

The devil's Advocate

March, 2015



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Ed's Comments

By Ed Won, President Diablo PCA

Hello Diablo Members!

Spring is around the corner but we are starting our engines in anticipation. We just had a fun movie night at Pavlos's pizza in San Ramon. Our VP Brian Adkins setup the event and about 30 members came in from the rain for pizza, pasta and desserts. Oh right, there was a movie too. Honestly, folks were having such a good time, nobody noticed we slid past the 7:00 start time. We all enjoyed the original Italian Job with Michael Cain. Thank you to Kay for bringing a dessert!

I was at the Zone Presidents' meeting and I'm very happy to inform you that as a PCA member, you will be automatically placed in a drawing for the 60th Anniversary Club Coupe. There will be 60 cars made to help celebrate 60 years. One car will be raffled off to one lucky member. The other 59 will be in a raffle for a chance to purchase. The winner of the club coupe will be announced at Rennsport V in September. The Spring and Fall raffles will continue. We have 3 car giveaways this year.

We have three tours coming that I'm sure you will enjoy! We have the Canepa Tour lead by Co-Tour Chair Marc Giamonna which has been sold out twice. Once for March and another in April. Thank you Marc for making the run twice for our members!

My friend Anton Girande who joined Diablo last year will be leading his first tour for a Crab run to Half Moon Bay. Thank you Anton for taking the plunge. This tour is available for signup on our web page. There a Crab Run button on the left side of the web page.

Ingrid French is leading the Filoli Gardens tour which looks to be an excellent tour to Woodside. The signup is also on the website on a button to the left. Thank you Ingrid for leading this popular tour!

Susan George is leading a tour to Moss Beach. Details and signup will be available on our website soon.

We also have our March DE Track Day at Thunderhill on March 27. Thank you to Michael Stead Porsche for sponsoring the Track day! Sign up is at motorsportreg.com or click on the Driver Ed button for our DE page.

Kay Maloy will again put on the popular Bocce Ball at Campo Di Bocce. We have an awesome time at this event with friendly competition, great food and desserts. This event will be available for signup soon on the website buttons.

You may have noticed a mention of buttons for signups? Yes! We have a change I think you'll agree is simpler. We are now using Eventbrite for signups and you can find the event signups as buttons on the main page; no more hunting. Another addition is Facebook newsfeed box on the left under the buttons. The box has two sections. The top blue link will take you to our Facebook page. You can view our posts whether you have an account or not with Facebook.

The bottom of the Facebook box is a newsfeed. You can scroll up and down with your mouse or finger from a smartphone to view our post in a condensed form. Click on it to expand to the full post. We are actively posting events and pictures from our events in Facebook so you don't miss out on all the activities. No Facebook? It's all here in the newsfeed box, Did you know we have 4 Diablo club photographers that actively post pictures there?

Speaking of Club Photographers, have you noticed the picture on the cover of the Advocate? My friend Kirby Fong, who is well known in the car photography circles, recently purchased a Turbo S and rejoined Diablo. He will make submissions for our newsletter. He is the most recent addition to our group of club photographers. Please keep up the great work!

I'm very excited about the activities planned and the quality of the events our club volunteers provide to our members. . I may be biased but I'm convinced we have the best members of any region. Please help support our volunteers by either coming out to an event or volunteering yourself.

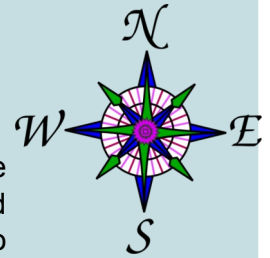
I hope to see you all soon.

Ed Won



A Note from the Tour Co-Chair

By Carlos Bocanegra



As you may know or have read, in 2015 we moved away from the Goodie Store and their Firefox software engine for Tour creation (notification and sign-up). The reasons were valid as it was an unfavorable situation for Diablo

PCA. As volunteers, we, your Board Directors and Chairs, looked around for alternatives. Eventbrite was chosen as it could do most of the work that we needed.

Eventbrite is fairly easy to use, though I think it could use a better interface. You should know that in my opinion, it isn't perfect and I doubt we can find a perfect event-planning software to use. As an example, as I was writing this, Eventbrite was hammered by many members trying to sign up for the Crab Tour. It quickly got to 36 of 40 and then didn't know what to do with incoming requests. I also learned that some questions could be refined as there are people who don't like crab. I decided to add the food question to assist the restaurant. Eventbrite also has an option for printing tickets. However, printing tickets is not necessary unless the event coordinator asks for them in advance.

The board is looking into how it charges for events. The one nice option from Eventbrite is that a single individual does not have to collect monies from people via check or cash. Eventbrite does that for us. This helps with bookkeeping and tracking funds. Here is the catch; there is a fee for this which is added to the cost per registration. This is a normal function for event registration programs.

Paid events are sometimes necessary. The Board feels that we should focus on pay-as-you-go events, but it doesn't always work out. If you have ever done event planning, you know what I mean. Overall, the Board and your Tour Chairs (Marc and Carlos) try to assure the event is fun for PCA members. By the way, Marc does the financials and I have been doing Eventbrite and answering Tour setup questions. It is a great team working for you.

PCA membership: we do allow Porsche owners (old, new, 4 door, SUV, etc.) who are not members to join in on tours. Tours are a good way to get new members or those that have resisted joining PCA to join PCA and in turn, will usually end up Diablo members (geographically based). Diablo gets a small fee from National based on membership to spend on multiple activities. It is a win-win situation for the membership.

So, overtime we have been in situations where the final destination will ask us to limit the number of participants. A good example is the Canepa Tour(s). Canepa has asked us to limit the participation to 30. How does the word get out? At breakfast, the President or VP, if present, will announce upcoming events, word of mouth, the organizer tells those he or she meets that this event is coming up. The event flyers are in the monthly newsletter, as well as on the calendars displayed in the newsletter. And, then there is the PCA ENEWS blast. We use the emailer from PCA to send out emails with the same heading from National. It works and minimizes emails going into SPAM or ISP email providers from blocking our blasts. Out of the 1,190 Diablo members there are 383 with no emails and 4 that opted out of PCA News emails. Like the sea turtles, perhaps some don't get to their final destination. We try.

Yes we do try to be a good social organization to our membership. As an example, Marc has been able to set up a second Canepa Tour that also sold out as there were 30 people on the waitlist. Don't forget to thank Marc for his time and for his efforts in setting up the Tours.

You can help – join us for breakfast, make sure you are current with PCA's yearly membership fees, encourage non-members to join (cheap\$40 annually), come socialize at dinners, and read your PCA News e-blasts from National and Diablo. We have room for more Tours and guess what? You can volunteer to put on a tour too. Come join a gathering of Porsche's at Driver Education days.

Are we exclusively a social eating club –no, we admire our Porsche cars more than we take pictures of them, but be sure "we drive them, as there is no substitute for a Porsche."

Pan, amour y vino

2014 Quarterly Event Calendar

MARCH

3/7 CANEPA TOUR—MARC/TED
3/22 HALF MOON BAY CRAB TOUR—ANTON
3/27 THUNDERHILL DE—ADAM

APRIL

4/4 FIOLI TOUR—INGRID
4/11 MOSS BEACH TOUR—SUSAN/CAROL
4/18 BOCCE BALL—KAY
4/25 CANEPA TOUR—MARC/TED

MAY

5/2 BLACKHAWK CARS & COFFEE W/LUNCH TOUR—ED/MIKE
5/9 THUNDERHILL BACKROADS TOUR—CARLOS
5/24 WASH 'N SHINE
TBD AUTOCROSS & TOUR—BRIAN & MALCOM

Monthly Events:

- **Walnut Creek Breakfast: Every Saturday**
7:30am
Buttercup Pantry, 660 Ygnacio Valley Blvd., Walnut Creek
- **Pleasanton Breakfast: 2nd & 4th Saturday**
8:30am
649 Main Street, Pleasanton
- **Board Meeting: 2nd Monday**
7pm
12893 Alcosta Blvd., San Ramon
- **Monthly Dinner: 3rd Thursday**
6:30pm
600 Hartz Ave., Danville



Canepa Design Drive & Tour

Saturday, April 25

Leave at 8AM from Buttercup Restaurant, Walnut Creek

This tour is not to be missed if you are a car lover. You will be hard pressed to find a more impressive collection of rare Porsches and other investment grade exotic cars than at Canepa's 70,000 sq ft. facility, which also includes Canepa Motorsports and Museum. Travelling south to Scotts Valley, Bruce Canepa's staff will greet you, and then conduct an exciting tour of the facility.

The group will take a direct route to Canepa's facility as the facility tour begins at 9:45. After departing Canepa's, we will have a group, self-pay lunch at Malone's Grill in Scotts Valley. For those interested in a more scenic route home, we will have a second drive option that will be distributed during lunch. The group will be limited to 30 participants so don't miss this opportunity to view this impressive collection of automobiles and race shop.

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Diablo Photo Highlights

Thanks to additional communication and member support, we had more attendees at the “other” Saturday breakfast in Pleasanton. A special surprise was Terry Erdei from Porsche of Livermore, who provided the photo. So, don’t forget to join us on the 2nd and 4th Saturday at Strizzi’s.



Ingrid French made the monthly dinner extra special by scattering hearts, fortune cookies, and raffle prizes all to celebrate Valentine’s Day and Chinese New Year. We had a great turn out, including several new members. Thanks Ingrid for going the extra mile!!





PCA Diablo HPDE

Friday, March 27, 2015

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Our friends from the **Golden Gate Region** will be running the track the following 2 days (3-28 & 29) so you could make it a 2 or 3 day Thunderhill extravaganza!

Lunch and bottled water all day included for \$325.

Participants and guests are invited to a no-host get-together dinner the night before at Casa Ramos in Willows on Thursday night March 26 at 6:30pm.

DE 101/201 classroom session for all registered will be held on Wednesday, March 18th from 6:30-8:30pm at Michael Stead Porsche at 2555 N. Main, Walnut Creek. As usual, we will have pizza and drinks.

Sign up at www.Motorsportreg.com

FILOLI TOUR

SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH

Meet at the Safeway parking lot on Bernal in Pleasanton

At 9:00 AM

Gourmet Box Lunch Menu Selection

Chicken Caesar Club Sandwich: Chicken Breasts Strips, Arugula and Chopped Romaine, Thin Sliced Pancetta, Sun Dried Tomatoes, Shaved Parmesan, Creamy Caesar Dressing on Thin Sliced French Roll

Steak w/Garlic Mayo Sandwich: Sliced Flank Steak, Horseradish- Mayo, Tomato, Red Leaf Lettuce, Red Onion on Sliced Sourdough Bread

Vegetarian Sandwich: Grilled Portobello with Fresh Mozzarella Cheese, Marinated Tomatoes, Olive Tapenade, Fresh Basil, Spinach, Red Pepper Pesto, Balsamic Vinaigrette on a Thin sliced French Roll

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Half Moon Bay Crab Feed Tour



WHEN Sunday, March 22nd

TIME 10:00am **(Sold Out)** 1:00pm **(Open)**

Location Start at Blackhawk Plaza

Details Lunch is scheduled for noon at the Princeton Seafood Company, 9 Johnson Pier, Half Moon Bay. Tour navigation directions will be handed out at Blackhawk Plaza.

The tour is "pay as your own tab".

Cost Lunch Choices: 1/2 Crab & Salad \$17.95

Whole Crab & Salad \$28.95

Drinks & Sides are extra.

Sign Up www.eventbrite.com/e/pca-diablo-road-trip-and-crab-to-half-moon-bay-tickets-15866381775

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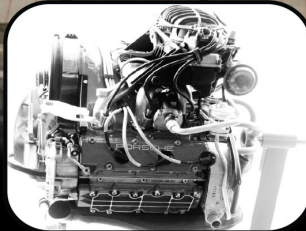
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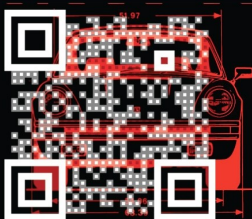
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"Half Moon Bay Tour"

Hosted By Susan George

*Let's discover the mystery of the Moss Beach Distillery--
and enjoy wine tasting at Barterra Winery*

DATE: Saturday, April 11, 2015

TIME: 9am (or earlier if you want to have breakfast) Drivers' meeting at 9am
and we leave at 9:15am sharp

LOCATION: IHOP, 4567 First Street, Livermore, CA 94568 (925)-606-8887

TOUR: We will take Hwy 84 through Livermore, Niles Canyon, across the Dumbarton Bridge, through Woodside, La Honda to Hwy 1 and head north to Moss Beach Distillery, 140 Beach Way, Moss Beach, CA . A pit stop is planned along the way.

Lunch at the Moss Beach Distillery, haunted by the "blue" lady. Our seating is in a private room overlooking the ocean and beach. Lunch is 12:00—2:00pm.

Menu choices: 1) fish 'n chips, 2) veggie quesadilla, 3) burger and fries 4) chicken Caesar salad or 5) Bowl of Clam Chowder with Bread.

Our driving tour will finalize at Barterra Winery, 643 Main St, Half Moon Bay at 2:15 p.m.

COST: Lunch: \$36.50 pp, tax, tip, soft drinks, tea and coffee included.

Wine tasting, \$10 pp. Free angled street parking.

ENJOY THE HALF MOON BAY SHOPS AFTER!

REGISTRATION: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pca-diablo-half-moon-bay-tour-tickets-15884825942>

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS APRIL 1ST

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Monthly Dinner

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Where: Faz Restaurant

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Time: 6:30pm

Next Dinner: March 19, 2015

Food and Fun is always a great combo!



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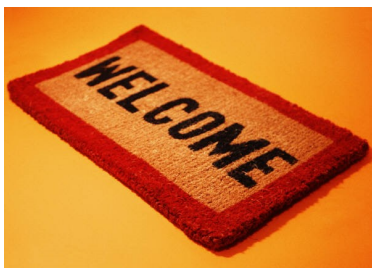
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Chop, Juicke	1980 911 SC, Metallic Green
Sales, Alaric	2014 Boxster Convertible, Black
Ball, Thomas	2015 Targa 4S, Black
Buzzard, Michael	2010 911 Carrera S, Black
Erdei, Terry	1991 944 S2 Cabriolet, Red
Fong, Kirby	2012 911 Turbo S
Goulart, Anselmo	2004 911 Carrera 4S Cabriolet, Silver
Hardy, Craig	1970 911T
Lee, Christopher	2015 911 GT3, White
Mozzochi, Don	2014 Cayman S, Platinum Silver
Portalupi, Richard	2012 Cayenne, White
Rhorer, Kyle	2011 911 Carrera TS Cabriolet, Meteor Grey
Sacha, Joshua	2004 911 Anniversary Edition, GT Silver
Sandkohl, Mary	2014 911 Carrera 4S, Dark Blue Metallic
White, Tripp	1991 Carrera 2 Cabriolet, Black
TOTAL:16	
TRANSFERS IN	
Calafi, Leo <i>Transfer from Calif. Central Coast (CCC)</i>	2003 911 Carrera 1997 911 Carrera
Hjort, Eric <i>Transfer from Finger Lakes (FLK)</i>	1990 911 Carrera 4, Black
TOTAL: 2	

2015 Diablo Proposed Activities Calendar

<p style="text-align: center;">January</p> <p>1/17 – Go Carts-Brian/Malcom</p> <p>1/25- Blackhawk Awards Luncheon- Elsie/Ingrid</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">July</p> <p>7/5 – Mercedes Tour-Ed</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">February</p> <p>2/1- Super Bowl Party-Walt</p> <p>2/28 – Movie Night-Brian</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">August</p> <p>8/1- Virginia City Tour-Jerry Antolik</p> <p>8/10-8/16-Monterey Auto Week</p> <p>8/14 – Werks</p> <p>8/29 – Wine Tour-Ted/Diane</p> <p>8/30 – Annual Picnic</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">March</p> <p>3/7- Canepa Tour-Marc/Ted</p> <p>3/22- Half Moon Bay Crab Tour-Anton</p> <p>3/27 – Thunderhill DE</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">September</p> <p>9/13 – Orinda Car Show</p> <p>9/19 – Cheese Tour-Nancy</p> <p>9/20 – Danville 'd Elegance</p> <p>9/25-9/27—Rennsport V</p> <p>TBD – Thunderhill DE</p> <p>TBD - Rock 'n Weekend-Anton</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">April</p> <p>4/4 – Fioli Tour-Ingrid</p> <p>4/11- Moss Beach Tour-Susan/Carol</p> <p>4/18 – Bocce Ball-Kay</p> <p>4/25 – Canepa Tour-Marc/Ted</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">October</p> <p>10/17- Russian River Tour-Susan/Carol</p> <p>10/25 – Grand Island Mansion Tour-Frank/Joan</p> <p>TBD - Zone 7 Concours-Livermore Porsche</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">May</p> <p>5/2 Blackhawk Cars & Coffee w Lunch Tour-Ed</p> <p>5/9- Thunderhill Backroads Tour-Carlos</p> <p>5/24- Wash 'N Shine</p> <p>TBD – Autocross & Tour-Brian/Malcom</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">November</p> <p>11/14- Planning Party</p> <p>11/15 - Paso Robles-Bob</p> <p>11/24- Laguna Seca Raceway DE</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">June</p> <p>6/19-6/21 Mammoth Lakes Joint Tour-Ed</p> <p>6/20 – Dry Creek Tour-Patrick</p> <p>6/27 – CIA Tour-Kay</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">December</p> <p>12/12- Christmas Party-Bob/Cristi</p>

Saturday Breakfasts

Diablo Region offers members a choice when it comes to breakfast on Saturdays. What a great way to start the day!!

There is a breakfast gathering **EVERY SATURDAY** in Walnut Creek.

Where: Buttercup Pantry
660 Ygnacio Valley Road
Walnut Creek, CA 94596
located between N. Broadway and N. Civic Drive.

Time: 7:30am



OR

Another choice would be to attend breakfast in Pleasanton on the **2ND AND 4TH SATURDAYS**

Where: Strizzi's
649 Main Street
Pleasanton, CA
located between Division Street and St. Mary Street

Time: 8:30am

Next Scheduled Breakfast: **MARCH 14TH AND MARCH 28TH**

Fun way to get to know your fellow Diablo members and find out what is happening or coming up. There are even spontaneous drives that happen. Wear your name tag and join the fun!



Photo provided by
Itzkirb Photography

Two Old Porsche “Car Guys”

Standing by their respective Porsches at the weekly Saturday morning breakfast of Zone 7’s Diablo Region. Turn the clock back 63 years and they both could have been standing by their MG TD’s at an event of The Highland Touring Club, Oakland, CA.



Just Kidding!!



On the left is 100 year old Lorry Grube with his recently purchased new 911 and on the right is Jack Carpenter, 84 and a two term Past President of Diablo Region with his 34 year old 911SC that has been in the family since it was new in 1980. Lorry and Jack are still able to attend the few reunions of the old HTC, but a very small restaurant can now handle the group.









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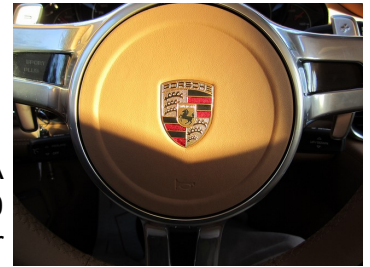
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Seventy Years Behind the Wheel

By Jack Carpenter



Since I am 84, I could not qualify for the above declaration without getting my first CA Drivers license at age 14. This came about starting at age 9 when I delivered 360 papers twice a week for the Oakland Shopping News featuring ads for the major department stores. A couple of years later, I had supervision over 7 carriers and at age 14 I had 37 carriers and 5 captains to look out for and pay weekly in cash. Since my district covered all of East Oakland and San Leandro, I needed some wheels other than a bicycle to pick up the cash and keep track of 40 young men and a couple of young ladies. A letter from our East Bay Manager allowed me to apply for my license and get behind the wheel of my folks' 1941 Super Deluxe Ford two tone, four door sedan with built in radio and heater selling in 1941 for \$1,250.

When I went to college in San Francisco in 1948, I bought the Ford from my Dad for \$600 because he had just bought a New 1949 Golden Flax Kaiser Sedan with the 6 cylinder Continental Red Seal Engine. Little did I know that eleven years later that I would be working for another one of Henry's many companies.

Shortly before I graduated with my AA Degree in Business, I joined what later became the 349th Troop Carrier Wing at Hamilton Field in Marin County. I had hoped to continue my education for another two years, but two months later, I experienced my first of three calls to active duty from the AF Reserve. Actually, the first call-up was to the Army Air Corps and included green wool uniforms. Korea was a war we could get behind and all these years later the North's leadership is still acting bizarre.

I got my first real sports car urge at Offutt AFB, Omaha, Nebraska by seeing General Curtiss LeMay not being driven around the base in an AF Blue Sedan, but driving his Cadillac Allard with a big stogie between his teeth.

My Statistical Services training at SAC Head Quarters was followed up by my 15th AF assignment to March Field near Riverside CA. I still had my Ford, but by this time, it was lowered, had rear fender skirts, mellow twin pipes, a shaved rear deck and twin spot lamps. My friends and I enjoyed our weekend trips to the ocean and skiing near Big Bear. However, my most influential event was the 1952 Palm Springs Airport Sports Car Races where I took my first pictures of exotic foreign roadsters and American made V8 Specials such as the Manning Special. The Honorary Starter for the event was Clark Gable who was himself a foreign car collector.

Clark Gable (in the grey suit)



Eight months later, after my release from Active Duty, I returned to Hamilton AFB to honor my AF Reserve commitment and shortly thereafter, proceeded to British Motors on Van Ness Ave , in SF to buy my first sports car, a 1952 MG-TD. (*To Be Continued...*)



A Sample of a 1952 MG TD

Diablo Region Movie Night



The final activity for February was watching the movie “The Italian Job” at Pavlo’s Pizza and Pasta in San Ramon. About 30 movie buffs ventured out for food, fun and great company. A special “Thank You” to Brian Adkins for setting up the separate room and video system. He even arranged for a couple of dessert pizzas.

The movie was campy, but the car chase scenes were great! Brian even had some interesting trivia about the movie to share with us. What fun way to spend a Saturday evening!



When Diablo Members Get Together

A few Diablo members had an impromptu meeting Sunday, March 1st at the monthly Blackhawk 'Cars 'N Coffee. Ed met up with Mike McCoriston, Kirby Fong, Alex Punsalan, Anton Girande and new member Alex from Vallejo. They ran into Ted French, Bill Packwood, Frank Duran and Jerry Bennett. Some of them went to Country Waffles for breakfast after the meet-up was over.

This is just one example of what can happen when Diablo members gather in one location. Sometimes they even jump in their cars and take off on a quick tour on the spur of the moment. Just another reason to attend breakfasts, dinners and activities.

Another reason is this is an opportunity for YOU to put together an "impromptu" tour. Take the challenge and do something different and fun!!





It's Bocce Ball Time!!

Saturday, April 18, 2015

Players and Cheerleaders are all welcome to sign up and join in the fun!

Don't miss the most competitive event of the year. Come join us for another fun evening at Campo di Bocce in Livermore.

3:00—4:15 pm - Private Barrel Room tasting at Rubino Estate Winery They will be offering reserve wines, barrel tasting and light snacks. A 10% discount will be available for any wine purchases made.

4:30—6:00 pm - Bocce Ball at Campo di Bocce (**Extended time**)

6:00—7:30 pm -Italian Family Style Dinner - includes Salad, two Pasta dishes (one meatless), dessert platter and non-alcoholic beverages.

Cost: Wine Tasting \$10 per person (waived for Gem members) **Pay at the winery**
Bocce Ball and Dinner - \$47 per person.

To Register: https://eventbrite.com/event/15954276671/?utm_source=eb_email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=new_event_email&utm_term=eventurl_text

Questions: Contact Kay Maloy at maloykay@comcast.net or call 510-410-1481

Deadline: April 7, 2015

Maximum number of Bocce players is **16**, so **SIGN UP SOON!**

Note:

Want to know more about the game of Bocce ball?

Check out this link:

www.campodibocce.com/livermore/bocce/index.html

