Hi Everyone!
Buon Anno!

The board was very busy in 2019. They accomplished a number of tasks which will help to ensure that we are the jewel of North Beach for the next 100 years! The IABA approved the architectural design of the ballroom which will dress up our facility for outside events and for us to enjoy. The key element is that of the sound proofing that will be installed. I know we will all be happy when we are not having to yell at each other during a stag dinner.

The board has worked on many improvements both physical and structurally, but what I want to share is the manner it was accomplished. We were able to work together in a cooperative manner for our mutual objectives. Simple to say, but this is not always the case. Sure, we had difference of opinions, however, with congenial discussions we were able to have a “meeting of the minds” resulting in accomplishment. Too bad we can’t say the same for the U.S. Congress.

Our Foundation board has been working on structure and their contributions to the Club in the years to come. Bill Isetta is the president with board members Randy Bessolo, Roberto Lombardi, Tom Piro and Nick Figone. They have big plans for the future and you will be hearing more about this throughout the year.

North Beach is looking a bit rough around the edges these days and we are increasingly becoming the centerpiece of the neighborhood. There is a committee headed up by our IABA President Al Casciato, currently working on City recognition to make North Beach the Italian Cultural District. There have been a couple of community meetings with local business owners, landlords and interested neighbors and as a result, many other N.B. issues have been discussed as well.

Our outside events have increased resulting in revenue being way up. Nico with his assistant Juliana are doing a terrific job. This starts from leadership at the top and Nick's...
Stag Dinner

STAG DINNER SCHEDULE

All tickets for the Stag dinner must be purchased by 5 PM on the Friday before Stag night. No refunds.

- Purchase tickets online at www.SFIAC.org. You may pay with cash, check or credit card through the Club office at 415.781.0166 or e-mail your ticket request and seating preference to gina@SFIAC.org.
- Stag dinners are for Club members and their male guests.
- Discount Parking Available nearby at 721 Filbert Street (Sunday-Thursday). Parking tickets MUST be stamped at the Club bar to receive the discounted $10 flat rate.

STAG DINNER SCHEDULE

Tuesday 1/7 – Nominations of Officers and Directors
Thursday 1/9 – January Stag
Tuesday 1/14 – Nominations Continue
Thursday 1/16 – Cigar Dinner
Thursday, 1/23 – Crab Dinner (open to everyone)
Tuesday 1/28 – Election Polls Open and Postmark Deadline
Tuesday 2/4 – February Stag and Election Results Posted
Monday 2/17 – Presidents Day – Closed
Tuesday 2/18 - Board and General Meeting
Thursday 2/20 – Prime Rib Dinner
Tuesday 3/3 – March Stag
Saturday 3/14 – Man of the Year

UPCOMING EVENTS

January Crab Dinner
Thursday, January 23
6 p.m. ~ No-Host Cocktails 7 p.m. ~ Dinner
$60 per person. Tickets must be purchased by Monday, January 20.

Menu: salad, pasta with pesto, marinated crab, dessert, wine, coffee and tea. This event always sells out!
Members and guests welcome. Purchase tickets at www.SFIAC.org or 415.781.0166.
UPCOMING EVENTS

January Stag
Penne with Pesto and Short Ribs
Thursday, January 9
$40 members / $50 guests

Prime Rib Dinners in the Members’ Bar
Thursday, February 20
Dinner served at 6 p.m.
Casual buffet dinner for members and their guests
Menu
House Salad
Baked potato bar with sour cream, butter, chives, bacon bits and cheddar cheese
Creamed Spinach
Prime Rib with au jus and horseradish aioli
$40 inclusive
*Note please arrive by 6:30 to receive proper portion.
Purchase tickets by prior Tuesday.
www.SFIAC.org or 415.781.0166

CRAB STAG
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4
$55 MEMBERS / $65 GUESTS
WWW.SFIAC.ORG

MARCH STAG
CHICKEN PARMESAN
TUESDAY, MARCH 3
professionalism and sensitivity to the membership can’t be complimented enough. Let’s not forget Gina who manages to take care of everyone and with a friendly smile and attitude. We are all very lucky to have this group running our Club!

It is my pleasure to serve the membership with so many good people around me. Everyone works unselfishly to make our Club a better experience for our members. It is a great group of guys that I am proud to call my friends and brothers.

I enjoy a glass of wine each night for its health benefits. The other glasses are for my witty comebacks and flawless dance moves.

Your President, Guido Perego

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ai vertici e la professionalità e la sensibilità di Nick nei confronti dei membri non possono essere abbastanza complimentate. Non dimentichiamo Gina che riesce a prendersi cura di tutti e con un sorriso e un atteggiamento amichevoli. Siamo tutti molto fortunati ad avere questo gruppo alla guida del nostro Club!

È un piacere servire l’iscrizione con così tante brave persone intorno a me. Tutti lavorano altruisticamente per rendere il nostro Club un’esperienza migliore per i nostri soci. È un grande gruppo di ragazzi che sono orgoglioso di chiamare i miei amici e miei fratelli.

Mi piace un bicchiere di vino ogni sera per benefici di salute. Gli altri bicchieri sono per le mie spiritose e impeccabile mosse di ballo.

Il vostro presidente, Guido Perego
Legends of Caesar’s Restaurant with Johnny Brattesani and Gigi Fiorucci

Two hundred fans of Johnny, Gigi and Caesar’s beloved family-style Italian cuisine came to relive a San Francisco classic. All the staples were served including antipasto, marinated pigs’ feet and ravioli. No one left hungry. Look for the next dinner in October, 2020.

Jeff Scatena was the big winner of the Christmas turkey.

Two guys walk into a Christmas tree lot…. Grazie Gene Lanzone and Joe Marotto for always picking out the perfect tree.

The Club will miss everyone’s favorite members’ bar regular, Rocket. Merc Martinelli and his wife Jennifer raised Rocket as a canine companion from the time he was a pup. Rocket was one of the better behaved patrons of the bar and has moved on to his permanent placement. He will be missed by all.
The newest “Little Italian”. Joe and Laura Ostarello welcomed Gianna in December. Congratulazioni!

SFIAC RECENT EVENTS

STAG NIGHT – A CELEBRATION OF FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Dan Iazzetti and friends

The Isetta Group

Rock and Roll Hall of Famer Greg Errico joined fellow Calabrese and friend Franco Cirelli at a stag night.

Toddler and Youth Caps $25
Celebrating the International Week of Italian Cuisine with a screening of The Great Italian and reception at the SFIAC. Wonderful evening of food, film and Italian culture organized by Italian Community Services, Richard Armanino and Nick Figone. The film can be seen on Amazon Prime.
Celebrating Christmas with many of our long time members.
Dear Fellow Club Members,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and the other newly elected members to the San Francisco Italian Athletic Club Foundation’s Board: Randy Bessolo, Nick Figone, Roberto Lombardi, and Tom Piro.

Hearing that the Club has a 501 c 3 Foundation, may be news to many of you, but actually, the Foundation was established over 30 years ago by some of the Club’s very forward thinking leaders. The concept was spot on—establish a foundation with the specific purpose and mission to engage in charitable and educational activities including, but not limited to, promoting and preserving Italian culture and heritage through cultural events and activities and engaging in any of the other related charitable and educational activities as determined by the Foundation’s board to be appropriate. For years, the Foundation board lay dormant. My sincere thanks to the outgoing board for resurrecting the Foundation; “gui i cappelli” (hats off to): Luigi Pinotti, Guido Perego, Joe Marotto, Larry Battaglia, Eugene Lanzone.

I am honored to be a member of the San Francisco Italian Athletic Club but even more honored to be an Italian American in San Francisco.

I know all of us share a real passion for this great Italian culture that we’ve inherited; this great legacy that has been passed to us. The Club’s goal is to create a positive experience for its members within the framework of its Italian culture. The Foundation’s goal is to enhance that cultural experience and do everything in its power to preserve and sustain our rich and wonderful Italian legacy. A great legacy has been given to us; a greater legacy we must pass along.

In the weeks and months ahead, the Foundation’s board members, and others, will be reaching out to you for your ideas, your thoughts, and your vision for the Club and the Foundation. Together we will make our Club and our Foundation world class! In the meantime, please visit our new website at www.sfiacfoundation.com

On behalf of the San Francisco Italian Athletic Club Foundation Board of Directors, I remain,

Sincerely yours

William G. (Bill) Isetta
president
If you want to join one of the best fraternal organizations in
the nation, here’s all that you need to do: Get a membership ap-
application at the members’ bar, in the club office or online at www.
SFIAC.org. Then, e-mail the membership committee at mem-
bership@SFIAC.org to submit your completed application and to
schedule an interview time. It’s as easy as that. If you have any
additional questions email or call 415.781.0166.

General Meeting Prize Drawing
A continuing feature for the General Meeting is the drawing for
a monetary prize. Each meeting, an active Club member’s name
will be drawn and if that member is present, he will win the prize
pool. The prize pool will increase $25 for each month that the
pool is not claimed.

Monthly General Meeting
Come have some pasta, salad and wine at our General Meeting,
held monthly, on the third Tuesday of every month, beginning
at 6:30 PM. This meeting gives the members an opportunity to
share their opinion and hear the latest Club developments. It is
also an opportunity to meet other members and talk to com-
mittee heads for those activities that you may be interested in
joining.

Committees
The SFIAC runs on committees and we are looking for your in-
volvement. Without committees, Club functions simply would
not exist. The following are the committees you may consider
joining:

Financial, Communications, Technology, Sunshine, Sports, Golf,
Bocce, Statuto Race, Membership, Social, Italian Heritage Day,
Merchandise, Festa, Raffle, By-Laws, Children’s Christmas,
Wine, Bar and Language.

Do yourself and the Club a favor at the same time – get involved.
Please e-mail administration@SFIAC.org and let us know the
committee you have interest in and the committee chairperson
will be calling you back. It is a way to be involved in your Club as
well as expand your circle of friends.

Friday Night Buffet
The ever-enticing Friday night buffet in the members’ bar con-
tinues in 2020. Enjoy a cocktail, dinner and the game with fellow
members and friends. Food comes out at 6:30 PM. The buffet is
complementary to members and their guests.

Ciao a tutti,
Membership had a banner year and induct-
ed 70 new members from near and far. As we
say, the Club is all about “famiglia” born or
made. Our ten newest members are perfect
examples. We welcome brothers John and
Joe Cervetto, father and son Joe and Joe La-
penna and Michael Stornaiuolo with his father
Angelo who is rejoining the club after many
years. Welcome to all!

Several additional applications have been
approved and the members will be sworn in
at the January general meeting. We antic-
piate that our membership will continue to
grow throughout the rest of the year and we
welcome all applications. It should also be not-
eted that if any member sponsors at least two
people inducted into the Club this year, he is
eligible for a free stag dinner.
It’s time to select our officers and directors for 2020! Article VI, Section 1, B, of the Club Bylaws states: “Nominations for all offices, Board of Directors, Board of Trustees and Club Officers, shall be open to the general membership at a special meeting on the first and second Tuesday in January. Nominees must be present to accept or decline their nomination.” As many of the Board seats will be vacant, and some board members cannot run again, this year’s election is extremely important. Article VI, Section 2, B of the Club’s Bylaws states: “Ballots must be cast at the Club premises between the hours of 1:30 PM and 9:00 PM.” For additional Bylaws election information, visit www.sfiac.org. Your participation in nominations and elections is crucial for the Club to function. This is the one Club function that all members should attend, if only to meet the candidates. Please mail in your ballot or plan to be at the Club to vote. All members will receive a ballot in the mail — please be sure the Club office has your current mailing address! You do not need to physically cast your ballot on-site on election day, but may still do so if you like. All ballots must be filled out and received by the SFIAC on or before January 28, 2020

**Strict Voting Procedures**

**A.** No candidate, for any office, shall solicit votes in writing and any candidate so doing shall be disqualified and his name removed from the ballot. Any and all candidates for all offices may solicit for votes prior to election day. No candidate may solicit votes on the day of the election or within 100 feet of the premises. Any candidate found violating this article would automatically be disqualified from the election.

**B.** Mailings are sent to members and handled in the following manner to insure security and privacy:

1) Each member is assigned a number.

2) Each mailing will contain the following:
   a. Ballot
   b. Return envelope
   c. Ballot envelope (a smaller return envelope with stamped number assigned per instruction #1 above.)

3) Each member completes ballot.

4) Each member submits ballot in either of the two following ways:
   a. Member drops off in person his sealed ballot envelope with ballot enclosed into election ballot box.
   b. Member mails sealed ballot envelope - with marked ballot enclosed - inside of pre-addressed return envelope.

5) At the time ballot envelopes are received, either by mail or in person at the Club, the number assigned to the member is checked off.

6) All sealed ballot envelopes are inserted into the election ballot box.

7) All ballots must be submitted and inserted into the election ballot box by 9:00 PM on election day.

**IMPORTANT:** Member should not have his name on ballot or on the ballot envelope for anonymous voting.

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**2020 Election Calendar**

- Jan. 7 – Nominations of Officers and Directors: 7PM
- Jan. 14 – Nominations continue, Nominees Speak: 7PM
- Jan. 15 – Candidate written statements due
- Jan. 17 – Written candidate statements mailed
- Jan. 21 – General Membership meeting
- Jan. 28 – Election polls open: 1:30PM-9PM
- Jan. 28 – Mail-in ballot delivery deadline
- Feb. 4 – Election results posted
It’s 2020 New Year’s Resolution Time!  Learn Italian in 2020

Winter 2020 Italian Language Classes

Class Pricing
- Non-Members $250, Members $150
- All returning students receive a $25 discount
- Sign up by December 31 and receive a $25 discount.
- Sign up at [www.sfiacfoundation.com](http://www.sfiacfoundation.com)
- Contact gina@sfiac.org or 415.781.0166 to purchase gift certificates.

Class Schedule
- **Italian 1B – Continuing Italian**
  - Mondays January 13 - March 16, 7 PM-9 PM
- **Italian 1A**
  - Tuesdays January 14 through March 17, 7 PM-9 PM
- **Intermediate / Advanced Conversation** – Wednesdays January 15 - March 18, 7 PM-9 PM
- **Italian 1C**
  - Thursdays January 16 - March 19, 7 PM-9 PM
- **Italian 1A For Travelers** - Saturdays January 18 - March 21, 11 AM-1 PM

Keep in contact with the SFIAC

If you are not receiving the SFIAC bi-weekly emails please update your email address with Gina Travaglio at Gina@SFIAC.org.

We are frequently updating events on Facebook and [www.SFIAC.org](http://www.SFIAC.org). Tickets for most events are available on the SFIAC site and make sure to “Like” us on Facebook.

SFIAC Members’ 2020 Dues

It’s time to pay your 2020 dues. Statements went out in late November. If you did not receive a statement please contact me to update your address. The preferred method of payment is online where event tickets are sold. We have added an option for regular members to pay the yearly $420 in monthly installments of $35. Please email to sign up for this program. Gina Travaglio, Membership 415.781.0166 or gina@SFIAC.org.

Park Tavern now delivers to the members’ bar. Just order from the bartender and the food will be delivered to you. How easy is that! The Marlowe burger is the best.
SPORTS

2020 LOCKER RENEWAL
Members must pay their $25 locker renewal fee by February 1. Unpaid renewals will forfeit the locker and it will be assigned to another member. Contact Gina 415-781-0166 to pay the fee.

June 7, 2020
100th STATUTO RACE
BE A PART OF HISTORY
8K Run / 2M Walk
Benefiting Make-A-Wish Greater Bay Area and SFIAC Foundation
Sign Up Today
StatutoRace.com
Sponsorship Opportunities Available for Businesses and Individuals

SFIAC Soccer
In 2020, Daniele Capoferrri is returning as our head coach.
Practices start in January with the season beginning in March.
We are excited for 2020 and hope to see members at the matches.
- Alessandro Giannini, Manager/Player
- Steve Caporelli, Sports Chair

In Memory of our Members Who “Passed” in 2019
Dino Ferrari
Lifetime Member
John Vassallo
Lifetime Member
Vito J. Spadaro
Member
Coach Steve Negoesco
Honorary Member
Soccer Coach
Show your SFIAC pride. We have ordered many new items for women, infants, toddlers and youth. New Nike Dri-fit ($60) and Adidas Climacool ($70) golf shirts. Nike Dri-fit come in black, grey, red and Italian blue. Marathon golf balls in sleeves of three for $10. See facebook, Instagram and the SFIAC web site for new merchandise.
Club & Bar Hours

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Office Hours
Monday to Friday from 9 AM to 5 PM

The SFIAC is open

The Forty Niners are back to their glory.
Watch the NFL playoffs in the Members’ Bar.
Go Niners!

SFIAC Events
Host your next gathering at the Club. Weddings, graduation, birthday or corporate event, we have the space for you.
www.SFIAC.org
events@SFIAC.org
# Club Calendar at-a-Glance

All events and dates are subject to change

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