

L, **ESPERIMENTO**, the one in which we had hoped to draw a larger number of *soci* to play our games of *briscola* and *tressette* on a Sunday afternoon in June, failed to achieve its goal, despite the fact that there was plenty of free parking and the fact that there was no traffic at all, making it a pleasure to drive to *Casa Italiana*.

So, since I am now at a loss as to suggest the best path to take in scheduling our future *partite* dates, it is "back to the drawing board," hoping to divine the perfectly flawless strategy which would attract our *soci* to attend the monthly *partite*.

In checking with **Lucia Portanova**, the Holy Rosary secretary, I have been told that it is not entirely true that there are fewer Language School students attending classes on Tuesday evenings; thus, to schedule a *partita* for a Tuesday evening would not help us at all at this time. However, Lucia will keep us apprised of the number of registrants for the autumn classes beginning in September. At that time, if there are significantly fewer students attending Tuesday night classes, we shall consider meeting on those days.

For the months of **July and August** I am proposing to return to the usual second Wednesday evening. The dates are:

JULY 14, 2010,
AUGUST 11, 2010.

As a special "incentive" for the July 14th *partita*, know that **Ricuzzo Davoli** will be in attendance, hoping to defeat at least three of you honorable *briscolani*.

DENNIS SANTOLI'S
Dusual monthly report is as follows:
"Rocco Caniglia's son, who is now running the family restaurant in Waldorf, MD, **Mamma Mia's**, made pizza, and also salad, potatoes and onions, which was more than enough for everyone. The quality was exceptionally good.

"As far as play goes, **Pino Cicala** swooped up three points in his birthday fervor while keeping **Tony Volpe**, **Joe Novello** and **Romeo Sabatini** limited to one point each. **Franco Lucca**, **Antonio Bianchini** and my

brother **Mike** took two points each and shut out **Joe Campagna**.

"Vince Ciccone took three points in a head to head contest against **Dennis Santoli** who got two points (Vince won four games and Dennis won three).

"In a partial set of games, **Rocco Caniglia** won 2, **Silvio Pronio** and **Tony D'Onofrio** each won 1 and **Nick Taylor** was shut out. They have one more game to play.

"At the sole Tressette table, **Antonio Ferrante** welcomed himself back into competition by taking three points from **Nick Ferrante Sr.** and **Nick Ferrante Jr.** as well as **Luigi Traettino** who each got one point."

CLASSIFICHE:
Le After the first six months of play, our honorable *Cassa* and table assigner, **Dennis Santoli**, is still in first place in the *Briscola* Standings, BUT, guess what? **Pino Cicala** has managed to catch up and now shares the first place honors with Dennis! Yet, only one point behind the co-leaders is another duo of **Antonio Bianchini** and **Tomaso Garofalo**.

Then there is a one-point gap before we reach **John Nardella**, who might actually be able to climb higher if he would score big in a make-up game. Seven other *soci* are tied, only one point behind John. This is turning out to be the tightest competition in many years. A reminder to those who would need make-up games: In the month of September we shall attempt to schedule a couple of make-up games, so start practicing now.

There was no change in the *Tressette* Standings, as the top three contenders—**Sal Di Pilla**, **Joe Cavallo** and **Lucio Marchegiani**—were not present. However, by now joining the group of second place *soci*, **Luigi Traettino** announced he would be a *tressettino* to reckon with in the second half of the 2010 year.

We welcome back **Antonio Ferrante**, an exceptional *tressette* player, who skunked everyone in his first competition of the year. We all hope he will continue to play during the second half of the year.

THE **SANTOLI FAMILY ANNUAL BBQ and SAUSAGE ROAST:** A number of *briscolani* came to the Santoli home for the sausage roast, including Father Lydio Tomasi. Several other *briscolani* who could not make the *partita* also showed up for the festivities. All enjoyed a good time and plentiful food.

This event seems to have become a traditional annual attraction for our *Circolo della Briscola*, for which we must collectively thank the hosts, **Cynthia and Dennis Santoli**, for their amazing generosity and unbelievable *abbondanza* of Italian culinary delicacies.

PROSSIMA
La **PARTITA:** THIS SECTION IS TO REMIND YOU OF THE NEXT *PARTITA*, SO THAT YOU ALL CAN MARK YOUR CALENDARS **NOW**, AS I WILL BE UNABLE TO PROVIDE A TIMELIER ANNOUNCEMENT NEXT MONTH.

The reason? After a hiatus of four years, Jane and I will be in Bologna and in Cattolica until the 13th of July, but I will plan to be present at the July 14th *partita*.

Date:
WEDNESDAY, July 14,
2010.
6:30 P.M.
Casa Italiana

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