



Big Sir's Notes Jim Burk

Thank you to the five (5) members who invited a Guest to join them for lunch at our January meeting. We need to average that number or more for each of our regular luncheon meetings in the months ahead. All of us must continue to be thinking of neighbors, friends, and acquaintances that we might invite.

At our January luncheon we honored **KAP KAPRIELIAN, on his birthday**, as a **Senior Sir** having reached his 90th birthday. He was presented with a Presidential Award plaque by our **State President Jim Stedman**. We also recognized 8 Sirs (**Hammond, C., Wedin, Knapp, DiMatteo, Dickson, Denham, Skirvin, and Fredrickson**) for having attained 20 years of service with our Branch during the calendar year of 2011.

Dick DeVoe was approved by the BEC as our permanent **Secretary** for 2012; and subsequently **Ben Gleason** has accepted my invitation to fill the **Member Relations Chair** position, and **Rich Ahlf** has accepted the **Asst. Secretary** position.

Notice in this issue of the SIR CALL (see page 8), we are introducing an additional and hopefully improved way of recognizing our **members birthdays each month**. We will publish their actual "special day" so that the rest of us can call or e-mail and congratulate them personally, where appropriate. We will still have the drawing for a "free lunch" at our monthly luncheon meeting, but now we will know who the birthday celebrants are in advance.

Little Sir Terry Marchione and his committee have secured a great line-up of speakers for our luncheons and I encourage you to join us as often as possible.

Look forward to seeing you on February 9.

Little Sir's Corner Terry Marchione



In February we will call on one of our own—Sir **Alan Elnick**. **Alan** will speak to us on the subject of the Contra Costa Grand Jury. He is nearing the end of his term on the jury so will be particularly current on the workings of the group. The talk will give a brief history of the Grand Jury system in California; how the grand jury operates, what it can and cannot do, how to become a Grand Juror, and the obligations of serving.

In March, we will learn about the Road Scholar (formerly Elderhostel) program from **Ann White** who has been an ambassador for the program for the past 10 years. In addition to working with the Road Scholar program, **Ann** and her husband **Bill** have travelled extensively throughout the world.

Cribbage John Pearl



Eight of the faithful gathered at **Barney Meade's** home in January for fun, frolic, and exchanging money. Speaking of money, first place \$\$ was awarded to **John Pearl**, while **Jim Pezzaglia** was a strong second. **Jerry White** took home third place, and **Dennis Hallett** was in fourth place.

We also admired **Dennis Hallett's** very nice new fancy Cribbage board, which he claims to have gotten for a Christmas present.

John Pearl mcpearl@astound.net
925-934-6920



Luncheon Attendance Bob Mehus



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

Please email nolunchbranch146@gmail.com, or call Bob Mehus at 510-549-2221 by Friday NOON prior to the luncheon if, for any reason, you are unable to attend. If no one answers, leave your name, badge number, phone number and a short message. Please be sure you call!!!

Remember that our luncheon will be called to order at 11:45am, so please allow enough time to arrive on schedule. A check for **\$24.00** made payable to SIR146 is requested for payment of your lunch on Luncheon Day. Thanks.

A member who misses three (3) consecutive meetings without notifying the Attendance Chairman, giving a valid reason or who attends less than five (5) meetings/luncheons within the last twelve (12) months, excluding May and December (Ladies Day Luncheons), may be notified in writing of the pending termination of his membership.

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.

Salad

Classic Caesar Salad
Hearts of Romaine, Parmesan Cheese and Croutons

Entrees

Pan Seared Breast of Chicken
Rice Pilaf, Green Beans
Romesco Sauce

Or

Teriyaki Glazed Farm Raised Salmon
Steamed Jasmine Rice, Stir Fried Vegetables
Miso Butter Sauce

Dessert

Chef's Choice

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.



Garden Club Steve Dawkins

Finally, a little rain. All our plants should start jumping for joy. On February 2nd we will be pruning roses at Heather Farms, starting at 9:30am. All helping hands are welcome. On March 1st we will be visiting the home of **Bob Erhardt** in Walnut Creek. **Bob** is a world renowned Camellia grower and he will share with us some of his over 1200 plants. A few tips about growing camellias. If you want bigger blossoms, disbud your plants. Most camellias will set clusters of buds. Remove the small buds and save the larger bud. Much like you do with fruit trees. One of the more common problems with camellias is petal blight. This is when brown lesions develop on the petals, the centers discolor and the blossoms rot. The way to prevent this is to pick and dispose of all blighted blossoms that have fallen and avoid overhead irrigation. Garden on!

Couples Duplicate Bridge Too Joe Barry

Couples Duplicate Bridge Too met at **Ken and Elaine Richter's** home on Tuesday, January 10th. As usual a great time was had by all with the social aspect of the evening trumping the bridge playing. **Syd and M J Wahlen** were kind enough to substitute for **Lynn and Dasha Freeman**. The **Richter's**, forever being the gracious hosts, walked away with top honors scoring 24 1/2 points. **Joe and Josie Barry** came in second followed closely by **Dick and Christy DeVoe**. The group will meet again on February 14th

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 January 18th at **Jim and Allison Todhunter's** home. The group missed **Lynn and Dasha Freeman** and **George Zunich and Tamara Judson** because of health issues and the group thanked **Dave and Joan Pierce** for filling in. As for the bridge results, **Margot Somerville and Vince Rettew** took first place with 42 points. **Dave and Joan Pierce** were quite a bit behind but took second with 35 points. **Bob and Janet Yolland** took third place with 34 points and in fourth place with 31 points were **Lo and Sue McCarley**. **Bob and Janet Yolland** will host the next bridge on February 15th.



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 4 tables of duplicate bridge at **Fred Bolton's** house on Jan 16. **Bob Yolland** played a great game and walked all over the field on his way to first prize with a score of 46.0 pt. **Jim Jackson** won second place with 42.0 pt while **Bill Rees** came in third with 40.5 pt, barely edging out the 40.0 pt scored by **Dave Pierce** and **Carl Johnson**.

Our next game will be hosted by **John Demos** on Monday, Feb 13.

New Duplicate Bridge 2 Dick DeVoe

On Jan. 26, **Rich Ahlf** hosted three tables of 12 mildly competitive and enjoyably social duplicate bridge players. Scores for the 24 boards ranged somewhat narrowly from 19 to 28.5 against an average of 24. **Dick DeVoe** and **Jim Stedman** tied for 1st place, with **Jim** having the least number of lowest scores of any player. Our fine host **Rich** captured 3rd with 27.5 points- a 1.5 point margin over 4th place finisher **John Demos**. **Dave Pierce** impressed everyone with the greatest number of high scores; he'll be working on consistency now, so watch out!

February's host will be **Bill Schultz**. We'll see whether those attending a bridge lesson post-event that day will strut their newly-learned stuff....



Poker Club #1 Frank McNamee



Poker Club #1 met on January 11th at the home of **Frank McNamee** and the two players who left with the biggest smiles at the end of the day were **Bill Cammerer** and **John (I'll go low) Lewis** followed by **Dan O'Sullivan** and **Frank McNamee**. **Don Martin** was losing so badly halfway thru the day he had to go to his secret stash to stay in the game. His luck then turned and he almost recouped all his losing's and got back close to even. We'll meet again on February 8th at the residence of **Dan O'Sullivan**

Poker Club #2 Al Zamolo



Our December session was hosted by **Jim Brown** who used his poker skills to become a big winner with **Ron Binder** a close second. We had so many big hands which resulted in so many big pots. Full Houses and four of a kind (with no wild cards) were the rule of the day the last hand was our biggest pot ever, which made **Bob Royster** very happy.

January 30 will be our next group therapy session hosted by **Doug Cook**.



Poker Group #4 Chuck Bobinecz



Our next session, on February 28th will be hosted by sir **Rich Hanford**. We did not meet in December due to the holidays but resumed play in January at the home of sir **Frank Rockwell**.

Now that we have paid our Christmas credit cards and income tax installment we might have a little left for poker

POKER GROUP #5 Bill Roberts



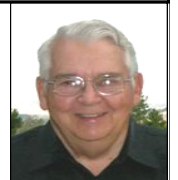
Bill Roberts was unable to host our group in January, saying he was busy with taking care of the member badges for the luncheon. Say what!!! However **Bob Spellman** did an admirable job filling in as host.

We did not treat **Bob** well as far as the poker goes. He needed to go to his back-up funds a couple of times during the game and ended up as the big loser for the night. **Skip Thomas** started out as if he were ready for the World Series of Poker. Fortunately **Skip** cooled off but still wound up with a big stack. **Rockwell** and **Marchione** were slow to get going but managed to match **Skip** by the end of the game.

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



Bowling Larry Mitchell



We are now in the second half of the SIR League at Diablo Lanes. The name of the team that won the first half is 6-7-11. Interesting name, I have no idea what it means. I only mention it because it also was my 79th birthday. The big 80 is coming up soon.

Our new guys are doing well. **Jeff Davis** jumped out to a 175 average right off the bat. It is obvious that he is an experienced bowler. **Jeff** is currently on the mend after a medical procedure went awry. We hope to see him back bowling soon. **Ken Donnelly** and **Pierre Mabane**, our other new bowlers are improving.

Team No. 4 composed of **Jim Adams, Larry Mitchell**, and **Jackie Luke** are currently in first place in the second half. **Jim and Larry** are in Branch 146.



Travel Opportunities

Bob Spellman



Mar 6, 2012 Reno Snow Train. Have a fun ride on the Reno Snow Train. Price is \$265.00 pp and includes a round trip train ride from Martinez to Reno with two nights double occupancy hotel accommodation at Harrah's. Contact **Harry Reiter** Branch 19, 925-709-2820 for more information.

Apr 16-21, 2012 **Springtime in Branson.** Tour includes r/t transfers to SF airport, and r/t airfare to Branson. Five nights accommodations in Branson, deluxe motorcoach throughout stay. Five hosted breakfasts and dinners. In addition touring performances by Jim Stafford, the Presley's Country Jubilee, Yakov Smirnoff, Baldknobbers Jamboree, Brett Family Morning Show and Shoji Tabuchi. Tour price is \$1695pp. Contact **Harry Reiter** Br 19, 709-2820 for more information.

Apr 20, 2012 SIR Day at the Races. It's that time again for the horses to start running at Golden Gate Field. If you are looking for an enjoyable day doing something different give this a try. The cost is \$27.00 pp which includes Admission, Reserve Parking, Daily Race Program, Buffet lunch, Tax & Tips. Contact **Bob Spellman**, 934-8428.

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 5-7, 2012 **The Great Italian Festival.** Reno's Great Italian Festival is among the nation's largest and

most famous events. Celebrate the food, culture, music and tradition of Italy. Free activities and entertainment highlight the festivals main focus. The cost is \$308.00 pp and includes motor coach transportation, 2 night stay at the Eldorado with hosted seafood dinner and a show by the Jersey Boys. Contact **Bob Hager**, Br 8, 934-7620 for more information.

Oct 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: 268 including six Honorary Life Members.

Applicant List: One.

Inactive Members: Eight.

January Luncheon Attendance:

Members: 214.

Guests: 5, Visitors: 3.

Total Attendance: 222.

Status Changes:

Inducted: **None**

Moved to Inactive List: **Dick Hildebrand, Badge 134**

Resigned: **Louis Balbi, Badge 14**

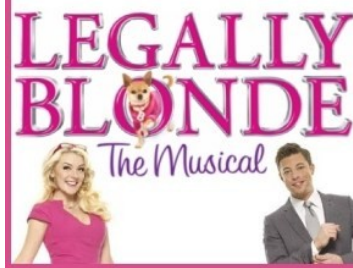
Deceased: **Ken Beattie, Badge 105 passed away the week of January 1, 2012.**

Changes to the Inactive Roster:

Leon Schultz, Badge 138, passed away on December 8, 2011. Dick Hildebrand was added as noted above. Our inactive roster therefore remains at eight members.

COMING!
FEBRUARY 23

**SIR 146
THEATRE
PARTY**



Sunshine

Walt Busenius
945-0715

Busenius@astound.net



We offer our condolences to the family of **Sir Kenneth J. (Ken) Beattie** on the passing of **Ken** on January 5th.

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 recovery to good health:

Sir Reggie Fromm
Sir Joe Schild
Sir Bob Frankland
Sir Rod Sharretts
Sir Bob Van Luchene
Sir Ron Pascoe
Sir Lee Vincent
Sir Ed Malboeuf
Sir Jack Calloway
Sir Lynn Freeman
Sir Tom Morgan

Please try to contact Sirs in this report to offer support and encouragement during their illness. They will be joyed 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 can be advised.

A lively musical that earned seven Tony Award nominations in 2007 is on tap as the first SIR 146 Theatre Party event of the New Year. *Legally Blonde* is planned for Thursday, February 23 at 8:00 p.m. at the Leshner Center for the Arts in Walnut Creek. Many remember the hit movie of the same name with Reese Witherspoon.

Produced by Diablo Theatre Company, *Legally Blonde* is sure to be a crowd pleaser, and a tonic the holiday blues.

A limited number of seats have been reserved for SIR 146 members and friends for the February 23 performance. An early response is suggested.

Send check for \$29.00 per ticket, payable to "SIR 146" to SIR Gary Schaub, 1758 Candelero Court, Walnut Creek 94598. Deadline for reservations is January 13, although only a few seats remain as of December 12.

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

BOOK CORNER KEN RICHTER-

Jan Mar May July Sept Nov

The BOOK CORNER will return at the March SIR Luncheon. Thanks to all SIRS who have contributed books to this project.

If you are a reader that likes the modern tough-guy novels that aren't over-the-top violent, you might consider the following authors. **Lee Child, Robert B. Parker, Clive Cussler, Stephen Hunter, David Morrell, Andrew Vachass or Joe R Lansdale.**



Tuesday Golf Ray Weisz



January 3, 2012

White Tee Flight 1: 1st **Dick Kincaide 68**, 2nd **Jeff Baily 68**, 3rd **Dale Hertweck 71**. Gold Tee Flight 1: 1st **Bob Yolland 63**, 2nd **Bob White 67**, 3rd **Bill Cammerer 68**. Gold Tee Flight 2: 1st **Don Del Bene 62**, 2nd **Al Zamolo**, 3rd **Bob Spellman 69**. Closest to the pin Hole # 2 **Bob Yolland**, Hole #12 **Ken Richter**.

January 10, 2012

White Tee Flight 1: 1st **Dale Hertweck 69**, 2nd **John Hammond 73**. White Tee Flight 2: 1st **Walt Busenius 70**, 2nd **John Harrington 70**. Gold Tee Flight 1: 1st **Vince Rettew 63**, 2nd **Rich Hanford 68**. Gold Tee Flight 2: 1st **Bill Boyd 65**, 2nd **Doug Eisner 66**. Closest to the pin Hole # 2 **Rich Hanford**, Hole # 12 **Ray Kan**.

January 17, 2012

This week we played a 3 Man Scramble with all players playing from the Gold Tees. Each member of the foursome became the Lone Wolf trying for a lower score than the scramble team. Each Lone Wolf could only play four of the eighteen holes. Due to late Cancellation and No-Shows we ended with many Teams as a threesome. This created problems since there was no Lone Wolf. The Committee decided to recognize the threesomes. From all reports every one had an enjoyable day of Golf. The Team winners were: First place Team with a 61: **Ron Plachy, Bill Cammerer, Paul Masta, and Al Zamolo**. Second place Team with a tiebreaker 62: **Dave Steinberg, Joe Himsl, Dean Merritt, and Bob Royster**. Third place Team after tie breaker with a 62: **Bill Schulz, Chuck Campbell, Dennis Hallett, and Bob White**.

The threesome Team winners with a 68 were: **Ron Binder, John Hammond, and Steve Conti**.

January 24, 2012

White Flight 1: 1st **Bill Schultz 67**, 2nd **Dave Steinberg 71**, 3rd **Joe Fuchs 72**. Gold Tee Flight 1: 1st **Ray Weisz 65**, 2nd **Bill Laws 69**. Gold Tee Flight 2: 1st **Bill Boyd 64**, 2nd **Ernie Dickson 69**. Closest to the pin Hole # 2 **Joe Fuchs**, Hole #17 **Ken Kratz**.



ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out) Malcolm Hendry



The ROMEO group meets on the third Thursday of the month at 6:30PM. We select eclectic restaurants recommended by you, as well as, those favorably reviewed by the media.

Come join us and experience a great dinner, while learning more about your fellow SIR and male guests, in a relaxed and friendly surrounding.

"LA VERANDA CAFE"

SIR **Steve Snow** recommends this family owned and operated Italian restaurant located in the heart of downtown Clayton. The menu features a large and diverse selection of Italian traditional dishes which include quality olive oil, locally grown vegetables and fruits, and seasonal specials of seafood poultry, meat and game. We will have a private windowed room, service off the regular menu and separate checks.

Location: 6201 Center Street, Clayton, Ca
Web Site: www.laverandacafe.com (menu, directions, background)
Phone: 925-524-0011

Please let me know no later than Tuesday, February 14th, that you will join us.

You suggestions are welcomed.

SIR Happenings Newsletter

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



BIRTHDAY BOYS FEBRUARY



2	MARRA, ARNO	15	LOFTIN, STEVE
6	FREEMAN, LYNN	17	LAWS, BILL STEDMAN, JIM
7	SCHMIDT, WALTER	18	REES, BILL
10	LYLE, MARTIN PIERCE, DAVID	21	GORMAN, TOM
12	BISHOP, PETER CAMPBELL, CHUCK	22	FILICE, GEORGE
14	CAMMERER, BILL FRANKLAND, BOB KAPLAN, JERRY	23	SPEARS, RAY
		26	SESATA, CHUCK



Kap Kaprielian receiving his Senior Sir Award from State Sir President **Jim Stedman**. **Kap**, our branches 5th Big Sir celebrated his 90th birthday the day of our meeting 1/12/12.



MONTEREY MASHERS GOLF TOURNAMENT

March, 25—28, 2012

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

March 25, 26, 27 – Best Western Monterey Inn. Complimentary breakfast provided each morning.

March 26 (Monday) – golf with cart at Rancho Canada Golf Course (West Course).

Traditional heavy hors d'oeuvres/dessert party in the evening at the Inn. BOYB.

March 27 (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 28 (Wednesday) – Breakfast at the Inn and departure for home, outlets, etc., 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 February 17, 2012. A complete package of information including room assignments and tee times will be sent to you at a later date.

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Name _____ Companion _____

Approximate cost per couple, subject to final pricing confirmations:

Couples package- Two Golfers: \$592.00 _____

Room, Banquet, and Golf for two both days.

Couples package- One Golfer: \$501.00 _____

Room, Banquet for two and Golf for one both days

Companion will play golf Monday only: add \$45.00 _____

Companion will play golf Tuesday only: add \$46.00 _____

Total enclosed _____

Banquet Choices

Filet Mignon with Fresh Vegetable Medley, Chef's Choice Starch, Rolls & Butter _____

Baked Salmon Fresh Vegetable Medley, Chef's Choice Starch, Rolls & Butter _____

Vegetarian _____

Make checks payable to: SIR Branch 146 – Monterey Mashers

Mail to: **Dick Richmond**, 2608 Fox Circle., Walnut Creek, CA 94596 No later than
February 25, 2012.

Area 2 Computers and Technology Group



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

Neil Schmidt will make a presentation about online telephone services and video. If you've wondered how to make free telephone calls or how to have a free video conversation with family members (or friends) this is the session to attend.

Dick Curry will then lead a Q&A to address current computer issues. So please join us for a fun and informative session. As always there will be coffee and cookies available before and during the meeting.

Meetings of the Area 2 Computer and Technology Group are held the 3rd Thursday of each month (except June and December) from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Drive. Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned user, we try to offer something for everyone. We ask for a donation of \$5 to cover the cost of the hall rental, coffee and cookies. See you there.

The planned meetings for the next 3 months will be on: Mar 15, Apr 19, and May 17. Topics should include home wireless networks, file organization and back-up, home automation and security, and new consumer technology devices. Later in the year we hope to discuss principles of basic scanning and sending images, photo restoration and, possibly, developments in genealogy research. If you can suggest other titles of interest please contact one of the co-chairs.

Phil Goff and Derek Southern
Co-chairs

SIR LOGO HATS AVAILABLE AT February 9th LUNCHEON
\$10.00 (Limited Supply)-Cash accepted/checks preferred
Pick-up and Pay for your ordered hats - Make checks payable to SIR 146





FISHING REPORT PAUL DUBOW



The majority of our fishing (and eating) activities in the past month occurred at Shadow Cliffs Reservoir in Pleasanton. It began with **Harry Sherinian** landing a beautiful 4 lb rainbow. Having heard the news, **Carl Moyer, George Schulze, and Gordon Linebaugh** scurried over to Shadow Cliffs. Although they didn't land a fish similar to the size of **Harry's** lunker, they all limited out. Next a group of eight set out in four boats on a cold day. **Carl Moyer and Paul Dubow** caught limits in their boat but the other six did not fare as well. However, the day proved to be a success as the octet repaired to a local restaurant for a hearty brunch. Finally, another group of ten, consisting of eight in boats and two shore fishermen, tried their luck. Anticipating a cold day, **Harry Sherinian** prepared a hot chili lunch to be consumed on the premises. The weather turned out to be warm and sunny but the fishing was not as hot. The best results were obtained by **Paul Dubow and Robbie Robertson**, who landed three fish each, with two of **Robbie's** fish in excess of two pounds.

In other activities, **Carl Moyer and Terry Miller** caught only small fish while sturgeon fishing. **John O'Brien** caught a small rockfish from the jetty at Princeton harbor, fishing with **Carl Moyer**, and then the pair enjoyed the wonderful seafood at Barbara's Fish Trap in Princeton. **Bill Landers** and a friend caught six striped bass up to eight pounds on a productive outing in the Delta.

We continue to have sturgeon trips planned for the Delta and trout trips planned for Shadow Cliffs, plus trout trips to Lake Davis, Shaver Lake, Collins Lake, and Bass Lake, halibut fishing in the bay, mackinaw fishing in Lake Tahoe, kokanee and trout fishing in Lake Berryessa, and salmon fishing on the Sacramento, and a black bass seminar led by **Bill Landers** in the Delta.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, February 23, at the Legend Sports Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek Golf Course at 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. The meeting starts at 8:30 am and breakfast is available at 8. For further information, contact **Paul Dubow** at 415-495-6504.

Mac User Group

The SIR Mac User Group meets the 2nd Monday of the month at the Thurman Casey Library on Oak Grove Road from 3 to 5pm. The leaders are **Jeff Baily, Max Burchett, and Verner Laursen**.

From time to time we email suggestions to the people on our list, so if you use a MAC computer and are not receiving emails from us, please join the group and let us know what your email address is. At our monthly meetings we discuss Mac user issues. This is not a class in the traditional sense but rather a discussion group wherein the leaders don't have all the answers and the solutions sometimes originate from the attendees.

We welcome new attendees. If you have a Mac question or would like to be on our email listing, please contact one our leaders. We are here to help you.

Area 2 \$ums Investment Group

The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group will meet on Wednesday February 22, 2012 at 8:00 AM at the Diablo Creek Golf course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Our meeting will cover a range of financial planning questions (12) submitted by the membership of the group. Our host will be **Rick Ashburn** of Creekside Partners from Lafayette, CA. who will provide answers and insight to this process. **Rick** has been one of our most outstanding speakers in the past and brings a wealth of experience to this topic.

The timeliness of this meeting is important as we need to stay on top of financial planning to make sure family's lives are secure. The restaurant at the course opens at 7:00 AM for those who like to enjoy breakfast with your colleagues.

Co-Chairs

Allen Espenmiller (Br-174) 925-376-3977
George Schulze (Br-8) 925-429-1756
Leary Wong (Br-8) 925-457-0807
Ken Nakashima (Br-171) 925-376-0421



Table Pool

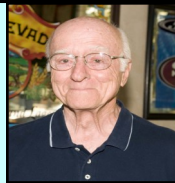
Bill Weinberg

*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.

Bocce Ball Martin Lyle



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

Please continue your winter season relaxation training, so you will be ready to play when we start again in May. We look forward to seeing some new players, in addition to the regulars then. Will keep you informed.

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.*



February Walks Planned by
Lo McCarley

- Feb 3 Osage Park Iron Horse South Danville
Meet: 680 South to Sycamore exit. First right on Camino Ramon. Left on El Capitan Right at Orange Blossom Way to parking
Walk: South on Orange Blossom Way, West on El Capitan Dr, South on Iron Horse Trail
Paved Level Some Shade
Coffee:Pascal French Oven 155-B Railroad Ave.
- Feb 10 Canal Trail East Walnut Creek
Meet: Deli Delight 323 N Wiget Lane WC
Walk: From Deli Delight to canal East
Coffee:Deli Delight Shadelands Office Park-
- Feb 17 Concord Community Park Neighborhood
Cowell Rd, Concord
Meet: At Concord Community Park on the exit side of the driveway
Walk: Through the park on the left and follow the loop.
Exit to Meridian, left on Babel, left on El Dorado, right on Meridian to return to the park.
Coffee:Deli Delight Shadelands Office Park
- Feb 24 Hidden Lakes Morello and Chilpancinco
Pleasant Hill
Meet: At Hidden Lakes Park
Walk: From the end of parking, take trail following Morello clockwise
Partly paved Not level Some shade
Coffee:Starbucks Pleasant Hill Plaza

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Explore and Dine

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Thirteen of our group got a marvelous and very complete tour of the recently renovated Fox Theatre in Uptown Oakland. The Fox is presently owned by the City of Oakland, and operated by a third party, Another Planet, made up primarily of people from Bill Graham Presents. The renovation, which cost \$92 million, was completed three years ago. The Friends of the Fox, which provided our tour, has been formed to both publicize the theatre and raise money on its behalf. Lunch was also in Uptown, at Luka's Tap Room and Lounge.

Our next outing is now scheduled for Thursday, March 22, and is a "work in progress," so watch this space!

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20 Year Members of Branch 146 were each presented a certificate by **Ray Kan** Honoree Chairman far left and Big Sir **Jim Burk** far right. Pictured left to right are: **Ray Kan, Bob Wedin, Dee DiMatteo, Bill Knapp, Ernie Dickson, John Denham, Roy Fredrickson, Bob Skirvin** and **Jim Burk**. Congratulations on your 20 years of service and enjoyment in Branch 146