Tyrolean-Trentini Clubs of North America

A Directory of Heritage Organizations & Regional Chapters

Across North America, descendants and emigrants from the Trentino-Alto Adige region of northern Italy gather to preserve their alpine heritage, language, cuisine, and family histories. This directory organizes the continent-wide umbrella organization and regional clubs by geography so family members can easily connect with chapters near them. To keep this resource current and useful, this directory focuses specifically on organizations with an active online presence.

Quick-Reference Directory

Organization	Region / Location	Founded	Website / Social
International Tyrolean-Trentino Organization of North America (ITTONA)	North America (U.S., Canada & Mexico)	1976	ittona.org
Club Trentino New York City	Ridgewood, NY	1964	Facebook
Tyrol Club of Solvay	Solvay (Syracuse), NY	1929	solvaytyrolclub.com
Trentini Alpine Club of Chicago	Chicago / Greater Illinois	Pre-1976	See ITTONA
Trentini Tirolesi del Minnesota, Stella del Nord	Iron Range (Buhl / Chisholm), MN	1913 *(re-established 1995)*	trentini.org
Tirolesi Trentini del Colorado	Colorado	~1982	trentini-club-colorado.com
Utah Trentini Club	Ogden / Utah	1937	utah.ittona.org
Circolo Trentino di San Francisco	San Francisco Bay Area / Northern CA	1980	trentinisanfrancisco.org
Seattle Trentino Club	Seattle / Pacific Northwest, WA	2010	seattletrentinoclub.org
Club Trentino of Toronto	Concord (Greater Toronto Area), ON, Canada	1965	Facebook

Umbrella Organization

International Tyrolean-Trentino Organization of North America (ITTONA)

- **Location:** United States, Canada, and Mexico
- **Founded:** June 20, 1976 (officially formed at a convention in Hazleton, Pennsylvania)
- **Overview & Activities:** ITTONA serves as the umbrella organization uniting Tyrolean-Trentini member clubs across North America. It acts as a liaison between North American clubs, the Trentini nel Mondo Association, and the Autonomous Provincial Government of Trento. ITTONA organizes a biennial continent-wide convention hosted by rotating member clubs, promotes cultural fellowship, and supports the formation of new chapters. (Note: While ITTONA's website maintains a broader roster of chapters, several smaller legacy clubs—such as the former Hazleton, Pennsylvania chapter—are no longer active.)
- **Contact & Links:**
    - Website: www.ittona.org

Northeast

Club Trentino New York City

- **Location:** 1694 Gates Ave, Ridgewood, NY 11385
- **Founded:** 1964
- **Overview & Activities:** Founded by immigrants from the Trentino and South Tyrol region as a social club and mutual aid society, Club Trentino NYC has operated from its Ridgewood location since its founding. The club has historically hosted monthly social gatherings, dinners, parties, and seasonal community flea markets. *(Note: Community reports suggest calling ahead or checking their Facebook page to confirm current hours and open events.)*
- **Contact & Links:**
    - Phone: (718) 497-5609
    - Facebook: Club Trentino NYC

Tyrol Club of Solvay (Il Circolo Trentino di Solvay)

- **Location:** 213 Lamont Ave, Syracuse, NY 13209
- **Founded:** October 29, 1929 (Ladies Auxiliary formed in 1933; current clubhouse built in 1949)
- **Overview & Activities:** Established by Trentini immigrants drawn to Solvay's manufacturing plants—particularly from the Valli Giudicarie and Avio areas—the Tyrol Club of Solvay is one of the largest and most active chapters, with over 600 regular, auxiliary, and social members. Activities include its famous monthly polenta dinners (serving 250–300 guests by reservation), an annual picnic, a golf league, wild game dinners, weekly card games, and a bi-weekly group dedicated to preserving the Trentino/Tyrolean dialect. The club also operates a banquet hall and supports local scholarships and community nonprofits.
- **Club Hours:** Thursday 6:00–11:00 PM; Friday 6:00 PM–12:00 AM; Saturday 1:00–7:00 PM
- **Contact & Links:**

- Website: www.solvaytyrolclub.com
- Email: solvaytyrolclub@gmail.com
- Phone: (315) 468-4753
- Facebook: Tyrol Club of Solvay

Midwest

Trentini Alpine Club of Chicago

- **Location:** Chicago metropolitan area and greater Illinois
- **Founded:** Active prior to 1976 (founding ITTONA member)
- **Overview & Activities:** The Trentini Alpine Club of Chicago serves as the local community hub for emigrants and descendants from the Trentino region living in the Chicago area and across Illinois. The club played a pivotal role in the formation of ITTONA—its member Giuseppe Zanoni, Jr. was elected ITTONA's first president in 1976.
- **Contact & Links:**
  - Connect through ITTONA for current chapter contacts and events.

Trentini Tirolesi del Minnesota, Stella del Nord

- **Location:** Minnesota (Iron Range / Buhl / Chisholm area)
- **Founded:** Traces its roots to the 1913 Società di Mutuo Soccorso Tirolese of Chisholm, MN; re-established by descendants in 1995
- **Overview & Activities:** Representing more than 110 members with ancestral ties across the province of Trento (including Val di Non, Val di Sole, Valle Lagarina, Val di Ledro, Valli Giudicarie, Val di Cembra, Val di Chiese, and Val d'Adige), this Iron Range chapter honors the legacy of early 20th-century Trentino mining immigrants. The club hosts monthly meetings, scholarship programs, and seasonal gatherings such as annual polenta dinners.
- **Contact & Links:**
  - Website: www.trentini.org

Mountain West

Tirolesi Trentini del Colorado

- **Location:** Colorado
- **Founded:** Circa 1982 (celebrated its 40th anniversary in 2022)
- **Overview & Activities:** Operating under the motto "From the Dolomites to the Rocky Mountains," this vibrant Colorado community welcomes individuals with roots in the Trentino-Alto Adige region as well as friends of Italian heritage. The club hosts major events—including its annual Polenta Fest and past ITTONA Conventions—and holds quarterly meetings at 12:00 PM on the second Sunday of January, April, July, and October (locations announced via the club's events calendar).
- **Contact & Links:**
  - Website: trentini-club-colorado.com

Utah Trentini Club

- **Location:** Utah (originally founded in Ogden)
- **Founded:** 1937 (originally established as the Friendly Club)
- **Overview & Activities:** Founded in Ogden in 1937 by northern Italian immigrants from Trentino as the Friendly Club, the organization continues today as the Utah Trentini Club, connecting families of Trentino descent across Utah as a member of the ITTONA network.
- **Contact & Links:**
  - Website: utah.ittona.org

West Coast

Circolo Trentino di San Francisco

- **Location:** San Francisco Bay Area, Stockton area, and Northern California
- **Founded:** February 9, 1980 (during a Bay Area visit by Dr. Bruno Fronza)
- **Overview & Activities:** Growing from 30 founding members to over 160 members across Northern California and beyond, the Circolo Trentino di San Francisco hosts two to three major annual gatherings—including a Spring Festa, Fall Picnic, and Christmas Party—alongside smaller regional meetups, virtual cultural talks, and a quarterly email newsletter. The club also supports scholarships (such as the Giuseppina Piasente Alvarez Scholarship) and participates in biennial ITTONA conventions.
- **Contact & Links:**
  - Website: trentinisanfrancisco.org
  - Facebook: Circolo Trentino SF

Seattle Trentino Club

- **Location:** Seattle / Puget Sound area (serving members across WA, OR, ID, MT, and AK)
- **Founded:** March 20, 2010
- **Overview & Activities:** Formed to celebrate the food, language, music, and customs of Trentino, the Seattle Trentino Club welcomes anyone interested in Trentino culture. Contrary to earlier notes suggesting inactivity, the club remains active—hosting annual traditions such as the La Befana winter holiday party in January (including 2025 and 2026 gatherings) and a summer Polenta Picnic in August, as well as anniversary celebrations at Casa Italiana in Burien, WA, and online Family History Hours featuring Pacific Northwest immigrant stories. The club is affiliated with ITTONA, Trentini nel Mondo, and NAYTO (North American Young Trentini Organization).
- **Contact & Links:**
  - Website: seattletrentinoclub.org

Canada

Club Trentino of Toronto (Circolo Trentino di Toronto)

- **Location:** Unit 31, 3300 Steeles Ave W, Concord, ON L4K 2Y4, Canada (Greater Toronto Area)
- **Founded:** 1965
- **Overview & Activities:** Founded in 1965 by emigrants from Trentino, the Club Trentino of Toronto serves as a cultural and social hub for Trentini families and descendants across the Greater Toronto Area. The club hosts community gatherings and heritage events, sharing updates and announcements primarily through its Facebook page.
- **Contact & Links:**
    - Facebook: Club Trentino of Toronto