#### SAN FRANCISCO **ITALIAN** ATHLETIC CLUB

# La Voce del Nostro Circolo ~ march/april 2020

#### MESSAGGIO DEL PRESIDENTE

Hi Everyone! Buon Anno!

We are entering our 102nd year and our membership is growing every month! First, I would like to thank my outgoing board who took on many issues and accomplished a great deal to make our Club sustainable into the future. Next, I want to welcome our new board and look forward to their good work making the Club more meaningful to all members. You will be receiving a survey via email that we hope you will take the time to answer. This is your opportunity to express what you would like from the Club experience.

Many of you may be unaware, but we have been "bridging" many of the clubs in terms of membership. Here at the SFIAC, we have as members, the president of Colombo Club, Nick Nicora; president of Ligure Club, Vince Capizzo and president of the Galileo Club, Mark Maltagliati. They often attend stag and general meetings and are happy to be a member here as they are from the clubs they head up. Their presence here shows you their commitment to maintain our proud Italian heritage here in the Bay Area.

Continuing on this topic, we have a great group that comes up from Monterey on a regular basis. Pete San Filippo, a former board member who currently lives in Monterey, has for years introduced Italian and Italian Americans the Club. I am not sure of the exact number he has recruited into the Club, but I believe it is around a dozen. Think you have a drive getting to the Club? Take a look at these dedicated guys. Pete was our man in Monterey that made the incredible evening with Secretary Panetta a couple of years back come together. Pete, any chance of getting Leon Panetta to make an encore appearance?

I hope you guys didn't forget flowers and or candy for your wives and girlfriends in February. If so, I guess we'll be seeing you a lot more at the Club! We have a great evening

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Director Jad DeFanti and President Guido Perego enjoy Crab Stag.

Cari Fratelli,

Stiamo entrando nel nostro 102 ° anno e il nostro abbonamento cresce ogni mese! Per prima cosa, vorrei ringraziare il mio consiglio uscente che ha affrontato molte questioni e realizzato molto per rendere il nostro Club sostenibile nel futuro. Successivamente, desidero dare il benvenuto al nostro nuovo consiglio e attendo con impazienza il loro buon lavoro per rendere il Club più significativo per tutti i membri. Riceverate un sondaggio via e-mail che speriamo voi abbia il tempo di rispondere. Questa è la vostra occasione per esprimere ciò che desiderete dall'esperienza del Club.

Molti di voi potrebbero non essere consapevoli, ma abbiamo "colmato" molti dei club in termini di affiliazione. Qui all'SFIAC abbiamo come membri il Presidente del Colombo Club, Nick Nicora, il Presidente del Ligure Club, Vince Capizzo e il Presidente del Galileo Club, Mark Maltagliati. Partecipano spesso alle riunioni di addio al celibato e al generale e sono felici di essere membri qui come provengono dai club che dirigono. La loro presenza qui vi mostra il loro impegno a mantenere il nostro orgoglioso patrimonio italiano qui nella Bay Area.

Continuando su questo argomento, abbiamo un grande gruppo che viene regolarmente da Monterey. Pete San Filippo, ex consigliere che attualmente vive a Monterey, ha introdotto per anni il club Italiani e ItaloAmericani. Non sono sicuro del numero esatto che ha reclutato nel Club, ma credo che sia circa una dozzina. Pensate di avere un distanza per arrivare al Club? Date un'occhiata a questi ragazzi dedicati. Pete era il nostro uomo a Monterey che un paio d'anni fa la serata incredibile con il Segretario Leon Panetta. Pete, qualche possibilità di convincere Segretario Panetta a fare un'apparizione ancora una volta?

Spero che non abbiate dimenticato i fiori e le caramelle

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Jemma and Bill Mastrangelo cheering on the Niners.

#### STAG DINNER

#### STAG DINNER SCHEDULE

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

- Purchase tickets online at www. SFIAC.org. You may pay with cash, check or credit card through the Club office at 415.781.0166 or e-mail your ticket request and seating preference to gina@SFIAC.org.
- Stag dinners are for Club members and their male guests.
- **Discount Parking Available** nearby at 721 Filbert Street (Sunday-Thursday). Parking validation cards are available at the club bars and office.



**Menu:** salad, antipasto, farfalle with pesto, crab cioppino (crab, prawns, clams and mussels), wine, coffee and dessert. Cost is **\$60** for members and **\$70** for guests.

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



**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 1.



Another full house for Crab Stag.

#### **COMING SOON**

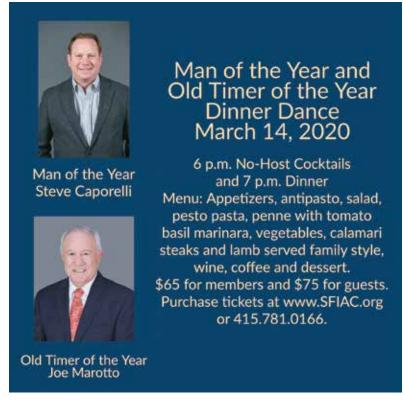
Tuesday 3/3 – March Stag Saturday 3/14 – Man of the Year Tuesday 3/17 - General Meeting Thursday 3/26 – Prime Rib Dinner Sunday, 4/5 – Easter Bunny Buffet Tuesday 4/7 – April Stag Sunday, 4/12 - Club Closed - Easter Tuesday 4/21 - General Meeting Thursday 4/23 – Prime Rib Dinner Saturday, 4/25 – SFIAC Day at the Races Tuesday 5/5 – May Stag Monday 5/11 - Casino Trip Monday 5/11 – High School Awards Dinner Thursday 5/14 – Cigar Dinner Saturday 5/16 – Fishing Trip Tuesday 5/19 - General Meeting Thursday 5/21 – Mid Month Rabbit and Polenta Dinner Monday, 5/25 – Closed – Memorial Day Friday, 5/29 – 100th Statuto Celebration and Dinner Tuesday 6/2 – June Stag

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Sunday, 6/7 - Statuto Race and Brunch











# Fourth Annual San Francisco Italian Athletic Club San Francisco High School Awards Banquet

Monday, May 11
6 p.m. Cocktails / 7 p.m. Dinner
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Fundraiser for San Francisco High School Sports, including the AAA and

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#### **High School Awards**

The Vince Tringali Football Trophy
The Kevin Restani Basketball Trophy
The Steve Negoesco Soccer Trophy
The Joe DiMaggio Baseball Trophy
Hank Luisetti Scholar Athletes
SFIAC Athletes of the Year
The Dante Benedetti and
Steve Mariucci Coaching Trophies

#### **Event Details:**

Ticket includes salad, antipasto, spaghetti and meatballs, spumoni, wine and soft drinks.

\$50 per person for High School Families with an Athlete,
\$65 for SFIAC Members,
\$80 per person general public.
Tickets may be purchased via:
www.SFIAC.org
415.781.0166





#### MESSAGGIO DEL PRESIDENTE, CONT. FROM PAGE 1

coming up in March and it is still not too late to buy tickets for the Man of The Year and Old Timer's dinner. Steve Caporelli and Joe Marotto (respectively) are great guys and very deserving individuals to be honored. I look forward to seeing you there.

To our new members, try to get involved in some activity or committee as you will better meet your fellow members and have a more enjoyable experience here at the SFIAC. As it is in life, sometimes it is a bit uncomfortable being the "newbie," but you will find your brothers are welcoming and you just need to reach out and become part of the fabric of our great Club.

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

per le vostre mogli e fidanzate a febbraio. Se è così, immagino che vi vedremo molto di più al Club! Abbiamo una grande serata in arrivo a marzo e non è ancora troppo tardi per comprare i biglietti per la cena di Man of The Year e Old Timer. Steve Caporelli e Joe Marotto ragazzi sono fantastici e persone meritevoli di essere onorate. Non vedo l'ora di ci vediamo.

Ai nostri nuovi membri, cerca di essere coinvolto in qualche attività o comitato poiché incontrerai meglio i vuoi colleghi e avete un'esperienza più piacevole qui all'SFIAC. Com'è nella vita, a volte è un po 'scomodo essere il "principiante", ma scoprirai che i vuoi fratelli sono accoglienti e dovete solo raggiungere e diventare parte del tessuto del nostro grande Club.

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

#### SFIAC RECENT EVENTS

Members of the ever growing Santa Clara contingent.



We welcome four new lifetime members: George Campi, John Perata, Ray Russo and Rene Sevieri. John and Rene celebrated and received their lifetime pins at the February Stag.



Walter and Maria welcome forty-three guests to the February prime rib dinner. Join us for the next ones March 26 and April 23.

# Another Cigar Night Success.

Save the date; the next cigar dinner will be May 14.



Ron Arana, Chris DiGiacomo, Manuele LaTorre and Chuck Canepa enjoy cigars on a winter night.



Andrew and Michael Storer welcome their friend Adam to Cigar Night.

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.

#### SFIAC RECENT EVENTS



Dave Fiore and family came to cheer on the 49ers on Super Bowl Sunday.



SFIAC Director Ron and Rachel Arana welcome the newest "little Italian" Ari Sofia Arana.



The Borella and Martin crew enjoy the January crab feed.



Pretty sure the Padovese group had a great evening of wine and crab.

## **HOW TO JOIN THE SFIAC**

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

If you want to join one of the best fraternal organizations in the nation, here's all that you need to do: Get a membership application at the members' bar, in the club office or online at www. SFIAC.org. Then, e-mail the membership committee at membership@SFIAC.org to submit your completed application and to schedule an interview time. It's as easy as that. If you have any additional questions email or call 415.781.0166.

#### 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, Sunshine, 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 administration@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 continues in 2020. 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

I am pleased to report that the Club experienced another profitable year in 2019. This is the third straight year of meaningful profit (which is no small feat in light of the rising labor and food costs combined with the overall business climate of San Francisco). The Chronicle recently reported that over 400 restaurants closed in San Francisco during 2019 alone. As the demographics, tastes and shopping habits change in the City, we are forced to adapt (and have been doing so with technology investments and strategic advertising - which have led to significant revenue growth). Another visible investment was the purchase of 350 new banquet chairs which arrived in January to great fanfare. The compliments have been overwhelming by members and clients alike. These chairs were long overdue but finally enough money was earned to purchase replacements. They are the first step in a thoughtful and coordinated re-fresh of the ballroom which we look forward to updating you on in the coming months.

Thank you, Nicolas Figone, COO

#### Learn Italian in 2020

The upcoming spring schedule will be available at www.SFIACfoundation.com

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

Ciao a tutti,

Membership had a busy January and February inducting nineteen new members. As we say, the Club is all about "famiglia" born or made. Our ten newest members are perfect examples. We welcome Mike Olcese's father Ralph, Giordano Capovilla's father Dennis and Jim, Marty and Matt Monfredini. Welcome to all!

Several additional applications have been approved and the members will be sworn in at the March 17 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.



Maxwell Amoroso



John Bacigalupi



Dennis Capovilla



Wyktor Cavalcante



Saverio DeLuca



Franco DeMarlo



Gino Donati



Peter Fazio



Matt Hult



Mike Lahey



Vedder McCaustland



Jim Monfredini



Marty Monfredini



Matt Monfredini



Ralph Olcese



Pat Patricelli



Giordano and Dennis Capovilla



Ralph and Mike Olcese







Vince Signori

#### **Sunshine Corner**

Our condolences to Anstell Ricossa and family on the loss of Ron Ricossa in December. Ron was a Lifetime Member of the Club for fifty-three years.

If you know of a SFIAC member that is ill or has passed, please inform the sunshine committee Steve Giovannini and Parker Mar at administration@SFIAC.org

#### Committee Assignments

Committee	Name
Cultural Head	Manuele LaTorre
Italian Heritage Day	Vince Passanisi
Festa	Manuele LaTorre
Sports Head	Jim Anderson
Воссе	Joe Scafidi
Statuto	Steve Caporelli
Golf	Joe Marotto Chris DiGiacomo
Teams	Steve Caporelli
Weight Room	Andrew Humaydan
Social Events Head	Andrew Humaydan
Social Dinners	Tom Banducci
Stag Dinners	Joseph Federico
Kids' Christmas	Chuck Canepa
Membership	Chris DiGiacomo Steve Giovannini Joseph Federico
Sunshine	Steve Giovannini Parker Mar
Ways & Means Head	Manuele LaTorre
By-Laws	Marc Libarle
House	Chuck Canepa
Capital Improve- ments	Joe Marino
Strategic Planning	Manuele LaTorre Chuck Canepa
Communications	Jad Defanti
Web/Mail	Jad Defanti
Bar Committee	Steve Giovannini
Miscellaneous	
Raffle	Francesco Benvenuti Carlo Tarrone Tom Banducci
Merchandise	Joseph Federico

#### **SPORTS**





## Fishing Trip Saturday, May 16

Fish for halibut on the Bay

Members and guests \$100 per person 6 a.m. to noon Leaves from Fisherman's Wharf

Gear, tackle and beer included. Fish cleaned on the dock. Biggest fish wins. Bragging rights.

Email Ryan with additional questions servatiusryan@gmail.comTickets online or 415.781.0166



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# SFIAC Azzurri Soccer

Season begins March 1.
We are excited for the 2020 season and hope to see members at the matches.

- Daniele Capoferri, Head Coach
- Alessandro Giannini and Filippo Gambaccini Managers/Players
- Brian Borella, Manager
- Steve Caporelli, Soccer Chair



#### SFIAC Premier Division 2020

DAY	DATE	TIME	H/A	VENUE	OPPONENT
Sun	Mar. 1	9:00	Α	Beach Chalet 3	Mezcala SC
Sun	Mar. 8	3:00	Α	Boxer Stadium	SF Hibernian FC
Sun	Mar. 15	9:15	Н	Boxer Stadium	SF Metropolitan FC
Sun	Mar. 22	2:45	Н	Beach Chalet 3	Mexicali
Sun	Mar. 29	9:15	Н	Boxer Stadium	SF Viking SC
Sun	Apr. 5	1:00	Α	Boxer Stadium	SF Battery FC
Sun	Apr. 19	10:45	Н	Beach Chalet 3	Club Marin
Sun	Apr. 26	12:45	Α	Beach Chalet 3	Olympic Club
Sun	May. 3	9:00	Н	Beach Chalet 3	United SC
Sun	May. 17	1:00	Α	Boxer Stadium	Azteca FC
Sun	May. 31	3:00	Н	Boxer Stadium	SF Glens SC

# Rabbit and Polenta Dinner Thursday, May 21 Members and Guests Welcome

Menu: salad, antipasto, rabbit and polenta,
wine, coffee and dessert.
\*May substitute with I/2 roasted chicken
No-host Cocktails ~ 6 PM / Dinner ~ 7 PM
\$50 per person
Purchase tickets by Friday, May I5.
www.SFIAC.org



# Celebrate Statuto 100



Save the Date
Join us on May 29 to celebrate the 100th Statuto Race. An evening of food, drinks, history and celebration. Full details will be announced in the coming weeks. Don't forget to sign up for the race on June 7.

#### Raffle News 2020

As you know, the monthly stag raffle generates money to be used for important expenses that enhance members' experience or club activities that are not included in the annual budget including updating the exercise equipment in the gym or using funds to sponsor some of the Club's sports sponsorship activities. In an effort to better support our members and provide prizes that are more desirable, we are offering an opportunity for members to donate monthly raffle items that either showcase their business or are sponsored by a given member. For example, a CPA might donate a \$150 discount on tax return preparations or a member could donate a gift certificate for a dinner or other fun event. Interested parties can email us at Francesco.benvenuti@ sfiac.org or tom.banducci@sfiac.org to ask questions and get on the list to donate raffle prizes.

Grazie!

Tom and Francesco



# SAVE THE DATES



SFIAC Bocce Tournament Saturday, August 15



SFIAC Frank Clima Annual Golf Tournament Monday, September 14



Show your SFIAC pride. We have ordered many new items for women, infants, toddlers and youth. New Nike Dri-fit (\$60) and Adidas Climacool (\$70) golf shirts. Nike Dri-fit come in black, grey, red and Italian blue. Marathon golf balls in sleeves of three for \$10.

See facebook, Instagram and the SFIAC web site for new merchandise.







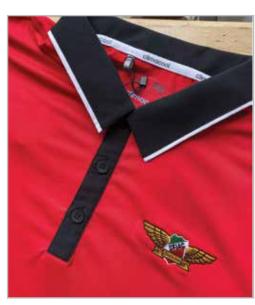












#### Club & Bar Hours

**BAR** 2 PM Mon 1 PM until 10 PM Tue 1 PM until 11 PM 3 PM Wed 1 PM until 10 PM 2 PM 2 PM Thu 1 PM until 10 PM Fri 1 PM until 11 PM 3 PM 1 PM until 11 PM 3 PM Sat Sun 10 AM until 5 PM 10 AM

Office Hours Monday to Friday The SFIAC is open from 9 AM to 5 PM



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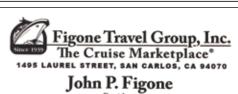
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## CLUB CALENDAR AT-A-GLANCE

All events and dates are subject to change

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 MARCH STAG	4	5	6	7
8	9.	10	11	12	13	14 MAN OF THE YEAR
15	16	17 GEN MEETING	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 PRIME RIB DINNER	27	28
29	30	31				

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5 EASTER DINNER	6	7 APRIL STAG	8	9	10	11
12 CLUB CLOSED	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 GEN MEETING	22	23 PRIME RIB DINNER	24	25 DAY AT THE RACES
26	27	28	29	30		

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5 MAY STAG	6	7	8	9
10	11 CASINO TRIP/ HS AWARDS DIN.	12	13	14 CIGAR DINNER	15	16 FISHINGTRIP
17	18	19 GEN MEETING	20	21 RABBIT/ POLENTA DINNER	22	23
24/31	25 CLUB CLOSED	26	27	28	29 STATUTO CELE. AND DINNER	30

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