



Jeff Baily

Big Sir's Notes

The July luncheon went over very well.

The branch recognized all past Big Sirs present at the luncheon.

Branch 146 is in good shape; we bought a computer for the branch use and we still have a strong cash balance of \$3,700.

Todd Harris, our luncheon speaker held the luncheon group spellbound as he described the less-than-perfect strategies of our 2 presidential contenders. He forecast one of 2 scenarios for the November election; an election focusing on change, with **Obama** having the edge or on leadership and experience, with **McCain** favored. Energy, the economy, healthcare and Iraq all playing a part in the equation. The questions could have gone on indefinitely. Valuable insights and a great presentation.

Per the BEC, I am asking new members and others who are able to, to access the monthly Sir Call via the web only in order to save postage expense. Members can call **Rich Ahlf** to be taken off the snail mail list.

To access the SIR Call on the web, go to www.sir146.com click on Newsletters.

The fall 20th Anniversary dinner dance preparations are in full swing. The date is Wednesday, October 1 at the Walnut Creek Civic Arts Center at Ygnacio and Wiget. Get your reservation in now to insure a spot. See page 11 of this issue for a tear out reservation slip.

Last but not least, the Branch's average age is still holding steady at 76.3 for the longest time in our branch's history. Let's help keep it that way by inviting a potential member to lunch and giving him an application form. www.sir146.com Click on Application for membership.



July
Speaker
Todd Harris



Little Sir's Corner

Stu Somerville

Our August luncheon program will be on "Guide Dogs for the Blind Program". Our presenter will be **Susan Cherry**, perhaps accompanied by her assists, Westie and Globie.



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 **Lo McCarley** on July 7th. First place went to **Lynn Freeman** with 6450 points, second to **Jim Jackson** with 5640 points, third to **Bob Donahue** and fourth to **Bill Snyder**. Our next game will be at the home of **Fred Bolton** on August 4th.



Duplicate Bridge George Zunich

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

In July, **SIR Chuck Hammond** hosted 3 tables of Duplicate Bridge at his home.

The results were as follows: **Carl Johnson** was in 1st place with 31.0 points. **Jim Jackson** came in 2nd with 30.5 points. **Bill Snyder** was in 3rd place with 26.0 points.

The next match will be held on Monday August 18th at **Jim Todhunter's** home.

Contact **George Zunich** at 376-4439 for information. We welcome interested members.

Bocce Ball Bob Frankland

2nd and 4th Mondays at 9 am, April through November, at Concord Bocce Courts in Newhall Park, Concord, near the corner of Turtle Creek and Ayers Roads.



Come out and join us. Weather's been great and we've been having great turnouts.



Table Pool Bill Weinberg

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

The Table Pool Club is thriving and going every month. We had 5 tables the last time we played and played for over 3 hours. If you would like to spend some quality time on a Monday morning, come to Masses on North Main at 11:30AM. Hope to see you there.



Jerry Berggren Introduced by Ken Richter



Couples Duplicate Bridge Lo McCarley

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

Eight couples had a great time playing duplicate bridge on July 16th. **Jim and Allison Todhunter** hosted the gala event. **Lin and Dasha Freeman** took 1st place with 43 points, **Bob and Janet Yolland** took 2nd (37 points), **Carl and Anne Johnson** (34 points) placed 3rd. **Jim Brown and Barbara Lundblade** (33 points) came in 4th.

Bob and Janet Yolland will host the next bridge on Wed. August 20th.

Couples Duplicate Bridge Too

Joe Barry

Couples Duplicate Bridge #2 meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm at participants' homes. Couples play as partners.

Jim and Ruth Adams hosted the July Bridge. **Lynn and Dasha Freeman** were the winners with 26 points. **Terry and Sharon Marchione** came in second with 22 points followed by **Dick and Christy DeVoe** with 21 points. There was a spirited contest for low score and a great time was had by all. **Lynn and Dasha** will host the August Bridge.

Joe Barry



Cooking

Dave Johnson

1st Monday at various members' homes.

The July meeting was held at Kiser's Back Eighty Barbecue Pit and Charlie continues to amaze us. No one seemed interested in trying his homemade absinthe but the wine was well received. ("Absinthe makes the heart grow fonder," he says.) The stars of Charlie's meal were his baby back ribs, which were great. He supplied everyone with two napkins and we all went back for more. (Napkins, that is.) The ribs were accompanied by a cranberry-feta salad, baked beans and potato salad. At each place setting, he provided ribboned-wrapped tablets of Beano. We also had garlic cheese bread and coffee was recommended for all of the designated drivers. Our dessert was miniature ice cream bars, with a five-per-person limit. Spellman gave a short, disastrous demonstration of how to park a minivan (SUV?) in a space that seems to be too small. In August, we meet at Paradise 33, in Concord.



William Holly
Introduced by
Glen Renk

Garden Club

Chuck Bobinecz

1st Thursday at 9:30 am at the Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church, 1801 Lacassie Ave., in the Multipurpose Room, unless otherwise announced.



Our July meeting has been rescheduled to July 24th. There will be a BBQ (11am-3pm) at the home of Sir **Chuck Bobinecz**.

In August, Sir **Garth Cummings** will give a presentation on watering and the drought. A timely topic. The Garden Club is sponsoring a bus trip on September 4th to tour the gardens and exhibits at COPIA and Castello di Amorsa, a winery in Napa that was built in the form of a castle. This is open to all Sirs. Wives and guests welcome. The bus is rapidly filling up. The price is \$83 pp which includes the bus, COPIA tour (they have new exhibits every three months), Castle wine tasting and gourmet lunch at the castle. Contact Sirs **Fred Kovar** or **Lo McCarley** to get a seat on the bus.

Garden tip of the month: What to do with all the fruits and vegetables that you cannot give away? Contact Alamo Today – Backyard Bounty via email at editor@alamotoday or 925-820-8662. They will provide a matching service of produce and people who can help pick and deliver to the Crisis Center.



Sunshine

Otto Wilson

Phone: 825-1943

E-mail: ottowilson@astound.net

Sir **Stan Pieratt** is home recovering from congestive heart failure. Probably will have a slow but positive recovery.

Sir **Don Merchant** has moved into hospice care facility. Family requests no visitors, but if you wish to send him a card, send to:

Julia's Home, 1020 Hampton Dr., Concord, CA 94518.

Sir **Roger Maire** is undergoing Chemo treatment for cancer.

Sir **Walt Barabash** is in the hospital recovering from a cancer operation.

Sir **Frank Fries** is home recovering from a hip replacement.

Sir **Rod Sharretts**, is still recovering from a fall he had in his home. He states that recovery is too slow and wishes to get back in the swing of things.



Stan Matsumoto
introduced by
Mitch Mitchell

Area 2 Computers and Technology Group

PHIL GOFF, Chairman, 831-3692, philgoff@yahoo.com
DICK CURRY, Asst. Chairman, 376-5541,
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Meetings of the Area 2 Computer and Technology Group are held the 3rd Thursday of each month (except June and December) from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Drive (just off South Main.)

Thursday, August 21, **Dean Steichen** will explain Bluetooth technology and the various devices that use it. **Phil Goff** will demonstrate the new Firefox browser and it's unique capabilities.

Since cell phones can no longer be used while driving a car, people are using Bluetooth enabled devices so they can talk while driving. This is an opportune time to learn about Bluetooth and the devices available.

Firefox is a free browser that competes with Microsoft's Internet Explorer. It tends to be more user friendly and offers features that you won't find in Internet Explorer.

Also, the Group will be raffling off our 3 year old laptop. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Buy a ticket – you might win!

Following the two presentations, **Dick Curry** will lead an informative Computer Q&A session.

Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned user, we try to offer something for everyone. We serve coffee and pastries and all SIR members and their guests are welcome.

Bowling

Larry Mitchell



There will be two tournaments in August. The first will be in **Reno**, August 18th, 19th, and 20th. This is usually the biggest tournament of the year and will be held at the Reno Bowling Stadium, one of the largest facilities in the state with 80 lanes and is an awesome place to bowl. The tournament categories will be, Team (4 Bowlers), Singles, Doubles and all Events. The second event in will be August 26th and 27th in Stockton at the Pacific Bowl. This tournament will be Singles, Doubles and all Events. If you want more information or an entry form, for either tournament, please call me at 925-798-5440.



Cribbage Al Tufo

Holy Mollie: Here we go again. After a two-month layoff we had a derby tournament at **John Pearl's** establishment. With such a nice rest the Italian Stallion was ready to go. With a burst of speed, just as soon as the gates opened the I.S jumped out to the front. Chef **Barney Meade** was right on his tail. Try as he might the I.S. couldn't shake him. This happened from start to finish. The I.S. was able to maintain his pace and crossed the finish line in front, with Chef **Barney** placing second. The second race was won by chef **Barney** who we think got a steroid shot in the paddock just before the second race. The Dublin Kid **Larry Reilly** tried like heck to catch **Barney**, but ran out of wind. August tournaments will be held at **Tufo's** place on August 13, starting at 11:30 am.

CIAO TUFO

Area 2 \$ums In Retirement

Dave Munson

4th Wednesday, 8am (breakfast starts at 7am) at the Diablo Creek Golf Course (Legends Grill), North Port Chicago Highway and Highway 4, Concord

For our 27 August meeting we will be featuring a very interesting speaker, Mr. **Rich Young**, who has developed an easy to use and understand investment strategy that uses ETFs as the basis for his various portfolios. The interesting part is that **Rich** is an individual investor, not an investment professional, who has a passion for investing and this passion has led him to methodically work out a strategy for investing that does not depend on trying to determine which individual companies or industries are the next "winners" in the stock market. I have looked at his approach and find it to be very easy to understand and a cost effective way to invest in equities and fixed income. \$ums attendees will enjoy hearing **Rich's** presentation.

SIR 146 Computer Classes

Jeff Baily

Photoshop Elements 6 Program



Class dates for 2008: Every Wednesday in October (1, 8, 15, 22, 29) from 9am to 11am. Place: Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church, upstairs. Please mark your calendar now. Below is a brief description of the course content...

To a beginner, Photoshop Elements is a relatively complex digital photography program and learning it can be daunting. **Rich Ahlf** is now teaching only aspects of PE 6 that SIR students want to learn. He has gone from teaching the whole program to breaking it into modules that SIR students have asked him about. For example, how do you get pictures from your camera or a CD onto your computer so that you can do things to them with the Photoshop Elements 6 program? How do you send pictures via email? How do you get rid of red eye? How do you enhance the color? How about changing the background of a picture and so on? Think about the things you'd like to change on pictures you have and then bring any questions to the Photoshop Elements class. You can even email **Rich** a photo and he'll demonstrate how to change it in class. This way you can attend a class no matter how far along it is in the program and still come away having learned something valuable.

SongSirs Don Tubb



Our June appearance at Stonebrook Convalescent Center was a rousing success and a good time was had by all.

Our next gig is at the VA Hospital Martinez in August. "Old songs by old guys" is alive and well and we can always use a few more voices. You can check us out at Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 2:30pm. We're trying out some new things to jazz up our performances and We'll Be Singing.

Explore and Dine John Pearl



In June we traveled all the way to the Ruth Bancroft Gardens in Walnut Creek, and ate at the "big table" at Sweet Affair. Our docent guide was not only knowledgeable about the gardens, mostly succulents gathered in California, but also about the Bancroft family and their farm in Walnut Creek - we learned a lot. Below, we're pictured in the garden.

Our outing on August 28 is to the Asian Art Museum in San Francisco's Civic Center where we will have a docent-lead tour of the traveling exhibit of art objects from the Ming Dynasty in early China. While we are limited in the size of the group, a waiting list will be used to fill any openings that come up. There are several great restaurants nearby. Please let me know if you're interested in joining us.

We are not planning an outing for September, but have several possibilities in mind for October.

John Pearl

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Explore and Dine Group



**Mike Siebert, Bill Knapp
Ron DeGolia & Otto Wilson**
collecting money for luncheon



Poker Club #1 Frank McNamee

On July 9th at **Bob Frankland's** residence, three overly generous players, **Bill Cammerer, Dan O'Sullivan** and **Frank McNamee** just opened their wallets and said, "Take what you want, but leave a little." So **Howard Harvey, John Lewis, Bob White** and our host, **Bob Franklin** did just that in that order. The only thing we got as losers was a slight snicker, not even a thank you. The next contest will be at the home of **John Lewis** on Aug 13th. **Bill, Dan** and I are just hoping for a little revenge.



Poker Club #2 Al Zamolo

Jim Stedman as a host of our June session continued his winning ways on his favorite game High Low split the pot, sometimes winning both. I think the only way we can break his winning ways is by not telling him where our July session will be held.

Poker Club #6 Bill Roberts

Our July game was held as scheduled on the 1st Wednesday of the month at **Bill Roberts'** place (our permanent host). Once again **Bill's** dinner overshadowed the poker game as we enjoyed barbecued tri-tip, potato salad, brownies and generous amounts of wine and other adult beverages. The chip stacks of our seven players grew and shrunk over the course of the game and at the end somehow the majority ended up in front of **Stu Somerville**. In the interest of fair play we don't generally reveal the names of the big losers but I did hear that **Bob Spellman** was asking for the location of the nearest ATM machine on his way out..

Our next game is set for August 6.



Poker Club #3 Ron Plachy

Poker group #3 met at **Plachy's** Poker Palace after the SIR luncheon on Thursday, July 10th. We came up a little short in numbers but tall in spirit with five determined players. With **Jeff Baily** not present, no one managed to lose more than four bucks! **Vince Rettew** tried (he had to dip into his wallet a second time) but he finally righted the ship somewhat. **Joe Barry** made an early run for big winnings but stumbled near the end. **Bob Schroder's** biggest win was probably the Show-Down for loose change. **Mike Varner** kept trying to give hands away but we wouldn't let him. I went hot and cold finally ending all square. All-in-all, we enjoyed the action and the company and look forward to a full crew next month."

Some people just seem to have a lot of luck. A friend of mine is one of those card players who can almost always draw whatever he needs to win a hand in poker, but loses big time at the races.

I asked him about this once and he replied, "Well ... they won't let me shuffle the horses."



Poker Club #4 Chuck Bobinecz

Our July 28th game will be hosted by Sir **Garth Cummings**. Please contact **Garth** by July 21st if you cannot attend so that he can arrange for a sub. The odds of having a straight flush are 65,000 to one. The best hand with wild cards are five aces.

Wide World of Books Terry Marchione



Last month I offered a brief description of Amazon's new Kindle which I had just purchased. I have now had a chance to use the device and it is a wonderful innovation for those of us who enjoy reading. If you count yourself amongst that group and have not checked it out I urge you to do so at www.amazon.com Big Sir **Jeff Baily** and wife **Alicia** also have made the plunge and were taking it with them to Idaho. I have not received a review from them. If anyone has a Kindle or is thinking of obtaining one please let me know what you think of it.

This month I will debut sort of a book-of-the-month suggestion. Not exactly on a par with **Oprah** but what the heck—we're just a bunch of old men. I recently finished this book and, although never at the top of the best seller lists, this is definitely an interesting study of the human spirit and what man is capable of if truly motivated.

As Far as My Feet Will Carry Me: The Extraordinary True Story of One Man's Escape from a Siberian Labor Camp and His 3-Year Trek to Freedom.

Originally published in 1955, As Far as My Feet Will Carry Me has seen international success ever since. It has been translated into fifteen languages, sold more than 12 million copies, and is the basis for an award-winning German entry at the 2002 Cannes Film Festival. Recounting an incredible real-life adventure, it tracks the destiny of German soldier **Clemens Forrell** who, in the aftermath of WWII, was sentenced to twenty-five years of forced labor in a lead mine in the barren eastern reaches of Siberia. Subjected to the brutality of the camp and the climate, **Forrell** dreamed continuously of escape—and then daringly effected it. From East Cape across the vast trackless wastes of Siberia, for thousands of miles and three years, with fear as his most intimate companion, **Forrell** fled treachery and endured some of the most inhospitable conditions on earth. In a long series of taped interviews with esteemed German author **Josef M. Bauer**, **Forrell** unfolded his remarkable story of survival. **Bauer** not only reconstructs **Forrell's** arduous journey to the Iranian frontier and freedom; he also poignantly evokes the emotional content of **Forrell's** brave quest—emerging as an affecting portrait of a man who strove and triumphed against all odds.

This book is available through the Book Exchange. Contact **Terry Marchione** terrymarchione@yahoo.com or 472-8850.

ROMEO

(Retired Old Men Eating Out)
Malcolm Hendry



The ROMEO group meets on the third Thursday of the month at 6:30p.m. at select restaurants in the East Bay. Come and experience delightful dining and stimulating conversation while getting to better know your fellow SIR members in a relaxed and friendly setting.

On August 21st we will be dining at "Faz" restaurant featuring a delicious selection of NY steak, lamb, pork chops, chicken, prawns or the fresh fish selection of the day, prepared in a smoker or wood burning stove. The Diablo Magazine wrote: If you didn't know better, you might think you have been transported to Yosemite sitting under the redwoods." As one hostess put it, "Tahoe without the drive."

Date: August 21, 2008

Location: 600 Hartz Avenue, Danville Ca 94526

Web Site: www.fazrestaurants.com (includes menu and "About Faz")

Phone: 925-838-1320

Please let me know by Tuesday, August 19 that you will join us.

If you would like us to try one of your favorite restaurants, or one you think would work, please let me know.

See you in August.

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SIR HAPPENINGS

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.

Travel Opportunities Bob Spellman



Sept 4, 2008 Tour of Castello di Amorsa. The Garden Club has arranged a day trip to the Castella di Amorosa, which is the biggest tourist attraction ever built in Napa Valley. The \$30 million, 107 room Castle is complete with turrets, moat, and dungeons. After a tour of the Castle you will enjoy wine tasting and gourmet lunch. You also will make a stop a Copia for a tour. Cost: \$83.00 pp includes bus transportation as well. Contact **Fred Kovar** 937-2951 or **Lo McCarley** 935-3939.

Oct 6-19, 2008 Danube Dream. Glide past fairy-tale castles and medieval villages aboard the ms Switzerland II riverboat traveling the second longest river in Europe. Take in views of the Czech Republic, Germany, Austria, Slovakia and Hungary. Enjoy a 2 night stay in Budapest followed by a 7 night cruise on the Danube and 3 night stay in Prague. Cost: \$3415 to \$3660. Sponsored by Branch 8. Call **Bob Hagler** for more information.934-7620

Oct 28-30, SIR 50th Anniversary in Reno. Enjoy two nights at the beautiful and luxurious Grand Sierra Resort & Casino plus an exclusive SIR 50th anniversary reception and dinner followed by a performance by world famous comedian **Yakov Smirnoff**. The tour features: Deluxe motor coach transportation, two night's accommodations, SIR welcome reception, exclusive anniversary dinner and tickets to **Yakov Smirnoff** performance, baggage handling, gratuities and taxes. Cost: \$291 pp,do. \$ 45 single supplement. Contact **Bob Spellman** 934-8428 for more information.

Nov 3-15, 2008 Vietnam & Thailand Gateway to South East Asia. 13 day adventure that will take us from Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) Vietnam to Hanoi, Ha Long Bay, Chiang Mai and on to exotic Bangkok, Thailand. Trip includes round trip airfare, motor coach transportation, hotel accommodations, all tips for guides and drivers, daily breakfast, nine hosted lunches and dinner daily. Cost: \$3885 per person. Contact **Bob Spellman** 934-8428.

Jan 26-30 2009 New York Theatre Tour. The tour includes round trip airline transportation to New York, four nights accommodation at the Edison Hotel, Times Square. Dinner at Tavern on the Green and Langan's plus full American breakfast daily. Three Orchestra/Front Mezzanine Broadway Shows (one matinee). 90 minute interactive Camp Broadway session with an actor. All taxes, gratuities and baggage also covered. Cost: \$2565 pp. Contact **Gary Schaub** 934-5456.

WILD SHIRT DAY

Ok—this is the luncheon you all have been waiting for. Now is your chance to dig into the back of the closet and bring out those shirts that you only wear where no one will recognize you. We will welcome all sizes, shapes and colors at the **August** luncheon—in fact, the more color the better.

A three-man committee will circulate through the dining room and will select the wearers of the loudest, wildest shirts to be finalists. All SIRS will participate in the selection of the finalists by way voice vote. The decision of the judges will be final and prizes for 1st and 2nd place will be awarded.

I look forward to seeing those shirts (not really but it's important to be politically correct).

Terry Marchione



Come join our Bocce Ball group on the second and fourth Monday of each month

Luncheon Attendance **Glen Renk**



SIR Luncheon is the 2nd Thursday of every month at the Sunrise at Boundary Oak Restaurant

Call me by Friday noon prior to the Luncheon at 672-7860 if, for any reason, you are unable to attend. If I am not home, leave your name, badge number and phone number. Be sure you call!

Waiting List:

If you are going to attend, you must call by Friday prior to the Thursday Luncheon.

Sir bringing a guest:

Call by Friday prior to the Thursday Luncheon and leave your name and the name of your guest.

Regular members missing 3 consecutive meetings without notifying their attendance chairman, giving a valid reason, or attending less than 6 meetings in the last 12 months shall be notified by letter of their pending membership termination.

Certification of another Branch meeting will be considered as credit to attendance record.

Luncheon Menu

Seasonal Tomato Salad with Basil,
Roasted Red Onions
and a Drizzle of Balsamic Vinegar

Parmesan Crusted Chicken Breast
with Roasted Pepper Sauce

or Filet of Sole with Lemon Cream
Herb Crusted Potatoes with Peppers and Onions

Apple Pound Cake with Whiskey Glaze

Special Luncheon Requirements

If you need a vegetarian lunch, please call and make a request.

Your request will stay in effect until you cancel it.

If for medical reasons you cannot eat lunch, please notify me. Your request will stay in effect until you cancel it, however, you will be required to pay a \$1 fee for club dues.

Membership

Jim Jackson



Branch 146 Statistics:

Members 254, HLMs 4, Waiting List 11, Inactive 8.

July Attendance:

Members 194, HLMs 3, Waiting List 3, Guests 2, Excused 48, Unexcused 13.

Total July Attendance: 202.

Status Changes:

Inducted: **Stan Matsumoto, William Holly, Jerry Berggren**

Added to Waiting List: **Bruce Gilbert, Dale Hertweck, Kirby Narcisse, Paul Yee, Charles Campbell**

Inactive: **David Hebble**

Resigned: **Ken Costello, Bill Earl**

Current Waiting List (prioritized): **Donald Fitzgerald, Ronald Louis, Siegfried Kalteis, Walter Busenius, David Pierce, Ron Ragno, Bruce Gilbert, Dale Hertweck, Kirby Narcisse, Paul Yee and Charles Campbell.**



Joe Fitzsimmons, Frank Rockwell & Joe Lamanna



Hiddenbrooke

The results are in; congratulations are in order. The July Away Golf Tournament was held Thursday July 17 at Hiddenbrooke Golf Course in Vallejo. Thirty six of our Sirs played and the winners were: 1st place **Stu Somerville** with a net 64, 2nd place **Dick Richmond** with a net 65, 3rd place **John Demos** with net 68 and **Joe Himsl** won closest to the pin at 7 feet 7 inches. **Ray Weisz** will have winners' checks at Tuesday Golf.

Area 2 Team Scramble:

Br 146 will field 6 teams in this tournament on Friday July 18 at Franklin Canyon Golf Course. **Dick Richmond** will publish the results in our next issue of the Call.

Because of summer travel we will not have an Away Golf Event in August.

Solvang in September:

This is a great event for golfers and non-golfers. Solvang is a replica of a Danish town with lots of shops and restaurants. In addition there is a casino in the next town.

The format for SIR players in this tournament is four man teams / two man best ball. Ladies will play a four player team scramble event. Accommodations are at the Santa Ynez Marriott. The event takes place September 14th to the 19th. Get your entry form at sirinc.org or contact **Jim Baldrige** or **Dick Richmond** for details.

Questions: **Jim Baldrige** 925-689-9232 or **Dick Richmond** 925-947-1167.



**Theater
Gary Schaub**

THE BRIGHT LIGHTS ON BROADWAY

We're off to New York City in January for a special SIR 146 Broadway Theatre Tour. Here's the opportunity to join your SIR friends for four nights in New York, orchestra/front mezzanine seats for three Broadway productions and a chance to meet the cast after one of the plays, plus dinner at the famous Tavern on the Green and at Langan's on 47th Street. Round trip air transportation, transfers in NYC, all taxes & gratuities, and other features make up the package.

Many Sirs remember the fun time we had on the New York City theatre outing in 2005, and have asked for a repeat visit. This is it!

Package price is \$2,565 pp, double occupancy (\$690 single supplement). A \$200 deposit per person holds a reservation. Pick up the brochure at next SIR luncheon or contact Sir **Gary Schaub** for a copy

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A Break Between Golf Tournaments

20th Anniversary party and Dinner Dance

"Come out in your casual duds and dance"

Come on and celebrate our 20 years at Branch 146 SIR
When: Wednesday, October 1, 2008 -- 6pm to 10pm
How Much: All inclusive price of **\$ 55.00 per person**
Your dollar buys: Hosted Cocktails, Hors d'Oeuvres,
Salad, Beef/Chicken combo dinner, dessert and wine.
Dancing to the five piece band plus a vocalist.
Make up your tables of ten if desired and send your
check (s)

Payable to "SIR Branch 146"

To: Sir **Vincent Rettew**, 290 Dover Drive, Walnut Creek
CA 94598

Sir Name _____

Evening "Date" _____

Table mates _____

We will require _____ Vegetarian dinner(s)

The dance location will be at:

THE SHADELANDS ART CENTER
YGNACIO VALLEY ROAD AT N. WIGET LANE,
WALNUT CREEK

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Walkers

John Lewis



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

August Walks planned by **John Lewis**

August 1--Canal Trail East, Walnut Creek
Meet: Pot Belly Deli, 325 N. Wiget Lane, Walnut Creek
Walk: From deli to Canal Trail East
Flat, paved, no shade
Coffee at Pot Belly Deli

August 8--Castle Rock Trail, Walnut Creek
Meet: Take Oak Grove past Northgate High School where it becomes Castle Rock Road. Meet near entrance to Castle Rock Park
Walk: Some incline, dirt trail, a little shade, beautiful view of Castle Rock.
Coffee at Pot Belly Deli, 325 N. Wiget Lane, Walnut Creek

August 15--San Leandro Reservoir
Meet: Moraga Safeway parking area
Walk: East side of San Leandro Reservoir,
Dirt road, some shade
Coffee at Terzettos in Moraga

August 22--Donner Cabin Site Trail, Clayton
Meet: Clayton Library for carpooling
Walk: Creekside dirt walk, some incline, some shade
Coffee at Peet's Coffee on Clayton Road near Ygnacio

August 29--Iron Horse Trail S. and N. Main
Meet: Civic Park, Walnut Creek, off Civic Drive near Broadway
Walk: Iron Horse Trail S. to Newell and back on N. Main
Coffee at Saxby, 1632 N. Main near police station



"Woody" Williams, Norm Kingshill & James Olson

SIR CALL

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**Picture submitted by John Lewis of the walking group taken on
the 9th Anniversary SIR 146
Are you there?**