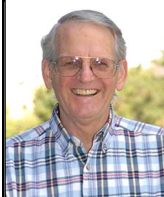




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## Big Sir's Notes

Pete Gates

The BEC passed two resolutions pertaining to the 2012 Budget. First, was the budget itself which was crafted on the basis that all activities must be self-funding, including the luncheons. Proposed 2012 expenditures not in this budget must be brought to the Board for approval. The second resolution addressed how these expenses will be funded. We will again ask our members for a modest contribution although this year there is an interesting option. See the details in this newsletter.

My thanks to our Treasurer, **Dick Woodman** and his Budget Study Team consisting of **Chuck Clark**, **Den-nis Hallett** and **Ron DeGolia** who worked diligently to prepare these resolutions.

Don't forget to sign-up for our December 8<sup>th</sup> Ladies Day luncheon. Let's party! As a part of this festive affair, we will be installing next years' Officers and Directors. Yes, that's right; the 2011 team will be officially relieved of duty, including my term as Big Sir. I will have the pleasure of presenting a brand new "Big Sir" pin to **Jim Burk** along the coveted "Pink Hat." **Jim** has done a super job as our Little Sir and I am confident he will be an outstanding Big Sir. He and his team are already working together on your behalf.

I thank all of the members of the 2011 BEC for their support and guidance over the past year. By just about any measure, it was a good year for our Branch. To the other dozens of you who have worked so diligently, often behind the scenes, to keep our Branch among the elite Branches in SIR, I sincerely thank you for your efforts.....you know who you are!

What a great organization! I feel blessed to be a part of it.

I wish you all a happy Thanksgiving.

Pete



## Little Sir's Corner

Jim Burk

**Have you sent in your RSVP for our Ladies Day Holiday/Christmas Luncheon on December 8th?** On that occasion, we will be entertained by the **Monte Vista High School Beauty Shop Quartet** (actually it is a "double-quartet") as they help to get us in the Christmas and Holiday spirit. This group is under the leadership of Bruce Koliha at Monte Vista High School in Danville.

**Terry Marchione** reports that our **January** speaker will be **DEBORAH BRAVER**. Deborah was scheduled to speak to us earlier this year but was unable to make it on the scheduled date. She will speak to us on **Senior Fraud Prevention**. Deborah has worked for the California Department of Corporations since 2005. She brings more than 35 years of public policy experience to her role as Education and Outreach program manager. She has made hundreds of presentations and led numerous workshops for seniors, service members, the public and the media on a wide variety of topics, including fraud prevention, resource planning and creative problem solving.

As a final note, it has been my personal privilege this year to bring you what I hope has been an enjoyable and educational array of programs. I want to express a sincere thank you to our program committee and the many others who have suggested speakers for consideration.

## BOOK CORNER

**KEN RICHTER**

**Jan Mar May July Sept Nov**

The first year of the BOOK CORNER has been a complete success. The BOOK CORNER will be continued next year. Starting in January the Corner will be open every other month.

Please enjoy the books.



## Duplicate Bridge Doug Eisner



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

We played 3 tables of duplicate bridge on Nov 14 at the home of **Bill Snyder**. **Lo McCarley**, with 33.0 pt, nearly lapped the field to win first place. **Carl Johnson** took the second prize with 30.5 pt and **Doug Eisner** with 28.5 pt barely edged out **Bob Yolland** by 0.5 pt for third place.

Our next game will be hosted by **Rich Ahlf** on Monday, Dec 12.

**Dick DeVoe** is leading the start-up of a second men's duplicate bridge group. Any bridge players interested in playing with this group are encouraged to contact **Dick** directly. For now, **Dick** has arranged for members of our branch to join the duplicate bridge game hosted by SIR Branch 8 on the 4th Monday of each month at Carl's Junior Restaurant in the Nob Hill Shopping Center in Walnut Creek.

**Doug**

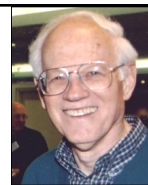


## Couples Duplicate Bridge Too Joe Barry

The SIR Couples Duplicate Bridge Too Group met at **Dick and Christy DeVoe's** home on Nov. 8. Our substitutes seem to consistently take one of the top awards, and this event was no exception. Curiously, the 1st and 3rd place winners were perceived to moan the loudest during the evening about how poorly they were doing. Hmmm. That kind of psycho-babble probably has little chance for success in future game.

**Lynn & Dasha Freeman** won handily with 26 points, while subs **Bob & Janet Yolland** wrested 2nd place from **Dick & Christy** by a half-point. The winners have little time to enjoy their bragging rights, since the next match is only weeks away!

## Couples Duplicate Bridge Lo McCarley



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

Eight couples had a great time playing duplicate bridge on November 16th at **Lo and Sue McCarley's** home. The Group welcomed **Adrienne Morrison** as **Jim Brown's** partner. **Jim Brown** had set a bridge hand from the paper. Every couple bid four hearts, but the player in the paper bid a slam got a lot more points. As for the bridge results, **Carl** and **Anne Johnson** tied with **Jim Brown** and **Adrienne Morrison** for first place with 37.5 points. **Bill** and **Margaret Rees** were close behind with 37 points to take third place, and **Lynn** and **Dasha Freeman** finished in fourth place with 33.5 points. **Margot Somerville** will host the next bridge party on December 14th.

## COUPLES PARTY BRIDGE

Dave Pierce



**Welby and Barbara Bigelow** hosted three tables on November 7<sup>th</sup> for a very sociable and enjoyable evening. Cards were apparently running hot that evening because three couples scored over 4000 points. **Terry and Sharon Marchione** scored 4260, a very good evening, and still had to settle for third place. **Dick and Christy DeVoe** barely nosed them out with 4350 for second. **Doug and Patti Eisner** at 4760 had a banner evening for tops. Maybe the next hosts will want to borrow the **Bigelow's** cards.



## Party Bridge Fred Bolton



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

We played four tables of bridge at the home of **Dick DeVoe** on Nov. 7. First place went to **Chuck Hammond** with 4940 points, second to **Lynn Freeman** with 4860, third to **Doug Eisner** with 4240 and fourth to **Bob Yolland** with 4210 points. Our next game will be at the home of **Rich Ahlf** on December 5.



## Luncheon Attendance Bob Mehus



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

**Please email [nolunchbranch146@gmail.com](mailto: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), shall be notified by the prescribed form, of termination of his membership.

SIR bringing a Guest

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

### **Mixed Green Salad**

**Choose from the following entrees:**

**Grilled Bistro Fillet with Classic Béarnaise Cream**

**Scalloped Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables**

**OR**

**Pan Seared Alaskan Halibut with Pancetta  
and Leek Cream Sauce**

**Wild Rice Pilaf and Seasonal Vegetables**

**Traditional Cheese Cake**

**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.



## Poker Club #1 Frank McNamee



Thanks to **Rich Hanford** for subbing for Mr. **McNamee** in Hawaii (hope he didn't burn his feet)!! Big winners were **Bill Cammerer** and **John Lewis**. Next meeting December 7 at **Don Martin's**.

## Poker Group #4 Chuck Bobinez



Our next session, on November 28, will be hosted by Sir **Pete Gates**. At our last session, our host, Sir **Garth Cummings** contributed the beer and snacks and also some of his winnings from previous sessions. We are not meeting in December because of Christmas but will resume in January at the home of Sir **Frank Rockwell**.

## MEMBER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

### Jack Calloway

Welcome to **Darrell Parcher** who was inducted this month. His sponsor is **Roger Thornton** who just became a member earlier this year. The winner of the free lunch drawing for new member sponsors during the July-November period was **Rich Ahlf**. A second free lunch drawing was held for members who brought a guest to a luncheon but the guest did not join. That winner was **Bob Schroder**.

Each new member has a sponsor who introduces him to the membership and helps him meet other members and begin participating in the Branch activities. Usually the sponsor is a friend of the new member. Sometimes a new member comes to us through the Newspaper Meeting Notice or other outside source. In that case, a sponsor is assigned to help him get started. The position of new member sponsor is very important and greatly appreciated. Members who bring a guest to a luncheon should remember to notify the Luncheon Chairman prior to the deadline at noon of the Friday prior to the luncheon.

Congratulations to **Chuck Hammond, Bob Wedin, Bill Knapp, Dom DiMatteo, Ernie Dickson, John Denham, Bob Skirvin** and **Roy Fredrickson** who completed 20 years in the Branch during 2011. They will receive a Certificate acknowledging this achievement at the January Luncheon.

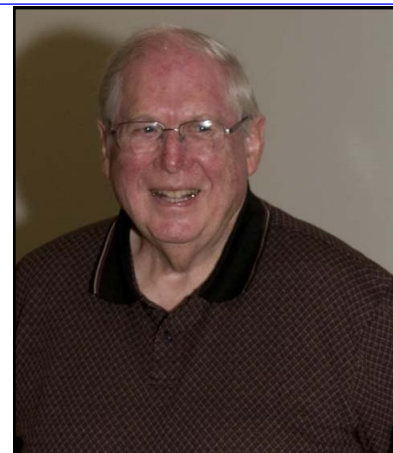


## Bowling Larry Mitchell



Branch 146 has had a real avalanche of new bowlers in the last few weeks! Well, avalanche may be a bit of a reach, but it feels that way to me. That's because these are the only new bowlers to be added to since I became committee chairman several years ago. Bowlers seem to be in short supply these days. The new bowlers are; **Ken Donnelly, Pierre Mebane**, and Jeff Davis. **Jeff** was my guest at the last meeting and will be inducted into Branch 146 at the first opportunity.

There are no tournaments scheduled for December. The next tournament will be in Stockton at the Pacific Bowl on Jan. 30 and Feb. 1, 2012. This will be a singles, doubles, and all events tournament. For an entry form or more information please call me at 924-798-5440



New Member  
**Darrell Parcher**



## Travel Opportunities

**Bob Spellman**



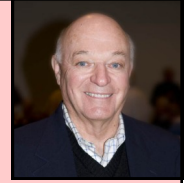
**Dec 7, 2011 Christmas Show Extravaganza. *Finocchio's Style.*** You will be talking about this show for months. Finocchio's was a nightclub in San Francisco with men performing with all the glitter, sophistication and glamour of women. It was a favorite tourist spot from the 1930's to 1990's. In 1999 Finocchio's closed its doors but many of the cast members are still performing and will showcase their talents at this show. Enjoy this fabulous show and a fun filled afternoon. Cost \$81pp. includes, delicious luncheon, motorcoach transportation, and class of wine. Contact **Ken Richter@** 925-689-6217. Payment must be received by 10/25/11.

**Dec 16, 2011 Beach Blanket Babylon.** Enjoy a musical comedy performance. New ideas have been added that will keep you laughing and applauding for more. Included is a hosted dinner at Firenze by Night. Depart Heather Farms by Motorcoach at 3:00pm Cost \$110 pp. Contact **Bob Hagler** Branch 8, 925-934-7620, for more information.

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

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

## Membership Steve Sprague



### Branch 146 Statistics:

Active Members: 269 including seven Honorary Life Members.

Applicant List: One.

Inactive Members: Ten.

### November Luncheon Attendance:

Members: 209

Guests: 4, Visitors: 0, Speakers: 1

Total Attendance: 214

### Status Changes:

Inducted: **Darrell Parcher**, Badge 278

Moved to Inactive List: **Harry Dillon**, #92

Resigned or Transferred: **Chuck Smith**, #141 has resigned.

Deceased: **Larry Sheerin**, #188, passed away on November 6, 2011.

### Changes to the Inactive Roster:

**Harry Dillon** has been added. Our inactive roster therefore has increased by one to ten members.



## Table Pool

**Bill Weinberg**

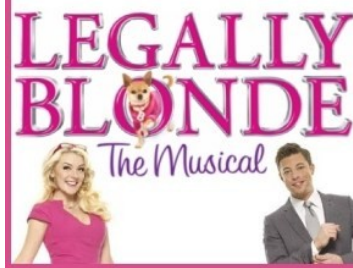
*1st and 3rd Monday at 11:30 am.  
(at Masse's 2721 N. Main, Walnut Creek)*



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.

**COMING!  
FEBRUARY 23**

**SIR 146  
THEATRE  
PARTY**



**This "Girl Won't Take No for an Answer!"**

An award-winning Broadway musical sensation is on tap for the first SIR 146 Theatre Party of the New Year. It's *Legally Blonde* – the wild story of a Harvard Law School gal who discovers the true power behind being legally blonde. If that sounds fascinating – it is!

Based on the hit movie of the same name starring Reese Witherspoon, *Legally Blonde* is scheduled for the SIR 146 Theatre Party for Thursday, February 23 at 8:00 p.m. at the Leshner Center for the Arts in Walnut Creek, produced by the Diablo Theatre Company.

When Delta Nu's president, **Elle Woods**, gets dumped, she decides to get "serious" to win her boyfriend back. Watch out! This gal is tough! She scored 179 on the Law School Admission Test – out of a possible score of 180!

This feel good musical comedy premiered in San Francisco, and then went on to become a Broadway hit, including ten Tony Award nominations.

A limited number of discounted orchestra seats at \$29.00 are available for SIR members and friends for *Legally Blonde's* February 23 performance at 8:00 p.m. An early response is recommended. Questions? Call **Gary** at (925) 938-5454.

Send check for \$29.00 per ticket, payable to "SIR 146" to **Gary Schaub**, 1758 Candelero Court, Walnut Creek 94598. Deadline for reservations is January 13.

*Tickets will be distributed in the lobby of Leshner Center, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek on at 7:30 p.m. on February 23. Paid parking is available in the adjacent city garage.*



**ROMEO**

(Retired Old Men Eating Out)  
Malcolm Hendry



ROMEO WILL TAKE A CHRISTMAS BREAK IN DECEMBER, AND WILL RETURN JANUARY 19th

Happy Holidays  
Mal



**Sunshine**

Walt Busenius  
945-0715

[Busenius@astound.net](mailto:Busenius@astound.net)



**We keep the Sirs listed below in our thoughts and prayers. We extend our very best wishes for continued healing and look forward to their returning to good health:**

*Sir Reggie Fromm  
Sir Joe Schild  
Sir Bob Frankland  
Sir Rod Sharretts  
Sir Rob Van Luchene  
Sir Ron Pascoe  
Sir Lee Vincent  
Sir Ed Malboeuf  
Sir Jack Hockel*

**We offer our condolences and prayers to Sue and the family of Sir Lawrence Sheerin on the passing of Larry on November 6<sup>th</sup> after courageously battling cancer.**

*Please try to contact a Sir in this report to offer support and encouragement during their illness. They will truly be glad to hear from you.*

*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 is advised.*



## Tuesday Golf Ray Weisz



The Weekly Winners are:

October 18, 2011

First Flight: 1<sup>st</sup> **Chuck Schreiber 68**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **George Trabert 71**. Second Flight: 1<sup>st</sup> **Walt Busenius 66**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Jim Kohl 70**. Gold Tee Flight 1: 1<sup>st</sup> **Corrie Orange 66**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Gene Diana 68**. Gold Tee Flight 2: 1<sup>st</sup> **Ben Gleason 67**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Don Del Bene 69**. Closest to the pin Hole # 2 **Lew Thompson**, Hole #12 **John Hammond**.

October 25, 2011

This was a Par Point Format.

White Tees: 1<sup>st</sup> **Bill Schultz 40**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Dave Steinberg 38**, 3<sup>rd</sup> **Dick DeVoe 37**, 4<sup>th</sup> **Steve Dawkins 36**. Gold Tees: 1<sup>st</sup> **Ed Marlovits 51**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Don Del Bene 43**, 3<sup>rd</sup> **Dean Merritt 41**, 4<sup>th</sup> **Jim Kohl 41**. Closest to the pin Hole # 2 **Pat Meehan**, Hole # 12 **Dick DeVoe**.

November 1, 2011

First Flight: 1<sup>st</sup> **Dick DeVoe**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Dave Steinberg**. Second Flight: 1<sup>st</sup> **Dan Holland**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Walt Busenius**. Gold Tee Flight 1: 1<sup>st</sup> **Bob Royster**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Ron Plachy**. Gold Tee Flight 2: 1<sup>st</sup> **Jerry Duarte**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Cal Tucker**. Closest to the pin Hole # 2 **Doug Cook**, Hole # 12 **Ray Spears**.

November 8, 2011

First Flight: 1<sup>st</sup> **Pete McNeill 70**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Ed Malboeuf 74**. Second Flight: **Bill Schultz 73**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Bill Laws 74**. Gold Tee Flight 1: 1<sup>st</sup> **Bob White 68**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Jeff Baily 68**. Gold Tee Flight 2: 1<sup>st</sup> **Bob Spellman 71**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Dan O'Sullivan 71**. Closest to the pin Hole # 2 **Miles Ringle**, Hole #12 **Ron Binder**.

November 15, 2011

First Flight: 1<sup>st</sup> **Pete McNeill 68**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Guy Rudberg 69**. Second Flight: **Mike Stephenson 70**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Bill Schultz 70**. Gold Tee Flight 1: **Lew Thompson 69**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Rich Hanford 70**. Gold Tee Flight 2: **Al Zamolo 70**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Bob Yolland 71**. Gold Tee Flight 3: 1<sup>st</sup> **Bob Spellman 68**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Doug Cook 69**. Closest to the pin Hole # 2 **Bill Dastic**, Hole # 12 **Bob Spellman**.

## Couples Golf John Harrington



Our Couples Golf Group held its final outing on October 26 at the Napa Golf Course at Kennedy Park. Friendly competition took place on the greens with some long putts finding the hole. Thanks to **Jim and Judy Baldrige** for hosting this tournament. The weather was great and our couples enjoyed a wonderful day in the wine country. We play on the fourth Wednesday of the month and our season runs from April through October. Happy Holidays to everyone.

## Area 2 Computers and Technology Group



The Area 2 Computer and Technology group does not meet in December, so please plan to attend the next meeting at the Elks Club on Thursday, January 19, 2012 starting at 9am. The topic will be announced next month.

**Derek Southern and Phil Goff**, co-chairs

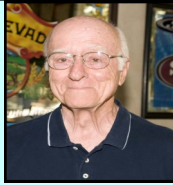


## Garden Club Steve Dawkins



The Mum Man

## Bocce Ball Martin Lyle



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

We are enjoying our Winter Hibernation after an active season of hotly contested Bocce matches. We start play again in May, 2012,

Happy Holidays to you.

## Area 2 \$ums Investment Group

The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group will not meet in December 2011.

Our next meeting will be on January 25, 2012.

Meeting details to follow in the January 2012 newsletter.

Co-chairmen: **Allen Espenmiller** (Br-174)  
925-376-3977

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

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

**Ken Nakashima**: Coordinator for (Br-171)  
925-376-0421



## CHRISTMAS CANDY SALE



It's time to order your See's Candy for the 2011 Christmas season! These candy certificates make great gifts for your wife, children, grandchildren, housekeepers, gardeners, hair dressers, neighbors, friends, or even yourself.

The price this year is \$13.70 for a one pound box certificate. That's almost \$3 lower than the retail price so it's a great deal! And there's even no limit to the number of certificates you may order! The certificates are redeemable at any See's facility and the recipient may choose any type of candy he or she wishes, including soft centers, nuts, chewies, etc.

Please make your check payable to "SIRs Branch 146". Mail your check and a stamped # 10 self-addressed envelope (the long one) to:

**Douglas Eisner**  
909 Osceola Ct  
Walnut Creek, CA 94598

I must receive your order by December 10, 2011. I will mail your certificates to you shortly thereafter.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City and Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the cost of \_\_\_\_\_ one pound certificates.







**Gala Ladies Day Luncheon  
Thursday, December 8, 2011**

Number of Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ \$29.00 each

Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Names:**

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**Mixed Green Salad**

**Choose from the following entrees:**

**Grilled Bistro Fillet with Classic Béarnaise Cream  
Scalloped Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables**

**OR**

**Pan Seared Alaskan Halibut with Pancetta  
and Leek Cream Sauce  
Wild Rice Pilaf and Seasonal Vegetables**

**Traditional Cheese Cake**

**Special Requirements** \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to Steve Dawkins, 117 Alegra Lane, Walnut Creek, CA 94598**

**Reservations accepted until December 1st. 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 full payment and list your companions and their entrée choice on an attached sheet.**



## FISHING REPORT PAUL DUBOW



Lake Davis has always been a great trout fishing venue for our group, but a two day trip to the lake topped all previous adventures. **Terry Miller, Harry Sherinian, Bill Landers, Ed Dijkman, Rich Bal, John O'Brien, Dick Thomsen, and Karl Droese** journeyed to the lake and hooked in excess of 200 rainbows ranging from 16 to 20 inches. The fish (all but a few of which were released) were largely caught on needlefish and **Dick Knight** trolling lures. Closer to home, **Carl Moyer, Harry Sherinian, and John O'Brien** caught rockfish and ling cod fishing in the ocean, **Steve Nelson** caught a small sturgeon in Suisun Bay off Pittsburg, and **Carl** and his daughter braved the rain at Shadow Cliffs Reservoir and caught four nice rainbows weighing up to three pounds. Later in the month, **Harry Sherinian** caught a 50 inch sturgeon fishing with **Terry Miller** near Pittsburg and **Joe Peterson** landed a 12 pound striped bass in the Sacramento River. **Carl Moyer, Paul Dubow, Terry Miller, and Joe Karg** forayed into the delta looking for sturgeon but they didn't find any except for a 29 incher that **Carl** hooked and **Paul** landed. On the other hand, they came home with three nice stripers and so they were very happy. **Mario Moratorio** fished Lake Berryessa in his boat on four occasions, accompanied at various times by **Joe Mischione, Jim Lynch, Paul Dubow, and Karl Droese**. Rainbow trout and king salmon were the catches of the day but **Paul** also landed a three pound black bass on his trip. We also ventured into the crustacean department as crabbing season started in November. **Rick Fend** celebrated opening day with six large crabs. He also limited out on rockfish while he was at it.

We usually meet on the fourth Thursday of each month. However, because of the holidays, this month's meeting will be on December 15. The meeting is at 8:30 am at the Legends Sports Bar and Grill at Diablo Creek Golf Course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway, Concord. All retired, present, and future fishermen are invited and come early for breakfast!

## Mac User Group

The SIR Mac User Group meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at the Thurman Casey Library on Oak Grove Road from 3 to 5pm. We will **not** be meeting in October.

The leaders are **Jeff Baily, Max Burchett, and Verner Laursen**.

From time to time we email suggestions to the people on our list. We are there to answer your Mac questions and we usually have a tutorial on a program that you have on your Mac computer.

We welcome new attendees, particularly new Mac users. If you have a Mac and cannot attend, have a Mac question or would like to be on our email listing, please contact one our leaders. We are here to help you.

**Jeff**

## Fellow Sir

It's that time of year for the BEC to ask you for the annual contribution. As a result of our conversion to an electronic newsletter and an electronic directory, we have reduced expenses so that we are requesting a contribution of \$18 this year. At the suggestion of one of our members there are two ways to make this contribution.

The first way is to write a check for \$18 and bring it to the January luncheon or mail it to our Treasurer--**Dick Woodman**. In addition you would pay the normal \$24 for each luncheon you attend.

Another way to handle it is to pay a one-time amount of \$240. This would take care of your contribution plus would prepay for the 10 non-ladies day luncheons. This essentially gives you one free lunch if you attend all ten lunches. You would no longer need to write a check each month nor would you need to stand in line at the check in desk since there would be a separate check in desk for those who prepay. Again you can bring a check to the January lunch or mail it to **Dick Woodman**.

**Dick Woodman**  
359 Beacon Ridge Lane  
Walnut Creek, CA 94597

## RENO SNOW TRAIN March 6, 2012

Have a fun ride with SIR 19 on the Reno Snow Train on Tuesday March 6, 2012.

Price per person is \$265.00 and includes a round-trip train ride from Martinez to Reno with two nights double occupancy hotel accommodations at Harrah's. Call Golden Gate Tours @ 925-335-9836 or 800-874-4345 for a brochure or more information.



## SIR Happenings Newsletter

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

## 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.



Walkers  
John Lewis



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

Rain cancels any walk.

Walks – December, 2011

Planned by **Martin Lyle**

### Dec. 2 LAFAYETTE MORAGA TRAIL NORTH

Meet: At Moraga Safeway Parking

Walk: North on School St. Cross Moraga Rd. at light to Moraga Regional Trail to St. Mary's College

Paved Level Some Shade

Coffee Terzetto Cuisine Moraga

### Dec. 9 DANVILLE RAILROAD MUSEUM NORTH

Meet: At Railroad Museum Parking

Walk: North on Iron Horse Trail

Paved Level Some Shade

Coffee: Pascal French Oven 155-B Railroad Ave

### Dec.16 SAN MIGUEL PARK, EAST YGNACIO & SAN CARLOS

Meet: At Ygnacio Plaza by Sweet Affair

Walk: Four blocks south on San Carlos Right on San Jose Ct.

Across San Miguel Park

East on Ygnacio Canal Trail

Paved Level Some Shade

Coffee: Panera Bakery, Countrywood Shopping Ctr, 744 Bancroft, W.C.

### Dec. 23 WALNUT CREEK CHRISTMAS WALK CIVIC DR.

Meet: At Walnut Creek Civic Center

Walk: North Across Bridge To South on Iron Horse Trail. West on Mt. Diablo To Down Town W.C.

Paved: Level Some Shade

Coffee: La Scala Civic & Locust, W.C.

### Dec. 30 WALDEN PARK EAST OAK RD.

Meet: At Walden Park Parking

Walk: East along Contra Costa Canal

Paved Level Some Shade

Coffee: Panera Bakery, Countrywood Shopping Ctr, 744 Bancroft, W.C.

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