SAN FRANCISCO **ITALIAN** ATHLETIC CLUB

La Voce del Nostro Circolo ~

MAY/JUNE 2021

MESSAGGIO DEL PRESIDENTE

Hello Everyone,

Finally! It looks as though we just about over this very difficult Covid period. Unless things change, on June 15 we will be back in business as we once were. This comes none too soon for me! We look forward to seeing everyone back at the Club and life becoming normal once again. While you have been gone a lot of things have been happening.

On the facility side of things, the ballroom has had a "make over" as you all are aware by now. In addition, the second and third floors have had a "refreshing" with painting and refinishing the wood. It has been 20 years since either of these areas have been addressed and you will be pleased to see the cleanliness and renewed space to enjoy as a member.

Jad DeFanti and his Strategy Committee will be getting out to you a survey that is important to you and the future of the Club. The Strategy Committee has put in many hours to make this survey meaningful, as brief as possible and with you the member its focus. Please when you receive it, take the time to complete and return as your input is valuable.

There are many events and functions that the board has been planning and working on and you can see more about these things and their dates in this newsletter. At this moment, the Stag will happen on the first Tuesday of May as is our tradition, but at this moment, I am not sure as to what the capacity allowed will be. I recommend you buy your tickets early so that you make the cut-off.

I have missed seeing all of you over this extended period of the pandemic and I am looking forward to seeing everyone in the coming months!

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



A chapter of SFIAC history. Three generations of the Salvetti family; Mario, Sergio and Giordano. Also of note, Mario is the longest standing member of the Club.

Ciao Tutti!

Finalmente! Sembra che siamo appena arrivati a questo periodo Covid molto difficile. A meno che le cose non cambino, il 15 giugno torneremo in attività come una volta. Questo non arriva troppo presto per me! Non vediamo l'ora di rivedere tutti al Club e di tornare alla normalità. Mentre eri via, sono successe molte cose.

Per quanto rigurada di vista della struttura, la sala da ballo è "stata trasformata" come ormai sapete tutti. Inoltre il 2 ° e il 3 ° piano hanno avuto un "rinfresco" con la tinteggiatura e la rifinitura del legno. Sono passati 20 anni da quando una di queste aree è stata affrontata e sarai felice di vedere la pulizia e lo spazio rinnovato di cui godervi come membro.

Jad DeFanti e il suo Comitato Strategico ti faranno conoscere un sondaggio importante per voi e per il futuro del Club. Il comitato strategico ha impiegato molte ore per rendere questo sondaggio significativo, il più breve possibile e con voi come membri, su cui si concentra. Per favore, quando lo ricevi, prendivi il tempo per completare e restituire poiché il vostro contributo è prezioso.

Ci sono molti eventi e funzioni che il consiglio ha pianificato e su cui ha lavorato e puoi vedere di più su queste cose e le loro date in questa newsletter. In questo momento l'addio al celibato avverrà il primo martedì di maggio come è nostra tradizione ma in questo momento, non sono sicuro di quale sarà la capacità consentita. Vi consiglio di acquistare i biglietti in anticipo in modo da superare il limite.

Mi è mancato vederti tutti durante questo lungo periodo di pandemia e non vedo l'ora di vedere tutti nei prossimi mesi!

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



The SFIAC North
Beach scooter gang
welcomes the 650
crew to Friday Night
dinner at the Club
Porta Via

STAG DINNER

STAG DINNER SCHEDULE

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

No refunds.

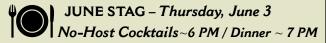
- Pay with cash, check or credit card tthrough the Club office or online at www.sfiac.org. Call in your credit card order: 415.781.0166 or e-mail your ticket request and seating preference to:

 Gina@sfiac.org.
- At this time, we are offering outdoor and some indoor seating (the number of allowed diners inside is in flux). In the weeks prior to each Stag, we will announce seating guidelines and capacity. Masks must be worn until further notice.
- Note: Dinner will be served at 7 PM.

MAY STAG – Tuesday, May 4. No-Host Cocktails~6 PM/Dinner~7 PM

Menu: salad, antipasto, rabbit or ½ chicken with polenta, wine, coffee and dessert. Cost is **\$45** for members and **\$55** for guests.

Tickets MUST be purchased by Friday, April 30.



Menu: salad, antipasto, pasta with meat sauce, calamari steak or chicken piccata, wine, coffee and dessert. Cost is **\$35** for members and **\$45** for guests.

Tickets <u>MUST</u> be purchased by Sunday, May 1.

JULY STAG – Thursday, July 8. No-Host Cocktails~6 PM/Dinner~7 PM

Menu: salad, antipasto, penne with pesto, tripe or chicken marsala, wine, coffee and dessert.

Cost is **\$35** for members and **\$45** for guests.

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

COMING SOON

Tuesday 5/4 - May Stag

Friday 5/7 - Summer Kick-Off Event

Tuesday 5/18 - General Meeting

Thursday 6/3 - June Stag

Saturday 6/12 - Bello Moto Tour and Lunch

Tuesday 6/15 - General Meeting

Thursday 7/8- July Stag

Saturday 7/31 - Grand Re-opening / Man of the Year /

Old Timer of the Year

Monday 9/13 - Golf Tournament (tentative)

UPCOMING EVENTS









Man of the Year Steve Caporelli



Old Timer of the Year Joe Marotto

Ballroom Grand Reopening

Dinner Dance Celebrating
Man of the Year, Old
Timer of the Year and
Appreciation for all the
Contractors, Architects
and Artisans that made
our renovation possible
July 31, 2021

6 p.m. No-Host Cocktails
and 7 p.m. Dinner
Menu: Appetizers, antipasto, salad,
pesto pasta, penne with tomato
basil marinara, vegetables,
calamari steaks or lamb, wine,
coffee and dessert.
\$65 for members and \$75 for guests.
Purchase tickets at www.SFIAC.org
or 415.781.0166.
Previously purchased tickets will apply.



We're always looking for members who are interested in assisting with planning and day-of-an-event activities. We are also seeking raffle or event prizes. If you would like to volunteer or donate, email:

chris.digiacomo@sfiac.org for Golf,

jim.anderson@sfiac.org for Statuto Race and

Steve Caporelli at scaporelli@gmail.com for **Bocce**.

MARCH & APRIL STAG NIGHT SUCCESS







March Stag Night Line Up





Scooter Gang never misses a weekend at the Porta Via.





Gina's Slushy Fund(raiser) was a great success! Thank you Joey Elefante, Justin Monfredini and Phil Spiegel for your generous donations to make all our frozen drink dreams come true. We will debut l'Elefante at our Summer Kick-Off Event on Friday, May 7 with margaritas. Over the summer, we will also offer frozen negroni, Aperol spritz, frose and more. Reserve l'Elefante for your next event at the Club.

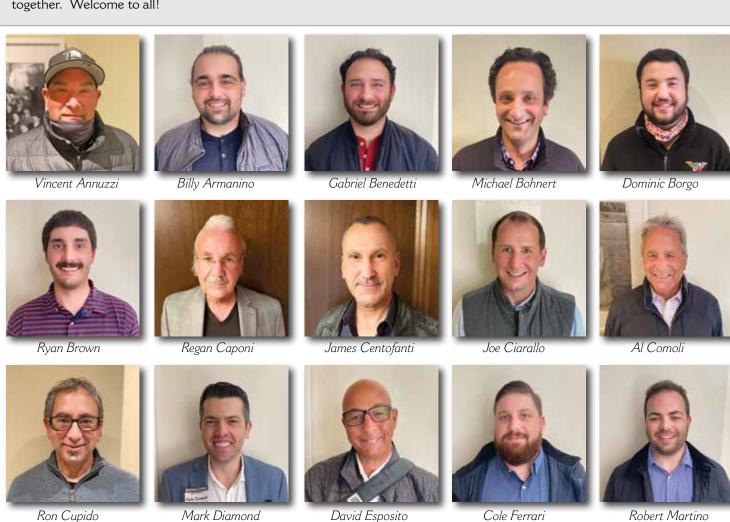
HOW TO JOIN THE SFIAC

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 online at www.SFIAC.org. Then, forward your completed application to gina@ SFIAC.org. We will arrange for a tour and meeting. 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.

NEW MEMBERS

Ciao a tutti,

In March and April, we welcomed twenty-one new members. Several of whom are relatives of current members. Dominic Borgo and Peter Porata join their fathers as members of the Club. Billy Armanino joins his brother Rich. Frank Ragusa makes the 3rd generation of his family to join the SFIAC. Father and son David Esposito and Giancarlo (not pictured) just joined together. Welcome to all!













MESSAGE FROM CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

Planning during the pandemic has been an exercise in frustration with countless rollbacks, surges, and revised health ordinances. So, as soon as I announce a re-opening of the second floor, it very well may change. Please take this into consideration as you pencil in June 23rd as a re-opening date. This would be a week after Governor Newsom's target of eliminating the colored tier system and allow for the San Francisco County politicians to determine our fate. It would also be a General Meeting night and a great time to reconnect with members and have a drink at the second floor bar.

The club will soon have an all-in-one association management software solution that will replace three separate existing subscriptions and provide the long-desired Membership Directory plus much more. The system is called GlueUp and additional information and training resources will be provided. Although many of the features will help streamline operations of the office, there will be a social feed, direct messaging among members, and the ability to purchase event tickets through the standalone app on your smartphone. This is just another example of how the Club is enhancing the membership experience.

We have a new and easy way for you to bring new members into one of the best fraternal organizations in the nation. Here is all you need to do: Send prospective members to this website or have them scan the below code with their phone to get started. Email any additional questions to membership@SFIAC.org.

https://bit.ly/IACmembership



You are the best promoters of the Club and the value of membership to the Club. The Porta Via drove a significant increase in new member applications. We see this as a great opportunity in bringing our Italian heritage to the community in a more visible manner. As we know it is the Club's goal to promote Italian cul-



Billy and Rich Armanino.

ture and bring in new members so the SFIAC can continue to be a premier Italian men's club in the Bay Area for another 100 years and beyond. If you see new faces at the Club don't be afraid to introduce yourself, learn about the new member, and continue spreading the Italian heritage to your fellow paisanos. The membership committee has been hard at work in the last few months catching up on the backlog of new membership applications and getting ready for Club re-opening.

We look forward to seeing our current and new members at upcoming events as the Club begins to open more and more. If you can't make the events, feel free to pop in at the Porta Via which is happening on a weekly basis. A dopo amici!



In May, we will implement a new membership portal GlueUp. It will be an all in one membership tool with Club calendar, member contact (opt-in), ticket purchasing, dues renewal, member engagement, networking and much more. It will be available online and by mobile app. GlueUp will identify members by their email address. Now is the time to provide us with your current email address. If you are not receiving the news blast, we likely have an outdated address for you. We do not have a valid email address for the following members. Please email gina@sfiac.org to update your contact information.

Achiro, Silvano Aiello, Matteo Alioto, Anthony Balistreri, Joseph Balistreri, Antonio Barbieri, Fernando Barlera, Paolo Bava, Giancinto Bernardini, Emilio Biondi, Silvano Buoncristiani, Romano Busalacchi, Mario Busalacchi, Peter Canepa, Raymond Caselli, John Casissa, Fred Celi. Alessandro Coppola, Francis Costigliolo, Robert

Crivello, Matteo

Damele, Richard De Battista, Dennis De Lucca, Peter Dell'Angelica, Osvaldo Della Maggiora, Aldo Demartini, Paul Di Basilio, Donald Fazio, Peter Ferrario, Robert (Bobby) Fiorucci, James (Gigi) Giacometti, Eldo Ingargiola, Nicola Ingrande, Antonio Landi, Antonio Lembi, Igris (Robert) Lombardi, Silvano Malatesta, Alfred Maraviglia, Renzo Marchetti, Tony

Cuneo, Lloyd

Marcucci. Romano Marotto, Anthony Maso, Mario Mercurio, John Morelli, Francesco Murolo, Albert Niboli, Carlo Noe, Peter Ortesi, Mario Ortona, Lorenzo Panetta, Leon Pasquinelli, Robert Pavone, Alessio Pellegrini, Luciano Piccinini, Angelo Pierucci, Alessandro Piva, Raymond Pollack, Jeffrey Ragusa, Anthony Ratto, Gerald

Rossi, Marco Sabini, Russell Salera, Albert Salvetti, Liliano Simi, Lorenzo Sodini, Giovanni Squeri, Robert Stornaiuolo, Angelo Tarantino, John Thoresen Michael Todesco, George Tomei, Steve Torrano, Carmelo Tringale, Michael Tuccori, Giuliano Valbonesi, Remo Vella, Charles

Porta Via and Bar Reopening

We are excited by the progress San Francisco is making to reopen. In the coming weeks, the Porta Via will continue to open on most Fridays and Saturdays at 4pm for outdoor cocktails and food. As we begin to host events in the ballroom there will be some days that we will be unable to open the outdoor bar. Please check our weekly newsblast for updates. As of now, our plan is to reopen the Members Bar on Wednesday, June 23.

THE RAFFLE IS BACK!!

As you know, the monthly Stag Raffle generates money to be used for important expenses that enhance member experience or Club activities that are

not included in the annual budget, including updating the exercise equipment in the gym or using funds to

Stag Raffle

SEEKING DONATIONS FOR RAFFLE PRIZES
Support the Club. Donate gift certificates, memorabilia, tickets, etc. for stag raffle prizes.
Contact francesco.benvenuti@sflac.org

ly 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 may email us at francesco.benvenuti@sfiac.org or

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 month-

tom.banducci@sfiac.org to ask questions and get on the list to donate raffle prizes.

Grazie! Tom and Francesco







Gig Ghiglieri's son Mike shared a picture of Gig's great-grandchildren Lauren and Alessandro representing the Club.



Soccer Team Track Jackets on order M-2XL reserve yours today Note SFIAC logo will be smaller. Price TBD gina@SFIAC.org

IT IS TIME TO PLAN YOUR EVENTS WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY. BRING BACK THE LAUGHTER AND GOOD TIMES. CONTACT NICO ZIMMERMAN AT NICO@SFIAC.ORG FOR CATERING INFORMATION AND BOOK YOUR DATE.





CLUB WINE SALES

We offer many wines at a deep discount by the ½ or full case.

The Prisoner **Flowers** Highway 12 Highwayman Capo and many more



Place an order with gina@ SFIAC.org or stop by the Porta Via.



SFIAC Events

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CLUB CALENDAR AT-A-GLANCE

All events and dates are subject to change

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	2	4 MAY STAG	5	6	7 SUMMER KICK- OFF EVENT	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 GEN. MEETING	19	20	21	22
23/30	24/31	25	26	27	28	29
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13	14	15 GEN. MEETING	16	17	18	19
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27	28	29	30			

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