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in honor of

St. Anthony of Padua



When:

Sunday, June 12, 2022

Time:

Mass at 12:00pm celebrated
by Father Anthony Chiamonte.
Lunch at 1:30 in the Pavilion.

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- 6/06~ Men's Bocce League - 6:30 pm**
- 6/07~ Women's Bocce League - 6:30 pm**
- 6/08~ Women's League Meeting - 6:00 pm**
- 6/10~ Friday Nights At The Pavilion (Special: Veal & Peppers with Pasta \$15.00) 5pm-8pm**
- 6/12~ St. Anthony's Mass/Lunch 12 Noon-2pm**
- 6/13~ Men's Bocce League-6:30 pm**
- 6/14~ Women's Bocce League-6:30 pm**
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- 6/20~ Pool - Early Morning Lap Swimming Starts 7:30 am-9:30 am**
- 6/20~ Men's Bocce League - 6:30 pm**
- 6/21~ Women's Bocce League - 6:30 pm**
- 6/24~ Friday Nights At The Pavilion (Special: Stuffed Peppers, Meat & Meatless \$12.00) 5pm-8pm**
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- 6/29~ Best of The Bronx: Yankees Game & Arthur Ave Bus Trip**

Upcoming Events

- 7/04~ Independence Day BBQ at The Pool - 12 noon**
- 8/13~ Ferragosto 2022**



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Summer is upon us! Our pool, pavilion and bocce courts are ready for the summer season ahead. I would like to thank Jim Sano for getting our pool crystal clear for another great year of swimming and Sandrina DeNitto and her pavilion committee for getting the pavilion and kitchen ready for our Friday Nights in the Pavilion. The men's and women's bocce leagues have started and all are looking forward to a fun, competitive season.

Friday Nights in the Pavilion started on Friday, May 27th and will continue every Friday until September 2nd. We start at 5pm and serve until 8pm. There is plenty of great food, wine, music and lots of conversation and laughter.

On June 12th, we will hold our annual St. Anthony's Mass and Luncheon. The mass is being celebrated this year by Father Anthony Chiamonte at our St. Anthony's Shrine. After mass, we will proceed to the pavilion where lunch will be served. The menu includes pasta, meatballs, eggplant, salad, rolls, dessert, and coffee all for \$20.00. This event is open to the public, so please spread the word to your friends and family.

Finally, I would like to wish all the fathers at the Italian American Community Center a happy Father's Day. May God continue to bless you on Father's Day and throughout the year.

Ciao,



FRANK ZEOLI
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After a week of unseasonably cold and wet weather, we were blessed with a perfect summer day for our pool pre-opening party. Over 60 members and their guests joined us for our first pre-opening pool party BBQ in three years.

Thank you very much to Tony Fazio and Joe Guastamacchia for their usual great job in setting up and grilling all the hamburgers and hot dogs enjoyed that day. We are so very lucky to have such fine gentlemen that selflessly share their talents with us year after year.

Let us all have a safe and enjoyable summer.



Start Spreading The News...

BEST OF THE BRONX



6/29/22

Cost: \$55 I.A.C.C. Members / \$65 Non-Members

Location: The Italian American Community Center

Time: 8:30am (Depart From Albany) / 1:05 pm (Game)

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Islands of Puglia

By JIM SANO

Puglia's islands are comprised of two archipelagos. They are the Tremiti archipelago (Adriatic Sea) and the Cheradi archipelago (Ionian Sea).

The Tremiti archipelago is in the Adriatic Sea, north of the Gargano Peninsula. The archipelago comprises five islands that are often referred to as the 'Pearls of the Adriatic', an odd epithet considering that these islands are named after their history of undersea seismic activity. Tremiti means quakes or tremors. San Domino is the most developed island for tourism and has the only sand beach in the archipelago. San Nicola is where most of the population resides. It is the site of a monastery where a monk named Nicolò was buried. Legend has it that every time someone tried to move his corpse off the island, a violent storm would break out, preventing navigation around the island. Capraia, Cretaccio, and Pianosa are all small, uninhabited islands often covered by waves during storms. The islands are now a thriving tourist attraction because of their many caves and grottoes and clear waters which are ideal for snorkeling and scuba diving. One of the things that makes these isles in the Adriatic so appealing is the absence of motor vehicles. Up to 100,000 visitors come to the islands in the summer season.

Inhabited since the late Iron Age (4th-3rd centuries BC), the Tremiti Islands have been a place of confinement since ancient times. Julia the Younger (19BC – 29AD) was exiled to one of the islands by her grandfather, Emperor Augustus, for having an affair with the Roman senator Decimus Junius Silanus. Charlemagne had his father-in-law sent here, after barbarically removing his eyes and limbs. During Benito Mussolini's fascist regime, the islands were used to intern political prisoners and men accused of homosexuality.

In the Middle Ages, the archipelago was ruled by the Abbey of Santa Maria a Mare (Holy Mary on the Sea) which was founded on San Nicola island in the 9th century by Benedictine monks from Montecassino. The abbey became autonomous from the father monastery in the 13th century and owned lands from the Biferno to Trani on the Apulian mainland. After an alleged period of moral decadence, in 1237, the Benedictines were replaced by the Cistercian order. In 1334, the abbey was sacked by Dalmatian pirates from Omiš. In 1412, the Lateran Canons took ownership of the islands and restored the monastery with cisterns and fortifications, which withstood the assault of Ottoman ships in 1567. The abbey was suppressed in 1783 by King Ferdinand IV of Naples, who set up a penal colony.

During the Napoleonic age, the islands were a stronghold of Joachim Murat's supporters, who resisted a British fleet in 1809. In 1843, to repopulate the islands, King Ferdinand II of Two Sicilies moved many people, who mostly became fishermen, from Naples' slums to the islands.



In 1911, about 1,300 Libyans who had resisted Italian colonial rule were confined to Tremiti. After a year, around one-third of them had died, mainly from typhus. During the Fascist era, the archipelago continued to perform its confinement function, detaining, among others, Amerigo Dumini and the future president of the Republic, Sandro Pertini. The internment camp closed in 1939, as Italy became entangled in the beginnings of World War II. In May 2012, the provincial government caused a scandal by listing for sale blocks of land for development on two islands for a reported four million euros. Vigorous campaigning by local environmental groups resulted in no bidders.

San Domino is a naturalist's paradise; great swathes of land are covered by fragrant Aleppo pine, and in the summer, the abundance of flora can be breathtaking. Two famous tourist attractions are 'The Elephant,' a remarkable rock formation near Cala Matano that resembles a 20-meter-high pachyderm drinking from the sea and the 'Cave of Swallows', where crystalline waters allow you to watch the fish below the surface and sea swallows swoop in to tend their nests in the spring. At Cala Zio Cesare, it is possible to dive into a Roman shipwreck that lies 24 meters down on the seabed. The island has the only sandy beach in the archipelago at Cala Arena for those wanting to relax.



"Elephant" Rock at San Domino



San Nicola

San Nicola is the most populated of the islands and the archipelago's religious and historical center. Originally, it was the site of an ancient monastery where legend tells of violent storms breaking out to thwart anyone daring to remove the remains of a monk named Nicolò. Many scholars consider the 42-hectare island to be a natural open-air museum. Tourists can get lost among the fortifications as they wander through towers and monuments, including the pretty Church of Santa Maria a Mare.

Although these two are the only inhabited islands, tourists should visit the other three by boat, if only to take in the savage scenery or scuba dive in the surrounding waters. Cretaccio is little more than a 3.5-hectare mass of yellow clay and is simply a sizeable uninhabited rock. According to legend, a prisoner was executed on this island, and his ghost still populates it. **Capraia** may be uninhabited but makes for an enjoyable short visit. Smaller at just 45 acres, its natural architecture is perfect for photographers and videographers; in the early evening light, the deserted island takes on an eerie feel. Pianosa (Tremiti), not to be confused with Pianosa (Tuscan Archipelago), is a desolate place 22km further out to sea. With much of it lying low in the water and hidden by the sea, it is devoid of any vegetation.

The Island of Sant' Andrea (Saint Andrew), a stand-alone flat islet not part of an archipelago, is located at 0.8 nautical miles from Gallipoli on the Ionian Sea. Isola Sant' Andrea is home to an active lighthouse (Faro di Isola Sant' Andrea). The lighthouse was built in 1865

and consists of a white octagonal prism tower, 43 feet (13 m) high, with a balcony and lantern, rising from a 2-story white keeper's house. The lantern, painted in grey metallic, is positioned at 45 meters (148 ft) above sea level. It emits two white flashes in a 10 second period, which are visible up to a distance of 19 nautical miles (35 km; 22 mi). The lighthouse is completely automated and is managed by the Marina Militare. The Island of Sant' Andrea, inside the Park of Punta Pizzo, has the only colony of nesting Audouins' gull along the coast of the Adriatic and the Ionian Sea in Italy. The other attraction that defines Sant' Andrea is sea stacks. These rock structures were created by the erosive power of wind and waves beating against malleable coastal cliffs. Fissures expanded, tunnels were formed, and tenuous natural bridges collapsed to leave these formations rising above the pounding surf below.





San Pietro



San Paolo

The Cheradi Islands (Isole Cheradi) is a small archipelago in the Gulf of Taranto (Ionian Sea) that consists of two islands, San Pietro and San Paolo. Previously, there was a third island, San Nicolicchio, but it was destroyed by expanding the cargo port. Administratively, the islands belong to the old town of Taranto. The Cheradi Islands are about 125,000 years old, not as old as Puglia, which was formed about 100 million years ago.

Twenty thousand years ago, during a glacial phase, the islands were hills of about 130 meters above sea level. About 6,000 years ago with the melting of glaciers and the consequent rise of water, they became at first a peninsula united with Punta Rondinella and then 4,000 years later, islands.

The islands were initially called "Electrides" (what shines) for the presence of thick forests that generated bituminous amber (Electro). There is also evidence that the islands were inhabited during Greek and Roman times. The current names of St. Peter (where legend says the Apostle Peter arrived) and St. Paul were given in 1783. Constance, the mother of Prince Bohemondo of Taranto, donated the islands to the Basilian Friars who settled here around the 4th-century BC. The continuous incursions of Ottoman fleets made life dangerous in the coastal cities of Puglia. In 1594, Ali Sinam Bassà entered the Port of Taranto with 100 ships and started to attack and plunder inland. Napoleon understood the strategic importance of Saint Paul island and fortified it to support his invasion of Egypt. After Italy unified, Taranto was chosen as a naval base and home to the Naval Arsenal. The Cheradi Islands immediately became the cornerstone of the defense of the port. Today the islands remain unarmed but retain the testimony of their military past. It was not until 1950 that the name "Chèradi" appeared on topographic and nautical maps.

The Island of San Pietro is the largest of the two, with an area of 117 hectares, and is characterized by its three points, one facing the North (Punta Lo Scanno), one to the west (Punta La Forca), and one to the east (Punta Il Posto). The island has the Mediterranean area's typical vegetation, with a large pine forest, holm oaks, and palm trees that barn owls, seagulls, turtle doves, and cormorants call home. There is also a large quantity of algae in this area, where mollusks, sponges, sea urchins, starfishes, and several species of fishes live.

The Island of San Paolo is much smaller, with an area of only 5 hectares. In ancient times the Greek historian Thucydides noticed San Paolo was ideal for mounting Navy batteries. In later years, the sentiment was shared by Napoleon Bonaparte, who in 1801 built a military fort, the Fort De Laclos, on San Paolo. Fort De Laclos, which occupies 6,000 sq. meters, played a crucial role in the defense of Taranto, which Napoleon considered his outpost in the Mediterranean. In 1803, after a period of absence, 13,000 French soldiers returned to Taranto. This long march cost the lives of many French soldiers. Among the dead French soldiers was the artillery general Pierre De Laclos, who, sickened by dysentery and malaria, died in Saint Francis of Assisi's convent in Taranto. Laclos rejected religious comforts and was buried in the square of arms inside Fort Taranto, now Fort De Laclos.

The French left Taranto again, only to go back again in 1806. They stayed there until 1815. In 1814, the French estimated the cost for the restoration of the grave of General De Laclos, at two hundred ducats; this levy was to be imposed on the people of Taranto. This would become the last trace of General De Laclos burial. Out of hatred towards the French, the Tarantini people dispersed the French general's remains into the sea.



Isola Grande

Fort De Laclos is now the center of legends, with townspeople claiming to have seen the ghost of the poor general wandering on San Paolo Island and in the fort named after him. Fort De Laclos was decommissioned when the risk of military attacks on the city ended. Albeit abandoned, the concrete constructions, cannon bases, and large, armored tower remain on the concrete roof of the fort, as a silent symbol of its glorious past. The original wooden fixtures, richly decorated bronze gratings, and gutters, more than 100 years old, are so well maintained that they retain the charm of military architecture of the time. Fort De Laclos is also of importance from a paleontological point of view. The fort is covered with limestone blocks from nearby Murge, where you can observe the fossil remains of a bivalve organism that lived about 100 million years ago.

Isola Grande is the largest island in a small lagoon on the northern coast of Puglia, located by Porto Cesareo township, about 1 km from the mainland. It is part of the Marine Protected Area of Porto Cesareo. In the 1950s, this area underwent a heavy forestation program to improve this uncontaminated territory. Isola Grande is the official name because of its size, but everyone calls it Isola dei Conigli (Rabbit Island). It owes its name to the past, where it was a favorite location for livestock breeding, especially the breeding of rabbits. Many tourists venture onto Isola Grande every day. They can get there by swimming or by using the available dedicated boats.

Isola della Malva is also by Porto Cesareo. This pristine island is known for the pinkish cluster flowers that dominate the island.



Fort De Laclos



Isola della Malva



Isola di Pazze

Isola della Fanciulla is little more than a row of rocks with a rectangular shape that rises to the southwest of the town of Torre Pali, a seaside resort near Gallipoli and Santa Maria di Leuca. Legend has it that a local young woman was killed and thrown into the sea during the pirate raids. Fishermen later found her near the islet, thus the name of Isola della Fanciulla (maiden). It is located a hundred meters from the beach and can be reached by swimming or by boat.

Isola di Pazze (Crazy Island) is located across from the tourist city of Salento, where it can be reached by swimming or boat. Although only 200 meters long, this islet is an essential stretch of the Salento coast because it acts as a barrier against the sea waves. Its name was derived from the Greek, paxos. In the 5th century BC, peace was made between the Greeks of Taranto and Messapians of Ugento; therefore, the island is also known as the Island of Peace.



Isola della Fanciulla

The island of San Clemente is a minor island in Lake Lesina, Puglia. There are no settlements or permanent inhabitants on the island. It housed a splendid villa in Roman times, then a small church dedicated to the Holy Martyr Clement, which was destroyed during the Saracen invasion. In 1165, a new monastery was constructed and later abandoned for reasons unknown. Earthquakes and erosion over time have caused the island to sink. Visitors can use the wooden walkway to view the iron cross, which is all that is visible of the old monastery.



Island of San Clemente



Isola di Campi

Isola del Campo is located between the island of Sant'Andrea and Gallipoli. It is only one hectare long, uninhabited, barren, and remarkably tall. It is so anonymous that it makes the name of 'island' seem inappropriate; it is a rock. ☐

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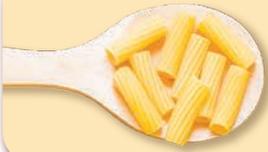
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Mangia Bene, Viva Bene

By FRANK ZEOLI



A staple on any Italian American table is roasted red peppers. I never remember a time when my grandmother didn't have roasted peppers in her refrigerator. She used to say you should always have cheese, crackers, pepperoni, and roasted peppers, that way if someone just shows up you have something to put on the table. Sometimes she would buy store bought peppers but most of the time she would roast her own and bottle them for when she couldn't make them.

Her process was simple, clean the peppers and roast them on the grill. She only had a charcoal grill, so it took some prep work to do it. She usually made a lot at one time. I still make them the same way but I use my gas grill. Not completely the same but I think I pretty much have the process down.

Prep Time: 10 Minutes | Cook Time: 30 Minutes

Ingredients

- 6 red peppers
- ¾ cup of extra virgin olive oil
- 6 cloves of garlic (minced fine)
- Kosher salt

Instructions

1. Clean the red peppers and let them dry. In a large bowl add ½ cup of the olive oil and dip the peppers in the oil roughly coating them.

2. Heat the grill to high and place the oiled peppers one by one on the grill directly over the heat. Turn the peppers every 2 minutes until both sides are charred. This should take about 10 minutes if your grill is hot enough.



Fire Roasted Red Peppers



3. Remove the peppers and put them in a brown paper bag. Shut the bag. Let them sit for about 20 minutes. This will help the charred skin loosen for removal.

4. Take the peppers out of the bag and remove all of the charred skin from each pepper as well as the seeds at the top of the pepper. This is done by pulling the root of the pepper from the top. It should easily come out. I clean the peppers in the sink running a little cold water on them. I have a garbage disposal, so cleanup is easy. My grandmother didn't so she would put water in a big pot and clean them in the pot.

5. Once all of the skin has been removed, cut the peppers into strips and place them in a mixing bowl. Add about ¼ cup of olive oil, salt, and the minced garlic. Stir well and place them in the refrigerator for a minimum of 2 hours or overnight, if you can.

Serve them cold with just about anything.

Look for more recipes in the next edition of the **SIAMO QUI**



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WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Hello ladies,

Finally, the perennial flowers have appeared. Now it's time to plant the annuals and vegetable gardens. I'm sure I'm not the only one who's happy that the warm weather is upon us.

Even though the rain thwarted our opening night of bocce, we were able to start the following week. If you are still interested in being a bocce substitute, contact Donna Zumbo. Good luck to all the teams this year.

Our meeting last month opened with the sad news of the passing on Maria DeNitto's brother, Giovanni "John" Tirino. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time.

Maria LaMorte informed us that the Mother Daughter Luncheon and Fashion Show would have to be postponed. The new date is September 18th. Please continue to work on getting sponsors and gift basket donations. Stay tuned for more information.

The possibility of moving our meeting day to Mondays starting in September or October was brought forward. This would allow us to take advantage of the dinner buffet. Also, if there are any suggestions for ways that we can strengthen participation in the Women's League, please let an officer know.

Our guest speaker for Military Appreciation Month was Major Veronica McCollum, United States Army Reserves/Nursing Corps. She gave a wonderful presentation about her career, the changing role of women in the Armed Forces over her time of service both in the Air Force and the Army and her nursing career. She enlisted right out of high school and was career Army for 33 years. She

currently works with FEMA based in Muncie, IN.

The June meeting will be on June 8, 2022 at 6:00 pm. We will be gathering by the pool/bocce area (or the pavilion in case of rain). Our dinner will include pulled pork and pulled chicken catered by G-D Comfort Foods. The price will be \$18 per person. Everyone is asked to bring a side dish (salad, desserts, drinks) to share. Reservations can be made by contacting Jackie Brillling at (518) 339-9290 or at brilllingj@gmail.com. Please also let Jackie know what you will be bringing so we don't have a lot of one thing and zero of something else. The cancellation policy remains in effect. Please remember that all reservations/cancellations need to be in no later than Monday, June 6th.

Just as a reminder, we have our 2 charities that we will be collecting for monthly, Ronald McDonald House and St. Anne's Institute. For RMH, gift cards for Dunkin Donuts, Panera and Subway and pre-packaged soups, crackers, fruits and snacks are appreciated. For St Anne's, personal grooming items (soap, deodorant, shampoo/conditioner, toothpaste/toothbrushes, floss, etc.) are always needed. We will continue to collect throughout the year for both of these wonderful organizations. Thank you all for your kindness and generosity.

There are still some IACC Foundation Cash Raffle tickets for sale. The drawing will be held at Ferragosto. Tickets are \$100 (only 200 tickets will be sold). The Grand Prize is \$5,000 and 10 others will receive \$500 each. I can't wait to see who the winners will be!! Good luck to all who purchased tickets!!

Can't wait to see everyone poolside!

Georgeann Greene
PRESIDENT



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to all not just members. The drawing will be held at our annual Ferragosto celebration on August 13, so come to Ferragosto, party and go home with some cash!



CALCIO FIORENTINO

Not Your Kid's Soccer Match

By JOE SANO



“Too small to be a war, too cruel to be a game!”

It is June 24th, the Feast of St. John The Baptist in Florence and the city known as the cradle of the humanities hosts a different, very bizarre event. The **Calcio Fiorentino** or **Calcio Storico** (historic football) 2022 version will overshadow the Domo, the Ponte Vecchio, the Baptistery, the Statue of David and the Uffizi Gallery as the city's #1 attraction.

Each of the city's traditional four districts are represented. The four teams are: Santa Croce (Azzurri or Blues), Santo Spirito (Bianchi or Whites), Santa Maria Novella (Rossi or Reds), and San Giovanni (Verdi or Greens).

Piazza Santa Croce, located directly in front of the church **Santa Croce (Holy Cross)**, has always been the home to this game. To recreate the time when the ancient setting was just dirt, the stone square is covered in thick sand/dirt to "return" to

the 1500s. Of course, today bleachers are also set up so that spectators lucky enough to get a ticket (60-100 euros) can better enjoy the game. If you are not able to score a ticket to see the game in person, the event is always live-streamed, or you can watch it in a local pub.

On weekends in early June, the two semifinal games are played between the four teams. The two winners

will then play against each other in the final match, which is always played on **June 24th** at 5pm to honor Florence's **patron saint, St. John the Baptist**. A grand parade in **historical costumes** starts in Piazza Santa Maria Novella in the late afternoon and heads through the center of the city on its way to Piazza Santa Croce for the games.



Calcio was originally just played by the aristocrats and took place every night between Epiphany and Lent.



game" gives you some idea of what to expect from the violent brawl/ball game. Though there are rules to prevent injuries, like a rule that multiple team members cannot attack a single player, numerous martial arts are allowed to be used in the process of scoring a "caccia."

Though it has been a long time since the game has caused an actual death, some of the nastier injuries have put people in the hospital for months. While there are rules against mass brawls, this does not always stop them from happening. In 2007, a fight got so bad that fifty of the 54 players ended up in court and the sport was banned for a year.

The winning team traditionally receives a Chianina (white) calf and a huge district wide banquet in their honor. The day ends with a spectacular fireworks show launched from Piazzale Michelangelo that can be watched along the Arno's banks. Of course, 2020 and 2021 meant no fireworks because of the pandemic so this year's event is on track to be spectacular.

Can't get to Florence in time to watch? Then try the first episode of **Home Game** the Netflix documentary series which highlights **Calcio Fiorentino/Storico**. It truly shows a side of Florence that is different. □

Just like Roman *harpastum*, a game created to keep the Roman legionnaires busy and thought to be the basis for today's football or soccer, it is played with 27 on a team and with both feet and hands in use. Goals can be scored by throwing the ball over a designated spot on the perimeter of the field with another goal running the width of the short ends. Each game is played for 50 minutes with the winner being the team with the most points or "cacce" scored.

Injuries are frequent but the substitution of players is not allowed. The fact that the game is also known as *giuoco del calcio fiorentino* or "Florentine kicking



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2022 IACC SWIMMING POOL SCHEDULE

POOL PHONE 518-380-2066 *(to check conditions)*

Members MUST have their membership card available while at the pool

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa		Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	
May								August							
29	30	31			27-Noon	28			1	2	3	4	5	6	
June								7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11		14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18		21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25		28	29	30	31				
26	27	28	29	30											
July								September							
					1	2						1	2	3	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9		4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16		11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23		18-5PM	19	20	21	22	23	24	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30		25	26	27	28	29	30		
31															

Noon – 8:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Noon – 5:00 p.m.

IACC Pool Regulations

- Proper bathing attire required. No cut-off jeans in the pool.
- Clothes and towels are not to be hung on or over the fence.
- IACC is not responsible for lost or stolen articles in pool area.
- NO running or jumping, profanity, horseplay, or pets permitted.
- NO glassware permitted in pool area.
- Children under age 12 MUST be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult at all times in pool area.
- NO radios, cassettes, or CD players in the pool area.
- ALL babies and small children not toilet trained MUST wear a swim diaper at all times.
- Children using flotation devices must be accompanied by an adult in the water.
- Children using flotation devices are allowed in the shallow end of the pool ONLY.
- No smoking in the Pool area.
- Guests must be accompanied by a member and must register with the lifeguard on duty.**



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