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Big Sir's Notes Jim Burk

HOW'S YOUR FLEXIBILITY?

NEW PHYSICAL LAYOUT FOR OUR PRE-LUNCHEON SET UP WILL ALLOW FOR MORE SPACE AND A WONDERFUL VIEW!

For our **APRIL LUNCHEON** we will trial a new physical set-up once you enter the front door. Of course, you still will be greeted by our friendly and hospitable team of **greeters**. Next you will proceed to walk down the long hallway and the **name tags** will be on tables to the right. Following that you will encounter the **registration** tables also on the right (however, for those who have pre-paid for their luncheons for the entire year they will be greeted by **CHUCK CLARK** at the "red carpet" table on the left). Once you have registered, if you wish **liquid refreshments** you will proceed to the bar located in the **MIRA ROOM** with a West and North view of the golf course and beyond. [If you wish to proceed directly to the luncheon room and skip the bar you may certainly do so.] Enjoy the additional space and wonderful view and we will give you advance notice when we are within five minutes of lunch commencing. Lunch will continue to be served in the Celebration Room (Ballroom) as usual.

ACTIVITIES FAIR TRIAL CONTINUES

In April, the **Activity Chairs** wishing to communicate with you are **TRAVEL (BOB SPELLMAN)**, and **BOCCE BALL (MARTIN LYLE)** as the latter's 2012 season gets ready to start anew. Stop by and ask them questions about how you might become involved in their activities. The **BOOK CORNER (KEN RICHTER)** will be back in **May**.

SIR CALL EXPANSION TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE BEC

Thanks to a suggestion from **DICK DEVOE**, the BEC will be considering expansion of the **SIR CALL NEWSLETTER** to include an alphabetical listing of activities and the names of the respective Chairs for easy reference. So as to protect the privacy of their contact information, members simply will need to use our **MEMBER**

DIRECTORY updated and published each month so as to find how to get in touch with them. In addition, in the month of December the **SIR CALL** would list the members of the **BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (BEC)** from the year 2000 forward thru the current year. In that way this information would be historically archived on the website and always accessible by clicking on "SIR CALL."

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS UPDATE

With respect to voluntary contributions to cover the administrative expenses of the Branch for 2012, we have received contributions from 243 members or 90.3% to date. For those who have not yet contributed and wish to do so, please contact Treasurer **DICK WOODMAN**.

GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT BRANCH 146 – INVITE SOMEONE TO JOIN US IN THE FUN ACTIVITIES AND FRIENDLY COMRADERIE!

Little Sir's Corner Terry Marchione



Our April speaker will be **Tom Davids** a nature education docent from Filoli. Located 30 miles south of San Francisco, Filoli is an historic site of the National Trust for Historic Preservation and one of the finest remaining country estates of the early 20th century. **Tom** is a man of many talents. He started his career in the savings and loan industry, served on the San Carlos City Council for 12 years including a term as mayor. **Tom** also wrote a weekly hiking column for Peninsula newspapers for 12 years and is currently active in real estate.

You won't want to miss our Ladies Day speaker in May-- **Michael Hingston**. **Michael** and his guide dog **Roselle** were on the 78th floor of tower #1 on 9/11/2001 when it was struck by American Airlines flight #11. Working as a team, **Roselle** led **Michael** and others on their floor down the darkened stairwell moments before the building collapsed.



Luncheon Attendance **Bob Mehus**



SIR Luncheon is the 2nd Thursday of every month at “The Clubhouse” Restaurant at Boundary Oak Golf Club. The price of our luncheons is \$24 with a no-host bar.

Please email nolunchbranch146@gmail.com, or call Bob Mehus at 510-549-2221 by Friday NOON prior to the luncheon if, for any reason, you are unable to attend. If no one answers, leave your name, badge number, phone number and a short message. Please be sure you call!!!

Remember that our luncheon will be called to order at 11:45am, so please allow enough time to arrive on schedule. A check for **\$24.00** made payable to SIR146 is requested for payment of your lunch on Luncheon Day. Thanks.

A member who misses three (3) consecutive meetings without notifying the Attendance Chairman, giving a valid reason or who attends less than five (5) meetings/luncheons within the last twelve (12) months, excluding May and December (Ladies Day Luncheons), may be notified in writing of the pending termination of his membership.

SIR bringing a Guest

Please call by Friday, noon prior to the luncheon and leave your name and badge number and the name of your guest. Please spell the last name of your guest.

Salad

Mixed Baby Field Greens
Red Onion, Crumbled Blue, Pine nuts and Balsamic Vinaigrette

Entrees

Sliced Country Ham
Pasta and Cheese, Seasonal Vegetable

Or

Pan Seared Tilapia
Cilantro – Lime Infused Butter Sauce, Rice Pilaf

Dessert

Chef's Choice

Special Luncheon Requirements

If you require a vegetarian meal or any special meal, please call and make a request. Your request will remain in effect until you cancel it through the Luncheon Chairman. If for medical reasons, you cannot eat lunch, please notify me and your request will remain in effect until you cancel it through your Luncheon Chairman.

New Members and/or Sponsors

There will be a dedicated luncheon table set for any new members and their sponsors who would like to sit together to share their conversations as new members of SIR146. It is voluntary and please do not feel obligated, as a new member, to sit at this table.



Duplicate Bridge Doug Eisner



*Our match is held each month on the Monday after the SIR luncheon at various homes.
Bring your lunch*

Next Bridge Game will be
On May 14th
At Bob Yolland's House

Couples Duplicate Bridge Too Joe Barry

The Couples Duplicate Bridge Too Group was wonderfully hosted by **Lynn and Dasha Freeman** on March 13. Fortunately, regulars **Terry/Sharon Marchione** tied subs **Bob/Janet Yolland** for 1st place so that some semblance of the group's pride was salvaged. 1st place points were 22.5, down dramatically from last month's winning sub at 29.5. **Ken/Elaine Richter** and hosts **Lynn/Dasha** tied for 3rd, leaving the other two couples muttering disconsolately, "Why us?" There was the usual questioning of the results, although it was pointed out that the last place whiner also participated in the results compilation! Bummer- that excuse won't work. Perhaps there's a reason then- poor play. Ouch! But then there's always next month...

COUPLES PARTY BRIDGE Dave Pierce 932-3877

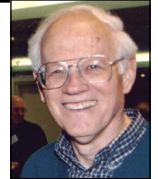


Doug and Patti Eisner hosted three tables on March 14th. For whatever reasons – Good stories? Silly contracts? – there was an unusually high level of gaiety, and laughter was heard at many tables. **Dick DeVoe** bid smoothly to a small slam with a twinkle in his eye, knowing **Christy** would have to play it. She played it superbly and the **DeVoes** finished first with a whopping 5010. The **Pierces** were second, and this time we awarded prize money to the last-place couple on the grounds that having held no cards, they ought to get something out of the evening. However, we'll withhold their names to protect the innocent.

Dave Pierce, 932-3877 dwpi@astound.net

Couples Duplicate Bridge Lo McCarley

*Meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month
starting at 7:00 pm at participants' homes.
Couples play as partners.*



Jim Brown and **Adrienne Morrison** hosted eight couples at **Jim Brown's** home for a gala evening of duplicate bridge on March 21st. The group thanked **Dave and Joan Pierce** for substituting and also thanked **Bonnie Rettew** for subbing for **Margot Somerville** at the last minute. **Bill and Margaret Rees** took first place with 40 points and **Lo and Sue McCarley** came in second with 36 points. **Lynn and Dasha Freeman** took third with 35 points and **Carl and Anne Johnson** were just a half of a point behind them in fourth place. **Lynn and Dasha** will host the next bridge on April 18th.

Party Bridge Fred Bolton



*1st Monday at 10 am at various members' homes.
Contact **Fred Bolton** for details.
Bring a lunch*

We played three tables of bridge at the home of **Lynn Freeman** on March 5. First place went to **Fred Bolton** with 5900 points, second to **Jim Brown** with 5750 and third to **Jim Jackson** with 4660. Our next game will be at the home of **Jim Brown** on April 2.

Book Corner Ken Richter Jan Mar May July Sept Nov

The activity at the BOOK CORNER was extremely heavy at the last SIR Luncheon. This is a good sign that our members are enjoying the selection of books. The BOOK CORNER will again be open for the Ladies Day Luncheon in May. We will continue to have the BOOK CORNER located in the hallway.

Duplicate Bridge 2 Dick DeVoe

Men's Duplicate Bridge 2 Group was ably and nicely hosted by **Jim Brown** March 23 with 3 tables/12 players/24 boards. **Ben Yeraka** broke our scoring record with 30 points! **Dick DeVoe's** 28.5 points took 2nd, **Carl Johnson** was 3rd with 27, and **Joe Barry/John Demos** tied for 4th with 26.5.

In the 4 months of our existence no one has taken 1st place twice, which gives plenty of incentive. However, there's a guy who's taken 2nd each time if he's not tied for 1st. Hmmm-maybe he should be relieved of his scoring duties to see if there's any change in his bragging rights... :-)

Explore and Dine John Pearl



In March we visited the beautiful Berkeley City Club, originally the Berkeley Women's City Club, designed by renowned architect **Julia Morgan**, who did Hearst Castle and countless homes and other buildings in Berkeley and the area. After visiting most of the commons rooms and courtyards of this haven away from city bustle, and after hearing fascinating history of **Julia Morgan** herself from our talented docents, we enjoyed lunch in a private room with castle-like ambience. We had 25 SIRS and spouses, a marvelous turnout. There will be no Explore and Dine outing in April, but we will tour the Tao House in Danville on Thursday, May 31.

Dave Pierce and **John Pearl**, Co-Chairs

Cribbage John Pearl



Five of the group's members gathered at **Barney Meade's** home on March 21 to exchange money. Some, of course, played better than others. Some learned that their memory plays tricks on them. Top money went to our host **Barney Meade**, while **Jim Passaglia** came in second, and **Ron Plachy** got the third place prize, breaking even.

A good time was had by all – why not join us in the festivities?



Poker Club #1 Frank McNamee



Poker Club No. #1 met on March 7th at the home of **Bill Cammerer** and it was not a good day for the Irish this close to St. Patrick's Day. The two Big losers were **McNamee** and **O'Del Bene**. **John Lewis** walked away with most of their losses, but **Dan O'Sullivan**, **Bob White** and **Bill Cammerer** added to their Social Security Check for March. We will meet again on April 11th at **Bob White's** residence.

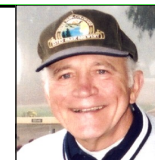
Poker Club #2 Al Zamolo



We visited **Bob Royster's** home and our regular players lost (except **Al Zamolo** who won 20 cents; yes twenty cents) were all losers. Our guest, who I won't name, took all the winnings. It's questionable whether he will be invited again. It was a day of many senior moments, but we all had a lot of fun.



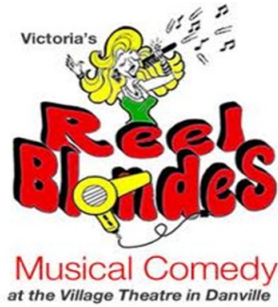
Poker Group #4 Chuck Bobinecz



There is a change to our March 26th game. **Sir Bob Mehus** will be the host for our March 26th session. At the last game there were a few big winners but as they say lady luck does not have a home.

Non-Responsibility Declaration

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**Musical Review
is on tap for SIR
146 Theatre
Party on May 25**



This show is a real kick! You'll love it!"

-- SIR Bill Hansen

"Blondes is a laugh a minute."

-- Contra Costa Times

Take it from those who know. "Reel Blondes" is a knockout of a show! Many long-time SIR members will recall seeing the cabaret review when it was performed in a hair salon. Now, *Reel Blondes* is back – this time at the Village Theatre in downtown Danville. Editions of the East Bay's longest-running musical comedy have been running since 1981.

For an evening of side-splitting laughter (think, *Beach Blanket Babylon*-style musical review), a limited number of tickets has been reserved for the Friday, May 25 performance for SIR members and guests. This year's show pokes fun at the news of the day – especially the upcoming presidential elections and candidates. When the curtain goes up, "Blondie" is busy making her 2012 presidential bid. The stylist and salon owner gets advice from a hysterical cast of celebrities and political figures.

Reserve your seats by sending a check for \$30 for each ticket, payable to SIR146, to Gary Schaub, 1758 Candelero Court, Walnut Creek 94598. Deadline for reservations is May 10, or when all available seats have been sold. (For add'l info: (925) 938-5454)

Tickets will be distributed at the door of the Village Theatre, 233 Front Street, Danville at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 25. Show time is 8:00 p.m. (Directions: I-680 South to Diablo Road exit, west to 233 Front Street. The Village Theatre is on the right, near two free parking areas. Several restaurants are nearby.)



Area 2 Computers and Technology Group

The Area 2 Computer and Technology Group invite all Sirs and their guests to our meeting at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge on Thursday, April 19th at 9am.

We will feature a live web presentation about something more of us really need to do: back up our computer's hard drive. **Gene Barlow** will discuss the more popular backup approaches and point out the advantages and limitation of each approach. He will then describe a backup approach that he believes will give you the best protection of your computer. **Gene** says he will offer a free software product to each of the attendees to monitor the well being of their own hard drive. He will also offer the two outstanding products he demonstrates at half the normal retail cost for those that wish to try them out.

Time permitting; **Dick Curry** will lead a Q&A discussion to address current computer issues that you identify. So please bring your questions and join us for a fun and informative session. As always there will be coffee and cookies available before and during the meeting.

Our meeting on May 17 will include home automation and security, and new consumer technology devices. Later in the year we hope to discuss principles of basic scanning and sending images, photo restoration and, possibly, developments in genealogy research. If you can suggest other titles of interest please contact one of the co-chairs.

Phil Goff and Derek Southern
Co-chairs



Travel Opportunities

Bob Spellman



Apr 20, 2012 SIR Day at the Races. It's that time again for the horses to start running at Golden Gate Field. If you are looking for an enjoyable day doing something different, give this a try. The cost is \$27.00 pp which includes Admission, Reserve Parking, Daily Race Program, Buffet lunch, Tax & Tips. Contact **Bob Spellman**, 934-8428. Contact me if you still want to go, I may be able to get a few more tickets.

May 25-28, 2012 Sac Jazz Festival & Jubilee. This is a top Music Festival in the country with over a 100 groups to entertain you. Beyond the traditional Jazz, there's blues, western, ragtime, salsa, rydeco and big band music. Something for everyone. Cost is \$35 for Friday, \$45 for Saturday or Sunday and \$94 for all 4 days. Contact **Bob Spellman** 934-8428.

May 19-Jun 3, 2012 Romance of the Rhine & Mosel. Cruise aboard a private Grand Circle river ship starting in Basel, Switzerland ending in Antwerp, Belgium. The ship will make stops at Strasbourg, France, Speyer, Baden-Baden, Boppard, Koblenz, Cochem, Bernkastel, Trier, Bonn, Germany, Nijmegen, Kinderdijk and Antwerp. The price starts at \$3895 to \$5295 plus air. The trip includes, 12 exclusive guided sightseeing tours plus personal headsets, Captains welcome dinner, 42 meals with complimentary wine with dinner. Contact **Ken Richter**, 689-6217. Pre and post trips are also available to Lucerne, Switzerland and Bruges, Belgium. Rooms will be available on a first come first serve basis.

Oct 5-7, 2012 The Great Italian Festival. Reno's Great Italian Festival is among the nation's largest and most famous events. Celebrate the food, culture, music and tradition of Italy. Free activities and entertainment highlight the festivals main focus. The cost is \$308.00 pp and includes motor coach transportation, 2 night stay at the Eldorado with hosted seafood dinner and a show by the **Jersey Boys**. Contact **Bob Hager**, Br 8, and 934-7620 for more information.

Oct 6-21, 2012 Cruise to Hawaii from San Francisco. A 15 night cruise sailing round trip from SF on the Star Princess. Ports of call include, Hilo, Honolulu, Nawiliwili, Lahaina and Ensenada, Mexico. Cost is \$2100 to \$3590 depending on cabin which includes transfer to and from airport, all meals, fee and taxes, tips for drivers and skycaps. Contact **Harry Reiter** Br. 19, 709-2820 for more information.

Oct 26- Nov 11, 2012 Canada & New England aboard NCL Norwegian Dawn. Beautiful scenery is always on display when cruising down the east coast during the peak weeks of autumn. Along the way visit an exciting array of east coast ports including Quebec City, Portland, Boston, New York, Key West and Tampa. Package price includes RT airfare, transfers, driver and stevedore tips, gov't fees, and taxes, all meals. Prices start at \$2335 to \$3475. Contact **Jim Lunn** Branch 8 @ 925-551-3329 for more information.

Membership Steve Sprague



Branch 146 Statistics:

Active Members: 269 including seven Honorary Life Members.

Applicant List: One.

Inactive Members: Ten.

March Luncheon Attendance:

Members: 206.

Guests: 4, Visitors: 0, Speaker: 1.

Total Attendance: 211.

Status Changes:

Inducted: **Jack Baldassari** Badge 97

Jonathan Korfhage, Badge 216

Don Oddson, Badge 174

Moved to Inactive List: **Jim Locker**, Badge 255

Resigned: **Virgil Lawrence**, Badge 174, and **Jim Olson**, Badge 43, have resigned.

Transferred or Deceased: None

Changes to the Inactive Roster:

Jim Locker has been added as noted above. Our inactive roster therefore increases by one to ten members.



BIRTHDAY BOYS APRIL



3	Curley	Kade
8	Ray	Kan
10	Frank	Mathos
11	John	Lively
11	Paul	Masta
11	Ben	Yeraka
13	Doug	Harris
14	Bob	Soldano
14	Van	Van Luchene
18	Mike	Varner
20	Bill	Dastic
22	Bob	Wedin
26	Don	Del Bene
28	Rags	Ragno
29	Bill	Becker
29	Bill	Hartman

Bocce Ball Martin Lyle



2nd and 4th Mondays at 8:30am., May through October, at Concord Bocce Courts in Newhall Park, Concord, near the corner of Turtle Creek and Ayers Roads

Possibly you didn't know that there will be a Bocce Ball information table staffed in the hallway before & after our April luncheon. Come by and we'll try to answer questions about the coming Bocce season which will commence on May 14. We're always looking for new players.

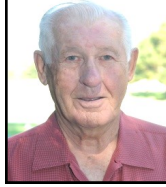


Garden Club Steve Dawkins

Our visit to the home of **Bob Erhardt** last month was fabulous. We learned how to grow, how to propagate, and how to prune Camellias as we toured his 2,000 plants, all in pots under his 100 year old oak trees. **Bob** won Best of Show in Walnut Creek later in the month for one of his prize camellias. In April we are meeting at Heather Farms on the 26th at 9:30 am to view their rose garden. We will get a private tour and hopefully the flowers will cooperate and be in full bloom. Guests are welcome. I see a lot of green shoots in the garden and April is the time to start planting your vegetables and annuals for color.



Tuesday Golf Ray Weisz



The Weekly Winners are:

Date: February 28, 2012

First Flight: 1st **Walt Busenius 68**, 2nd **Guy Rudberg 70**, 3rd **Chuck Campbell 71**. Gold Tee Flight 1: 1st **Lew Thompson 65**, 2nd **Al Zamolo 66**. Gold Tee Flight 2: 1st **Fred Bolton**, 2nd **Jim Passaglia**. Closest to the pin Hole # 2 **John Alexander**, Hole #17 **Bill Dastic**.

Date: March 6, 2012

First Flight: 1st **Chuck Denny67**, 2nd **Bill Schultz 67**, 3rd **Ron Binder 70**. Gold Tee Flight 1: 1st **Gen Diana 68**, 2nd **Ken Kratz 70**, 3rd **Rich Hanford 70**. Gold Tee Flight 2: 1st **Garth Cummings 66**, 2nd **Ron Plachy 69**. Closest to the pin Hole # 2 **Ray Kan**, Hole # 12 **Rich Hanford**.

Date: March 13, 2012
Rain

Date: March 20, 2012

This monthly special format day. The format was **2 Man Best Ball**.

First Flight: 1st **Bob White and Paul Masta**, 2nd **Vince Rettew and Pete McNeill**. Second Flight: **Bob Donnelly and Walt Busenius**, 2nd **Frank Rockwell and Ray Weisz**. Flight 3: 1st **Bob Spellman and Ron Plachy**, 2nd **Bill Boyd and Sal Costanza**. Closest to the pin Hole # 2 **Dick DeVoe**, Hole #12 **Russ Bliese**.

Date: March 27, 2012
Rain

Our Tuesday Golf for April 10th will be at Shadow Lakes. The will be a 9:00 O'clock Shot-gun start. The price is \$27.00.

If you have not signed up for the Governor's Cup, be sure to send your check for \$40.00 to **Bill Laws** by April 10th. The tournament will be at Shadow Lakes April 26th with a 8:30 shot-gun start. The price includes Golf with cart, Large Hamburger, and Free Beer.

Couples Golf John Harrington



Couples Golf: Our 3rd full season of golf begins on April 25th with a noontime shotgun at Lone Tree Golf Course. After golf the plan is to relax and enjoy adult beverages and dinner at their beautiful clubhouse. If you are interested in joining us for golf or maybe just want to meet our group and join us for dinner give us a call. 925-672-8051

Mac User Group

The SIR Mac User Group meets the 2nd Monday of the month at the Thurman Casey Library on Oak Grove Road from 3 to 5pm. The leaders are **Jeff Baily**, **Max Burchett**, and **Verner Laursen**.

From time to time we email suggestions to the people on our list, so if you use a MAC computer and are not receiving emails from us, please join the group and let us know what your email address is. At our monthly meetings we discuss Mac user issues. This is not a class in the traditional sense but rather a discussion group wherein the leaders don't have all the answers and the solutions sometimes originate from the attendees.

We welcome new attendees. If you have a Mac question or would like to be on our email listing, please contact one our leaders. We are here to help you.

SIR Happenings Newsletter

SIR Happenings is the statewide SIR Newsletter. Just go to www.sirinc.org and click on SIR Happenings to read the current issue. You may enjoy reading about the activities of other SIR branches.



SIR Day at the Races

Where: Golden Gate Fields

When: April 20, 2012

Time: Doors open at 11:00am Be there by 11:15am

All SIR Area 2 members and guests are welcome

COST: \$27.00 PER PERSON INCLUDES: ADMISSION, RESERVE PARKING, DAILY RACE PROGRAM, BUFFET LUNCH, TAX & TIPS.

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Make your check payable to SIR Branch #146 and send to: Bob Spellman 3524 Perada Dr. Walnut Creek CA. 94598.

of tickets @ \$27.00 _____ Total \$ _____

Signed _____

Please include a stamped, self addressed legal size envelope for your return ticket

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Wine Tasting ... Bill Holly

Our next wine tasting will be on Wednesday, April 25th from 2:30pm to 5:00pm at the home of **Dan and Sandy Schlatter** at 211 Patterson Blvd., Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.

Directions: From Walnut Creek take Highway 680 North to exit 49A, Contra Costa Blvd., toward Pleasant Hill. Turn left at Boyd Road. Go west on Boyd Rd. about ½ mile and turn left at Patterson Blvd. Continue south on Patterson Blvd. about ¼ mile and park on either Beatrice Rd. or Roberta Ave. There is no parking on Patterson Blvd.



red wine Contra Costa or Alameda counties



white wine Contra Costa or Alameda counties

Please bring a single bottle of either the red or the white wine (under \$20) in a brown paper bag plus an appetizer to share. Please write where you bought the wine and the approximate purchase price on the bottom of the bag for reference.

Spouses are always invited to attend.

Please RSVP to **Bill Holly** before April 18th either by telephone (925) 691-5337 or by email at bill.holly@comcast.net



ROMEIO

(Retired Old Men Eating Out)
Malcolm Hendry



The ROMEIO group meets on the third Thursday, usually at 6:30 PM. We select eclectic restaurants in the East Bay recommended by you, as well as, those favorably reviewed in the media. Come join us and experience dining in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere with your fellow SIR and other male guests.

"CREEKSIDE GRILL" (ROSSMOOR)

Sir **Bob Lipscomb** has made arrangements for us to dine at this new restaurant located in the heart of Rossmoor. The restaurant is situated near the beautiful golf course, and the cuisine focuses on American comfort food that is familiar, yet new and fresh and reasonably priced. When you enter the security gate, say you are a guest of **Bob's**.

This month we will meet at 7:00 for cocktails in the bar, and at 7:30 be seated for our dinner.

Location: 1010 Stanley Dollar Drive, Walnut Creek, Ca

Web Site: www.rossmoorcreeksidegrill.com

Phone: 925-949-8658

Please let me know by Tuesday, April 17, that you will attend.

Your recommendations for restaurants you would like us to try are welcomed.

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Gala Ladies Day Luncheon
Thursday, May 10, 2012



Number of Tickets _____ \$27.00 each

Enclosed \$ _____

Names:

Salad

Mixed Green Salad

Spring Vegetables, Caramelized Shallots and Citrus Vinaigrette

Entrees

Slow Roasted New York Strip Loin

Seasonal Vegetables, Smashed Red Potatoes and Thyme Infused Demi Glace

Or

Pan Seared Alaskan Halibut

Pineapple and Papaya Relish, Wild Rice Pilaf, Seasonal Vegetables

Dessert

Chocolate Tort

Raspberry Sauce and Mint Chantilly

Special Requirements _____

Make checks payable to Branch 146 Ladies Day Luncheon, 117 Alegra Lane, Walnut Creek, CA 94598

Reservations accepted until December 1st. All reservations and payments in full must be received by May 1st. There will be no tickets sold at the door.

If ordering for a group or for a full table of 10, send in full payment and list your companions and their entrée choice on an attached sheet.



FISHING REPORT PAUL DUBOW



It rained a lot in March. Skiers welcomed the precipitation as it turned to snow in the Sierra and others were happy to see more water in the reservoirs. But we fishermen had to sit at home and watch the raindrops fall as we cancelled trip after trip. Even when the rain stopped, we could not fish in some of our usual haunts because the waters were so riled. On the other side of the coin, we had to cancel a three day trip to Bass Lake, planned for the end of the month, because the lake was so low that we could not launch our boats. Go figure!

The big news emanating from our limited outings was an 11 lb trout that **Carl Moyer** caught in San Pablo Reservoir. That was by far the biggest trout that any member of our group has caught this year. We are spending more time in San Pablo because seniors can rent boats there at half price and the reservoir was producing well prior to the rain. The only other member of our group who enjoyed a productive outing this month was **Don Mittelstaedt**, who landed some steelhead fly fishing in the Trinity River.

We are looking forward, however, to better weather and better outings in the spring and summer. We have planned trips in the Delta for black bass, sturgeon and stripers; Shadow Cliffs and San Pablo Reservoirs for rainbow trout; the Sacramento River fly fishing for shad; the Feather and Sacramento Rivers for salmon; Lake Berryessa for kokanee; Lake Davis for rainbows; and Lake Tahoe for Mackinaw trout. There are also lots of individual trips planned for the ocean and for the various lakes. You are encouraged to join us at our next meeting even if you have never fished before or haven't fished in awhile. The meeting will be at the Legends Sport Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek Golf Course at 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord on Thursday, April 26. The meeting begins at 8:30am, but join us for breakfast at 8. For more information, call **Paul Dubow** at 415-495-6504.

Area 2 \$ums Investment Group



The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group will meet on Wednesday April 25, 2012 at 8:00 AM at the Diablo Creek golf course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Our speaker **J. Wesley Smith** an Attorney with Buchman Provine Brothers Smith LLP of Walnut Creek. His presentation will be “**Current Estate Planning under the new 2010 Tax Act**”. The presentation will discuss essential details that need to be considered in setting up a Revocable Living Trust to protect your estate's assets from Probate and Estate Taxes. He will also present examples of other Trusts that are available.

Wes is one of the Five Star Wealth Managers for 2011 that were selected for overall satisfaction by consumers, peers and industry experts from more than 5500 registered financial professionals in the San Francisco East Bay area. Estate Planning is something that needs to be reviewed every 5 years to make sure your plan is current with laws that each succeeding presidential administration passes.

Co-chairmen:

Allen Espenmiller (Br-174) 925-376-3977

George Schulze (Br-8) 925-429-1756

Leary Wong (Br-8) 925-457-0807

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Table Pool

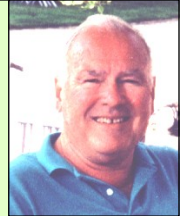
Bill Weinberg

*1st and 3rd Monday at 11:30 am.
(at Masse's 2721 N. Main, Walnut Creek)*



**Walkers
John Lewis**

*Every Friday at 9:30 am at various
locales. Call **John** or just show up.
Rain cancels any walk.*



We usually have three or four pool games going when we meet on the 1st & 3rd Mondays at 11:30am at Masse's - 2721 North Main in Walnut Creek. The cost is \$5.00 for as long as you want to play. We also have SIR members from other branches joining us and we usually play about 2 hours but not everyone stays for the final curtain. Haven't played in years? Come join us. All SIRs in our area are welcome.

April Walks 2012

Planned by **Pablo Chavez**

April 6 Alamo Plaza South

Meet: Alamo Plaza /Old Yellow Wood Park
ing

Walk: Iron Horse Trail South
Paved Level Some Shade

Coffee: Pascal French Oven 155B Railroad
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April 13 Heather Farm

Meet: At Walden Park, WC

Walk: East along Contra Costa Canal
Paved Level Some Sade

Coffee: Panera Bakery Countrywood Center
744 Bancroft WC

April 20 Alamo New Life Church, Danville Blvd

Meet: South on 680 right on Livorna Rd Right
on Danville Blvd, Left at church access
across from Sunnybrook Rd.

Walk: South on Iron Horse Trail
Coffee La Scala Civic and Locust WC

April 27 Cardinet Trail Clayton Road

Meet: Clayton Library

Walk: North west from parking on first bridge
along trail by Golf Course.

Not Paved Not level Some shade
Coffee: Deli Delight Shadelands Office Park
ing



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Let us keep the following Sirs in your thoughts and prayers. We hope for continued healing and look forward to a quick recovery to good health:

Sir Chuck Bobinecz

Sir Ernie Dickson

Sir Jack Hockel

Sir Gary McGrath

Sir Jim Locker

Sir Jack Calloway

Sir Reggie Fromm

Sir Joe Schild

Sir Bob Frankland

Sir Rod Sharretts

Sir Bob Van Luchene

Sir Ron Pascoe

Sir Lynn Freeman

Sir Tom Morgan

Sir Art Ainscough

Sir Frank Fries

Please try to contact a Sir in this report to offer support and encouragement during his illness. A friendly call is always welcomed.

If you are aware of a sick Sir, please let me know by phone or e-mail, as shown above, so that the Sir membership can be advised.

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Getting ready for "Legally Blonde" at Leshar Center at the February SIR146 theatre party were (L-R) **Ken & Marilyn Kratz, Gary Schaub & Maria Gounaris, and Doug & Georgia Cook.**