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La Voce del Nostro Circolo ~ MAY/JUNE 2019

MESSAGGIO DEL PRESIDENTE

Hi Everyone,

Spring is in the air and summer is almost upon us with many upcoming events. Our Man of the Year and Old Timer Event was a great evening. Jad DeFanti our "M.O.T.Y." and Johnny Brattesani our "O.T." were two deserving individuals that we were privileged to honor. Our Statuto is just around the corner in June and Bill Kerr along with Jim Anderson, Steve Caporelli and Ed Baumgarten have been working hard to make our 99th year a success.

Randy Bessolo heads up our Annual High School Awards which will be presented on May 13. If you have not been to the first two awards dinners you should make the time to attend this one. This event honors young men and women athletes participating in the various high school sports programs here in San Francisco. Randy does a great job, as it is a daunting task getting the nominees and arriving at the final selections. Randy also honors great S.F. Italian athletes of the past by presenting awards in the names of these athletes: Tringali, Restani, DiMaggio, Benedetti, and Negoesco in their respective sports and the Mariucci award for coach of the year.

I noted that in my message of a year ago, I spoke about breaking ground on our ballroom and bathrooms. I am pleased to say that the bathrooms and lobby came out great! Currently we have an acoustical engineer evaluating our ballroom so that we may reduce the noise level. We hope to see new sound reduction materials installed in the near future and make our experience at a stag or an event a much more pleasurable one.

Do you want small venue events? More cultural events? More dance socials? Your input matters and your involvement will make your experience at the Club better. Join a committee, how? You can contact Gina in the office and she can direct you to a committee chair. Committees meet regularly and their work is what makes our Club function. Get involved, you'll be glad you did.

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!

La primavera è nell'aria e l'estate è alle porte con molti eventi imminenti. Il nostro Man of the Year e Old Timer Event è stata una grande serata. Jad DeFanti nostro "M.O.T.Y." e Johnny Brattesani il nostro "O.T." erano due individui meritevoli che abbiamo avuto il privilegio di onorare. Il nostro Statuto è appena dietro l'angolo a giugno e Bill Kerr insieme a Jim Anderson, Steve Caporelli e Ed Baumgarten hanno lavorato duramente per rendere il nostro 99th anno un successo.

Randy Bessolo dirige i nostri Annual High School Awards che verranno presentati il 13 maggio. Se non siete stato alle prime due cene di premi dovresti dedicare del tempo a questo. Questo evento onora gli atleti di giovani uomini e donne che partecipano ai vari programmi sportivi delle scuole superiori qui a San Francisco. Randy fa un ottimo lavoro, dato che è un compito arduo ricevere i candidati e arrivare alle selezioni finali. Randy onora anche il grande S.F. Atleti italiani del passato presentando premi nei nomi di questi atleti: Tringali, Restani, DiMaggio, Benedetti e Negoesco nei rispettivi sport e il premio Mariucci per l'allenatore dell'anno.

Ho notato che nel mio messaggio di un anno fa, ho parlato di terreno di rottura sulla nostra sala da ballo e bagni. Sono lieto di dire che i bagni e l'atrio sono usciti alla grande! Attualmente abbiamo un ingegnere acustico che valuta la nostra sala da ballo in modo da poter ridurre il livello di rumore. Speriamo di vedere nuovi materiali per la riduzione del suono installati nel prossimo futuro e rendere la nostra esperienza a un addio al celibato o ad un evento molto più piacevole.

Vuoi eventi per piccoli eventi? Altri eventi culturali? Altri social dance? Il tuo contributo conta e il tuo coinvolgimento renderà la tua esperienza al Club migliore. Unisciti a un comitato, come? Puoi contattare Gina in ufficio e lei può indirizzarti a un presidente di commissione. I comitati si incontrano regolarmente e il loro lavoro è ciò che rende la funzione del nostro Club. Lasciavi coinvolgere, sarete contento di averlo fatto.

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

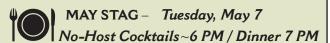
STAG DINNER

STAG DINNER SCHEDULE

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

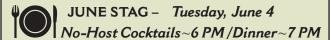
- Pay with cash, check or credit card through the Club Office or online at www.sfiac.org. Call in your credit card order: 415.781.0166 or e-mail your ticket request and seating preference to:

 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.



Menu: salad, antipasto, rabbit and polenta, wine, coffee and dessert. Cost is **\$45** for members and **\$55** for guests.

Tickets <u>MUST</u> be purchased by Friday, May 3.



Menu: salad, antipasto, four-mushroom risotto, lamb shank, wine, coffee and dessert. Cost is **\$40** for members and **\$50** for guests.

Tickets <u>MUST</u> be purchased by Friday, May 31.

JULY STAG – Tuesday, July 9.

(note: second Tuesday due to the 4th of July)

No-Host Cocktails ~ 6 PM / Dinner ~ 7 PM

Menu: salad, antipasto, penne with pesto, tripe or chicken piccata, wine, coffee and dessert. Cost is **\$35** for members and **\$45** for guests. *Tickets MUST be purchased by Friday, July 5*.

AUGUST STAG – Tuesday, August 6 No-Host Cocktails~6 PM/Dinner~7 PM

Menu: salad, antipasto, fusilli with tomato cream, boillito, wine, coffee and dessert. Cost is **\$35** for members and **\$45** for guests

Tickets <u>MUST</u> be purchased by Friday, August 2.

COMING SOON

Tuesday 5/7 – May Stag

Monday, 5/13 – High School Awards Dinner
Thursday 5/16 – Cigars and Mezcal Dinner
Tuesday 5/21 - Board and General Meeting
Monday, 5/27 – Closed – Memorial Day
Friday, 5/31 – Festa Fundraiser Dinner
Sunday, 6/2 - Statuto Race and Brunch
Tuesday 6/4 – June Stag
Tuesday 6/18- Board and General Meeting
Thursday 7/4 – Closed for 4th of July
Tuesday 7/9 – July Stag

Saturday 7/13 – Bocce Tournament and BBQ
Sunday 7/28 – 4th Annual Lasagna Night
Saturday, 9/7 – Festa Coloniale

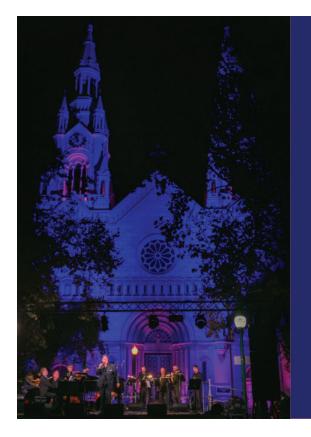
UPCOMING EVENTS



Tripe or Chicken Piccata Stag Dinner Tuesday, July 9

Menu: salad, antipasto, penne with pesto, tripe or chicken piccata, wine, coffee and dessert. Cocktails ~ 6 PM / Dinner ~ 7 PM \$35 for members and \$45 for guests. Purchase tickets by Friday, July 5. www.SFIAC.org





Festa Fundraiser Friday, May 31, 2019

Did you miss our 100th anniversary concert in the park? View the professionally filmed performances of the tenors, sopranos and ten-piece orchestra with the backdrop of an illuminated Ss. Peter & Paul Church. Come watch the film with family and friends while enjoying a traditional Italian meal as we raise money for the 2019 Festa Coloniale. The SFIAC Foundation hosts this signature cultural event with the express purpose of showcasing the Italian spirit and the many contributions Italians continue to make in our community.

Visit www.sfiacfesta.com for more information.

No-host cocktails at 6 PM / Dinner 7 PM

Tickets \$65



Happy Hour in the Members' Bar Monday - Friday 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

*Excludes days of member events



Announcing Prime Rib Dinners in the Members' Bar

Causal buffet dinner for members and their guests 2nd and 4th Thursday every month beginning June 6, 6-8 PM

\$40 inclusive



Menu

Bread and Butter House Salad

Baked Potato Bar with sour cream, butter, chives, bacon bits, cheddar cheese

Creamed Spinach

Prime Rib with au jus and horseradish aioli.

Please pay by the prior Tuesday to assure we will have enough prime rib prepared.

Tickets available at www.SFIAC.org or

call the office 415.781.0166.

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 monthly General Meeting which is 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.

MESSAGE FROM Chief Operating Officer

Spring delivered some changes as we said goodbye to Lisa Michelis after many years of service and welcomed Nico Zimmerman as the new Event

Manager. Nico is a seasoned hospitality professional coming from The Grand Café, L'Auberge du Soilel, San Francisco Yacht Club, UC Berkeley, and from owning his own resort in Costa Rica. He is a welcomed addition to the team, bringing new perspectives and fresh ideas. He can be reached at events@sfiac.org should you wish to book a party.

Spring also sprung a new website for your Club. It is crisp, graphical, well-organized, and mobile-friendly. It was built from scratch by my wife, Monica Figone, after the kids were asleep and with lots of "input" from yours truly. She deserves a tremendous grazie on behalf of the SFIAC! Many of the photos are from member Brandon Vacarro who has graciously donated his services and pictures over the years. The site pulls in content from our two Instagram accounts managed by social media goddess Gina Travaglio among other new features. Check it out at www.sfiac.

Thank you, Nicolas Figone, COO

NEW MEMBERS

Ciao a tutti,

Meet our sixteen new members inducted in March and April (John Giovannini is not pictured). They hail from as close as Jasper Alley (knock on our back wall and Tony Zepponi may just hear you) to Anthony Spadafora's home of Philadelphia. 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.



Daniel Baciuska



John Brunello



Niccolo Coia



Mike DeGregorio



Dylan DiBona



Tony Errico



James Furnary



Filippo Gambaccini



Mike Giacinti



Alessandro Giannini



Paul Giusto



Mike Murphy



Luano Nomellini



Rick Martinelli



Anthony Spadafora



Anthony Zepponi

Volunteers Needed

We are seeking volunteers for Statuto race day on June 2. Festa will be held on September 7. We are seeking members to assist with all phases of the event; planning to day of clean up. All new members must volunteer for at least one event per year. Please email gina@sfiac.org with your availability.

SFIAC Members' 2019 Dues

It's never too late to pay your 2019 dues. 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.

Stag night. Always a great time!



Mario Flaherty and 25 of his closest friends celebrated his birthday at March stag.



The SFIAC soccer team enjoys cioppino stag.



Nick Errico introduced his dad and new member Tony to stag night.

Man of the Year

We danced the night away as we honored Man of the Year Jad DeFanti and Old Timer of the Year Johnny Brattesani.





Marla Perego and Kendi Bambacigno looking fabulous.





VP LaTorre and President Perego bestow the Old Timer honour upon Johnny Brattesani.





Great time had by all at the SFIAC Day at the Races. We even had some big winners!



In March, over a dozen CIAO (Coalition of Italian American Organizations) member organizations got together for a meeting and a meal at the Columbo Club in Oakland. Thank you to Colombo President and SFIAC member Nick Nicora for hosting. Visit www.CIAOBayArea.com for the latest news and events in the Bay Area Italian Community. Facebook @CIAOBayArea.





Bunny Brunch: Huge smiles when the chocolate eggs are almost the same size as you.



Two Giustos are better than one. Gina welcomes old friends and new members Paul and Vinny Giusto to the SFIAC.



April's new member class.



Former SFIAC President Rudy Bertolozzi (1999-2000) and current President Guido Perego (2017 - present). Rudy celebrated his 90th birthday on February 14 competing in bocce at the Peninsula Social Club. Rudy and Guido are teammates in the winter bocce league. "Tough competitor, maybe I'll be as good when I am ninty!" - Guido



Summer 2019 Italian Language Classes

Class Pricing

- · Non-Members \$250, Members \$150
- All returning students receive a \$25 discount
- Sign up by June 3 and receive a \$25 discount.
- •Contact gina@sfiac.org or 415.781.0166 to purchase gift certificates.

Class Schedule

• Italian 1B - Continuing Italian

Mondays June 10 - August 12. 7 PM-9 PM

· Italian 1A -

Tuesdays June 11 through August 13. 7 PM-9 PM

· Italian 1C -

Thursdays June 13 – August 15. 7 PM-9 PM

· Italian IA For Travelers -

Saturdays June 15 – August 17. 11 AM-1 PM



SFIAC Events

Host your next gathering at the Club. Weddings, graduation, birthday or corporate event, we have the space for you.

www.SFIAC.org

events@SFIAC.org



SPORTS



Saturday, July 13

Annual Bocce Tournament and Family BBQ Picnic

Details: A team consists of a minimum of 4 players and a maximum of 6. There will be a maximum of 20 teams. Players Should arrive by 9 a.m. Team cost is \$60 per player including BBQ picnic.

BBQ Picnic Only: \$30 per person. \$15 for children 7-12. Children under 6 are free. Water, soda and beer will be provided.

Wine allowed but not provided. Picnic tables will be reserved for team members and paying guests.

Location: Marin Bocce Federation, Albert Park, 550 B Street in San Rafael.

Further details and application at www.sfiac.org or call 415.781.0166





Take part in the Statuto Cup

Are you a member of or direct decendant of a member of one of the other Bay Area Italian clubs? Register for the races as a member of an "affiliate" club. The winning club will take home a chalice trophy.

SAN FRANCISCO SOCCER FIELD LEAGUE SCHEDULE 2019

www.SFSFL.com

- All games held on Sundays



DATE	TIME	VENUE	HOME	sco	AWAY	DIV
Mar. 3	3:00 pm	Boxer Stadium	SFIAC	W 2-1	SF City FC	PRE
Mar. 10	9:00 am	Beach Chalet 2	Olympic Club	L 8-4	SFIAC	PRE
Mar. 17	11:00 am	Beach Chalet 2	Mezcala SC	D 2-2	SFIAC	PRE
Mar. 24	9:30 am	Boxer Stadium	SFIAC	D 2-2	Club Marin	PRE
Mar. 31	11:15 am	Boxer Stadium	SF Battery FC	L 1-2	SFIAC	PRE
Apr. 7	9:00 am	Beach Chalet 2	SFIAC	W 2-1	SF Hibernian FC	PRE
Apr. 14	9:30 am	Boxer Stadium	SF Celtic SC	W 3-1	SFIAC	PRE
Apr. 28	1:00 pm	Boxer Stadium	SFIAC		SF Viking SC	PRE
May 5	10:45 am	Beach Chalet 3	SFIAC		Azteca FC	PRE
May 19	3:00 pm	Boxer Stadium	United SC		SFIAC	PRE
June 2	11:15 am	Boxer Stadium	SFIAC		SF Glens SC	PRE





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

Wine Committee Seeking Input

Over the past two years, the wine committee has been working to bring interesting varietals of Italian red and white wines into the Club from different regions in Italy and from different parts of California by expanding the selections of wines available at the members' bar, Stag dinners and other events (including our private-member-wine dinners featuring local chefs curating meals with wines paired for the dishes).

We are now looking at even more events where we can show-case our new and exciting wine selections. Some of the suggestions we've received include having wine-industry members potentially feature their wines at the next private-member-wine dinner, offer wine tastings before Stag dinners and have exclusive wine tastings with wine makers. Perhaps additional emails and information, which specifically focus on the Club's wine programs, would be beneficial.

If you have any suggestions on how to expand or improve upon what we are currently doing, please let us know.

Please email justin.frieders@sfiac.org with your questions or comments.

Grazie mille! Justin Frieders, Wine Committee Chair



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MERCHANDISE

Buy Dad some SFIAC gear. Father's Day is June 16.

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.

Nike Golf Dri- Fit ½ zip cover ups in black S-2XL \$85. New women's fleece in black, red and royal blue. Windbreaker \$40, black long-sleeved fleece \$40, 100-year centennial t-shirts in red, royal, navy and black \$20, SFIAC clock \$35. See our Instagram page for more pictures @sfitalianathleticclub. Visit the members' bar or

contact Gina at gina@SFIAC.org for purchase.





Club & Bar Hours

CLUB BAR Mon 1 PM until 10 PM 2 PM Tue 1 PM until 11 PM 3 PM 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 Sun 10 AM until 5 PM 10 AM

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CLUB CALENDAR AT-A-GLANCE

All events and dates are subject to change

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
May				1	2	3	4
	5	6	7 MAY STAG	8	9	10	11
	12	13 HS AWARDS DINNER	14	15	16 CIGAR DINNER	17	18
	19	20	21 BOARD AND GEN. MEETING	22	23	24	25
	26	27 CLUB CLOSED	28	29	30	31 FESTA FUND- RAISER DINNER	
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June	2 STATUTO RACE AND BRUNCH	3	4 JUNE STAG	5	6	7	8
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	16	17	18 BOARD AND GEN. MEETING	19	20	21	22
	23/30	24	25	26	27	28	29
July	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4 CLUB CLOSED	5	6
	7	8	9 JULY STAG	10	11	12	13 BOCCE TOUR. AND BBQ
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	28 LASAGNA	29	30				