

WE ARE SIR – MAKE FRIENDS FOR LIFE

Luncheon— Thursday, August 9th
Boundary Oak Clubhouse

Guest Speaker

Mike Stapleton, Special Agent Retired, FBI
“A 34-year Career Review of an Active
Life in the FBI and His Law Enforcement
Training Expertise Internationally”

Gathering time: 11:00 am

Seating time: 11:45 am

Bringing a guest or can't attend?

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Telephone Message: (925) 979-5146

By Noon Friday, August 3rd



Big Sir's Notes

Bruce Borgman

Our July luncheon meeting was one of our busiest in recent memory. One of the highlights of the meeting was the presentation of an Honorary Life Membership award to **Bob Spellman**. This award is limited by SIR regulations and has not been awarded for almost five years, thus it was a momentous occasion. The award was introduced by **Doug Eisner** and was eloquently bestowed by **Dick DeVoe** and **Jim Stedman**. **Bob's** wife, **Jo**, proudly witnessed the presentation. In addition, two Senior Sir awards were presented by **Walt Busenius** to **Bob Schroder** and **Barney Meade**.

Our nominees for officers was presented at the July meeting. You can find the list in the July SIR CALL. You will have an opportunity to nominate others from the floor at our August meeting. We will then vote to elect the nominees.

We were pleased to induct five new members into the branch in July – listed here as follows with their sponsor: **Ike Kostal (Ben Gleason)**, **Ken Soutl (Jim Pope)**, **Ken Studer (John Gray)**, **Bob Wilkenfeld (Bruce Borgman)**, and **Dave Wynstra (Rob Melrose)**. It was also another successful luncheon for welcoming seven potential new members who came as guests.

Little Sir **Jonathan Korfhage** introduced recently retired Judge Nace Ruvolo, a respected jurist, who gave us a fascinating insight into the workings of our judicial system as our featured speaker.

Many of you are aware that at the luncheons some of our Sirs have a hard time in finding seats. While many of our members enjoy socializing and sitting with their friends and reserving blocks of seats, some of our newer members who may not yet know other Sirs, have difficulty finding a seat. Solving this problem has been an ongoing topic of discussion at our executive board meetings. At July's board meeting, it was suggested that

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Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

Our July guest speaker was Ignazio “Nace” Ruvolo, recently retired Judge First District Court of Appeal, Division Four, whose talk included insight on the new nominee for the US Supreme Court

SIR Mission Statement

The Mission of SIR is to improve the lives of our members through fun activities and events – while making friends for life

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we set aside one or two seats at each table for our new members.

Starting in September, we will try this approach. You will see signs on the table reserving one or two seats for these new members. Please be considerate and invite members with the yellow name tags to sit with you at these designated seats. If you have sponsored a new member, you can also assist by sitting with your new member until they get to know others.

We are looking forward to another great luncheon as Little Sir **Jonathan Korfhage** has arranged another interesting speaker: Mike Stapleton, a retired FBI agent who will relate his experiences. See you in August!



Membership

Dave Pierce

Last month's guest bonanza resulted in seven new members with five inducted in July. Inducted were **Ike Kostal, Ken Soult, Ken Studer, Bob Wilkenfeld, and Dave Wynstra.**

Two more will be inducted in August, plus we have several applications from July's guest bonanza. **Daniel Holland** won a free lunch from a drawing of new member sponsors (Jan-Jun) and we will have another drawing in January. If you sponsor more than one, your name goes into the hopper for each one, so you can double or triple your chances.

July New Member Photo Additions



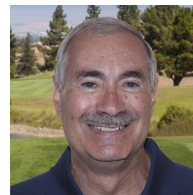
Ike Kostal



Ken Soult



Ken Studer



Bob Wilkenfeld



Dave Wynstra

Little Sir's Corner

Jonathan Korfhage

In August we are once again fortunate to have another illustrious speaker with Special Agent Michael Stapleton who retired from the Federal Bureau of Investigation after a career that spanned over 34 years.

He is the owner of Stapleton & Associates, LLC. While with the FBI, he had assignments in Washington, D.C., St. Louis, Seattle, San Francisco and Sacramento. As a Special Agent, Mr. Stapleton investigated an extensive range of matters that come under FBI jurisdiction. He had been assigned to major investigations that included the 1971 "D.B. Cooper" skyjacking case, the Polly Klaas kidnapping & murder investigation, the bombing of the Federal building in Oklahoma City and the UNABOMBER – Ted Kaczynski investigation. In addition, he is a recognized fingerprint identification expert. Thousands of law enforcement professionals have taken his fingerprint identification courses and became certified as fingerprint examiners.

Our SIR 'catch phrase' is: **WE ARE SIR – MAKE FRIENDS FOR LIFE**, so I encourage you to introduce yourself to someone you don't know at our luncheons or activities. This is what we are all about!



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

Big Sir **Bruce Borgman** presents **Bob Schroder** with the Senior Sir President's Award on **Bob** attaining 90 years of age



Sunshine

Calvin Tucker

Let us keep the following Sirs in our thoughts and prayers. We look forward to their continued healing and return to good health.

- ◆ Carl Feil
- ◆ Art Mancini
- ◆ Larry Mitchell
- ◆ Howard Nemir
- ◆ Jim Saavedra

It is with sadness we report the passing of **Roger Peters** on July 7th.

Consider contacting a sick Sir to offer support and encouragement during his illness. A friendly call is usually welcome. Cards and letters are always appreciated.

If you are aware of an ill Sir, please let the Sunshine Chair know by e-mail or phone so that our SIR members can be advised.

Cal Tucker

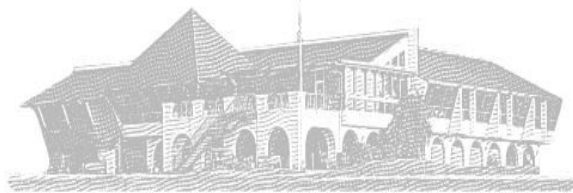
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Photo by Richard Hockenbrock



Big Sir **Bruce Borgman** presented a second Senior Sir President's Award, at the July meeting, to **Barney Meade** who recently had his 90th birthday .



THE CLUBHOUSE

AT BOUNDARY OAK

SIR 146 Luncheon

August 9th, 2018

Salad

Green Apple Salad

Baby Greens, Apples,
Toasted Almonds,
Sesame Seed Vinaigrette

Entrees

BBQ Beef Brisket

Slow Braised Beef Brisket,
Garlic Mashed Potatoes,
Seasonal Vegetables, BBQ Sauce

Or

Baked Salmon

Lemon Pepper Marinated Salmon,
Rice Pilaf, Seasonal Vegetables,
White Wine Butter Sauce

Dessert

Chocolate Truffle Cake

Vanilla Whipped Cream,
Raspberry Sauce

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BOB SPELLMAN — OUR NEWEST HLM!

Bob Spellman, long time Branch 146 member, was honored with the State SIR's most prestigious award, Honorary Life Member, HLM, at our July meeting. **Bob** joins the select group of our current HLMs or Sr HLMs: **Don Nunn (Sr HLM), Jim Stedman, Jack Calloway, Dick Richmond, Jeff Baily, and Dick DeVoe**.

Bob's resume of service to SIR is exemplary, as required by State Rule 24 for this award. **Bob** joined our branch in 2001, sponsored by **Don Nunn**. He served as Candy Man for 3 years, Branch Travel Asst Chairman for 2 years and Travel Chairman for 10 years, as well as State Travel Chairman for 2 years. Additionally, **Bob** chaired The Lunch and Wine group for 3 years and served as a Director on the Branch Executive Committee for 2 years. Finally, **Bob** was awarded our branch's highest honor, Branch Honoree, in 2013. Indeed, **Bob** has an extraordinary resume of service.

Doug Eisner, Honorees Chairman, introduced **Bob** and explained the HLM requirements. **Dick DeVoe**, current HLM, reviewed **Bob's** service resume and **Jim Stedman**, 2012 State President, presented the framed certificate and lapel pin to **Bob**. **Jo Spellman**, **Bob's** wife, a surprise guest at the ceremony, pinned the lapel pin on **Bob**.



Photos by Richard Hockenbrock





Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

Jim Barry, Roger Rivers, and Steve Siljestrom enjoying some light-hearted conversation at the July luncheon



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

Reginald Fromm won the July Birthday drawing



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

Ralph McDonald, one of seven guests who attended the July luncheon, with his sponsor **John "Moose" Kelly**



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

Guest Keith Feing sponsored by **Howard Charlop** at the July luncheon



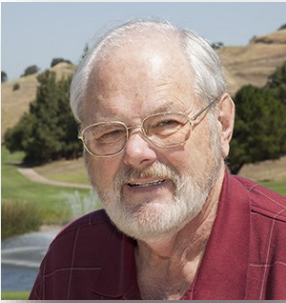
Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

Phil Lendaris and Michael Weiner share some good conversation at the July luncheon

Mister Rogers did not adequately prepare me for some of the people in my neighborhood.

SIR Happenings Newsletter

SIR Happenings is the statewide SIR newsletter. Click on the link in the SIR 146 webpage to read the current issue. You may enjoy reading about the activities of other branches.



**HIT BROADWAY
MUSICAL IS SIR 146
THEATER PARTY IN
SEPTEMBER**

One of Broadway and Hollywood’s brightest musicals – *Mamma Mia!* – is set for a SIR146 Theater Party on Wednesday, September 26 at the Leshar Center for the Arts in Walnut Creek. Deadline for ordering is August 30th.

Featuring the lively music of ABBA, *Mamma Mia!* has been a popular favorite since it opened in London back in 1999, and in New York in 2001. Now, the stage musical comes to Walnut Creek, presented by Center REP. Curtain time is 8:00 p.m.

This production is the original Broadway script, which led to a very popular film adaptation starring Meryl Streep, Colin Firth and Pierce Brosnan. The musical is filled with songs of friendship and love, including such ABBA hits as “Super Trooper”, “Knowing Me, Knowing You”, and “Dancing Queen”.

A limited number of discount tickets for *Mamma Mia!* are available for SIR members and guests at \$36 per person. Due to the popularity of this production, the deadline for ordering is August 30th or until our allocation of discount tickets is committed. Tickets will be distributed in the Leshar Center lower lobby beginning at 7:30 pm on September 26th.

Reservations – with a check for \$36 per person, payable to SIR146 -- can be sent to SIR **Gary Schaub**, 1400 Canyonwood Court, #8, Walnut Creek 94595. Deadline is August 30th. Parking is most convenient in the city garage adjacent to Leshar Center on Locust Street.



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Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

**Don Del
Bene and
Russ Bliese**
at the July
luncheon



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

**Dennis Dale
and
Steve Odeck**



Couples Dining Out

Bruce Borgman

The Couples Dining Out group had a wonderful event on Monday, July 23rd, at Il Fornaio. This restaurant is always a popular choice with great Italian food and a wonderful ambiance. Limiting

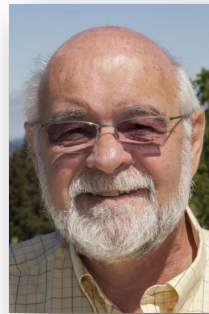
attendance as we did, allowed us plenty of room to socialize for our no host cocktail hour. In addition, we were able to get some specialty drinks as well as generous glasses of red or white wine for only \$6.

For dinner we enjoyed soup or salad, then a choice of four entrees and the dessert was really scrumptious with a hazelnut chocolate cake served with caramel sea salt gelato. I have received several notes from diners who particularly enjoyed this event. We were pleased to welcome two newer Sirs, and their spouses – **Jim and Dianne Browning** and **Bob and Jane West**. We will add them to our mailing list. See pictures of this event throughout this month's SIR CALL.

Anyone who wishes to get on the mailing list can send a note to me at bgborgman@aol.com, and you will receive the first notice of our next restaurant selection in September. At this point we are looking at Monday, September 17th to avoid conflicts with other SIR activities, but it will depend on negotiations with the restaurant. We have not decided on a restaurant, but have a few to check out further. There are several new restaurants in the area and we are already busy checking them out. One is Pacific Catch on South Main – it has mostly small tables and booths, and the menu is a bit different, but it may lend itself to a unique experience. As always, most restaurants cannot accommodate many more than 50 diners, so be sure to respond quickly when we have selected the September restaurant. See you in September!

Paddy is walking down the road eating a bag of doughnuts. Murphy meets him & says, 'if I can guess how many doughnuts you have in the bag, can I have one?'

Paddy said, 'if you can guess how many doughnuts are in there, you can have both of them'
Murphy says, 'Four!'



Luncheon Chairman

Rob Melrose

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer even though some days are scorchers. Please make sure you are drinking enough water to keep yourself healthy.

August 9th Luncheon

- Cost: \$26
- Preferred payment method is check
- Opt Out Deadline: August 3rd before Noon
- Email: NoLunchBranch146@gmail.com
- If you need to call: (925) 979-5146

Special Requests: If you have dietary restrictions, want a vegetarian meal or can't consume a meal, please send email to NoLunchBranch146@gmail.com before the Opt Out Deadline.

If you are bringing a guest: please notify Lunch Chair with guest's name at the same email address: NoLunchBranch146@gmail.com

Annual Payers: Since we have lowered the price, we really need you to let us know if you are not coming before the deadline so we can keep the low price.

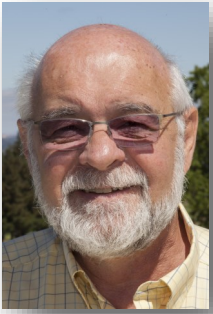
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Refer to branch directory, accessible under *members only* tab heading on our website, for phone numbers & email addresses.



Wine Tasting

Rob Melrose

On July 25th, twenty-four of us gathered at the park-like setting that is the **Lucido** home. Although the weather was quite warm, the Chardonnay was quite refreshing. Being warm, I only tasted a couple of the Merlots that people brought. The breeze in **Bob** and **Wendy's** backyard helped immensely. If you have never been to the **Lucido's**, you are missing out. Just as if you like wine and an afternoon of socializing with friends and have not signed up for the Wine Tasting Group, you are missing out.

Our next Wine Tasting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 24th. A couple of members are considering hosting but if you would like to host, please call **Rob Melrose**. Benefits of hosting: You get to choose what wines or regions we will be tasting. Also, my gratitude and a bottle of wine.



Chess

Jeff Morrow

The Chess Group is composed of members from multiple SIR branches. Due to growing interest, we now meet on the second and fourth Friday of the month from 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm. We play at the Pleasant Hill Senior Center on 233 Gregory Lane in Pleasant Hill. Depending upon the weather, we either play indoors in the Game Room or outside in the adjacent park. The Senior Center also serves lunch for just \$7.00 (\$5.00 for members) beginning at 11:30 am so, for those interested, you can have an early lunch, and play chess beginning at 12:30 pm.

Because most of us have not played chess in some time, we are offering short instructional sessions before beginning play, and we are making available a free primer describing some of the fundamental concepts of chess. We plan to provide additional instruction in the future to those who are interested, so whether you are a well-practiced player or someone looking to renew an interest in chess, I encourage you to join us. Our upcoming meeting dates are scheduled for Fridays, August 10th and 24th.

Feel free to drop in and, if you have a chess set, bring it with you. For further information contact me at the following:

Jeff Morrow

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Photo by Bill Holly

Just part of the group in the park like setting that **Bob Lucido** has created.

I was seated next to my wife while she sipped wine from glass. She looked up and said, "I love you so much, you know. I don't know how I could ever live without you."

I said, "Is that you or the wine talking?"

She said, "It's me talking to the wine".



Photo by Bill Holly

Dave Kingsbury holds a bottle of Chardonnay that he won for bringing the best of the whites.



Bob and Wendy Lucido received a bottle of Chardonnay for hosting



Steve and Vikki Pickelman received a bottle of Merlot for bringing the best of the reds.



Bob Lucido posing as a statue in his back yard



Bob and Jane West enjoying their first wine tasting event



Finding the perfect shady place, these wine tasting members found a way to stay cool (L to R): **Carmen Schiavone, Jean Shebanek, Vicki Pickelman, Barbara Stengel, Lynette Holly, and Joe Stengel**



Photo by Bill Holly



Travel

Milt Smith

Blue Angels / Fleet Week

October 6th, Depart: 11:30 am
Return: 6:30 pm Mitchell Dr., Park & Ride Walnut Creek. Cost Per Person: \$144.00 Sign up at our luncheon meeting on August 9th by bringing a

check made out to SIR 146

The Belle is a San Francisco landmark that evokes the city's turn-of-the-century Barbary Coast energy. The 292-foot sternwheeler features Art Nouveau style on all three enclosed levels, plus a spacious sun deck and three full wrap-around decks. It is the crown jewel of San Francisco Bay. There is no better vantage point to see the Fleet Week Air Show than from directly under the planes sailing on the iconic *S.F. Belle*. Indulge in a hosted buffet lunch as you sip on free-flowing champagne and enjoy background music from the on board D.J. Then step onto the outer deck to relax in the sunshine and watch the jaw-dropping precision of the famous San Francisco Fleet Week Air Show Pilots— The Blue Angels!

Bus Tour to Modesto area: Sciabica's Olive Oil , Hilmar Cheese Factory, and Duarte Farms. No date yet but will be November or December with the cost in the range of \$80 to \$120 depending on number of people.

Park & Ride a motor coach from Mitchell Dr. in Walnut Creek to the Sciabica Olive Oil Co where you will enjoy a tour, presentation, and olive oil tasting. After your tour and tasting, you can browse the gift shop.

After a short ride south to Hilmar, a guide from the Hilmar Cheese Factory will step on the bus and educate you as your motor coach drives through the facility. An "Everything Cheese" sandwich lunch buffet will be served after your tour of the factory where you will view the "Big Cheese." Hilmar Cheese Company is the largest single site cheese and cheese byproduct manufacturer in the United States. You will have the opportunity to view and taste cheese being made the "old fashioned way." then visit the country store to enjoy samples of Hilmar's gourmet cheese.

After lunch you are off to Duarte Farms known for their beautiful Holiday Poinsettias. Their greenhouses hold one of the largest selections of Poinsettias in a variety of colors and species making your choice of a favorite a difficult decision. You will tour the facility with time to shop before departing with a complimentary 6.5 inch Poinsettia plant to enjoy at home.

OTHER TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES:

Crystal Serenity Cruise and land tour Sailing from Athens to Rome May 2- May 13, 2019. Crystal is a step up...visit Rome, Sorrento Naxos, Valletta, Athens, Nafplion, and Santorini. Call me for more information and flyer. We have a few folks signed up right now. Price range approximately \$5400—\$7600 per person including airfare from San Francisco

Crystal Symphony 12 Day Land and Sea Scenic Alaska Adventure: August 23rd- September 3rd, 2019 Four day pre-cruise to Denali then Ports of Call Whittier, Hubbard Glacier, Juneau, Skagway, and Ketchikan. Price range from approximately \$5,300—\$6,000 per person Including airfare from San Francisco. Call me for more information

Are you interested in Machu Picchu and the Galapagos? Travel 19 days with dates to be set in 2019. Two choices, early June departure and mid-September departure. The cost is about \$7K from SFO. A pre-trip is available to the Amazon-Jungle for about \$1,200. Call me ASAP if interested. This is a closed group like our recent trip to Africa.

Travel to Machu Picchu and the Galápagos Islands with O.A.T. to discover two of Latin America's most fascinating destinations. First, follow in the footsteps of the ancients as you walk among the impressive ruins of the "Lost City of the Incas" and experience Peruvian culture in the Andean landscape of the Sacred Valley. Continue to Ecuador's Galápagos Islands, where you may swim in unspoiled waters with rollicking sea lions as your playmates. You will also find a living laboratory of Darwin's theory of evolution in these "Enchanted Isles."

From the city to the countryside, we will delve into the cultural legacies of Peru and Ecuador. We visit Machu Picchu twice, giving us ample time to explore the site without crowds, hike to its storied peak Huayna Picchu, and see its mysterious beauty in varying lights. In Ecuador, we glimpse the legacy of the Spanish Empire in Quito, the best-preserved colonial city in South America. And in the Galápagos, our private, exclusively-chartered ship allows us to slip into secluded coves and land on pristine shores—all in the comfort and camaraderie of our small group. No trip to the Islands is the same, as the islands we visit—as well as the wildlife we'll see—are dictated by Galápagos conservation authorities and nature herself.

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Fishing Report

Paul Dubow

This year, commercial fishermen cannot fish for salmon in the area of the Pacific that abuts the Bay Area until later in the summer. As a result, ocean fishing for salmon here has been the best in years. The fish are small, but feisty and they taste great! As an example of how good the fishing is, **Bob Stein** fished on a six pack (six fishermen) and was back in the dock at 9:30 am with a limit of two fish. That was slightly better than **Rich Fiscina** and **Paul Dubow** of Branch 146, who limited out at 10:30 on the same day. But they started later! **Rich** and **Paul** did not quit fishing after they limited on the salmon. They switched to rockfish and caught about a dozen. Then, heading home through the Golden Gate, they stopped off Point Bonita where **Rich** landed a 19 lb. halibut. **Ron Lew** of Branch 146 also limited out fishing from his boat for salmon which included a 20 pounder. He caught many rockfish and a large ling cod after he finished salmon fishing. **Brion Beetz** of Branch 146 limited out twice, once on a party boat and once with **Rich Fiscina**. **Carl Moyer**, **Raleigh Davis**, and **Ray Pixton** limited out on salmon on separate trips.

In other venues, **Mario Moratorio** caught rockfish and ling cod on a rough trip to the Farallon Islands. **Pedro Contreras** and **Steve Paulick** sailed to the Baja California coast from San Diego and caught large quantities of yellowtail and tuna on a multi-day trip. **Mike Corker** and **Tom Kostik** continued to do well fishing for black bass in the Delta. **Ernie Wong** finished a good shad season fishing in the Sacramento and American Rivers. **Paul Dubow**, **Karl Droese**, **Joe Miscione**, and **Dick Thomson** journeyed to the Columbia River at Kalama, Washington, and spent three days fishing for sturgeon. They caught and released sixty fish, with an average size of 35 lbs. The largest fish was an 80 pounder that **Karl** landed in the first fifteen minutes of the trip.

Our next meeting is at 8:30 am on August 23, at the Legend Sports Bar and Grill at Diablo Creek Golf Course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway, in Concord. If you would like to join us on our outings, regardless of whether you have never fished or have not fished in a long time, and have no equipment, the meeting is a good place to meet the fellows and figure out which trip might be best for you. Arrive between 7:30 and 8:30 so that you can join us for breakfast. For further information, please call branch fishing chair **Paul Dubow** at (415) 495-6504.



Rich Fiscina with 19 lb. halibut



Ron Lew with 20 lb. salmon



Photography Group

Richard Hockenbrock

We had a good turn out for our July 27th meeting featuring pictures taken by SIR members and guests on a recent Safari to South Africa, Zimbabwe, Zambia and Botswana.

Our next meeting will be September 14th. As is customary, we invite all attendees to bring a USB thumb drive with pictures they would like to share with the group.

A number of new members joining SIR have expressed interest in photography. I encourage them to come to the next meeting and get involved with our exciting activity. Besides showing pictures, we have some seminars and blog presentations from You Tube keeping you up to date on the latest innovations.

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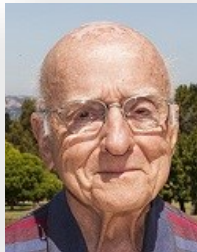
Cell: (925) 324-1713

Next Meeting

Where : Thurman G. Casey Ygnacio Valley Library
2661 Oak Grove Road
Walnut Creek, CA 94598

Subject: TBD

When: September 14th, 9:00 am—11:00 am



Bocce Ball

Martin Lyle

Branch 146 Bocce play has been active this summer and continues through the later weeks of summer. A number of new players are present and are showing good advancing ability.

After 12 years as chair of Bocce Ball, **Martin Lyle** is planning on stepping aside and turning the reins over to new chair, **Jim Whitsett**. **Jim** will work with **Martin** during the transition by communicating and taking responsibility for getting the equipment in place at the right times.

Bocce Ball is played the 2nd and 4th Mondays, May through September at 8:30 am at Concord Bocce Courts in Newhall Park, Concord, near the corner of Turtle Creek and Ayers Roads. Rain Cancels Play. Ladies are welcome. Come and join us.

Martin Lyle (925) 687-4893

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Jim Whitsett—(925) 689-5493

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Pinochle

**Charlie Kahsen /
Jeff Morrow**

We meet on
the third Wednesday
of the month at



Rocco's Ristorante Pizzeria, 2909 Ygnacio Valley Rd,
Walnut Creek, CA. Optional lunch is from Noon – 1:00 and
card playing from 1:00 – 3:00 pm.

All Sirs in Area 16 and their guests (including spouses) are welcome to attend. Introduction and training will be provided to those who have never played before, as well as those who last played many years ago.

If you are interested in joining our group, call one of us or send an email to both our email addresses and one of us will get back to you. If you plan to come, please let us know ahead of time so we can let Rocco's know you plan to have lunch with the group.

This month we had a nice turnout, most of whom enjoyed lunch, followed by a little over two hours of card playing. One of us got a little too excited over the playing of a card and knocked a glass of water over the entire floor. For privacy reasons his name can't be divulged! The big winner was Mike Risser who won each of the games played by big margins.

Our next game is scheduled for Wednesday, August 15th. We hope to see you there.

Charlie Kahsen

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Jeff Morrow

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Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

Couples Dining Out: (L-R): **Lynette Holly, Bob West, Jim Browning, May & Ray Kan, Sandy Wagner, Rich Hanford, Dianne Browning, Jane West, and Bill Holly**



Activities Coordinator

Jerry Kaplan

ACTIVITIES HAVE OPENINGS FOR BRANCH MEMBERS

SIR John "Moose" Kelly has recently started the sixth MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES group and has space for additional players to join

the group. He is looking for a couple who would like to share in hosting the group about every nine months. They play on the fourth Tuesday evening of each month. The game is easy to learn and fun to play. At last count, between about 80 to 90 people, (Sirs, wives, and sometimes friends) are participating. Contact **Moose** at (610) 517-0152 or rollingstone911@yahoo.com.

There are two other branch activities that are looking for more Sirs to join them in their pursuit of happiness! POKER GROUP 6, chaired by **SIR Brad Hatcher**, is looking for a few good men to join their first Thursday afternoon game. Call **Brad** at 925 935-1571 to find out more. Similarly, **SIR Sid Landman**, chair of men's DUPLICATE BRIDGE GROUP 3, would like to have a few more branch members join the group as substitutes and/or regular players. **Sid** especially wants to invite any new member or members who have not been playing and are ready to play! Contact him at (925) 673-8817 or email at sidlandman@aol.com).

SOME CHAIRS NEED HELP & SOME CHAIRS HAVE RECEIVED HELP!

SIR Jim Whitsett has agreed to give **SIR Martin Lyle** a respite for managing the Bocce Ball activity. **Martin** has captained the group for many years and will continue to play (and probably continue to be on the winning team) but appreciates **Jim** taking on the coordination role.

There are also a few other activity chairs that have been managing the activity for a dozen years or more and are hoping that another branch member will step forward to assist them and possibly agree to keep the activity going in the future. I am again requesting that each Branch 146 member who is currently participating in any of our 47 activities to ask the chair if they would like assistance in managing the activity. If nobody volunteers, the activity could be sunset if the chair resigns and/or can't keep up with the necessary work effort required.

Especially for New Members

If you haven't found an activity that you would like to participate in, or you are on a substitute list and



SIR 146 Hiking

Rich Ahlf

On August 10th we will be hiking in Tilden Regional Park. This will be in Wildcat Canyon and will be about 5 miles. We will hike to Wildcat Peak. This hike is rated moderate. This scenic loop hike takes you from the Tilden

Park Environmental Education Center to the summit of Wildcat Peak via the Jewel Lake, Sylvan Peak and Laurel Canyon Trails. Terrific views of the Bay Area and a variety of plants and birds keep this well shaded route interesting throughout. From Wildcat Peak we can see the Golden Gate and Bay Bridges and San Pablo Dam Reservoir. Great picture taking. We will also hike over to the nearby United Nations Peace Grove.

Directions: From Highway 24 just east of the Caldecott Tunnel, take the Fish Ranch Road exit and go 2 miles uphill to a junction with Grizzly Peak Blvd. Turn right and go 5.4 miles to the intersection with Wildcat Canyon Road. Turn right for the Nature Area, Little Farm and Wildcat Canyon. Go downhill 0.3 miles to a junction with Central Park Dr. Turn left and go 0.1 Mile to a large parking area. The trail begins at the Environmental Education Center, which is a short walk north from the parking area on a paved road. We will meet in the parking lot.

If anybody wishes to carpool, we'll meet at El Nino Road just off the St. Stevens Turn off on Hwy 24/680 at 9:15 am. Hike starts at 10:00 am.

Spouses / Significant Others Always Welcome

Rain Cancells

Hike starts at 10:00 am

Rich Ahlf

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Cell (925) 550-4967

want to play **Poker** or **Bridge** or **Mexican Train Dominoes** on a more regular basis, let me know and I can help get a new group started. I can also assist in starting up a brand new activity that may prove to be attractive to others in the branch. If you have an idea for such activity – and it would likely be covered by the SIR insurance policy (no zip lining or snowboarding) – give me a call to discuss.

(925) 930-7076

mtdana@aol.com



Photo by Carl Tilchen

Acoustic Musicians

Carl Tilchen

The SIR Acoustic Music Group is changing to offer a greater choice of music, bigger audience, more musicians & more opportunities to learn more music. This includes an Open Mike, Jam Night, & House Band Trio.

All musicians with acoustic or electric instruments are welcome. **Vinnie's Bar & Grill**, 2045 Mt. Diablo St., Concord. Monday, 9 pm-1 am, August 13th. No Cover Charge. Please write your name on the list to play.



Pickleball

Jim Burk

Branch 146 Sirs (some with their spouses) are now regularly playing this exciting and active game at the Activity and Recreation Center (ARC) of the San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church. The ARC is located at 902 Danville Boulevard in Alamo and has three beautiful courts for playing Pickle Ball. Everyone is welcome to play there during any of the drop-in times on Monday thru Friday between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm, and between 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm. A player will pay \$5 per session. Each player will be allowed to get in as many games as the number of players that day allows using the traditional player wait list approach. There is also instruction available on Thursdays from 1:00 - 2:00 pm and from 2:00 - 3:00 pm. The cost of the instruction is \$10 per player, plus the \$5 drop-in fee referenced above. A player would be allowed to play until 4:00 pm, space permitting, before or following their one hour of instruction. A player wishing to take advantage of the instruction should call the ARC at (925) 837-2011 and reserve a time (8 players per hour of instruction is available).

Call or email jimanneburk@sbcglobal.net to learn more about the game and/or information about the facility where the Pickle Ball courts are available.

Jim Burk

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Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

Couples Dining Out: **Dana & Steve Ybarra**



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

Couples Dining Out: (L-R): **Carl and Joyce Feil,** and **Alicia & Jeff Baily**



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

Couples Dining Out: **Bruce, Bob West and Corrie Oranje**

Mexican Train Dominoes Groups



Mexican Train Dominoes Group 1 (UNO)

Jerry Kaplan

The Group One players met on Friday the 13th in July for another fun Game Night at the inviting Walnut Creek home of **SIR Bruce Borgman** and his wife, **Sue Sheldon**.

Guests **SIR Don Dotson** and his wife **Etta** were on-board to help fill all three tables as the group tried their luck at choosing the winning tiles. The hosts provided treats that were delicious and enjoyed by all.

The evening's big winner of \$21.00 was **Sue Oranje**, wife of **SIR Corrie**. **Sue** has finished in first and third place in the first two months of the second half and is leading all players with a very respectable average of 17.3.

Second place worth \$11.00 went to **SIR Sig Kalteis**, with a score of 17.9, followed by one of our night's substitutes **SIR Don Dotson**, who averaged 18.4 over the 10 games played at his table. **Don** went out six of the ten games, but alas, had other scores of 63, 55, 40, and 26 which raised his average, only good for third place.

This half of the semi-annual pot (From June to November) is funded by the \$1.00 that each player contributes for each game night they participate in. A total of about \$90.00 is expected to be available at the end of the six months to be divided among the three best averages over the period.

There is always room for more players who want to be on a substitute list as an occasional player either in this group or one of the other five Mexican Train Dominoes groups.

The game is fun to play and easy to learn! Single Sirs as well as a SIR and his Significant Other are always welcome. The branch activities coordinator will also help start a new group if asked.

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My mouth is a lot like a magicians hat.

You never know what's going to come out of it.



Mexican Train Dominoes Group 2 (DOS)

Dick Woodman

Don and **Etta Dotson** put on a great game night as usual. We had the full flight of 18 players and plenty of good food and snacks. After stuffing myself, **Don** stuck a big piece of delicious ice cream cake of some kind in my hand. It was very good!

Etta Dotson followed being a co-host by winning first place with a great score of 15.5 average points per game. **Rich Ahlf** took second place with 16.4 and **Ron Plachy** walked away with third place with a score of 18.0. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR WINNERS!!

The next game night will be played at **Rich Ahlf's** home on July 27th and the results will be reported in the September SIR CALL.



Photo by Jerry Kaplan

Mexican Train Dominoes Group 1 winners in July were **Sue Oranje** (1st), **Sig Kalteis** (2nd), and substitute **Don Dotson** (3rd)

You haven't experienced true heartbreak until you've been talking about leftovers all day and then come home to find that someone ate them.

Mexican Train Dominoes Groups



Mexican Train Dominoes Group 4 (El Quattro)

Jim Pope

JUNE 29TH RESULTS

El Quattro Mexican Train Dominos met with 18 of our 22 of the group in attendance. They included: **Henry & Barbara Thatcher, Don & June Seaton, Ron Louis & Fran Matthews,**

Dick & Leslie Firth, Darlo Boone & Mariwyn McComb, Jonathan & Barbara Korfhage, Dick & Christy DeVoe, Rich & Kim Pace, and Jim & Renie Pope.

We had 3 tables of 6 competing at the highest level all evening with the winners of each table receiving 6 California Lottery Scratchers.

To liven up the evening, we had several bottles of good Chardonnay provided by the gentlemen in the group, lovely sweets and savories provided by several women in the group, and much lively conversation at all tables during the play.



MTD Group 4 low score winners at each table were (L to R) **June Seaton, Christy DeVoe and Mariwyn McComb** where both **Christy and Mariwyn** were first time winners on June 29th

JULY 21ST RESULTS

El Quattro Mexican Train Dominos Group met Friday, July 21st at the home of **Jim & Renie Pope**. We had 17 members in attendance: **Don & June Seaton, Bill Weinberg & Yvonne Killips, Ron Louis & Fran Matthews, Darlo Boone & Mariwyn McComb, Jonathan & Barbara Korfhage, Dick & Christy DeVoe, Rich Pace, Ken & Carol Soutl, and Jim & Renie Pope.**

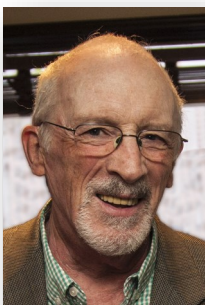
It was an outstanding evening of fun and frolic. We had 3 tables of incredible competition and camaraderie. The prize for each table winner's low score

were several Lotto Tickets. The 3 winners were: **Carol Soutl** (wife of **Ken Soutl**, a newly elected member of SIR), **Don Seaton** and **Renie Pope**. (See picture below)

We had wonderful sweets and savories from the women and abundant wine from the gentlemen which made the evening even more festive. The group will meet again next month.



El Quattro July 21st winners: **Carol Soutl, Don Seaton, and Renie Pope**



Mexican Train Dominoes Group 3 (TRES)

Jeff Baily

July games were hosted by **Larry and Linda Brown** where **Larry**, although going out one time, spent most of the evening battling unwanted dominoes, resulting in a well-out-of-the-money final score. As if to balance the **Brown** family score (and reputation), **Linda** went out an amazing 6 times in 10 games to post the evening's winning score of 12.7! **Corrie Oranje**, playing his first night as a MTD#3 regular status player, went out an impressive 5 times in 10 games to post the evening's 2nd best of 15.4. Beginner's luck maybe? **Alicia Baily**, working on her reputation as either a 'regular', or a 'oft-times', winner went out 3 times and posted a few games under 10 to take 3rd place. Thanks to **Larry and Linda** for hosting a delightful evening. Next month's games will be hosted by **Corrie and Susan Oranje** on August 24th.

Mexican Train Dominoes Groups



Mexican Train Dominoes Group 6 (SEIS)

John "Moose" Kelly

Fourteen enthusiastic players showed up at the hosting home of **Richard** and **Sherry Hockenbrock** on Tuesday evening, July 24th. Introductions were in order as we had a number of our regular group members missing and new substitutes joined us to take their place. New first times subs were **Steve & Carol Lane** and **Steve & Karen Dinning**. Returning subs, **Steve & Jan Ondeck** filled out the slate with our regulars **Bruce Borgman, Sue Sheldon, Jim Barry, Joyce Wells, Rob Melrose, and Carmen Schiavone**.

Since **Steve** and **Carol Lane** had not played Mexican Train before, the red and blue tables started out by playing the first hand with everyone showing their tiles face up while the rules were explained during actual play.

Steve Dinning at the white table was the evening's big winner with the lowest overall score at 10.4 pts followed by host **Sherry Hockenbrock** at the red table with 11.6 pts and, in third place, **Steve Ondeck** at the blue table with an overall score of 14.4 pts.

Also, as it is now customary with Group 6, the two players with the highest score each received a lottery scratch ticket which they were obligated to scratch off while we all watched. **Joyce** walked away with a winner at \$2 while **Sue Sheldon** came up empty.

*Report by **Richard Hockenbrock***



Mexican Train Dominoes Group 5 (CINCO)

Chuck Campbell

After months of humiliating losses, the men redeemed themselves by producing the winner **Jim Burk** and joint second place **Dennis Hallett**. However **Joan Pierce**, by securing a joint second place, reminded everyone that the ladies remain a formidable adversary.

Jim secured his win by training long hours, memorizing all the colors, and practicing not falling asleep during periods of slow play. The ladies did question **Doug Eisner's** ability to use the calculator feature on his I-Phone but gave up once the hosts **Ann** and **Dennis Hallett** served Key Lime Pie and Chocolate Torte at break time.

Everyone had a fun time and the ladies look forward to getting their revenge at the next encounter on August 16th 2018 at **Marty** and **Chuck Campbell's** home.

***Dennis Hallett**, July scribe*



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

MTD Group 6 Substitute players **Steve and Carol Lane**



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

MTD Group 6 July 24th Winners (R-L) **Steve Dinning, Sherry Hockenbrock, and Steve Ondeck**



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

MTD Group 6 high scorers **Sue Sheldon & Joyce Wells** with **Jim Barry** photo bombing



Couples Duplicate Bridge 1 Bob Yolland

Bill and **Margaret Rees** hosted our July 18th Sir Couples Duplicate Bridge 1 game. As usual, they served excellent drinks and goodies to munch on. The evening went well but we did have a high number of flat boards. **Margot Somerville** and **Daphne Merritt** came in 3rd with 19 points. **Jim Brown** and **Anne Johnson** earned 2nd place with 21.5 points. **Dick** and **Christy DeVoe** topped the charts in 1st place with 24.5 points beating everyone handily. Thank you **Bill** and **Margaret** for hosting a fun evening. Our Wednesday, August 15th, host will be **Margot Somerville**.



Couples Party Bridge Tony Greco

Due to the proximity of the July 3rd event to the July 4th holiday and lack of availability of several regulars, bridge was cancelled for July. We will resume play in August per our regular schedule with **Tony & Cindy Greco** hosting on August 7th.

For all of you SIR bridge players whose spouse plays bridge or used to play bridge, why don't you play occasionally in our Couples Party Bridge Group by joining our sub list. We play the first Tuesday of the month from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm. It's free entertainment with free wine, snacks and dessert! Our six couple event is half social and only mildly competitive. Give me a call if interested at (925) 934-0395.

Tony Greco
(925) 934-0395

almanorwest@sbcglobal.net



Couples Duplicate Bridge 2 Dave Pierce

Dick and **Christy DeVoe** welcomed us with guac and other goodies on July 10th. **Brad** and **Lynne Hatcher** were third (54%), and **Ken** and **Elaine Richter** tied **Joan** and **Dave Pierce** for first (65%). The **Richters**, though, bid two very fine slams that nobody else bid; one was doubled and made an overtrick, and one would have made on a finesse that was off. Look out for them in August. Our loyal subs, **Rich** and **Ismini**, were invited back for another chance next month.

Dave Pierce, 932-3877
dwpi@astound.net



Cribbage John Pearl

JUNE RESULTS

In the chair's absence on Wednesday, June 27th, our able assistant chair, **Ron Afdal** took over at the gathering at **Barney Meade's** home. Coincidentally, he took home first place money! Others worthy of note included **Roger Rivers** in second place, and our host Senior Sir **Barney Meade** in third. The co-chair informed the chair that all had an excellent time!

JULY RESULTS

Our July meeting was held at **Barney Meade's** home on Wednesday, July 25th, when seven Sirs gathered to exchange money and insults. When the dust settled, our host, **Barney Meade**, had again displayed his well-known skill, winning every game he played! Others of note included former Branch 146 Sir **Dan Meckfessel** (now a Brentwood resident), in second place and, the chair, **John Pearl** was third.

We meet again on Wednesday, August 22nd, at 12:30 pm. Let me know if you would like to join this fun group!

John Pearl, Chair
mcpearl@astound.net



Party Bridge Fred Bolton

We played two tables of bridge at the home of **Bill Snyder** on July 2nd. First place went to **Bill Reese**, followed by **Bill Snyder** for second and followed by **Lo McCarley** for third.

Our next game will be hosted by **Bob Burley** on August 6th.



Men's Duplicate Bridge 1

Doug Eisner

Bill Schultz hosted 3 tables of Duplicate Bridge 1 on July 16th. The morning half was dominated by **Tony Greco, Brad Hatcher, and Bill Snyder**. **Tony** and **Brad** tied for first place with 14.5 pt, just ahead of **Bill's**

14.0 pt. But, the afternoon session was a different story. **Brad** hung on to secure first place with 29.5 pt, followed closely by **Bill Snyder's** 28.5 pt for second place. However, the come-back story of the game took place for third place. **Rich Ahlf** posted a remarkable 75% game in the afternoon session to leap from last place before the lunch break into a 27.5 pt tie with **Dave Pierce** for third place at the end of the day. This turn-around was one of the most amazing scoring feats in recent memory for this game. Well done, **Rich!**

Dave Pierce will host our August 20th game.



Men's Duplicate Bridge 2

Dick DeVoe

Our July 6th Duplicate Bridge 2 event was smartly hosted by **John Boyan**.

1ST PLACE: Jim Brown with 29.5 points. His 2nd Place in the 1st half and 4th Place in the 2nd half were enough to take it all.

2ND PLACE: Max Hinkle with 28.0 points. His high of 17 pts. in the 1st half coupled with the highest number of two's (10) offset a much lower 2nd half score.

3RD PLACE: Dave Steinberg with 26.5 points. He had a big comeback in 2nd Half (highest with 16 pts.) vs. 1st half.

BEST PARTNERSHIPS: Jim Brown and **Bill Schultz** each had four partners with high points for their three boards.

COMEBACK KID: Rich Ahlf from 8.5 pts. in the 1st half to 14.5 pts. in the 2nd half.



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Photo by Bill Schultz

Duplicate Bridge 1 winners were **Rich Ahlf**, third place tie, **Bill Snyder** second place and **Brad Hatcher** overall winner



Photo by Bill Schultz

07.06.2018

Duplicate Bridge 2: (L-R): **Jim Brown, Mike Whitaker, Dave Steinberg, Dick DeVoe, Max Hinkle, Bill Schultz, Dave Pierce, Jim Pope, John Boyan, Mark Curtis, Jim Stedman** and **Rich Ahlf**



Photo by Bill Schultz

Jim Brown, first place, **Max Hinkle** second place and **Dave Steinberg** third place

**BRAINS
ARE
AWESOME
I WISH EVERYBODY HAD ONE.**



Men's Duplicate Bridge 3

Sid Landman

Our Duplicate Bridge 3 event on July 20th was amply hosted by **Bob Yolland**.

1ST PLACE: **Tony Greco** with 32.5 pts. overall, 1st place in the 1st half (16 pts.), and 1st place in the 2nd half (16.5 pts.). Super!

2ND PLACE: **Mark Curtis** with 28.5 pts. He earned 2nd place in the 2nd half (15.5 pts.) and had the highest number of twos (10) overall

3RD PLACE (3-WAY TIE): **Jim Brown, Brad Hatcher, and Ed Marlovits** with 25.5 pts. each.

BEST PARTNERSHIPS (MAXIMUM 6 PTS. FOR 3 BOARDS): **Tony Greco, Ed Marlovits, Jim Pope, and Jim Stedman** each had 3 highs with individual partners.

BDS.1-3: **Jim Brown/Jim Pope** and **Tony Greco/Jim Stedman** (3.5 pts.).

BDS. 4-6: **Jim Stedman/Bob Yolland** (4.0 pts.).

BDS. 7-9: **Tony Greco/Brad Hatcher** and **Ed Marlovits/Bill Schultz** (5.5 pts.).

BDS. 10-12: **Mark Curtis/Ed Marlovits** (4.0 pts.)

BDS 13-15: **Mark Curtis/Jim Stedman** (5.0 pts.)

BDS. 16-18: **Ed Marlovits/Jim Pope** (4.5 pts.)

BDS. 19-21: **Max Hinkle/Bob Yolland** (4.5 pts.).

BDS. 22-24: **Tony Greco/Jim Pope** (5.0 pts.).

Reported by Dick DeVoe



Photo by Bill Schultz

Duplicate Bridge 3 winners were **Tony Greco**, first place, **Marko Curtis** second place and a tie for third, between **Jim Brown** and **Ed Marlovits**



Cooking II

Bob Yolland

Ken Richter put together a wonderful lunch for Cooking II Monday, July 9th. We started with a delicious Brie Cheese and crackers, Smoked Sockeye Salmon with cream cheese and capers on crackers, and fabulous home-grown grape tomatoes from his garden. That went along with lots of good wine and conversation. For the main course, **Ken** BBQed excellent marinated shrimp, making a skewer for each of us. He served the shrimp with home-made macaroni salad plus a three bean salad. This was a great meal for eating outside in his beautiful back yard on a nice warm summer day.

Conversation centered around recent members' travels, especially the SIR trip to South Africa which was super. To finish the meal **Ken** made his signature drink of Rum, Kahlua, Brandy, Galliano and vanilla ice cream. It's really good but **Ken** kept the portions of each ingredient secret. Thanks **Ken** for an excellent lunch.

Our next event will be Monday, August 13th, at **Steve Ybarra's** home.



Book Group

Chuck Campbell

The Book Group meets on July 30th this month so look for our report in the September SIR CALL.

Attention

Men's Duplicate Bridge 3 group is still looking for more duplicate bridge players to fill its ranks. We especially want to invite any new member or members who have not been playing and would like to do so.

Contact **Sid Landman** at (925) 673-8817 or email sidlandman@aol.com.

Some days, I amaze myself.

Other days, I look for my phone while holding it.

My wife just said, "You weren't even listening were you?"

I thought... "That's a pretty weird way to start a conversation"



Poker Group 1

Dan O'Sullivan

Poker Group 1 met at the home of **Bill Cammerer** on July 11th. As always a good time was had by all, good snacks and conversation.

Our next outing will be at the home of **Don Del Bene** on August 8th.



Old Money Poker Group 6

Brad Hatcher

Norm Baietti hosted our poker group for July. Thanks for the great wine and cheese. Our big winner this month was **Rich Ahlf**. We had one interesting hand (which prompted a lot of betting). The hand was good 'ole fashioned' five card draw with no wild cards. Two players were dealt PAT HANDS and proceeded to bet heavily. The result was a straight lost to a flush. I've seen pat hands dealt before but not two without wild cards.

Reported by Rich Ahlf



Poker Group 2

Al Zamolo

*Poker Group 2 meets on the fourth Monday of the month at various members' homes. Contact **Al Zamolo** if you would like to be on the list as a substitute.*



Poker Club 3

Sig Kalteis

*Poker Club 3 meets on the fourth Monday of the month. We usually play at my house. Contact **Sig Kalteis** if you would like to be on the list as a substitute.*



Poker Group 4

Rich Hanford

Garth Cummings hosted our group in June and **Bob Mehus** will host for July. Sometimes we need a sub. If you are interested, please contact **Rich Hanford**.



Cooking Lunch & Wine

Bill Hartman

The LAW cooking group meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month at a different member's home with one member responsible for preparing the menu for the rest of the group.

We gather at 11:00 am for good conversation, appetizers and wine followed by lunch. Couples are an integral part of this group as we have two dinners each year with our partners which are scheduled for March and September.



Book Corner

Peter Plante

Our thanks to everyone who came by to pick up more books. We will be back in September with more selections.



Poker Group 5

Bill Roberts

*Poker Group 5 meets the Wednesday prior to the SIR luncheon. **Bill Roberts** is the permanent host for our event.*

The Branch Executive Committee would like to remind all members that attendance at the monthly luncheon is required by one of the State Rules.

Article 8—Required Attendance Rule 100b
Attend one-half of the regular luncheon meetings within the previous twelve consecutive month period. NOTE: Excused meetings cannot be included to achieve the minimum attendance.



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

Couples Dining Out (L-R): **Ron and Diane De Golia, Dick and Janice Woodman, Elaine and Ken Richter, Joan Dubow, John and Linda Pearl**



Photo by Rob Melrose

Couples Dining Out: **Bob Lucido, Richard Hockenbrock and Joe Stengel**



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

Couples Dining Out (L-R): **Joe Stengel, Tony Shebanek, and Carmen Schiavone**



Nine Hole Golf Group

Verner Laursen

The SIR 146 golf group tees off at 9:30 am at the Diablo Hills Golf Course on most Thursdays. Exception is the second Thursday when we normally go to the SIR luncheon.

If you are interested, let me know and I will put you on my list. On Mondays, I will send out an email asking who is coming for golf, who is walking and who plans to stay for lunch. On Wednesdays I will send out an email setting forth the pairings for Thursday morning. Thursday morning there may be adjustments based on who did or did not show up. Most of the time the lunch is better than our golf game.

vlaursen@astound.net

GOLF



Table Pool

Bill Weinberg

We meet every Monday at 11:00 am at Masses, 2721 North Main in Walnut Creek. No advance notice is necessary. Just show up and play. Cost is \$5 for as long as you want to play. This is a special rate that Masses gives SIR members. You can also play at other times during the week for the same \$5. Just tell them you are a member of SIR. We play mostly two man teams of eight ball, or a unique three-player game, called "Crazy Eights", depending on the number of participants. We usually play about 2 hours but not everyone stays for the final curtain. All Sirs in Area 2 are welcome. **Note new start time!**



Walking Group

Frank Ascigno

Every Friday at 9:30 am at various locales.

Call **Frank** for current walk.

Rain cancels any walk.

Ladies Welcome

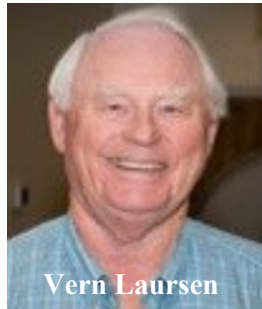
Tel: (925) 429-2232

Area 16 Events

Mac User Group (MUG)



Max Burchett



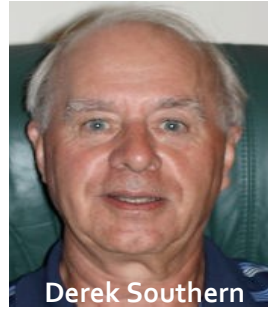
Vern Laursen

The Mac Users Group (MUG) meets the first Monday of each month from 12 noon until 2:00 pm at the Thurman G. Casey Ygnacio Valley Library, 2661 Oak Grove Road, Walnut Creek, CA 94598.

Max Burchett and **Verner Laursen** are the leaders and are available to help Mac, iPhone and iPad users with their questions. Please note that Mac users do not have problems. We do have suggestions on software and where to get the best deals on Mac related products. We will also demonstrate various software products.

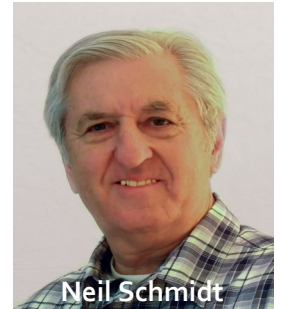
If you have or may have an interest, please contact us and we will put you on our mailing list. If you are on the list, you will receive an email from time to time about items that are of interest to Mac Users.

Computers and Technology



Derek Southern

PCs



Neil Schmidt

The Area 16 Computer and Technology Group meetings are fun and informative where we discuss applications for computers and technology. At each meeting we have a presentation on a topic covering everything from antivirus programs, ways to back up your data, digital photography, genealogy research, smart phones and many other topics. It's a great way to learn about new technology and to get answers to your computer questions or problems.

Our next meeting at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge will be on *Thursday, August 16*, starting at 9:30 am. Come early for coffee, goodies, and chat. The August presentation topic will be "SMARTPHONE PHOTOGRAPHY" by **Neil Schmidt**. Smartphone photography has become so popular that smartphones now account for 85% of all photos taken worldwide. **Neil** will discuss interesting techniques for creatively using today's modern smartphone camera, as well as techniques for editing, organizing, protecting and sharing your photos.

We ask for a donation of \$5 to cover the cost of the hall rental, coffee and cookies. All SIR members and their guests (spouses included!) are welcome to attend. See you there.

Neil Schmidt, Chairman

Area 2 \$ums Investment Group

We are taking the summer off. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 26th.

\$UMS Chairman **Tom Henry** tomhenry925@gmail.com
Co-chair **Dave Sutton** davesutn@comcast.net

August 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jul 29	30	31	Aug 1	2	3	4
	8:30 AM Book Group Greenery Restaurant 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM Table Pool at Masses	9:00 AM Golf 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Pickleball (MTWThF) San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Pickleball (MTWThF) San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church	10:00 AM Bowling 1:00 PM Poker Group #1 3:30 PM Song Srs 1st	9:30 AM NINE HOLE GOLF-1	9:30 AM - 2:00 PM Men's Duplicate Bridge 2 9:30 AM Walkers	
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