SIR CALL

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Big Sir's Notes

One of the keys to the success of any organization is the willingness and dedication of its members to serve in leadership positions. This year your Nominating Committee, comprised of **Fred**



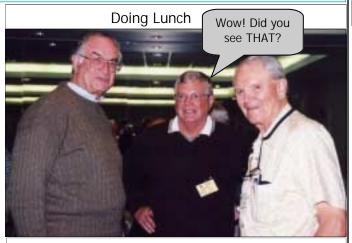
Bob Yolland

Kovar-chair, Bill Hansen and John Miller put together a great slate of 2004 officer and director candidates. They are listed in the column to the right. Thank you Gentlemen, for running for office and thank you Fred and your committee, for coming up with a great slate. At the June board meeting your 2003 board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Nominating Committee.

Q. How do you put a giraffe in the refrigerator?

A. Open the refrigerator, put the giraffe in and close the door.

This tests whether you do simple things in an overly complicated way.



Guest Bill Stevenson Roger Linn & Jim Helmick

Little Sir's Corner

Tom Vacar, the award winning consumer reporter from KTVU Channel 2, is our July luncheon speaker. This promises to be a very informative, interesting presentation. It will be an excellent opportunity to have your consumer concerns addressed.



Doug Cook

Doing Lunch



Larry Lindahl and guest Hal Bond

Branch 146 Nominations for 2004

Big SIR- Doug Cook

Little SIR - Ray Kan

Secretary - Garth Cummings

Asst. Secretary - Jim Stedman

Treasurer - Bob Wheaton

Asst. Treasurer - Lew Thompson

Directors - Dale Haukland, Howard Harvey, Chuck Bobinecz, Ed Wojnar, Ralph Fowler, Stu Somerville.

What a great luncheon!

) Doing Lunch



Marshall Moran and Harry Dillon

Bocce Ball Al Milano

2nd and 4th Mondays at 9 am. March through November except May 26 (Memorial Day) at Concord Bocce Courts in Newell Park, Concord near the corner of Turtle Creek and Ayers Rds. 933-3492



Bowling Dick Joyce

It was a long winter of bowling.

Unfortunately we did not have a Branch 146 winners' circle. Some of our bowlers did

pick up individual awards. Stan Strange won high handicap series with 750, **Tom Noonen** won high handicap game 315 and Dick Joyce won scratch series of 744 and high average 200.

"One of the advantages that bowling has over golf is that you seldom lose a bowling ball."... Dick Joyce



Cooking Don Nunn 1st Monday at various members' homes.

Sir Barney Meade hosted our cooking guys at his home on the first Monday of

June with a feast of skewered prawns followed by Portuguese beans, pickled beets, lettuce salad and homemade corn bread. Outstanding stuff! We will feature his Beans in one of our recipes of the month. Don't miss it. On Monday, July 7 Sir **Dan Hungerford** will host all hands. Please notify Sir Dan of your attendance.

Recipe of the Month

John and Barbara Fontenrose

Old Family Recipe for Home Made Ice Cream (Must use an Electric Ice Cream Mixer) 2 cups fresh fruit, mashed, such as strawberries or

- 1 large package (6 oz) Jell-O, match the flavor to the fruit.
- 2 cups boiling water.
- 1 can evaporated milk (13 oz).
- 1 quart half and half milk.
- 2 cups sugar.

peaches.

Dissolve Jell-O and sugar in 2 cups boiling water, mix and cool. Pour into electric ice cream mixer: half and half milk, evaporated milk, mashed fruit, then Jell-O mixture. Churn until done. Makes 1/2 gallon. Extra special treat when served immediately.



Duplicate Bridge

Bob Donahue Monday following the monthly SIR luncheon at 10 am hosted by different members. Bring lunch.

SIR Fred Kovar hosted three tables of duplicate bridge in June. **Jim Todhunter** was first with 33 points and Fred Kovar was second with 32.5 points. George Zunich was third with 26 points. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday July 14. Contact **Bob Donahue** at 376-4527 for information.

The 10th Dinner Dance will be coming up on October 1, 2003. Mark your calendar. The formal invitation will appear in the next issue of SIR Call.

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 at Bob and Janet Yolland's on May 21. Lo and Sue McCarley took first place with 38 points, Bob and Janet Yolland (34½ points) placed second, Lynn and Dasha Freeman (34 points) came in third, followed by Stu and Margot Somerville with 31 points. At George Zunich and Tamara Judson's home on June 18, our newlyweds, Bill and Margaret Rees, came in first with 35 points, and Lynn and Dasha Freeman came in second with 34 points. George Zunich and Tamara Judson came in third with 33 points. 31 points were enough to earn fourth place for **Jim** Brown and Barbara Lundblade.



Cribbage Al Tufo

2nd Wednesday at 12:30 hosted by different members.

I couldn't believe my ears. At the last SIRs lunch I was informed at our table that

the report about the Cribbage Club was the most anticipated article in the monthly bulletin. How can we thank you? Well, let me start by telling you about our last gettogether. The tournaments were hosted by Byron Meade who supplied us with a delicious homemade pie that had everything but the kitchen sink in it. The first game was won by the Italian Stallion aka **Tufo** with the runner up Langley Erickson placing second The second game was won by Larry Reilly with Barney Meade placing second. The third game was a complete runaway by the Italian Stallion from start to finish. Next month Cribbage will be hosted by **Bryant Fischback** on July 9, 2003. Ciao Tufo

Fishing Sal Costanza

Coco's Restaurant 3200 Buskirk Ave. 4th Thursday at 8:30 am.



Fishing events for the month of July include ocean salmon fishing on a party boat; fly fishing and lake fishing for trout at Norden; kokanee salmon fishing at New Melones with renowned fishing guide Wayne Douma. There will also be a hotly contested horseshoe tourney at this event. To find out about these and up-coming trips come to our next meeting on June 26th. See you there!

Garden Club

Chuck Bobinecz. 1st Thursday at 9:30 am at Alamo Safeway conference room unless otherwise announced.



The July 3rd meeting has been rescheduled to July 21st, which is a Monday. We will have a BBQ pot luck at **Chuck** and **Mary Bobinecz's** home, starting at 12:30. **Chuck** and **Mary** will provide the sausage and suds. **Bill Hansen** is coordinating the rest of this event (**Sandy** will keep him organized as usual). So check in with him by July 7th if you are planning to attend, and discuss what you can bring. It was suggested that you could bring what you brought last year which was a good balance of salads, deserts, etc. Wives and guests are welcome.

Bus trip to COPIA on August 7th. Contact **Rich Hanford** to let him know your preference for the box lunches by July 24th. The box lunches are a turkey breast or vegetarian sandwich with other items (**Rich** has the details). The exact cost has not yet been determined but it will be under \$5. We will collect the amount on the bus trip from COPIA. If you do not want the box lunch selections, please let **Rich** know if you are bringing your own lunch. We plan to have 45 minutes to an hour for lunch so that we can maximize our time at COPIA and wine tasting.

Tuesday Golf Walt Barabash

May 20 First Flight: **Bill Hansen, Lew Thompson,** and **Joe Suta.** Second Flight: **John Humphrey, Carl Johnson** and **Don Nunn.** Closest to the Pin: **Lew Thompson.**



May 27 First Flight: **Don Loustalet, Larry Zugnoni** and **Ed Wojnar.** Second Flight: **Carl Johnson, Dick Richmond** and **Don Nunn.** Closest to the Pin: **John Lewis.**

June 3 First Flight: **Gene Diana, Ed Arbuckle** and **Rich Hanford.** Second Flight: **Dick Richmond, Ray Weisz** and **Don Nunn.** Closest to the Pin: **Ray Nordstrom.**

June 10 First Flight: **Jeff Baily, Rich Hanford** and **Frank Marcon.** Second Flight: **Tom Gorman, Don Del Bene** and **Dean Merritt.** Closest to the Pin: **Dan O'Sullivan.**

Q: How do you put an elephant in the refrigerator? Did you say " open the refrigerator, put in the elephant and close the refrigerator"? (wrong answer)

A: Open the refrigerator, take out the giraffe, put in the elephant and close the door.

This tests your ability to think through the repercussions of your previous actions.



Health Matters Physical and Mental

The following articles were copied with permission from the *Aviation Medical Bulletin* published by Harvey W. Watt & Co. 1-800-241-6103

These articles are not intended to provide specific medical advise.

That should be obtained from your physician.

REPLACEMENT

In her book *Get a Real Food Life* (Rodale Press, 2002) **Janie Whiteson**, MSc. suggests the following *replace-ments* to transform people's "out-of-control" lives. **Janie** is in private practice in New York City and is known to her clients as the "Food Coach".

- 1. Replace 2 sugared drinks with 2 extra glasses of water. Water plays a key function in digestion, circulation, elimination, body temperature, and energy level.
- 2. Replace your current breakfast with a high-fiber cereal. Fiber keeps your blood sugar stable, relieves constipation, and helps you cut down on fat intake. Look for a minimum of 5 grams per serving.
- 3. **Replace the nightly news with some extra snooze time**. When you are tired, you tend to be hungrier, because your body is crying out for more food. So, a little more sleep can be helpful.
- Replace corn oil with olive or canola oil. You will be replacing polyunsaturated fats with healthier mono unsaturated ones that help lower "bad" cholesterol. Monounsaturated fats also offer protection against cancer.
- 5 **Replace one cup of coffee with one cup of green tea.** Tea contains healthy antioxidants.
- 6. **Replace white or "wheat" bread with 100% whole wheat bread**. Don't be fooled by bread colored to look healthier.
- 7. Replace your afternoon coffee or sweet with a 10 minute walk or a healthful snack.
- 8. **Replace two meat-based meals with bean-based meals.** You will be getting great fiber and no arteryclogging saturated fats. Source: *Prevention*, June 2002

MIDDLE-AGED?

Half of people ages 65 to 74 think of themselves as middle aged or even younger, as do one-third of those over 75, according to a survey by the Nation Council on Aging.

AN APPLE A DAY...

An apple contains less than 10 mg of vitamin C, but eating an apple with the skin on provides polyphenols and flavinoids that equal the effect of 1,500 mg of vitamin C. Source: *Nature* Vol. 405, pg. 903

CIGARETTES KILL

In fact they kill more Americans than AIDS, alcohol, car accidents, murders, suicides, drugs and fires combined.

Source: American Cancer Society

Know Your SIR Carl Johnson

I'm a native Oregonian, born on 9/7/27 in St. Helens, a

small lumber town Columbia River Portland. I grew up and certainly had

After graduating 1945 I signed up for "see the world" type

on the banks of the northwest of on a farm in the hills my share of chores. from high school in one of those free of cruises that were

so popular at the time. True to their word the cruising included Australia, Japan and many trips in and out of Pearl Harbor.

In 1948, after my discharge, I invested all my savings in a new Chevrolet. As I recall, the cost was \$1862. With the availability of the GI Bill, I enrolled at Oregon State. It was there that I met my future wife, **Anne**, on a blind date. A friend of mine needed transportation to Willamette University in Salem and he said he could get me a date if I would be the chauffeur. It was that '48 Chevy that brought us together. It has been restored and is still in the family. We have been married 52 + years.

After graduation, we both accepted jobs at Boeing in Seattle. When my father passed away in late 1952 we decided to move back to Portland to be closer to the family. It was in Portland where I landed a job with Shell Oil Company, which lasted over 33 years. I was in marketing, purchasing, and a financial services manager. We have moved several times with Shell, from Portland to San Francisco to Sacramento to Seattle to New York to San Francisco to Anaheim and back to San Francisco. We settled in Moraga when we returned to the Bay Area.

We were blessed with two sons, Gary, a marine biologist, and **Jeff**, a CPA and financial manager. We have one grandson, Erik, who is our pride and joy. Family get-togethers are important to us. We make several trips a year between here and the Northwest since most of our family is in the Portland-Seattle area.

We have traveled throughout the world. But the best part of every trip is returning to the great area we all live in. We enjoy golf and bridge and, as our doctor tells us, it is important to keep all the wheels lubricated and turning. Also, our church is a big part of our lives.

The SIRS organization and especially Branch 146 has been extremely helpful in the transition to a life of retirement. We cannot thank enough all those who contribute their time and talents to make 146 the best branch in SIRS.

Worry is the dark room where negatives are developed.

Away Golf Jim Baldridge

July

Tilden Park-Berkeley Thurs July 31. 11:00 start. SIR riders \$36, guest riders \$34.

April 2, 2004 Silverado 2004 12:00 shotgun North Course, SIR riders \$45, guest riders \$43.

Questions: Call Jim Baldridge 689-9232.

The owner of a golf course in Texas was confused about paying an invoice he received, so he asked his secretary for some mathematical help.

He called her into his office and said, "As I remember, you graduated from Texas A&M several years ago. If I were to give you \$1,218 minus 14%, how much would you take off?" The secretary thought for a moment, and then replied, "Everything but my earrings".

Luncheon Attendance

Dale Haukland 820-0189

SIR's Luncheon 2nd Thursday of every month at Boundary Oak. Blake's Restaurant



Help! If you are not going to be able to attend the SIR's luncheon, call me. If I'm not home, leave your name, SIR badge number and phone number. Call me by Friday noon prior to the Thursday luncheon if you are going to miss. Be sure you call.

Waiting List:

Men must call by Friday noon prior to Thursday's lunch if you are going to attend. Remember to call

SIRs bringing a guest:

Call and leave your name and the name of your guest. Call by Friday noon prior to the Thursday luncheon.

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 shall be notified by letter of their pending membership termination. Certification of another Branch meeting will be considered as credit to attendance record



All smiles at the June 12 luncheon are: Barney Meade, Don Nunn, Chris Satterthwaite & Tom Gorman



Luncheon Menu Jerry Bellows

This month's luncheon menu

Salad

- House salad
- Freshly baked rolls and butter

Entrees including vegetables

- Seafood Newburg with rice pilaf
- Meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy

Dessert

- Daily dessert special
- Regular or decaffeinated coffee and tea

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Membership Lang Erickson

Branch 146 statistics:

Members 211, Honorary 4, Waiting list 20 June attendance: Members 155, Honorary Life Member 3, Waiting list 9, Guests 5. Total attendance 172. Excused members 44.

Unexcused members 13.

Sunshine Chuck Smith

We've started a new Sunshine table for our monthly luncheon. We will have greeting cards addressed to members who are ill or have had some cause for grief in the family. Please look for the table every month and add your signature to any card. It means a lot to get a cheery card.



Tony De Salles is still at Mt. Diablo Hospital. He has good days and bad but hopes to be home soon. He misses being at the meetings.

Rod Sharretts faces knee replacement June 25. Good luck Rod.

Note

Chuck Smith, our Sunshine chair, will be absent for the greater part of July. Please inform substitute chair Rollie Nordeen during July of anyone that you know of who is hurting. Rollie's phone no. is (925)284-1199 and his e-mail address is rnordeen3@attbi.com

Party Bridge Fred Bolton

1st Monday at 10 am at various members' homes. Bring a lunch.

The Party Bridge group met on June 2 at **Bill Snyder's** home for three tables of bridge. First place went to **Chuck Hammond** with 5710 points, second to **Jim Jackson** with 5120, third to **Fred Bolton** and fourth to **Dick Johnson**.

Our next game will be at **Jim Jackson's** on July 7.

Song Sirs Chris Satterthwaite

Practice is held at the WC Presbyterian Church normally at 3:00 pm Wednesday. Dates to be commensurate with Song Sir entertainment requirements.



The Song Sirs continue preparations for assisting the branch with its Independence Day and with their ladies' celebration on July 11. We are also flattered to have an invitation from another SIR branch to provide the entertainment at a forthcoming lunch. For the July event we shall continue our practice on Wednesdays June 25 and July 9. Our director, **Rod Sharretts**, will be absent for a spell coping with a knee operation. Meanwhile we have hired **Don Nunn** to take over **Rod's** duties, but at one-half the salary. We are still interested in additional melodious voices. Come and join our group.



Sir **Rod Sharretts** being inducted into Branch 146, is handed his "Welcome" envelope by Sir **John Lewis** with Sir **Bill Weinberg** announcing the occasion.

Investments Ben Smith

4th Wednesday 8:00 am at Diablo Creek Golf Course (Legends Grill). North Port Chicago Highway and Highway 4, Concord.

At our July meeting we plan to have an open group discussion of current events taking place in the investment world, so bring an item that you would like to discuss with the group and we can share some wisdom.

Q: The Lion King is hosting a conference for all animals except one. Which animal does not attend?

A: The elephant. You just put him in the refrigerator. This tests your memory.

They arrested the Energizer Bunny and charged him with Battery.



Travel Opportunities

Charlie Kiser

July 9-11, 2003 <u>Boulder Creek</u>. Includes 3 rounds of golf (cart extra), 2 nights

lodging, one dinner and \$28 food credit per couple. 1,2 and 3 bedroom units available.

Limited. Cost \$188 for golfer and \$137 for non-golfer. Contact **Charlie Kiser** 274-1575

July 24, 2003 <u>SIR Day at Pac Bell Park</u>. Watch the SF Giants battle Luis Gonzales and the Arizona Diamondbacks Thursday, July 24 at 12:45 pm. Lower box \$32, view level \$18. subject to availability. Contact **Charlie Kiser** 274-1575.

Transportation only option: includes r/t bus, gourmet box lunch & refreshment and prizes. \$37 does not include game ticket. Contact **Fred Stammen** Br. 171 283-1956

Sept 17-29, 2003 <u>SIR 45th Anniversary Alaska Cruise</u>. Celebrate with your fellow SIR members and guests on a 13 day Alaska cruise r/t from San Francisco on Holland America's Volendam. No airplanes. Gourmet 45th anniversary dinner in Vancouver, B.C. All tips on board, r/t transfers to ship. Lottery for penthouse suite. Cost from \$2495. For those already signed up, sign up a friend and get a \$100 shipboard credit.

Contact Charlie Kiser 274-1575.

Dec 12, 2003 <u>Beach Blanket Babylon</u>. r/t bus transport, dinner at New Pisa Restaurant and musical comedy performance of Beach Blanket Babylon. Cost is \$106. Contact **Bob Hagler** Br. 8, 934-7620.

Jan 19-Feb 2, 2004 <u>Cruise to Hawaii</u>. r/t from San Francisco. Visit all four islands on this 14 day cruise. Includes r/t transfers to the San Francisco pier and on board tips. Cost from \$1953 inside and \$2553 outside cabin p/p d/o. Single rates on request. Contact **Bob Hagler** Br. 8, 934-7620.





John Demos and Jim Todhunter

Table Pool

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

Had a great turnout on the 1st meeting of the month plus an interesting mix of skill and extremely lucky shots given by none other than **Jeff Baily**, our editor. At the second monthly meeting, it happened that Branch 8 and Branch 146 had a tournament (**Ken Kratz** and **Bill Weinberg** represented Branch 146) and Branch 146 won it all.. Branch 8 players said, "We'll be back".

The pool group is continuing to grow and the skill level is improving, such that our Table Pool leader has threatened to withdraw from the two bits a game bets if he doesn't win more.



Pictured at the 3rd Annual Ladies Invitational Golf Outing at the Yountville Vintners Golf Club on June 11, 2003 are L to R, Margot Somerville, Bob and Janet Yolland, Mitch and Ann Mitchell, and Doug Cook.

State President
Region Director
Area Governor

2003 SIR State Officers

James Faverman Dan Gilmore Art Miller

Branch 146 Officers and Directors

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Big SIR	Bob Yolland	932-4758		
Little SIR	Doug Cook	939-4327		
Secretary	Bill Weinberg	682-0962		
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Assistant Treasurer	Bob Wheaton	939-4512		
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Director	Dale Haukland	820-0189		
Director	Howard Harvey	933-4112		
Director	Ray Kan	376-2023		
Director	Al Milano	933-3492		
Director	Dick Richmond	947-1167		

Committee Chairmen-2003

Committ	ee Chairmen-2	003
Attendance	Dale Haukland	820-0189
Audit	Chuck Bobinecz	939-8740
Badges	Dick Richmond	947-1167
Bocce Ball	Al Milano	933-3492
Bowling	Dick Joyce	672-8193
Bridge-couples	Lo McCarley	935-3939
Bridge-duplicate	Bob Donahue	376-4527
Bridge-party	Fred Bolton	932-1580
Bulletin	Jeff Baily	906-0521
Candy Sales	Bob Spellman	934-8428
Chaplain	Bryant Fischback	934-6064
Cooking	Don Nunn	934-5214
Cribbage	Al Tufo	798-4129
Fishing	Sal Costanza	689-7647
Gardening	Chuck Bobinecz	939-8740
Golf	Joe Jansen	935-6691
Golf Scheduling	Tom Gorman	685-9721
Away Golf	Jim Baldridge	689-9232
Greeters	Bob Madge	939-4037
Hardware	Ralph Fowler	939-2953
Historian	Jack Calloway	933-7998
Honorees	Dick DeVoe	932-5546
Investment	Phil Leigh	685-8090
Luncheon	Jerry Bellows	376-3352
Membership	Lang Erickson	682-1337
Nominating	Fred Kovar	937-2951
Pianist	Dave Obera	932-2584
Radio	Bill Moresi	837-4645
Social	Don Nunn	934-5214
SongSirs	Chris Satterthwaite	939-7826
Director	Rod Sharretts	372-6566
Sunshine	Chuck Smith	944-4949
Table Pool	Bill Weinberg	682-0962
Travel	Charlie Kiser	274-1575
Asst Travel	Bob Spellman	934-8428
Veterans	Art Trost	934-2889
Walkers	John Lewis	825-3561
Wine Tasting	Rich Hanford	933-9237

Past Big SIR's

1989 Charles Unfried 1990 Gill Rhodes 1991 Gene Hackett 1992 Walt Entelman 1993 Kap Kaprelian 1994 Joe Jansen 1995 Bob Walton 1996 Dick DeVoe 1997 Warren Boero 1998 Don Nunn 1999 Dave Valladao 2000 Jack Calloway 2001 Bill Hansen 2002 Fred Kovar



Walkers John Lewis

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

July 4 - Holiday. No walk.

July 11 - Markham tree walk (Concord). Remember the Bunya Bunya tree? Meet at Coco's back parking lot on Treat near Clayton Rd.

<u>July 18</u> - Asian Art Museum. (SF) Meet at WC BART 10 am sharp.\$6 museum fee plus lunch in SF. Asian History briefing by Prof. **Ralph Fowler**.

<u>July 25</u> - Oakland Hills Memorial walk. Meet at Orinda Village Safeway for carpools. Coffee & walk at Claremont Hotel afterward.

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Q: There is a river you must cross but it is inhabited by crocodiles. How do you manage it?

A: You swim across. All the crocodiles are attending the animal meeting.

This tests whether you learn quickly from previous mistakes

July Birthday Boys
Olof Johansson, Barney Meade, John Miller,
Bob Walton, Ray Weisz, Sal Costanza, John Lewis,
Ed Mendelssohn, Don Duerson, Pete Gates,
Vito Magliano, Moe Moran, Bob Schroder, Guy Rudberg



Fred Donnelly and Frank McNamee

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