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Welcome back and a happy new year everyone, we hope that you all had a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas and didn't overdo it with the panettone and prosecco.

As you know, this year sees us celebrate 40 years of OGI and to commemorate this milestone, we will be holding a gala dinner and dance at the Royal National Hotel on the 28th

Happy New Year 2020

March. So avoid disappointment and reserve your place early.

By now, team training will also be in full swing and for those of you who haven't joined a team yet, it's still not too late to do so.

Registration closes on Saturday 29th February, so join now and make sure that you are a part of OGI 2020.



OGI 40 Anni Dinner & Dance

Saturday 28th March 2020

Royal National Hotel
38-51 Bedford Way, London, WC1H 0DG

£55

Enjoy a celebratory evening of good food, drink & music whilst supporting a long standing unique event at the heart of the Italian community

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We Need Your Help!



We are trying to create a wall of memories on the 28th March, so please contact us if you, or someone you know has old photos from past OGI's which we can use:

Email us at: OGIC@ogi-olympics.co.uk

Your friends can join us too

OGI is not just for Italians or those of Italian descent, nor has it ever been. Over the past 40 years, we have had thousands of non Italians compete and while many took part because they were involved in the various clubs and associations of our community, many also joined us, for no better reason than they were a friend of an Italian. And, many of these, would go on to become actively involved in their local Italian community.

So, if you have a friend who you think may enjoy the OGI experience, why not invite them to one of your team's training sessions and if they like it, providing that they meet the criteria, they too can join us and become a part of OGI's proud history.

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Here are some important dates for everyone to remember for OGI 2020.

Last day for athlete registration: 29/02/2020, that's it, your team can no longer register anyone after this date.

Last day to change which events you can do: 14/04/2020, after this date, you can no longer change what you are doing.

Declaration of Events: 30/04/2020, the status of an event is declared as being either scoring or non-scoring and any further amendments will not change this status.

First Day of OGI 2020: 22/05/2020, let the fun begin!

Registering for OGI

Not sure about which events you want to do? That can be decided later.

The important thing to remember is that you must be registered with OGI before you can take part in the games.

So don't miss the registration deadline!

29th February 2020

Timekeepers & Marshals Needed

OGI has always relied on volunteers to help ensure that events run smoothly and this year will be no different.

So if you are now too old to compete but would still like to be involved, have helped us in the past or would simply like to volunteer for the first time, please speak to your team manager or send your details to:

info@ogi-olympics.co.uk

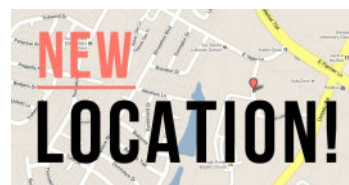


Find us at:

www.ogi-olympics.co.uk



Instagram



Don't forget that for this year OGI has a new home and the games will be taking place at:

Woodside Stadium, Horseshoe Lane, Watford WD25 7HH



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That's right! OGI is 40 years old this year and to celebrate we are holding a birthday bash at The Royal National Hotel in Bloomsbury on the 28th March.

There will be good food, a great live band and fantastic raffle prizes, so please join us and help us to celebrate this momentous milestone. And, while making a profit is not the reason why we are holding this event, any profit which we do make, will be shared with the teams.

Gold Silver Bronze

AS we all know to win an OGI medal is the result of months of commitment and hard work and a proud moment for everyone.

However, it is sometimes said, that because gold medals determine a team's position in the medals table, that a competitor who wins silver or bronze, can feel that they haven't contributed to their team's success.

Unfortunately, there isn't a perfect way to decide a team's position in the medals table. If we used a points system, as we do with the Les Rickard Cup to decide the positions, it will still be biased in favour of the gold medal.

At the majority sporting events, such as The Olympics, Athletics World Championships or Athletics Grand Prix, priority is always given to the gold medals. Hence why a country which has won only one gold medal, will sit above one, which has won dozens of silver and bronzes but no gold.

Sport has always been about winners and losers and as the lyrics of that famous ABBA song says "The winner takes it all!"

But that isn't to say that winning silver or bronze means nothing. Far from it, on a personal level it is a fantastic achievement and one which will make everyone feel proud of what you have done.

And, even though it may not appear so, you will also be making an important contribution to your team's success because firstly, if two teams are tied on gold medals, your silver or bronze will make the difference between your team coming first or second. Secondly, the cheers and applause as you cross that line are just as loud whether you finish first, second, third or for that matter last. And lastly, winning any medal will always lift the spirit of your team mates and make them try that little bit harder when their turn comes.

But more importantly, OGI is not about winning gold, silver or bronze. It's about making friendships that will last a lifetime.

The General Knowledge Quiz

Five more brain teasers to test your knowledge:

1. In which year was the Great Fire of London?
2. Who holds the record for winning the Mille Miglia Road Race with an average speed of 98.5 m.p.h?
3. What natural food never goes off?
4. Who is the patron saint of accountants?
5. What would you be doing if, you were "catching a crab"?

Answers to the last quiz:

1. UK Pound
2. Italian WW1 Fighter Ace Francesco Baracca
3. Confucius
4. Blue
5. Trampolining



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Other Info

You can either buy your tickets from your team manager or you can contact Livio, Luciana or Sandra, whose details can be found on the above poster.

Parking is available at the hotel and costs £17 for 12 hours or £19 for 24 hours. There is also on street parking available but please check for any parking restrictions which may apply.

If you wish to stay the night the cheapest rates can be found on-line at www.imperialhotels.co.uk. A double rooms starts at £116 per night which includes breakfast and free Wi-Fi.



Get ready to be blown away by the funkiest 6-piece band in the South East! With world-class musicians and an expansive repertoire covering pop, soul and funk, Party Up have got it all.

And they will be playing out our 40th birthday party.

Look them up on YouTube or visit their web site at :
www.partyupband.co.uk

The Raffle

We have some great prizes lined up for the raffle and just to wet your appetite here's a taster of what you can win.

£500 in cash

Dyson Supersonic ladies hairdryer

Champagne tea for two at The Ritz

Illy Coffee machine complete with a high quality hand painted coffee set



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A Brief History**Part 4. A New Dawn 2000-2010**

OGI had reached a crossroads; The committee had resigned, competitor numbers were falling and funds were dwindling, something had to be done. Fortunately for OGI, there was a group of people who were not prepared to let this happen and, by the close of 1998, a new committee, tasked with taking OGI into the 21st century, was formed.

Mike Viglione, Luciana Timanti, Mariella Mansi, Anthony Manzi, Mauro Inzani, the indomitable Maria Tozzi, not to mention that stalwart of OGI, Theresa Morena, to name a few, who took up the baton and ran with it. With Mike Viglione at the helm, they set about organising the next games with a determination, which put pay to any thoughts that these rookies might fail. Firstly, with the help of The Valtaro Committee, they secured sponsorship from Cariparma. And, in 2000 they delivered a well run games which saw a resurgent Finchley, led by the charismatic and passionate Gaetano, battle it out with the defending champions St. Peter's. It was a classic OGI with St. Peter's holding them off to retain the title, with Arrotini also retaining The Les Rickard Cup and Stanmore & Hendon winning The Sportsmanship Trophy.

The 2002 games was another titanic battle between St. Peter's, Finchley & Southgate. However, the cadre of talent within St. Peter's ranks was starting to fade and their attempt to retain the title stuttered and faltered during the second day. This left Finchley and Southgate to slug it out with Finchley eventually being crowned champions. Arrotini also retained The Les Rickard Cup for a record breaking third time and Harrow & Wembley won The Sportsmanship Trophy. Unfortunately, it was to be the last year that we would see Arrotini, one of OGI's founder teams and the smallest team ever to win the Winners Shield, compete in OGI.

The mighty Finchley cruised to their second title in 2004, with Stanmore & Hendon winning The Les Rickard Cup. However, what made 2004 special, was that for the first time in its history, a team from Italy competed in OGI. Oratorio Regina Pacis was only small team of around 20 competitors but they proved a real hit. Enthusiastic and honoured to be taking part, they threw themselves into the competition with gusto and vigour and would be awarded The Sportsmanship Trophy. Sadly this year also saw the demise of The Harrow & Wembley Team.

2006 saw Southgate give Finchley a good run for their money but the Finchley Juggernaut eventually triumphed with them winning their third consecutive title and Oratorio, who were making their second appearance, winning The Les Rickard Cup and Stanmore & Hendon being awarded The Sportsmanship Trophy.

For 2006, Oratorio merged with St. Peter's and Southgate finally rested the title away from Finchley and were crowned champions, for the second time in their history. Finchley would win The Les Rickard Cup for the first time and Stanmore and Hendon retained The Sportsmanship Trophy.

2010 saw Southgate retain the winners shield with a then record haul of Gold Medals, with Finchley retaining The Les Rickard Cup. A S Londra Sud also made their first appearance in OGI this year. Led by Sandro and Nadia Lunghi, they only had around 35 competitors and were unlikely to win but they had some very good athletes and they made such a good impression that they were awarded The Sportsmanship Trophy. This year would also be the last time that the OGI was held at the New River Stadium. And, with the first decade of the century coming to an end, we would also see major changes occur to the OGI committee.

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Finchley ABBA Night

Great food, great wine and ABBA, what more could you want?

Well for the 200+ guests who turned up at the Villa on a Saturday night in November not much more.

It goes without saying that the food was good, Gaetano and his crew made sure of that, as was the wine.

But, thank you for the music, from the moment this tribute act started belting out those classic ABBA numbers the dance floor was rammed.

A great night



Forthcoming Community Events 2020

- ◆ 7th. February, A S Londra Sud Bingo Night, Purley
- ◆ 8th. February, Southgate Quiz Night, Palmers Green
- ◆ 28th. March, OGI Dinner & Dance, The Royal National Hotel, Bloomsbury
- ◆ 10th. May, Annual Classics at The Villa Car Show
- ◆ 23rd May, Start of OGI Games in Watford
- ◆ 1st. June, Charity Golf Day at South Herts Golf Club in aid of Villa Scalabrini
- ◆ 21st. June, Annual Scampagnata at The Villa Scalabrini
- ◆ 19th. July, Italian Procession and Sagra in Clerkenwell

Congratulations

To our very own Roberta Mazzi and Jamie 'Giacomo' Townsend on their engagement.



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Two Fat Ladies & Legs Eleven,
Come and join our Bingo Heaven.
Don't be timid, don't be a mouse,
Get your eyes down and cry "HOUSE"!!

Location: St John the Baptist Church Hall, Dale Road, Purley CR8 3EF

Date: Friday 7th February 2020

Time: Cash Bar Opens 7:00pm, Eyes Down 7:30pm

Ages: 4 ~ 104

Cost: £10 entry (food included), £5 per book of 5 games (or £25 for 6 books)

We will have 10 games and you can buy more than one book per game

AS Londra Sud invite you to a fun-packed fundraiser where you can win big cash rewards and plenty of other prizes

Everybody welcome – men, women & children: young, old & somewhere in between

There are only a limited number of tickets available, so don't be disappointed

Phone or Text Morgana (077 7078 0840)



The Green Army



with fish n chips

Saturday 8th February, 7pm

Palmers Green United Reform Church
Corner of Fox Lane & Burford Gardens
N13 4AL

Adults: £12.50 Under 14s: £10:00

See you there ☺



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