



San Francisco Italian Athletic Club

JULY 2005

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

July is just around the corner. Our children and grandchildren are out of school for the summer and I am sure that we all have vacation on our minds. I want to wish all of you a pleasant, relaxing and fun summer.

What a time in Reno. I want to extend a big "Thank You" to Chairman, Joe Alioto and Co-Chairman, Nick D'Angelo for organizing a trip to remember. And thank you to all our fellow members who helped on and off the buses. We had two bus loads of fun, happy SFIAC members and guests. If you never experienced this affair, remember to seriously consider participating in our next one; it is a lot of fun and excitement.

The Statuto Race was a big success. Our 85th running had an excellent turnout. Thank you to Ray Piva, Chairman, Richard Bravin, Co-Chairman, members of our club, SF Police Department and for all who assisted in making this affair a large success. Look for details early February 2006 for the next running of Statuto Race.

Members, I need your assistance. If any of you know friends or relatives that were recent members, advise them of our current

amnesty program. We want all our old members back. Voice to them to take advantage of this program, bring it to their attention and have them call us at the club. The process of reinstatement is very simple. The membership committee has been hard at work, seeking to reunite our friends of the recent past and to continue maintaining our strong fellowship.

Where are our members at our General Meetings? Would hope to see better attendance in the future. A quorum of 50 is required to conduct any business. Gentlemen, our club is for your participation. Come have a spuntino and become active in the affairs of our great club. Remember new members, we require you to attend at least 4 meetings in your first membership year.

Hope to see you often at the SFIAC; we have one of the best organizations in the country and it functions so much better with a full complement of our membership.

Allora ci vediamo, sempre avanti,

Sergio Salvetti
Presidente, SFIAC

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.

- **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.

***Half roasted chicken is available, please let the bartender know when you purchase your tickets. 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. ***Half roasted chicken is available, please let the bartender know when you purchase your tickets.** 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.**

- **AUGUST STAG**

Cocktails ~ 6:00 PM Dinner ~ 7:00 PM

Tuesday, August 2, 2005. The menu will include salad, pasta with pesto, boiled 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, July 12, 2005.**

- **AUGUST LUNCHEON**

Cocktails ~ 11:00 AM Lunch ~ 12:00 PM

Friday, August 19, 2005. The menu will include salad, pasta with meat sauce, veal sauté and ice cream for dessert. Tickets on sale July 19, 2005. Cost is \$18.00 per person for both members and guests. **A MINIMUM OF 50 TICKETS MUST BE SOLD BY WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17 OR THE LUNCHEON WILL BE CANCELLED.**

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

Giants vs. Dodgers in September

Golf Tournament in September

Reno Trip Early November

Sacramento River Boat Brunch & Casino Outing

****See attached Flyer****

Spend a wonderful **Sunday on August 14, 2005**, cruising the Sacramento River aboard the historic Paddle Wheeler, the "Spirit of Sacramento", while enjoying a delicious **Champagne Brunch**. After the cruise you will travel to the beautiful Thunder Valley Casino in Lincoln for a fun filled afternoon of gaming.

Depart: 8:00 AM from the San Francisco:

Bus #1 ~ Vicente & 19th Avenue

Bus #2 ~ 1630 Stockton Street

Return: Approx 7:30 PM to San Francisco:

Cost per person is \$68.00 (payment is due by July 20, 2005) includes round trip deluxe motorcoach transportation, admission on the "Spirit of Sacramento" plus free flowing champagne brunch and entry to Thunder Valley (\$5.00 bonus games coupon & \$5.00 food coupon)

For more information contact Nick D'Angelo at 415-706-1144 or Joe Alioto

SOCIAL EVENTS



CLUB PICNIC

*The Annual Club Picnic is on Sunday, August 21, 2005
at Blackberry Farm.*

Prices & Fees

Members ~ \$17.00

Guests~ \$20.00

Children under 10 years ~ \$6.50 (just the entry fee to the park)

All prices for members and guests include entry fee into the park and a steak or chicken dinner, salad, beans, French bread and watermelon that will be served at \$4:00 PM. When purchasing your tickets, you will need to provide your choice of dinner. Children under 10 will have a hamburger. If they want chicken or steak, they will pay the price of an adult ticket.

Each member and guest will need to provide their own snacks, beverages, plates and utensils. Tickets on sale, now, at the club bar. Reservations must be in by August 14, 2005. Any questions or you need a ride, please contact Gino Cimoli at 650-756-5027.

You don't want to miss all the fun and excitement. Swimming, dice game, spinning the wheel, salami throw and the raffle. Prizes include a color TV and dinner gift certificates from great restaurants around town!

Reminder: Please try to attend your club's functions.

General Meetings are held the *Third Tuesday* of each month.

Stag Dinners are held the *First Tuesday* of each month.

Luncheons are held the *Third Friday* of each month.

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CLUB NEWS

From Lisa's Corner

Again, the month flew by and it was another successful and fun month. In addition to two weddings, we hosted a graduation party, a 40th, a 50th, a 60th and a 65th birthday party. The Three "I"s (The Irish, the Italians and the Israelis) came back again, this time celebrating Israel's Independence Day. They always come in March to celebrate St. Patrick's Day and in October to celebrate Columbus Day. The following club members also held events at the club, Joe Belloumoni, Mike Ciofalo, Joe Marotto and Joe Riccio. Thank you! Remember, the club is a GREAT place to have an event. The holidays are just around the corner and why not have your company's party at the club? Dates are filling up fast!

A special thank you for all of those who attending the club lunch on June 17th. What a meal and what a fun time everyone had. This was the start of a great weekend for the club. The North Beach Fair was held on that Saturday and Sunday and the club opened the doors with its Italian hospitality. Tables and chairs were placed outside and we served fried calamari and drinks. With the sun shining, the club was the "HOT SPOT". We sold out of calamari (the best at the fair) after 2 hours, but the party continued

both outside and upstairs. Leading the pack downstairs was none other than our own Gerry Calgaro, while upstairs, Bob Lurati was holding down the fort. These events are a great way to showcase the club, in fact we passed out over 15 applications for membership.

The weekend could not have been such a success without the help of several club members and their families. Frances Rappa was the waitress extraordinaire serving over 50 lbs of calamari. She love it so much, she was back the next day helping with the pancake breakfast which was prepared by her husband Joe Rappa plus Ron Barone and Bob Lembi. Thank you to the club members who were at the club and support these events, especially Lou Musante, who also came to the club lunch! A million thanks.

Hope to see you at the club and don't forget the club picnic on Sunday, August 21, it's sure to be blast!

**Lisa Michelis
Event Manger
415-781-0933**

MESSAGE FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY:

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 NEWS

Summer Series

There was a time, veteran SFIAC members say, when the rich jazz history of San Francisco was written in North Beach. From the traditional jazz sounds of the Barbary Coast, a block south of Broadway, to North Beach's main digs like the Jazz Workshop, the Coffee Gallery, the Jazz Cellar, the Bagel Shop, El Matador, Basin Street West, Sugarhill, Keystone Korner and others, North Beach was the hotbed of San Francisco's vibrant jazz scene.

While many Jazz Festivals deal in the nostalgic presentation of old masters, the North Beach Jazz Fest has consistently demonstrated an eye and an ear for the future of jazz. Presenting innovative shows that capture a younger listener's ear (while staying true to jazz fundamentals) NBJF has produced shows with artists like Poncho Sanchez, Carlos Santana, Bobby Hutcherson, Carl Craig, DJ Snowboy, Pharoah Sanders, Los Hombres Calientes, Rebirth Brass Band, Kermit Ruffins, and so many others.

The North Beach Jazz Festival was created in 1995 as a vehicle for celebrating the legendary jazz history of San Francisco, and for introducing jazz of all types to a new generation of listeners. Since then, the festival has become one of the nation's most up-and-coming musical gatherings.

The North Beach Jazz Festival has purposely maintained a distinctly grassroots, homegrown feel by consistently featuring local talent, and by incorporating the neighborhood's unique jazz history and culture into the festivities. The North Beach Jazz Festival is as much about promoting talented jazz musicians as it is about hosting a great party in one of the city's most dynamic and storied neighborhoods.

And your club could not be better situated to enjoy the festival. The main stage is set up just across the street from our main balcony. Come by the club to enjoy the festival on Saturday, July 30. Call the club office at 415-781-0165 for more details.

GENERAL MEETING

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

***PLAN TO ATTEND THE
GENERAL MEETING - JULY 19, 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

MEMBERSHIP

Congratulations to the following new club members:

May Stag Initiation:

Ernest Cadelago, Roberto Lauretta, Matthew San Filippo & Thomas Villeggiante, Jr.

June Stag Initiation:

Steven Fichera, Joseph Clima Jr., Edward Bruno, and Dan Bernardini.

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 inquiries.

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 Fillipo at 415-290-2242 or email Administration@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.



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

OBITUARY

**Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of the following lifetime members who passed away:
Leo Baldocchi , Ray Bianchini and Rudolph Luca. God bless them!**

CLUB NEWS

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

In last month's newsletter, we announced details of our amnesty program for past members. We believe that welcoming back prior club members is a logical step in addressing our membership goal. It is a serious matter for our club. Over the past few years, membership has had our attention. We now need to focus on it.

We have been concerned with outgoing members citing various reasons for their departure. Explanations have included the shape of the club lounge, our financial situation, the old script program, and social events that lacked variety. Over the past few years, we have worked diligently to address these criticisms.

Over the past few years, we have made some significant strides. We now enjoy a parking arrangement with APM parking. Fresh paint and new furniture have enhanced the club lounge. Due to our growing banquet business, our financial situation has improved dramatically and the future is bright. Our 2006 calendar is already filling! We have distanced ourselves from controversial programs like the script. Our social calendar is now filled with nice variety of dinner dances, plays, card tournaments, bus trips, Giants games, and the Summer Series events. Our chef continues to do a great job of delivering great meals to our many food critics! It really is a new day at the SFIAC.

We are optimistic that you are recognizing the positive changes. You have done a great job of referring applicants to the club. Over the past few years, we have been initiating 50-60 quality men per year. This is a big improvement compared to previous years. Thank you for your support! We need to keep the momentum going and build on it. You can help.

The amnesty program is very simple. Through the end of the year, we request your assistance in reaching out to your friends that were once members. All they need to do is fill out an application, which can be found at the club bar or on line at our website: www.sfiac.org. Our Membership Chairmen, Ron Barone and Pete San Filippo, will then contact them. In addition to your outreach, the club will also be mailing letters to

previous members informing them of our amnesty program and welcoming them back. A past member will not be responsible for the \$150 initiation fee. However, they will be responsible for their annual dues through the remainder of the year. As always, the dues will be pro-rated off of the \$250.00 annual dues rate. In addition, the reinstated member will accrue the missed time towards his lifetime membership after two years of membership.

Your Board of Directors is excited about this opportunity to focus on growing our membership. We have six months to execute a program that has the potential to have a lasting impact on the club. The success of this program depends on all of us. We need your support on this initiative. Please reach out to your friends and welcome them back to the club. We look forward to keeping you posted on our progress.

Best Regards,

The Board of Directors

Membership Drive Marketing Plan

July: Program outline.

August: Challenge the membership with an incentive plan. All new revenue will go towards new flatscreen T.V's in the bar. List all of the sponsors over the past two years. Define the goal. Each group at the Stag bring in one member? How many groups are there? For each new member, one bottle of free wine at the Stag?

September: Any new recruit will get a complimentary ticket to Columbus day dinner. Pre-Screened. Opportunity to showcase the club.

October: Three Month Check in: Update of how we are doing

November: Taste of Italy. All proceeds will be reinvested back to the club.

December: Last month. Table Update. Positive.