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## THE PARTITA OF JANUARY 11, 2012.

It was nice to see the return of *Ennio DiTullio*, who immediately took matters into his own hands by scoring three points at the *tressette* table. Apparently he has convalesced well. He must have been practicing diligently at home in order to have vanquished his tablemates! Keep it up, Ennio; we're all rooting for you. Glad to have you back!

Separately, you will also be able to see and study the *Standings* in all three categories:

◆ In the *briscola* competition, *Joe Novello* is still leading the pack, but there is one of the "dark horses" I mentioned last month, *Rocco Caniglia*, who zoomed into second place with one game to make up. Idle *Pino Cicala* is in third place, and similarly idle *Ray Bernero*—the other "dark horse"—is in a tie for fourth place; if Ray would make up three games, who knows . . . he, too, could become a serious contender.

♥ Of interest, the *briscola socio* with the highest PPG Average is *Thomas Garofalo*: 2.33. An astounding number; just think, Tom, where you would be if you could make up all those games you missed.

♠ In the *tressette* race, it looks bleak for all the *soci*, inasmuch as *Eus Tortorelli* has such a commanding lead. Anyone wishing to make up some games to attempt to improve his position in the *Standings* better do so ASAP, as there is very little time left in the fiscal year which ends with the March *partita*.

♣ Similarly in the *scopone* competition, with *Roberto Severino* leading by a hefty margin over second place *Dennis Santoli*. Notice also that their PPG Averages are quite high, and I wouldn't be too surprised to see Dennis give some competition to Roberto.

Tune in next month for more interesting details of the players and their accomplishments.

## THE NEXT PARTITA.

WEDNESDAY EVENING  
FEBRUARY 8, 2012  
CASA ITALIANA  
ARRIVE BY 6:30 P.M.  
GAMES BEGIN @ 7:00 P.M.

PLEASE CALL ANNIKA IN DENNIS  
SANTOLI'S OFFICE TO RSVP:  
HER NEW DIRECTPHONE NUMBER IS:

**703-880-3803.**

### IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR THOSE SOCI NEEDING MAKE-UP GAMES:

*To wit: A more convenient suggestion for those needing make-up games:* Since many of our *soci* also participate in the bi-monthly *briscola* games in Fairfax (*Briscola di Fairfax*), those of you who are in need of make-up games could formulate foursomes in each of the three games of *briscola*, *tressette* and *scopone*, if this would be permitted by the leadership of the Fairfax Briscola Group. If so, these foursomes should first alert Ricuzzo at least 24 hours before any scheduled games in Fairfax. I imagine that those scores would also be counted for the Fairfax Group *Standings*.

RICUZZO'S NEW CELL PHONE:

**904-557-1589**

### NEW FEATURE FOR OUR BRISCOLA NEWS

This month we inaugurate a new monthly column entitled "*Nancy's Niche*." Most of us already know *Ms. Nancy DeSanti*, who writes for the *Abruzzo Molise Heritage Society* (AMHS) monthly bulletin. She has kindly consented to research the current (and past) literature pertaining to the Italian card games we play, and then make a monthly report on her findings.

*Note:* Comments about this new feature are most welcome. [ricuzzo@mac.com](mailto:ricuzzo@mac.com)

## NANCY'S NICHE



### 1. ZUCCHERO\* and BRISCOLA

Did you know that one of Italy's most famous pop singers is a fan of *briscola*? Yes, internationally known rock star *Zuccherò Fornaciari*, when he is at home in Reggio Emilia in between world tours, says he enjoys relaxing on a typical Sunday by playing *briscola* with his childhood friend. The aroma of *ragu*' wafting through the house, some *panettone* if it's Christmas time, and a good card game with friends, are the things that make life so enjoyable, according to the Grammy Award-nominated singer.

### 2. ON-LINE BRISCOLA, ANYONE?

Traditional Italian cards have become so popular that you can now play them online. It's all available on the [Lottomatica.it](http://Lottomatica.it) and [Sisal.it](http://Sisal.it) websites, and the sites offer *scopa*, *briscola* and *burraco* (anybody know what that is?). Of course, if you play online, you would miss out on all the camaraderie we enjoy, and where else are you going to find such a fun-loving group (not to mention the good food and wine!!)?

\* Learn more about *Zuccherò* on the Internet:

• In English:

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zuccherò>

• In Italian:

[http://www.ansa.it/web/notizie/collection/rubriche/spettacolo/12/19/visualizza\\_new.html\\_16407641.html](http://www.ansa.it/web/notizie/collection/rubriche/spettacolo/12/19/visualizza_new.html_16407641.html)

### QUICK QUIZ.

Which card is this, & in which Italian Regional deck is it found?

The first correct answer shall allow the socio to forego the usual \$10.00 playing fee at his/her next partita.

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