



San Francisco Italian Athletic Club

JUNE 2005

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello fellow members,

I want to extend a warm welcome to the upcoming SFIAC Summer months and farewell to the unprecedented wet weather of this past spring. As members of our great club, set aside some time to enjoy your beautiful club. The last stag dinner was superb, our members, their guests and all our great staff put on a night to remember. I was also very impressed at the excellent turnout we had at our last General Meeting, great assembly! I was impressed to see some of our new members and I thank their sponsors for the opportunity for them to be part of our exclusive family.

I am personally extending suggestions, comments of any sort, good or bad to be directly addressed to me or the office, that may aide in accelerating the SFIAC club experience. I will make an earnest effort to address all your comments.

Sunday, June 6th is our annual Statuto Race. Even if you're not in the race come by for some espresso

and interact with our fellow members; it is sure to be fun. Our Reno trip is set for June 12th & 13th, Sunday and Monday respectively. Seats are still available and I hope to see some new faces; I can assure you that the Travel committee will surprise you with a trip to remember.

Well, when you have some free time, come down to the club, play some cards, watch a sporting event, have a cocktail, play some basketball, take a steam or simply hang-out! It is your Club, and we want you to use it.

Once again, I want to thank all of our support staff for the continued success of making the SFIAC experience very exclusive!

Si vediamo presto. Sempre avanti.

Sergio Salvetti
Presidente, SFIAC

CLUB PICNIC

*** * * SAVE THE DATE * * ***

Another fun day in the sun at Blackberry Farm!

Mark your calendars now for the **SFIAC's annual picnic on Sunday, August 21, 2005**

Stay tuned for more info in the next few newsletters!

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.

- **JUNE STAG**

Cocktails ~ 6:00 PM Dinner ~ 7:00 PM
Tuesday, June 7, 2005. The menu will include salad, pasta with meat sauce, roast beef and dessert. Cost is \$15.00 for members and \$20.00 for guests. **Remember, you must have a ticket to be served.** Tickets on sale, Tuesday, May 17, 2005

- **JUNE LUNCHEON**

Cocktails ~ 11:00 AM Lunch ~ 12:00 PM
Friday, June 17, 2005. The menu will include salad, risotto with mushrooms, chicken cordon bleu and ice cream for dessert. Tickets on sale May 24, 2005. Cost is \$18.00 per person for both members and guests. **A MINIMUM OF 50 TICKETS MUST BE SOLD BY WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15 OR THE LUNCHEON WILL BE CANCELLED.**

- **JULY STAG**

Cocktails ~ 6:00 PM Dinner ~ 7:00 PM
Tuesday, July 5, 2005. The menu will include salad, pasta with marinara, tripe and dessert. Cost is \$15.00 for members and \$20.00 for guests. **Remember, you must have a ticket to be served.** Tickets on sale, Tuesday, June 14, 2005.

- **JULY LUNCHEON**

Cocktails ~ 11:00 AM Lunch ~ 12:00 PM
Friday, July 15, 2005. The menu will include salad, pasta with olive oil and herbs, cottegino with red beans and ice cream for dessert. Tickets on sale June 21, 2005. Cost is \$18.00 per person for both members and guests. **A MINIMUM OF 50 TICKETS MUST BE SOLD BY WEDNESDAY, JULY 13 OR THE LUNCHEON WILL BE CANCELLED.**

- **Calamari Day**

Saturday, June 18, 2005

Before, during and after the North Beach Fair, stop by the club and dine on delicious fried calamari. Tables will be set up outside al fresco. *\$10.00 for calamari and a Peroni. 11:00 AM ~ 3:00 PM*

- **Pancake Breakfast**

Sunday, June 19, 2005

Want to dine on delicious pancakes, scrambled eggs and sausages? Stop by the club on Sunday, June 19th. *\$10.00 for adults (includes a champagne mimosa) and \$5.00 for children. 8:00 AM ~ 11:00 AM*



At the May, 2005, Stag Dinner Aaron Peskin, President of the SF Board of Supervisors, enjoying dinner together with SFIAC President Sergio Salvetti, SFIAC Members, and Guests.

SOCIAL EVENTS

IN HOUSE SOCIAL EVENTS:

The club has many different events coming up this year! This is a great way to meet other members and have a good time.

Upcoming events:

Poker tournament in July
Sacramento River Boat Brunch & Casino Outing
Giants vs Dodgers in September

Golf Tournament in September
Reno Trip Early November

RENO TRIP ~ Seats still available

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 & 19th Avenue at 7:30 AM. The 2nd 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.

RIVER ROCK CASINO TRIP

Date: June 30, 2005

Time: Coffee & Pastry ~ 9:00- 9:45 AM

Departure: 10:00 AM from the SFIAC

Cost : \$20.00 per person ~ upon arrival at River Rock, you will receive \$15.00 in cash (make sure that you bring your photo ID)

In appreciation for your support of the club, we would like to offer this bus trip for you. **There will be only one bus, so members (includes spouses and widows of members) you may bring only one guest in addition to yourself.** We are doing this so more members have a chance to participate. *Tickets will be sold on a first come basis and at the time of purchasing your tickets, you will also select your sit on the bus.* Please remember to purchase both of your tickets at the same time to ensure that you will sit with your guest. This trip does not include refreshments on the bus, so it is best to bring your own.

The price of this trip includes a round trip bus ride to River Rock Casino and back to the SFIAC, a tip for the driver and coffee & pastry at the club in the morning. In addition we will be playing 14 bingo games with a total of \$420.00 in cash prizes. 2 games at \$20.00, 10 games at \$30.00 and 2 games at \$40.00. 7 games will be played on the ride to River Rock and 7 games will be played on the way home.

Tickets go on sale at the club on June 17, 2005.

Good luck!

George Paris, Coordinator

CLUB NEWS

From Lisa's Corner

May came and went very quickly and the club had great events. A very special thank you to the following groups and individuals who continue to trust us with their events: Galileo Sports Hall of Fame, The San Francisco Forum, The Salesian Ladies Group, the Italian American Community Services, Service Source and Mary O'Shea of the Three "T"s. A note of thanks to the following club members for their events as well: Diana Aliano, Nick Barsetti, and Greg Carrara.

A few months ago, I met with two individuals, Tim Farley and Joe Belluomini regarding a fundraising event for the Leukemia Society. Not only did we get the fundraising event, we also got a retirement party for Tim Farley's father in April and a new club member ~ Joe Belluomini. For those of you who were at the club on Thursday, May 19, 2005 you witness the club transforming into a casino. "The Monte Carlo Night" was a *huge* success for the Leukemia Society who had over 400 guests and it was a great exposure for the club. Congratulations to the Leukemia Society and Joe Belluomini!

Putting a successful party together takes a lot of time and preparation since there are many details to consider. It also takes a dedicated staff to follow through with the client's wishes. I personally want to thank our chef, Jose Moreno and his sous chef Nestor for continually cooking to perfection. To the ladies who served the meals; Martha, Maria, Maxine, Sylvia, Xenia, Pat, Catherina, Rina, Angela and Leann, thank you for doing a fantastic job. To our dishwashers, Daisy, Jose V. and Jose C, you have a tough job, but you do it with pride and you keep everything shining! To the bartenders, thanks for keeping the drinks flowing and the humor going.

This is a great team and on behalf of them and myself, thank you for letting us serve you, your families and guests.

A special note of thanks to Pam Piccinini and to the weekend club members, Joe Balistreri, Ron Barone, Anthony Germano, Bob Lembi, Bob and Vince Lurati, Joe and Frances Rappa and Pete San Filippo, for always lending a helping hand. And thank you to Bob Piva for ALWAYS COMING TO THE RESCUE!

Summer Series

Come and enjoy another casual afternoon at the SFIAC while North Beach enjoys it's biggest festival of the year, the North Beach Festival. Mark your calendar for the weekend event: Saturday, June 18 and Sunday, June 19, 10 am - 6 pm. Stop by the club and watch the festivities from the balcony. On Saturday, dine on calamari and on Sunday, fest on pancakes!

The country's original outdoor arts & crafts festival celebrates its 51st anniversary with Juried Arts & Crafts Exhibitions and Sales, Celebrity Pizza Toss, Live Entertainment Stages headlining the hot group Luce, Alternative, Rhythm & Blues, Latin Rock, Pop Rock, Reggae, Salsa and Swing, Cooking Stage, Celebrity Chefs, Assisi Animal Blessings (2:00 pm, both days, Vallejo / Columbus), Arte di Gesso (Italian street chalk art competition, 1500 block Stockton), indoor Classical Concerts, 4 pm, at National Shrine of St. Francis. Poetry Stage

Upcoming Summer Events:

NORTH BEACH JAZZ FESTIVAL~ August 6-10

OBITUARY

Out thoughts and prayers with the family and friends of club member John Rossi, who passed away last month.

CLUB NEWS

MEMBERSHIP

The club looks forward to welcoming new members. Applications for membership are available at the club bar or on our website at www.sfiac.org. If any one of your family, friends, or 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 Adminstration@sfiac.org. 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 - JUNE 14, 2005***

7:00 PM

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

CLUB NEWS

MESSAGE FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY:

50 Year Honorees:

I am proud to announce that President Sergio Salvetti and the Board of Directors will be honoring seven club members who have achieved 50 years active membership in the SFIAC. They will be the guests of the club at the June 7th Stag and will receive a 50 Year pin from the club. CONGRATULATIONS!

Diano Bernardini
Ignazio Flaviani
Vito Lucchesi
Giovanni Magoncelli
William Malatesta
Luciano Pelligrini
Mario Salvetti

Don't miss this event honoring seven 50 years members (350 years)?

Raffle/Auction:

The May Raffle/Auction was the best since I re-started them in April of 2004. Thank you members and guests for your support.

Special thanks to John Howett (non-member) and club member Gary Noe for donating bottles of wine for the raffle and John Adiego for donating the Molinari Salami. A special thanks goes to Joe Scafidi for his continued assistance with the raffle and to Vito of Young's Market for donating the "Gentlemen Jack" sign.

Once again, a special thank you to club member Mario Alioto and the San Francisco Giants for donating the autographed encased baseballs with a letter of authenticity of Willie Mays and JT Snow.

Anyone wishing to donate a raffle/auction item, please call me directly at 415-781-0166.

Energy Efficient Program:

On Wednesday, May 25, 2005, First Vice President, Alberto Cipollina and I did a final inspection of the club building with consultant Barbara Walker. A few small items needed to be completed, but for the most part we have completed a project that began in November of 2004. Motion sensors and energy efficient lights have been installed throughout 80% of the building. The economic savings will reduce our monthly PG&E bill.

Club Merchandise:

New Short Sleeve Polo Shirts (Navy Blue)	\$30.00
Tee Shirts Navy or White	\$15.00
Caps Navy or Stone	\$15.00
Caps "Flex Fit"	\$20.00

If you are unable to come in, we will be happy to mail your order. Contact me at 415-781-0166. Be proud of your club by wearing club merchandise.

Club Activities:

A full list of activities are scheduled in the month of June-Plan on Attending? Bring a Friend!

SUPPORT YOUR CLUB

Looking forward to seeing you at the Statuto Race on Sunday, June 5th. Tee shirts will be on sale!

Thank you
Frank Villani

CLUB NEWS

2005 AMNESTY PROGRAM

Any past member that was in good standing with the SFIAC when he quit the club and would like to rejoin the club only need contact the membership chairman and submit his request for membership committee for consideration and pay the prorated dues at the time he is accepted back into the club.

After two years of becoming a member again, the reinstated member will accrue the missed time towards his lifetime membership.

It's a New and Improved Club!

Did you have a bad meal? Did the script program upset you? Did you miss the old fashioned parties the club had? Parking always a problem?

Well, all these problems are gone! The Board of Directors and the membership committee are welcoming all of you AWOL members back to the club. Come on by and check out the club. The upstairs has been repainted, the furniture had been re-covered, new carpet is on the floor and new mini blinds to keep the sun from your eyes. Our banquet staff has dedicated it's self and it shows in the quality of the food being served at all the club stags, club luncheons, parties, weddings, baptisms and many business

meetings scheduled in our facility. Just check out the number of parties and weddings held last year and see how many are scheduled for this year and you will see that the numbers have increase and the word on the street is nothing but good. I won't say that our meals are as good as mama used to make, but pretty close.

The club parties are again package deals and discounted parking is available for all club functions and meetings. Play pedro or poker? Come and play in our scheduled tournaments. Like cruising the Sacramento River? Come and join us on the Sacramento Queen for brunch, a nice boat ride and a couple of hours of fun at Thunder Valley Indian Casino. Gino Cimoli promises this year's club picnic will be one that you will not forget! Starting calling your friends and packing your picnic baskets now, you don't want to be left behind. Come and join us for calamari and a pancake breakfast during the North Beach Fair, the up coming Jazz Festival. Columbus Day and many other fun things scheduled this year.....
"LIKE I SAID, IT'S A NEW AND IMPROVED CLUB"!

Contact membership chairman, Ron Barone at 415-290-2242 for more information!

Scholarship Fund Information

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