



MESSAGGIO DEL PRESIDENTE

Hello Everyone

The Club has celebrated its 104th anniversary and I am celebrating the conclusion of my five-year presidency that resulted due to covid.

It has been a challenging time for everyone; these last two years, with the pandemic, but we have survived. The Club's survival and continuance of "business as usual" is greatly due to the good work of our staff headed by Nick Figone and Gina Travaglio. I have many people I would like to recognize in my last message as president and Nick and Gina, you have made me look good!

Our membership is our most valuable Club asset and it has been my good fortune to have great people around me to help make your membership experience a good one. We have accomplished many things to benefit your experience and the current board is working on plans that will continue to grow the Club in the future. Some of our accomplishments over the past five years include the restructure of our organization and the creation of the North Beach Event Center headed up by Nick Figone.

In addition, the Foundation, headed by Bill Isetta as president has been meeting weekly this entire year in establishing ideas, programs and outreach that will benefit all SFIAC members. You will be hearing a lot more of what they have been working on this coming year as the focus has been on the "foundation" of their purpose and ideas being considered for the future.

The last organization that makes up our family, that many of you may not know, is the Italian Athletic Building Association (IABA). Al Casciato as president; with Al Cipollina, Joe Marotto, Sergio Salvetti (all former SFIAC presidents) and Lou Pinotti, our CFO, make up the board. The IABA was incorporated in 1935 when we moved to our current location and was owned by the individuals of the Italian Athletic Club (IAC). Today, the Club itself owns 75% of all shares of the building with individuals making up the balance. The

IABA is responsible for management and care of our facility and the shareholders elect them to their positions annually.

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*Great to see Lifetime Member Lloyd Cuneo and family back at stag.*

Ciao Tutti!

Il Club ha festeggiato il suo 104esimo anniversario e io sto festeggiando la conclusione dei miei 5 anni di Presidenza sfociati a causa del covid. È stato un periodo difficile per tutti questi ultimi due anni con la pandemia, ma siamo sopravvissuti. La sopravvivenza e la continuità del "business as usual" del Club è dovuta in gran parte al buon lavoro del nostro staff guidato da Nick Figone e Gina Travaglio. Ho molte persone che vorrei riconoscere nel mio ultimo messaggio come Presidente e Nick e Gina, mi avete fatto fare bella figura!

La nostra iscrizione è la risorsa più preziosa del nostro Club ed è stata una fortuna avere persone fantastiche intorno a me che mi hanno aiutato a rendere la tua esperienza di appartenenza una buona esperienza. Abbiamo realizzato molte cose a beneficio della tua esperienza e l'attuale consiglio sta lavorando su piani che continueranno a far crescere il Club in futuro. Alcuni dei nostri risultati negli ultimi cinque anni includono la ristrutturazione della nostra organizzazione e la creazione del North Beach Event Center guidato da Nick Figone.

Inoltre, la Fondazione guidata da Bill Isetta in qualità di Presidente si è riunita settimanalmente per tutto l'anno per stabilire idee, programmi e attività di sensibilizzazione che andranno a beneficio di tutti i membri SFIAC. Ascolterai molto di più su ciò su cui hanno lavorato il prossimo anno poiché l'attenzione si è concentrata sulle "fondamenta" del loro scopo e sulle idee prese in considerazione per il futuro.

L'ultima organizzazione che compone la nostra famiglia che molti di voi potrebbero non conoscere è l'Associazione Italiana Edilizia Atletica (IABA). Al Casciato come Presidente con Al Cipollina, Joe Marotto, Sergio Salvetti (tutti ex Presidenti SFIAC) e Lou Pinotti nostro CFO compongono il consiglio di amministrazione. La IABA è stata costituita nel 1935 quando ci siamo trasferiti nella nostra sede attuale ed era di proprietà dei privati del Club Atletico Italiano (IAC). Oggi, il Club stesso possiede il 75% di tutte le azioni dell'edificio con persone che compongono il saldo.

La IABA è responsabile della gestione e della cura della nostra struttura e gli azionisti li eleggono annualmente alle loro posizioni.

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*Three generations of Spinettas run the 100th Statuto Race; Lifetime member Dominic, son Matt and grandson Dan. Dominic has run the race at least twenty-five times.*

## STAG DINNER

### STAG DINNER SCHEDULE

**All tickets for the Stag dinner must be purchased before Stag night.**

**No refunds.**

• **Pay with cash, check or credit card** through the Club office or online at [www.sfiac.org](http://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](mailto:Gina@sfiac.org).

• Note: Dinner will be served at 7 PM.



**JANUARY STAG – Thursday, January 6**  
**No-Host Cocktails~6 PM /Dinner~7 PM**

**Menu:** salad, antipasto, penne with pesto, short ribs, wine, coffee and dessert. Cost is **\$45** for members and **\$55** for guests.

*Tickets MUST be purchased by Friday, December 31.*



**FEBRUARY – Tuesday, February 1**  
**No-Host Cocktails~6 PM /Dinner~7 PM**

**Menu:** salad, antipasto, pasta with tomato cream, marinated crab, wine, coffee and dessert. Cost is **\$60** for members and **\$70** for guests.

*Tickets MUST be purchased by Friday, January 28.*



**MARCH STAG – Tuesday, March 1**  
**No-Host Cocktails~6 PM /Dinner~7 PM**

**Menu:** salad, antipasto, rigatoni with meat sauce, chicken parmesan, wine, coffee and dessert. Cost is **\$40** for members and **\$50** for guests.

*Tickets MUST be purchased by Friday, February 25.*

## COMING SOON

Saturday 1/1 –New Year’s Day – Closed

Tuesday 1/4 – Nominations of Officers and Directors

Thursday 1/6 – January Stag

Tuesday 1/11 – Nominations Continue

Tuesday 1/18 – General Meeting

Thursday 1/20 – Crab Dinner (open to everyone)

Tuesday 1/25 – Election Polls Open and Postmark Deadline

Tuesday 2/1 – February Stag and Election Results Posted

Tuesday 2/15 – General Meeting

Tuesday 3/1 – March Stag

Tuesday 3/15 – General Meeting

Saturday 3/19 – Lunch and Car Show

with Alfa Romeo Club

*Look for upcoming spring events: March Madness, Family Easter Brunch, Spring Rabbit Dinner for members and guests and a Dueling Pianos night.*

### Sicily dinner

Thank you to Paul Massaro for planning our Sicilian dinner with Chef Maurizio Bruschio of Ideale and wines by Giovanni Lossi.



# UPCOMING EVENTS



## Crab Dinner

Thursday, January 20

Members and Guests Welcome

6 PM cocktails / 7 PM dinner

Price \$60

[www.SFIAC.org](http://www.SFIAC.org)

Crab season is here. Enjoy another amazing and plentiful crab dinner

Menu: salad with bread, tomato basil pasta, marinated cold crab and dessert

Support North Beach Citizens by bringing a new or lightly used coat or blanket for a child or adult

PURCHASE TICKETS  
[WWW.SFIAC.ORG](http://WWW.SFIAC.ORG)  
415.781.0166



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## ALFA ROMEO CAR SHOW AND LUNCH SATURDAY, MARCH 19

10 a.m. Car Show with the Alfa Romeo Owners Association

12 p.m. Buffet lunch in the SFIAC ballroom. Menu: Salad, antipasto platter, pesto pasta, chicken marsala, bread and butter with coffee.

\$45 per person

The 1600 block of Stockton Street will be closed for the car show. The event will go until 2 p.m.

[www.SFIAC.org](http://www.SFIAC.org)  
Events for Tickets

## January Stag Dinner

Penne with Pesto, Short Ribs

Thursday, January 6

\$45 members / \$55 guests



## CRAB STAG

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

\$60 MEMBERS / \$70 GUESTS

[WWW.SFIAC.ORG](http://WWW.SFIAC.ORG)

MARCH STAG  
CHICKEN  
PARMESAN  
TUESDAY,  
MARCH 1



## SFIAC Events

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

[www.SFIAC.org](http://www.SFIAC.org)  
[events@SFIAC.org](mailto:events@SFIAC.org)



**153RD ITALIAN HERITAGE PARADE** It seemed like everyone came out this year to celebrate. The Italian Heritage Parade committee kicked off the weekend with a lively Stockton Street block party and the lighting of Sts. Peter and Paul and the Club. Congratulations to the San Francisco Italian Athletic club for our 2nd place best float award at the 2021 Italian Heritage Parade. This is our sixth overall win since 1998. A special thanks to Steve Giovannini and Jim Anderson and the SFIAC sponsored soccer team for a job well done. Park Tavern graciously allowed us to use their sidewalk and parklet space, during their remodel, which expanded our parade lunch to a record 400 people. The weekend was an all-around great success.



*Photo: Brandon Vaccaro*



*Parade President Bill Mastrangelo, Maria Pignatti, Supervisor Stefani, Nick Figone and Consulate General Strozzi "Light Up North Beach" and kick off the weekend.*



*Photo: Brandon Vaccaro*



*The SFIAC always keeping the Guardsmen hydrated (left)*





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Our good cooperation and relationships have resulted in our lobby and ballroom being completely remodeled; outside of the building painted (with new signage); access to the side of the elevator that connected our entrance that leads to the third floor; refreshing by painting, staining and cleaning of the third floor and members' bar; improved weight room workout facility to name a few of the accomplishments. None of this could have occurred without cooperation, time and effort donated by all of the boards as well as contributing members and I am grateful to all of you. Unfortunately, there are too many people for me to properly thank in this limited space and I hope you all know how much I appreciate you and your contributions.

Last, to my vice presidents Manuele LaTorre and Chuck Canepa, your support has meant a lot to me. Making this Club work takes teamwork and our team worked well. My picture now goes up on the wall with our first president, Amadeo Tommasini from a century ago, wow! Hopefully, it won't become a dart board! Manuele, Chuck, I know you will do a great job and continue the great traditions of our long legacy. My best to all of you and thank you for allowing me to be your president.

*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*

La nostra buona cooperazione e le nostre relazioni hanno portato a una completa ristrutturazione della nostra hall e della nostra sala da ballo; all'esterno dell'edificio affrescato con nuova segnaletica; accesso al lato dell'ascensore che collegava il nostro ingresso che porta al terzo piano; rinfrescante mediante verniciatura, colorazione e pulizia del terzo piano e del bar dei soci; impianto di allenamento in sala pesi migliorato per citarne alcuni. Niente di tutto questo sarebbe potuto accadere senza la cooperazione, il tempo e gli sforzi donati da tutti i consigli di amministrazione e dai membri che contribuiscono e sono grato a tutti voi. Purtroppo ci sono troppe persone per me da ringraziare adeguatamente in questo spazio limitato e spero che tutti voi sappiate quanto vi apprezziamo e i vostri contributi.

Infine, per il mio vicepresidente Manuele LaTorre e Chuck Canepa, il vostro supporto ha significato molto per me. Far funzionare questo Club richiede lavoro di squadra e il nostro team ha lavorato bene. La mia foto ora va sul muro con il nostro primo presidente Amadeo Tommasini di un secolo fa, wow! Speriamo che non diventi un bersaglio per le freccette! Manuele, Chuck, so che farete un ottimo lavoro e continuerete le grandi tradizioni della nostra lunga eredità. I miei migliori saluti a tutti voi e grazie per avermi permesso di essere il vostro presidente.

*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*

**Our Cigar and Steak** night kicked off the holiday season. 120 members and friends enjoyed a night of hand rolled cigars by Antonio, tequila, steaks and gelati. A huge thank you to Nick Errico for organizing the event, Guido Mastropaolo for making a special tequila gelati and amazing dessert, and Andres and Emanuel of 3 Badge Beverage for the tequila tasting.



*Great to have everyone back for sold-out stag nights.*



*Thank you to Joe Marotto and Gene Lanzone for picking out our Christmas tree and to Chuck Canepa for organizing our volunteers for decorating.*



*Clark Baciуска showing little brother Grant the ropes in the Members' Bar.*



*Miss Schiff, Miss Gigliotti and the Isetta girls could not be any cuter.*



## *Kids' Christmas Party*

Well, our members sure have been busy during the pandemic. We welcomed over sixty-five Club kids to our annual Kids' Christmas Party (twice the number from 2019). Wonderful to meet so many new member families and new Club kids. A huge grazie mille to Chuck and Denise Canepa for helping Santa pick out the perfect gift for each child.



*Thank you to the Canepa family for making the party so special.*




*Dominic and Rob Aicardi striving to make "Dominick the Donkey" cool again.*



*Great to meet the 4th SFIAC generation of the Ragussa Family, Baby Dino.*



*The "scooter gang" reunited for Christmas.*



Everyone was in the Christmas spirit at our sold-out Christmas party. Thank you to board member Tom Banducci for arranging for the band, the Alpha Rhythm Kings. They were a big hit. Wonderful to see so many Lifetime Members and their families in attendance.



## New Members

In 2021, we welcomed **one hundred and sixteen new members!** That is incredible any year; but, given that we started the year shut down it is amazing. From October to December, we welcomed forty-two new members. Our revitalized and organized membership committee is doing an amazing job. Now is the

time to introduce your family and friends to the Club. There is a lot to be excited about our thriving organization. Welcome to all!

If you joined in 2021 and did not receive a Club polo shirt, we now have all sizes in stock. Please contact [gina@SFIAC.org](mailto:gina@SFIAC.org) to arrange pick-up.



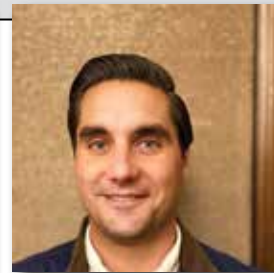
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*Nicholas Bowers*



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*Jeff Figone*



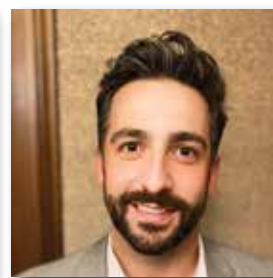
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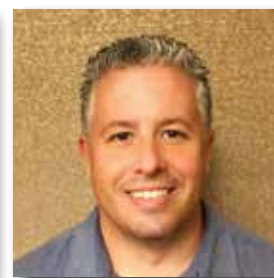
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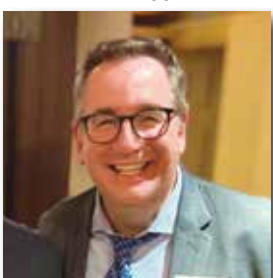
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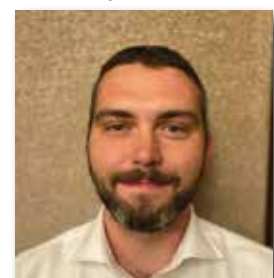
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*Stefano Sangiacomo*



*Jeff Santoro*



*Albert Scoma*



*Frank Tarantino*



# JOIN THE SFIAC

It is the Club's goal to promote Italian culture and to bring in new members so that the SFIAC can continue to be the premier Italian men's club in the Bay Area for another 100 years and beyond.

The Membership committee wants to make the process of bringing new members into the Club as easy as possible. Here is all you need to do: Visit [www.sfiac.org](http://www.sfiac.org) > Membership or scan the code, below, to get started.



The Membership committee has been hard at work on the application process and ideas to make the Club better for you. And if you see new faces at the Club, don't be afraid to introduce yourself, learn about the new member, and continue to spread Italian heritage to your fellow paisanos.

### **Do you need to be 100% Italian to join?**

No, we just need to see that you have Italian heritage on at least one side of your family.

### **Do you need to have an Italian last name?**

No, we have plenty of members whose Italian heritage comes from their mother's side.

### **Do you need to live in North Beach to join?**

No, you can join regardless of where you live. Members who live more than 50 miles from the Club can opt to be Associate members.

### **How can I show my Italian heritage to join?**

If you don't have an Italian last name, usually you can show it on a birth certificate or baptismal certificate. The membership team can help advise on what you should do if that will not work for you.

### **Do you need to personally know a member of the Club to join?**

The application requires you to have a sponsor who is a Regular or Lifetime member. You will also need to have the names of **two other Club members** to put on your application. The membership team can help you get this done.

### **I let my membership expire. May I re-join?**

Yes, we always welcome back previous members who left in good standing. Please contact the Membership team committee to get your application back on track to re-join.

### **How do I get an application to join?**

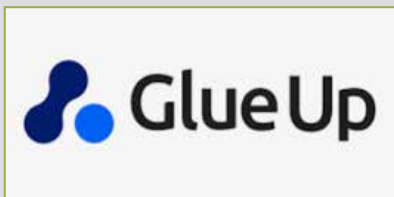
You can start at our website [www.sfiac.org](http://www.sfiac.org) > Membership

### **Am I eligible to join?**

You don't know until you ask. You can start at our website [www.sfiac.org](http://www.sfiac.org) > Membership

### **Do I need to be an athlete to join?**

You do not need to be an athlete to join.



## 2022 DUES RENEWAL AND GLUEUP

We have implemented our new membership portal, GlueUp. It is an all-in-one membership tool with Club calendar, member directory (opt-in), ticket purchasing and dues renewal capabilities, member engagement, networking and much more. It is available online and by mobile app. GlueUp identifies members by their email address. Now is the

time to provide us with your **current email address if you haven't done so already**. If you are not receiving the news blast, we likely have an outdated address for you.

2022 Dues: Regular \$444 (monthly payments available), Lifetime \$145 and Associate \$120.

If you have moved but would like to continue supporting the Club, you may opt for an Associate membership. (An Associate member lives more than fifty miles from the Club.)

**2022 Dues Payments:** You may pay your dues online where event tickets are sold. [www.sfiac.org/event-tickets](http://www.sfiac.org/event-tickets).

If you wish to pay your **dues by check**, please mail a check to the SFIAC, P.O. Box 330154, San Francisco, CA 94133.

**Recurring payments:** If you are already signed up for monthly payments they will continue. If you would like to sign up email [gina@sfiac.org](mailto:gina@sfiac.org) to arrange payment.

Club dues are now payable and are past due after January 31, 2022. Please email [gina@sfiac.org](mailto:gina@sfiac.org) if you have any questions.

## MESSAGE FROM CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

The atmospheric river on Statuto race day not only soaked the history-making runners but saturated our historic roof. The Italian Athletic Building Association authorized roof repairs to seal the many penetrations right before Thanksgiving, thankfully. While the roof was being patched another vendor sealed the duct work from penetrating rains and performed a much needed service on the HVAC system to ensure we stay warm during the winter months. Finally, electrical outlets and a few old fluorescent fixtures were replaced throughout the building to light our way during the darker evenings.

I hope for brighter days in 2022 but have to be prepared for setbacks as the last two years have taught us. Thank you to those who proactively show their vaccination cards to staff at the member events and for wearing your masks when not actively eating or drinking. We are enforcing the San Francisco County law and ask that you inform your guests so that we do not have to turn them away at the door. Thank you on behalf of the members, servers, bartenders, and staff who want to work and recreate in a safe environment.

Finally, SFIAC darts are now available for purchase with Gina. They are perfect for home use or the wall of past presidents. Just kidding! Enjoy retirement, Guido. Your five years as president is the capstone of a long tenure as membership director, board member, and club officer.

- Nick Figone, COO

## Club Information

We have many new members and members that have spent some time away from the Club. Here are some answers to frequently asked questions.

- Stag dinners and Cigar and Steak Nights are for members and their male guests.
- Stag: All new members receive their first Stag free. Email [gina@sfiac.org](mailto:gina@sfiac.org) to sign up. When purchasing tickets, you may state your seating preference or default to “new members” or “no preference”.
- Unless otherwise noted, theme/regional dinners, mid-month dinners (crab night, prime rib, spring rabbit) are open to members and their guests (male or female). There is not an age requirement; but, please use your best judgment as they are evening events and not geared towards children.
- There will be an Easter brunch event the weekend before Easter. The event is for families and will have adult and kids pricing.
- Members' Bar: Every Friday (unless otherwise noted) there is a complimentary buffet in the Members' Bar. The meal is put out at approximately 6 p.m. It is first come first served and not replenished. Members may bring up to 6 guests to the Members' Bar at any time. Per our license, there is no age requirement to be present in the Bar.
- Members' are free to use the balcony off of the Park View room during Club hours whenever there is not an event in the space. Members may not enter the Park View room when there is an event in progress.
- Any member may request early or off day Club access to use the gym. We can adjust your keycard and provide security information.
- The Club is closed to members on Sunday and Monday.
- Club office hours are Monday to Friday approximately 9:30-6pm depending on other events such as Club meetings and Stag.
- We hope to bring back our Italian language classes as soon as possible. We are in the process of relaunching the program. Classes will offer member and guest pricing.
- Nico Zimmerman is our events manager. He can assist you with any questions regarding renting our space for an event. [nico@SFIAC.org](mailto:nico@SFIAC.org)

If you have any further questions regarding your membership please contact Gina Travaglio at [gina@SFIAC.org](mailto:gina@SFIAC.org) or 415.781.0166.

# Nominations, Elections for Officers and Directors

*\*Please note the election process may be altered after the upcoming November bylaws meeting*

It's time to select our officers and directors for 2022! Article VI, Section 1, B, of the Club Bylaws states: **“Nominations for all offices, Board of Directors, Board of Trustees and Club Officers, shall be open to the general membership at a special meeting on the first and second Tuesday in January. Nominees must be present to accept or decline their nomination.”**

**As many of the board seats will be vacant and some board members cannot run again, this year's election is extremely important.**

Article VI, Section 2, B of the Club's Bylaws states: **“Ballots must be cast at the Club premises between the hours of 1:30 PM and 9:00 PM.”** For additional Bylaws election information, visit [www.sfiac.org](http://www.sfiac.org).

Your participation in nominations and elections is crucial for the Club to function. This is the one Club function that **all members should attend**, if only to meet the candidates. Please mail in your ballot or plan to be at the Club to vote. All members will receive a ballot in the mail – please be sure the Club office has your current mailing address! You do not need to physically cast your ballot on-site on election day, but may still do so if you like. All ballots must be filled out and received by the SFIAC on or before January 25, 2022.

## Strict Voting Procedures

**A.** No candidate, for any office, shall solicit votes in writing and any candidate so doing shall be disqualified and his name removed from the ballot. Any and all candidates for all offices may solicit for votes prior to election day. No candidate may solicit votes on the day of the election or within 100 feet of the premises. Any candidate found violating this article would automatically be disqualified from the election

**B.** Mailings are sent to members and handled in the following manner to insure security and privacy:

- 1) Each member is assigned a number.
- 2) Each mailing will contain the following:
  - a. Ballot
  - b. Return envelope

- c. Ballot envelope (a smaller return envelope with stamped number assigned per instruction #1 above.)

- 3) Each member completes ballot.
- 4) Each member submits ballot in either of the two following ways:
  - a. Member drops off in person his sealed ballot envelope with ballot enclosed into election ballot box.
  - b. Member mails sealed ballot envelope - with marked ballot enclosed - inside of pre-addressed return envelope.
- 5) At the time ballot envelopes are received, either by mail or in person at the Club, the number assigned to the member is checked off.
- 6) All sealed ballot envelopes are inserted into the election ballot box.
- 7) All ballots must be submitted and inserted into the election ballot box by 9:00 PM on election day.

**IMPORTANT:** Member should not have his name on ballot or on the ballot envelope for anonymous voting.

## *2022 Election Calendar*

*Jan. 4 – Nominations of officers and directors: 7 PM*

*Jan. 11 – Nominations continue, nominees speak: 7 PM*

*Jan. 12– Candidate written statements due*

*Jan. 15 – Written candidate statements mailed*

*Jan. 18 – General Membership meeting: 7 PM*

*Jan. 25 – Election polls open: 1:30PM - 9 PM*

*Jan. 25 – Mail-in ballot postmark deadline*

# SFIAC FOUNDATION

The SFIAC Foundation had a busy end to the year thanks to the support from Club members, the neighborhood community, Foundation directors, and the strategic planning committee. We will highlight just two of the signature events that occurred starting with the September 28 painting of the poles in North Beach. Randy DeMartini and Nick Figone recruited and organized 52 volunteers to paint 107 poles in the neighborhood with the “tricolori” after purchasing gallons of primer, paint, brushes, rollers, and color matching the existing paint scheme. Of course, the hardest part of painting is the prep, which in this instance was the two years of negotiating with multiple city agencies to win the approval to move forward with the painting project. The neighborhood looked fresh and crisp just in time for the Italian Heritage Parade. Business owners were approaching our volunteers asking them to paint the poles in front of their shops. Needless to say the neighborhood response was overwhelming and the Foundation will lead another painting day to hit the poles south of Vallejo Street

to the foot of Columbus Avenue.

Foundation President Bill Isetta lead a full day retreat of the strategic planning committee and interested parties on November 17 which was attended by nearly 40 participants. The retreat capped a 10-month planning process which included numerous meetings and Zoom presentations with support from an outside consultant reporting to the Foundation board of directors. The November 17 retreat featured a memorable presentation from **Ciro Poppiti** and **Jeff Santoro** who are executive producers of the documentary **Big City Little Italy**. These men, along with brother **Nic Santoro**, interviewed nearly a dozen Little Italys around the US and presented their findings in a thoughtful analysis tailored for North Beach. They presented a SWOT analysis and made recommendations on how to keep North Beach Italian which is one of the strategic pillars for the Foundation. Attendees are still buzzing about their presentation and we look forward to carrying this momentum into the new year as the strategic plan is finalized.



*Foundation president Isetta, Board member Libarle with new associate member and Big City Little Italy presenter Jeff Santoro.*



*Community leaders coming together to discuss the future of North Beach and working together.*



*Introducing our guest **Ciro Poppiti** from **Big City Little Italy** to the tastes of **Tony Gemignani's Capo Restaurant**.*



*Post seminar celebration.*



*Doing good for the neighborhood. In September, the SFIAC Foundation sponsored a day of repainting the poles of North Beach. Organized by Nick Figone and Randy DeMartini, a group of over sixty Club and neighborhood volunteers and officers from Central Station covered a lot of ground. We would like to thank Cole Hardware for the generous discount on paint and supplies.*

# SPORTS

## 100th Statuto Race makes history for a variety of reasons!

The 100th Statuto Race took place on October 24. Originally scheduled for June, 2020, the event was rescheduled a number of times due to Covid 19. Eager to make the 100th running of the event extra special, the Statuto Race committee pushed forward with the planning process for close to two years. Great care was taken to host an event that was still in the spirit of preceding events even though extensive Covid 19 safety protocols had to be followed. As the race day approached, we had reached our capacity of 300 runners and walkers, making it the largest Statuto Race in recent memory. We expected to see all 300 participants on the starting line, but Mother Nature delivered an atmospheric river to the Bay Area the morning of the race causing almost 50% of the runners to stay home. In the end, despite Covid 19 and the atmospheric river, the event was a huge success for us and all those who participated in the race and post-race brunch.

In the SFIAC Club members competition, Michael Delaurenti finished 1st with a time of 29:27, Michael Sebastinelli finished 2nd with a time of 32:21, and Mario Flaherty was 3rd with a time of 35:30.

The Statuto Race committee would like to thank the more than 60 volunteers (represented by SFIAC Club members, the Dolphin South End (DSE) Running Club and the Lowell High School Red Cross Club) who all braved the miserable race-day weather. The event could not have taken place without their participation. Thanks also to the many sponsors that supported the race, including F. Lofrano & Sons Auto Body Repair, DeCecco Pasta, Frank Castaldini Real Estate, Capo Isetta Wine, Orbis Payment Solutions, Jathco Building Products, Pier 39, Giannini Garden Ornaments, Taste Little Italy, Tony's Pizza Napoletana, The Italian Cemetery, and the Marcello Barbero family. The 101st Statuto Race is scheduled for June 5, 2022.



Race sponsor and Club member Frank Castaldini with 1st Place winner Anthony Cortes.



Club runners Mario Flaherty, Chris Self and Gabriel Benedetti.



Club member Natale Cardamone and Adam Sachs representing Dago Bagel at Statuto.

## We held our annual SFIAC bocce tournament

this past October 16. We had over 16 teams compete with over 70 participants. And by all accounts, everyone had a good time.

Congratulations to the tournament winners: Big Tone Ringers (Tony Errico, Nick Errico, June Errico, Tony Pro and Diana Pro). And congratulations to the second-place team: Paisanos (Giovanni Altamura, Marla Perego; George Perozzi, Betty and Maria).

Thanks to the Marin Bocce Federations for hosting the event. Special thanks to the Perego and Giovannini families and everyone else who volunteered to help run the event.

We are pleased to announce that our bocce tournament will now be named the Joe Scafidi SFIAC Bocce Tournament. Joe has run our bocce tournament for years and has always made it a special Club event. Thanks for all your years of service to the Club, Joe. Thanks to all the participants. The date for the next bocce tournament will be announced soon.



The SFIAC is interested in forming a softball team. If you are interested in taking a leadership role for the club softball team contact sports director Jim Anderson. Jim.anderson@sfiac.org.

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 Monday, January 24  
 Monday, February 28



Some of our Monday night Club basketball crew.

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Thursday	1 p.m. to 10 p.m.	2 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Friday	1 p.m. to 11 p.m.	3 p.m. to 11 p.m.
Saturday	1 p.m. to 11 p.m.	4 p.m. to 11 p.m.
Sunday	Closed	Closed

Member key cards are activated to reflect the above hours. "Club Hours" represent when the Club is open for members to work out, spendtime watching TV, play cards, work, etc. in the Members' Bar. "Bar Hours" represent when a bartender is on site to serve in the Members' Bar. Members may request special access to use the gym earlier than the posted Club hours.

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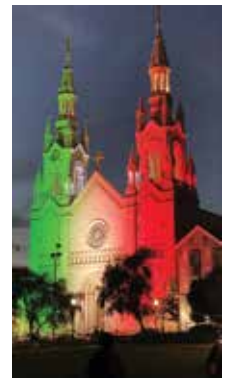


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<b>Jan</b>							1 CLOSED
	2	3	4 NOM. OF OFFICERS AND DIR.	5	6 JAN STAG	7	8
	9	10	11 NOM. CONT	12	13	14	15
	16	17	18 GEN. MEETING	19	20 CRAB DINNER	21	22
	23/30	24/31	25 ELECT.POLLS OPEN	26	27	28	29

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Feb</b>			1 FEB STAG & ELECTION POSTED	2	3	4	5
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	13	14	15 GEN MEET..	16	17	18	19
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	27	28					

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>March</b>			1 MARCH. STAG	2	3	4	5
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	13	14.	15 GEN. MEETING	16	17	18	19 LUNCH AND CAR SHOW
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	27	28	29	30	31		