



CANADIAN ITALIAN BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THUNDER BAY

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### RSVP

Silvio Di Gregorio  
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### Admission

Members -  
No Charge

Non-Members -  
\$55.00

## Fall 2014 CIBPA Dinner Thursday, October 2nd

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

### John Barch

**Vice President of Operations and Administration  
for Tbaytel**

John Barch is vice president of operations and administration for Tbaytel – Canada's largest independently owned telecommunications provider – delivering telecom solutions that ensure people, businesses and communities in Northern Ontario have multiple points of access to the global communications highway.

Mr. Barch first joined Tbaytel's senior executive team as vice president of operations in 2010. Prior to becoming a member of Tbaytel's senior executive team, he also served as the company's director of engineering and manager of network planning.

Throughout his career, Mr. Barch has led a number of key network initiatives that have contributed to the growth and overall success of Tbaytel. He acted as engineering lead during the establishment of Tbaytel's strategic partnership with Rogers Communication Inc. and was also heavily involved with the joint network optimization project with global communications leader Ericsson, which resulted in Tbaytel's 4G HSPA network earning a best in class performance standing.

In addition to his expertise in strategic operational planning, Mr. Barch also has an advanced working knowledge of process improvement for organizational efficiency as well as network and resource integration. He was the project lead for several of Tbaytel's restructuring initiatives and also participated in the City of Thunder Bay's human resources process redesign project.

Prior to joining Tbaytel in his role as manager of network planning, Mr. Barch was supervisor of network services for the City of Thunder Bay where he originally began his career as an application programmer.



### Reservations

Tables of 8 can be purchased and reserved in advance.



### Tickets

Contact any board member.

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## President's Message - Anthony Bergamo

Despite the unseasonable cool summer again this year I hope everyone took some time to relax and enjoy the summer with family and loved ones. Hopefully Mother Nature will look kindly upon us and provide a warm and extended season where we can participate in activities around the region late into the fall.

The CIBPA is entering its busy part of the year with our upcoming Fall Dinner on October 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Italian Cultural Centre, Bocce Tournament on November 1<sup>st</sup> at the Da Vinci Centre, and our Annual Curling Fun Spiel in February at the Port Arthur Curling Club. Please remember to register early this year as both the Bocce and Curling were sold out events last year. We look forward to repeating their successes again this year.

I am very happy to announce that John Barch, Vice President of Operations and Administration of Tbaytel will be the Speaker for this year's Fall Dinner at the Italian Cultural Centre. Tbaytel is the largest independently owned Telecommunications Company in Canada and operates the region's largest 4G HSPA network. With over 110 years of service to our community and ever-evolving products such as Digital TV, Security, Internet, and Wireless Services, Tbaytel has been and will continue to be a driver of business growth for Northwestern Ontario. We are excited to host John at this year's dinner and look forward to hearing about the direction of Tbaytel's future.

Thank you to all of our members who are embracing the technological changes the CIBPA has been making over the past few years through enhancements to the CIBPA website, and increasing communication via email. These technologies allow us to communicate quicker and more efficiently with our members. I encourage you to utilize these forms of mediums as we regularly update the CIBPA Website noting upcoming event details, pictures from past events, as well as links to other CIBPA Chapters. More good things on this front will be happening shortly so please stay tuned.

On behalf of the Board, Thank You to all of our members who have renewed their membership once again this year. We appreciate your support and the support from all of our Corporate Sponsors (Gran Sasso Club, Safety Net Security, and RBC Royal Bank). We will have some new and exciting events this coming year and I look forward to sharing these details with you in the very near future. Thank you and I look forward to another exciting season of the CIBPA.

Tanti Auguri – Best Wishes Anthony Bergamo

## Members in the News

Dear Members, if you know of any member that is in the news please email us at [thunderbay@cibpa.com](mailto:thunderbay@cibpa.com)

## Members' Health and Welfare

As part of the board's ongoing commitment to better serving its members, the board is attempting to communicate the following to the membership: Please let Mimmo Gallo know if you are aware of a CIBPA member that is in the hospital. Mimmo will send a best wishes card on behalf of the CIBPA of Thunder Bay. If you know of a CIBPA's members' father or mother passing away also let Mimmo know and he will send out a card of condolences on behalf of the CIBPA of Thunder Bay.

Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated.  
Mimmo can be reached at: [mgallo@tbaytel.net](mailto:mgallo@tbaytel.net)

## Recipe - Peter Niccoli - Linguine Aglio Olio

### Ingredients: Serves 4

- 1/3 cup fruity olive oil
- 2 to 3 tablespoons minced garlic
- 1 small peperoncino, crumbled, or ½ teaspoon of 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 garlic is slightly golden.
- Stir in the parsley 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.

*Buon appetito!*  
**Chef Pedro**



## Members in the News

### Winmar - Domenic, Rob, & Adam Cianfagna

"Congratulations to Domenic, Rob, & Adam Cianfagna on opening their new business, Inspired Cabinetry & Granite located at 1134 Roland Street. The business features custom kitchen designs, granite installation, and custom designed millwork for wall units, mantels, moldings and much more...Please call Pasquale Izzo at 807-286-1220 for any questions and visit their website at <http://www.inspiredcabinetry.ca>.

### Robert Trevisan

CIBPA Member **Robert Trevisan** checked off an item on his bucket list when he jumped in Lake Superior in winter as part of the **Special Olympics Polar Bear Plunge**. Robert did the Plunge on a few occasions where he raised funds for a worthy cause. This year he decided to pass the torch to his 15 year old son **Peter** who was able to raise over \$500.

Robert and Delfina are so proud of their son Peter making the jump which is not for those faint of heart considering there was over 2 feet of ice that had to be removed from the Lake in order for participants to jump in.

Locally the Polar Bear Plunge raised over \$60,000.00.





## Golf Tournament 2014 - Anthony Bergamo

CIBPA was once again blessed with sunny skies, delicious food, a pristine golf course, and unforgettable Italian Culture and Camaraderie for its 21<sup>st</sup> Annual CIBPA Golf Tournament held at Whitewater Golf Club.

Participants were welcomed once again by Lisa Wychopen of PMA Canada with refreshments to celebrate another great afternoon with friends. Thank You Lisa for your gracious hospitality.

Once on the course participants were treated to an amazing afternoon of culinary delights from the Valhalla Inn and the Gran Sasso Club. Both the Valhalla Inn and Gran Sasso Club outdid themselves once again with their delicious and endless amounts of gourmet cuisine. Thank you both for your long-standing support.

Whitewater Golf Club was our host once again and it was in immaculate condition as they were preparing to host the CPGA Stall Foundation Open in a few weeks. Thank You to Matt Simmons and all your staff for organizing a great event and providing an unforgettable afternoon for all.

Congratulations go out to our winning team of Peter Niccoli, Sonny Costanzo, Aldo Ruberto, and Sergio Buonocore. I would also like to offer a special Thank You to all of our event sponsors for your generosity and contribution to this year's event.

Thank You to all that participated and we look forward to seeing everyone again next year.

### Golf Tournament

#### Major Sponsors

##### Travelers Canada

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##### Valhalla Inn

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##### Gran Sasso Club

Bruno Di Gregorio

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Peter Niccoli

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Eugenio Tegola

Anthony Bergamo

Matt Simmons

Rob Cianfagna



## CALENDAR

### Fall Dinner

Oct 2, 2014

Italian Cultural Centre

### Bocce

#### Tournament

Nov 1, 2014

Da Vinci Centre

### Wine Tasting Dinner

Institute of Italian  
Studies

Nov 13, 2014

Whitewater Golf Club

### Curling Bonspiel

Feb 21, 2015

Port Arthur Curling  
Club

### Spring Dinner

May 7, 2015

Whitewater Golf Club

### Golfing for the Goal

Institute of Italian  
Studies

#### In Memory of

#### Frank Pontisso

June 5, 2015

Whitewater Golf Club

### CIBPA Golf Tournament

July 2, 2015

Whitewater Golf Club

*"Una cena senza vino  
e come un giorno  
senza sole"*

*"A meal without wine  
is like a day without  
sunshine"*



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Dear Friends, as a Family counsellor my duties are to provide information, advantages and services that will help and benefit the people of the Italian-Canadian Community of Thunder Bay.

For this reason we provide a booklet called "Family Registry Planner", a "Free Legal Will Kit" and an "Executor Handbook" that give people valuable information concerning arrangements, records, benefits etc. that are required in difficult times of need.

I would like to provide these booklets, free of charge, to the Members of our Association.

Please feel free to contact me at my private telephone number 473-7680, for any additional information and to set up an appointment in order to present to you these valuable booklets.

**D. Francesco Pedulla**  
Family Counsellor

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1995 – 1997

Mimmo Gallo

1997 – 1999

Frank Mirabelli

1999 – 2001

Peter Niccoli

2001 – 2003

Renato Pullia

2003 – 2005

Saverio Prete

2005-2007

Sonny Costanzo

2007-2009

Mark Piovesana

2009-2011

Joe Daniele

2011-2013

Shirlee Bayda-Clace



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website, or add a link  
from our website...  
Contact Joe Daniele  
at 343-4490

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by CIBPA Board of  
Directors*

## CIBPA Sponsorship Policy

### 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
- ½ Page advertising in all newsletters
- Logo on all newsletters
- Corporate gold size logo on CIBPA website
- Corporate link on CIBPA website

### ARGENTO *SILVER* SPONSOR (\$1,000 – \$2,499)

- ¼ page advertising in all newsletters
- Recognition on sponsor board at sporting events
- Corporate silver size logo on CIBPA website
- Corporate link on CIBPA website

**Note:** Changes in the size of signage, logos and advertising space may be approved by the CIBPA Board

### The Institute of Italian Studies Lakehead University



2015 Golfing for the Goal  
Golf Tournament  
In Memory of Frank Pontisso  
June 5th, 2015  
Whitewater Golf Club



## 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 [thunderbay@cibpa.com](mailto:thunderbay@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 - \$150  
Renewal - \$125  
Youth (30 & under) - \$90  
Youth Renewal - \$65

## 2013 - 2015 Board of Directors

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684-8309

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345-8825

**Saverio Prete**  
Director  
620-6896

## New Members

**Giuseppe Ferraro**  
(C & M Tile and Granite)

**Frank Scarcello**  
(ETF Concepts)

**Mark Thibert**  
(Mark Thibert Medicine  
Professional Corp.)



## Members in the News

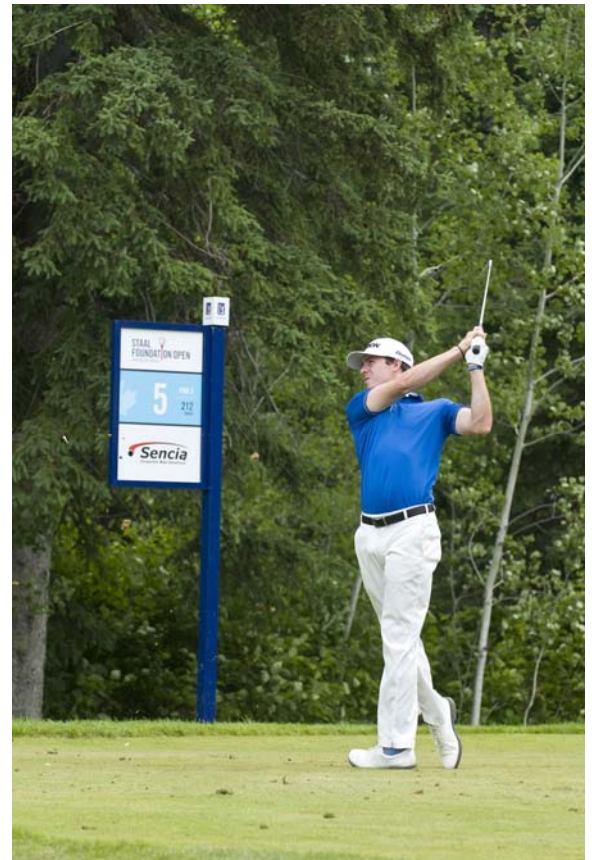
### Silvio Di Gregorio

It is truly a great honour to recognize the accomplishment and success of the Staal Foundation Open presented by Tbaytel, due in no small part to the excellent work and contribution of the Di Gregorio family and the staff of Whitewater Golf Club. We would like to congratulate Silvio, Bruno and White-water for their continued dedication to our community. Thunder Bay is truly lucky to have a prestigious golf course. We look forward to Whitewater being the host of the Staal Foundation Open in both 2015 and 2016 and for supporting such a worthwhile event. For information and dates on the next Staal Foundation Open visit [www.staalopen.ca](http://www.staalopen.ca)



### Joe Quaresima

CIBPA Thunder Bay would also like to recognize the accomplishment and success of Sencia Canada Ltd. in partnership with the Staal Foundation Open presented by Tbaytel. They developed the online software that processed the ticket purchases including the website as well as processing tickets at the gate with electronic scanning. For all the committee members they built an intranet system that helped all the volunteers stay organized with keeping all the information in a centrally located place. Unique to Northwestern Ontario Sencia is one of the largest web development firms in the North.



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