



# San Francisco Italian Athletic Club

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## President's Message

I received an e-mail reminder this past week from our new Newsletter Editor, Jim (Puccinelli) Toland, reminding me, and our committee chairmen, that we were approaching the monthly publication deadline, I kept saying to myself: *What do I have to report to the membership?* Well, for one thing, another month has passed and it is already September. For a lot of us, our children are *Back to School!* Can you believe it? Summer is over in most of the state except for San Francisco. For those of us who live in the city, we are just now anticipating our summer, let us hope we can bid farewell to the fog and welcome some warm sunny days in September-October.

I'm pleased to report that the feedback I've been receiving on a personal level have been extremely positive for our club. New members are frequent in application and we are seeing a return of our past members through our amnesty program. The fall season at our club is packed with many exciting social events beginning with our 1950s-70s Dinner Dance Party on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> and our annual Golf Tournament on Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. These are sure to be a great success, so sign up early for these wonderful events.

I want also to report that our members and guests who participated in the Thunder Valley Casino Boat

Trip had a wonderful time and I want to extend a token of appreciation to our Travel Committee for an event well planned. Thank You, Gentlemen!

Remember that the monthly Stag Dinner, Luncheon and General Meeting fall on the first Tuesday, the third Friday and the third Tuesday respectively. Come in and join us for these events and become an active member of your club. We would love to see and hear from you!

As a reminder, occasionally visit our website, [www.sfiac.org](http://www.sfiac.org). Tell your friends and family that it is an excellent source of instant access to information on the past, present and future of the San Francisco Italian Athletic Club.

As always, I invite all members to contact me, your President, with any comments, questions or concerns about our club. Please send an e-mail to [sdemo@aol.com](mailto:sdemo@aol.com) and I will be sure to respond. Well if not soon enough, I hope to see you in the City, in the heart of North Beach, 1630 Stockton Street, the home of the SFIAC.

*Speriamo in bene, e abbiamo bisonio del vostro aiuto!  
Partecipate al club!*

***Grazie, Vostro Presidente,  
Sergio Salvetti***

## General Meeting

**Calling All Members • Plan to Attend the General Meeting  
Tuesday September 20, 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

**STAG DINNER AND CLUB LUNCHEON 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 BY CREDIT CARD:** Pay in person or by phone: 415-781-0165 or 66.

**TICKET COLLECTION AT MEALS:** 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.

**DISCOUNT PARKING FOR SFIAC EVENTS:** Available nearby at APM Parking, 721 Filbert Street (Sunday-Thursday, \$7.50 flat rate; Friday & Saturday \$15 flat rate; some exclusions for neighborhood festivals and events).

## ● 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.**

## ● October Stag

**Cocktails ~ 6 PM / Dinner ~ 7 PM**

**Tuesday, October 4, 2005.** The menu will include salad, cold cuts, pasta with marinara sauce, baby back ribs, and sherbet for dessert. Cost is \$15 for members and \$20 for guests. *You must have a ticket to be served.* Tickets on sale Tuesday, September 13, 2005.

## ● October Luncheon

**Cocktails ~ 11 AM / Lunch ~ Noon**

**Friday, October 21, 2005.** The menu will include salad, cold cuts, pasta al pesto, boiled beef, carrots and potato, and a surprise for dessert. Tickets on sale September 20, 2005. Cost is \$18 per person for both members and guests. **A minimum of 50 tickets must be sold by Wednesday, October 19, or the luncheon will be canceled.**

## In-House Social Events

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

### Upcoming events:

**Monday Night Football September-December**

**Night at Bay Meadows Race Track October 7**

**Columbus Day Dinner October 9**

**Tomatoes on a Window Sill October 15**

**Golf Tournament October 17**

**Reno Trip November 6-7**

## 1950s-70s Dinner-Dance

**Saturday, September 24**

**Tickets: \$50 Members / \$55 Guests**

**Special Parking Discount: \$12.50**

Enjoy the excitement, energy and magic that was rock in the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s and spice it up with our own excellent cuisine *Italiano*. We promise an extraordinary evening of revelry, reliving the fun and excitement of a retro dance party.

The Patrick Maier Band will provide music. It's a red-hot group guaranteed to get SFIAC members and guests up and dancing. Their song list highlights a huge repertoire from jazz to Motown along with classic rock and a lot of Frank Sinatra. Join us for a night of 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. Questions? Call the club office at 415-781-0165. Special discount parking of just \$12.50 at APM Parking, 721 Filbert Street. Discount parking pass must be paid for at the club before September 20 and purchased through SFIAC along with your party tickets.

Thanks to APM for the special Saturday night discount.

## CLUB NEWS

### Help Us Eat All This Food!

SFIAC members and guests enjoyed salad, cold cuts, fresh sourdough bread, *pasta al pesto*, boiled beef, *dessert*, and plenty of *vino* at the Stag Dinner on Tuesday, August 2. Mark your calendars for the next Great 2005 Stag Dinners: September 6, October 4, November 1, and December 6. Don't miss the fun! Bring your friends. *Mangia con Amici*.



### Columbus Day Dinner

Sunday, October 9

Tickets: \$30 Members / \$35 Guests

There is no better weekend in San Francisco than October 8 & 9. If there was one weekend a year to bring your family to the SFIAC, this is it! And we're offering a great family dinner. The menu will include salad, cold cuts, pasta, roast beef, and dessert. Cost is \$30 for members and \$35 for guests and \$15 for children 10 and under.

More reasons to come to SFIAC for Columbus day: First, the weather is always great in October. Second, the Blue Angels are back in town for their acrobatic Saturday and Sunday shows. They even have an Italian pilot, Lieutenant Commander John Saccomando. While not a club member, he happens to be good buddies with our very own club member, Lieutenant Commander Bob Carretta. Look for our *paisano* on the right wing! Third, and most importantly, Columbus Day is on Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>.

North Beach will be crowded. The City expects more than 400,000 revelers for San Francisco's 137th Annual Italian Heritage Parade. The Parade action begins at 12:30 pm at the foot of Jefferson and Stockton Streets at Fisherman's Wharf, south through North Beach on Columbus Avenue, and ends in Washington Square in front of Saints Peter and Paul Church. This is The City's oldest civic event and the nation's oldest Italian-American parade and community celebration. A San Francisco institution since it was established in 1868, the 2005 Parade is promising to be bigger, better and more colorful than ever.

**Lunch is served:** Our kitchen will be open, serving calamari from 11:30 AM until 2:30 for \$10.

*John Marotto*

### Reno Bus Trip

Sunday / Monday November 6-7

Tickets: \$85

Club members and guests will bus to Reno on Sunday and Monday November 6-7 for a super time at the casinos there. Don't forget to mark your calendar for this fun event. We will be staying at the Silver Legacy Casino. Cost per person is \$85 (double occupancy) and \$100 (single occupancy).

All costs include round-trip deluxe motor coach transportation, quick stop enroute, baggage handling, stopping at the Nugget for an \$8 cash credit and a \$2 food credit then on to the Silver Legacy for an overnight stay and a \$5 cash credit and \$3 food credit. Bus No. 1 departs San Francisco at 7:30 AM Sunday from Vicente and 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Bus No. 2 departs at 8:30 AM from SFIAC at 1630 Stockton Street.

A hosted dinner will be served at the SFIAC upon return to San Francisco on Monday at about 5 PM. A bus will later return Bus No. 1 diners to Vicente and 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Seats on the bus will fill fast. Book your seat now! Questions? Contact Joe Alioto or Nick D'Angelo at 415-706-1144.

### Newsletter Items

Send SFIAC club-related publicity and events announcements to John Marotto, Publicity Committee Chairman, [jmarotto@yahoo.com](mailto:jmarotto@yahoo.com), and newsletter ideas, items and articles to Jim (Puccinelli) Toland, Editor, at [SFIACnewsletter@aol.com](mailto:SFIACnewsletter@aol.com). The Board of Directors must approve all items prior to publication.

## CLUB NEWS

# Welcome to New Members



**Congratulations to the following new club members (from left): Joe Marino, Paul Marino, Robert Paladini, and Bill Marshall shown here at their initiation at the August Stag Dinner. Joe and Paul, father and son, are new owners of the Columbus Café at 562 Green Street. Joe's father, Gus Marino, was a long-time member of SFIAC.**

SFIAC looks forward to welcoming new members. Applications for membership are available at the club bar or on our website at [www.sfiac.org](http://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 Fillipo at 415-290-2242 or email [adminstration@sfiac.org](mailto: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.

## Membership Drive

Our membership drive is off to a strong start. It is likely that 10 new members will join the club at this month's stag dinner. This is double the monthly average! This is not possible without your support. Thank you for encouraging friends to join the club and welcoming back past members.

The club has completed our mailing to past members informing them of our amnesty program. We have discussed the details at the general meetings and have kept you informed through the monthly newsletter. To build on this communication, we have allocated wall space in the club lounge to this important initiative. Next time you are at the club, please take a moment to review our new members, their sponsors, and the list of past members we attempted to mail amnesty program information to. Considering our mailing list is not 100 percent accurate, it would be appreciated if you could reach out to your friends that

were once members. Thanks again for your support and we are optimistic in providing you another positive update next month.

We're hopeful 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.

# CLUB NEWS

## 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.

## In Memoriam

The SFIAC would like to extend deepest condolences to the Rossi and Sancimino families. Donato Rossi, father of member Marco Rossi and uncle of member Frank Rossi, Jr. passed away in August. John Sancimino, brother of members Phil, Steve, James, and Tom also passed in August.

## Congratlazione!

Tony Baldini, a past SFIAC Director and Caroline are celebrating the birth of their first child, Giorgio, born August 8th. Giorgio is named for a great-grandfather. The family, residing in Napa is doing well. Congratulations!

## Monday Night Football

Come join in the Monday Night Football fun at SFIAC. Light refreshments will be served along with beer and drink specials. Where else are you going to get play-by-play action with John Madden and our own Gerry Calgaro? See you there!

## Night at the Races

Mark your calendar for Friday night October 7<sup>th</sup> when SFIAC will head down to Bay Meadows racetrack in San Mateo for our own special night at the races. Call the club office at 415-781-0166 for details.

## Golf Tournament

**Monday, October 17, Noon**

**Entry Deadline October 3**

It's that time of year again. *Tourney time!* Head to Sharp Park Golf Course for a great day on the links and an outstanding meal afterwards. If you have never played Sharp Park, it is located at the foot of Sharp Park Road just off Interstate 280 in Pacifica. Cost is \$120 for members and guests and includes a golf cart, tee prizes, and dinner. Get a foursome or play solo. Male and female guests welcome. Complete the form on the back page and send your check to guarantee a tee time. If you're not a golfer, you can still attend the dinner for \$37.50 (Cocktails, 5 PM; Dinner, 6 PM.) and enjoy your entrée choice of lobster, prime rib, chicken or fish with wine. You can also sponsor a hole for \$100.

All entries must be received by October 3, 2005 for SFIAC to meet Tournament obligations. Please pay on time. No exceptions! Call Nick D'Angelo, Chairman, with questions: 415-706-1144. Gifts needed for Tournament Raffle: Businesses or Individuals wishing to donate prizes for the Tournament Raffle should contact the club office as soon as possible at 415-781-0165. Raffle profits benefit SFIAC's Annual Children's Christmas Party.

Like the SFIAC, Sharp Park has a rich tradition. The course, opened in 1931, was originally designed by famed architect Alister Mackenzie and landscaped by John McLaren. The par 72 course is 6,299 yards long and offers fabulous views of the Pacific Ocean and surrounding areas. While we will be using carts, the course is a walkable inland and seaside track lined with Cypress and Pine trees that wraps around Laguna Salada, a natural lake ringed with reeds, cattails and tules. Come on out and play in this year's tournament. If you are not a golfer, join us for cocktails and dinner. All are welcome!

## Tomatoes on a Window Sill



SFIAC proudly presents *Tomatoes on a Window Sill*, Saturday, October 15. This one-woman show will have you laughing heartily and enjoying the experiences of growing up as a first-generation Italian-American. She will lead you through a world full of passionate arguments, zany relatives, plenty of food, Catholicism, and opera.

This popular show has been seen across the country with incredible and wonderful reviews. Tickets are \$25 per person. The show starts at 8 PM sharp. Doors will open at 7 PM. Seating is on a first-come basis. After the show, you can meet Rita Andriello, the actress, and taste her delicious tomato sauce. She will also have her cookbook and CD on sale. Rita has graciously offered to give the club 20 percent of all her sales. Tickets will go on sale on September 1, 2005. You may purchase tickets at the club office or by calling Lisa Michelis at 415-781-0933.

## CLUB NEWS

### From Lisa's Corner

The summer is moving along quickly and so are the parties. While August is generally a slow month, we had two more parties than August of last year. Overall, we have a considerable increase in parties over 2004. The remainder of year is quite busy and I look forward to a successful 2005.

Attention club members! We have some great things lined up for you, which surely will be a huge hit. **1950s-70s Night** should be a swinging good time. **Save the Date September 24<sup>th</sup>**. Columbus Day is around the corner. The club will have dining *al fresco* during the parade and the annual post parade dinner with Queen Isabella. Sunday, October 9.

Remember *Behind the Counter with Mussolini*? Well, now we have a woman's perspective of growing up in an Italian household. *Tomatoes on a Window Sill* will have you laughing and remembering the Good Ole Days! It's one night only, so buy your tickets soon for Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Old Timer's Night is November 12<sup>th</sup>. The night will be full of wonderful stories, the history of the club and the members who worked hard to make the club what it is today! Let's keep the traditions of the club going.

Lastly, our holiday parties will be upon us soon. On December 17<sup>th</sup>, Italian singer *Pasquale Esposito* will be here and the club will listen and dance to wonderful music. You surely do not want to miss this. On Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, the kids will *rock* with *Freestyle Franco* of Radio Disney at the SFIAC Children's Christmas party.

Hope to see you soon, especially at our club functions.

*Lisa Michelis*  
Event Manger  
415-781-0933

### Message From the Financial Secretary

#### In Memoriam

This past week the son and family of former Club Member Tony Pizzino visited the Club from Las Vegas. They stated how much their father loved this Club and, in his memory, they donated an American and Italian Flag with individual stands. I was *overwhelmed* with this gesture and on behalf of the Club, presented the son with a Club t-shirt and his wife with a Club visor. They are proudly wearing our Club merchandise around Las Vegas. We salute our deceased brother Tony Pizzino and his generous family. God Bless.

#### September Stag Raffle and Auction

During this past month, one of our dedicated and hardworking employees, Maria Garay, was hospitalized. Her medical bills are in the thousands and she unfortunately does not have any medical coverage. The Board of Directors has agreed to dedicate the proceeds from the September Stag raffle and auction to help defray her medical costs. We encourage your support of this worthwhile endeavor. Anyone wishing to make an additional donation to assist Maria, please write your check payable to SFIAC and include a note designating your check as a donation to Maria's Medical Fund.

#### Bravo, Bravo, Kudos

To **John and Bob Piva** for their help with an electrical problem at the Club • To **Sergio Salvetti** and **Bob Piva** for repairing the rooftop flags • To **Joe Scaffidi** for picking up, delivering and installing the new display case in the entrance of the Club • To **Gerry Calgare** and **Seamus Coyle** for donating their time at the Donato Rossi reception • To **Gino Cimoli** and **Lorraine Vigli** for recovering the \$500 deposit for the Club picnic • To **Nick D'Angelo** and **Ross DeVincenzi-Adkins** for volunteering to bartend in a pinch • To **Emanuele Spataro** for his quick action in the kitchen when additional food preparation was needed. Congratulations to **Gino Cimoli** on a successful surgery.

#### Club Merchandise

There has been such a positive response to my summer special, that I am reducing the price to \$20 for a new Club t-shirt and cap (regularly \$30). 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.

Hope to see you at the September Stag. *Ciao* for now,

*Frank Villani*  
Financial Secretary