SAN FRANCISCO **Italian** Athletic Club

# La Voce del Nostro Circolo ~ JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2019

#### MESSAGGIO DEL PRESIDENTE

#### Buon Anno!

We had a very good 2018 and look forward to an even better 2019. Our staff led by Nick Figone did a great job in managing and serving the many Club functions as well as outside events. Financially we are more sound than we have been in decades and we have made some significant improvements to the entry and bathrooms. Discussions are currently under way regarding future enhancements to the facility as well as to membership enjoyment.

This past year saw contributions from many people such as Paul Massaro who headed up the wine and strategic planning committees. Most would agree that our wine and bar selection have greatly improved from years past. Personally, I don't miss the "Dago Red" and enjoy the upgrade. Members had also wanted to see that our Club "tighten up" for the membership. Paul and the strategic planning committee stepped up to the task and installed the card locks at the elevator and billiard room door as well as implemented a policy to enforce non-members who were unaccompanied by members. We are a private Club that members pay the privilege to belong to and we are trying to make this the best experience for them as possible.

Joe Marino headed up the capital improvement committee and worked with the IABA in completing our new restrooms and entrance lobby. Roberto Lombardi oversaw the project which went smoothly under his control. We look forward to Joe and Roberto working on further improvements to our Club.

If you haven't noticed, Joe Ostarello and Chris DiGiacomo have been bringing new members in at a record pace! We have a lot of new and younger members and a big thanks to both of these guys for their efforts.

Unfortunately, I do not have enough space in this column to thank all the people who contributed so much this past year and can only give one more "shout out" to my Vice Presidents, Manuele LaTorre and Chuck Canepa. Without both of you, I could not do this job which as we all know is a "piece of cake"!

We know and acknowledge that the most precious asset of the Club is the membership and the board and I have worked hard on their behalf. 2019 is looking even better for the Club and its members with events that are relevant to today's members. Happy New Year Everyone!

I enjoy a glass of wine each night for its health benefits. The other glasses are for my witty comebacks and flawless dance moves.

Your President, Guido Perego

#### Ciao Tutti!

Abbiamo avuto un ottimo 2018 e non vediamo l'ora di un 2019 ancora migliore. Il nostro staff guidato da Nick Figone ha fatto un ottimo lavoro nella gestione e nel servizio delle numerose funzioni del Club e degli eventi esterni. Dal punto di vista finanziario, siamo più solidi di quanto lo siamo stati in decenni e abbiamo apportato alcuni miglioramenti significativi all'ingresso e ai bagni. Sono attualmente in corso discussioni in merito ai futuri miglioramenti della struttura e al godimento dei soci.

L'anno scorso hanno visto il contributo di molte persone come Paul Massaro che ha diretto il vino e le commissioni di pianificazione strategica. La maggior parte sarebbe d'accordo sul fatto che la nostra selezione di vini e bar sia notevolmente migliorata rispetto agli anni passati. Personalmente, non mi manca il "Dago Red" e mi godo l'aggiornamento. I membri avevano anche voluto vedere che il nostro club "stringeva" i membri. Paul e il comitato di pianificazione strategica si sono messi al lavoro e hanno installato le serrature delle carte presso la porta dell'ascensore e della sala da biliardo e hanno implementato una politica per far rispettare i non membri che non erano accompagnati dai membri. Siamo un Club privato a cui i membri versano il privilegio di appartenere e stiamo cercando di rendere questa la migliore esperienza possibile per loro.

Joe Marino ha diretto la commissione per il miglioramento del capitale e ha lavorato con la IABA per completare i nuovi servizi igienici e la hall d'ingresso. Roberto Lombardi ha supervisionato il progetto che è andato liscio sotto il suo controllo. Non vediamo l'ora che Joe e Roberto lavorino per migliorare ulteriormente il nostro club.

Se non l'hai notato, Joe Ostarello e Chris DiGiacomo hanno portato nuovi membri a un ritmo da record! Abbiamo molti nuovi e giovani membri e un grande ringraziamento a entrambi questi ragazzi per i loro sforzi.

Sfortunatamente non ho abbastanza spazio in questa colonna per ringraziare tutte le persone che hanno contribuito tanto allo scorso anno e posso dare ancora un "grido" ai miei Vice presidenti, Manuele LaTorre e Chuck Canepa. Senza di voi due, non potrei fare questo lavoro che, come tutti sappiamo, è un "pezzo di torta"!

Sappiamo e riconosciamo che il bene più prezioso del Club è l'appartenenza e il consiglio e ho lavorato duramente per loro. Il 2019 guarda ancora meglio al Club e ai suoi membri con eventi rilevanti per i membri di oggi. Buon anno a tutti!

Mi piace un bicchiere di vino ogni sera per benefici di salute. Gli altri bicchieri sono per le mie spiritose e impeccabile mosse di ballo.

Il vostro presidente, Guido Perego

## **STAG DINNER**

#### **STAG DINNER SCHEDULE**

All tickets for the Stag dinner must be purchased by 5PM on the Friday before Stag night. No refunds.

· Pay with cash, check or credit card through the Club Office or online at www.sfiac.org. Call in your credit card order: 415.781.0166 or e-mail your ticket request **and** seating preference to:

Gina@sfiac.org.

• All sales are final and tickets will be collected at each meal. Tickets must be paid for at the time of purchase.

• Discount Parking Available nearby at APM Parking, 721 Filbert Street (Sunday-Thursday). Parking tickets **MUST** be stamped at the Club bar to receive the discounted \$10 flat rate.



## JANUARY STAG -Thursday, January 3. No-Host Cocktails ~ 6 PM / Dinner ~ 7 PM Menu: salad, antipasto, penne with pesto, short ribs, wine, coffee and dessert. Cost is \$35 for members and \$45 for guests. Tickets <u>MUST</u> be purchased by Friday, December 28

#### **FEBRUARY STAG –** Tuesday, February 5

No-Host Cocktails ~ 6 PM / Dinner ~ 7 PM Menu: salad, antipasto, farfalle with tomato cream, marinated crab, wine, coffee and dessert. Cost is **\$50** for members and **\$60** for guests. Tickets MUST be purchased by , Friday, February 1.



### MARCH STAG -

Tuesday, March 5 No-Host Cocktails ~ 6 PM / Dinner ~ 7 PM

Menu: salad, antipasto, rigatoni with meat sauce, chicken parmesan, wine, coffee and dessert. Cost is **\$35** for members and **\$45** for guests.

Tickets <u>MUST</u> be purchased by Friday, March 1.

### **COMING SOON**

Thursday 1/3 – January Stag Tuesday 1/8 – First Nomination Meeting Thursday 1/10 - Cigar and Big Game Dinner Tuesday 1/15 – Second Nomination Meeting / General Meeting Tuesday 1/29 – Club Election Day (Please see full article on the election) Tuesday 2/5 – February Stag Tuesday 2/5 - Election Results Posted Monday 2/18 - Presidents Day - Closed Tuesday 2/19 - Board and General Meeting Tuesday 3/5 – March Stag Saturday 3/16 - Man of the Year Tuesday 3/19 - Board and General Meeting

## UPCOMING EVENTS



## JANUARY CRAB DINNER

#### Thursday, January 24

6 p.m. ~ No-Host Cocktails , 7 p.m. ~ Dinner \$55 per person. Tickets must be purchased by Monday, January 21

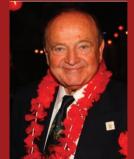
Menu: salad, pasta with pesto, marinated crab, dessert, wine, coffee and tea. This event is always sells out! Members and guests welcome.

Purchase tickets at www.SFIAC.org or 415.781.0166

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**



Man of the Year Jad DeFanti



Old Timer of the Year Johnny Brattesani

## Man of the Year and Old Timer of the Year Dinner Dance March 16, 2019

6 p.m. Cocktails and 7 p.m. Dinner Menu: Salad, antipasto, cheese cannelloni with tomato sauce, veal Milanese or swordfish in a sauce of tomatoes, capers and olives, wine, coffee and dessert. Vegetarian option available upon request.
\$60 for members and \$70 for guests. Purchase tickets at www.SFIAC.org or 415.781.0166.

## It's 2019 New Year's Resolution Time! Learn Italian in 2019 Winter, 2019 Italian Language Classes

#### **Class Pricing**

- Non-Members \$250, Members \$150
- All returning students receive a \$25 discount
- Sign up by December 31 and receive a \$25 discount.
- •Contact gina@sfiac.org or 415.781.0166 to purchase gift certificates.

#### **Class Schedule**

- •Italian 1B Continuing Italian
- •Mondays January 7 March 11. 7 PM-9 PM

#### Italian IA

Tuesdays January 8 through March 12. 7 PM-9 PM •Intermediate / Advanced Conversation – Wednesdays January 9 - March 13. 7 PM-9 PM

## •Italian IC -

Thursdays January 10 - March. 14. 7 PM-9 PM •Italian 1A For Travelers -Saturdays January 12 - March 16. 11 AM-1 PM

## SFIAC RECENT EVENTS



Actor and playwright Chazz Palminteri stopped by the Club while promoting A Bronx Tale. (L-R: Joe Balistreri, Chazz Palminteri, SFIAC COO Nick Figone and Romano Marcucci.



Board members LaTorre, DiGiacomo, Caporelli and Russo enjoying off-site adventures at Coyote Sporting Clays.

## SFIAC RECENT EVENTS

## Kids' Christmas Party

Santa came early to celebrate Christmas with members and their families. Club member Guido Mastropaolo's Gio Gelati cart was a big hit with the adults and kids alike. The gelato is fantastic and make sure to pay his shop on Union Street a visit if you haven't yet. A special thank you to Joe Marotto and Gene Lanzone for getting the perfect tree and to Chuck Canepa for decorating the tree and getting all the gifts (big thanks to Mrs. Claus aka Denise Canepa too!). Thank you to member Joe Forte from Pasquale's pizza for once again donating his delicious pies for the kids to enjoy. Grazie mille!



**Stag Dinners:** Club members and their guests enjoyed the November and December stag dinners. Both were sold out at over 310! Make sure to get your tickets to the next stags early. You don't want to miss out.



## SFIAC RECENT EVENTS



CA Law Enforcement Columbia Officers Association President Leo Pierini honored Club members and retired SFPD's Al Casciato and Gianrico Pierucci.



Joe Balistreri and Marco Rossi getting in the Christmas spirit.

## Abruzzo Art, Food and Wine



You missed out if you didn't attend our fantastic night of Abruzzo art, food and wine. All the way from Guardia Vomano (Abruzzo), butcher brothers Ercole and Stefano Fasciocco brought their mother and cousin to assist with the preparation of a true Italian feast. They prepared their specialty arrosticini (lamb) skewers, porchetta and timballo. The brothers are true artisans and the meal delicious!

#### Keep in contact with the SFIAC

If you are not receiving the SFIAC bi-weekly emails, please update your email address with Gina Travaglio at Gina@SFIAC.org. We are frequently updating events on Facebook and www.SFIAC.org. Tickets for most events are available on the SFIAC site and make sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram at sfitalianathleticclub.

## **NEW MEMBERS**

## HOW TO JOIN THE SFIAC

If you want to join one of the best fraternal organizations in the nation, here's all that your friends and relatives need to do: Get a membership application at the Club bar or online at **www.SFIAC**. **org**. Then, e-mail the membership chairman, **Joe Ostarello**, at **joe.ostarello@SFIAC.org** for an interview time. After successfully completing the informal meeting, candidates will be admitted conditionally, pending approval by the board of directors. Initiation and dues' payments may be made by check or credit card at the successful conclusion of the pre-membership interview.

### **General Meeting Prize Drawing**

A continuing feature for the General Meeting is the drawing for a monetary prize. Each meeting, an active Club member's name will be drawn and if that member is present, he will win the prize pool. The prize pool will increase \$25 for each month that the pool is not claimed.

### Monthly General Meeting

Come have some pasta, salad and wine at our General Meeting, held monthly, on the third Tuesday of every month, beginning at 6:30 PM. This meeting gives the members an opportunity to share their opinion and hear the latest Club developments. It is also an opportunity to meet other members and talk to committee heads for those activities that you may be interested in joining.

## Committees

The SFIAC runs on committees and we are looking for your involvement. Without committees, Club functions simply would not exist. The following are the committees you may consider joining:

Financial, Communications, Technology, Sports, Golf, Bocce, Statuto Race, Membership, Social, Italian Heritage Day, Merchandise, Festa, Raffle, By-Laws, Children's Christmas, Wine, Bar and Language.

Do yourself and the Club a favor at the same time – get involved. Please e-mail joe.ostarello@SFIAC.org and let us know the committee you have interest in and the committee chairperson will be calling you back. It is a way to be involved in your Club as well as expand your circle of friends.

## Friday Night Buffet

The ever-enticing Friday night buffet in the members' bar will continue in 2019. Enjoy a cocktail, dinner and the game with fellow members and friends. Food comes out at 6:30 PM. The buffet is complementary to members and their guests.

#### Ciao a tutti,

The Club had a banner year. We inducted seventy-five new members from near and far. Several San Francisco natives joined along with associate members from as far as New Hampshire and Connecticut. Meet the twenty new members inducted in November and December and Giordano Capovilla, who is not pictured. Several additional applications have been approved and the members will be sworn in at the January general meeting. We anticipate that our membership will continue to grow throughout the rest of the year and we welcome all applications. It should also be noted that if any member sponsors at least two people inducted into the Club this year, he is eligible for a free stag dinner.



Charles Belle



Michael Camereto



Vince Capizzo

## MEMBERS, CONT.



Marcus Colabianchi



Joe Farris



Charlie Krystofiak



Tony Nuzzo



Anthony Delli Colli



Tim Filice



Robert LaRocca



Alfredo Rossi



Anthony Delucchi



Vinnie Giusto



Charles Mayfield



Antonio Ruggierio



Derek DePetra



Tony Guglieimi



Bobby Moore



Donald Zingale.

#### MESSAGE FROM Chief Operating Officer

Your increased membership dues have been reinvested in the Club through the replacement of a steam boiler serving the sauna. The previous boiler lasted over thirty years and we hope this costly undertaking will last just as long. The sauna should be up and running just in time for New Year's resolutions, so hit the treadmill and enjoy a hot steam afterwards. Towel service is available for purchase (\$2) at the Members' Bar.

Your membership dues statement included two new payment methods this year -- online and monthly recurring. The monthly recurring option can be activated with an email or call to the office after which Gina will issue an electronic invoice. There have never been so many options to pay your dues so please take advantage of one of them.

Thank you, Nicolas Figone, COO

#### SFIAC Members' 2019 Dues

It's time to pay your 2019 dues. Statements went out in mid-November. If you did not receive a statement please contact me to update your address. We have added an option for Regular Members to pay the yearly \$420 in monthly installments of \$35. Please contact me to sign up for this program. Dues for all category of members may be paid online (where event tickets are sold), calling the office or mailing payment. Please contact me with any questions. Gina Travaglio, Membership 415.781.0166 or Gina@SFIAC.org.

## MESSAGE ABOUT THE CLUB BYLAWS

In November, the General Membership met to vote on five new Bylaws proposals. All were passed and will be implemented in 2019. Thank you to all the members that showed up to the most important meeting of the year. During this meeting, changes to the Bylaws will be discussed and voted on.

The following are the bylaw changes:

#### **Article VI**

#### Section 3B7 - Voting

<u>Current reads</u>: All ballots must be submitted and inserted into the election ballot box by 9:00pm on election day.

<u>Approved</u>: All ballots must be submitted postmarked no later than election day.

#### Section 4B

<u>Current:</u> The committee shall commence the vote tabulation at 9:00pm on election day.

<u>Approved:</u> The committee shall commence the vote tabulation at 5:00pm on the Tuesday following election day.

<u>Reason for change</u>: Ballots are mailed to all members and the "turnaround time" is too tight resulting in many votes which are currently not included in the election. This proposal allows for a more inclusive voting process of the general membership.

Proposal presented by: Guido Perego

#### Article VIII

#### Section 4A – Expense Limitation

<u>Current</u>: Any expenditure of capital importance, for a specific project in excess of \$12,000 can only be authorized with the approval of the general membership at a Special or regular general meeting.

<u>Approved</u>: Any expenditure of capital importance, for a specific project in excess of \$30,000 can only be authorized with the approval of the general membership at a Special or regular general meeting.

<u>Reason for change</u>: To bring expenditure policy to current monetary relevance.

#### **Article VIII**

#### Section 1B - Place and Time of Meetings

<u>Current:</u> Regular meetings of the Board shall be held at 19:00 hours (7:00pm) on the second Tuesday of the month.

<u>Approved:</u> Regular meetings of the Board shall be held at 17:00 hours (5:00pm) on the third Tuesday of the month.

<u>Reason for change</u>: To minimize directors requirement of coming in two consecutive weeks and conducting the same business on one day.

Proposal presented by: Paul Massaro

#### Article X

#### Section 3 - Term of Office

<u>Current:</u> A. Officers shall be elected by the general membership and each officer shall hold office for two (2) years until his successor is elected and qualified or until he resigns or is otherwise disqualified. B. The First Vice President and Second Vice President can only serve in the same capacity for two (2) consecutive years. A President may serve two (2) consecutive terms of two (2) years only. Subsequently, he shall not be eligible to run for President again and shall not be eligible for nomination to the Board of Directors for a period of two (2) years thereafter.

<u>Approved:</u> A. President may serve two (2) consecutive terms of two (2) years only. Subsequently, he shall not be eligible to run for President again and shall not be eligible for nomination to the Board of Directors for a period of two (2) years thereafter.

B. The First Vice President and Second Vice President can only serve in the same capacity for two (2) consecutive years. In the event the President runs for a second two year term, the First and Second Vice Presidents shall become eligible for a and additional two year term.

<u>Reason for change</u>: This will bring the bylaws in conformity with the President's ability to run for a second two year term.

Proposal presented by: Scott Bambacigno

## SPORTS AND MEMBERS' BAR NEWS



## Attention bocce ball enthusiast:

The SFIAC Sports Committee is starting pick-up bocce games the fourth Saturday of the month starting at IPM at the Aquatic Park Bocce Courts. Teams and team size will be dependent on who shows up. Beginners and friends accompanied by SFIAC members are welcomed.

The main goal is to have fun.

We will initially be starting at Aquatic Park Bocce Club, but locations may change subject to availability of the courts.

Feel free to bring food and beverages of your choice to share.

Date and Time: 1 PM Saturday, January 26.

Fees: \$5 per player, per day.

If interested, please contact: Steve Caporelli 908-432-6596 scaporelli@gmail.com

## SAVE THE DATE

The 2019 Bocce Tournament will be played on Saturday, July 13.

## SAVE THE DATE

May 13, 2019 San Francisco High School Awards Dinner



Be a Part of History 99th Statuto Race 8K Run / 2M Walk Sunday, June 2, 2019 Sign up today www.StatutoRace.com

Photos by club photographer Brandon Vaccaro are available on his web site for purchase. He photographs most of our events including Statuto, Festa and Italian Heritage Day. Link to pictures https://photos.brandonvaccarostudio.com/ f910590331

## Introducing SFIAC Private Label House Wines



We are proud to announce Spinelli family wines produced exclusively for the SFIAC. Spinelli wines of Abruzzo is a multigenerational family winery. Their wines are made with great passion, patience and pride.

> 2017 Rosso Montepulciano 80% Sangiovese 20% 2017 Bianco Chardonnay 70% Trebbiano 30%



\$20 per bottle \$18 Mix and Match 6+ bottles. Available at the Club or for take away purchase.

www.Statatonace.co

### 2019 LOCKER RENEWAL

Members must pay their \$25 locker renewal fee by February 1. Unpaid renewals will forfeit the locker and it will be assigned to another member. Contact Gina 415-781-0166 to pay the fee.



## February Stag February 5

Menn: Salad, antipasto, tomato cream pasta, marinated Dungeness crab, dessert, wine and collee. \$50 members / \$60 guests 6p.m. No Host Cocktails 7p.m. Dinner Tickets <u>MUST</u> be purchased by Friday, February 1.



## Introducing SFIAC Discounted Wine Sales for Members, Friends and Family

Purchase select wines from the SFIAC at a deep discount. Sample offerings: Flowers Chardonnay \$396 per case (\$33 per bottle), The Prisoner Saldo Zinfandel \$240 per case (\$20 per bottle, The Prisoner Cuttings Cabernet \$192 per 1/2 case (\$32 per bottle) and Domaine Carneros Rose 1/2 case \$234 (\$39 per bottle) Each wine or champagne has a minimum of between 6 and 24 bottles (check each one for minimums). Email: gina@SFIAC.org for details





Pack your bags- and prepare to be amazed! May 19-27, 2019 - Napoli + Island of Ischia -SlowTravelwithLisa.com \$600 OFF trip price for SFIAC members + travel buddy 9-day luxury adventure is limited to 10 guests. Your deposit saves your spot!



Hot off the presses! We have ordered several new items of SFIAC merchandise.

We now have two types of logo sweatshirts in three different colors. Antigua zip ups in navy and pine green and pull overs in red and pine green. Available S - 2XL \$40.

**Also available:** Nike Golf Dri- Fit ½ zip cover ups in black S-2XL \$85. Navy coach windbreaker \$40, black long-sleeved fleece \$40, 100-year centennial t-shirts in red, royal, navy and black \$20, SFIAC clock \$35, wine openers with stopper \$15, and reusable SFIAC North Beach bags \$3 (or 2 for \$5). Visit the members' bar or contact Gina at gina@SFIAC.org for purchase.

#### Club & Bar Hours CLUB **BAR HOURS** Mon 1 PM until 10 PM 2 PM 1 PM until 11 PM 3 PM Tue Wed 1 PM until 10 PM 2 PM Thu 1 PM until 10 PM 2 PM Fri 1 PM until 11 PM 3 PM Sat 1 PM until 11 PM 3 PM

Office Hours The SFIAC Office is open

10 AM until 5 PM

Sun

Monday to Friday from 9 AM to 5 PM

10 AM

Congratulations to Carlo						
Tarrone for winning the						
monthly general mem-						
bership drawing of \$475.						
See it does pay to attend						
the general meetings!						

#### IN MEMORY OF OUR MEMBERS WHO "PASSED" IN 2018

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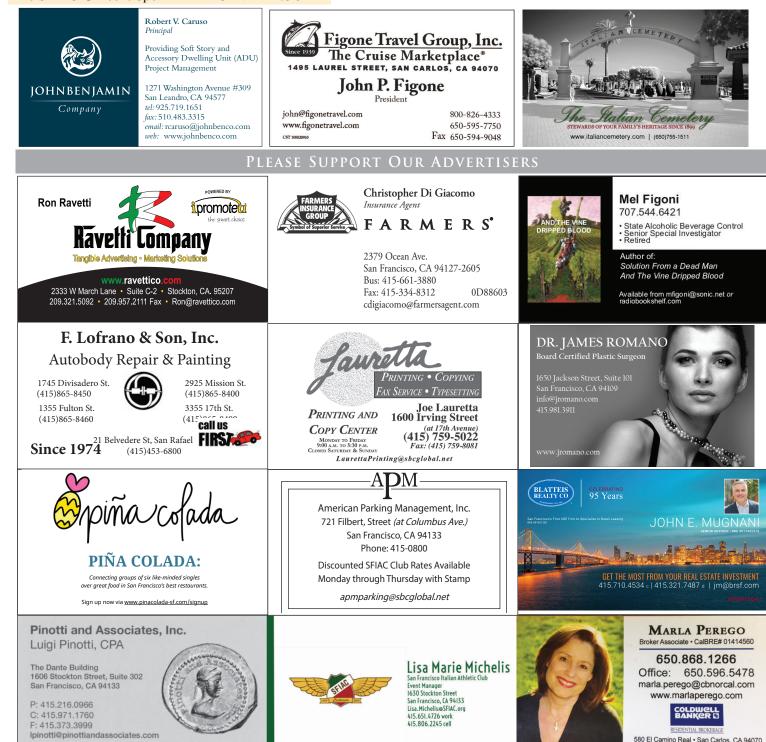
#### Lifetime Members

Lawrence Caserza Gaetano Nardi John Monfredini Lou La Torre Daniel Cappelletti Bernard Transano

#### **Regular Members** Thomas Tachis Philip Francesconi

#### Honorary Member

Leonard Stefanelli And past member and SFIAC soccer coach Marco DiTano



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#### EVENTS: 415.781.0165 OFFICE: 415.781.0166

## **CLUB CALENDAR AT-A-GLANCE**

All events and dates are subject to change

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	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
January			1 CLOSED	2	3 JAN. STAG	4	5
	6	7	8 FIRST NOMINA- TION MEETING	9	10 CIGAR AND BIG GAME DINNER	11	12
	13	14	15 SECOND NOM- INATION MEETING/ GEN. MTG	16	17	18	19
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	27	28	29 CLUB ELECTION	30	31		
February	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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	3	4	5 FEB. STAG	6 ELECTION REULTS POSTED	7	8	9
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March						1	2
	3	4	5 MARCH STAG	6	7	8	9
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16 MAN OF YEAF
	17	18	19 BROARD AND GEN. MEETING	20	21	22	23
	24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30