



DANTE'S INFERNO



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Bob Guidera

Fire up the grill for summertime steaks

Sacramento summer weather has finally arrived, triple digits and all. It's a little late but here for sure now.

I'm very pleased to report that our new bocce courts are getting a lot of play. After many years without courts, we had them constructed at the club last summer. This year, in our first full season, they've become an instant success.

The weather didn't cooperate at first, but we're now going full steam ahead with teams, challenges and good times. I'm sure bragging rights have started.

With July here, I must remind members of our steak barbecues, one of the more popular traditions at the Dante Club. In July and August, we offer these dinners instead of our monthly membership meetings.

The first barbecue is July 15, featuring grill-it-yourself 16-ounce ribeye steaks. Be sure to reserve

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Members of the Dante Bocce Club enjoy balmy weather for their league games on June 8.

Bocce league in full swing, with fun, flair and a little good-natured trash talk

The Dante Bocce Club has started a twice-monthly league with more than 40 players on eight teams gathering two Saturdays a month. League championships are planned for mid-October.

"Our players have shown equal parts skill and luck, with a lot of enjoyment and a little trash talk thrown in," said committee co-chairman Dan Calcagno.

Members interested in playing bocce can call the club office to

reserve the courts for any day of the week. They can bring their own equipment or check out the club's bocce sets.

The courts also are open for general play before member meetings and Tuesday night dinners. For the July and August barbecues, members can come early and show off their skills.

The next league match will be on July 13, with teams playing

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Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary made \$100 donations to the Dante Club's scholarship fund in memory of five members who passed away recently.

The members honored were Gene Christopher, Cecelia Beviacqua, Ken Buono, Peter Grassi and Billey Skarles.

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.

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," Tomei 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.

The Dante group 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.

Participants may visit the buffet upon their arrival.

The first horse race of the day 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.

Reservation and payment deadline is Aug. 10.

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

For more information, call Tomei at 916-447-5559 or send her an email at gtomei@comcast.net.

The Ladies Auxiliary will take July and August off and resume its regular monthly dinner meetings on Monday, Sept. 9.

Women interested in joining the group 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.

New members

The Dante Club will honor Jim Parisi and his family by bestowing him with lifetime member status posthumously.

A revered member since 1969,

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

July 15

Steak Barbecue for Members and Guests

Time: 5 p.m. cocktails, 6 p.m. steaks handed out
Menu: Ribeye steaks with sauted toppings, garden salad, corn on the cob, Italian pasta salad, fruit salad, spumoni, biscotti, coffee

Cost: \$20

Reserve by 10 a.m. Friday, July 12.

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. Friday, Aug. 2.

August 17

Vic Martinelli Memorial Golf Tournament

Time: 7:30 a.m. tee-off, 12:30 p.m. bar and lunch

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

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

For more information, call chairman Frank Buccola at 916-606-4026.



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early. This is an open event, so family and friends are invited, too. This is one of my favorite events during the year. The steaks are always excellent!

To clear up any confusion about our annual Viva Vino event, the date is Sept. 14.

We're entering our slower time of the business year, but I'm happy to report that our management staff is spreading the word about our Dante Club facilities and visiting potential customers to expand our business. They're also contacting former customers, who left for one reason or another, to encourage them to return to the Dante Club. This outreach has proved effective, and some former customers are returning for their events.

I encourage everyone to consider the Dante Club for their parties. Remember, members receive a discount on room rentals.

With no regular member meeting until September, the membership committee is still interviewing prospective members.

Last month we initiated Vincenzo (Vince) Gigi and interviewed and voted on Ralph Rago, who will be initiated in September.

As always, we want good new members. If you have someone in mind, be sure to invite them.

Don't forget our Vince Martinelli golf tournament in August! This event funds our scholarship program and is a great activity for golfers.

CURRENT BOCCE LEAGUE STANDINGS

Team	Wins	Losses
1. Sons of Be-occes	6	0
2. Maestri di Bocce	4	1
3. Bocce's Inferno	3	2
4. Squadra Otto	3	3
5. Squadra Tre	3	3
6. Squadra Sei	2	2
7. "D" Rollers	1	4
8. Italian Stallions	0	4

Bocce demystified: Here's a primer on game rules and how to play

Bocce can be played on most surfaces, including grass and sand, as long as they are fairly smooth and flat.

A bocce court is 60 feet long by 12 feet wide, but court size can be accommodated to fit the available playing space.

With one player on a team, the player gets four balls. On a two-person team, each player gets two balls, and on a four-person team, each gets one ball.

HOW TO PLAY

The object of the game is to roll your bocce balls closer to the pallino, or jack, ball than the opposing team does.

The game consists of several frames. A frame starts with a team tossing the pallino toward the opposite end of the playing court. The game or frame is complete after all the balls have been thrown and points are awarded.

Balls are tossed or rolled underhand. Whoever wins a coin toss begins by tossing the pallino into the playing area.

The pallino must be thrown past the center line and not farther than the 4-foot line.

If the pallino lands out of the designated area, the opposing team will throw the pallino into the playing area.

Once the pallino is in position, members of the first team throw their bocce ball.

Alternating turns, each team throws their balls toward the pallino to:

- get their ball closest to the pallino
- move the pallino closer to their ball OR
- move the opponent's ball.

The winning team begins the next frame. Frames are played

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Parisi had requested lifetime membership, but he died before members could approve the request.

The board had already approved it, however, so the club will honor him for his past service.

Club members voted in June to accept Vincenzo Gigi as a new member.

Sponsored by Frank Calcagno, Gigi was born in Italy and has lived in the Bay Area, where he belonged to several Italian American clubs. He is an executive for Peets Coffee Co. Welcome, Vincenzo.

We also interviewed and members approved Ralph Rago, a longtime area baseball coach who was sponsored by John Patella.

Rago follows a long tradition of Italian American coaches in the Sacramento area, such as Pierucci, Frizzi, Cristofani, Martinelli, Dimino and Manfredi, who have all been Dante Club members.

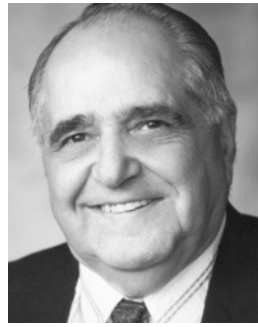
We will interview Paul Di Quattro, sponsored by Joe Porata, during our July 15 barbecue night.

In memoriam

Joe Cerniglia, a Dante Club member since 1980, died June 3 at age 94. He served as club president in 1991 and later as club secretary. He became a life member in 2011.

Cerniglia was born on Nov. 18, 1924, in Madison, Wisconsin, to Antonino and Josephine Fabbiano Cerniglia. He and his family moved to California when he was 11.

Cerniglia graduated from Sacramento High School and served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II.



JOE CERNIGLIA

He loved hunting, fishing, camping, gardening, golfing and, in later years, gambling. He enjoyed family barbecues and making Sicilian goodies during the holidays.

Cerniglia also was a member of Sacramento's Piemonte Reale and Sons in Retirement social organizations. He worked as a printer for the California State Printing Office for 35 years until his retirement.

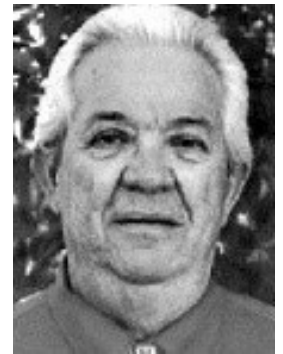
Longtime member James E. (Jim) Parino died May 19, the same month the Dante Club approved him for life membership. He was a member since 1969.

A native of Sacramento, Parino graduated from Sacramento High School and served in the U.S. Army, mainly in Korea. Later, he joined the Army National Guard, retiring as a lieutenant colonel after 32 years with the organization.

Parino also worked for the state of California as a business services officer, retiring in 2000 after 37 years. He met his wife, Charlette, in high school, and they were married in 1963.

Parino belonged to and worked for the Elk Grove Lions Club, the American Legion, the Veterans of

Foreign Wars, the Piemonte Reale and the Knights of Columbus, as well as the Dante Club.



JAMES PARINO

The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors honored Parino in 2008 with an award for his work with the Senior Center of Elk Grove.

Parino is buried at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs cemetery in Dixon.

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 program collects and recycles pull tabs and contributes proceeds to the Adopt-A-Family Program.

The program 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.



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Rules of bocce

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alternately from one end of the bocce court to the other.

SCORING

In each frame, only one team scores. One point is given for each ball that's closer to the pallino than the opposing team's balls. The pallino distance marker can be used to determine which balls are closer.

The game continues until 12 points have been scored or players have reached predetermined points they've set before the game starts.

Safety should be observed when playing bocce. Players are advised to stay outside the playing area when balls are tossed.

Bocce league

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either from 9 to 10:30 a.m. or from 10:30 to noon. The bar usually opens at 11 a.m., and lunches can be preordered.

“Come and see the great value in camaraderie we have gained by installing these courts,” Calcagno said. “Also, start forming your teams for next season. If there's enough interest, we will host a midweek session in addition to Saturdays.”

For questions, speak to Calcagno, Michael Micciche or Rich Battistessa.



Players prepare to give it their best shot.

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.

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 Mezzanara, at 916-467-7483 or tjmezzan@gmail.com.