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# CANADIAN ITALIAN BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THUNDER BAY CONTROL ASSOCIATION OF THUNDER BAY

# Spring 2010 CIBPA Dinner Thursday, May 6th

6:00pm Networking - 7:00pm Dinner Italian Cultural Centre

#### STEPHEN ANDERSON 1998 CANADIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE GREY CUP CHAMPION

Stephen Anderson was Defensive Lineman in the Canadian Football League between the years of 1994 to 2003. He attended the University of Nevada Las Vegas, where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Fitness Management. He began his CFL career with the US franchise Las Vegas Posse, and eventually landed in Calgary with the Stampeders where he spent the majority of his most cherished years as a professional football player. During that time, he and his teammates appeared in back to back Grey Cup Championship games in 1998 and 1999, winning the 1998 Championship in Winnipeg. It is this unforgettable experience that Stephen will share with the members of the CIBPA of Thunder Bay, carrying with it a message of perseverance, pride, and team spirit.



Stephen is the former Operations Manager of The Sports Dome where he worked to improve the quality of service delivered by "The Dome" with the main focus on developing new recreation programs and activities for the community, solidifying and improving customer relations, and helping to establish the facility as a local landmark. Stephen is connected to Thunder Bay through his wife Daniela Crispino, who was born and raised in Thunder Bay, and where her family continues to reside. Prior to The Sports Dome, Stephen served as Player Services Supervisor at Primm Valley Golf Club, a premier golf course located in Las Vegas, NV where he and his young family resided for over four years. Seeking to be closer to family and have his children in a less extreme environment than Las Vegas, Stephen and his Wife decided to take the opportunity presented by the Sports Dome and move to Thunder Bay in 2009.

RSVP Silvio Di Gregorio Tel. 623-1855 Fax 623-0360

Admission Members - No Charge Non-Members - \$55.00



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**Tickets** Contact any board member.

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## CALENDAR

Spring Dinner May 6, 2010 Italian Cultural Centre

Golfing for the Goal Institute of Italian Studies June 18, 2010 Whitewater Golf Club

CIBPA Golf Tournament July 8, 2010 Whitewater Golf Club

Fall Dinner Oct 14, 2010 Whitewater Golf Club

> Bocce Tournament Nov 13, 2010 Da Vinci Centre

Wine Dinner Institute of Italian Studies Nov 18, 2010 Whitewater Golf Club

# President's Message - Joe Daniele

It has been my pleasure to serve as president of CIBPA this year. I am delighted with the recent advances we've made using technology to better suit our needs. The newsletter will be distributed by email and on-line. Invitations and RSVP's will be managed by email. These advances will help us be more efficient with communication.

The look of the CIBPA National website is being refreshed with a Go Live target date of May. The chapters who are interested in adopting the new web site, including Thunder Bay, will Go Live this May and June.



I am pleased to announce that there has been a significant increase in our membership. Greater participation at events is strengthening our bond as business professionals. This was most evident in September 2009 when our Thunder Bay Chapter successfully hosted the national CIBPA Annual General Meeting. Local members came together to create a memorable experience for our guests. Thanks to all who contributed in entertaining our guests with authentic Italian-style hospitality. As I continue my term I encourage you all to participate in the upcoming events which are outlined in this newsletter.

Tanti Auguri - Best Wishes Joe Daniele

#### Recipe - Peter Niccoli Linguine Aglio Olio

### Chef Pedro Serves 4

- 1/3 cup fruity olive oil
- 2 to 3 tablespoons minced garlic
- 1 small peperoncino, crumbled, or ½ teaspoon crushed red pepper
- 1/3 cup chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley
- 1 pound linguine
- Salt

#### Preparation

- Pour the olive oil into a large skillet. Add the garlic and peperoncino, stir over medium-low heat for 3 minutes or until the garlic is lightly golden. Add the parsley, stir, and turn off the heat.
- Meanwhile, bring at least 4 quarts of water to a boil in a large pot. Add the pasta and salt to taste. Cook stirring frequently, until the pasta is al dente, tender yet still firm to the bite.
- Set aside a cup of the cooking water. Drain the pasta and add it to the skillet with the sauce. Cook over medium heat, tossing until the pasta is well coated with the sauce. Add a little of the reserved cooking water if the pasta seems dry. Serve immediately.



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Mimmo Gallo

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#### DIAMANTE DIAMOND SPONSOR (\$5,000+)

- Exclusivity at this level by industry
- Booth (supplied by client) at our dinner events
- Logo on podium at dinner events
- Logo on dinner program
- 2 X 4 advertising banner (supplied by client) at our sporting events
- Corporate materials (supplied by client) distributed at events
- Full page advertising in all newsletters
- Guest columnist in all newsletters
- Logo on all newsletters
- Corporate top banner logo on CIBPA website
- Corporate link on CIBPA website

#### ORO GOLD SPONSOR (\$2,500 - \$4,999)

- Exclusivity at this level by industry
- 1.5 X 3 advertising banner (supplied by client) at all sporting events
- 1/2 Page advertising in all newsletters
- Logo on all newsletters

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- Corporate gold size logo on CIBPA website
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#### The Institute of Italian Studies Lakehead University



2010 Golfing for the Goal Golf Tournament

June 18th, 2010

### 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** 

# **Membership Privileges**

Two Dinners Annually Website links on CIBPA'S Website Newsletters from CIBPA Thunder Bay Invitations to Annual Events & Activities Fees New Member - \$135 Renewal - \$110 New Student - \$85 Student Renewal - \$60

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# Golf Tournament 2009 by Peter Niccoli

Under the warmth of the bright sun, and fluids flowing faster than the Kam River, a full complement of golfers took on the challenge of Whitewater Golf Course once again this year. From the moment we entered the gates to the moment we were thrown into a cab, it was fun had by all, with great food and cheer every step of the way. In some cases, every stroke! Some teams even finished the entire 18 holes. Special thanks to our major sponsors including RBC Royal Bank, Safety Net Security, Lisa Wychopen and PMA Grand Marnier for providing the communion, The Valhalla Inn for treating us to some of their fine dining food specialties, Molson's Canada for organizing the putting contest, Bruno DiGregorio and the Gran Sasso Club for hosting the 'Half Way house' with their special cuisine and cheer (and somewhat responsible for many teams not finishing), John (Scassato) Scaffeo for filling the air with his accordion music, and finally, the management and staff at Whitewater Golf Course for their hospitality in providing us with wonderful meals and beverage

#### GOLF DONATIONS & PRIZES

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# Italian Trivia Quiz by Mark Piovesana

#### 1 What is the first line of the "Godfather"?

- A "I ask you for justice"
- B "I believe in America"
- C "Godfather"
- D "What have I ever done to make you treat me so disrespectfully"

#### 2 At the age of 24, Enrico Caruso vowed to never again sing in Naples. Why did he make this vow?

- A His performance in "La Boheme" was not well received.
- B He came down with food poisoning after eating in a Naples restaurant.
- $\label{eq:constraint} C \quad \mbox{His mother was assaulted while shopping for groceries.}$
- D He claimed the weather there made him lose his voice.

#### 3 What song title is engraved on Frank Sinatra's tombstone?

- A "My Way"
- B "The Best is Yet to Come"
- C "I Guess I'll Have to Dream the Rest"
- D "Goodnight Irene"

# 4 How long did it take Michaelangelo to paint the ceiling the Sistine Chapel?

- A One year.
- B Two Years.
- C Three years.
- D Four years.

#### 5 What Italian Prime Minister was kidnapped and murdered in 1978?

- A Giovanni Leone
- B Aldo Moro
- C Mariano Rumor
- D Giulio Andreotti

# Bocce Tournament 2009 Getting It Close! by Mark Piovesana

The competitive forces were in full force for our annual quest to be the best in the traditional game we Italians love to participate in. Bocce is a game of skill although many would characterize it as fun. The Da Vinci Centre was the venue for our competition and as usual the courts were in perfect shape.

Many new participants to the game opted to take part. Of course they were welcomed with open arms and there were no shortage of mentors to guide them in pursuit of a coveted crown. The beauty of the bocce surface at the Da Vinci Centre is that it allows for precise placement of every single shot, assuming you know what you are doing. Our newest members found out quickly that the easiest way to combat bocce expertise was to encourage a shooter or two to equalize the playing field!

The day progressed with much excitement. Scores were close, and rivalries were formed. When it came to the playoffs, allegiances had already been formed. Teams of underdogs were obviously favoured, and their opponents strongly encouraged to "relax" their skills.

In the end, a new team won. It was captained by **Rick Di Casmirro**, a true Italian, but his ringer was of Scottish decent. Apparently, he learnt his bocce skills on the undulating courts at Loon Lake! Not intimidated by the subtle nuances of a clay court, **Mr. McCallum** was able to deliver shot after precise shot, eventually leading his team to victory. I'm sure the Italian in us all can find a way to compete just as fervently on the surface of his choice!! Many thanks to all of the participants and sponsors who made the event a success!!

#### **Bocce Donations & Prizes**

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2009 Winners - Kaz Cushner, Rick DiCasmirro, David O'Neill, and Bill McCallum

# New Members 2009

Bill Covello (Philpot & Delgaty) Dave Drew (Anchor Construction Products) Derek Zulianello (Buset & Partners) Dinah Jung (Lakehead Public School Board) Emilio Feletto (A.B.P. Constructors Ltd.) Frank Badolato (Cav-Tal Foods) Frank Pedulla (Roma Bakery) Giuseppe Quaresima (Valhalla Inn) James Di Giuseppe (Port Arthur Chiropractic Centre) Joe Martino (Sostratus Engineering Ltd) Joe Sgambelluri (First General Services) Joseph Del Paggio (Student) Justin Nucci (TBay Tel) Kevin Adduono (Laine & Fairbairn Radshop) Mario Nigro (Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board) Michael Muia (Michaels Hair Design & Day Spa) Saverio Nigro

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# Curling Fun Spiel 2010 by Shirlee Bayda - Clace

One of our more popular events of the year, was once again, a resounding success. Over 54 curlers took to the ice for a great day of fun and cheer. We have instituted a student pricing policy for our events and were pleased to see some our local youth in attendance. A warm welcome was provided to Deana and Dante Di Gregorio, Nicole Britton, Brittany Bayda-Clace, Alana Spina, and Timothy Stark. They all raved about how much fun they had and were going to spread the word to their friends about attending future events.

Congratulations to the "A Side" Winners - made up of **Joe Daniele, Sonny Costanzo, Doug Heath, and Randy Camlin**. It was an exciting final game that saw **Cosimo Valente, Pepe Gini, Tina Kavalchuk, and Heather Hyslop** defeated in a close game for the 2010 Title and kept audiences glued to the glass (beer glass, that is).

The "B-Side" Final Game saw Carl Sharp's Team made up of Barney De Sousa, Lisa Wychopen, Allan Komenda and of course Carl Sharp defeat – Brian Campbell, Roma Kopechanski, Evelyn MacLean and Bob Armstrong in another close match-up.

The funspiel wrapped up with Ling Lee's wonderful Chinese buffet in the evening followed be a generous prize table. Many thanks goes out to all of the participants, and in particular, our corporate sponsors that faithfully contribute to the success of

this event, year after year. A special Thanks to **Paul Bayda** for entertaining us with his many accordion melodies and of course special Thanks to **John Scaffeo** for leading the Italian national anthem for a lively sing along. We look forward to seeing you all again, next year!

#### **Curling Donations & Prizes**

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2010 Winners - Doug Heath, Joe Daniele, Randy Camlin, and Sonny Costanzo

# **Members in the News**



The Olympic Games held in Vancouver this winter were considered a great success by the vast majority of Canadians. The CIBPA Thunder Bay Chapter is proud of one of our members, **Anthony Bergamo**, who carried the torch as it passed through Thunder Bay. We are all thrilled to witness you be a part of Olympic history!

# **Nancy Mauro**



# DEBUT NOVEL RECEIVES CRITICAL ACCLAIM

Last fall, author and Thunder Bay native Nancy Mauro released her first novel, **New World Monkeys**, with Random House US. When she began work on the book she was a graduate student in the University of British Columbia's MFA program in Creative Writing. Little did she know that the manuscript would soon find its way into the hands of the world's largest English-speaking publishing company.

**New World Monkeys** is the story of a young, troubled couple who flee Manhattan for the tranquility of a recently inherited crumbling Victorian. But on an upstate road miles shy of their house, a wild boar leaps to his death in front of their car—an accident whose bizarre consequences will haunt them through the summer.

Savagely smart and darkly humourous, *New World Monkeys* was ranked among the Best Books of 2009 by Publisher's Weekly and has been featured in USA Today and the Wall Street Journal's Culture Blog, *Speakeasy*. The New York Times Book Review called it "an imaginative first novel" and both Kirkus and Booklist gave it starred reviews.

Ms. Mauro, who is a graduate of St. Ignatius High School, has lived and worked in Toronto and Vancouver and now makes her home in New York City. However, the writer often returns to Thunder Bay to work on her fiction. Her latest project? A novel about the Persian doughnut. Visit *nancymauro.com*.

# **Alfred Antonio Petrone**



It is with sadness that we remember our friend and fellow CIBPA member who passed away on December 10, 2009. He was born January 8, 1925 and grew up in the predominantly Italian Port Arthur neighbourhood of Secord St. He was industrious from a young age earning money by selling newspapers, and herring, and by setting bowling pins. He was also strong academically, graduating from St. Joseph's school at the age of 15. He then took a job in construction until he enlisted in the war in 1943.

After the war he continued his education culminating in a law degree from Osgoode Hall in Toronto. He pursued an illustrious career as a lawyer in Port Arthur with one of his many accomplishments being the work he did in lobbying for the abolition of the death penalty. Alf was also a businessman with many partnerships and business interests in the local area.

He was a true leader exemplified by his roles as Chair of the Public Utilities Commission, President of the Thunder Bay Law Association and Chair of Thunder Bay Hydro. He was honoured by the Port Arthur Italian community by his appointment as an Honourary Life Member of the Italian Mutual Benefit Society. He was a faithful participant in many of the CIBPA – Thunder Bay Chapter dinners and functions. His energy, loyalty and enthusiasm will be missed.

# CIBPA AGM 2009 - Thunder Bay - Sept 10 - 12 by Mark Piovesana

The Thunder Bay Chapter of the CIBPA was proud and honoured to host the Annual General Meeting of the National Federation. We welcomed delegates from all over Canada including Montreal, Toronto, Windosr, Sault Ste Marie, Sudbury and Winnipeg. The mood was festive right from the beginning.

Our long time member **Sergio Buonocore**, General Manager of **Fort William Historical Park**, hosted a wonderfully themed "Fur Trade" luncheon where all of our guest were given the opportunity to relive our storied past and enjoy a great meal and traditional Italian hospitality. The business part of the AGM followed in the historic venue and then the celebrations began.

The **Valhalla Inn** was gracious in their hosting of our Fall Dinner where our membership was well represented. Everyone had a chance to interact with our out of town guests, and many long lasting relationships were built or renewed.

The real fun began on Saturday. **Silvio Di Gregorio** and the staff at Whitewater pulled out all the stops in staging a golf event that was truly memorable. The weather was excellent and the spirit of competition was alive. Following an authentic Italian dinner, with all regions of Italy represented, a "karaoke" of sorts developed. Thanks to the musical talents of **Joe Daniele, Peter Niccoli** and others who formed a "house" band, traditional Italian folk songs were sung in merriment. All regions were fairly represented, and the quality of performance was outstanding. There was a feeling amongst many guests that certain groups had actually practised for this performance. The evening morphed into a more broadly based sing along where all were able to display their musical talent. The comforting atmosphere of Whitewater Golf Club, the camaraderie of like minded individuals and the backup of a few accomplished musicians made this a night that will be remembered at many future AGM's to come.

Heartfelt goodbyes were exchanged on Sunday as our out of town guests departed to return to their families and business lives. In those goodbyes lingered the thought of productive business decisions, friends new and old, and an anticipation of to what will transpire in Sudbury in 2010!



# CIBPA AGM 2010 - Sudbury - Sept 24 - 25

Many interesting events are being planned! Mark your calendars and plan to help Sudbury celebrate it's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a club!! Italian Proverbs - Submitted by Mimmo Gallo

A mali estremi, estremi rimedi - Desparate times call for desperate measures

A tutto ce rimedio, fuorche alla morte - There is a cure for everything except death

A ciascuno il suo - To each his own





Answers to Trivia Questions on Page 4 - B A B D B

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