SAN FRANCISCO **Italian** Athletic Club

La Voce del Nostro Circolo ~ March/April 2019

MESSAGGIO DEL PRESIDENTE

Ciao Tutti!

Hi Everyone,

I'd like to take a moment and talk about our Club and its significance to the membership and the Italian-American community. The SFIAC is one of the few remaining "roots" to the Italians here in North Beach. Keeping our doors open keeps "Little Italy" alive in North Beach. North Beach was where most Italians immigrated to and then moved to various S.F. districts and bay area cities. We were the neighborhood Italian Club for the 40,000 Italians that lived here in North Beach. Our location has continued to give us the distinction of being the center of Italian American activities.

Today, our membership has the youngest average age of all Clubs. I believe this to be partly due to our location and status. Younger members join our Club to enjoy and learn more about their heritage. At one time, we were only a Club of immigrants from Italy but as time has progressed we have evolved into an American Italian Club. This is a natural progression and speaks to our long standing and the many dedicated individuals over the years who have worked hard to preserve it.

Having said that, I believe we need to work harder at engaging our younger members. They come to learn and share the Italian culture of their parents, grandparents and great grandparents. We tend to focus on the eating aspect but don't share enough of the cultural aspects that members join for. I believe more cultural activities can bring the older and younger members together in enjoyment and enrichment.

I have challenged the board to do more to address this issue. I also ask you to do the same. For our long time members, the Club was a place to play cards, soccer, discuss various issues and enjoy not only stag dinners but monthly dinner dances. Times have changed and so too has the membership. We are no longer just a neighborhood Club but a regional Club. We need to give members in areas further out of the bay area to come to the Club. We need to engage younger members in a better way and address what their interests are.

We are the center of the Italian American community today and the last Italian Club open daily to serve its membership. Our office is open daily and handled by Gina who takes care of all membership matters. Nick as our Executive Director runs all Club matters that keep our doors open. We want to do better in serving the membership and have a great board that is dedicated to this purpose. Your help and input is welcomed and we look forward to making our Club the premier Italian American Club in the country.

I enjoy a glass of wine each night for its health benefits. The other glasses are for my witty comebacks and flawless dance moves. Mi piacerebbe prendere un momento e parlare del nostro Club e del suo significato per l'appartenenza e la comunità italoamericana. La SFIAC è una delle poche "radici" rimaste agli italiani qui a North Beach. Tenendo aperte le nostre porte, "Little Italy" è viva a North Beach. North Beach era il luogo in cui la maggior parte degli italiani è emigrata e poi si è trasferita in vari S.F. quartieri e città della baia. Eravamo il club italiano di quartiere per i 40.000 italiani che vivevano qui a North Beach. La nostra posizione ha continuato a darci la distinzione di

essere il centro delle attività americane italiane. Oggi, la nostra iscrizione ha l'età media più giovane di tutti i club. Credo che ciò sia in parte dovuto alla nostra posizione e al nostro stato. I membri più giovani si uniscono al nostro Club per divertirsi e conoscere meglio la loro eredità. Un tempo eravamo solo un club di immigrati dall'Italia, ma con il passare del tempo ci siamo evoluti in un club italiano americano. Questa è una progressione naturale e parla alla nostra lunga data e ai molti individui dedicati che negli anni hanno lavorato duramente per preservarlo.

Detto questo, credo che dobbiamo impegnarci di più per coinvolgere i nostri soci più giovani. Vengono per imparare e condividere la cultura italiana dei loro genitori, nonni e bisnonni. Tendiamo a concentrarci sull'aspetto del cibo, ma non condivido abbastanza gli aspetti culturali a cui i membri aderiscono. Credo che più attività culturali possano riunire i membri più vecchi e più giovani nel godimento e nell'arricchimento.

Ho sfidato il consiglio a fare di più per affrontare questo problema. Ti chiedo anche di fare lo stesso. Per i nostri soci di lunga data, il Club era un luogo in cui giocare a carte, a calcio, discutere di varie questioni e godersi non solo cene di addio al celibato, ma anche danze mensili a cena. I tempi sono cambiati e così anche l'appartenenza. Non siamo più solo un club di quartiere ma un club regionale. Dobbiamo dare ai membri delle aree più lontane dalla baia di venire al Club. Dobbiamo coinvolgere i membri più giovani in un modo migliore e affrontare i loro interessi.

Oggi siamo il centro della comunità italoamericana e l'ultimo Club italiano è aperto tutti i giorni per servire i suoi membri. Il nostro ufficio è aperto tutti i giorni e gestito da Gina che si occupa di tutte le questioni relative all'effettivo. Nick come il nostro direttore esecutivo gestisce tutte le questioni relative al club che tengono aperte le nostre porte. Vogliamo fare meglio nel servire i membri e avere una grande tavola dedicata a questo scopo. Il tuo aiuto e il tuo contributo sono benvenuti e non vediamo l'ora di rendere il nostro Club il primo Club Italiano Americano del paese.

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.

Your President, Guido Perego

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.



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.



APRIL STAG – Tuesday, April 2

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

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 MUST be purchased by , Friday, March 29.



MAY STAG – Tuesday, May 7

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

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*.

COMING SOON

Tuesday 3/5 – March Stag Saturday 3/16 – Man of the Year Tuesday 3/19 - Board and General Meeting Tuesday 4/2 – April Stag Saturday, 4/6 – SFIAC Day at the Races Sunday, 4/14 – Easter Bunny Buffet Tuesday 4/16 - Board and General Meeting Sunday, 4/21 – Club Closed - Easter Tuesday 5/7 – May Stag Monday, 5/13 – High School Awards Dinner Thursday 5/16 – Cigar Dinner Tuesday 5/21 - Board and General Meeting Monday, 5/27 – Closed – Memorial Day Sunday, 6/2 - Statuto Race and Brunch Tuesday 6/4 – June Stag

UPCOMING EVENTS

Cioppino Stag Tuesday, April 2

Menu: salad, antipasto, farfalle with pesto, crab ioppino (crab, prawns, clams and mussels), wine, coffee and dessert. Cocktails ~ 6 PM / Dinner ~ 7 PM \$60 for members and \$70 for guests. Purchase tickets by Friday, March 29. www.SFIAC.org

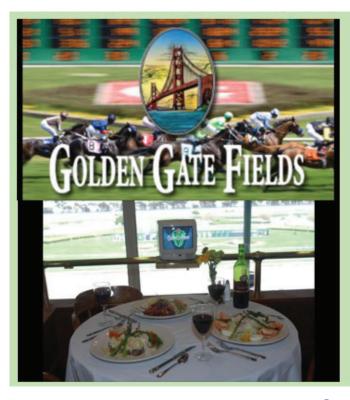




RABBIT AND POLENTA STAG TUESDAY, MAY 7

MENU: SALAD, ANTIPASTO, RABBIT AND POLENTA, WINE, COFFEE AND DESSERT. COCKTAILS ~ 6 PM / DINNER ~ 7 PM \$45 FOR MEMBERS AND \$55 FOR GUESTS. PURCHASE TICKETS BY FRIDAY, MAY 3. WWW SFIAC ORG

UPCOMING EVENTS



SFIAC Golden Gate Fields Saturday, April 6 \$51

Includes: Valet Parking, Entry and Turf Club Seating, 4-Hour Buffet, Coffee and Soft Drinks

Purchase tickets by April 2. at <u>www.SFIAC.org</u> or 415.781.0166 Kids 5-14 \$25.50

Gates open 10 a.m. – First Post 12:45 p.m. Members and Guests Welcome



Easter Bunny Buffet Sunday, April 14 at 10:30 a.m. Pancakes, sausages, scrambled eggs, orange juice and coffee. Adults (21+) - \$30 with one mimosa or Bloody Mary included Young Adults (13-20 years old) - \$20 Kids (3-12 years old) - \$20 Under 3 years old free Purchase tickets at www.SFIAC.org or 415.781.0166

CIGARS AND MEZCAL THURSDAY, MAY 16



Two hand-rolled cigars and Bruxo Mezcal tasting. Arugula salad, starter, bone-in pork chop, sides, flan and wine. \$85 for members and guests (men only) Purchase tickets at www.SFIAC.org or 415.781.0166

SFIAC RECENT EVENTS



Lifetime member Ron Ricossa celebrated his 90th birthday at the SFIAC with (from L-R) fellow Lifetime members, Umberto Bozzetto, Ron Ricossa, Chuck Vella, Russ Sabini and former member Frank Antonioni. Anstell Ricossa and son Stephen took the opportunity to visit a picture of Anstell's father Albert Daini in the members' bar. Mr. Daini was a 1928 Unione Sportiva Italiana Virtus (original name of the SFIAC) fencing competitor. What history we have here at the Club!

Stag night! Always a great time had by all.



Spring 2019 Italian Language Classes

Class Pricing

- Non-Members \$250, Members \$150
- All returning students receive a \$25 discount
- Sign up by March 4 and receive a \$25 discount.
- •Contact gina@sfiac.org or 415.781.0166 to purchase gift certificates.

Class Schedule

- Italian 1B Continuing Italian
- Mondays March 18 May 20. 7 PM-9 PM
- Italian 1A -
- Tuesdays March 19 through May 21. 7 PM-9 PM
- Intermediate / Advanced Conversation Wednesdays March 20 – May 22. 7 PM-9 PM
- Italian IC -
- Thursdays March 21 May 23. 7 PM-9 PM
- Italian 1A For Travelers -
- Saturdays March 23 May 25. 11 AM-1 PM

SFIAC RECENT EVENTS



Joe DeScala, Jr. you wear your new lifetime membership pin well. Congratulations to our new 2019 lifetime members: Albert Baldocchi, Roy Bava, Stefano Crivello, Peter Drino, John Piva, Ray Rinaldi and Edmond Zingaro. Lifetime membership is achieved at the age of sixty-five and twenty-five continuous years of regular membership. Saluti!



Flash back to 2016. Thanks to the efforts of Pete San Filippo, the SFIAC inducted Fmr. Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta as an Honorary member of the SFIAC. From left to right Manuele LaTorre, 1st V.P.; Sardine Factory proprietor Bert Cutino, Secretary Leon Panetta, Fmr. SFIAC Director Pete San Filippo and current Pres. Guido Perego.





Former SFIAC soccer players Roar Andersen, Tony Sullivan and Glenn Van Straatum stopped by the Club to reminiscence and watch a soccer match with former coach Carlo Tarrone.

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.

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

I am pleased to report that your Club had another profitable year. Revenue was up in nearly every category and expenses were on budget. Local media

continues to report on the difficulties of running a small business in San Francisco. Certain districts, including North Beach, are experiencing historically high commercial vacancy rates due to a confluence of factors. Your Club is not immune to these challenges as 2018 brought another mandated hourly wage increase, a soda tax, and paper straw mandate just to name a few. Nearly every vendor increased their prices last year for the exact same products and services. The Club will not sacrifice quality and the underlying business that supports the Membership will continue to make smart decisions for the financial health of the organization.

The beauty of having money in the bank is the ability to pay for unexpected repairs! At press time, the kitchen waste line is being replaced and a new, automatic grease trap is being installed to divert all the extra virgin olive oil from the plumbing. We promise to not re-bottle and serve it at Stag.

Thank you, Nicolas Figone, COO

Committees 2019

An election was not necessary as the number of nominees presented equaled the number of available positions. Congratulations to our new directors Merc Martinelli and Francesco Benvenuti. Andrew Humaydan will be the Recording Secretary and Joe Mattioda will continue his position as Sergeant-at-Arms. The following are the committee assignments. Contact the committee heads to volunteer or offer input.

Committee	Name	Email		
Cultural				
Italian Heritage Day	Ryan Russo Parker Mar	ryan.russo@sfiac.org parker.mar@sfiac.org		
Sports	Steve Caporelli (Chairman)	steve.caporelli@sfiac.org		
Bocce	Joe Scafidi	jscafidimv@aol.com		
Statuto	Bill Kerr	bill.kerr@sfiac.org		
Golf	Joe Marotto	joemarotto@comcast.net		
Teams and In House	Steve Caporelli	steve.caporelli@sfiac.org		
Membership	Joe Ostarello Chris DiGiacomo (Chairmen)	joe.ostarello@sfiac.org chris.digiacomo@sfiac.org		
Social Events	John Mugnani (Chairman)	john.mugnani@sfiac.org		
Language	Jad DeFanti	jad.defanti@sfiac.org john.mugnani@sfiac.org		
Dinners	John Mugnani			
Kids' Christmas	Chuck Canepa	chuck.canepa@sfiac.org		
Ways and Means	Manuele LaTorre (Chairman)			
By-Laws	Marc Libarle	marc.libarle@sfiac.org		
House	Chuck Canepa	chuck.canepa@sfiac.org		
Capitol Improvements	Joe Marino	joe.marino@sfiac.org		
Strategic Planning	Scott Bambacigno	scott.bambacigno@sfiac.org		
Communications Web/Mail	Jad DeFanti	jad.defanti@sfiac.org		
Wine and Bar Committee	John Mugnani Alec Schiff	john.mugnani@sfiac.org alec.schiff@sfiac.org		
Merchandise	Gina Travaglio	gina@sfiac.org		

SFIAC Members' 2019 Dues

It's never too late to pay your 2019 dues. 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 categories of membership may be paid online (where event tickets are sold), by calling the office or by mailing payment. Please contact me with any questions. Gina Travaglio, Membership 415.781.0166 or Gina@SFIAC.org.

NEW MEMBERS

Ciao a tutti,

The Club had a banner year. Meet the nine new members inducted in January and February. 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.



Fred Bayles



Justin Monfredini



Anthony Santana



Giordano Capovilla



Joe Parente



Gordon Tannura



Stefano Cornaglia



Vince Passanisi



Pablo Viera

SPORTS



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

Third Annual San Francisco Italian Athletic Club San Francisco High School Awards Banquet

Monday, May 13 6 p.m. Cocktails / 7 p.m. Dinner 1630 Stockton Street, San Francisco, CA

Fundraiser for San Francisco High School Sports, including the AAA and Dante's Boys Foundation

Guests of Honor Lincoln High School State Championship Football Team

High School Awards The Vince Tringall Football Trophy The Kevin Restain 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 Gaching Trophies







March Madness

Come watch in the Members' Bar Starting March 21 Thursday - Sunday Join the SFIAC pool at BS Sports Online / SFIAC March Madne Drink Specials. Details in the news blast.



Be a Part of History 99th Statuto Race June 2, 2019 8K run / 2M walk www.statutorace.com Sign up today!

Wilson

NCAA



Coach Steve Negoesco 1925-2019

Coach Steve Negoesco, legendary University of San Francisco and SFIAC men's soccer head coach and honorary member of the SFIAC for forty-two years has passed away. He was 93 years old. In 1976, Coach gave San Francisco and the SFIAC its first-ever national team sports championship on the amateur, semi-professional or professional level by hoisting the Trophy for the US Open Cup national title with a thrilling 1-0 win over New York's Inter Giuliana.

Along with the Dons' 5 national titles, Coach led his teams to 22 conference championships with a record of 540 wins, 172 losses and 66 draws. Coach Negoesco was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Mercedes. He is survived by his children Stefan, Sandra, Sonia, Stuart, Sylvana, and Sergio.



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

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.



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 pullovers in red and pine green. Available S - 2XL \$40.

Also available: Nike Golf Dri- Fit ¹/₂ 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, 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.





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CLUB CALENDAR AT-A-GLANCE

All events and dates are subject to change

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
March						1	2
	3	4	5 MARCH STAG	6	7	8	9
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16 MAN OF YEAR
	17	18	19 BOARD AND GEN. MEETING	20	21	22	23
	24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30
	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 APRIL STAG	3	4	5	б DAY AT RACES
April	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	14 EASTER BUFFET	15	16 BOARD AND GEN. MEETING	17	18	19	20
	21 CLUB CLOSED	22	23	24	25	26	27
	28	29	30				
	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 CIGAR DINNER	16	17	18
	19	20	21 BOARD AND GEN. MEETING	22	23	24	25
	26	27 CLUB CLOSED	28	29	30	31	