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of California*



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Macau*

*August 11, 2025
California
USA*

*With Love and Gratitude for
A Life Well Lived, A Life Well Loved
“Forever in our Hearts”*

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President's Message

Greetings fellow Maquistas and friends,

Fall is upon us and we are ready to head into the festive seasons – Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's. A time of family gatherings and celebrations.

I would like to thank all of those who participated in our Annual Lusitano Picnic at Beresford Park. It is always great to see everyone socializing, enjoying the games, and of course, my favorite... Good Food!! Thank You to all the directors and volunteers who helped in organizing, cooking, and making our Annual Picnic memorable.

My first experience at lawn bowling was a blast. I had the pleasure of participating in our recent Lusitano lawn bowling social at Rossmoor. A great time was had by all participants.

I am looking forward to seeing all our Lusitano friends and families at our upcoming annual Christmas Dinner Dance on Saturday, December 13th. We will also be continuing our traditional annual holiday fundraiser of Macanese Sweet Treats - "Genete de Cornstarch" and "Alua".

The 2026 Portuguese Heritage Nights for our Golden State Warriors and San Jose Sharks are already in place for January 19th and March 7th. Please get your tickets early before they sell out.

Thank You and Muito Obrigado for all who support our Lusitano Club of California.

Thank you also to Fundação Oriente, Portugal for sponsoring our quarterly bulletins so we can keep everyone informed.

Yours truly,

Leonardo Xavier, President

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Upcoming Calendar of Events

2025

Sat, Dec 13: Annual Christmas Dinner Dance, San Mateo Elks

2026

Mon, Jan 19: Portuguese Heritage Night, Golden State Warriors

Sat, Feb 7: Annual General Meeting & Elections, MCC, Fremont

Sat, Feb 7: Chinese New Year Dinner Dance, MCC, Fremont

Sat, Mar 7: Portuguese Heritage Night, San Jose Sharks

Macau Cultural Center “MCC”

Our 2nd floor ballroom is available for your party rental needs. Please email us at macauculturalcenter@gmail.com for details.

Hope to see you at our next event in Rossmoor on October 12th to celebrate Our Lady of Fatima.

Mochi Mochi (Gummy Cake) *Recipe by Jessica Xavier*

Ingredients:

6 eggs

1 1/2 cups sugar (*or 2 cups if you want it sweeter*)

1 box mochiko flour

1 stick of butter

2 cups half/half

1 cup coconut milk

2 tsp vanilla extract

Dried sweetened shredded coconut

Directions:

Spray a 9 x 12” baking pan with nonstick cooking spray. Melt 1 stick of butter and put aside. In a large mixing bowl, mix eggs and sugar. Then alternately add flour and milk/coconut milk. Mix well as you alternately add the dry and wet ingredients. Make sure there are no lumps. Add vanilla and melted butter, and mix. Pour mixture into prepped pan. Sprinkle shredded coconut generously over the top (*I usually use at least 3/4 a bag*). Bake at 375°F for 45 minutes to an hour until edges are brown and crispy. Cut into squares and serve.



LUSITANO CLUB

proudly presents our

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE

Saturday, December 13th 6-11pm

San Mateo Elks Lodge

233 W. 20th Avenue, San Mateo, CA 94401

(Enter from right side of building/parking lot)



**6pm Visit from Santa / No Host
Cocktails**

7pm Dinner Buffet

**8:30 - 11pm DJ Music / Dancing /
Raffle / Prizes**

COST

\$35.00 Lusitano current members (ages 19-61)

**\$20.00 Lusitano current senior & youth members,
& children (ages 4-12) of current members**

\$25.00 Children of non-members (ages 4-12)

All Children under 4 years of age no charge

\$50.00 Non-members or

all late reservations received after November 20th

*Please remember to advise names/ages of children 12 &
under when you RSVP so Santa can bring a gift from the North
Pole and be present with your kids at 6pm to welcome Santa*

RSVP BY NOVEMBER 20, 2025

to Jessica at 925.354.7999 or lusitanoclubusa@gmail.com

Mail check to Lusitano, 7222 Cutting Blvd, El Cerrito, CA 94530

MACAU SWEET TREATS \$16.00 per box

Provided by Lusitano Club of California



Cornstarch Cookies “Genete de Cornstarch”

baked by Dorothy Oliveira
will be available for sale once again this Christmas
to support our LUSITANO Scholarship Fund.

**To place your order, email us at lusitanoclubusa@gmail.com
by November 20, 2025**

Orders will be available for pick up on Saturday, December 13th at the Christmas Party, San Mateo Elks Lodge or requested for pick up week of December 15th in San Francisco or Walnut Creek area.
Mail orders available with added UPS charges to be advised.

Please make check payable to LUSITANO CLUB and mail by November 20th to: 7222 Cutting Blvd, El Cerrito, CA 94530.
PayPal, Zelle or Venmo also accepted payable to Maria Roliz at 415.990.5534 or m_roliz@yahoo.com

ALUA FOR CHRISTMAS !!!

The Leitao Brothers will be taking orders again this year for Alua



To place your order, kindly complete the form below.

Please enclose payment with your order.

Cost: \$16.00 per cake X _____ = \$ _____

Please make check payable to Donald Leitao and mail to:
Donald Leitao, 1087 East 33rd Street, Oakland, CA. 94610

Tel: (510) 599-3327 Email: Donald_Leitao@yahoo.com

Paypal, Zelle and Venmo are also accepted,
please use the above phone number or email address

Deadline for placing your order is October 31, 2025

Orders will be available for pick-up/delivery at the Christmas party if notified. Please contact Donald Leitao to arrange for pick up.
There will be additional charge for shipment via U.S. Postal Service.

Postage for domestic Priority Mail:

- 1-2 cakes \$12
- 3-24 cakes \$20
- 25+ cakes \$26

WARRIORS JANUARY 19 2026



Purchase your Lusitano Group Preferred Bridge Seats at \$105 today with pre-game shoot around access. Limited tickets first come first serve!

Portuguese Heritage Night Game

Join your Golden State Warriors in celebrating Portuguese Heritage Night!

Don't miss out on an exciting night filled with Warrior's basketball. Secure your tickets through the link below.

Game Night Details:

- Jan. 19th – Join us at Chase Center as the Golden State Warriors take on the Miami Heat for a 7:00 pm tip-off. (Arena doors open at 5:30 pm)

Important Information:

For tickets contact Lusitano Club of California at (925)-726-9543 or lusitanoclubusa@gmail.com

Pre-Game Shootaround Access (First Come Ticket Sale Basis)

Ticket Prices:

Lusitano Preferred Modelo Cantina Bridge Seats: \$105

Upper Level Section: 224 \$75

Lower Level: 126-128 \$130

- A guide for fans attending events at Chase Center can be found here, chasecenter.com/fan-safety.
- Getting to Chase Center - Visit www.chasecenter.com/transportation-guide to learn more about Public Transportation options and additional game day transportation information. *REMINDER – Your game day ticket is also your all-day Muni ticket.

[PURCHASE TICKETS HERE](#)

For additional questions, contact:

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SHARKS MARCH 7 2026

PORTUGUESE HERITAGE

Group Night



VS



SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH | 7:00PM

Join us as we celebrate Portuguese Heritage Group Night at the Shark Tank! Each ticket includes a special themed lanyard.

Upper Level Ticket: \$45 Lower Level Tickets: \$90

Contact lusitanoclubusa@gmail.com
or 925-726-9543 for tickets

Upper Level \$45 Lower Level \$90
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A Tribute to
António M. Pacheco Jorge da Silva
July 4, 1938 – August 11, 2025



It is with deep sorrow and lasting admiration that we remember António M. Pacheco Jorge da Silva—known affectionately as Tony or Toneco—who passed away in his Livermore, California home on August 11, 2025, at the age of 87.

Born in Macau on July 4, 1938, Tony’s life was a testament to curiosity, resilience, and an unwavering reverence for heritage.

His distinguished architectural career, spanning from 1964 to 2005, was only part of his legacy. Above all, Tony was a proud guardian of his family name and a fierce steward of the Macaense culture. He authored numerous influential works that preserved the stories of his community—beginning with *The Portuguese*, followed by illustrated and pictorial histories such as *The Portuguese Community in Macau*, *The Portuguese Community in Shanghai*, *The Portuguese Community in Hong Kong* Volumes I & II, *Diaspora Macaense to California*, *Macaenses*, and the acclaimed cookbook *Macaense Cuisine: Origins and Evolution*. He also published a number of family books for his children and grandchildren. His final book on Portuguese history is expected to be published later this year.

As a founding member of Club Lusitano California, Tony’s impact extended beyond the written word—his passion, mentorship, and love for his heritage touched lives across generations. There simply are no words to fully express the impact he had on all who knew him and on the preservation of the culture he cherished.

Those who knew Tony knew he had a heart as open as his home, and he filled both with the people he loved. A generous host and unforgettable presence, he shared his joy through food, good wine, laughter, and the simple pleasures of life. Whether holding court around the table, his signature 6 pm scotch, perfecting his paella, or preparing his legendary curries, Tony made every gathering feel like a celebration. He loved his garden and the opportunity to create spaces of beauty and comfort for his family, where quiet evenings on the

swing with his beloved Penny offered moments of peace and reflection. To his family, Tony was larger than life—more than just "Dad," "Uncle Tony" or "Avô"—he was a pillar of warmth, humor, and boundless generosity. His love lives on in every story told, every meal shared, and every flower that blooms in his memory.

Tony leaves behind his loving wife Penny, four devoted daughters, and nine adoring grandchildren. His legacy of love, pride, and cultural devotion will forever remain in our hearts.

The Lusitano Club expresses its sincere condolences and deepest sympathies to the family. Tony was one of the finest gentlemen in our community. We are eternally grateful for all he has done, and the legacy he has left behind. He will be remembered forever in our hearts.

Books for Sale

We carry all the books written by António Jorge da Silva, plus many other interesting books in stock on Macanese culture & history. Please email us at lusitanoclubusa@gmail.com if there is a particular book you like to purchase.

MOST POPULAR!

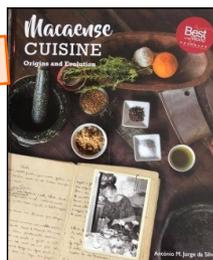
**Macaense
Cuisine -
Origins And
Evolution**

Author:

António Jorge da Silva

(Published 2019)

Cost: USD30.00



Websites of Interest

Macanese Recipes

<http://www.macanese recipes.org>

Macanese Families

(A website dedicated to preserving and disseminating our Macanese culture, history, and genealogy)

<http://www.macanese library.org>

Instituto Internacional Macau (IIM)

(Published books on this website may be available from Lusitano)

<https://www.iimacau.org.mo/>

Consulate General of Portugal in San Francisco

<https://saofrancisco.consuladoportugal.mne.gov.pt/en/>

Annual Summer Picnic

Sunday, July 20, 2025

by Sheila Jun

Hip Hip Hooray! Our annual picnic was on its way on a most perfect summer day. The temperature was perfect. A powder blue sky and billowing clouds, ushered in an occasional welcome breeze. Across the lush green grass at Beresford Park, 80 eager members, family and friends gathered together.

Our faithful team of President Leonardo Xavier, Vice-President Maria Roliz, Secretary Jessica Xavier and faithful helper Hunter Choi manned the grill.

Off to the side, Robert Leitao and Jackie Gutierrez were busy filling water balloons for the children's games to follow.

Directors Justin Estep, Kirk Harper, Michael Carion, and volunteers Christine Carion and Therese da Luz prepared with serving tongs in hand for the food service. What an array of food presented at two tables. Orderly lines formed to savor: BBQ tri tip, grilled chicken, hot dogs, hot links, chicken apple sausages, potato salad, macaroni salad and mediterranean salad. The quiet lull and smiling faces said it all. Just absolutely yummy! It was nice to witness a few children coming back to join us for more food.

To see and hear the laughter in the water ballon toss... was delightful. Dessert was served after a hiatus. Very sweet watermelon wedges, and almond jello with mixed fruits.





A treat for the “July Birthday Babies”: Robert Roliz, Helena

Estep, yours truly and Brenda Oliveira. A large mango mouse birthday cake with fresh cream and fruit, was lit with candles. The group sang “Happy Birthday to you”, led by Eric Ribeiro.

To close out our most enjoyable event, the drawing of the raffles was done with lucky

winner Jojo Xavier, Victor Wong, and Vivienne Jordan.

Many heartfelt thanks once again to the Lusitano directors and volunteers who came early to setup, cook, and prepare everything for us to enjoy. Thank you.

Till then, peace in your hearts, and faith in your soul.

Lawn Bowling Social

Sunday, October 5, 2025

by Sheila Jun



Lawn Bowling is a precision sport played around the globe for thousands of years. The goal is to roll slightly radially asymmetrical “bowls” closer to a smaller white ball (the “jack”) than one’s opponent is able to do. It is a sport especially enjoyed in our Macanese community where our forefathers have championed in so many events worldwide and nationally.

Thus, on a lovely autumn afternoon, the Lusitano Club graciously hosted such an event at the Rossmoor Lawn Bowling Club. Situated in the affluent, gated senior community in Walnut Creek's Tice Valley area; a good group of members ventured up the tree lined route dotted by an occasional wild turkey ... to the luscious green lawns. We were warmly greeted by our highly knowledgeable volunteer coaches, Joanne Ribeiro and Larry Collaco (both named bowlers of the year at Rossmoor Lawn Bowling Club).



Once the meeting and greeting was done, Joanne and Larry graciously fitted everyone with the correct bowls and into a round of introduction to lawn bowling, instructions, and trial runs.

Divided into teams, standing on the mat, each took to their bowls and rolled with gusto down the grass to get as close to the jack.

After a fun friendly game, the individual winners were announced: Ken Harper, Kirk Harper, and Michael Carion. Regardless of professional experience or not; what a show of sportsmanship and pure FUN.

The event was culminated by light refreshments in the clubhouse where names of many top Macanese bowlers were displayed. All enjoyed some coffee and tea set up by the Lawn Bowling Club past president Ozzie Ozorio, and assorted cookies baked by Dorothy Oliveira.

Communication and socializing is so relevant amongst our diverse group. A huge shout out to all the organizers and planners for the periodical events.

Can't wait until the next encounter for this long loved sport and to the next level for our novice bowlers today.



Notice of Annual General Meeting of Members and Elections on February 7, 2026

An Annual General Meeting of Members of the Lusitano Club of California, a California non-profit mutual benefit corporation will be held at 3pm on Saturday, February 7, 2026, at Macau Cultural Center, 109 J Street, Fremont, CA 94536, for the following purposes:

1. To elect a board of up to 11 directors, including 4 directors who will also serve as President, Vice-President, Treasurer or Secretary, to serve for the ensuing year and until their successors are elected; and
2. To consider and act upon such other matters as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

Only Members on record at the close of business on September 30, 2025 are entitled to notice of and to vote at the meeting or any adjournment thereof. For eligible Members who will not attend the meeting in person, absentee ballots and proxies will be mailed out by the Club by December 31, 2025. Absentee ballots and proxies must be signed, dated, and received by mail to the Lusitano Committee, 7222 Cutting Blvd, El Cerrito, CA 94530 by February 6, 2025 or by hand delivery before the call for votes at the meeting on February 7, 2026.

Nominations for directors and officers in writing stating the name of the Member nominated and, if applicable, the officer position for which such Member is nominated, must be submitted to the Lusitano Nominating Committee, 7222 Cutting Blvd, El Cerrito, CA 94530, by mail or email to lusitanoclubusa@gmail.com to be received no later than December 15, 2025. All voting Members 18 years of age and over on record at the close of business on September 30, 2025 are qualified to be a director. List of nominees will be available after December 20, 2025.

By Order of the Lusitano Club Board of Directors

Lusitano Directors & Officers

<i>President:</i>	<i>Tel:</i>	<i>Directors:</i>	<i>Tel:</i>
Leonardo Xavier	(925) 726-9543	Michael Carion	(415) 279-0098
<i>Vice-President:</i>		Maria Joao daCruz	(510) 599-7247
Maria Roliz	(415) 990-5534	Chris daRoza	(415) 218-5504
<i>Secretary:</i>		Justin Estep	(408) 694-7487
Jessica Xavier	(925) 354-7999	Jackie Gutierrez	(650) 255-0243
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Dorothy Oliveira	(925) 588-9041	Kirk Harper	(415) 260-1262

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Word Scramble

Find the names of some of the most popular destinations in Portugal scrambled upwards, downwards, across, backwards, or diagonally

**LISBON PORTO ALGARVE SINTRA
OBIDOS NAZARE FATIMA BRAGA
GUIMARAES COIMBRA BATALHA
ALCOBACA TOMAR EVORA MADEIRA**

O B I D O M A T R M A E I R A A
S S A B O C L A B M M I O C O G
I O R A A A M E A R T N I S A U
D A D R O O B I D O I M B T A I
O P O I T O E R I E D A M A D M
S E B R B A T A L H A L C O E A
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T T O M R A Z E R L H A B A I E
A R B A T A V A S R I R T C I S
L O R R A R M A A D E S R A N I
G P O A A P C A M A D E B B A R
A L C G U G C O I M B R A O R A
L O L T A R A R T I N M A C N R
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