



2024 VJCC Golf Tournament

by Kevin Kunisaki

The 2024 VJCC Golf Tournament was held on September 30, at Candlewood Country Club in Whittier. This year's tournament was sold out with 136 golfers forming 34 teams in a handicapped best ball scramble tournament. Thanks to **Brad Mukai** for helping us secure Candlewood Country Club for this year's tournament. The course was in beautiful shape and the hospitality shown by Candlewood Country Club was appreciated by both the golfers and the volunteers.

Members of this year's winning team with a net score of 65.6 were **Nate**

Whitaker, Trent Nishiyama, Kevin Fujimoto and Trevor Nishiyama. The winners of the Closest to the Pin were, **Jason Semthiti** (hole #3), **Gary Akioka** (hole #8), **Ron Nakagiri** (hole #10), **Peter Iwasaki** and **Garin Yoshimura** (hole #13). Congratulations to all the winners.

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2025 Membership Dues

2025 Annual Membership will soon be due.

Membership application/renewals & dues must be received by January 31, 2025 by either of the following methods:

1. Online - You may go to: www.vjcc.com/membership
Instructions are provided on the website page.
2. Membership application* and check (payable to VJCC) - Form is available in this newsletter or may be printed from the website: www.vjcc.com/membership. Form and check may be mailed or dropped in the VJCC mailbox (outside the main gate) or the office mailbox (outside Room 4).

Membership year is January to December.

***Club or Organization Members:** Please input your club or class name(s) on your application where requested in order to properly notify your club/class of payment.

Annual Dues: Single Member: \$30 or Family: \$50 (Husband & wife and/or children under 18 and full-time students to age 23)

Senior Exemption: Age 80 or older and paid VJCC member for past 5 consecutive years.



Board Visions

Thank You to Our Volunteers

The VJCC is an organization that is operated on a primarily volunteer basis. As such, we are dependent on volunteers to help maintain our Community Center. I have been told by people involved with other community centers that they are impressed that the VJCC can operate on a volunteer basis as other community centers do not have the volunteer support that we have, and they must hire people to maintain their facility. Thankfully, with our volunteer support, we can keep our membership and club fees affordable to all.



This year, I was engaged in different activities at the VJCC that involved many hours of planning and work. Fundraising and community building activities such as the Summer Festival, our first Bowling fundraiser, a return of Bingo night and our annual Golf Tournament. We also had our maintenance activity at our annual VJCC Clean-up Day. Although these activities are different, the one thing they had in common was a need for volunteers. Throughout the years I have learned that the VJCC has many dedicated members who have volunteered their time and effort to help maintain our community center.

Volunteerism at the VJCC has been a team effort by all the clubs and dedicated members. The Communications Committee--led by **Gail Sharp**--produces the newsletter, while the Shigin club handles the stapling and mailing of the newsletter. The annual fund mailing was handled by Crafts, Watercolors, Sumi-e and Iaido. The Shinnen Kai & Keiro Kai was made possible by **Celeste Yamashita** with the help of Troop 764. And ALL of the other clubs, including the Troop, sent much needed volunteers to the Summer Festival, Bingo and Clean-up Day. It was truly a team effort.

Special volunteering thanks to **Ann and Trace Nishiyama** for being the co-chairs of the Summer Festival and bringing back the two-day festival, and to **Scott Zeidman** for spearheading the Bowling fundraiser. I would also like to thank and recognize the members of two newly formed committees, the new Bingo Committee for bringing bingo back to the VJCC and the new Golf Committee for keeping alive the VJCC golf tournament.

The Venice Japanese Community Center would like to thank all of the 2024 volunteers who have helped keep the VJCC successful and relevant in the years to come.

Kevin Kunisaki

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VJCC™ Annual Membership Meeting

December 11, 2024, 7:30 pm

Purpose of the meeting is to elect directors and officers for the 2025 term and to transact any other business of the VJCC™.

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The volunteers that made this year’s tournament a success were: **Lynelle Goya, Joy Hong, Lola Hongo, Eric Inouye, Carol Komesu, Tommy Nakagiri, Natalie Nishimura, Bob Onishi, Keiichi Ono, Amy Shimoda, Wes Shimoda, Donna Shinozaki, James Takemoto, Barbara Wakasa and Celeste Yamashita.**

This year’s tournament was planned by a newly formed Golf Committee consisting of **Sheila Fujimoto, Dan Hong, Gary Hongo, Kelly Kato, Jodi Komesu, Norm Matsubara, Bob Onishi, Kevin Quock, Lance Wakasa, Gordon Yamamoto and Jeff Yukawa.**

As the first-time Golf Committee chairperson, I had concerns regarding the success of this year’s tournament. With the help and support of the Golf Committee, volunteers, sponsors and all of the golfers, I am happy to report that this year’s golf tournament was a very successful event. 🏌️

Annual Fund: October 2024 (continued)

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Anonymous	Monetary Donation	
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Timothy Van Loon		\$1,000
Kenneth & Betty Wong		\$100
Ted & Diane Yoshikawa		\$100

Legacy Tree: October 2024

The VJCC gratefully acknowledges donations and pledges towards the Legacy Tree:

Imanaka & Tadamaru Families	\$1,000
Sasaki Family	\$1,000
Venice Sparks (2010-2023)	\$1,075



SAVE THESE DATES

Annual Membership Meeting
 Wednesday, December 11

Shinnen Kai & Keiro Kai
 Sunday, January 19, 2025

Please check VJCC.com for the latest updates.





Board Vision by Kevin Kunisaki – November 2024

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今年、私は VJCC で様々な活動に携わり、多くの時間を計画や作業に費やしました。第一回ボーリング大会、ビンゴ大会の復活、毎年恒例のゴルフ大会や夏祭りなど、募金活動やコミュニティ形成のための活動が計画、実行されました。また、毎年恒例の VJCC クリーンアップデーでは、メンテナンス活動も行いました。これらの活動はそれぞれ異なりますが、共通していたのはボランティアの必要性でした。長年にわたり、VJCC にはボランティアとして時間と労力を割いてコミュニティ・センターの維持に尽力してくれている熱心なメンバーがたくさんいて支えていることを知りました。

VJCC のボランティア活動は、すべてのクラブと献身的な会員によるチームワークで成り立っています。シャープゲイルさんが率いるコミュニケーション委員会がニュースレターを作成し、詩吟クラブがニュースレターのホッチキス止めと郵送を担当。年間恒例の御寄付のお願いの郵送は、工芸、水彩、墨絵、居合道が担当しました。新年会と敬老会は、ヤマシタセレストさんが 764 部隊の協力を得て実現しました。また、夏祭り、ビンゴ大会、クリーンアップ・デーには、764 部隊を含む他のすべてのクラブが必要なボランティアを派遣してくれました。まさにチームワークの賜物です。

夏祭りの共同委員長を務め、2 日間の夏祭りを復活させた西山アンさんとトレースさん、そしてボーリング大会資金調達の陣頭指揮を執ったスコット・ザイドマンに、ボランティアとして特別な感謝を捧げます。また、VJCC にビンゴを復活させた新しいビンゴ委員会と、VJCC のゴルフトーナメントを存続させた新しいゴルフ委員会にも感謝いたします。

ベニス日系コミュニティセンターは、VJCC を成功させ、今後数年間も意義あるものにしてくれた 2024 年のボランティアの皆様に感謝いたします。

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January 19, 2025
11:30 am



Senior Wellness Program

NOVEMBER 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
4 10-11am Tai Chi (MPR)	5 10am-12pm Chinese Mahjong (MPR)	6	7 10:15am-12pm Movie "Shogun" #2 (CL)
11 10-11am Tai Chi (MPR)	12 10am-12pm Chinese Mahjong (MPR)	13	14 10:15am-12pm Movie "Shogun" #3 (CL)
18 10-11am Tai Chi (MPR)	19 10am-12pm Chinese Mahjong (MPR)	20	21
25 10-11am Tai Chi (MPR) 11:15am-12:15pm Home Fire Safety & Emergency Procedures (CR)	26 10am-12pm Chinese Mahjong (MPR)	27	28 Happy Thanksgiving!



HOME FIRE SAFETY AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Monday, November 25, 2024 11:15 AM-12:15 PM

Venice Japanese Community Center, 12448 Braddock Drive, Los Angeles

Join us as Captain Manny Zepeda (Fire Station 62) and his team discuss how to keep your home and you safe from fire and other natural disasters:

- How to reduce fire risks in your home;
- What to do in the event of a fire;
- How to prepare if you need to evacuate your home;
- What to do during an earthquake;
- Services and resources available through the LAFD and other agencies
 - What happens when you call 911?
- Co-Hosted by VHBT Cares, the Caregiver Initiative of the Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple and the Venice Japanese Community Center Senior Wellness Program and is funded by the Keiro Grants Program;
- To sign up, contact the Temple at vhbtlive@gmail.com or call 310-391-4351 or Gayle Hiram (VJCC) at (310)890-1732
- Admission is free. Light refreshments will be served.



Holiday Arts and Crafts & Holiday Luncheon (limited seating)

Monday, Dec 2nd 11:15 am – 12:30pm
Must RSVP for reservations. No walk – ins.

Movie "Shogun" with Richard Chamberlain & Toshio Mifune

A shipwrecked English navigator (Richard Chamberlain) joins a warlord (Toshio Mifune) for power struggle in 17th – century Japan. Thursday, Nov 7th (part 2), Thursday, Nov 14th (part 3), Thursday, Dec 5th (part 4) and Thursday, Dec 12th (part 5 – final). Begins at 10:15am – 12:15pm. Please RSVP to 310.822.8885

All classes and activities are FREE to all VJCC members 60 years and older. Our number one priority is the safety of our participants. All classes and activities may still follow strict CDC protocols. e.g., face covering. Participants must be fully vaccinated and had taken first booster shot. Scheduled events can change without notice. Any questions or to RSVP please contact Gayle Hiram @ gayle_hiram@yahoo.com. or call the VJCC office at 310. 822.8885.

DECEMBER 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
2 10-11am Tai Chi (MPR)	3 10am-12pm Chinese Mahjong (MPR)	4	5 10:15am-12pm Movie "Shogun" #4 (CL)
9 10-11am Tai Chi (MPR)	10 10am-12pm Chinese Mahjong (MPR)	11	12 10:15am-12pm Movie "Shogun" #5 (CL)
16	17	18	19
23	24	25	26
SWP CLOSED			
Merry Christmas!			
30	31		

The Senior Wellness Program will be closed from Monday, Dec 16th and reopen on Monday, January 6, 2025
Happy Holidays Everyone!



VJCC SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAM

November 2024

Come join us not only for nutritious meals, but also for fun activities in a warm and welcoming environment that will enhance your overall health and well-being.

Our VJCC-sponsored programs continue to be popular with our seniors. The VJCC Senior Nutrition Program's mission is to make our seniors get up, get dressed, and get going...to look forward to spending time with old friends, making new ones in a place that is welcoming and fun, and to encourage them to join in other VJCC activities, classes, and clubs (Senior Wellness Programs, The Pioneer Project, Pickle Ball, Ikebana, Bonsai, and many more).

- ◆ Celebrating Monthly Birthdays (3rd Friday)*
- ◆ The Puzzle Center (1000+ piece puzzles)
- ◆ The Garden Market
- ◆ Monthly Bento Program (last Friday)*
- ◆ Ever-popular weekly Bingo*
- ◆ Annual Holiday Party*

***Note: You must be a VJCC member in order to participate in these programs.**

➤ Come in to sign up with Tina Grammatico, WLCAC Meal Service Coordinator of the Senior Meals Program and to pick up a menu (monthly menus are also posted on the VJCC website). Tina is an employee of the WLCAC and with the help of the VJCC volunteers stands ready to package up nutritious meals (grab 'n' go) Monday through Friday. **Note: If you participate in any of the VJCC-sponsored activities listed above, we encourage you to also sign up for the warm meals provided Mondays – Fridays by the WLCAC. There is no joining fee to participate in the WLCAC Senior Meals Program.**



FALL BAKE SALE



The VJCC Senior Nutrition's popular **Fall Bake Sale which took place on Monday, October 28 was again a roaring success.** Thank you to Sharon Okimoto for coordinating this event and to all the volunteers who provided the baked goods, savory items, filled up our craft table, purchased much of the donated items, and made generous donations. Thank you also to our seniors who come in for the daily meal service and/or participate in our VJCC Senior Nutrition sponsored programs as well as people from other programs or classes (Pickle Ball, Senior Wellness, etc.) who made purchases as well as donations to help fund our programs. **Our fundraising efforts help sponsor the VJCC Senior Nutrition programs throughout the year.**

*We'd love to have you join us at our **2025 Spring Bake Sale!!***

Friday Happenings:

- Playing Bingo....and winning!!!
- October Cake Day...celebrating!!
- October Bento Friday....a great monthly event!!
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November 2024

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\$100 UP – Anonymous, Kimiko Maeda, Ayako Masada, Yukiko Shiraki

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ITEMS – Otome Nagano (Appliance), Tanya Sisikin (Aprons), Teri Sugamura (Soda)

CPR DEMONSTRATION – (Pioneer Luncheon in Oct.)

THANK YOU TO SCOUT TROOP 764 – MARC REHM & ZAXXON REHM. Very informative presentation.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS 2025

VPP & VJCC APPLICATIONS – both forms must be filled out and signed EACH year for INSURANCE PURPOSES.

PAYMENT – One check made to the **VENICE PIONEER PROJECT** for VPP membership, \$15/person.

And a **SEPARATE CHECK** (IF OWED) to the **VENICE JAPANESE COMMUNITY CENTER** for VJCC membership.

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The Shokudo

Block Party Premiere

The Shokudo's Block Party Premiere at the VJCC!

Sunday, September 22nd, 2024

By Michael Murata, producer

Even if you knew what the “The Shokudo” is or have watched “The Shokudo Series”, you might have been confused about what this “block party” event at the VJCC was going to be like and had no idea what to expect. And no one would blame you. We hardly knew ourselves! By the time we fully committed to holding an event at the VJCC, there were twelve weeks left and the race to organize was on.



The Shokudo's Japanese alleyway.
Photos by Ryan Uyematsu unless otherwise noted.

Originally, “The Shokudo” was just a tool shed along the side of the Okeya house, but with the help of his father Butch Okeya, Jon Kenzo Okeya turned it into a little izakaya bar à la “Midnight Diner” with the intention of feeding his friends using his newly developing interest in Japanese cooking. Meanwhile, I met with Jon's longtime friend and VJCC historian Luke Uyeda to come up with an engaging virtual program for the Japanese American community during the pandemic when most major events were postponed if not outright cancelled. Luke and I pretty quickly settled on using food as a vehicle for exploring our Asian- and Japanese-American identity with Jon as our host and a few weeks later, we were filming the first episode of what would become “The Shokudo Series”.

Just two short years into our project, we were floored by the positive feedback we were receiving for our video series. Along with Luke's unmatched ability to create stunning visuals and Jon's disarming curiosity, viewers of our episodes resonated with the stories that we were finding to accompany the dishes we make and eat at every potluck. As pandemic restrictions began lifting and the community felt more comfortable gathering in large groups, we wanted to bring the experience of being at “The Shokudo” to more people hoping that the conversations we have on screen would translate to reality in a way that we could see in front of us.



The Shokudo's primary aesthetic is post-war Showa-era Japan.

The team at The Shokudo:
(L to R) **Luke Uyeda**, videographer and director; **Michael Murata**, producer and co-host; **Jon Kenzo Okeya**, host and chef



The VJCC is both Luke and Jon's “home” community center. Both live within a few short blocks of the center, and with the installation of a new screen and sound system in the gym at the VJCC, it was only natural for us to try to put on an event that showcased both “The Shokudo Series” and the center's new equipment. With the blessing and trust of the staff and Board of Directors at the VJCC, we charged forward with our vision of a new and unique event that emphasized immersing guests in a cultural environment complete with the sights, sounds, smells, and tastes that characterize not only the “The Shokudo Series”, but also the broader Japanese American community.



The Shokudo

Block Party Premiere



Clips from “The Shokudo Series” were shown on the VJCC’s new screen.

On Sunday, September 22nd, we held the “The Shokudo’s Block Party Premiere at the VJCC!”. Practically overnight and with the generous help of volunteers, we transformed the gym into a Japanese alleyway using wooden frames built by Luke, custom noren handsewn by Auntie Sharon, string lights and lanterns, and hundreds of faux sakura branches. As you walked through the alley, you could enjoy food from Aki Restaurant, Sawtelle Tempura House, Buttery Popcorn, or the small bites menu deliciously crafted by Chef Niko Apue. For those with a sweet tooth, there was shave ice from Yamanaka Family Store and a variety of cream sodas from Tanuki Café. In the beer garden, Masa from Uka Sake would pour samples of premium sake as he explained to you the various varieties and flavors. You could also take a quick calligraphy lesson from Venice Shodo Kai or make a block print at the craft booth run by volunteers from the nearby Westlight Community Church.

Koshin Taiko, VJCC’s taiko group, opened the main stage activities.



Satsuki Palter teaches ikebana at the VJCC and did a live demonstration. Photo by Phyllis Hayashibara.



From the main stage, Koshin Taiko kicked the event off with a thrilling performance followed by an ikebana demonstration by Satsuki Palter and a live demonstration of how to make Okinawan andagi by Jon Kenzo Okeya and event emcee Derek Mio. All throughout, clips from “The Shokudo Series” were shown culminating in the premiere sneak peek at an upcoming episode. The event closed with a musical set by “Miko & Michael” featuring Danny Yamamoto on drums, Shin Kawasaki on guitar, and Rick Izumi on bass.



Miko & Michael’s band performed a variety of Japanese and American songs including a live rendition of the theme song for “The Shokudo Series”, composed by Michael Murata.

Use the QR to view “The Shokudo Series”, stay updated on the next event, or support “The Shokudo”!

“The Shokudo” is supported in part by Yo! Media.



Now that the team from “The Shokudo” has gone back to filming episodes for the series, we’ve had a chance to reflect on our “block party” event. We are supremely grateful to the VJCC for entrusting us with planning a new event, especially on such a short timeline, and allowing us to execute our vision in our own way. A special thanks to Keiro for sponsoring the event as well as to the Grateful Crane Ensemble for underwriting “The Shokudo Series”. A huge thank you to all of the volunteers that helped us to set up the night before and the morning of, run each of the booths, and clean up that night and the next day. Lastly, thanks to all of you that attended our event. Through events like these, we hope to bring you an enjoyable time as well as the opportunity to connect with friends new and old and we are reminded that the strength of our community comes from what we do with and for each other. Keep an eye out for new episodes and we hope to see you at the next event!



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Zumba® Club at the VJCC

November 2024

On October 29th, we had a Halloween class! We had a nice spooky class after which we had snacks. There will also be an upcoming Holiday Christmas dance on December 17th.

We have some new members in our club. They are mostly beginners! How about giving it a try? Move through dance and have fun at the same time!

NO CLASS on Nov. 12 and Nov. 19. There will be Holiday break on Dec. 24 and Dec. 31.

What is Zumba? It is a kind of Cardio dance using mostly Latin Rhythms, including music from around the world. We enjoy Flamenco, Afrobeat, and Kpop once in a while. It's a fun way to move and exercise, building balance and coordination. The class provides a little challenge, but with consistent attendance, it gets easier.

Here is the schedule and cost.

TUES. LIVE - Zumba® @9:00 AM - at the Gym at the VJCC (Venice Japanese Community Center).

Membership at the VJCC is required (\$30 annually until end of the year)

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Registration is ongoing. Newcomers & all levels welcome.

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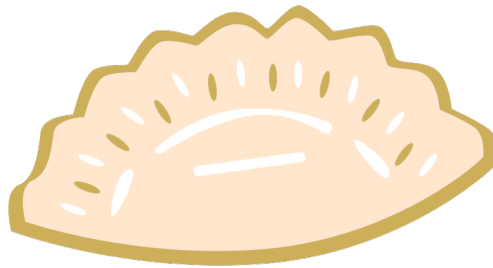
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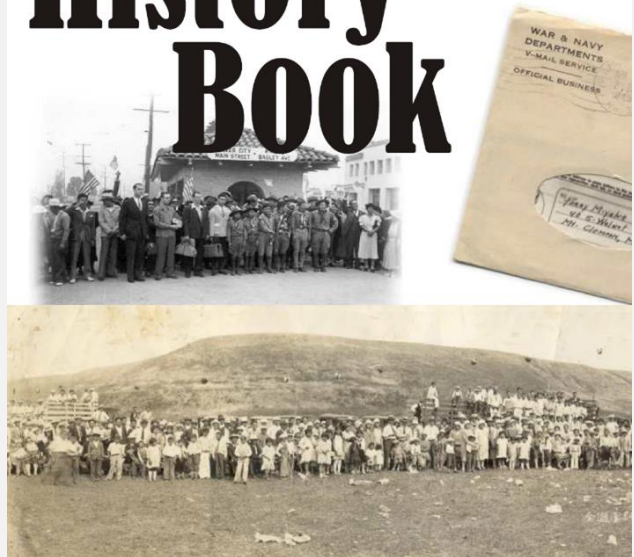
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VENICE KARATE CLUB

November 2024

We hope everyone and their families are doing well. Daylight Savings time and Election Day are just around the corner, leading to some big changes in our lives short and long term. November 3rd is also our last kyu exam of the year, where students will be able to show their progress. Best of luck to all those that will be testing!

Upcoming Events

Kyu Exam - Sunday November 3rd

Event Wrap-up

On September 29th we hosted self-defense and kumite seminars, concluding with a mini-tournament. Students from various dojos attended, and were able to learn and work on concepts that weren't limited to the principles in kata.

It was especially nice for the youth students, who were able to meet others from different dojos and make training partners and friends.

Following the seminar sessions and lunch was the mini-tournament. Aimed mainly to allow youth students to showcase and test their skills and techniques, as well as judging practice for our regional judges, it had a large turnout with students of all ranks receiving medals. Outside the medals we hope the participants had a nice experience competing and testing their abilities against others, and motivate their future training endeavors.

We are aiming to host periodical seminars in the 2025 year, so we hope students can attend and learn concepts from experienced instructors. Please check the latest announcements in class for news on upcoming events.

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