



San Francisco Italian Athletic Club

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President's Message

Hello to the month of October and to all our great club members. Can you believe Columbus Day is just around the corner? Expect this year's SFIAC Celebration to be exceptional. Our Columbus Day Celebration Committee is ready for all the festivities.



Call the Club as soon as possible and reserve your table outside, front and center. Enjoy a glass of wine and some calamari or Italian sausage and witness the parade up close and personal. Following the afternoon festivities, the Post-Parade Dinner is an excellent complement to the afternoon excitement. Reserve your dinner tickets as soon as possible, seats are filling quickly. Call the club and make your reservations now.

The September stag was full of positive energy, from the food and service, to all our colorful and energetic club friends. What a time! Everyone left the hall anticipating the October Stag Dinner. If you have not attended lately, consider coming in October, November and December. Definitely, a great time.

Wow, last month we installed nine new members and are anticipating at least as many for the month of

October. Congratulations fellow new members and welcome to the SFIAC. Remember it is a simple process to sponsor a relative or friend. Our website is an excellent source to access a membership application. The site, www.sfiac.org is always up to date and easily accessed through the worldwide web.

As your President, I am honored to represent our membership. I frequent the club and would love to personally meet all of you. I am always open to light conversation and all ears to any concerns and interests that you may want to voice. Our Club is always looking for a few good men to help on our committees in expanding the SFIAC membership experience. Let's talk about it.

Well once again, 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 bisogno del vostro aiuto!
Partecipate al club!*

*Grazie, Vostro Presidente,
Sergio Salvetti*

General Meeting

**Calling All Members • Plan to Attend the General Meeting
Tuesday, October 18, 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).

● 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 sherbert for dessert. Cost is \$15 for members and \$20 for guests. *You must have a ticket to be served. Tickets on sale now!*

● 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 potatoes, and a surprise for dessert. 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. Tickets on sale now!**

● November Stag

Cocktails ~ 6 PM / Dinner ~ 7 PM

Tuesday, November 1, 2005. The menu will include salad, cold cuts, rabbit stew with *polenta* and Monterey Jack cheese, and *spumone* ice cream for dessert. Cost is \$15 for members and \$20 for guests. *You must have a ticket to be served. Tickets on sale October 11!*

● November Luncheon

Cocktails ~ 11 AM / Lunch ~ Noon

Thursday, November 17, 2005. The menu will include salad, cold cuts, beef stew with *polenta*, and chef's surprise dessert. Cost is \$18 per person for both members and guests. **A minimum of 50 tickets must be sold by Wednesday, November 16, or the luncheon will be canceled. Tickets on sale October 18!**

In-House Social Events

The club has many exciting events coming up. A great way to meet other members and have a good time! Here are some exciting events planned for you:

- **Monday Night Football October-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**
- **Old Timer Dinner November 12**
- **Reno Trip November 13-14 (Date Change!)**
- **Christmas Party December 17**
- **Children's Christmas Party December 18**
- **New Year's Eve Party December 31**

Reno Bus Trip Date Change

Sunday / Monday November 13-14 • Tickets: \$85

Feeling lucky? You should. SFIAC has put together yet another great Nevada adventure. Club members and guests will bus to Reno on Sunday and Monday November 13-14 for a super time at the casinos there. Don't forget to mark your calendar for this fun event. And please note that we have changed the date. We will be staying at the Silver Legacy Casino.

The 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 19th Avenue and Bus No. 2 departs at 8:30 AM from SFIAC at 1630 Stockton Street.

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

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Eat With the Best!

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



Columbus Day Lunch & Dinner

Sunday, October 9

**Dinner Tickets: \$30 Members / \$35 Guests Lunch: \$10
Reserve an Outside Table (415-781-0166)**

The Columbus Day weekend is San Francisco's best, especially if you're Italian-American. If there's was one weekend a year to bring your family to the SFIAC, October 8-9 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, \$35 for guests, and \$15 for children 10 and under.

A San Francisco institution since it was established in 1868, the 2005 Annual Italian Heritage Parade is promising to be bigger, better and more colorful than ever. North Beach will be crowded but you can enjoy your home base at our expansive and comfortable club at 1630 Stockton Street.

Come enjoy the parade and join us for lunch and dinner. The club will be hopping! The balcony will give you a bird's eye view. Festive open-air dining on the sidewalk with Italian wine and food will take place on the sidewalk in front of the club at lunchtime. Then a dinner banquet to follow. It's a great day. Take advantage!

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.

Highlights include dozens of handcrafted parade floats featuring Bay Area businesses, community groups, the

SFIAC, local high school Italian clubs and marching bands; special appearances by "Christopher Columbus" and Queen Isabella and Her Court will also participate in the parade. There is also a great Ferrari sports car display in Washington Square Park and a variety of hands-on activities for children and families. This is a can't-miss!

Columbus Day weather promises to be pleasant with clear skies giving you the best view of the Blue Angels and their acrobatic Saturday and Sunday shows. The Angels even boast an Italian-American pilot, Lieutenant Commander **John Saccomando**. While not yet 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!

Lunch menu: Our kitchen will be open, 11:30 until 2:30 serving baskets of Calamari, Italian sausage, pepper and onions on a warmed roll, baskets of artichoke hearts, and platters of assorted cheeses and crackers. For the little ones, we will offer hot dogs on a bun with a bag of chips. Full bar will be offered along with soft drinks for the kids. Reserve your lunch table now as they are filling up quick. Price about \$10 per person. Tell your friends.

John Marotto

Newsletter Items

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

MEMBERSHIP

Benvenuto Amici!

Congratulations to the following new club members (from left): **John Bianchi, Gary Bozzetto, George Guarini, Fabrizio Gueli, Dan Marotto, John Minolli, Ryan Santarella, Jeffrey Scatena, and Anthony Sotille**, shown here at their initiation just before the September Stag Dinner.

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 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 anyone has a question about the dues/assessments, their membership status, or want to refer a new applicant for membership, please contact membership chairman **Ron Barone** 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.



Membership Drive Heads Toward Success

We are halfway through our 6-month Membership Drive and Amnesty Program. The success of this program is truly dependent on our willingness to reach out to past members and to introduce the club to new candidates. So far, there are strong signs that your support of this initiative is extremely strong. Thank you!

Through September, we have welcomed back ten past members. During this period, we have welcomed 15 new members into the club. Not only are we pleased with the numbers, we are upbeat with the diversity of our sponsors. We have seen long-time members sponsor their sons. We have also seen men with just several months of tenure sponsor friends and family. We really appreciate your enthusiasm and support.

If you have any additional questions, please contact your membership chairman **Ron Barone** at: ron_barone@hotmail.com.

We hope that more and more members will sponsor family and friends for SFIAC membership and 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.

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.

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.

Father Time Is Back!

Welcome in the New Year at SFIAC! After a five-year hiatus, SFIAC is pleased to announce that we'll be hosting a fabulous dinner-dance celebration on New Years Eve. Bring all your friends. Mark your calendar now. We can assure you that this will be a great night out and that SFIAC will be rocking to an awesome 8-piece live band. Menu and price have yet to be determined but you can count on great food cooked to perfection. And the company can't be beat. Details in next month's newsletter.

CLUB NEWS



Don't Miss *Tomatoes on a Window Sill*

SFIAC offers the best in live entertainment and this month proudly presents *Tomatoes on a Window Sill*, Saturday, October 15. This one-woman show will have you laughing in the aisles and enjoying the incredible shared experiences of growing up as a first-generation Italian-American. Comedienne **Rita Andriello** will lead you through a world full of passionate arguments, zany relatives, lots 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, 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.

Lisa's Corner

Can you believe that fall is here already? September was an absolutely fun and successful month! I want to thank club members for having their parties at the club. **Steve Leveroni** had an appreciation dinner for the committee members of S.I.'s 150th-year celebration. Steve has 4 parties scheduled at the club this year. **John Pesenti**, retiring from the Sheriff's Department, selected to have his retirement dinner at the club. **Ray Russo**, celebrated his daughter Renee's 21st birthday here, and our President, **Sergio Salvetti**, surprised his wife Valerie with a wonderful 40th birthday party!

A tip of the hat to 2 new members who have already used the club: **Roy Santerella** had his son **Ryan's** (a new member too) graduation party here in August and has also booked his office holiday party. And **Joe Marino** hosted a beautiful birthday dinner at SFIAC for girlfriend, Linda.

A special thank you to **Ross DiVincenzi** who introduced me to the *Il Cenacolo* club. This Italian club meets 4 times a month for lunch on Thursdays and they dined with us 4 times already in September and have booked their lunches with us through the remainder of the year! Even our own chef, **Jose Moreno**, used the club to help his niece celebrate her *quinciera* (15th birthday). Thank you to all!

We also had two more beautiful weddings and the bike benefit group came back. This year the 330-plus guests dined with us and raised money for Parkinson's Research. **Davis Phinney** was the honoree. Davis is the all-time winner in U.S. bike history and sadly was diagnosed with Parkinson's. The evening was incredible, especially when comedian Robin Williams showed up to auction off some items. We are looking forward to having them back next year! A huge thank-you to **Joe** and **Frances Rappa** for helping out in the kitchen.

Several members have daughters or granddaughters in this year's Queen Isabella's court. Congratulations to **Mateo** and **Stefano Crivello** whose daughters are in the court and to **Roger Ferrari** whose granddaughter is in the court as well.

Don't forget to come by the club and join all the festivities for this year's Columbus Day Celebration. Watch the parade outside and dine *al fresco* or come to the post parade dinner. Tickets are now on sale and going fast for the play *Tomatoes on a Windowsill*. Hurry and get yours now! See you at the club.

Lisa Michelis
Event Manager
781-0933

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.

Old Timer Dinner

Join us as we celebrate with our legendary pioneer members at SFIAC's Old Timer Dinner on Saturday, November 12. Entertaining at the event this year will be renown comic **Michael Capozzola** who has appeared on TV and in many nightclubs nationwide. Mark your calendar. Details on menu and price to follow in the next issue.

Night at the Races

Mark your calendar for Friday night October 7th 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.

Monday Night Football

Come join in the Monday Night Football fun at SFIAC. Light refreshments are 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!

Congratlazione!

Greg and **Christina Carrara** now have a new baby boy, born on September 5th. His name is **Giovanni Carrara**, not to be confused with the Dodgers' reliever of the same name. Mom and baby are doing well, and so is Greg.

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Message from the Financial Secretary

September Stag Raffle and Auction

What a wonderful evening! The raffle and donations raised \$1,481 and the auction \$400 for a total of \$1,881 to benefit **Maria Garay**, our dedicated employee who was inundated with medical bills after recent hospitalization. Special thanks to our ticket sellers, **Ray Piva, Gino Cimoli, Sal DiGrande, Joe Scafidi** and **Don DiBasilio**. Special thanks to the "Golden Voice" of our Master of Ceremonies, **Gino Cimoli**! Special thanks to the raffle donors: **Mario Alioto** and the San Francisco Giants, **Chris Murphy** and the Golden State Warriors, **Vito Quinci** and Young's Market Company, and **Jim Puccinelli Toland**. The evening concluded with our "Lady of the Evening," Maria expressing her sincere thanks and appreciation. Bravo Club Members and Guests.

October Stag Raffle and Auction

The proceeds of the raffle and auction will be used to support the Gold Tournament on October 17. The proceeds of the Gold Tournament are used for the Children's Christmas Party – a win-win situation. Please plan to attend the October Stag and enjoy the baby-back ribs.

Club Merchandise

Be proud of your club by wearing club merchandise.

Nylon Fleece Pullover	\$50	Tee Shirts Navy or White	\$15
New Dress Shirts (Navy)	\$35	Caps Navy or Stone	\$15
New Short Sleeve Polo Shirts (Navy Blue)	\$30	Caps "Flex Fit"	\$20

If you are unable to come in, we will be happy to mail your order. Contact me at 415-781-0166.

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

Frank Villani
Financial Secretary

Last Chance to Sign Up For Golf Tournament

Monday, October 17, Noon

Entry Deadline October 3

Sign up right now for the SFIAC Golf Tournament. There's no time to lose. Then you can head to Sharp Park Golf Course with us 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 tulles.

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!