



# CIBPA Chronicles

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**Admission**

Members -  
No Charge

Non-Members -  
\$55.00

## Fall 2018 CIBPA Dinner Friday, September 28th

**6:00pm Networking - 7:00pm Dinner  
Valhalla Inn**

**Guest Performer Danny Johnson  
accompanied by Dan Zadkovich (Bass) and Ian McLeod (Drums)**

Danny has been a familiar face around Thunder Bay for several years now, whether performing as a solo artist, with his band 21 Gun Fun, with Duelling Pianos, or with his jazz trio.

He is a well-respected singer/songwriter who has performed at venues and festivals around the world and has opened for and toured with many acclaimed acts, including Bob Dylan, The Tragically Hip, Colin James, David Wilcox, Fred Eaglesmith, George Jones, Valdy and Johnny Cash. He was invited to perform for a special tour for the Six String Nation Guitar Tour (a guitar made from various Canadian historical items). He is presently working on an album with Vishwa Mohan Bhatt, one of the finest slide players in the world, who was awarded a Grammy for his album with Ry Cooder, A Meeting By The River.



As a musician/musical director and multi-instrumentalist (keyboards, guitars, percussion), he has performed with such artists as Bo Diddley, The Temptations, Bob Newhart, Paul Shaffer, Hal Linden, Red Skelton, Bob Hope, Tom "Bones" Malone, Theresa Tova, Jack de Keyser, Detroit Women, Long John Baldry, Bobby Curtola, The Lamont Cranston Blues Band, Tony "Little Sun" Glover, Sherman Robertson, Studebaker John, and Paul James.

Danny is no stranger to theatre audiences, having performed in over sixty productions across the country, including Million Dollar Quartet (Sam Phillips), Ring Of Fire (Johnny Cash), 2 Pianos 4 Hands, Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story (Norm Petty), A Closer Walk With Patsy Cline, The Light Gets In (The Music Of Leonard Cohen), Ain't Misbehavin', Billy Bishop Goes To War, and portraying Hank Williams in Hank Williams: The Show He Never Gave to sold-out performances and standing ovations at Magnus. He has also acted in several films, including Under The Red Star, which premiered at the Northern Character Film Fest in Russia, Silent Invaders (which won the Audience Award at the Faux Film Fest in Portland), Synchronicity, Sticky Money and The Scratch.

Danny has worked as engineer/producer for dozens of album and film projects at his facility, Danalog Studio, including Rodney Brown's The Big Lonely and Pierre Schreyer's Blue Drag, both of which were nominated for Juno awards. He has also recorded with such artists as Coleman Hell (Columbia Records), Rita Chiarelli, Ed Bickert, Oliver Jones, Fred Eaglesmith and Ian Tamblyn. His most recent production is Into The Wonder, for The Gryphon Trio and TBSO, featuring the music of Jordan Pal, on the Analekta label.



**Reservations**

Tables of 8 can be purchased and reserved in advance.



**Tickets**

Contact any board member.



## President's Message - Joe Quaresima

Fall is here, and I am excited to have a warm one. I hope you had the chance to travel and see family overseas to the mother land. A big thank you goes out to our membership, volunteers, sponsors and the other Board of Directors for the very successful golf tournament held this summer.

I would also like to mention our long-standing sponsors: **Gran Sasso Club** and **RBC Royal Bank** for your significant financial support for the past years. This past summer Sault Ste Marie has been working to revive their CIBPA chapter; we would like to congratulate their inaugural President Dino Biasucci along with his executive board, Peter Berlingeri, Jamie Caicco, Joe Ruscio, Brad Gregorini and Ralph Cuglietta. I also want to make a special mention of Chauchi Filice, he was instrumental in helping them get started. Thanks Chauchi! They have a wine tasting dinner Friday October 19<sup>th</sup> in the Sault and they are welcoming Thunder Bay members to come down and attend.

Over the year, we still see continued growth of our membership, and the presence of more youth at our events. Our events continue to be well attended, and we continue to assist and support other Italian cultural organizations at local, provincial and national levels. The genuine support and appreciation we have given one another makes us one of the strongest chapters in the country.

This year's Fall Dinner will be held at **Valhalla Inn on Friday September 28<sup>th</sup>**, and I am pleased to announce that this year in lieu of a speaker we will enjoy some great music entertainment.

I encourage all members to attend and remind you that nonmembers are always welcome. Additional tickets are available from any Board member at a price of \$55. Our next event Bocce Ball Tournament will be at **Da Vinci Centre Saturday November 10<sup>th</sup>**. Please save the date, for another fun day with family and friends. For information on future events please visit our website at [thunderbay.cibpa.com](http://thunderbay.cibpa.com) I look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming Fall Dinner for an evening of camaraderie, friendship and laughter.

Sincerely,  
Joe Quaresima

## 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 Frank Niccoli know if you are aware of a CIBPA member that is in the hospital. Frank 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 Frank know and he will send out a card of condolences on behalf of the CIBPA of Thunder Bay.

Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated.  
Frank can be reached at: [fniccoli@shaw.ca](mailto:fniccoli@shaw.ca)

## Golf Tournament 2018 - Anthony Bergamo

The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual CIBPA Golf Tournament was once again held at the prestigious Whitewater Golf Club on July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018. This annual event is the kickoff to summer with Mother Nature once again cooperating for a fantastic afternoon filled with camaraderie and friendship.

The event is second to none on the golfing calendar and a big Thank You goes out to Lisa Wychopen from PMA Gran Marnier for starting the afternoon off with cool refreshments. To our generous lunch sponsor Bruno's Contracting, thank you for providing such a great BBQ lunch. Of course our tournament would not be what it is without the spectacular cuisine and tasty treats that are enjoyed on the course from our long time and loyal supporters, the Gran Sasso Club and the Valhalla Inn. You once again outdid yourself and made the event the success it always is. Grazie!

Congratulations to the tournament winners Travis Batting, Steve Smits, Spencer Graham, and Dave Stasiuk who shot a 61! A sincere Thank You goes out to all of our donors and sponsors, particularly Travelers Canada. A complete list of our tournament sponsors is provided. Please support them as they support us.

Lastly, we would like to thank all of our members and guests who participate each year to make the event such a success. We look forward to seeing everyone once again in 2019!

### Golf Donations & Prizes

5 Forks Fine Food & Drink	Claudio Foresta
First General	Frank Mirabelli
Flawless Roof	Dan Filice
Gran Sasso Club	Bruno Di Gregorio
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PMA Canada	Lisa Wychopen
Smith Associates	Greg Jarvis
Valhalla Inn	Sam Galati & Dave Stasiuk
Whitewater Golf Club	Matt Simmons

## Recipe - Peter Niccoli - Grilled Polenta with Spinach and Robiola Cheese

### Ingredients: Serves 4 - 6

- ◆ 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- ◆ Salt
- ◆ 1 cup instant polenta
- ◆ 2 large garlic cloves, thinly sliced
- ◆ 1 lb baby spinach
- ◆ Freshly ground pepper
- ◆ ¼ lb robiola cheese, cut into 8 slices at room temperature

### Preparation

- ◆ Lightly oil a 9-inch round glass baking dish.
- ◆ In a medium saucepan, bring 3 cups of water to a boil.
- ◆ Add 1 ½ teaspoons of salt and slowly whisk in the polenta.
- ◆ Cook over low heat, whisking constantly, until the polenta is thick, about 5 minutes.
- ◆ Pour the hot polenta into the baking dish and cover the surface directly with plastic wrap.
- ◆ Let stand until firm, about 25 minutes.
- ◆ In a large, deep skillet, heat the 2 tablespoons of olive oil.
- ◆ Add the garlic and cook over moderate heat until golden brown, about 30 seconds.
- ◆ Increase the heat to moderately high and add the spinach, stirring to wilt it.
- ◆ Season with salt and pepper. Keep the spinach warm.
- ◆ Light a grill and oil the grates.
- ◆ Cut the polenta into 8 wedges and grill over moderately high heat until crisp and lightly charred, 5 minutes per side.
- ◆ Place 2 wedges on each plate; top each with 2 robiola slices.
- ◆ Spoon the warm spinach on top and serve.



## Members in the News

### Congratulations to Sault Ste Marie in relaunching their CIBPA Chapter

Cari Amici,

It is my privilege and pleasure to welcome you to the Relaunch of the Sault Ste. Marie's Chapter of the **Canadian Italian Business Professional Association (CIBPA)**.

I am most honoured and humbled to be selected as the Inaugural President of the CIBPA - Sault Ste. Marie for the 2018 – 2019 year, and with the help and support of my Board Members and fellow Association Members, I will do my best to meet the challenge.

The CIBPA has earned an enviable reputation as the premier non-profit association that best promotes and cultivates the business and professional interests of Canadian Italians. We have assumed the responsibility because we understand how important it is to share our knowledge and experience with others.

We help Our Community where we do business in because we care about Canada and Italy. This is our contribution to, and investment in, Canadian society.

We are now calling for members to join our Association; and to help support and grow our Italian culture and succeed in business in Sault Ste. Marie.

Attached you will find a Membership form that can be either printed and scanned back or filled out using the fill and sign feature in Adobe.

At this time we are accepting payment by e-transfer, Visa / Master Card and cheque. See attached application form with details for payment.

*Grazie e spero che tu diventi un membro della nostra associazione.*

Dino Biasucci  
CIBPA Sault Ste Marie  
President 2018 - 2019



## CALENDAR

**Fall Dinner**  
Sep 28, 2018  
Valhalla Inn

**Wine Tasting Dinner**  
**Institute of Italian Studies**  
Nov 9, 2018  
Whitewater Golf Club

**Bocce Tournament**  
Nov 10, 2018  
Da Vinci Centre

**Curling Bonspiel**  
Feb 09, 2019  
Port Arthur Curling Club

**Spring Dinner**  
May 2, 2019  
Italian Cultural Centre

**Golfing for the Goal**  
**Institute of Italian Studies**  
**In Memory of Frank Pontisso**  
TBA  
Whitewater Golf Club

**CIBPA Golf Tournament**  
July 4, 2019  
Whitewater Golf Club



### **CIBPA Past Presidents**

- 1993 – 1994  
Daniel Bellin
- 1994 – 1995  
Silvio Di Gregorio
- 1995 – 1997  
Mimmo Gallo
- 1997 – 1999  
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- 1999 – 2001  
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- 2001 – 2003  
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- 2005-2007  
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- 2007-2009  
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- 2009-2011  
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- 2011-2013  
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people together in an  
atmosphere that  
encourages the  
development of  
business contacts  
while strengthening  
cultural awareness.*

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

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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



2019 Golfing for the Goal  
Golf Tournament  
In Memory of Frank Pontisso  
June, 2019  
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

## 2017 - 2019 Board of Directors

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## New Members

**Franco Daniele**  
(Superior Elevators)  
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