday Dinners, *Spaghetti &
Meatballs*

Dec 14 Children's Christmas Party



Bocce Day 2024

A Tribute to John Tandi

The Colombo Club
Oakland, California

The annual **Colombo Club "Bocce Day"** is on **Saturday, August 3rd**. All levels and all ages are welcome. **No prior experience is necessary; EVERYONE PLAYS!**

You can come alone, as a couple, bring a team of four, or bring your entire family. Double-elimination format guarantees that everyone plays at least two games.

Register and pay at: <http://www.thecolomboclub.com/>

Be sure to click on the **"Prepaid Events/Dues"** tab and enter "Nardi" in the notes section to ensure you are tied to Bocce Day.

Details:

When/Where: **Saturday, August 3rd** - Martinez Bocce Courts at the Martinez Marina

Time: Arrive by **8:30am** to check in and practice. Games start promptly at 9:30am. THIS IS AN ALL DAY EVENT if you win all your games, so please plan accordingly.

Bring: **An appetite and an expectation for a fun day!**

- Enjoy a great lunch (sausage sandwich, pasta, salad), water, and coffee is provided.
- Wine and beer is available for purchase.
- Buy one of our coveted limited-edition Colombo Club Bocce Day T-Shirts.
- Win the 25/25/50 Raffle.
- Support the best Italian Club around

Cost: **Only \$50 per person** for bocce and lunch, or **\$25 per person** for lunch only

SIGN UP AND PAY AT: <http://www.thecolomboclub.com/>

(click on the **"Prepaid Events/Dues"** tab) | Please make your reservations by **Wednesday, July 31**

Questions? – reach out to Dave or John Nardi

- ❖ Dave Nardi – dnardi@pacbell.net 925.899.9516
- ❖ John Nardi – rubiconref@comcast.net 925.366.6962

Colombo Club Prepaid Events

Make your reservations online or complete this reservation form and return to the Club as soon as possible.

5321 Claremont Avenue, Oakland, California 94618.

To change or cancel (within 72 hours of event) please call the Club (510) 653-9716 and leave a message. You may also email us at: prepaidcolomboclub@gmail.com.



- Boccé competition on 15 beautiful courts, boccé balls, scoreboards, covered picnic tables
- Enjoy a fun lunch cooked by "I Fratelli di Nardi ei loro amici Colombo." Enjoy sausage sandwich, pasta and salad.
- Bottled water included. Beer and wine available for purchase
- Commemorative Bocce Day T-shirt on sale
- An unforgettable day with your Colombo Club friends

\$50 per person, or \$25 for lunch only

Spend a relaxing day playing boccé, eating, and socializing with other Colombo Club members and guests. No boccé experience is necessary. Bring a team of 4, come with someone else, or come alone and we will place you on a friendly team. Men, women, families, kids, and guests are welcome.

Colombo Club Boccé Day

A Tribute to John Tandì

Sat., August 3, 2024 at the Martinez Boccé Federation Courts,
near the Marina 8:30 am arrival, 9:30 am start time

Everyone Plays (guaranteed)

_____ tickets for Bocce players (includes lunch) @ \$50 each

_____ tickets for kids 12 and under who want to play, or Adults for lunch only @ \$25 each

I am enclosing \$ _____

Team #1: _____

Players: _____

Team #2: _____

Players: _____

Member Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ E-mail: _____

Location: Martinez Boccé Courts, near the Marina

Arrive: 8:30 am; Play Begins: 9:30 am; Lunch: around Noon

Questions? Contact Dave Nardi, (925) 899-9516 or John Nardi, (925) 366-6962.

Check and Reservation form MUST arrive at Colombo Club by July 31, 2024.

Mail to: Colombo Club, 5321 Claremont Avenue, Oakland, CA 94618,

ATTN: August Boccé Day 2024

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

The Colombo Club accepts the following Cards: VISA / MASTERCARD / DISCOVER

(Note: for security reasons, we will NOT keep a record of your card on file. This portion of your reservation will be shredded after the charge is completed.)

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