



# San Francisco Italian Athletic Club

**APRIL 2005**

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Dear Members,

The month of March has past and April is upon us. The weather is clearing and the SFIAC is welcoming all of our members and guests to an exciting spring and upcoming summer. We miss all of you. Come to your club and experience an exclusive location of good times.

I want to begin by reaching out and thanking all our club committees for the excellent initiative that they have exemplified by firing the engine that keeps our club afloat. It is hard work and we all truly appreciate it.

Our Past President dinner party in recognition of George Bacigalupi, Past President, was beautiful with good food, good music and great people. What a party! Thank you George for everything!

April is full of excitement, plan to attend our Stag Dinner, our Lunch, Gino & Gina's Wedding and the event of the Year, Italian Night! Mark your Calendars for April and fill it with SFIAC events. Hope to see you all so we can toast to good times!

Allora ci vediamo al Club, e quando veneti lasciate a casa tutti pensieri e passate il tempo in spirito buono.

Sempre avanti,  
*Sergio Salvetti, President*

## **SUMMER SERIES**

### **O'Reilly's Oysterfest**

The SFIAC kicks off **The 2005 Summer Series** with the 6th Annual San Francisco Oyster & Beer Festival in Washington Square on Saturday April 2nd, 2005 from 11:00-6:00. Though only entering its sixth year the San Francisco Oyster & Beer Festival is already the largest Celtic festival in San Francisco drawing over 10,000 people to the park in 2004.

The event centers around the unique combination of oysters and stout and is supported by a great cast of traditional and contemporary live Irish music. Though oysters are the main theme of the festival we will again be featuring booths offering alternative choices of cuisine. This year's line-up of music will be excellent. Melanie O'Reilly from Ireland will kick off the event, followed by a special appearance by the Irish Poet Lauret. Molly's Revenge, The Indulgers from Denver and Wake the Dead will complete the proceedings. Keeping with tradition, the annual appearance of The Whelan Academy of Irish Dance will also take place.

As with other years they will have a number of very interesting sideshows, the suck and shuck competition, stilts and cooking demonstrations. This year they will even have a designated children's play area.

There is not a better place to watch the event than from your own balcony at the SFIAC. Come and enjoy the conveniences of your own club. Also, the NCAA tournament will also be playing on the big screen. Come and enjoy a festive day in the sunshine.

### **Upcoming Summer Events:**

***NORTH BEACH FESTIVAL*** ~ Saturday & Sunday, June 19-20, 2005

***NORTH BEACH JAZZ FESTIVAL*** ~ August 6-10

## SOCIAL EVENTS

**ATTENTION:** All tickets for the Stag Night dinner must be paid for by the Saturday before Stag Night. Similarly, all tickets for the Luncheon must be paid for by the Wednesday before the Luncheon. **NO EXCEPTIONS PLEASE!** And remember, parking is always available at APM Parking at 721 Filbert Street (Sunday-Thursday costs \$7.50 flat rate, Friday & Saturday costs \$15.00 flat rate). Finally, tickets can be paid for by credit card. Members of the Board of Directors will collect tickets after all participants are seated. In order to be served, a member or guest must produce a ticket, **NO EXCEPTIONS**. A list of the names of ticket purchasers will be on hand to resolve questions such as lost tickets, etc. If the member's name (or guest ticket number under that member's name) is not in the book, the dinner price will be collected or no meal will be served. Members shall be responsible for their guests, who must also provide a ticket for their meal. The Board of Directors gratefully acknowledges that the vast majority of the members attending a Stag dinner always have their tickets. The Board apologizes for any inconvenience this procedure may cause.

- **APRIL STAG**

**Tuesday, April 5, 2005.** The menu will include salad, penne with marinara sauce, lamb shank with lima beans and sherbert for dessert. Cost is \$ 15.00 for members and \$18.00 for guests. **Remember, you must have a ticket to be served.** Tickets on sale, Tuesday, March 15, 2005

- **APRIL LUNCHEON**

**Friday, April 15, 2005.** The menu will include salad, farfalle with marinara sauce, roasted leg of lamb and ice cream for dessert. Tickets on sale March 28<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$18.00 per person for both members and guests. **A MINIMUM OF 50 TICKETS MUST BE SOLD BY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup> OR THE LUNCHEON WILL BE CANCELLED.**

- **MAY STAG**

**Tuesday, May 3, 2005.** The menu will include salad, rabbit with polenta and ice cream. Cost is \$15.00 for members and \$20.00 for guests. **Remember, you must have a ticket to be served.** Tickets on sale, Tuesday, April 8, 2005

- **MAY LUNCHEON**

**Friday, May 20, 2005.** The menu will include salad, pasta marinara sauce, veal saute and ice cream for dessert. Tickets on sale April 26. Cost is \$18.00 per person for both members and guests. **A MINIMUM OF 50 TICKETS MUST BE SOLD BY WEDNESDAY, MAY 18 OR THE LUNCHEON WILL BE CANCELLED.**

- **GINO & GINA'S WEDDING**

**\*\*\*SATURDAY'S SHOW SOLD OUT\*\*\***

- **GINO & GINA'S WEDDING  
2<sup>ND</sup> SHOW ADDED**

**Due to popular demand, we have added a 2<sup>nd</sup> wedding for Gino & Gina on Friday, April 8, 2005. The wedding will start at 7:30 PM sharp. Doors open at 6:30 PM.**

*Cost is \$35.00 for members and \$40.00 for guests. The wedding reception will include dinner, a champagne toast, dancing and plenty of laughs. Tickets on sale now and they're going fast!*

- **ITALIAN NIGHT**

*Italian night is back on Saturday, April 23, 2005 and the club will be rocking once again to the ever so famous JD & Company! Club members and their guests will dine on salad, pasta with meat sauce, veal roast and dessert. Hosted cocktails at 6:00 PM and dinner and dancing to follow. \$45.00 for members and \$50.00 guests. Parking tickets \$5.00. Tickets on sale now!*

**"Pedro Tournament  
on Sunday, May 15, 2005"  
details to follow.**

**"Stay Tuned...  
Pasquale Esposito is coming back  
to the club in May or June"**

## SOCIAL EVENTS

### STATUTO RACE

It's time to lace up your sneakers and break out the shorty-shorts for the 85<sup>th</sup> running of the SFIAC's Statuto Race. As you know, every year the club presents this 8k run or 1 mile walk on the first Sunday in June to commemorate the *\*Statuto Albertino\* of 1848, Italy's first constitution*. Our club's Statuto Race is the 4<sup>th</sup> oldest footrace in the United States. The course begins at the club, heads north in Stockton Street to Bay, east on Bay to the Embarcadero, then south on the Embarcadero to the turn around at Red's Java House and then back the same way to finish in front of the club at beautiful Washington Square Park.

Race day is Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM. Early sign-ups are \$25.00 and race day sign ups are \$30.00. Every participant receives a tee-shirt and the top runners receive **CASH PRIZES**. Yes your eyes are fine, the top finishers will receive cash prizes.

The Statuto Race is a great way to participate in a fun club event while carrying on the history and tradition of the SFIAC and San Francisco! Call the club office at 415-781-0165 for more details or an entry form.

### RENO TRIP

Pack your bags, jump on the bus and head on up to Reno with your fellow club members, family and friends on **Sunday, June 12, 2005**. There will be two buses with two different pick-ups. Bus #1 departs from Vicente & 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue at 7:30 AM. The 2<sup>nd</sup> bus departs from the club (1630 Stockton Street) at 8:30 AM.

Return to San Francisco on Monday, June 13, 2005 at approximately 7:30 PM

Cost is \$80.00 per person (twin/double occupancy) and \$95.00 per person (single occupancy).

Please contact event chairman, Joe Alioto at 415-706-1144 or co-chairman, Nick D'Angelo at 415-781-0166 for more information. You can pick up a flyer at the club bar or office.

## CLUB NEWS

### MESSAGE FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Bravo to Frank Lofrano & Sons Auto Repair for they have decided to be a "Major Sponsor" for the Statuto Race by purchasing 250 tee-shirts. Thank You! Thank you!

At the SFIAC Board of Director's Meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2005, the finance committee recommended charging \$15.00 for members at the Stag and \$20.00 for guests. The motion was passed and the price increase will take effect on May 1, 2005.

Thanks to Pete San Filippo for installing the "updated membership list"

Thanks to Joe Scafidi for his continued help with the maintenance projects at the club.

Thanks to Mario Alioto and the SF Giants for their raffle donations.

Thanks to Phil Francesconi for his help with the office computer and our website.

President Sergio Salvetti has requested a higher quality club polo shirt. They will be available at the April Stag along with the tee-shirts and caps.

Thank you,  
Frank Villani

### 2005 DUES

If you forgot to pay your 2005 dues, please call Frank Villani at 415-781-0165 or 718-0166.

**Thank you to our sponsors for their continued support.**

**If you would like your business card placed in the newsletter, please call Pam Piccinini at 415-781-0165**

### From Lisa's Corner

Happy Spring to all! March was not as busy as January or February, but we had some wonderful events. The Three I's and Mary O'Shea had another sellout luncheon and we wait for their return in October. Thank you to club members Shirley Bardini, Mike Cianciarulo and Steve Leveroni for hosting parties.

A special thank you to Tina Canepa and the cast and crew of Gino & Gina's Wedding for selling out the performance on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> and for being so flexible and agreeing to perform on Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> as well. Hats off to club members Nina Clima and John Ferrando for selling the most tickets!

Looking forward to a very busy April. Don't forget to buy your tickets for Italian Night! You don't want to miss this event.

Ciao!

Lisa Michelis  
Event Manager

## **CLUB NEWS**

### **MEMBERSHIP**



Congratulations to the following new member David Bonacci who was initiated at the March stag:

The club looks forward to welcoming new members. Applications for membership are available at the club bar. If any one of your family, friends, associates are considering membership bring them down to the club, show them around, hand them an application and start the process of having them become a member of the SFIAC. Our staff is readily available at the club every day to answer any membership inquires.

If any Club member has a question about the dues/assessments, their membership status, or want to refer a new applicant for membership, please contact membership co-chairmen Ron Barone or Pete San Filippo at 415-290-2242 or email to [SFIAC@MSN.COM](mailto:SFIAC@MSN.COM). We will make a concerted effort to respond to your inquiry as soon as possible. Thank you for your help and support with the Club's membership program.

## **GENERAL MEETING**

**ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS**

***PLAN TO ATTEND THE  
GENERAL MEETING - APRIL 19, 2005***

***COME ONE – COME ALL***

***MEET YOUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS AND LEARN WHAT IS IN STORE FOR THE COMING YEAR.  
COME EARLY AND MEET WITH US AND SOCIALIZE WITH YOUR FRIENDS OVER A HOSTED  
LIGHT DINNER AND A GLASS OF WINE.***

**REMEMBER, ALL NEW MEMBERS MUST ATTEND FOUR (4) GENERAL MEETINGS THE  
FIRST YEAR AND THEREAFTER IF YOU WISH TO BECOME A BOARD MEMBER.**

**YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

# Scholarship Applications

Applications for Scholarships will not be included with the club's newsletter.  
Those members who wish to receive applications should send their request to:

**SFIAC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP  
371 VALENCIA DRIVE  
SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080-5619**

**With your request, enclose a self addressed  
STAMPED envelope.**

**Thanks to the members who have contributed to the scholarship fund.**

**Dick Battaglia**



## **OBITUARY:**

**Guido Bardini, Past President and Long-Standing Lifetime Member.**

Guido is going to be dearly missed. As your President this year, Sergio Salvetti, Guido helped me most recently with Board of Director appointments for the year 2005. I called Guido for assistance and he offered valuable guidance. I have had the pleasure to experience memorable interaction with Guido as an adolescent, teenager and adult throughout the years as an active member of the SFIAC. Guido as a board of Director, President and friend, I have to say, was an individual, that our club, in my experience may never be surpassed. He new the

History, the People, the Legacy, and the continuing strives that account for our club's continued success. I could always count on Guido and I know he will be dearly missed. Grazie per tutto Guido, remani sempre in nostri pensieri!

We send our condolences to club member Steve Lavezzoli and his family on the lost of his father.