



Big Sir's Notes

Pete Gates

Wow! We had a busy luncheon agenda but it was all good! First, I was pleased to announce that we have a new contract with CourseCo which continues the current pricing until the end of 2012. Thanks to **Jim Burk** and **Bob Mehus** for their roles in the negotiation. One needed dark glasses to deal with all of the colorful shirts in the room, particularly that of **Rich Ahlf**, which won the competition in a rout. Enjoy the wine **Rich**. Thanks to **Steve Sprague** and **Bob Spellman** for doing a great job as co-judges.

On the more serious side, **Bob Yolland** and I were pleased to present **Tom Gorman** the Branch Honoree Award, the highest award the Branch can bestow, for his many years of service scheduling the 18-hole golf program. Next, **Russ Bliese** received the rare and much coveted "Feather in Your Cap" Award, presented by **Dick Richmond**. This State SIR Golf Committee award is for special achievements in golf. It was well deserved. **Russ** succeeded in scoring his age twice in a one month period. **Ed Malboeuf** then presented **Russ** with an award from the Branch Golf Committee for his achievements.

Jack Calloway, Chair of the Recruitment and Retentions Committee held a drawing for all of those of us who sponsored new members in the first half of the year. The winner of a free lunch was **Dick DeVoe**.

We started-up our **Suggestion Box** at the luncheon and already got one good suggestion. It will be present at future luncheons for your use. I will personally administer the program.

Jim Kohl will provide our annual review of the Evacuation Plan during the July luncheon. It is reprinted in this issue of the SirCall for your preview.

Lastly, I would like to thank the Nominating Committee, under the chairmanship of **Dennis Hallett**, for selecting the nominees for 2012 Branch Officers and Directors. We have a vibrant and experienced team, representing many of our Branch interests The nominees are:

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| Big Sir | Jim Burk |
| Little Sir | Terry Marchione |
| Secretary | Jim Meehan |

- Asst. Secretary
- Treasurer
- Asst. Treasurer
- Director
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- Jim Saavedra**
- Dick Woodman**
- Chuck Clark**
- Bill Holly**
- Walt Busenius**
- Chuck Campbell**
- Bill Roberts**
- Bill Hoban**
- John Harrington**

"Be a friend, bring a friend!"

Little Sir's Corner

Jim Burk



Our speaker for **July** who is an employee of the Department of Corporations for the State of California regrettably notified me that due to the fact that the State does not yet have an approved budget for 2011-2012, **Governor Brown** has had to freeze the travel budget for employees and thus she will not be able to join us. Thus, I have had to secure another speaker to take her place. Thankfully, our greater SIR organization has faced this dilemma many times before and has established a "speaker exchange" that reaches outside our immediate area. So here is the good news. I will not have to imitate the old television commercial of many years ago where a presenter faced with a problem in his audio visual equipment is forced to do an impression of a bird in flight with his hands casting a shadow on the wall.

Gratefully, I have secured **AL GUIDO, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE SAN FRANCISCO FORTY NINERS** to be with us to discuss a number of the issues challenging the 49ers these days, not the least of which is attempting to build a new stadium in Santa Clara. Even though I have long been a fan of the 49ers, **Mr. Guido** has permanently entrenched his team in my heart by virtue of agreeing to be our speaker on July 14.

In **August**, we will be joined by **DANETTE LEIGHTON, the Chief Marketing Officer** for the new Pacific-12 Athletic Conference. In light of **Danette** being with us in August we will make that day our traditional "**Show Your Colors**" day instead of September, and encourage you to wear the colors of your alma mater. She will help us launch the college football season for 2011 which begins in late August. She will discuss with us the work and negotiations that have gone into creating the most lucrative television contract for any conference to date, as well as reviewing some of the goals that helped to initiate this contract



Duplicate Bridge Doug Eisner



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

SIR **Bill Rees** hosted 4 tables of duplicate bridge in June. **Carl Johnson's** 49.0 points earned him first place honors, well ahead of **Bob Yolland's** second place score of 44.5 points. **Jim Brown** (41.0 points) eked out third place by 0.5 points over **Jim Todhunter, Fred Kovar,** and **Bob Donahue**.

Our next game will be hosted by **Lo McCarley** on Monday, July 18.

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



Party Bridge Fred Bolton



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

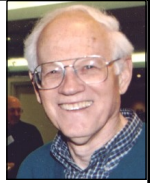
We played 4 tables of bridge at the home of **Bob Donahue** on June 6. First place went to **Jim Jackson** with 5980 points, second to **Bill Snyder** with 5780, third to **Carl Johnson** and fourth to **Lo McCarley**.

Our July game is cancelled due to the Holiday. I will contact players for the August game.

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.

Couples Duplicate Bridge Lo McCarley



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

Bob and **Janet Yolland** hosted eight couples for a gala evening of duplicate bridge on June 15th – everyone had a great time. The group is hoping **George Zunich** and **Tamara Judson** can come and play next month. We miss them a lot. As for bridge results, **Lynn** and **Dasha Freeman** took first place with 45 points. **Jim Brown** and **Jill Reiner** (42 points) came in second, while **Carl** and **Anne Johnson** took third place with 37 points and **Bill** and **Margaret Rees** finished in 4th place with 33 points. **Lynn** and **Dasha Freeman** will host the next bridge on July 20th.



Russ Bliese Receiving
Feather in Your Cap Award
From **Dick Richmond**

COUPLES PARTY BRIDGE Dave Pierce

The Bigelows hosted three tables on June 7th. More games and slams were bid than usual, so we expect crappy cards in July. Third place to **Joan** and **Dave Pierce**, second place to our Silver Subs, **Lynn** and **Dasha Freeman**, and home field advantage and the gold medal to **Welby** and **Barbara Bigelow**. Although we normally meet the first Tuesday of the Month, July's long weekend makes the date uncertain.

Dave Pierce, 932-3877.

Luncheon Attendance

Bob Mehus



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

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

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

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

SIR bringing a Guest

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

Salad

Wedge of Iceberg Lettuce

Apple wood Smoked Bacon, Vine Ripened Tomato and Blue Cheese Dressing

Entrees

Traditional Chicken Piccata with Lemon and Capers
Rice Pilaf & Seasonal Vegetables

Or

Pan Seared Catch of the Day*
Rice Pilaf & Seasonal Vegetables

*Boundary Oak is committed to using the freshest fish available. Our order the day of your function will be determined by the freshest product our distributor has at the time.

Dessert

Carrot Cake

Special Luncheon Requirements

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

New Members and/or Sponsors

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



Tom Gorman Receiving the Branch Honoree Award From Pete Gates and Bob Yolland

MEMBER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION Jack Calloway

Welcome to new members **Bruce Borgman** sponsored by **Corrie Oranje**, **George Rammel** sponsored by **Dick McElroy** and **Bob Soldano** sponsored by Big Sir **Pete Gates**. That's the good news—the bad news is that we lost four members.

The winner of the free lunch drawing for new member sponsors was **Dick Devoe**. This proves that he has not lost his enthusiasm for recruiting new members since he is already a member of the Sponsors Honor Roll.

We have 36 of our members who have sponsored 3 or more new members. Another 74 have sponsored 1 or 2. So far this year 6 members have become first time sponsors. These are all very impressive statistics, but what about those of you who have never sponsored a new member. Is there anything we can do to assist you? Bringing the first guest to a luncheon is the hardest part. Once there, we have a Welcome Packet of information for you to share with him. After meeting some of our members and learning more about our activities, your guest will understand why Sir Branch 146 is the place to be.

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 convened on June 8th at the residence of **Don Martin**.

Our host was most hospitable even taking a tied straight flush with **Bill Cammerer** and losing to a royal flush of **Bob White** in one of the first games of the day. Top winners of the day were **Bob Frankland** and **Frank McNamee** followed by **John Lewis** and **Dan O'Sullivan**. Contributors besides **Don Martin** were **Bob White** and **Bill Cammerer**.

Our next meeting will be at **Frank McNamee's** house on July 13th.

Poker Group #4
Chuck Bobinecz



Sir Frank Rockwell will host our next game on July 25th. **Sir Garth Cummings** left our last game with a big smile. I believe he is the biggest winner since our start up in 2007.

I don't know who said it: "I knew you had me beat, but I had to call"



Walkers
John Lewis



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

Walks July 2011
Planned by **John Lewis**

July 1 Footbridge to Nowhere

Meet: Newhall Park, Concord. Take Ygnacio Valley to Ayers Rd. to Turtle Creek to parking lot.

Walk: From Park to Footbridge. Part sidewalk, part trail, some incline

Coffee: Deli Delight, 325 N. Wiget (Shadelands)

July 8 Deli Delight Walk to Canal Trail West

Meet: Deli Delight parking, 325 N Wiget

Walk: Paved, level

Coffee: Deli Delight

July 15 San Leandro Reservoir, Moraga

Meet: Moraga Safeway for carpooling Take Canyon Rd. west one mile to staging area parking.

Walk: South along reservoir. Not paved, level, some shade

Coffee: Terzetto's, in Moraga

July 22 John's Birthday Walk--End of Marshall Dr., Walnut Creek

Meet: Take Ygnacio to Homestead to left on Marshall to end.

Walk: Hammil Trail around Shell Ridge east to Deer Lake. Not paved, some incline

Coffee: La Scala, North Main, Walnut Creek

July 29 El Torito Restaurant south end of Willows Center, Concord

Meet: El Torito parking near Iron Horse Trail

Walk: South on Iron Horse Trail. Paved, level, no shade

Coffee: Panera Bakery, Willows



Poker Club #2
Al Zamolo



After 4 months, our host did not win. **Jim Brown** was a great host, losing so **Al Zamolo** could be the big winner. We had fewer senior moments but still enjoyed the bantering. Our next host will be **Doug Cook** On Monday June 27.



Table Pool
Bill Weinberg



1st and 3rd Monday at 11:30 am. (at Mase'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 Mase'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.



Travel Opportunities

Bob Spellman



July 16, 2011 Guide Dog Graduation. Meet a Rheem Shopping Center for a motorcoach ride to Guide Dogs for the Blind, Includes guided tour of the facility, graduation ceremony and Box lunch. Cost: \$50.00, Contact **Tom Sponsler @925 708-6584**, Branch 171 for more information.

Aug 18, 2011 I Do! I Do! Depart by bus from Heather Farms to the Wells Fargo Pavilion in Sacramento. Enjoy a performance of I Do! I Do!, then off to the Old Spaghetti Factory for hosted dinner with a glass of wine. Cost: \$112.00, Contact **Bob Hagler, 925-934-7620**, Branch #8 for more information.

Sep 3, 2011 The Mothball "Ghost" Fleet. See the ships before they are removed permanently from the Bay. Depart the Pittsburg marina aboard the Island Serenade yacht for a 4 hour narrated boat cruise traveling on the Delta to Suisun Bay. Includes a three-course lunch, taxes, motorcoach and driver tip. Cost: \$108.00, Contact **Tom Sponsler @ 925-708-6584**, Branch 171 for more information.

Sep 11-21, 2011 The Enchantment of Lake Michigan. An eleven day trip including a Hydrofoil to Mackinac Island, Green Bay and Madison Wisconsin featuring The House On The Rock and Frank Lloyd Wright's Hillside Home School at Taliesin, a ride on the Chicago River and into Lake Michigan. Cost \$2885.00 Contact **Bob Hagler @ 925-934-7620** 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 Suite dining, meals, airfare, bus to and from airport, port charge, government fees and taxes. You will be treated like royalty. Cost from \$5250 to \$6750 depending on Stateroom. Contact **Bob Spellman @ 934-8428**. This trip has been very popular and is currently sold out. We have started a waiting list for those who may still like to go with no obligation.

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.

BOOK CORNER

KEN RICHTER

Have books at home? Lets share them with other SIRs. Starting at the January 2011 luncheon and every other month after that there will be a BOOK CORNER. Any SIR can stop by and pick out a book or two. You do not need to bring a book to enjoy one. This is not a book exchange.

Please bring your books to donate to the BOOK CORNER. All books become the property of SIR 146. Books not read over time will be donated to the Walnut Creek Library.



Sunshine

Walt Busenius
945-0715

Busenius@astound.net



We extend our very best wishes for continued healing to the following Sirs. We keep all of these Sirs are in our thoughts and prayers as we look forward to their returning to good health:

- Sir Lynn Miller*
- Sir Rob Van Luchene*
- Sir Mitch Mitchell*
- Sir George Zurich*
- Sir Ron Pascoe*
- Sir Bill Schmeh*
- Sir Joe Barry*
- Sir Charles Kiser*
- Sir Bob Frankland*
- Sir Rod Sharretts*
- Sir George Knies*
- Sir Ed Mendelssohn*

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



Bowling Larry Mitchell



You probably didn't know it, but they have a bowling alley in Paradise! As a matter of fact **Dan Weller** and I bowled there Tuesday June 21. I am speaking of course of Tall Pines Lanes in Paradise California. I'm not really sure if the heavenly location has a bowling alley or not. It occurs to me that if there is one in hell everyone would probably bowl a split every time!

Dan is the Bowling Chairman at Branch 8 and bowled exceedingly well in both doubles and singles. He should be in the money for singles and all events. I, on the other hand, bowled very badly. My excuse is that left my bowling balls in the garage when I left and had to roll a used house ball and rent some shoes!

The next two tournaments are; June 26th and 27th at the Cambrian Bowling Alley in Sunnyvale and July 18th and 19th at the Nu Generation Lanes in Yuba City. Anyone interested in these events can call me at 925-798-5440 for more information or to get an application form.



Garden Club Steve Dawkins

The July meeting will be on Thursday, July 28th at Sir **Chuck Bobinecz's** home for our annual BBQ. The Party is from 11 am - 3 pm with sausages, beer and all the trimmings. Sir **Lew Thompson** is coordinating the event so please check with **Lew** prior to July 21st if you plan on attending. Wives and guests are welcome. If you are lucky, **Chuck** might have some of his wonderful produce to share with those who attend.

Thanks to **Bill Cammerer** for folding labeling and mailing Editor **Bob Darius** and **Rich Ahlf** for photography.



Membership Steve Sprague

Branch 146 Statistics:

Active Members: 260 including six Honorary Life Members.

Applicant List: One.

Inactive Members: Nine.

March Luncheon Attendance:

Members: 199

Guests: 8, Visitors: 0, Speakers: 2

Total Attendance: 209

Status Changes:

Inducted: **Bruce Borgman**, Badge 103

George Rammell, Badge 222

Bob Soldano, Badge 250

Moved to Inactive List: None.

Resigned: **Ed Mendelsohn**, Badge 174, and **Paul**

Guidry, Badge 51.

Transferred or Deceased: None

There were no changes to the Inactive Roster.



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 in the East Bay recommended by you, as well as, those favorably reviewed by the media. Come join us and experience dining, while enjoying the company of you fellow SIR and male guests, in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

"McCOVEY'S"

You don't have to be a baseball fan to enjoy this open and airy restaurant designed after San Francisco's SBC Park, but the extensive collection of memorabilia dedicated to Willie Mc Covey and his favorite athletes, will add to your enjoyment and dining experience. SIR **Jim Locker** regularly eats here and recommends we give it a go.

Location: 1444 North California Blvd., Walnut Creek, Ca

Web Site: www.mccoveys.com (directions, menus, gallery and color)

Phone: 925-944-9444

Please let me know by Tuesday, July 19th, that you will join us.

Your suggestions for restaurants you would like us to try are welcomed.



Tuesday Golf Ray Weisz



The Weekly Winners are:

May 24, 2011

White First Flight: 1st **Steve Conte 65**, 2nd **Jim Burk 69**, 3rd **Ed Malboeuf 70**. White Second Flight: 1st **Bill Cammerer 69**, 2nd **Joe Lamanna 61**, 3rd **Cal Tucker 72**. Gold First Flight: 1st **Ray Kan 65**, 2nd **Russ Blease 68**, 3rd **Jim Brown 69**. Closest to the pin Hole #2 **Ken Kratz**, Hole #12 **Jack Calloway**.

May 31, 2011

No Golf due to rain.

June 7, 2011

White First Flight: 1st **Pete McNeil 70**, 2nd **Ed Malboeuf 71**. White Second Flight: 1st **Ken Kratz 63**, 2nd **Bob Yolland 71**. Gold First Flight: 1st **Bob Royster 63**. 2nd **Bill Weinberg 70**. Gold Second Flight: **Dan O'Sullivan 68**, 2nd **Al Zamolo 70**. Closest to the pin Hole #2 **Myles Ringle**, Hole #12 **Steve Dawkins**.

June 14, 2011

This was a special event day. The format was four-man 3 best ball. The Teams were paired by handicap. We had a good turnout and over 50% of the players were winners.

First Flight Teams: 1st **Pete McNeil, Dale Hertweck, Joe Fuchs, Dave Steinberg**. 2nd **John Hammond, Ray Spears, Larry Sheerin, Lew Thompson**.

Second Flight Teams: 1st **Chuck Campbell, Ken Beattie, Mike Stephenson, Ken Kratz**. 2nd **Frank Rockwell, Bill Cammerer, Jeff Baily, Myles Ringle**.

Third Flight Teams: 1st **Sal Costanza, Ken Richter, Ray Kan, Dick Woodman**. 2nd **Bob Yolland, Joe Suta, Bob Royster, Ray Weisz**.

Fourth Flight Teams: 1st **Bob Spellman, Al Zamolo, Bill Boyd, Dean Merritt**; 2nd **Dick Richmond, Ben Gleason, Dan O'Sullivan, Garth Cummings**. Closest to the pin Hole # **Steve Dawkins** Hole # 12 **Ed Malboeuf**.

From the reports received by the Golf Committee this was a fun event. The Committee is looking forward to providing more formats in the future.

Please voice your opinion and ideas by E-Mail to sir146Golf@gmail.com.

Away Golf Rich Hanford and Joe Fuchs

Rich Hanford and **Joe Fuchs** are the co-activity chairmen for away golf.

Away golf is on the 1st Thursday of the month, beginning in May and ending in October (i.e. 6 dates). Golfers are able to optionally schedule their playing partners for carpooling purposes. Singles will be assigned to a foursome as they are on Tuesday's. Players pay at the course at check-in, like they do on Tuesdays.

5/05/11 Deer Ridge Results

Flight 1: 1st: **Sal Costanza (64)**, 2nd: **Jim Burk (67)**, **Joe Himsl (67)** and **Pete McNeil (67)**

Flight 2: 1st **Jim Brown (67)**

Closest to the Pin: **Joe Fuchs**

6/02/11 Lonetree \$36/\$21

7/07/11 Franklin Canyon \$33

8/04/11 Blue Rock East \$39

9/01/11 Delta View \$29 with bucket of balls

10/6/11 Deer Ridge \$35

If you want to sign up for a particular date, you can do it now by sending an Email to Sir146awaygolf@yahoo.com, calling **Rich** or **Joe**, or signing up at Tuesday golf.



June Greeters
Sirs Ben Gleason and Roy Fredrickson

Area 2 Computers and Technology Group



Apple Computer

Jeff Bailey

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.)

This month will have a combination of short subjects presented by **Phil Goff**.

1. How do SIR Branches create websites? We will demystify the process of creating and displaying a website on the internet.
2. How to use free software to remotely control a friend's computer. This is an excellent process to help someone solve a computer problem without leaving the comfort of your chair.

If these topics don't fill the available time **Phil** has more topics of interest ready to go. And we always have The Gurus of A2CAT whose advice is 'priceless'.

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. All SIR members and their guests (spouses included!) are welcome to attend. See you there.

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

Phil Goff and **Derek Southern** Co-chairs

Couples Dining Out Don Tubb

Our June dinner at Eleve was the latest in a series of excellent dinners in our long series. This one was unusual as **Walter** and **Bobbie Schmidt** volunteered to coordinate when we had an open month. It's the kind of spirit that keeps us going and was also evident when **Dale** and **Joanne Haukland** filled in for January at Prima.

Our July 26 dinner will be hosted by **Pete** and **Ann Gates** at Kobe in Pleasant Hill. This is exceptional as it is on the fourth Tuesday, not the usual third. We hope you can adjust your schedules and join us there for a "Benihana style" evening adventure. Email notices will be forthcoming.

All 146 Sirs and companions are welcome to join us. Direct any questions to me at fpilot@aol.com. Bon Appétit!

The SIR Branch 146 MUG (Mac User group) is up and running. We're having a great time at our meetings. The format is informal discussion where content is basic for those who are beginners and everyone comes away having learnt something. Presently we are at 32 MUG members and we meet on the 2nd Monday of every month. Next meeting will be on Monday July 11. Mark your calendar now and show up for a chance to meet other Branch 146 "Muggers" and learn something about the Apple Mac and the great programs that make computing fun.

One of our conveners, Sir **Vern Laursen** will lead a discussion on Apple's "LION" Roar Meow, purr scheduled to come out very soon. Nothing to fear – just an upgrade to the current operating system that will make computing easier and more fun.

Another convener, our Sir **Max Burchett** will lead a discussion on the browser, "SAFARI". (I hate that name!) Well I guess when you are hunting around the internet (web) some would call it browsing while others would say if you're hunting for stuff on the web you are actually on a "SAFARI"...whatever.

So if you or the wife own an Apple computer or are thinking about it, come in for a sneak preview of what we Muggers do for kicks every month. It'll be fun. Guaranteed. Oh yeah...and its free.

Date – 2nd Monday of the month (July 11)

Time – 3:00 – 5:00pm

Place - Casey Memorial Library on Oak Grove Road south of Ygnacio

BTW we also send out pearls of wisdom about Mac issues to Muggers, so if you're not yet a Muggger and you'd like to be on that list, email your name to me, **Jeff Baily**.

And, of course, as always, if you have a question about Mac or any programs please don't hesitate to give us a call. Our phone numbers and email addresses are in the Br 146 directory.

SongSirs Don Tubb

Our hardy group of vocalizers is growing. New members **Frank Lucas** and **Bob Borgman** have been welcomed in the last couple of months and we had very successful appearances at the Heritage retirement center and Walnut Creek Presbyterian VIPs in May and June.

We have plenty of room for more additions and if you enjoy or think you might enjoy singing old songs with old guys you'll be welcome to our next rehearsal on July 20th at Walnut Creek Pres. Call or email me if you're interested - we guarantee you a good time in a very low pressure environment.



Fishing Paul Dubow



With wind and rain continuing to plague the delta, bay, and ocean, fishing in those locations was limited to a few hardy---or perhaps foolhardy---souls. On one trip, **Karl Droese** did catch a nice sized halibut and he and **Dick Thomson** caught and released some small stripers. However, **Carl Moyer** returned empty handed on the same trip. **Joe Peterson** made two quick forays on the delta for stripers, catching some between 10 and 28 inches, all released. The rest of us concentrated our efforts on the inland lakes. We tried a new venue at Lake Oroville where we fished for silver salmon. The first to try their luck at Oroville, to wit, **Craig Walton**, **Jack Waddell**, **Mario Moratorio**, **Joe Miscione**, **Sal Costanza** of Branch 146, and **Bill Landers**, returned with just a few. Their total was either three, five, or six, depending upon whom you talked to. Then the Branch 146 anglers showed their mettle. **Tom Boltz**, **Pete Gates**, **Bill Baltezare**, and **Paul Dubow** of our branch, joined by **Karl Droese** and **Gordon Linebaugh**, landed 19 fish on the next trip and we have a picture to prove it. However, with due respect to the first group, they did fish in lousy weather while the sun shone and the wind subsided on the second trip. Closer to home, Shadow Cliffs Reservoir produced limits to three pounds for **Terry Miller**, **Carl Moyer**, **Harry Sherinian**, and **Paul Dubow**. **Paul** also made his 41st annual trip to his old haunts in northern Wisconsin, joining his old buddies from Milwaukee. Four scheduled days of fishing were cut short to 2 1/2 because of thunder, lightning, and rain but **Paul** still managed to catch and release 14 walleyes plus a largemouth bass and two perch. **Joe Miscione** and **Mario Moratorio** continued their efforts to learn Lake Berryessa and the results improved over last month, as they picked up three kokanee and four rainbows. **Richard Bennett** and **Ron Yates** also tried their luck at Lake Berryessa. On their first trip, they caught four kokanee. On their second trip they had a lot of excitement when a twelve pound catfish grabbed their light lure. They also caught two kokes and a rainbow that day.

Our schedule for this summer includes two trips to Lake Davis for trout, a mackinaw fishing trip in Lake Tahoe, two halibut trips in the bay, a salmon expedition on the Klamath, and the regular menu, weather permitting, of delta fishing for sturgeon and stripers. Any of you who have not fished for a while (or not at all) are welcome to join us. You are also invited to our monthly breakfast meetings. The next meeting is at 8:30 am on July 28 at the Legend Sports Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek Golf Course at 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Breakfast begins at 8 am. You can either come on your own or call **Paul Dubow** at 415-495-6504 for details.



Here are the nineteen fish **Paul Dubow** writes about

Explore and Dine John Pearl



In May, Explore and Dine toured the Walt Disney Family Museum in the Presidio of San Francisco. This museum is housed in a restored building that fronts on the Presidio's Main Post. It houses displays and memorabilia chronicling Walt Disney's life and accomplishments. It was amazing how many documents, etc., from the "early days" that were somehow saved and are now on display.

In June, our group toured the Boudin Bakery and Museum near San Francisco's Fisherman's Wharf, with lunch on site at the Boudin Bistro. The bakery and museum were recently featured on a segment of KPIX's "Eye on the Bay."

July's outing is scheduled for Thursday, the 28th, and will be to the Pacific Pin Ball Museum in Alameda.



Bruce Borgman, Corrie Oranje, Susan Oranje and Sue Borgman at "Blues in the Night" at the Leshar Center

Cribbage John Pearl

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Six of the faithful gathered again at **Barney Meade's** home for our monthly cribbage "redistribution of wealth" session. First place money was taken home by **John Pearl**, with first runner-up **Art Ainscough**, taking second place prize money, and second runner-up **Barney Meade** taking the third place prize. After the gaming, we enjoyed a nice desert and a little throwing of the bull.

Please let me know if you'd like to join this fun-loving group.



Attending with SIR members at "Blues in the Night" at Leshar Center were **Martin and Ruth Lyle**, and **Bill and Donna Snyder**



Most Colorful Shirt Nominees

SIRS BRANCH 146 EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN

In the event of an emergency, such as a fire or earthquake, occurring during our monthly luncheon meeting, the “Big SIR”, or in his absence the Little SIR, will verbally declare our evacuation from the Boundary Oaks Building is necessary and activate the following Evacuation Plan:

The evacuation process will be controlled by Zone. Please familiarize yourself with each Zone and the Zone’s designated exit points identified on the “Emergency Evacuation Exit Routes” diagram in the Members Directory, and on the Branch Web site.

“Members” are responsible for identifying the Zone in which they are located and assisting any Member who has mobility difficulties, to the Zone’s designated exit points. Zones A and B are located in the Dining Room. Zone C is the Men’s toilet at the end of the Hallway and will include the Ladies toilet area if an emergency occurs during a Ladies Day luncheon. Zones A and B exits points are mainly on level flooring. The Zone C exit point requires the use of stairs.

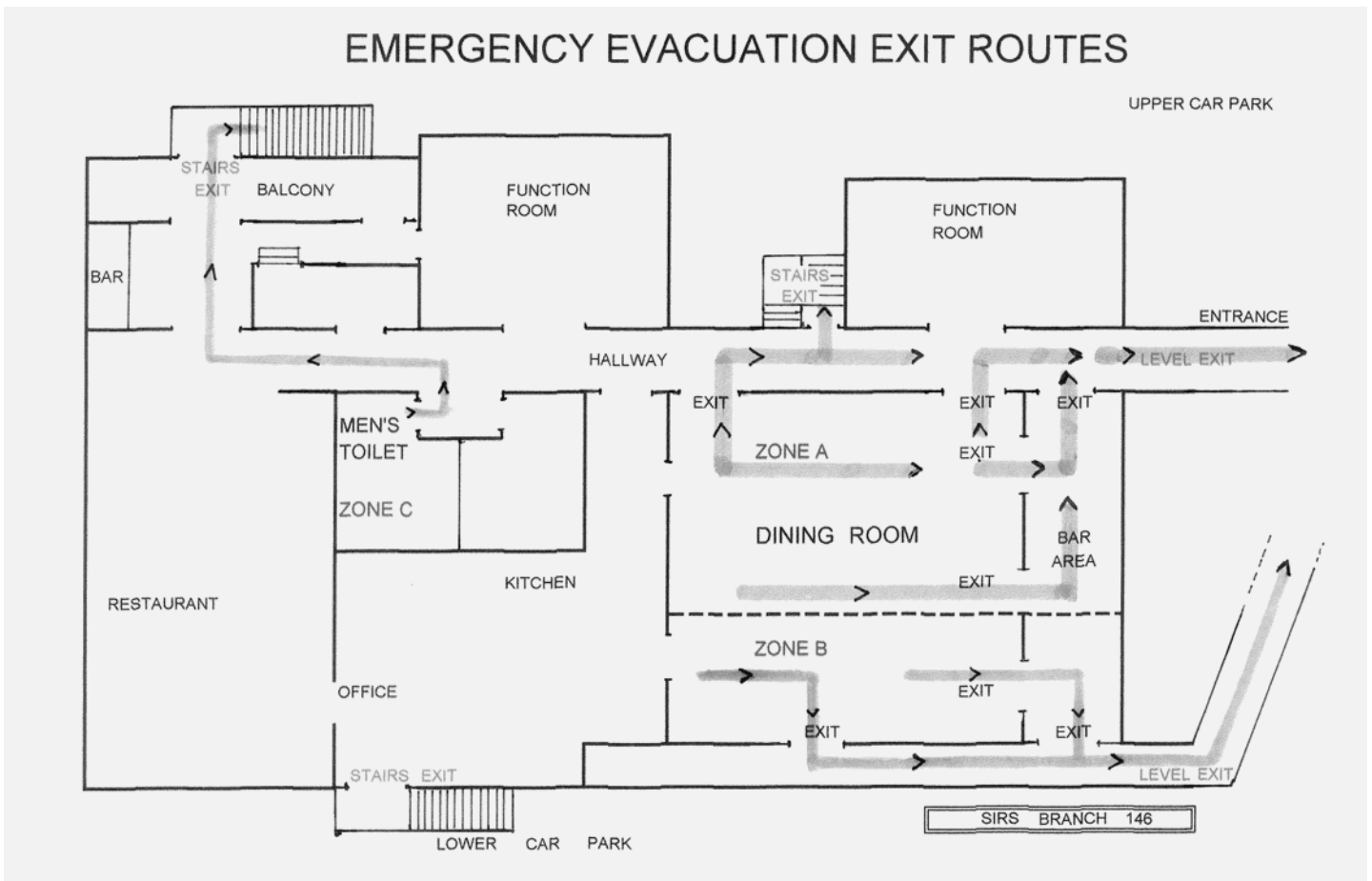
The monthly “Greeters” will check all designated exit points are clear and functional prior to the commencement of each luncheon meeting.

“Executive Committee Members” will assist Members to make an orderly and timely exit (not stopping at badge return trays) and verify that each Zone is clear.

“Members” exiting the building are requested to make their way to an “Assemble Area” located by the entrance to the Police Firing range, at the far end of the Upper Car Park. Here a roll call by name and membership number, will be conducted by the “Assistant Secretary”. The “Check-In Roster” will be provided by the “Treasurer” and used for the roll call. Any unaccounted for Member/s and/or Member/s in need of medical attention, will be immediately reported to the “Rescue Authorities”.

Members who have medical or first aid experience, and wish to offer their services, should make themselves known to the Assistant Secretary.

Members are requested to remain in the assemble area until the Rescue Authorities declare the area safe for individuals to leave the area. Please do not attempt to drive your car before this declaration.





Wine Tasting Bill Holly

Our next wine tasting will be on Wednesday, July 27th from 2:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. at the home of **John** and **Linda Boyan** at: 11Duffy Ct., Pleasant Hill, CA 94523-1707.

Directions: Take Highway 680 North from Walnut Creek and exit at the Willow Pass/Taylor Blvd exit. Go southwest on Willow Pass Road past Contra Costa Blvd. Continue on Taylor Blvd. to Morello Ave. Turn Right on Morello Ave. and continue to Paso Nogal Rd. Turn right on Paso Nogal Rd. and take the first right onto Skander Ln. Take the next left onto Duffy Ct. and proceed to 11 Duffy Ct.



Chilean red wine



German white wine



Please bring a single bottle of either the red or the white wine (under \$20) in a brown paper bag plus an appetizer to share. Also, please write where you bought the wine and the approximate purchase price on the bottom of the bag for reference.

Spouses are always invited to attend.

Please RSVP to **Bill Holly** before July 12th or after July 23rd either by telephone (925) 691-5337 or by email to bill.holly@comcast.net

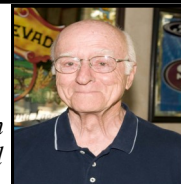
The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group

The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group will meet on July 27th 2011, 8:00AM at the Diablo Creek Golf course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Our will be **Rick Vandenburg** who is the Managing Director of Atlantic Trust's San Francisco Office. **Rick's** presentation will be "**Market Update: Where are We Now and Where Could be Going**" **Rick** has 29 years of Investment Management experience with the Bessemer Trust, Merrill Lynch and with Goldman-Sachs & Company and brings a wealth of perspective to the investment market. I'm sure you will want to hear what **Rick** has to say that will bring some insight to your investment portfolio. A informative link is < www.AtlanticTrust.com > Atlantic Trust is part of the INVESCO Group.

A copy of the presentation will be made available to all who attend. The restaurant opens at 7:00 AM for those who would like to enjoy breakfast with your colleagues.

Co- Chairmen: **Allen Espenmiller** (Br-174) 925-376-3977 **George Schulze** (Br-8) 925-429-1756 **Leary Wong** (Br-8) 925-457-0807

Bocce Ball Martin Lyle



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

PLEASE NOTE THE NEW START TIME.

July has arrived and we can expect dry weather for Bocce Ball. We have had good turnouts, from our regulars and from new players as well. No experience necessary. Ladies welcome. Come and join us.

The Concord Bocce Federation has asked us to cooperate with them to solve a problem. They are expanding their rework of the courts to a daily basis for the 8 courts at Newhall Park and the 4 new courts at Baldwin Park . With the heat build up in the Summer months, they have asked us to start and finish one half hour earlier at 8:30.

Our branch 146 members even discussed this change last year to beat the heat. So please arrange to come a half hour earlier at the new time of 8:30 starting next Monday, June 27, 2011.



And the Winner Is **Rich Ahlf**



Our Colorful Sirs
Bruce Borgman, Pete Miller, Mike Varner, Corrie Oranje and Harry Tutton



Sirs Egypt Group