

BRISCOLA NEWS

for

FEBRUARY 2010

The January 13th partita.

A total of 39 players were present at the first *partita* of 2010, all anxious to take up where they had left off at the end of the 2009 *briscola* year. There were a significant number of usual participants who were visiting Florida for a while, so I imagine the attendance will soon be larger. We wish to thank 1. **Chef Rocco Caniglia** for his having provided a magnificent repast, 2. **Joe Novello** for providing the *antipasti* and, *naturalmente* 3, **Tony Volpe** for all the Italian bread and also for ensuring all the decks of playing cards were in proper order.

Dennis Santoli gave me the following summary of the evening's activities:

"One table did not finish play, completing only 2 games. The players (**Ronald Roy, Cristina Gamondi, Angelo Puglisi, and Nicholas Taylor**) will complete the third game at some time in the future.

"**Roberto Severino** (2009 *Briscola* Champion) was virtually without a *briscola* (*trump card*) in his hand most of the night, ending up with only 1 point. **Romeo Sabatini** pulled out 3 points at the same table, holding **John Verna and Gianni Brizzi**—the latter a new competitor--also to 1 point each.

"**Franco Lucca** plowed through **Tony Volpe, Tom Garofalo & Frank DiVito**, holding each to 1 point while hammering out 3 for himself. *Complimenti Franco bello!*

"**Phil Rodilosso** dominated his table, needing only 6 games to take 3 points, allowing his partners **Jim Stann, Fred Souk & Tony D'Erme**s to keep only 1 point each.

"**Antonio Bianchini, Dino Reed, & Pino Cicala** each claimed 2 points for the evening, blanking **Ray Bernero, poverello**.

"**Mark Nagel** also took 3 points against **Joe Novello, Ron Pace & Silvio Pronio** each of whom got 1 point.

"At a 3 person table, **Bob Bal-**

dassari took 3 points, with **Tony Spadafora** taking 2 points and **Dennis Santoli** getting only 1 point.

"**Frank Costello** (another *poverello*) was shut out by **Vince Ciccone, Lucio D'Andrea & Mike Corrado**, each of whom got 2 points.

"In *Tressette*, **Salvatore DiPilla** (2009 *Tressette* Champion) continues to dominate, taking 3 points against **Bruno Tarabocchia, Toni Ricci & Lucio Marchegiani** each of whom got 1 point.

"At the final *tressette* table, **Joe Cavallo** was blanked by **Eus Tortorelli, Ennio DiTullio and Rocco Caniglia**, each of whom took 2 points."

I personally would like to welcome all three visitors, **Gianni Brizzi, Tony Spadafora & Toni Ricci**. I was informed that they each seemed to have enjoyed the evening very much. I sincerely hope they will choose to become permanent *soci* of our *Circolo*. *Benvenuti ragazzi!*

FINAL REMINDER !!! ANNUAL BRISCOLA AWARDS LUNCHEON

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2010.
1:30 P.M.

@ RISTORANTE POSITANO

Yes, it is to take place on Superbowl Sunday, but that game does not start until after 6:00 P.M. So we should all have plenty of time to enjoy ourselves at our annual luncheon, when all the trophies and Certificates for 2009 will be distributed to the various *soci* who earned them.

You have already received the informational flyer, giving you each all the details. **Luigi and Angela Traettino** have graciously offered to prepare their usual delectable repast for the same price as in past years, \$45.00.

This year, we shall *not* collect any checks beforehand; rather, each *socio* who attends shall pay at the door upon his/her arrival. However—and of *paramount importance*—I am asking those of you who plan to attend to please *R.S.V.P. directly to me*, so as to establish a head count for the Traettinos. You can do so by *e-mail* (ricuzzo@mac.com), or by calling me on my *cell phone*: 703-795-5187. Please be timely with your RSVPs.

PLAYER'S FEE NOW DUE

As you already know, the 2010 *Player's Fee*, which has been set at \$40.00, is less expensive than in 2009.

It would be great to have you among us again for another year, playing either *briscola, tressette* or *scopone*. Send your check (made out to **ENRICO DAVOLI, NOT** to the *Circolo*) at your earliest opportunity to the Florida address below.

THE NEXT GAME.
LA PROSSIMA PARTITA.
WEDNESDAY, February 10, 2010.

SCHEDULE:

6:30 p.m.: *Antipasti, cameratismo.*

7:00 p.m.: *Prosciutto al Forno alla Virginiana (Joe Novello), e Piselli alla Paesana, cioè conditi con un pizzico di peperoncino (Romeo Sabatini).*

8:00 p.m.: *Le battaglie di briscola and tressette (anche scopone).*

PLEASE, R.S.V.P.

Call Dennis Santoli's office:

703-242-9224

& speak with **ANNIKA**, his private secretary.

* *Lest we forget!*
Affinche non dimentichiamo!

A brief, but important, word:
Un pensiero breve ma importante:

You all know that at cozy *Casa Italiana* we enjoy not only a hearty, healthful and fulfilling meal (*antipasti, primo, secondo*) for the unbeatable price of (\$15.00), a meal provided both by the Holy Rosary staff (the pasta, broccoli & salad) and by monthly *volunteer* chefs from the ranks of our own *Circolo soci*.

We must thank both **Joe Novello** and **Romeo Sabatini** for the repast being prepared for our February partita. They volunteered after Tony Volpe had spoken with them.

Please! Can a few more of you highly esteemed *briscolani, tressettini* or *scoponese* volunteer? Please call me or e-mail me if you decide you can help us out.

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