



DANTE'S INFERNO



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Bob Guidera

Steaks and bocce well-received at July 16 event

Barbecue, bocce, beer and fun. This is the best way to describe our July 16 summer meeting.

The event featured a steak barbecue dinner and marked the official opening of the Dante Club's new bocce courts.

The Dante Club hasn't had bocce courts for a very long time—probably almost 40 years. Back then, we had an indoor bocce facility. As some seasoned members will recall, the bridge club was in that building for 35 years before we remodeled it and used it for a year or two. Now we lease it very successfully to the Magpie Preschool.

At the July 16 event, we had a ribbon-cutting for the courts, which, judging from the crowd, was very well-received. Then we kicked off bocce play at 4 p.m., and our general manager, Allison

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Playtime at the Dante Club

President Bob Guidera, above, throws the first ball at the new bocce courts that had their grand opening July 16 during a summertime barbecue event at the club. The event drew members and friends for games, cocktails and a barbecue dinner. Clockwise below, member Tom Mezzanares

coaches griller Michael Micciche on how to cook a steak medium, players measure the distance a ball traveled, Tom Novi and Michael Micciche discuss the health benefits of pairing wine with beef and club members gather for a game of cards.





NEWS, NOTES AND OTHERWISE

Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary reminds Dante Club members to make their reservations by Aug. 10 for a group trip to the Golden Gate Fields horse racing venue in Berkeley on Aug. 26.

Organized by auxiliary member Gloria Tomei, the trip costs \$106 per person and includes a buffet lunch and reserved seating in the venue's Turf Club.

Participants will drive their own vehicles, gathering first at 9:30 a.m. at the Target parking lot, Riverside Boulevard and Broadway.

Interested members should make checks payable to Gloria Tomei and send to her at 2785 14th St., Sacramento CA 95818. For more information, call her at 916-447-5559 or go online at <http://www.danteclub.com/members.php>.

The Ladies Auxiliary is on summer hiatus and will resume meetings on Sept. 10. During the break, board members will work on business and upcoming events.

Women interested in joining can find applications on the Dante Club website or may call Karol Buccola at 916-455-4232 or e-mail her at karolrb55@gmail.com.

New members

We have approved Marq Truscott, sponsored by Carl Perricone, and Marco Ambroselli, sponsored by Michael Micciche, for club membership.

Marq and Marco will be inducted into the club in September.

We also recently interviewed John Finegan, sponsored by Joe Guzzo, and will present him to the club in September.

We have openings for the men's club and the auxiliary. Members can encourage their friends and family to contact any committee member to learn about our great club.

Club apparel

Available for purchase is a variety of specialty Dante Club-branded clothing. Members can choose among aprons and four styles of sweatshirts and polo shirts. Clothing comes in sizes for men, women and children.

To order items, speak to Ron Cristoni at a club meeting or reach him at 916-457-4516 or roncristoni@aol.com.

In memoriam

Longtime club member and vocal food critic Silvano Romagnesi died June 23. Our member meetings will never be the same without him.

Please keep the Romagnesi family in your thoughts and prayers.

Scholarship fundraiser

The main fundraiser for our scholarship fund is the annual Vic Martinelli Memorial Golf Tournament, a fixture for 56 years. This year the tournament will be held Saturday, Aug. 4, at the Bartley Cavanaugh Golf Course, with an 8 a.m. shotgun start and lunch and prizes at the Dante Club to follow.

Golfers pay \$85 for green fees and lunch. Lunch only costs \$20.

For \$100, area businesses can sponsor a hole at the golf course and be recognized with a sign.

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Upcoming Events
Reserve and pay online at:
<http://www.danteclub.com/calendar.php>

August 4

Vic Martinelli Memorial Golf Tournament

Time: 7 a.m. check-in, 8 a.m. shotgun start, 2 p.m. bar opens, 2:30 p.m. lunch with prize awards
Location: Cavanaugh Golf Course
Cost: \$85 green fees and lunch; \$20 lunch only; additional lunch guests also pay \$20; sponsor a hole for a \$100 donation
Reserve online. Contact Frank Buccola at 916-606-4026 or frankiebuccola@gmail.com.

August 7

Tuesday Night Dinner

Time: 6 p.m. cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner
Menu: pear gorgonzola salad; angel hair pasta with clam sauce, penne with vegetable pesto and bolognese tagliatelle; vegetables; garlic bread; mini-desserts, wine, coffee, iced tea
Cost: \$25 adults, \$12.50 children ages 5 to 10

August 20

Barbecue and Bocce

Time: 4 p.m. bocce, 5 p.m. cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner
Menu: self-grilled steaks, baked beans, Italian potato salad, garden salad, grilled corn on the cob, fruit, house wine, coffee
Cost: \$20
Reservations required by 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 17.

August 24

Encore Dante Club Night at Sacramento River Cats Game Against Las Vegas 51s

Time: 7 p.m.
Place: Raley Field, West Sacramento
Cost: \$19; reserve by Aug. 20.
Get tickets at club before Aug. 24 or at Will Call at stadium. Contact Tom Novi at 916-961-6197 or tomnovi@aol.com.

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Nord, kept the lights on until 10 p.m.

And, as usual, the many steak lovers in attendance were all smiles, myself included.

It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening for one and all.

I hope our members have noticed the great improvements Allison has made at our club.

Extra touches—such as the fresh, clean look as you enter the lobby and the old room dividers redone with greenery—make the place more enticing. We want to encourage more people to book their events at our facility.

Allison is definitely kicking the club up a notch or two.

Don't forget that Aug. 24 is our encore night for a River Cats game at Raley Field in West Sacramento. Learn more details on Page 4 of this *Inferno*.

We continue to seek a few good men to join our club. The Aug. 20 barbecue might be the perfect opportunity for members to invite potential candidates to enjoy a nice steak dinner and learn about our club.

I hope you all enjoy the rest of the summer!



Member Ron Cristoni presents the club's pull-tab donation to Dawn, a staff member at the Ronald McDonald House.

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Save pull tabs

The Dante Club gives back to the community monthly through the Sacramento Ronald McDonald House pull-tab program

at the University of California Davis Medical Center in Sacramento.

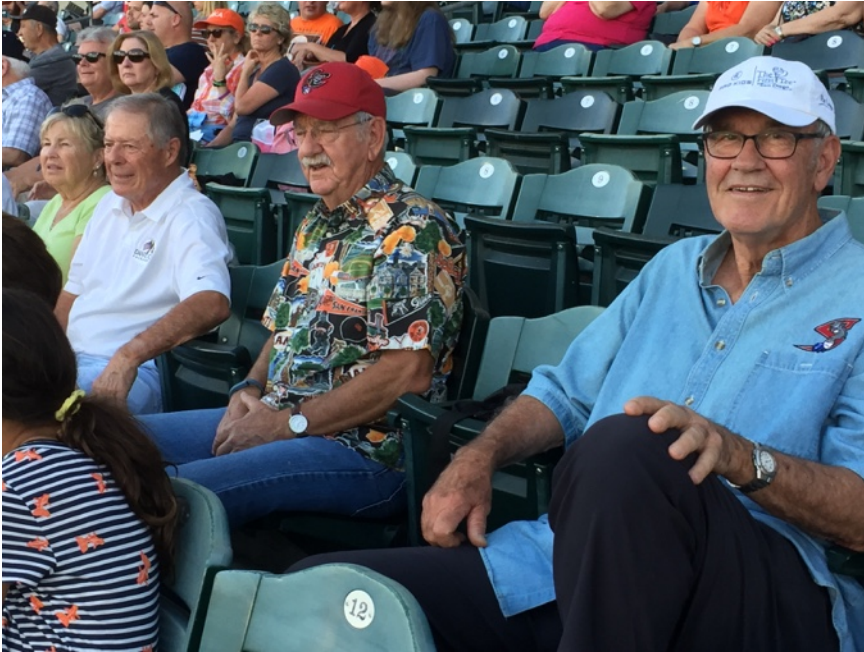
The program collects and recycles pull tabs from aluminum cans and contributes proceeds to the Adopt-A-Family program, which helps

subsidize lodging costs for families staying at the Sacramento Ronald McDonald House while their child receives care at the hospital.

Members are asked to save and bring their pull tabs to Dante Club events and meetings.



Take us out to the ballgame!



Rich and Diane Battistessa, left, George Zarzana and Al Manfredi watch a recent game at Raley Field, where the El Paso Chihuahuas beat the Sacramento River Cats 10-1.

Encore club event Aug. 24 needs at least 50 members and friends to sign up

Many of our club members were not able to attend the special June outing to a River Cats baseball game at Raley Field in West Sacramento. So they asked that we schedule another one in August.

Well, they got their wish! We've arranged to have an encore presentation of our club at the River Cats game on Friday night, Aug. 24.

We promised the River Cats that at least 50 of our members, family and friends would attend, so please go to the Dante Club website as soon as possible and sign up.

The game will start at 7 p.m. All seats will be in the shade. At \$19 per person, this event is great for everyone in the family—moms, dads, kids and grandkids.

There's a bonus: Fireworks will be presented after the game. Also, the River Cats have donated shirts and hats we can raffle off at our annual golf tournament Aug. 4. The Cats have been great friends and supporters of our club.

A great time for all is guaranteed, and the Dante Club will be recognized on the scoreboard.

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- Blue Note Brewing Co., Woodland

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- Out of Bounds Brewing Co., Rocklin
- Wildcard Brewing Co., Redding

Olive Oil

- Olive Mix, Sacramento
- Maltese Olive Oil, Sacramento

DANTE'S REMINDERS



Member volunteers

To volunteer, contact club president Bob Guidera or social chairman Tom Novi to offer your services. You can reach Bob at robertguidera@att.net or 916-451-1467 and Tom at tomnovi@aol.com or 916-961-6197. To explore new social events, contact Vic Brida at vbrida51@gmail.com or 916-588-6276.

Donations

Donate to our scholarship or building funds in memory of a loved one or a friend to keep their legacy going. And buy raffle tickets! Donations can be made easily online at <http://www.danteclub.com/donation.html>.

Dante Club apparel

If you'd like to purchase club shirts or other specialty clothing items, contact Ron Cristoni at 916-457-4516 or roncristoni@aol.com or speak to him at a members meeting. You must present cash or a check to place an order.

Newsletter photos and news

Submit photos and news items for *Dante's Inferno* to John Caselli at jac6652@aol.com. Items must be received by the 20th of each month to be considered for the following month's newsletter. Publication depends on available space and is not guaranteed. To post news and photos on Facebook, log in to your Facebook account and search for "Dante Club."

Contact information

Have you recently changed your address or phone number? Please alert our club treasurer, Tom Mezzanares, at 916-467-7483 or tjmezzan@gmail.com.