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Big Sir's Notes Jim Burk

THANK YOU

A public statement of my appreciation goes out to **Terry Marchione and Doug Eisner** for their stewardship of the July BEC Meeting and the Luncheon in my absence. I understand everything went very well and the speaker was outstanding!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR BRANCH HONOREE AWARD WINNERS

For the benefit of those members who were not able to attend the July Luncheon, I would like to inform you of the awards that were made and offer our Branch appreciation and congratulations to the Branch Honoree Award Winners. This award is the highest award the Branch can bestow and the following men were recognized at the July 12 Luncheon Meeting for distinguished service and presented with a plaque by **Ray Kan, Honoree Chair, and our Area Governor, Ron Smith.**

JOHN LEWIS LO McCARLEY DAVE OBERA
Thank you, gentlemen, for your long and faithful service to our Branch. You are very much appreciated.

There was one award winner that was unable to attend the July Luncheon and he will receive his award at the August Luncheon.

SHOW YOUR TEAM COLORS

Remember that the **theme** of our **August Luncheon Meeting** will be to show your **"Team Colors"** by wearing a hat, shirt, or both sporting your favorite team's colors or logo.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW ASSISTANT TREASURER

Our Assistant Treasurer to date, **Jim Saavedra**, had been called back to work by his former employer earlier in the year, and it was hoped that he would be able to accomplish his duties for our Branch as well. Unfortunately, that has not been possible. **Chuck Clark**, former Assistant Treasurer in 2011 has been filling in for Jim during the first half of 2012. I have asked and he has graciously agreed to take on the position on a permanent basis for the remainder of 2012. Thank you, Chuck.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2013

The names of those men nominated by our Nominating Committee to fill Officer Positions in 2013 were published in the **July SIR CALL**. At our **AUGUST** luncheon we will ask if there are any nominations from the floor, and if not, then vote to elect the nominees as previously published to serve in 2013.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS UPDATE

With respect to voluntary contributions to cover the administrative expenses of the Branch for 2012, we have received contributions from 251 members or 93% to date. For those who have not yet contributed, please contact Treasurer **DICK WOODMAN**. Your financial support is both necessary and very much appreciated.

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 speakers for August will be Branch 146 member **Gary Schaub** and National Park Superintendent **Tom Leatherman**.

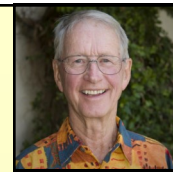
"**GENE, JOHN & ROSIE**" is the topic of the luncheon talk:

Are you aware that Contra Costa County has four National Park historic sites? Not only was the instigator of the National Park Service a resident in Martinez, but America's only Nobel Prize winning playwright lived in Danville in the 1930's. Also – "**Rosie the Riveter**" became famous because of the women workers in the Kaiser shipyards in Richmond during WWII; and Port Chicago was the site of our Navy's most deadly armament explosion in 1944.

Our September speaker is not confirmed as of press time.



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.

Salad

Mixed green salad with carrots and tomatoes

Entrees

Seared Tilapia with Lemon Butter Sauce and Mango Salsa,
Steamed Rice, and Seasonal Vegetables

Or

Pork Loin with Apricot Compote, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, and Seasonal Vegetables

Dessert

Chef's Choice

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.

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

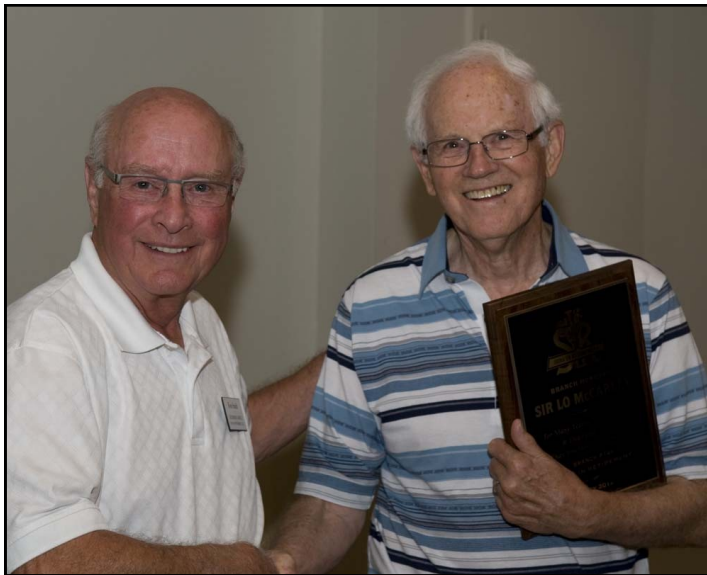


*Our match is held each month on the Monday after the SIR luncheon at various homes.
Bring your lunch*

July vacations really took a toll on this month's bridge game as we could muster only 8 players on July 16 for the game at **Lo McCarley's** house. Even though there were few players, the competition was spirited nonetheless and **Doug Eisner** emerged as the winner with 14.0 pt. **Lynn Freeman** claimed second place with 12.0 pt and **Fred Bolton** and **Lo McCarley** fought to a 11.0 pt draw to share the third prize.

The group decided to change the date of its game to the third Monday of the month, rather than the Monday following the branch's luncheon meeting. We think the new date is easier to remember. The change becomes effective in August.

Jim Todhunter will host our next month's game on Aug 20.



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Party Bridge Fred Bolton



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

We played two tables of bridge at the home of **Jim Jackson** on July 2. First place went to **Jim Steadman** with 6150 points, second to **Jim Brown** with 4580 and third to **Tommy Thompson** with 4300. Our next game will be at the home of **Carl Johnson** on Aug 6.

Couples Duplicate Bridge Too Joe Barry

The Couples Duplicate Bridge 2 group was nicely hosted by **Ken & Elaine Richter** on July 10. **Lynn & Sasha Freeman's** 22.5 points easily took 3rd place, only 2 points behind the winners. The 1st place-tying winners were hosts **Ken & Elaine** (who probably weren't surprised) and **Dick and Christy DeVoe** (who obviously were surprised). Coordinator **Joe and Josie Barry** had other plans that evening; rumor has it they needed a break from the tough competition...

COUPLES PARTY BRIDGE

Dave Pierce

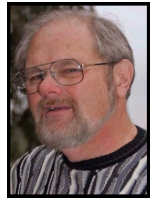
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It was tough to find players in July, but **George and Pam Rammell** hosted two tables on July 17th.

Although scores were not reported, we know that **John and Linda Boyan** copped the second place money, and **George and Pam** took first. It's good to see these new members doing well against our senior card shark members (who shall remain nameless but you know who they are). New members have fun at SIRs. However, revenge will be in the wind on August 7th.

Dave Pierce, 932-3877



Eugene O'Neill Play is SIR Theatre Party for September

The final play by **Eugene O'Neill**, America's most notable playwright, will be presented on Thursday, September 27 as a SIR Theatre Party. The production of O'Neill's *Moon for the Misbegotten* will be staged in the Old Barn at Tao House in the Danville Hills, part of the **Eugene O'Neill** National Historic Site, and the place where O'Neill wrote the play in 1943.

The production is in conjunction with the 75th Anniversary of Tao House, and the Eugene O'Neill Foundation's annual O'Neill Festival. Discussion of the play and the O'Neill National Historic Site will be part of the SIR 146 luncheon program in August, by **Tom Leatherman**, National Park Service Superintendent, and SIR **Gary Schaub**, who is on the Board of the Eugene O'Neill Foundation.

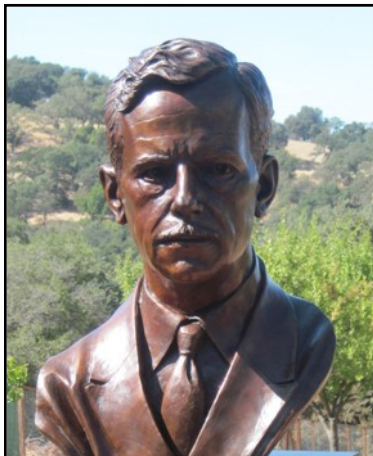
This production of *A Moon for the Misbegotten* is a notable event for drama-lovers, who will want to see this important play presented in the location where it was originally written. O'Neill is the only American playwright to be awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature.

Eugene O'Neill and his wife, Carlotta, built and lived at Tao House from 1937 to 1944. It was here that the playwright wrote his most important plays, including *A Long Day's Journey into Night* and *The Iceman Cometh*, in addition to *A Moon for the Misbegotten*.

Like many of O'Neill's plays, the story of *A Moon for the Misbegotten* has connections to O'Neill's own life and family. This play is a tribute to his brother, Jamie, and it vibrates with love, moonlight, betrayal and truth.

A limited number of discount seats have been reserved for SIR members and guests. Reservation will be accepted until September 11 at \$30.00 per seat. Tickets can be reserved through SIR Gary Schaub, 1758 Candelero Court, Walnut Creek 94598. Phone: (925) 938-5454. Checks are payable to "SIR 146."

Transportation to Tao House and the performance is by National Park Service shuttle only. Private vehicles are not permitted



Instructions for shuttle pick-up at Danville's Museum of the San Valley on Railroad Avenue will be provided in advance to ticket holders. The performance begins at 8:00 p.m. with shuttle times beginning about 6:30 p.m. so time is available to visit the historic home and grounds.



Sirs 146 & Friends Oktoberfest Dance

Wednesday, October 10, 2012

6pm to 10pm at Zio Fraedo's Restaurant

The Price is \$99.00 per couple and includes hors d'oeuvres and dinner

Live music for listening and dancing

Your choice of: Beef

Fish

Pasta

Please send your check, made out to Sirs 146 Dance to:

Vince Rettew

290 Dover Drive

Walnut Creek, CA 94598

Phone: (925) 943-7962

Tables of eight are encouraged

Your Name And Your Partner

Meal Desired

Couple 1 -	Meal -
Couple 2 -	Meal -
Couple 3 -	Meal -
Couple 4 -	Meal -

POKER GROUP 5 Bill Roberts



Poker group #5 returned to action after a two month hiatus. May was cancelled due to a lack of players and in June we chose to cancel in respect to our former member **Dean Merritt** who joined another former member **Stu Somerville** in a better place. I'm sure **Stu** and **Dean** were up there smiling as **Bill Roberts** became confused in a game of 7-27 outside the box, or was it inside the box or maybe it was 2-22 clubs don't count? Whatever, **Bill** was only slightly irritated when he thought he had the winning hand only to find out he was playing the wrong variation. Being the good sport he is, **Bill** still served us the dinner he prepared. **Bill** did recover financially but **Skip Thomas** turned out as the big winner.

Our regular date is the Wednesday prior to the SIR luncheon and the regular players are **Spellman, Thomas, Richter, Koeber, Marchione, Rockwell** and **Roberts**.



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Poker Club #1 Frank McNamee



Poker Club #1 met on July 11th at the Moraga Home of **Don Martin** and he was more than just a good host. He and his namesake, **Don Del Bene**, were the only losers for the day. The happy winners in order of their Take Home were **Dan O'Sullivan, Bob White, Frank McNamee, John Lewis, and Bill Cammerer**. Our next challenge will be on Aug 8th at the home of **Dan O'Sullivan**. We will see if the two **Dons** can recover their losses.

Area 2 Computers and Technology Group



The Area 2 Computer and Technology Group invite all Sirs and their guests to our next meeting at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge on Thursday, August 16th at 9am.

Barry Brown will discuss FREE software (useful, free software) in a wide ranging presentation. He will point us towards 40 or more programs, some of which can do the same job as expensive programs like MS Office and Photoshop. If you just want to try a program out, or you need to update Word, come and hear **Barry's** ideas.

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.

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. Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned user, we try to offer something for everyone. We ask for a donation of \$5 to cover the cost of the hall rental, coffee and cookies. See you there.

Phil Goff and Derek Southern
Co-chairs



Travel Opportunities

Bob Spellman



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 \$308.00pp 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, 934-7620 for more information.

Oct 6, 2012: Blue Angels & the San Francisco Belle. Enjoy the best aviation show in the country featuring the US Navy Blue Angels. Join us on the Hornblowers "San Francisco Belle" a Bay Area landmark and the largest private charter yacht on the West Coast. We will board at 1:30pm and cruise around the Bay, stopping in a great spot to view the aviation show between 3:00-4:00pm. Cost is \$128.00pp which includes: Bay Cruise, Motorcoach transportation, Hosted All- You- Can- Eat Lunch Buffet. Complimentary FREE champagne, coffee, tea, juice, tips and taxes. Our Bus is filling up so get your applications in if you want to go. Contact **Bob Spellman**, 934-8428.

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.

Apr 14-22, 2013: Tulip Time Cruise. Discover the beauty & history of the Dutch and Belgium waterways in springtime. Cruise ports include, Amsterdam, Arnhem, Antwerp, Bruges, Middelburg, and Rotterdam. Prices range from \$3225 to \$5080 and include airfare, complimentary

beverages, many guided tours, tips and gratuities. Contact **Jim Lunn** Br 8, 925-551-3329 for more information.

Aug 28-Sep 7, 2013: SIR 55th Anniversary Alaska Golden Age Cruise. Save the date for a CELEBRATION! We will leave out of San Francisco and visit the ports of Juneau, Skagway, Tray Arm Fjord, Ketchikan, Victoria and return to San Francisco on the Grand Princess. The cost of the Cruise is from \$1579 to \$3300 depending on accommodations and includes: Gratuities on the ship, Ship board Credit, Cocktail Party, Hospitality Suite, Transportation by Motor Coach to and from the Pier, Wine, Gifts and a Alaska Salmon Bake excursion. Applications are now available, Contact **Bob Spellman**. 934- 8428 if you have any questions.

Membership Steve Sprague



Branch 146 Statistics:

As of our Executive Committee meeting on July 12th, we have 273 active members including seven Honorary Life Members. This is an increase of two from our June membership total.

Our applicant List: Two.

Our Inactive Members: We currently have 12 inactive members.

July Luncheon Attendance:

Members: 186

Guests: 6, Visitors: 1, Speakers: 2.

Total attendance: 195

Status Changes:

Inducted: **Bob Adams**, Badge 126

George Carpenter, Badge 135

Brad Hatcher, Badge 285

Baha Zarah, Badge 286

Reactivated: **Dennis Kaump**, Badge 4

Moved to Inactive List: **Dale Hertweck**, Badge 262, and **George Filice**, Badge 142

Resigned: **Arno Marra**, Badge 135

Deceased: None

Changes to the Inactive Roster:

As noted above, **Dale Hertweck** and **George Filice** have been added and **Dennis Kaump** has been removed. Our inactive roster therefore increases by one to twelve members.



BIRTHDAY BOYS

August

Pablo	Chavez	1
Chuck	Clark	1
Jim	Todhunter	2
Paul	Dubow	3
Bill	Snyder	4
Steve	Conte	5
Glen	Renk	5
Bill	Boyd	6
Stephen	Dawkins	10
Jim	Helmick	12
Gary	Schaub	12
Ron	de Golia	15
Charlie	Kiser	20
Bob	Spellman	23
Dan	O'Sullivan	25
Bob	White	25
John	Harkin	27
Jim	Jackson	31



ROMEO

(Retired Old Men Eating Out)
Malcolm Hendry



Sunshine

Walt Busenius
945-0715



Busenius@astound.net

The ROMEO group meets on the third Thursday of the month at 6:30pm. 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.

"SANTORINI RESTAURANT"

SIR Jim Locker recommends this Mediterranean/Greek restaurant located in the Danville Town and Country Plaza. The menu has a great selection from the region with freshened seasonal ingredients at reasonable prices. The atmosphere is open and airy and a full bar serves a variety of drinks as well as a large selection of wines. Separate checks for your convenience.

Location: 105 Town and Country Drive, Danville (large parking lot)

Web Site: www.santorinidanville.com (menu and map)

Phone: 925-743-1035

Please let me know by Tuesday, August 14 that you will attend.

Your recommendations for restaurants you would enjoy are welcomed.

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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

The weather is getting hotter and so is the competitive spirit. This is an easy game to learn and play, with much good cheer resulting. There is always room for more players, so come join us.

Ladies welcome.

We offer our condolences and prayers to Mari Schild and family on the passing Sir Joseph "Joe" Schild on July 13th after a battle with pancreatic cancer.

Please keep the following Sirs in your thoughts and prayers as we hope for continued healing and look forward to their recovery to good health:

*Sir Jim Meehan
Sir Bob Van Luchene
Sir Elmer "Kap" Kaprielian
Sir Jack Calloway
Sir Rod Sharretts
Sir Chuck Bobinecz
Sir Tom Morgan
Sir Helmick
Sir Jim Locker
Sir George Bjornsen*

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.

Member Relations Ben Gleason



We hope and expect that SIR Branch 146 is meeting or exceeding your expectations for social activities, recreation and friendship and that the facilities and operation of the branch are efficient and user-friendly.

We encourage your suggestions, criticism and requests. Also, let us know if there is something that you especially like that we could do more of. Please contact me with any of the above .

Email - bgleason@sbcglobal.net
Cell phone - 925 330-0680



Tuesday Golf Ray Weisz



Golf is one of our most popular activities with over 100 registered golfers. We are fortunate to have a large assortment of venues and formats:

- We play Tuesday's at Boundary Oak. Players are randomly paired and starting tee times are posted on our web site (www.sir146.com). In addition to regular stroke play, we have many Tuesday tournaments specifically set-up for our players.
- There is a 9 hole group that plays at Diablo Hills on the first and third Thursday of each month.
- For those with golf playing partners, there is Couples Golf offered on the 4th Wednesday of the month, April through October.
- Like playing other courses? On the first Thursday of each month (From May through October) we offer Away Golf.
- Do you enjoy competing against other SIR players from different Branches? We have several different formats throughout the year.

Since we have so much going on, we have found it necessary to publish a weekly Golf Email (GEM) outlining upcoming events and results from past events. All of our golfers should be receiving GEM's. If you'd like to be added to the distribution list (non golfers are welcome too), please let us know by Emailing your request to sir146golf@gmail.com

Non-Responsibility Declaration

Rule 345: All activities arranged for or by Sons In Retirement, Inc. and its branches are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate. Sons In Retirement, Inc. and its branches do not assume any responsibility for the well being or safety of the participants or their property, in any matters pertaining to said activities.



Couples Golf John Harrington



Our Couples Golf group ventured into the Berkeley hills in July and enjoyed playing a wonderful course at Tilden Park. The scenery was great and the course provided some fun challenges. **Bob** and **Sandy Mehus** hosted our event and our friendly competition consisted of several different formats - a 6 hole Scramble, a 6 hole Best Ball, and a putting competition. Couples entering the Winners Circle included: **Dennis** and **Ann Hallett**, **Paul** and **Maggie Masta**, **Ron** and **Anne Plachy**, **Dick** and **Christy DeVoe**, **Jim** and **Judy Baldrige**, **Lew** and **Carla Thompson**. Our group will head over to Mare Island in August for our next event hosted by **Pat** and **Liz Meehan**. Come out and join us for some fun and friendship.

Cribbage John Pearl



Eight of our group gathered in July at the home of **Barney Meade** to exchange wisecracks and money. With eight of us present, we decided to try a new format of play to reduce the total time required while letting those that played the best get the top spots in the playoff round. This change got a mixed reception from the crowd, as some felt they benefited from the change and some felt they did not.

Meanwhile, back at the tables, **Barney Meade**, our host, took home first place money, the group's chair, **John Pearl**, took second place, **Kirk McVean** was third, and a new-comer to the group **John Boyan**, was fourth.

We'll see how the "redistribution of wealth" goes in August.

Book Corner Ken Richter Jan Mar May July Sept Nov

Please place on your calendars. The Book Corner will only be open two more times this year. That will be the months of **September and November**.



FISHING REPORT PAUL DUBOW



Carl Moyer made two ocean salmon trips this month and limited out on both occasions, once on a party boat and once with a friend fishing out of Bodega Bay. The salmon are a good way from shore and thus much of the time is spent traveling to get them. For example, on the Bodega Bay trip, **Carl** and his companion caught their limit in two hours but the elapsed time driving to Bodega Bay and then sailing to where the fish were consumed the better part of a day. **Paul Dubow** managed to spend day fishing out of Juneau while on a cruise to Alaska and caught and released a limit of salmon. **Craig Walton** and **Harry Sherinian** heard about a hot king salmon bite in Lake Berryessa, but upon arrival, only the kokanee were hitting their lures. They caught quite a few, however, up to sixteen inches.

Bill Landers continued his pursuit of black bass in the Delta. On one stellar occasion, he caught and released over 60 of them. **John O'Brien**, **Dick Thomson**, **Terry Miller**, and **Carl Moyer** braved the ocean winds and were rewarded with limits of ling cod and rockfish. **Kent Cremolini** traveled to San Diego where he boarded a boat for a five day fishing trip off Baja California. His goal was to land yellowfin tuna, but the heavy winds forced the captain to fish closer to the shore than he originally planned and so no tuna were available. But it was not for naught. The yellowtails (which are jacks, not tuna) were cooperative and **Kent** returned with a good catch of very large fish.

Our plans for the summer include continued ocean fishing for salmon, rockfish, and ling cod (assuming that the weather cooperates), salmon and shad fishing in the Sacramento River, salmon and kokanee fishing in Lake Berryessa, and a mackinaw trip to Lake Tahoe. Those who have never or rarely fished or put their rods away years ago are always welcome on these trips as well as at our monthly meetings. The next meeting will be Thursday, August 23 at the Legends Sports Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek Golf Course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. The meeting begins at 8:30, but come earlier for breakfast. For further information contact branch fishing chair **Paul Dubow** at 415-495-6504 or Big Fish **Pete Gates** at 925-937-2035 or secretary treasurer **Tom Boltz** at 925-825-5095.

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.

Area 2 \$ums Investment Group



The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group will meet on Wednesday, August 22, 2012 at 8:00am at the Diablo Creek Golf course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Our speaker will be **John Hutchinson** CFP and Vice President/Investments with the Stifel Nicolaus & Company of San Francisco. **John** was a principal at Stone and Youngberg LLC which specialized in municipal finance and fixed income securities. **Stone and Youngberg** was acquired by Stifel Nicolaus in 2011. **John's** presentation will be about opportunities in fixed income, especially the various bond markets. A copy of **John's** presentation will be available on the reminder message a few days before the meeting for downloading.

The Legends restaurant at DCGC opens at 7:00am for those who would like to enjoy breakfast with your colleagues.

Co-Chairmen: **Allen Espenmiller** (Br-174) 925-376-3977 **George Schulze** (Br-8) 925-429-1756 **Leary Wong** (Br-8) 925-457 0807

Branch 171 Coordinator: **Ken Nakashima** 925-376-0421



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**Table Pool
Bill Weinberg**

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



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.

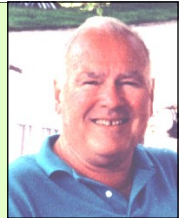
**SIR Happenings
Newsletter**

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.



**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
MAL HENDRY*



August 3 Inspiration point Wildcat Canyon Rd Orinda
Meet; Parking lot inspiration point
Walk; West on trail
Coffee Starbucks Theater Sq Orinda

August 10 Larkey Park Trail Walnut Creek
Meet Museum parking lot 1931 1st
Walk; west on trail
Coffee Panera bread Countrywood Ctr
744 Bancroft road

August 17 Redwood Park Stream Trail Oakland
Meet; Moraga Safeway to carpools. On
Canyon Rd, left on Pinehurst,
Right on redwood road, right at
Redwood park sign
Walk; trail through redwoods bring
picnic lunch

August 24 Aquatic Park Berkeley
Meet Carpool fm WCSC, Heather
Farms Hwy 24 west to i-580
(stay in rt lane) exit on Univ.
Ave off ramp, take frontage rd
to Rt on 2nd St, Rt on Addison,
left on Bolivar to end
Walk; Around aquatic park
lunch at Spenger's fish grotto

August 31 El Torito Restaurant north concord
Meet; El Torito restaurant parking
Walk; North on iron horse trail
Coffee; Panera Bread, Willows Center

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SIR CALL

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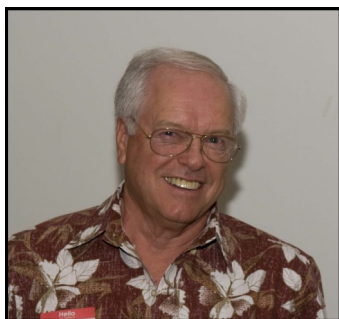
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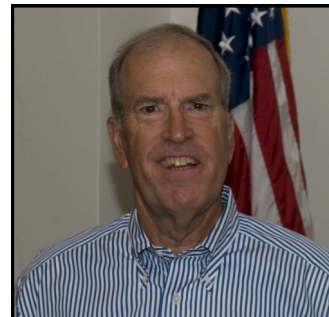
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