



Sunday March 20, 2022
“Il Palio di Siena: Not Just a Horse Race”
The Club At The Dunes

5:30 Cocktails
6:30 Dinner
Price: \$99

Chairs: Kathleen Azzariti
Dante Cirilli
Anne Newton

So much more than a horse race, the annual *Palio di Siena* offers the citizens of the 17 contrade, or districts, an opportunity to express their devotion, pride and rivalries through the weeks-long festivities involving feasts, Renaissance costumes, flags, spirit and competition, culminating in the frenetic 90-second horse race!

Our Italian Cultural Society will be reimagining such a festival within the scale of our own membership! The beautiful terrace at the Dunes Country Club will pass for the Piazza del Campo.

Fanfare, flags, and music will announce the parade of our own six jockeys, representing our designated contrade (districts). “I Cavalli” (horses) will be blessed by the “Vescovo” (Bishop) before “Il mossiere” signals the start of the race. “Contradaioi” waving their “fazzoletti”, will cheer on their favorite “fantino” (jockey), hoping to win their bets.

A custom “drappellone” (flag) and bragging rights will be awarded to the winner, who will lead all inside for a celebratory banquet! Resounding fun is in store, so mark your calendar for a unique experience.

For special dietary needs, please contact the event Chair at least one (1) week before the dinner.

