



San Francisco Italian Athletic Club

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President's Message

It is definitely summer in San Francisco. Our natural air conditioning is keeping us cool. What better excuse (if any) for all our outlying SFIAC members to come to North Beach to cool off in the fog and enjoy an afternoon or evening with a Peroni at the club bar. Hello fellow members, hope all is well and that your summer is a fantastic one!

I want to extend a heartfelt thank you once again to all our support staff. The ongoing experience at the SFIAC has been extremely positive - from the food to service and ambiance. I have to say, *Bravo* and continue the good work.

Did you miss the last Stag Dinner? Well, tripe was on the menu and it was excellent. Thank you Moreno, it was an excellent meal. See all of you next month. Remember to mark your calendars, the first Tuesday and the third Friday of each month for the Stag Dinner and Luncheon respectively.

Okay, the General Meeting had better attendance in June but we are still striving for more participation. Mark your calendars, the third Tuesday of every

month. The membership is what constitutes the overall success of the SFIAC. We like to hear from all of you. What better place to voice your ideas and concerns, while enjoying a complementary light dinner and wine with friends? Come to the General Meeting!

At our last Board of Directors meeting, I moved to appoint members, Sal DiGrande and Joe Silvestri to the Board of Directors with unanimous support and approval from the Board. Congratulations Sal and Joe! They will respectively work on the membership and finance committees. Remember that I am always looking for a few good men to help with the success of our club. Committees are always in need of fresh support to excel the SFIAC experience. Feel free to call the office or contact me directly via e-mail at SDEMO@aol.com. I would love to hear from you.

Well it is once again time for me to say, *Ciao, tanti auguri e si vediamo* in North Beach!

Sempre avanti,

Sergio Salvetti
President, SFIAC

General Meeting

Calling All Members • Plan to Attend the General Meeting
Tuesday August 16, 2005 - 7 PM

Meet your Board of Directors and learn first-hand what's ahead for the rest of the year. Come early, see old friends and meet some new ones. And, enjoy a hosted light dinner and glass of wine.

Remember, all new members must attend 4 General Meetings during their first membership year and thereafter if they wish to become a Board Member. See you there.

Your Board of Directors

SOCIAL EVENTS

REMINDER: All tickets for the Stag Night dinner must be PAID for by the Saturday before Stag Night. And, all tickets for the Luncheon must be PAID for by the Wednesday before the Luncheon. No exceptions. Tickets can be paid for by CREDIT CARD, in person or by phone: 415-781-0165 or 66. Directors will collect tickets after everyone is seated. Members or guests must produce a ticket to be served. No exceptions. A list of ticket-buyers will be on hand to resolve any 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 majority of the members abide by these rules.

PARKING: Always available nearby at APM Parking at 721 Filbert Street (Sunday-Thursday, \$7.50 flat rate; Friday & Saturday \$15 flat rate).

● August Stag

Cocktails ~ 6 PM / Dinner ~ 7 PM

Tuesday, August 2, 2005. The menu will include salad, pasta al pesto, boiled beef, and dessert. Cost is \$15 for members and \$20 for guests. *You must have a ticket to be served.* Tickets on sale Tuesday, July 12, 2005.

● August Luncheon

Cocktails ~ 11 AM / Lunch ~ Noon

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 per person for both members and guests. **A minimum of 50 tickets must be sold by Wednesday, August 17, or the luncheon will be canceled.**

● September Stag

Cocktails ~ 6 PM / Dinner ~ 7 PM

Tuesday, September 6, 2005. The menu will include salad, beef stew with polenta, and panettone for dessert. Cost is \$15 for members and \$20 for guests. *You must have a ticket to be served.* Tickets on sale, Tuesday, August 9, 2005.

● September Luncheon

Cocktails ~ 11 AM / Lunch ~ Noon

Friday, September 16, 2005. The menu will include salad, pasta al pesto, roast lamb, and sherbet for dessert. Tickets on sale August 16, 2005. Cost is \$18 per person for both members and guests. **A minimum of 50 tickets must be sold by Wednesday, September 14, or the luncheon will be canceled.**

In-House Social Events

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

Upcoming events:

Giants vs. Dodgers in September

Golf Tournament in September

Reno Trip in early November

● Fabulous "1970s Night" Party

Saturday, September 24

We'll recreate the excitement, energy and magic that was 1970s rock 'n' roll and spice it up with our own excellent cuisine *Italiano*. We promise an extraordinary evening of revelry, reliving the fun and excitement of a 1970s dance party - with a red-hot dance band playing the decade's favorites. Great food, friends, cocktails, music and many other surprises! Break out dancing shoes and let's rock the night away. Invite your friends and we'll have a great time. Please call the Club for ticket prices and availability.

● River Boat and Casino Trip

Just a few tickets remain for this incredible outing on **Sunday on August 14, 2005.** Cost per person is \$68, which includes round-trip deluxe motor coach transportation, admission on the "Spirit of Sacramento" plus free-flowing champagne brunch and entry to Thunder Valley (\$5 bonus games coupon and \$5 food coupon). Departures 8 AM: Bus No. 1, Vicente & 19th Avenue; Bus No.2, 1630 Stockton Street. Return: About 7:30 PM to San Francisco: For tickets or more information, contact Nick D'Angelo at 415-706-1144.

CLUB NEWS



You Could Be Sitting Right in the Middle of This Fun Group

SFIAC members and guests enjoyed tripe, pasta, and *vino* at the Stag Dinner on Tuesday, July 5 - a great follow-up to Independence Day. Mark your calendars for the next Great 2005 Stag Dinners: August 2, September 6, October 4, November 1, and December 6. Don't miss the fun! Bring your friends. *Mangia con Amici*.

Club Picnic Is Canceled

The Annual Club Picnic - scheduled for Sunday, August 21, 2005 at Blackberry Farm - has been canceled because of a lack of member participation. The Board of Directors regrets this necessity. Should member interest warrant it in the future, the Board will reconsider reinstating this event.

Newsletter Items

Send SFIAC club-related Newsletter items, articles, and announcements to Jim [Puccinelli] Toland at SFIACnewsletter@aol.com. The Board of Directors must approve all items prior to publication.

Club Functions

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.

CLUB NEWS

Membership

Congratulations to the following new club members: Richard Giraud and Angelo Spagnoli shown here at their initiation at the July Stag Dinner.



SFIAC 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 of your family, friends, or associates are considering membership, bring them down to the club, show them around, hand them an application and begin the process of recruiting them as a new SFIAC member. 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 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.

From Lisa's Corner

July was an incredible month for the club. We had 5 beautiful weddings and a 90th birthday party for our own club member Victor D'Aquisto. Thank you Vic and family for allowing us to help you celebrate your very special day!

A heartfelt thanks goes to our waitresses, Pam Piccinini and Kay Michelis who help me decorate and prepare the ballroom for each bride. For those of you who come on weekends, you've witnessed the transformation of the ballroom - different each time. I have used this opportunity to invite future brides to come by the club on the day of a wedding to see how beautifully the ballroom dresses up. This has lead to 18 weddings booked this year alone, plus 5 weddings so far in 2006 and one in 2007. Brides have even changed church dates to have their reception at the SFIAC. Unfortunately, on some occasions, I do have to turn brides away because their date is already filled and they can't change the church date.

Wedding events are a successful part of this club and I want to thank all those club members - particularly John Marotto - who have referred family and friends. Any club member who knows of a bride-or groom-to-be, please ask them contact me.

Last month I discussed booking the club for your company's holiday party. Well, the response has been overwhelming and I am working hard to get your parties at the club. Thank you!

Again, thank you for all your support and keep the parties coming. A healthy and happy summer to all!

Lisa Michelis
Event Manger
415-781-0933

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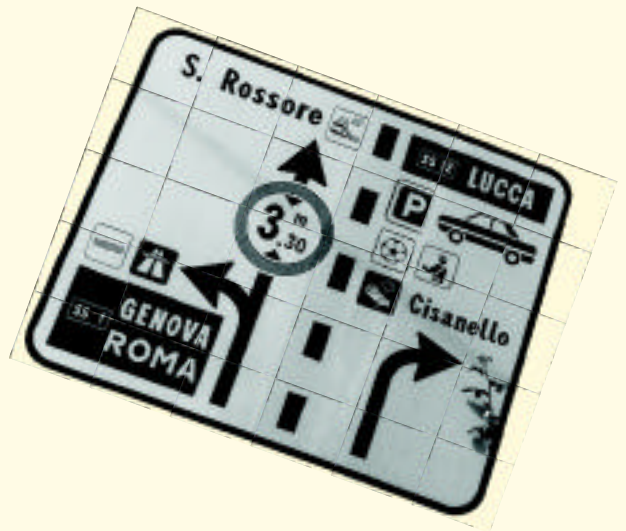
Membership Drive

First, we would like to thank those members that expressed support of our decision to implement the amnesty program. We too are excited to focus on growing our membership. Clearly, this is a matter that commands our attention. Last month, we clarified the details of the amnesty program and outlined the steps you can take to help support our membership initiative. If you missed it, please check out the newsletter, which is posted at www.sfiac.org.

This month we would like to take a moment to elaborate on the importance of this initiative. The SFIAC is an organization that has always relied on our own members to refer friends and family. Today, our membership totals about 600. Longtime members remember the days when we were 1000 strong. We would like to get there again and we believe it is possible. Over the past few years, we have been averaging about 60 new members a year. Remarkably, we have done this without full membership support. Over the past 12 months, only 35 of the 600 members have sponsored a friend who joined the club. Those members are:

Paul Accinelli
Richard Azzolino
Joe Balistreri
Guido Bardini
Ron Barone
Robert Caruso
Gino Cimoli
Alberto Cipollina
Claudio Cipollina
Frank Clima
Nick D'Angelo
Sal DiGrande
Roger Ferrari
Robert Figone
Gary Foppiano
Anthony Germano
Craig Gianinno

Joe Lavin
Bob Lembi
John Marotto
Mario Maso
Marco Rossi
John Muschi
Michael Nastari
Gary Noe
Robert Piva
John Randazzo
Sergio Salvetti
Phil Sancimino
Pete San Filippo
Joe Scafidi
Sebastian Scala
Frank Sicco
Charles Villa
Frank Villani



Thank you gentlemen for your support!

We're optimistic that more and more members will sponsor family and friends for SFIAC membership. Even with limited participation, we are still experiencing pretty good numbers. Imagine if we double the participation. There is a significant amount of opportunity in this area. As your Board of Directors, we ask for your support and we would like to present you with a fun challenge.

We have decided that for the remainder of the year, all revenue generated from initiation fees will go toward the purchase of flat screen television(s) in the club lounge. Let's have some fun with this. Let's grow our membership and make some upgrades that will be appreciated by most everyone. Thank you in advance for your support.

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Message From the Financial Secretary

SECURITY

The SFIAC Board of Directors requested an "evaluation and upgrade" of our present security system. This project was completed last week.

HEALTH REGULATIONS

The City Health Department has directed SFIAC to discontinue using bars of hand soap. Installation of soap dispensers has just been completed in the shower room. This liquid soap is for both the body and hair. This completes another project replacing and upgrading dispensers throughout the Club.

AUGUST STAG

Prizes will be given to some in attendance. Simply write your name on the back of your dinner ticket for an opportunity to win.

RAFFLE

The usual raffle will resume at the September Stag. Proceeds will be used for the golf tournament.

SUMMER SPECIAL

The SFIAC tee shirt and cap regularly total \$30; summer special price is just \$25! Also, we have a new Club dress shirt (port authority style, navy blue with button down collar, pocket, long sleeves) in sizes M, L, and XL for \$35.

CLUB MERCHANDISE

<i>NEW</i> Dress Shirts (Navy)	\$35
<i>NEW</i> Short Sleeve Polo Shirts (Navy and White)	\$30
Tee Shirts Navy or White	\$15
Caps Navy or Stone	\$15
Caps "Flex Fit"	\$20

If you can't come in, we will be happy to mail your order. Contact me at 415-781-0166. Be proud of your club – wear club merchandise.

BRAVO

Special thanks to Gino Cimoli and Lorraine Vigli for all the effort they put forth planning the picnic. Thanks to Joe Lauretta for donating the tickets and thanks, also, to Michael Grassia, a prospective member, for donating a large banner with the Club's colors.

Hope to see you all at the August Stag. Ciao for now,

Frank Villani

Join San Francisco Italian Athletic Club Today

Tell family, friends, and business associates that they might enjoy becoming part of the Italian-American Community in North Beach. They'll discover great athletic and social events with new friends who have come to San Francisco from all around the world.

Pass this newsletter on to prospective members.

For membership information: call 415-290-2242; e-mail *administration@sfiac.org*; or download a member application from *www.sfiac.org*.

If not now, when?