

Dear Readers,

All at the SCA hope that you are "surviving" the various lockdowns and doing the right think by getting vaccinated, or at least asking your GP for advice, all in the hope that we will be able to soon enjoy the Festive Season, and for those of the Christian faith Christmas, not the "Silly Season"!

You would have noted from the September Newsletter that its Founder and Editor, Angelo Ledda, has resigned from the SCA. In view of this, the SCA Committee has decided to issue a 1 page (front and back) Edition just for December. At its recent Planning Meeting held on 20/11/21 (Ref. overleaf) the SCA has decided to do everything possible to maintain what we, and general feedback has confirmed, is a wonderful publication.

Therefore between now and the March 2022 edition, we will be working to appoint a new editor/s, while maintaining the popular "feel" of what is the voice of the SCA.

Pease remember that the Festive Season is the time to have a well earned break, particularly after what we have been through with Covid-19, a time also say g'day to someone in the family or friends who you may not have not spoken to for a while, be it due to comittments or having had a disagreement with.

Of course, do buy gifts, however remember that the monetary value does not matter as it is more

important to celebrate and spend time with each other at Christmas. Have a very Happy Christmas, New Year, and Safe Holidays.



Dal Presidente...

Carissimi, sta per concludersi un'altro anno balordo, per causa della Covid-19, perciò mi auguro che vi siete vaccinati e l'imminente Natale ci farà rigodersi la vita umana faccia a faccia.

Mi dispiace che ci siamo visti poco anche quest'anno, però mi auguro di vedere molti di voi al pranzo di ringraziamento fine anno per i Soci da svolgersi il 11 dicembre 2021.

Riconosco coloro del Direttivo che rimangono dedicati alla SCA, incluso Gino Cavallo, Paola Steri e Jennifer Curcio che ci assistono al di fuori.

Anche quest'anno il Direttivo ha continuato a condurre i riunioni ogni mese via Zoom, oltre a tenere la Dodicesima Bi-annuale Riunione di Progettazione, (Ref. sul retro), tutto per continuare a celebrare e promuovere la SCA e il patrimonio sardo.

Riconosco che molti di voi non siete in buona salute, perciò vi auguro il meglio possibile, augurandomi di vederci il 12 dicembre (Ref. In Allegato) o il prossimo anno.

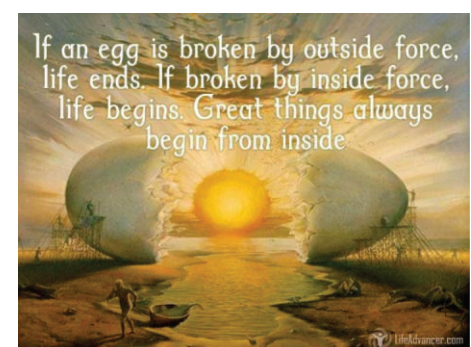
Infine, prima che vi presento la mia solita contemplazione, mi riferisco allae dimissioni dal Diretivo della SCA di Angelo Ledda, brevemente annunciate nell'edizione di questa Newsletter a settembre. In questo riguardo il Direttivo della SCA esprime il suo ringraziamento ad Angelo (e a sua moglie Elaine) per i tanti anni di dedizione alla SCA.

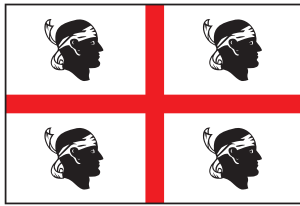
La SCA esiste oggi nella sua forma grazie alla guida di Angelo nel suo ruolo di 9 anni come Presidente fondatore (1987). Lui ha portato la SCA nell'era moderna con il suo status giuridico di incorporazione e l'importante riconoscimento formale della Regione Autonoma della Sardegna nel 1988.

Lui a lavorato instancabilmente e ha ricoperto molti ruoli, un punto culminante è questa Newsletter, che lui ha fondato nel 2006. Degno di nota che tutto quanto sopra è continuato nonostante sia diventato il principale badante di sua moglie. Il Direttivo ringrazia Angelo per la sua dedizione alla SCA e gli auguriamo ogni bene sperando di vederlo alle funzioni future.

"BONU NADALE, BONANNU e BONAS SALUDE"

PAOLO Lostia





Unfortunately, this has caused a disconnect with Members, as we have only been able to keep in touch with them via this Newsletter.

Paul, not for the first time, went on to acknowledge with sadness the passing in 2020 of Committee Member, Christopher Baker, who participated at the 2019 Planning Meeting.

In highlighting the importance of this Special Committee Meeting Paul went on to state that we have been at the crossroads for some time, due to the ageing of our community and the lack of involvement of younger people, sadly even those from families who have made the SCA possible.

He directed his greatest thanks to the Members of the Committee and those individuals who contribute outside the Committee, namely Gino Cavallo, Paola Steri and Jennifer Curcio.

He then acknowledged the long standing financial support we receive from the RAS which enables us to continue to exist in the current form and successfully undertake Special Projects.

The Meeting's discussions mainly focused on:

- Short & Long Term Future of the SCA;
- Ability of the SCA's COM to carry out it's local Statutory, RAS obligations and day to day administrative tasks;
- Proposed amendment to the "Winding Up Provisions in the 1987 "Articles Of Association";

In closing Paul emphasised that it is important that we commence planning our "Wind Down" in consultation with our Members. So that we have a Plan for when we close down. Despite the above Paul gave the assurance that in planning our "Wind Down", the COM will do everything possible so that the SCA continues to exist and remain relevant, be it in the current or in another form.

Lively discussions followed resulting in a number of outcomes which will be reported in detail at the 2022 AGM.



12th Committee Bi-Annual Planning Meeting of the SCA

Unfortunately the above-mentioned Meeting, which was to be held on 20/11/21, to review the operation and viability of the SCA, was cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, and was replaced by a Special Committee Meeting in lieu of the above, held on 7/12/21. Present were the Members of the Committee (COM) and, as is normally the case, Chaired by the President Paolo Lostia.

Paul welcomed everyone thanking them for making themselves available, for this Special Committee Meeting, despite the Cancellation of the originally planned Meeting.

It was acknowledged at the outset that due to the on and off Covid-19 pandemic restrictions in place for most of the past 24 months, the SCA was only able to hold the December 2020 "Ringraziamento Fine Anno Per I Soci" and the March 2021 "Sa Die De Sa Sardigna lunches.

Committee Of Management

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