



# DANTE'S INFERNO



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

*Bob Guidera*

### *Hot August nights and more coming up*

Well, it really is summer in the city, as they say. And it's no exception here at the Dante Club.

Probably one of the hottest things here has been how our bocce has been accepted. I'm delighted that teams and players are going strong, as getting the courts in last summer was quite an undertaking for us.

Most Saturdays start off with coffee and doughnuts, followed by heavy bocce play and lunch. This is just as we hoped it would work out. Some folks even choose to partake in a cool one or two at the bar after play.

Another hot item here is our July and August meeting night barbecues. The July dinner was a great success, with steaks that were nothing short of outstanding. No excuses for not getting them done the way you like, because you cook

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## Bocce proves a winner

The Dante Bocce Club bimonthly games continue to heat up, with everyone eyeing the championships in mid-October.

Eight teams and more than 40 players convene two Saturdays a month with equal parts skill and luck. Throwing in more than a little trash talk, players have been having a great time.

The courts are available for members to reserve any day by calling the club office. Players may bring their own equipment or check out the club's sets.

The courts also are open for play before member meetings and Tuesday night dinners.

Upcoming matches are scheduled Aug. 3 and 17, with teams to play either from 9 to 10:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. to noon.

The club bar usually opens at 11 a.m. and preordered lunches can be purchased.

Club members are encouraged to come watch the games and enjoy the camaraderie. They can also start forming teams for next season. If there's enough interest, we'll host games midweek in addition to Saturdays.

Those with questions about the leagues can speak to organizers Dan Calcagno, Michael Micciche or Rich Battistessa.

### CURRENT BOCCIE LEAGUE STANDINGS

Team	Wins	Losses
1. Bocce's Inferno	6	2
2. Sons of Be-occes!	5	3
3. Maestri di Bocce	5	3
4. Riolo Rollers	4	4
5. Squadra Otto	4	4
6. Italian Stallions	3	5
7. Bocce Stalone	3	5
8. "D" Rollers	2	6



## NEWS, NOTES AND OTHERWISE

**Ladies Auxiliary**

The Ladies Auxiliary is taking July and August off and will resume its dinner meetings on Monday, Sept. 9.

In the meantime, auxiliary member Gloria Tomei is accepting reservations for a trip to the Golden Gate Fields horse racing and entertainment venue in Berkeley on Sunday, Aug. 18.

Aug. 10 is the deadline for Gloria to receive reservations and payments. The cost is \$107 per person.

At the racetrack, the day will begin with an all-you-can-eat buffet in the Turf Club, which features betting windows, reserved seating and television monitors.

"Our group may even have a race named after us, with six or more lucky people going to the winner's circle for a photo with the race winner," Gloria said.

Recommended dress is smart and casual, such as stylish denim and footwear and festive hats. The racetrack discourages sweatpants, T-shirts, baseball hats, shorts and sleeveless shirts.

Trip participants will leave at 9:30 a.m. from the Target store parking lot at Riverside Boulevard and Broadway in Sacramento and arrive at Golden Gate Fields at approximately 1:30 p.m. They may visit the buffet upon arrival. The first race will begin at noon.

The group will depart after the last race at about 6 p.m. and return to the Target parking lot by 7:30 p.m.

Checks should be made payable to Gloria Tomei and sent to her at 2785 14th St., Sacramento, CA 95818.

For more information, call Gloria at 916-447-5559 or send her an email at [gtomei@comcast.net](mailto:gtomei@comcast.net).

Women interested in joining the Ladies Auxiliary can find an application on the Dante Club website or may call Carole Stefani-Chivaro at 916-698-2036.

**Club apparel**

Members can purchase Dante Club-branded clothing, including aprons and four styles of sweatshirts and polo shirts. Clothing comes in sizes for men, women and children. To order items, call Ron Cristoni at 916-457-4516 or email him at [roncristoni@aol.com](mailto:roncristoni@aol.com).

**New members**

New member Vincenzo Gigi was inducted in June and has already volunteered for Dante Club events. Vincenzo was sponsored by Frank Calcagno.

Members approved Ralph Rago, sponsored by John Patella, for membership in June. He will be inducted in September. He attended the July barbecue.

Paul Di Quattro, sponsored by Joe Porata, was interviewed during the July barbecue and will be presented to members in September.

Members are encouraged to ask their qualified friends and acquaintances to consider joining the Dante Club.

And a reminder to Ladies Auxiliary members' husbands: You are qualified to submit an application to join the Dante Club.

For more information, call Frank Calcagno at 916-515-1117 or email him at [fscal@comcast.net](mailto:fscal@comcast.net).

**In memoriam**

Salvatore "Sam" J. Gallina, an active member of the Dante Club since 1969, died in his home in Sacramento on July 2.

Sam Gallina was born May 28, 1932, to Sicilian immigrants who settled in the Greenbush neighborhood of Madison,



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

**August 6****Tuesday Night Dinner**

**Time:** 6 p.m. cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner

**Menu:** Caprese salad with pesto dressing, mushroom ravioli with parmesan cream sauce, sauteed spinach, piccata-style salmon, vanilla ice cream with caramel sauce and lady fingers

**Cost:** \$25 adults, \$13 children ages 5 to 10

*Reserve by 10 a.m. Aug. 2.*

**August 17****Vic Martinelli Memorial Golf Tournament**

**Time:** 6:30 a.m. check-in, 7:30 a.m. shotgun start, 12:30 p.m. no-host bar with lunch afterward

**Location:** Bartley Cavanaugh Golf Course for golf, Dante Club for lunch

**Cost:** \$85 entry fee and lunch, \$25 lunch guest, \$100 hole sponsorship

*Awards will be given during lunch. For more information, call event chairman Frank Buccola at 916-606-4026.*

**August 19****Steak Barbecue**

**Time:** 5 p.m. cocktails, 6 p.m. steaks handed out

**Menu:** Cook-it-yourself ribeye steaks with choice of toppings; panzanella salad, Italian potato salad, grilled vegetables, spumoni, wine, coffee

**Cost:** \$20 per person

*Reservations due by 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 6.*

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'em yourself.

This event has always been popular and is one of my personal favorites.

Chef Jessi Moreno does a fine job of picking the steaks, and the rest of the meal is her creation and always a treat. Most folks are already looking forward to our August barbecue, including me!

August has more good things in store. The Tuesday night dinner will be very Italian this time. It will be followed on Aug. 17 by our traditional golf tournament honoring Vic Martinelli.

Frank Buccola is the man in charge of the annual golf fundraiser. Call him at 916-606-4026 for details and to sign up. This year the popular tournament will be held at the Bartley Cavanaugh Golf Course.

On Monday, Aug. 19, we'll have our second summer barbecue instead of our regular membership meeting.

Please remember to be on the lookout for potential members. We're interviewing people during the summer for initiation in September.

This is our slow time of the year for business, so if you could mention the Dante Club to your family and friends for any parties or events they're planning, we would appreciate it greatly.

Have a wonderful time the rest of the summer!



The luxurious Diamante is one of several apartment options available through the Rosa dei Venti properties in Tuscany.



## Dante Club's tour professional offers an accommodations special in Tuscany

Dante Club member Michael Micciche's Italy tour business, Italian Journeys of Sacramento, is offering exclusive non-hotel lodgings at the Rosa dei Venti properties in Tuscany to those who book a trip with him.

Travelers can stay in the luxurious Diamante apartment, within walking distance of the Tuscan town of Foiano Della Chiana and close to Cortona, Arezzo and other wine-area towns.

Micciche says he and his wife were the first occupants of the remodeled apartment and have stayed in it many times over nearly 20 years.

Diamante is a three-bedroom, two-bathroom apartment outside the historic town center of

Foiano della Chiana in Tuscany, 6 kilometers from Rosa dei Venti's farmhouse property in the countryside.

The kitchen is fully equipped with double

sinks, dishwasher, refrigerator, freezer, pots, pans and dishes.

From the apartment, visitors can walk to town and dine as the

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### HOLIDAY PARTY AT DANTE CLUB OF SACRAMENTO

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\*Limit one per company.





**Tuscany**

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locals do. Shops include butchers, delis, bakeries and shops selling fresh pasta, fruit and vegetables daily. The town has family restaurants, pizzerias and a weekly open-air market.

Diamante guests have access to the farmhouse activities at Rosa dei Venti, such as cooking classes and guided tours. The location is ideal for

visiting hill and walled towns in Tuscany and Umbria and is great as a base for touring other parts of Italy.

A train station nearby makes trips to Arezzo, Florence and Rome easy.

Guests must rent Diamante for a minimum of one week.

Savings are possible if they choose to stay longer, particularly for one month.

Travelers can view photos and book through Italian Journeys. Email [volareinitalia@gmail.com](mailto:volareinitalia@gmail.com) for details.

Micciche's booking services are free. He can escort, drive and interpret for travelers, as needed.

Those who prefer staying in a villa or a working farm can choose among apartments at Rosa dei Venti in the countryside.

Most units have two bedrooms, two bathrooms,

a living room and a fully equipped kitchen.

One apartment has three bedrooms and two bathrooms, and a cottage has one bedroom.

The Micheli family has owned the Rosa dei Venti properties since 1900. The Michelis can arrange wine tours, cooking classes and other activities.

The farm produces fruit, wine and olive oil, which can be purchased.

**News, Notes and Otherwise**

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Wisconsin. An only son, he was doted on by his parents and two older sisters. His character was shaped by that close-knit, culturally rich Arbereshe community where everyone was family, or close to it.

In 1947 the family migrated to California, settling in Sacramento. After graduating from Sacramento High School in 1950, Sam Gallina served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War.

Sam married Katherine Downing in 1957. He earned a bachelor of arts degree in 1958 from Sacramento State College and became a certified public accountant in 1967.

Sam Gallina founded a successful accounting firm in Sacramento, S.J. Gallina & Co. During his career, he served as chairman of the board of directors of American River Bank and remained a board member for years afterward.

Sam was predeceased by his parents, Vincenzo and Vincenza Gallina; his wife, Katherine; and his sisters, Connie Gwinn and Jo Palermo.

Sam was beloved by his family, including his children, Helen (Mark) and Vincent; his grandchildren, Joseph, Mariah and Marshall; his many nieces and nephews; and, of course, his faithful Corgi, Dante. He also leaves behind family and friends in Madison.

**Save pull tabs**

Dante Club members are asked to save the pull tabs from their aluminum cans and bring them to club events and meetings.

We will donate the pull tabs to the Sacramento Ronald McDonald House pull-tab program, based at the University of California Davis Medical Center in Sacramento.

The pull-tab program collects and recycles pull tabs and contributes the proceeds to the Adopt-A-Family Program. It helps subsidize lodging costs for families staying at the Ronald McDonald House near the medical center while their children are hospitalized.

The program collects only tabs instead of entire cans because collection and storage of the tabs is easier and more hygienic.

**Club on the road**

Dante Club general manager Sarah Nussman and her staff will serve a yummy appetizer, created by chef Jessi Moreno, at an upcoming special event.

The event is Christian Brothers High School's Wine Tasting and Food Extravaganza, which will be held at the school on Friday Sept. 6.

**Everything Italian**

We like to think the Dante Club is the best darn Italian club in Sacramento, but other groups around town may be of interest to members, too. They are:

- Arberesh — [arbereshofsacramento.org](http://arbereshofsacramento.org)
- Italian Cultural Society — [italianculturalsociety.com](http://italianculturalsociety.com)
- Piemonte Reale — John Lancara, Societa Piemonte Reale, 3621 E. Lincoln Ave, Sacramento, CA 95818
- Romulus Club — John L. Boze, Romulus Club, 400 Capitol Mall, Suite 1850, Sacramento, CA 95814

**PREMIUM WINERY, BREWERY  
AND OLIVE OIL PARTNERS****Wine**

- Balletto Vineyards, Santa Rosa
- Bella Grace Vineyards, Sutter Creek
- Carvalho Family Winery, Clarksburg
- Galvan Family Cellars, Fairfield
- Karmere Vineyards, Plymouth
- Merlo Vineyards, Redding
- Morse Wines, Fiddletown
- Pedroncelli, Geyserville
- Perry Creek Winery, Fair Play
- Sean Minor, Napa
- Secret Ravine, Loomis
- Taylor Family Vineyards, Napa
- Taylor's Market, Sacramento

- Yorba Wines, Sutter Creek
- Young's Vineyard, Plymouth

**Beer**

- Blue Note Brewing Co., Woodland
- Hoppy Brewing Co., Sacramento
- Lost Coast Brewery, Humboldt
- Mussetter Distributing, Auburn
- Out of Bounds Brewing Co., Rocklin
- Wildcard Brewing Co., Redding

**Olive Oil**

- Olive Mix, Sacramento
- Maltese Olive Oil, Sacramento

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**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](mailto:robertguidera@att.net) or 916-451-1467 and Tom at [tomnovi@aol.com](mailto:tomnovi@aol.com) or 916-961-6197.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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."

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