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## Spring 2008 CIBPA Dinner Thursday, May 8th

**6:00pm Networking - 7:00pm Dinner  
Whitewater Golf Club**

**Mr Robert Poulter, H.B. Comm.  
CEO – Genesis Genomics**

Robert Poulter was the former Practice Leader for IBM's Business Consulting division where he was in charge of the diverse and dynamic markets of Southeast Asia & India. While at IBM, his focus was in the fast growing area of Customer Relationship Management (CRM) in which he was responsible for building IBM's CRM practice from the infancy stage in 2002 into a multi-million dollar business by 2006. Prior to IBM, Robert acted as a subject matter expert and executive management advisor in the areas of sales, marketing, and operations for Accenture. Robert began his career with Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) in business and commercial banking. Being born, raised, and educated in Thunder Bay – he is a former graduate of Lakehead University's Bachelor of Commerce program, majoring in Marketing and Finance – his passion for his hometown has brought him back to Thunder Bay.



Robert Poulter was recently appointed Chief Executive Officer of Genesis Genomics, a local company that is a worldwide leader in the development of tests for the early detection of cancer and other diseases. Recognized as a *Top 10 Canadian Company in Life Sciences*, Mr. Poulter's role will be to position the company for commercialization and execute a strategy to lead the Corporation toward an Initial Public Offering in the fall of 2009. Robert will explain to us how this Thunder Bay based company is able to focus on the development of new technologies that extend life, reduce treatment costs and improve quality of life for persons diagnosed with cancer and other diseases.



**Reservations**  
Tables of 8 can be purchased and reserved in advance.



**Tickets**  
Contact any board member.



# President's Message - Mark Piovesana

## CALENDAR

### Spring Dinner

May 8, 2008  
Whitewater Golf Club

### Golf Tournament

July 10, 2008  
Whitewater Golf Club

### Fall Dinner

Oct 2, 2008  
Italian Cultural Centre

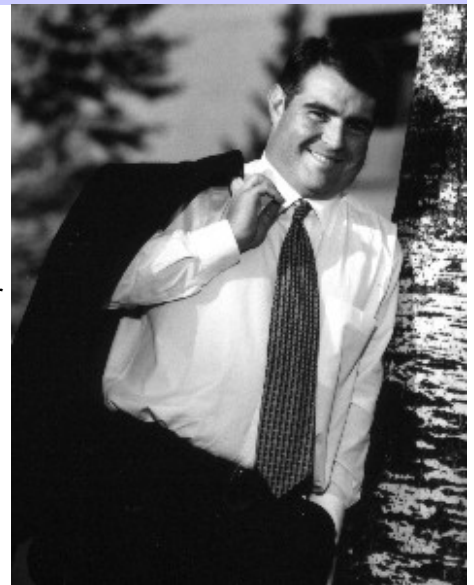
### Bocce Tournament

Nov 8, 2008  
Da Vinci Centre

### CIBPA Past Presidents

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- 1994 – 1995  
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- 1995 – 1997  
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- 1997 – 1999  
Frank Mirabelli
- 1999 – 2001  
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- 2001 – 2003  
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- 2003 – 2005  
Saverio Prete
- 2005-2007  
Sonny Costanzo

As your Board completes the first year of its two year term, we can fondly look back on several successful events and many good memories. I would like to extend sincere thanks to my fellow Board members who have been supportive and a lot of fun to work with. I'd also like to thank the many sponsors that help support our organization. We operate all of our events on a break even basis to make them affordable and accessible to all of our members. Our sponsors, including our **Diamante** members, **RBC Financial Group** and **Gran Sasso Club** help make this happen.



One of the initiatives of the previous Board led by **Sonny Costanzo** was to establish and maintain a database of email addresses for our members. With this tool we can foster better communication with each other and ideally make a lot of our activities run smoother. I'm happy to report that this initiative is now complete and you can expect to see more communication via email in the future. Please help us to maintain the information that took so much work to obtain by informing us if your email address has changed.

Looking forward, we would like to continue to build our relations with other CIBPA chapters across Canada. Together we are a strong network of business and professional people that can have an impact on decision-making at a national and international level. To that end, **Joe Daniele** was part of the team guiding the development of a national website that is now up and running using the URL that Thunder Bay had originally registered ([www.cibpa.com](http://www.cibpa.com)). We also want to continue our personal contact with other Chapters. Our Sault Ste Marie chapter, launched with the aid of many of us in Thunder Bay, will be hosting the National Conference this fall. Sending a substantial delegation from Thunder Bay is a way to support them and have some fun.

Thunder Bay is slated to host the National Conference in the fall of 2009. There is much work to be done in preparation for this and we look forward to continued support from all of our members.

On behalf of the entire Board, we look forward to seeing you at the Spring Dinner.

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**Congratulations** to fellow member **Franco Crupi** who has moved into a new location. Crupi Consulting now located at 577 11th Ave. We wish him every success at his new location.

**Congratulations** to fellow member **Ray Williamson** who has also moved into a new location. Dominion Construction in now located at 936 Tungsten St. We wish him every success at his new location.

## News About Italians That Should Be On Every Front Page By Sonny Costanzo

As one of Canada's most distinguished art museums, the Art Gallery of Ontario (AGO), located in Toronto, organizes and hosts a wide spectrum of major exhibitions, one special exhibit plays tribute to the countries of Canada and Italy: the "Galleria Italia" named to acknowledge twenty prominent Canadian-Italian families that donated \$500,000 each to the AGO to support the exhibit. That's \$10 million dollars that goes a long way to fund the \$254 million overall AGO transformation project.

The following is a list of the family donors:

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"Galleria Italia will be recognized as an iconic space in the transformed AGO," says Tony Gagliano, executive chairman & CEO of St. Joseph Communications, vice-president of the AGO's Board of Trustees, and donor to Galleria Italia. Gagliano also says, "In this unprecedented initiative, twenty families have come together to pay tribute to the great countries of Canada and Italy, creating a lasting legacy for art lovers everywhere."

The generosity of these twenty families will be celebrated for generations to come. The sculpture will showcase when the Gallery re-opens in the fall of 2008. To view the full story, visit the Art Gallery of Ontario website at [www.ago.net](http://www.ago.net).

### The Institute of Italian Studies Lakehead University



2008 Golfing for the Goal  
Golf Tournament

June 20th, 2008



## Submissions

CIBPA Chronicles welcomes member articles for inclusion in future issues.

Articles should be relevant to member interests and the Italian Canadian community.

Please forward submissions to [contact@cibpa.com](mailto:contact@cibpa.com)

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Directors*

# CIBPA AGM 2008 - Sault St. Marie - Sep 18 to Sep 20



**This year's Annual General Meeting will be hosted by Sault St. Marie.  
If anyone is interested in attending please contact any of our board members.  
The following is the preliminary agenda released.**

## **Thursday September 18<sup>th</sup> 2008**

Sault Chapter Thursday Night Social (Any out of town guest arriving Thursday evening will be picked up at the hotel and will join the Sault Chapter at Joey Calzones to join us on our Thursday Night).

## **Friday September 19<sup>th</sup> 2008**

- 11:30 am - 12:00 pm reception Primavera Hall
- 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm Food & Wine Pairing Luncheon
- 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm National Board Meeting
- 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm free time
- 6:00 pm - 11:00 pm Presidents Night (Welcome to Sault Ste Marie at Joey Calzones Restaurant).

## **Saturday September 20<sup>th</sup> 2008**

- 10:00 am till 12:00 pm –Tour of Sault Ste Marie hosted by the Sault Ste Marie Economical Development Corporation
- 12:00 pm till 3:00 pm – Italian style Luncheon-Hosted by Green Circle Environmental
- 3:00 pm till 6:00 pm – back to hotel to relax
- 6:00 pm till 12:00 am Gala Dinner

## Curling Fun Spiel 2008 *by Mark Piovesana*



The CIBPA made its presence known at the Port Arthur Curling Club again this year. We had a number of new people which made the event all the better. A great time was had by all and the dinner by Ling Lee was superb as usual. A very special thanks to all of the sponsors that helped fill the prize table.

Congratulations to the winning team of **Cindy Posmitum, Dominic Vita, Sandy Nucci, Bill Peloza and their coach Lucio Rizzo**. The consolation winners did not have a coach, and perhaps that explains their second place showing. The team included Fred Coulter, Frank Pontisso, Shirlee Bayda-Clace

### Curling Donations & Prizes

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2008 Winners - Domenic Vita, Bill Peloza, Cindy Pomitum, Sandy Nucci and Coach Luccio Rizzo.

## Bocce Tournament 2007 *Getting It Close! by Shirlee Bayda-Clace*

The DaVinci Centre was the place to be on the afternoon of Saturday, November 3rd, 2008 to share Food, Fun, Camaraderie & Laughter at our Annual CIBPA Bocce Tournament.

Despite many strong attempts to "de-throne" one of our strongest Bocce Players Frank Pontisso, it was to no avail. Special Congratulations to our 2007 Championship Team consisting of **Mr Frank Pontisso, Les Swan & Charlie Ihtantola**.

Entertainment was provided by the Gran Sasso Club throughout the afternoon with the wonderful accordion accompaniment of **Johnny Scaffeo**. It was an added pleasure to teach some our newcomers some Italian songs as they continued to speak about the fun they had at our event for several weeks after.

We continue to be grateful to all those who participated and to our many sponsors. We hope to see everyone back for next year's Bocce Ball event.

### Bocce Donations & Prizes

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2007 Winners - Mr Frank Pontisso, Les Swan & Charlie Ihtantola.

# Recipe

## Tiramisu

**Chef Pedro**



**Serves 8**

- 1 pound mascarpone (Italian Cream Cheese)
- ¼ cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons amaretto or Cognac (or a good brandy)
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 24 savoiardi (imported Italian ladyfingers)
- 1 cup brewed espresso, at room temperature
- ½ cup chopped bittersweet chocolate

**Preparation**

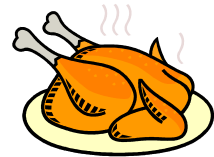
- In a large bowl, whisk together the mascarpone, sugar, and the alcohol of choice until smooth.
- In a chilled bowl with chilled beaters, whip the cream until soft peaks form. Fold the cream into the mascarpone mixture.
- Lightly dip half of the savoiardi in the espresso and arrange them in a single layer in the bottom of an 8 inch square pan. Spread half the mascarpone mixture over the savoiardi. Sprinkle with half the chocolate.
- Dip the remaining savoiardi in the espresso. Top with the remaining mascarpone mixture, spreading it smooth. Sprinkle the remaining chocolate. Cover with plastic wrap. Refrigerate for several hours, or overnight, before serving.



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