



Big Sir's Notes

Stu Somerville

Christmas is just around the corner and the New Year will start soon. Our branch will enter 2010 with a fine slate of officers and directors to lead us. Our new officers and directors will be installed at our December Ladies Luncheon where **Dennis** and I will play "pass the hat". I know they will receive the same support from committee chairmen and our members that assisted me in 2009. I thank you for the opportunity to serve Branch 146; it was a rewarding experience for me.

I wish you and your families a very happy holiday season and a prosperous New Year.



Little Sir's Corner

Dennis Hallett

Our entertainment at the Christmas Ladies Day luncheon on December 10th will be "House Blend", a male vocal quartet, who performs its own unique renditions of jazz, gospel, doo-wop, classical, ballad and country.

SIR BRANCH 146 2010 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Stu Somerville, Chairman
Jack Calloway, Garth Cummings,
Don Nunn, Ray Kan

MEMBER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

JACK CALLOWAY

Thanks to the eighteen members who sponsored new members in 2009. At the November luncheon we held a sponsor drawing for a free lunch which was won by **Vince Rettew**. There were an unusually high number of deaths this year which resulted in a small reduction in membership.

It is of vital importance to Branch 146 that you bring guests to our luncheons and that we make them feel welcome. Hopefully, they will want to join us and enjoy the SIR experience.



Dave Obera

Playing tunes from the different armed services for Veterans' Day



Duplicate Bridge

George Zunich

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

In November, Sir **Jim Todhunter** hosted 4 tables of duplicate bridge at his home.

In a well-contested match, the results were as follows: **Carl Johnson** was in 1st Place with 45.0 points. **Bill Snyder** was in 2nd Place with 40.5 points. **Fred Kovar** and **Jim Todhunter** tied for 3rd place with 39.5 points.

The next match will be held on Monday, December 14th at the home of **Jim Jackson**. Contact **George Zunich** 376-4439 for information. We welcome interested members.



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 Party Bridge at the home of **Carl Johnson** on November 2. First place went to **Fred Bolton** with 7280 points, second to **Lo McCarley** with 5710 and third to **Carl Johnson**.

Our next game will be at the home of **Bob Donahue** on Monday, December 7.

Couples Duplicate Bridge

Lo McCarley

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



Bill and **Margaret Rees** hosted eight couples for a gala evening of duplicate bridge on November 18th – every one had a great time. As for the bridge results, **Jim Brown** and **Barbara Lundblade** took first place with 40 points. **Carl** and **Anne Johnson** took second (39 points), **Bill** and **Margaret Rees** (34 points) placed third, and **Lynn** and **Dasha Freeman** (33 points) came in fourth. **Stu** and **Margot Somerville** will host the next bridge party on December 16th.

COUPLES GOLF

TERRY MARCHIONE

The second outing of our group was held on October 28 at Shadow Lakes in Brentwood. Eight couples managed to brave the 30 mph winds and chilly temperatures and make it to the 19th hole where their perseverance was rewarded with an adult beverage or two. We owe a special thanks to **Steve** and **Marna Dawkins** who filled in at the last minute. I'm sure **Steve** would rather have been home tending to his garden given the lousy weather.

Ray Weisz put together the outing and selected an interesting format. **Bob Schwab** walked away with 1st place money for the men with **Terry Marchione** in 2nd place. **Margo Somerville** took the honors for the ladies with **Carla Thompson** in 2nd place.

We've had several more Sirs express interest in the group and the roster now numbers 20 or so potential players.

Lew Thompson is organizing the November outing which is scheduled for Monday the 30th. We ordinarily play the last Wednesday of the month but with Thanksgiving on the calendar we needed to make an adjustment. Rumor has it we will play at Lone Tree in Antioch.



Dennis Dale , Frank Ascatigno, Joe Suta, and Ken Kratz at the November luncheon

MONTEREY MASHER GOLF TOURNAMENT

March 21 -24, 2010

You are invited to attend the Monterey Mashers Golf Tournament, a SIR Branch 146 event open to all members.

March 21, 22, 23 – Best Western Monterey Inn. Complimentary breakfast provided each morning.

March 22 (Monday) – golf with cart at Rancho Canada Golf Course. Traditional heavy hors d'oeuvres/dessert party at the Inn. BYOB

March 23 (Tuesday) – golf with cart at Laguna Seca Golf Course. Gala Awards Banquet with wine at Rancho Canada Golf Club. No-host bar before dinner.

March 24 (Wednesday) – Breakfast at the Inn and departure for home, outlets, etc.

Since we are limited by the number of rooms, number of tee times, and space for the Monday night party, we may have to invoke a first replied – first served policy. Do not delay!! Reply by January 24, 2010. A complete packet of information including room assignments and tee times will be sent to you at a later date.

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Name _____ Companion _____

Complete package: room, banquet, and golf for two both days \$574

Modified package: room, banquet and one golfer both days \$483

Companion will play Monday only: add \$43 _____

Companion will play Tuesday only: add \$48 _____

Total enclosed _____

Banquet Choices

New York Steak with garlic whipped potatoes and grilled vegetables _____

Petrale Sole Dore with baby shrimp, wild rice and grilled vegetables _____

Vegetarian _____

Make checks payable to: SIR Branch 146 – Monterey Mashers

Mail to: **Lew Thompson**, 1830 Cleveland Ct., Concord, CA 94521 No later than January 24, 2010

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.



Elias "Al" Munayer introduced by Jim Saavedra at the November luncheon

Garden Club Chuck Bobinecz



1st Thursday at 9:30 am at the Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church, 1801 Lacassie Ave., in the Room 203, unless otherwise announced.

At our December meeting we will be planning our agenda for next year. The agenda will include a major and minor field trip, arranging for speakers and research and presentation on gardening topics. As usual we will not have a meeting in January.

Our speaker for the December meeting is sir **Jack Calloway**. His topic will be on house plants. This is an interesting topic since we all have them. Did you ever think of a house plant as an air purifier?

Garden tip of the month: Tomato season is over. If you have some large green tomatoes still on the vine, pick them and keep at a temperature between 70 and 79 degrees and they will ripen. They do not need light to ripen.

Poker Club #1 Frank McNamee



Poker club # 1 met on Nov. 11 at the home of **Dan O'Sullivan** and there was no peace agreement at the table. Almost everyone broke even or close to it except the host, **Dan** (Big winner) and guest, **Don Martin** (Big Loser).

We will meet again on Dec. 9th, 2009 at the **Bob White** abode.



Poker Club #4 Chuck Bobinecz



Sir **Pete Gates** will be our host for Monday Nov. 23rd. At our last game Sir **Pete Gates** was losing the first half of the session and you know who ended up the big winner. I wonder where he got all those new games. Sir **Bob Mehus** comes up with a new game each session. By the time we figure it out, **Bob's** chip stack had increased.

There will be no poker session in December. Santa was invited, but it is his busy season. In poker jargon a "fish" is a poor player. There are no fish in poker #4.



Poker Club #2 Al Zamolo

Players got an early Christmas present from **Al Zamolo**, who was the big loser at our October session. The big winner was **Jim Stedman**. The winnings will help him pay for refreshments at our Monday, November 23 session at his home. Our host **Bob Royster** was a small winner along with others in our group.



Greeters

Chuck Campbell and Dan O'Sullivan



Poker Club #3 Siegfried Kaletis

We had our first game on our new schedule, namely the fourth Monday of October. The chip piles were up and down, and in the end nobody won or lost serious money.

But there is always next time!

Area 2 Computers and Technology Group



PHIL GOFF, Chairman, 831-3692,
philgoff@yahoo.com
DICK CURRY, Asst. Chairman, 376-5541,
racorinda@pacbell.net

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.)

Check out our website at <http://sir-web.org/computer>

Area 2 Computer and Technology Group announces that their next meeting will be held on January 21, 2010 and the discussion will center around Smart Phones. Details to be announced later.

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, and all SIR members and their guests are welcome.

Thank you for supporting your Area 2 Computer and Technology Group.

Table Pool Bill Weinberg

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



Haven't played in years? Come join us. We usually have three or four pool games going. We also have SIR members from other branches joining us.

SIR HAPPENINGS Newsletter

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Poker Club #5 Terry Marchione

History was made at the November game as our permanent host **Bill Roberts** was the big winner. **Bill** has long complained that his job of supplying us with dinner has interfered with his poker playing. We, of course, made light of his contention and attributed his poor results to his poor play. Well guess what, he may have been right. **Bill's** lovely wife **Barbara** prepared our feast at the November game and **Bill** was at the top of his game. It will be interesting to see what happens at our next game.

The other big winner was **Charlie Koeber**. The last time **Charlie** walked off with our money he didn't show up the next month. We took a dim view of this so it will be interesting to see if **Charlie** makes it to the December game.

Our regular players are **Spellman, Thomas, Merritt, Richter, Somerville, Koeber, Marchione** and **Roberts**. The next game is on December 9.

Area 2 \$ums In Retirement Dave Munson

Commencing in 2010 the new Co-Chairmen for \$ums will be **Alan Espenmiller** and **George Schulze**. They have already commenced lining up presenters for the new year and I am certain will do a great job for the \$ums investment group.

Our final meeting in 2009 was last Wednesday with **Tom Kopas** as speaker. The next meeting will be 27 January 2010 with subsequent monthly meetings to be held on the 4th Wednesday of each month except for November when the meeting will be on the 3rd Wednesday and December when no meeting will be held. Here are the 2010 dates for those who may want to note them in calendars:

27 January	28 July
24 February	25 August
24 March	22 September
28 April	27 October
26 May	17 November
23 June	No meeting in December

Note to Editors: From now on please contact **Alan** and **George** at the following email addresses for information regarding upcoming programs: aespenmiller@pacbell.net and chargeo@astound.net. Happy Holidays to everyone!

Luncheon Attendance
Bob Lyman



SIR Luncheon is the 2nd Thursday of every month at The Clubhouse at Boundary Oak.

No need to call me for the December luncheon since it is the prepaid, reservation required "Gala Ladies Day Luncheon." Make check payable to SIR 146 and mail to Steve Dawkins, 117 Alegria Lane, Walnut Creek, CA. 94598 Tickets are \$30.00 each. Enjoy!

Normal procedures for calling me if you are not going to attend our luncheon resume for the January 14, 2010 luncheon. Please call me (925-825-6386) or email me, rjlyman@aol.com, by Friday noon (January 11, 2010) prior to the luncheon if, for any reason, you are unable to attend. If no one answers, leave your name, badge number and phone number. 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 \$25.00 made payable to SIR146 is requested for payment of your lunch on Luncheon Day. Thanks.

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 will result in a letter notifying them of pending membership termination. Certification of another branch meeting will be considered as credit to the attendance record.

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.

Gala Ladies Day Luncheon Menu
for December 10, 2009:

Tournedos of Beef

Or

Chicken Piccata

Please see the November/December SIRCall
for reservation slip

Special Luncheon Requirements

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

New Members and/or Sponsors

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

Membership

Dale Hertweck



Branch 146 Statistics:

Active Members 259 (including 3 HLMs), Applicant List 2, Inactive 9.

November Luncheon Attendance:

Members 196, Guest and Visitors 4, Speaker 1, for a total of 202.

Status Changes:

Inducted:

Elias Munayer

Deceased:

Russ Chaney, Otto Wilson, Merrill Hinrichs and Charles Unfried.

Resigned:

None

Transferred:

None

Added to Applicant List:

Douglas Eisner and James Passaglia

SIR 146 -Year to Date - Treasurer's Report As of October 31, 2009

<u>Beginning Bank Balance - 1/1/09</u>	<u>\$ 2,296.31</u>
Administrative Receipts	8,295.06
Administrative Disbursements	<u>3,890.81</u>
Net Administrative	\$ 4,404.25
Activities Receipts	71,912.18
Activities Disbursements	<u>72,360.89</u>
Net Activities	(\$ 448.71)
<u>Ending Bank Balance - 10/31/09</u>	<u>\$ 6,251.85</u>

The monthly lunch is **\$25.**
Please pay by **CHECK.**

Bocce Ball Martin Lyle

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



The Bocce players are going into hibernation starting in December for the winter months. Since we weren't invited to the Olympics we will be able to take some time off. We will have our first session on May 10, 2010. See you then.



Bocce Ball Group

Left to right: **Frank Ascatigno, Bill Powell, Ron DeGolia, Otto Wilson, Ed Best and Martin Lyle**

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Explore and Dine

John Pearl



Explore and Dine ended the year's outings with a trip to the top of the Oakland Hills and the Chabot Space and Science Center on October 29th. It was great weather and glorious views. Fourteen of us shared the Center with about 4,000+ school children on school trips, but our enthusiastic docents showed us the way and skirted the crowds. The docents were all retirees from science fields and had an excellent understanding of astronomy and physics. The Center has been in business for 125 years, but only recently moved to this site, which provides an excellent platform for their multiple telescopes. The telescopes are open to the public on Friday and Saturday evenings, when admission to the telescope section of the Center is free - a great place to take your grandkids to learn about the universe.

We then trundled down the hill to nearby Montclair Village where we had a nice lunch at Il Porcellino.

The photo shows one of our newer members, **Dave Pierce**, piloting a space capsule through the Center.



We are busy researching and planning our destinations for next year, and are planning to resume exploring and dining next January 28th..

ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR

TERRY MARCHIONE

Branch activities continue to grow and that's a good thing. Couples golf is off to a roaring start and a new photography group is also underway. Two other groups are in the process of being formed—tennis and a couples barbecue group. The nature of these two groups will delay their start up until early spring.

If any of you newer members have an interest in a couples duplicate bridge group please let me know. The two groups currently operating are full. There is already a volunteer to organize this activity so don't worry about being recruited for that job.

The last survey we conducted indicated some interest in chess and biking but not quite enough to get a group started. If you are interested in either of these activities and have no so indicated, please get in touch with me and we'll see what we can do about getting them off the ground. Also, all five poker groups are pretty much filled so if any of you are interested let me know and we'll get a sixth group together.

Finally, if you have ideas for a new activity, please let me know. I can be contacted by phone 472-8850 or by email terrymarchione@yahoo.com



Some Members of Couples Duplicate Bridge
Left to Right
**Dasha Freeman, Bill Rees, Tamara Judson,
Margaret Rees, and George Zunich**

ROMEO

(Retired Old Men Eating Out)



Malcolm Hendry

ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out) will not meet in December, but we will reconvene January 21, 2010.

The Romeo Group meets on the third Thursday of the month at 6:30PM at select restaurants in the East Bay.

We experience delightful dining while getting to better know our fellow SIR and their guests, in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

Your suggestions are welcome for future restaurants to visit.
Mal



Romeo Group enjoying dinner at Salvatore Italian Restaurant in Walnut Creek on November 19. L to R, **Bill Rash, Lo McCarley, Jack Hockel, Charlie Kiser, Ernie Dickson, Mal Hendry and Jim Stedman.** There's still room for more in this group.

I went into a McDonald's yesterday and said, 'I'd like some fries.'
The girl at the counter said, 'Would you like some fries with that?' **(Jay Leno)**

Away Golf Jim Baldrige



The results of the Away Golf event that **Ray Kan** arranged at Blue Rock Springs in Vallejo on October 15 are in. **Bob Mehus** came in first, **Syd Whelan** was second, **Dale Hertweck** was third and **Ray Kan** was fourth. **Bob Mehus** also took closest to the pin.

As mentioned in our November article, due to holidays and travel we did not schedule Away Golf events in November and December.

The results of the SIR State Individual Championship at Poppy Hills in Monterey are in. **Ron Plachy** and **Dave Steinberg** prevailed in the two qualifying rounds and went on to represent Br #146 in the State Championship. Unfortunately, while they played well they could not overcome the heavy hitters from the rest of the SIR branches in Northern California.

The SIR State travel event in Neuva Vallarta Mexico is underway at this writing and will end November 18.

I will report any successes of Br 146 players in our January SIR Call Away Golf article.

If regular Tuesday Golf doesn't fit your schedule check out our 9 Hole Group at Diablo Hills or our new Couples Golf Group that **Terry Marchione** started.

Looking ahead to 2010. I am exploring another spring (April) tournament at Silverado Country Club in Napa.

I would be looking at the North Course so as to avoid the long round caused by the back ups that occurred on the 7th and 8th holes on the South Course last April. As you may recall we have been getting a rate that includes green fee and cart for around \$45 when the regular rate for the course is \$150. This has been a very popular event for SIR couples and for our members to invite guests to a private club for a day in the Napa Valley wine country. We reserve an entire course for our SIRs and guests and usually fill the 144 player field. We have even had waiting lists in order to accommodate all those wanting to play. We use a shotgun start so all players start at 12:00 noon and finish about the same time so we can meet in the clubhouse, collect scorecards, have refreshments and recall our best shots of the day. At this point I would like to get an expression of interest from all who might consider playing. Shoot me an e-mail jimjudy39@aol.com or give me a call at 925-689-9232 and give me an idea of how many..singles are ok as well as we form foursomes from single and twosomes.

Jim Baldrige.

Tuesday Golf Ray Weisz



October 13: Rained out.

October 20: First Flight: First Place: **Bob White** 71, Second Place: **Ray Spears** 73, Third Place: **Dale Hertweck** 74. Second Flight: First Place: **Joe Barry** 71, Second Place: **Bill Weinberg** 78, Third Place: **Joe Suta** 78. Third Flight: First Place: **Ray Weisz** 73, Second Place: **Mitch Mitchell** 73, Third Place: **Dick Richmond**. Closest to the pin: **Jim Burk** # 2, **Mike Stephenson** # 12.

October 27: First Flight: First Place: **Dale Hertweck** 70, Second Place: **Ray Spears** 74, Third Place: **Jack Calloway** 75. Second Flight: First Place: **Joe Barry** 74, Second Place: **Bill Cammerer** 75, Third Place: **Bob Royster** 77. Third Flight: First Place: **Al Zamolo** 73, Second Place: **Doug Cook** 76, Third Place: **Jim Saavedra** 76. Closest to the pin: **Dale Hertweck** # 2 & # 12.

November 3: First Flight: First Place: **Bon Binder** 73, Second Place: **Bob White** 75, Third Place: **Bob Yolland** 76. Second Flight: First Place: **Dennis Hallett** 70, Second Place: **Mike Stephenson** 71, Third Place: **Bill Cammerer** 72. Third Flight: First Place **Ken Richter** 71, Second Place: **Ray Weisz** 72, Third Place: **Dean Merritt** 77. Closest to the pin: **Bob Yolland** # 2, **Joe Lamanna** # 12.

November 10: First Flight: First Place: **Ray Spears** 73, Second Place: **John Harrington** 73, Third Place: **Dale Hertweck** 74. Second Flight: First Place: **Joe Barry** 68, Second Place: **Bob Yolland** 72, Third Place **Joe Suta** 76. Third Flight: First Place: **Chuck Eichten** 72, Second Place: **Don Nunn** 75, Third Place: **Ralph Fowler** 76, Closest to the pin: **Bob Yolland** # 2, **Sal Costanza** # 12.

November 18: First Flight: First Place: **Russ Bliese** 73, Second Place: **Bob White** 74, Third Place: **Ed Malboeuf** 75. Second Flight: First Place: **Vince Rettew** 72, Second Place: **Chuck Campbell** 73, Third Place: **Ken Kratz** 74. Third Flight: First Place: **Mike Stephenson** 68, Second Place: **Chuck Eichten** 70, Third Place: **Ralph Fowler** 71. Closest to the pin: **Ralph Fowler** # 2, **Bob Mehus** # 12.



Wine Tasting ... Bill Holly

The Branch 146 SIR wine group had a tasting Wednesday, October 28th at **Lo and Sue McCarley's** home. Twelve couples attended and sampled 5 bottles of either Sangeovese or Chianti Classico and 6 bottles of Riesling.

The appetizers were excellent, and everyone left with smiles on their faces. Watch the next SIR Call for details about our wine tasting in January.



The wine Tasting Group enjoying themselves. L to R **Anne Johnson, Lynne Hildebrand and Joan Pierce** in the background and **Dave Pierce and Lo McCarley** in the foreground

Jim Baldrige Chaplain,
Interim Sunshine Chairman

Sunshine

- **Hugh Ferguson** suffered a heart attack and is recovering well.
- **Bob Schroder** is home and recovering well.
- **Chris Satterthwaite** has not been doing well and is being cared for by his son and their family.
- Our condolences to the **Otto Wilson** family. **Otto** passed away on November 2nd.
- Our sympathy also to the **Charles Unfried** family. **Charlie** who was an Honorary Life Member and our first Big Sir when Branch 146 was formed in 1989 passed away on November 7.
- Our condolences go out to the **Russ Chaney** family. **Russ** passed away on October 26.
- Condolences also to the **Mel Hinrichs'** family. **Mel** passed away on October 21.

Bev Gorman, wife of Sir **Tom**, was hospitalized briefly from an allergic reaction to medication. She has recovered and is well.

As of our October luncheon we had the following Sirs out ill.

- Sir **George Bjornson** - recovering from surgery
- Sir **Jessie Crews** - having health problems
- Sir **Herb Freeman** - having health problems
- Sir **Roger Maire** - undergoing chemo treatment
- Sir **Bob Skirvin** recovering from surgery
- Sir **Ed Wojnar** - hospitalized. Details unavailable at this time.

Fishing Paul Dubow

4th Thursday at 8:30 am. at Diablo Creek Golf Course (Legends Grill). North Port Chicago Hwy



This has been the SIR Fishing Group's best sturgeon fishing month ever. **Carl Moyer** found a spot in Suisun Bay where the sturgeon could not keep themselves away from our hooks. **Carl** was nice enough to invite his fellow Sirs to join him on several trips and all but one were highly successful. **Carl** and **Dick Thomson** caught 25 sturgeon in two forays, including two keepers, both of which were released. **Terry Miller** and **Carl** caught 35 sturgeon in a single trip, with three keepers, two of which were released and a 54 incher saved for several dinner tables. **Bob Olson** and **Carl** caught 20 sturgeon, including a 61 inch keeper which **Bob** took home. Then, **Paul Corbitt** and **Carl** caught 18 more, including an 83 inch 185 lb. monster which **Carl** snagged and released. And, finally, **Joe Karg** and **Carl** landed 12 on a "bad day". The only failure involved **Carl** and **Paul Dubow**. They picked a windy day and were back in the dock at 10:30 with no sturgeon. But **Paul** did manage to land a striped bass, which he released. For those who are unfamiliar with sturgeon fishing, keepers are fish between 46 and 66 inches. All fish under and above those limits must be released. And the numbers described in this report are accurate because the Department of Fish and Game requires fishermen to record every sturgeon caught, even if it is released or not within the limits.

We also had a few successful outings not involving sturgeon. **Craig Walton** and **Jim Andrews** journeyed to Lake Davis for a fly fishing excursion and caught and released more trout than they could count. **Paul Dubow** and **Carl Moyer** recovered nicely from their failed sturgeon adventure and caught eight trout at Shadow Cliffs Reservoir, four of which were very nice 1 1/2 to 3 1/2 pound fish. And **Sal Costanza** caught four striped bass fishing with anchovies near Grizzly Island and, a week later, caught four more at the Little Cut.

We will be very busy this winter fishing for striped bass and sturgeon, trout fishing in our local lakes, and party boat trips for sturgeon, stripers, and crab/fish combos. Those who rarely or have never fished but would like to try are cordially invited. Just come to our next meeting and get the details. The next meeting will be Thursday, December 17, at the Legends Sports Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek Golf Course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. The meeting starts at 8:30 but breakfast is available one half hour earlier. Our speaker will be **Clyde Wands**, who will share his experience with smallmouth bass fishing. For further information, contact **Paul Dubow** at 415-495-6504.

Gala Ladies Day Luncheon

Thursday, December 10, 2009

No. of tickets _____ at \$30 each.

Enclosed \$ _____

Names:

Choose from the following entrees:

Tournedos of beef _____

Chicken Piccata _____

Special requirements _____

Make Check payable to Sir 146 and mail to **Steve Dawkins**, 117 Alegra Lane, Walnut Creek, CA. 94598

We are accepting reservations until December 1. All reservations and payments in full must be received by December 1st. There will be no tickets sold at the door.

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

Our entertainment will be "**House Blend**", a vocal quartet who performs its own unique renditions of jazz, gospel, classical, ballad and country.

Thanks to **Bill Cammerer**, **Don Del Bene**, and **Larry Sheerin** for folding and labeling, to **Jeff Baily** for proof-reading, to **Rich Ahlf** for photography and to **Bill Cammerer** for mailing.

Bob Darius, Editor



Sirs Bob Lyman, Jack Hockel and Larry Sheerin



Walkers John Lewis



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

- Dec. 4 Arbolado Park, Arbolado Dr. Walnut Creek
Meet: Arbolado Park parking lot
Walk: West on Arbolado Dr. then south on Ygnacio Valley Canal
Paved, level, some shade
Coffee: Deli Delight, Shadeland's Office Park
- Dec. 11 Morello & Taylor Blvd. Pleasant Hill
Meet: Shopping Center at Morello & Taylor Blvd.
Walk: South along Contra Costa Canal
Paved, level, some shade
Coffee: Panera Bakery in Willows Shopping Center
Take Taylor Blvd. east to Diamond Blvd, turn left into shopping center. Panera straight ahead
- Dec. 18 Walnut Creek Christmas Walk
Meet: Walnut Creek Civic Arts Center, Civic Dr.
Paved, level
Coffee: La Scala, Civic Drive and Locust, Walnut Creek
- Dec. 25 No Walk



Allison & Jim Todhunter and Bob Yolland enjoying time out at Couples Duplicate Bridge.



Finally Branch 146 has invented a new wine glass. There will be a trial run at the Wine Tasting group and the Cooking Too group before this goes to market!

Thank you **Bob Yolland...ed**

SIR CALL *Newsletter*

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2009 Branch Executive Committee

L to R: **Bob Darius, Jack Hockel, Vince Rettew, Dennis Hallett, Stu Somerville, Pete Gates, Jim Burk, Ron Binder, Joe Fuchs and Ron DeGolia.** Missing from picture **Bob Schroder and Larry Mitchell**