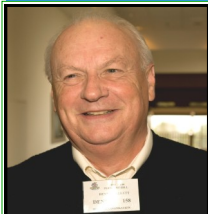




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Big Sir's Notes

Dennis Hallett

May I start by thanking **Pete Gates** for covering my June 2010 Branch Executive Committee (BEC) and luncheon duties while I was on vacation. I also extend my thanks to **Don Del Bene** for his presentation at the June Luncheon on our Emergency Evacuation Plan.

My congratulations to **Chuck Smith** who won the Colorful Shirt Competition with **Fred Kovar** a close second.

Please remember our voluntary annual donation of \$25 is due. I am informed that over 70 % of our members have already made their donation. Without your donation we will be unable to maintain our existing level of activities and improvements. Please make your check payable to "SIR 146" and give it to **Joe Fuchs** or **Ron de Golia** or mail it to **Ron de Golia** at: 1012 Camino Verde Circle, Walnut Creek, CA 94597.

We are in need for some volunteers to join our Song Sirs. Please contact the Director **Don Tubb** if you have an interest. We are very proud of our Song Sirs and have enjoyed hearing their programs on many occasions. They are one of the cornerstones of our Branch.

The BEC has approved the Website Enhancement Plan prepared by the Website Committee. Already we are seeing improvements and look forward to more in the future. The Website Committee should be commended for their efforts.

Lastly, I would like to thank the Nominating Committee, under **Garth Cummings** chairmanship, for selecting the 2011 Branch Officers and Directors. We have a strong team, with many new faces, who are willing to

serve.

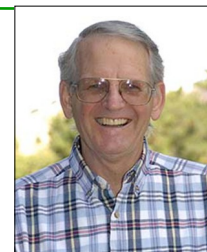
The slate of nominees for the 2011 BEC are as follows;

Big Sir
Little Sir
Secretary
Asst. Secretary
Treasurer
Asst. Treasurer
Director
Director
Director
Director
Director
Director

Pete Gates
Jim Burk
Jim Meehan
Terry Marchione
Dick Woodman
Ron Pascoe
Chuck Eichten
John Harrington
Dale Hertweck
Bill Hoban
Bill Roberts
Jim Kohl

Little Sir's Corner

Pete Gates



The speaker for the July Luncheon will be **Tom Bugbee**, Assistant Director of Operations for CourseCo. He will talk about the plans for the future of the Boundry Oak Golf Course and Clubhouse facilities.

Pete



Duplicate Bridge Terry Marchione

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



Sir **Fred Kovar** hosted our June game with four tables of duplicate bridge. Again this month I want to give a special thanks to Sir **Jim Jackson** for filling in as Director.

The bridge match was exceptionally close. Sir **Bob Donahue** finished in 1st place with a score of 41.5 points, squeezing by Sir **Bill Rees** and Sir **Jim Jackson** who tied for 2nd with 41 points each. Sir **Lynn Freeman** (40.5 points) finished fourth.

The next game will be held on Monday July 12th at Sir **Bill Snyder's** home. Contact **Terry Marchione** (terrymarchione@yahoo.com) for information.

Couples Duplicate Bridge Too Dick De Voe

Our Couples Duplicate Bridge Too event is usually full of surprises, and June was no exception. Substitutes **Bob** and **Janet Yolland** graciously hammered the rest of the group on their way to receiving 1st place. They gave in return a wakeup call to the "regulars" that we aren't yet ready for the world championships. Bummer. However, hosts **Dick** and **Christy DeVoe** proved once again that luck can indeed trump skill by taking 2nd place. **Ken** and **Elaine Richter** came in 3rd two months in a row, which either proves they're not really trying or that they're just barely hanging on. The month's 4th, 5th, and 6th place teams- **Terry/Sharon Marchione**, **Lynn/Dasha Freeman**, and **Josie Barry/Margot Somerville**, not necessarily in that order- were all hoping their names wouldn't be mentioned. But, hey, transparency is what it's all about. Better luck (and even a modicum of skill) next month!



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 bridge at the home of **Lo McCarley** on June 7.

First place went to **Carl Johnson** with 5450 points, second to **Bill Snyder** with 4970 and third to **Chuck Hammond** with 4840. Our next game will be at the home of **Bill Snyder** on July 5th.



Lunch and Wine Group

Paul Dubow



Frank Rockwell hosted a Mexican themed meal at our May gathering. His menu consisted of chips, salsa, and guacamole as starters followed by beef enchiladas, Mexican rice, and Mexican salad, and then a dessert of flan with whipped cream. As usual, we enjoyed the meal, the wine, and the conversation. At the same time, our wives lunched at the Lark Creek Restaurant in Walnut Creek.

It is our usual practice to supply you with a recipe from our gourmet chefs, but **Frank's** recipes for the enchiladas and flan proved to be rather complicated and perhaps a bit long for this space. However, **Frank** happily supplied us with a shorter version and here it is:

- Pick up phone
- Call the Quadalahara Grill
- Order rice for 7
- Order flan for 7
- Hang up phone

In the next issue we will supply you with the details of the June luncheon prepared by **Joe Barry**. Our next luncheon is at the home of **Dick Woodman** on July 21 and we are looking forward to the experience.

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** hosted eight couples for a gala evening of duplicate bridge on June 16th— everyone had a great time. The group welcomed **Jill Reiner** as **Jim Brown's** partner. As for the bridge results, **Bob** and **Janet Yolland** took first place with 37 points, **Lynn** and **Dasha Freeman** took second (36 points), **Jim** and **Allison Todhunter** tied with **George Zurich** and **Tamara Judson** for third place with 32 points. **Margot Somerville** with her bridge partner, **Vince Rettew**, will host the next bridge on July 21st.



Theater Gary Schaub

“The Hairy Ape”

Scheduled for September
Theatre Party



An important drama from the 1920's by a prize-winning playwright is the SIR 146 Theatre Party for September. It will be presented at the Village Theatre in Danville on Thursday, September 23rd at 8:00 p.m., produced by the **Eugene O'Neill** Foundation. Eugene O'Neill's "The Hairy Ape" is an Expressionistic play about a steam-ship stoker who tries to make sense of the world around him. It is a powerful statement about the effects of industrialization and technology on the worker. While set in the 1920s', "The Hairy Ape" is relevant in many ways to contemporary times.

The play is by Nobel Prize winning Playwright **Eugene O'Neill**, who lived at Tao House, his home in the Danville hills, between 1937-1941. Here **O'Neill** wrote his most notable plays, including "A Long Day's Journey Into Night," "A Moon for the Misbegotten," and "The Iceman Cometh." Tao House is now part of the **Eugene O'Neill** National Historic Site, operated by the National Park Service.

Tickets for "The Hairy Ape," in a special group rate for SIR members is \$25. Space is limited. Deadline to order is September 3rd. Send your check, payable to "SIR146" to Sir **Gary Schaub**, 1758 Candelero Court, Walnut Creek 94598. If you have questions, call **Gary** at (925) 938-5454. Tickets will be distributed at the door of the Village Theatre, 233 Front Street, Danville (one block east of Hartz Avenue, near the Danville Library). Free and lot parking is available nearby in Danville

"The Hairy Ape" is being presented as part of a month-long **Eugene O'Neill** Festival, held each fall in Danville. In addition to the play, several lectures and panels, musical events and art exhibits related to the Expressionistic period will be offered. (Details regarding the Festival will be posted on the Eugene O'Neill Foundation website, www.eugeneoneill.org). Expressionism was a cultural movement of the early 20th century that vividly distorted personal moods and ideas. Other artists working in the mode included **Edward Munch** and **Vincent van Gogh** (art), **Franz Kafka** (literature) and **August Strindberg** (drama).



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.

The July meeting will be on Thursday, July 22nd. It will be a BBQ at the home of Sir **Chuck Bobinecz** from 11a to 3p. He will furnish the sausages and suds. Sir **Lew Thompson** is coordinating this event. Please contact him prior to July 15th as to what you might bring (salads, deserts, etc.) As usual, wives and guests are welcome.

Our August meeting will be a trip to the **Ruth Bancroft** Gardens. We will meet at the garden on Thursday, August 5th at 9am. The cost for a docent one hour tour is \$7 pp or if you are a member of the garden there is no cost for the tour. Again, wives and guests are welcome. 4

Garden tip of the month: Water less often, but for longer periods. A deep soaking once a week is better for your plants than frequent shallow drinks. This soaking encourages deep roots, which means you water less as the summer wears on. Also, mulch, mulch, mulch.



Chess Group

A chess group is now being formed. Players at all levels are welcome.

Please contact **Joe Fuchs** at JBF@astound.net if you are interested.

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.



Poker Club #1 Frank McNamee



Poker Club #1 met on June 9th at the **Don Martin** Residence and it proved to be a great day for the Irish as **Dan O'Sullivan** was the big winner. He was followed by **Howard O'Harvey** and **Frank McNamee** who didn't win as much combined as **Dan** did on his own. I hope **Donna** doesn't believe that story that he lost again. Make him take you to dinner. We will meet again on July 7th at the home of **Bob White**.

Poker Club #3 Siegfried Kalteis



Unfortunately we did not have a full table, but we had fun nonetheless. **Joe Fuchs** and **Ron Plachy** were the big winners. **Joe** won a hand both high and low with a straight flush wheel, now that's lucky! Personally, to everybody's relief, I am back to my losing ways. That's OK, I am used to that and I am comfortable with that.



Poker Club #4 Chuck Bobinecz

Our next (\$10 to \$10 session – you may win or lose \$10 – rarely happens) is on June 28 at the home of Sir **Garth Cummings** and on July 26th we will meet at the home of Sir **Pete Gates**. Sir **Skip Thomas** added a lot of excitement to our last session. He is well now and ready to take our poker losses.

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.

POKER GROUP 5 Bill Roberts



Our June game was held on the Wednesday the 9th. We welcomed back **Skip Thomas** after his unexpected trip to the hospital. **Skip** looked to be in fine form as he continued his three month winning streak. **Dean Merritt** and **Ken Richter** found a new way to avoid losing big money by showing up half way through the game (however just in time to partake of **Bill Roberts** homemade meatloaf. Due to travel conflicts there will be no game in July. Our regular players are **Spellman, Thomas, Merritt, Richter, Koeber, Marchione** and **Roberts**. The date for our next game has not been set at this time.

Bowling Larry Mitchell



Our SIR League at Diablo Lanes is well under way and is very competitive. We have three teams within one game of first place, one of which I am a proud member!

The tournaments scheduled for July are: Yuba City at the Nu Generation Lanes on the 12th and 13th and Napa at the Napa Bowl on the 16th and 17th. These are Singles, Mixed Doubles and All Events. For more information or entry forms, please call me at 925-798-5440.

Cribbage John Pearl, Interim Chair

We're having trouble getting a "quorum" together as summer time travels and various appointments come into play. We took off the month of June, and may also do so in July, resuming a little later in the year. If you'd like the excitement of counting 15-2's, trying to count to 31, and other fun things, please consider joining our group.

John Pearl, Interim Chair
mcppearl@astound.net
934-6920



Travel Opportunities

Bob Spellman



Aug 19, 2010 Guide Dogs for the Blind and Marine Mammal Center. This should be a fun trip. We will travel by Motorcoach to visit the Guide Dogs campus in the morning and see how they train the dogs for the blind. After a stop for lunch we will motor down to the Marine Mammal Center located in the Marine Headlands area. There we will take a tour of the facility and gain a deeper understanding of marine mammals and their ocean environment.

Cost: \$38.00 pp. Make checks payable to SIR 146 and send to **Bob Spellman** 3524 Perada Dr. Walnut Creek, Ca. 94598

Sept 17-30, 2010 Mediterranean Enchantment. A 10-day cruise on board Holland America's ms Noordam sailing round trip from Civitavecchia (Rome) plus a 2-night post stay in Rome. The Itinerary includes visits to Livorno, Monte Carlo, Barcelona, Palma de Mallorca, Carthage, Trapani and Naples. The cost is \$4965 to \$5935 depending on Stateroom and includes transfers to/from SF. Round trip airfare from SF to Rome and back. All meals while on board. Sky cap and Stevedore tips and Government fees. Contact **Jim Lunn** @925-551-3329 Branch #8 for more information.

Oct 1-11, 2011 Canada & New England Cruise. Experience the colors of Fall as you sail for 10 days aboard Silversea's Silver Whisper from Montreal to New York. You will also visit Quebec City, Charlottetown, Sydney, Halifax, Bar Harbor, Boston and Newport. While aboard the Silver Whisper you will find a most accommodating atmosphere providing impeccable service and world class cuisine. Everything is included in the price, tips, fine wines, all spirits, complimentary In Suit dining, meals airfare, bus to and from airport, port charge, government fees and taxes. You will be treated like royalty. Cost from \$4720 to \$6057 depending on Stateroom. Contact **Bob Spellman** @ 934-8428. This trip has been very popular with over 50 people signed up.

The quarterly State *SIR HAPPENINGS* web site at <http://www.sirinc.org/sirhappings/> offers additional SIR travel options.

MEMBER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

JACK CALLOWAY

Congratulations to our newest member, **Chuck Sesata**, who was sponsored by **Jack Calloway**. At the June luncheon we had the drawing for a free lunch for sponsors of new members in the first half of 2010. **Bob Yolland** was the lucky winner and he is already sponsoring another new member in July. Could he also be the winner at our next drawing in November?

We have now completed the first half of 2010. Unfortunately, we have lost more members than we have inducted. Please think carefully about someone you know who might be a potential member and bring him to our next luncheon. If you enjoy being a member of Branch 146, why not share the good times?

Sunshine

Walt Busenius

945-0715

Busenius@astound.net



We extend our heartfelt best wishes for healing to the following Sirs who are in our thoughts and prayers:

Sir **John Pearl** is recovering from back surgery and Sir **Bob Abegg** is recovering from shoulder replacement

Sir **Barney Meade** continues to recover at home from a stroke

Sir **Rod Sharretts** is also recovering from medical issues

As of this Sir Call, these Sirs were also having health issues:

Jesse Crews
Robert Skirvan
Herb Freeman

If you know a Sir who is sick, please let me know by phone or e-mail as shown above.



Luncheon Attendance
Bob Lyman



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

The price of our luncheons is \$24 with a no-host bar.

Please email me, rjlyman@aol.com, or call me at 925-825-6386 by Friday NOON (July 2, 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 **\$24.00** 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. Notification to the Branch 146 Attendance Chairman (Bob Lyman) is necessary to receive credit.

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.

Luncheon Menu for July 8, 2010

ENTRÉE: Tilapia with Lemon Caper Aioli, Cous Cous or Grilled Bistro Filet with Mushroom Demi, Cous Cous

VEGETABLE: Seasonal Vegetables

DESSERT: Strawberry 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 SIR 146. It is voluntary and please do not feel obligated, as a new member, to sit at this table.

Membership
Steve Sprague



Branch 146 Statistics:

Active Members: 252 including six Honorary Life Members.

Applicant List: One.

Inactive Members: 13

May Luncheon Attendance:

Members: 171

Guests: 3, Visitors: 0, Speaker: 1.

Total Attendance; 175.

Status Changes:

Inducted: **Chuck Sesata**, Badge 226

Moved to Inactive List: None

Resigned: **Chuck Clark**, badge 248

Rob McSpadden, badge 10

Deceased: None

Transferred: None

SIR 146 -Year to Date - Treasurer's Report
As of MAY 31, 2010

Beginning Bank Balance - 1/1/10 **\$ 6,134.61**

Administrative Contributions 1,465.00

Administrative Disbursements 1,853.58

Net Administrative **(388.58)**

Activities Receipts 35,242.40

Activities Disbursements 35,221.55

Net Activities **\$ 20.85**

Ending Bank Balance - 4/30/10 **5,766.88**

THE LUNCH PRICE IS REDUCED TO \$24.00

PLEASE PAY FOR YOUR LUNCH BY CHECK = \$24.00.

\$25 ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR BRANCH ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES ARE NOW DUE.

PLEASE MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS @ LUNCH OR MAIL CHECK TO RON DE GOLIA.



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 the following presentation for their meeting on Thursday, July 15th

“Traveling Overseas with Technology – What technology to use while travelling?”

By Neil Schmidt

With recent rapid advances in technology there are now many devices that can aid the traveler when going overseas. There are ways to inexpensively make phone calls, to send/receive e-mails, share photographs with friends & relatives, to find your designation, etc., etc. Neil will discuss some of these devices as well as options, costs, and tips for using them. In addition, the audience will be encouraged to contribute their experiences and ideas.

Time permitting, there may also be a Show & Tell featuring any gadgets attendees bring, and possibly a Q&A session with The Gurus of A2CAT where the advice is always 'priceless'.

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 (but not every month!). All SIR members and their guests are welcome.

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

Derek Southern and Phil Goff
 Co-chairs



ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out) Malcolm Hendry



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. It's the time to relax with friends and blow off some steam.

Sir **Jim Locker** is in charge this month and has chosen ESIN RESTAURANT AND BAR, located in Danville's Rose Garden. ESIN'S uses the highest quality fresh ingredients to create simple yet sophisticated American cuisine with a Mediterranean flair, and is operated and owned by husband and wife, Chefs **Curtis** and **Esin DeCarion** who take pride in a menu prepared with great care. A warm attractive gathering place with food that is garnering rave reviews, great service and an award winning wine list.

Location: 750 Camino Ramon, Danville (easy parking)

Web Site: www.esinrestaurant.com (menus, reviews and directions)

Phone: 925-314-0974

Please let **Jim Locker** (contact info is in the Branch directory) by Tuesday, July 13th, if you will join us. Your suggestions are welcome for future restaurants to visit.



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.



Fishing Paul Dubow

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



Salmon fishing in the ocean has opened and **Terry Miller** got the honors for the first salmon of the year on board the El Dorado. **Terry** also caught a nice halibut on the same trip, as did **Harry Sherinian**. However, the salmon fishing remained spotty and, as the month progressed, we did better with halibut in the bay, culminating with a catch of eight delicious flatties by **Karl Droese, Carl and Leah Moyer, Rich Bennett, Terry Miller, and Paul Dubow**. Prior to the halibut outing, **Paul** made his annual trip to the north woods of Wisconsin with his Milwaukee neighbors of forty years ago and caught and released about 70 large-mouth bass and walleyes. Sturgeon fishing has been somewhat limited but on one trip **Carl Moyer**, fishing with **Terry Miller**, caught and released one 74 inches long (about 120 pounds). The highlight of the month, however, was a trip to Lake Davis. That lake has been very productive for rainbow trout ever since it was emptied and refilled two years ago. **Jim Andrews, John Hayes, Tom Boltz, Terry Miller, Harry Sherinian, Jack Waddell, Mario Moratorio, Bill Landers, Craig Walton, and Joe Misicione** traveled to the lake early in the month and, over a three day period, they averaged a catch of over 20 fish per day, releasing all but a few. Other members of our group enjoyed successful trout outings. **Bob Olson** and his son journeyed to the Burney area, catching trout to five pounds.

Romano Gnusti made a solo excursion to Shadow Cliffs and landed two nice rainbows fishing from shore. Later, **Terry Miller, Harry Sherinian, Mike Corker, and Carl Moyer** got limits of trout fishing from **Carl's** boat at Shadow Cliffs. **Sal Costanza** traveled to Lake Almanor where he conquered a four and one half pound brown trout and landed five rainbows to 20 inches. And, finally, **Jim Ballard** managed to catch four rainbows from the Truckee River notwithstanding very high water.

On another front, **Joe Karg, Karl Droese, and Carl Moyer** tried Lake Don Pedro for the first time and caught a mixed bag of king and kokanee salmon. **Joe Peterson** continued his good fortune trolling the Sacramento River for stripers and **Bill Landers** worked the delta hard for lots of black bass plus striped bass to fifteen pounds. **Bill** is our black bass expert and he gave an excellent talk on the subject at our last meeting.

We will be very busy this summer with delta fishing for black bass, crappie, bluegill, catfish, and sturgeon, trout fishing in the mountain lakes and rives, and party boat trips for salmon, sturgeon, halibut, and stripers. If you haven't been fishing in a while, but might like to try it again, come join us. On some occasions, we can even supply you with equipment.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, July 22, at the Legends Sports Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek Golf Course at 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. The meeting starts at 8:30 am, but you can join us for breakfast at 8 am. For further information, feel free to contact **Paul Dubow** at 415-495-6504.



Left to right **Rich Bennett, Leah Moyer, Paul Dubow, Carl Moyer, Karl Droese, and Terry Miller.**



Away Golf Jim Baldrige



Tuesday Golf Ray Weisz



The Area 2 SIR Scramble Qualifier will be Friday July 16, 2010 8:00am shotgun at Franklin Canyon Golf Course. The cost is \$46 per person which includes green fees, cart, coffee & donuts and prize fund. This event is a qualifier for the State SIR Scramble finals to be held at Poppy Ridge/Pleasanton on Monday August 9, 2010. The flyer with guidelines for entering a four person team has been circulated and as of this writing Br 146 has 6 teams signed up. "A" players with handicaps 0.0 to 17.0 are encouraged to assemble a team and get out there to represent Br 146.

The results from 5/16-21 event in Coeur D'alene Idaho are in. **Ken Kratz** and **Dick Richmond** represented Br 146 and finished in the money for the men in the daily events and in the overall sweeps. **Judy Richmond** finished in the money in the overall sweeps for the women.

The annual Boulder Creek golf outing is scheduled for June 23-25. Contact **Ken Richter** 925-689-6217 for details.

The Br 146 nine hole group that plays at Diablo Hills/Heather Farm will have events on July 1 and July 15. Contact **Bob Wheaton** at bobanwh@astound.net for details.

Jim and **Anne Burk** have arranged Couples Golf for June 23 at Boundary Oak. Contact **Jim** at 925-946-1192 for details. **Vince** and **Bonnie Rettew** are scheduled to set up the Couples Golf event for July.

State Golf Events: Entry forms are on sirstategolf.com for Solvang Sept 12-16 and for Mesquite NV for Nov 7-11. The Reno event was played June 13-18. We are awaiting results and will publish them in the next Call.

If you are interested in playing in SIR state events and do not have internet access contact me, **Ron Plachy** or **Dick Richmond** and we will help get forms to you. Questions: **Jim Baldrige** 925-689-9232 or e-mail jimjudy39@aol.com.

May 18, 2010

First Flight: 1st **Gene Diana** 65, 2nd **Jack Calloway**, 3rd **Jeff Baily** 73. Second Flight: 1st **Walt Busenius** 69, 2nd **Bill Hansen** 69, 3rd **Bill Weinberg** 71. Third Flight: 1st **Joe Lamanna** 64, 2nd **Dean Meritt** 68, 3rd **Ralph Fowler** 71. Closest to the pin Hole #2 **Dean Merritt**, Hole #12 **Bill Hansen**.

May 25, 2010

First Flight: 1st **Gene Diana** 70, 2nd **Jack Calloway** 71, 3rd **Joe Fuchs** 74. Second Flight: 1st **Ken Kratz** 68, 2nd **Walt Busenius** 73, 3rd **Jim Passaglia** 74. Third Flight: 1st **Ray Weisz** 68, 2nd **Jim Brown** 70, 3rd **Doug Cook**, Closest to the pin Hole # 2 **Chuck Sesata**, Hole # 12 **Bill Boyd**.

June 1, 2010

First Flight: 1st **Joe Fuchs** 65, 2nd **Gene Diana** 67, 3rd **Dave Steinberg** 70, Second Flight: 1st **Walt Busenius** 70, 2nd **Joe Lamanna** 72, 3rd **Bill Hansen** 72, Third Flight: 1st **Ray Weisz** 66, 2nd **Ralph Fowler** 72, 3rd **Sal Castanza** 73. Closest to the pin Hole # 2 **Terry Marchione**, Hole # 12 **Lew Thompson**.

June 8, 2010

Lone Tree Golf Course

We had 50 golfers turnout for our Third Tuesday Travel day. Again we had some great scores in the winners group.

First Flight: 1st **Gene Diana** 63, 2nd **Joe Fuchs** 66, 3rd **Lew Thompson** 67. Second Flight: 1st **Rich Hanford** 63, 2nd **Walt Busenius** 69, 3rd **Ray Kan** 70. Third Flight: 1st **Bill Boyd** 68, 2nd **Bill Danzig** 69, 3rd **John Demos** 69. Closest to the pin Hole # 2 **Jim Burk**, Hole 5 **Ed Malboeuf**.

The sunshine is here and the Golf Courses are in great condition. We need more Golfers to show up and give the above winners some competition. Our roster is presently at 104 members. However our weekly attendance has not been that great. Those of you that have been participating may try to set your priority to allow for a Tuesday Golf day. I am sure once you try it, you will have a very enjoyable day. Plan a day. See you at the Golf Course. Boundary Oak is in the best condition in the last 10 years.

New Cooking Group

Gourmets, Hamburger helper makers and all those in between:

The Cooking group, having survived ten years of lunches, dinners and picnics has decided to move on and disband so that you new, younger and brave SIRS can perform and join in the fun.

We hope that you can get a group of fellas to experiment with new and exciting recipes and gourmet gettogethers. Come on and sign up.

Some of the things that we have done over the years:

Cook and prepare a lunch or outings or whatever once a month.

Share the work and responsibilities with at least 6 or 8 members.

Dinners out with our spouses at pre-decided intervals but at least twice yearly

We bottle and label wines yearly.

Invite guest chefs to educate our palates with new and interesting dishes.

Planned a Picnic during the summer.

Come on and sign up. You will need a group of 6 or 8.

Call a buddy and start cooking.

Call or contact **Don Nunn** at 925-935-5214 or

Email at donnunn@astound.net.

Area 2 \$ums In Retirement

Allen Espenmiller

The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group will meet on Wednesday July 28, 8:00am at the Diablo Creek golf club on Port Chicago highway in Concord. Our speaker will be **Peter Karp** of Karp Capital Management from San Francisco. **Peter's** talk will be about asking the right questions of yourself, of your advisor and of the market. His two subject headings "**Status of the Markets & Karp Capital Management's Outlook**" and "**How to invest in Volatile Times**" will provide answers to these questions.

Peter Karp is one of our favorite investment speakers. Plan to attend this very informative meeting. The golf club opens at 7:00 AM and breakfast is available for those who want to arrive early.

Allen Espenmiller Co-Chairman Area 2 \$ums Investment Group

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Explore and Dine John Pearl



After lunch, we wandered the waterfront, and with **Bill Holly's** help discovered a new chocolate factory and outlet at Pier 17, TCHO VENTURES, where **Bill** claims that the dark chocolate made there is done in the most scientific manner possible!

The returning ferry was nearly full, but we made good time - not a bad way to commute. The good afternoon weather provided a much better view on the trip home.

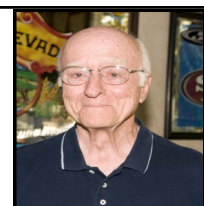
Our June event was postponed to July, partly due to **Chair's** surgery. On Thursday, July 22, we will tour Forest Home Farms and the adjoining Glass House in San Ramon. The Glass House renovation has just been completed, and the house has opened to the public. On Thursday, August 19, we join the Travel Group for a bus trip to San Rafael to visit the Guide Dog facility that was the subject of a luncheon presentation last year, with a follow-up stop at the Marine Mammal Center.

John Pearl

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Bocce Ball Martin Lyle



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

Summer time is an ideal time to get outdoors for some spirited Bocce Ball play with your fellow SIRS. No prior experience is necessary, as new players can get right in and do better than the regulars. Come and join us.

Wine Tasting ... Bill Holly

Our next wine tasting will be on Wednesday, July 28th from 2:30pm to 5:00pm at the home of Jim & Betty Wyrick:
60 Deerhaven Place
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523-1003.

From downtown Walnut Creek take Highway 680 North and exit at Taylor Blvd./Willow Pass Road. Turn Left onto Taylor Blvd. Turn Right on Alhambra Ave. Turn right on Elderwood Dr. Turn right on Fieldcrest Dr., go one block and turn left on Southwind Dr., then turn left at Deerhaven Place. The tasting will take place on the backyard patio at 60 Deerhaven Place. Enter through the side gate.

We will taste two varietals:



Merlot as the red varietal.



Gewürztraminer as the white varietal.

Spouses are invited to attend.
Please bring a single bottle per couple of either the red or the white (under \$20) in a brown paper bag plus an appetizer to share.

Please RSVP by July 21st to Bill Holly either by telephone (925) 691-5337 or by email at bill.holly@comcast.net

Editors Notes

I'm also responsible for taking pictures of the membership activities for this newsletter, as you probably noticed we did not have many this month as I did not make the last luncheon. Please send your pictures to sircall@hotmail.com or richandshirley@sbcglobal.net and I'll get them entered.

We are now below our required 200 mailings for the newsletter. If you wish to receive the newsletter by **snail mail**, please call me 925-672-2514 or email me richandshirley@sbcglobal.net.



Walkers John Lewis



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

July Walks planned by **Bob Madge**

July 2 Alamo Plaza South Danville & Stone Valley Alamo
Meet: Alamo Plaza Parking by Yellowwood
Walk: West on Stone Valley Rd So. On Iron Horse Trail

Paved Level Some Shade
Coffee: Yellowwood Alamo Plaza

July 9 Markham Tree Walk Treat & Clayton Concord
Meet: Coco's back parking

Walk: Back west corner of parking
Not Paved Level Some Shade
Coffee: Coco's

July 16 Heather Farms east Ygnacio Valley Walnut Creek

Meet: End of Heather Farms parking
Walk: East along Contra Costa Canal
Paved Level Some Shade
Coffee: Sweet Affair Ygnacio Plaza

July 23 Pleasant Hill So. Morello & Taylor Pleasant Hill

Meet: Shopping Center parking
Walk: South along Contra Costa Canal
Paved Level Some Shade

July 30 Walden Park North or South

Meet: Walden Park parking
Walk: Iron Horse trail North if bridge over
Treat is open south if not open
Paved Level Some shade
Coffee: La Scala Civic Drive & Locust

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