



Published For Our Members And Friends



Big Sir's Notes Jim Burk

The year continues to move right along and a good year it is in the land of Sir Branch 146! It is, however, time to put in place our leadership team for 2013.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS FOR 2013

On behalf of the Branch, I want to express our appreciation to **PETE GATES and the Nominating Committee** for their work in putting together the proposed slate of individuals to lead our organization in 2013. This is a terrific group of men with excellent backgrounds and represents a combination of experienced and newer members.

The nominees are as follows:

Big Sir	Terry Marchione
Little Sir	Doug Eisner
Secretary	Rich Ahlf
Asst. Secretary	Dick Kincaide
Treasurer	Chuck Campbell
Asst. Treasurer	Jerry Kaplan
Director (2 nd Term)	Walt Busenius
Director (2 nd Term)	Bill Holly
Director	Paul Dubow
Director	Alan Elnick
Director	Al Munayer
Director	Dick Richmond

At our **AUGUST** luncheon meeting we will determine if there are any nominations from the floor, and then vote to elect the nominees to serve in 2013.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

- At our **July Luncheon Meeting**, **RAY KAN, Honorees Chair**, and **RON SMITH, Area Governor** will be honoring four of our members for their significant contributions to our Branch.
- Following the **July Luncheon**, we will carry out our annual "**Evacuation Drill**" under the leadership of **DIRECTOR BILL HOLLY**. The evacuation plan material is printed for your personal review and familiarity in this issue of the SIR CALL. The Evacuation Plan is also posted permanently on our website for your reference and a constant resource should you wish to review it.

Remember that the theme of our **August Luncheon Meeting** will be to show your "**Team Colors**" by wearing a hat, shirt, or both sporting your favorite team's colors or logo.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS UPDATE

With respect to voluntary contributions to cover the administrative expenses of the Branch for 2012, we have received contributions from 251 members or 93% to date. For those who have not yet contributed and wish to do so, please contact Treasurer **DICK WOODMAN**. Your financial support is both necessary and very much appreciated.

ACTIVITIES FAIR

In **July**, the **Activity Chairs** wishing to communicate with you thus far are **TRAVEL (BOB SPELLMAN)**, and **THE BOOK CORNER (KEN RICHTER)**.

GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT BRANCH 146 – INVITE SOMEONE TO JOIN US IN THE FUN ACTIVITIES AND FRIENDLY COMRADERIE!

Little Sir's Corner Terry Marchione



In July, **Fred LaCosse** will be our speaker. You may recall **Fred** as an evening news anchor in the 70's and 80's and also as the co-host (with his wife **Terry Lowry**) of AM-San Francisco. **Fred's** talk is titled

*"Your American Freedoms:
Protect them or Lose them"*

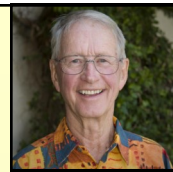
An informative and motivational Keynote Address

How did we Americans get so lucky? How did we Americans defy history and produce America's great treasure of freedoms, freedoms that we often take for granted today?

Our speakers for August will be Branch 146 member **Gary Schaub** and National Park Superintendent **Tom Leatherman**. They will be speaking on Contra Costa County's four National Park historic sites



Luncheon Attendance **Bob Mehus**



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

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

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

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

Salad

Mixed Baby Field Greens
Italian Vinaigrette

Entrees

Rigatoni with Fresh Basil, Breast of Chicken, Melted Roma Tomatoes, Zucchini and Mozzarella Cheese

Or

Pan Seared Tilapia
Lemon – Caper Tartar Sauce, Rice Pilaf

Dessert

Chef’s Choice

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.

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.



Duplicate Bridge Doug Eisner



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

On June 18 we played 3 tables of duplicate bridge at the home of **Jim Jackson**. **Jim Brown** got his mojo back and breezed into first place with a score of 29.0 pt. Second place was shared by **Bob Yolland** and **Bob Donahue** whose 27.5pt just edged out the 27.0pt by **Lynn Freeman** who took fourth place honors.

Our next game will be held on July 16 at **Lo McCarley's** house.

Couples Duplicate Bridge Too Joe Barry

Couples Duplicate Bridge Too met at the home of **Terry and Sharon Marchione's** on Tuesday, June 13th. As usual the wine flowed and everyone had a great time. It was a rare occasion as all six of the regular members were able to attend. **Terry and Sharon** decided it would be nice, being hosts, to give the rest of us a bridge lesson. They took honors with a run-away score of 28.5 points. **Lynn and Dasha Freeman** were second with 22 points followed by **Joe and Josie Barry** with 21. **Dick DeVoe** had a senior moment when it took three trips back to the preceding table before **Christy** was able to convince him that they were playing N/S and not E/W. **Lynn and Dasha** will host the next event on July 10th.

Book Corner Ken Richter Jan Mar May July Sept Nov

The Book Corner will be open again at the July Luncheon. Just a reminder that the Corner has moved to the back bar area.

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 **Bill Rees** on June 4. First place went to **Carl Johnson** with 5290 points, second to **Jim Jackson** with 4400 and third to **Jim Brown** with 4370. Our next game will be at the home of **Jim Jackson** on July 2.

Couples Duplicate Bridge Lo McCarley

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



Eight couples had a great time playing duplicate bridge on June 20th at **Lo and Sue McCarley's** home. The group thanked **Daphne Merritt** for filling in for **Vince Rettew**. As for the bridge results, **Carl and Anne Johnson** took first place with 40 points and **Margot Somerville** with her partner **Daphne Merritt** came in second with 36 points. **Lynn and Dasha Freeman** took third with 34 points and **Jim Brown** and **Adrienne Morrison** came in fourth place with 28 points. The **McCarley's** were very good hosts letting all the other couples to beat them. **Bob and Janet Yolland** will host the next bridge on July 18th.

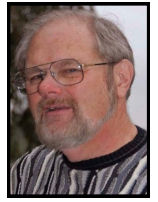
COUPLES PARTY BRIDGE

Dave Pierce
932-3877



Dave and Joan Pierce hosted three tables on June 5th, and were delighted to find all the regular couples in town for once and out for blood. Not only that, at least some people were holding lots of good cards (unfortunately, some weren't); scores were way up. **Dick and Christy Devoe** took advantage, with 3380, **Doug and Patti Eisner** placed second with 4480 (including Patti's slam against the hosts), and the hosts took first with 4840 even though they weren't sitting in the direction of the bathtub. Complaints about the hosts were quelled when **Joan's** chocolate cake appeared. SIRS certainly satisfies.

Dave Pierce, 932-3877



Eugene O'Neill Play is SIR Theatre Party for September

The final play by **Eugene O'Neill**, America's most notable playwright, will be presented on Thursday, September 27 as a SIR Theatre Party. The production of O'Neill's *Moon for the Misbegotten* will be staged in the Old Barn at Tao House in the Danville Hills, part of the **Eugene O'Neill** National Historic Site, and the place where O'Neill wrote the play in 1943.

The production is in conjunction with the 75th Anniversary of Tao House, and the Eugene O'Neill Foundation's annual O'Neill Festival. Discussion of the play and the O'Neill National Historic Site will be part of the SIR 146 luncheon program in August, by **Tom Leatherman**, National Park Service Superintendent, and SIR **Gary Schaub**, who is on the Board of the Eugene O'Neill Foundation.

This production of *A Moon for the Misbegotten* is a notable event for drama-lovers, who will want to see this important play presented in the location where it was originally written. O'Neill is the only American playwright to be awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature.

Eugene O'Neill and his wife, Carlotta, built and lived at Tao House from 1937 to 1944. It was here that the playwright wrote his most important plays, including *A Long Day's Journey into Night* and *The Iceman Cometh*, in addition to *A Moon for the Misbegotten*.

Like many of O'Neill's plays, the story of *A Moon for the Misbegotten* has connections to O'Neill's own life and family. This play is a tribute to his brother, Jamie, and it vibrates with love, moonlight, betrayal and truth.

A limited number of discount seats have been reserved for SIR members and guests. Reservation will be accepted until September 11 at \$30.00 per seat. Tickets can be reserved through SIR Gary Schaub, 1758 Candelero Court, Walnut Creek 94598. Phone: (925) 938-5454. Checks are payable to "SIR 146."

Transportation to Tao House and the performance is by National Park Service shuttle only. Private vehicles are not permitted



Instructions for shuttle pick-up at Danville's Museum of the San Valley on Railroad Avenue will be provided in advance to ticket holders. The performance begins at 8:00 p.m. with shuttle times beginning about 6:30 p.m. so time is available to visit the historic home and grounds.

SIR BRANCH 146
EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN

In the event of an emergency, such as a fire or an earthquake, occurring during our monthly luncheon meeting, the Big SIR, or in his absence the Little SIR, will verbally declare the need to evacuate the Boundary Oaks Building according to the following emergency 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 shown below, which is also posted on the SIR Branch 146 Website.

All Branch Members are responsible for identifying the zone in which they are located and for assisting any members who have mobility difficulties to the designated exit point for their zone. Zones A and B are located in the Dining Room. Zone C includes the Rear Bar Area and the Men's Toilet. It also includes the Women's Toilet if an emergency occurs during a Ladies' Day luncheon. Most of the Dining Room and Zone B exit points are on level flooring. The zone A and zone C exit points each require using two flights of stairs to ground level. Branch Members in zones A and C with mobility difficulties should exit through the main entrance. Note: the monthly Greeters are responsible for checking that all the designated exit points are clear of obstructions and are functional prior to each luncheon meeting.

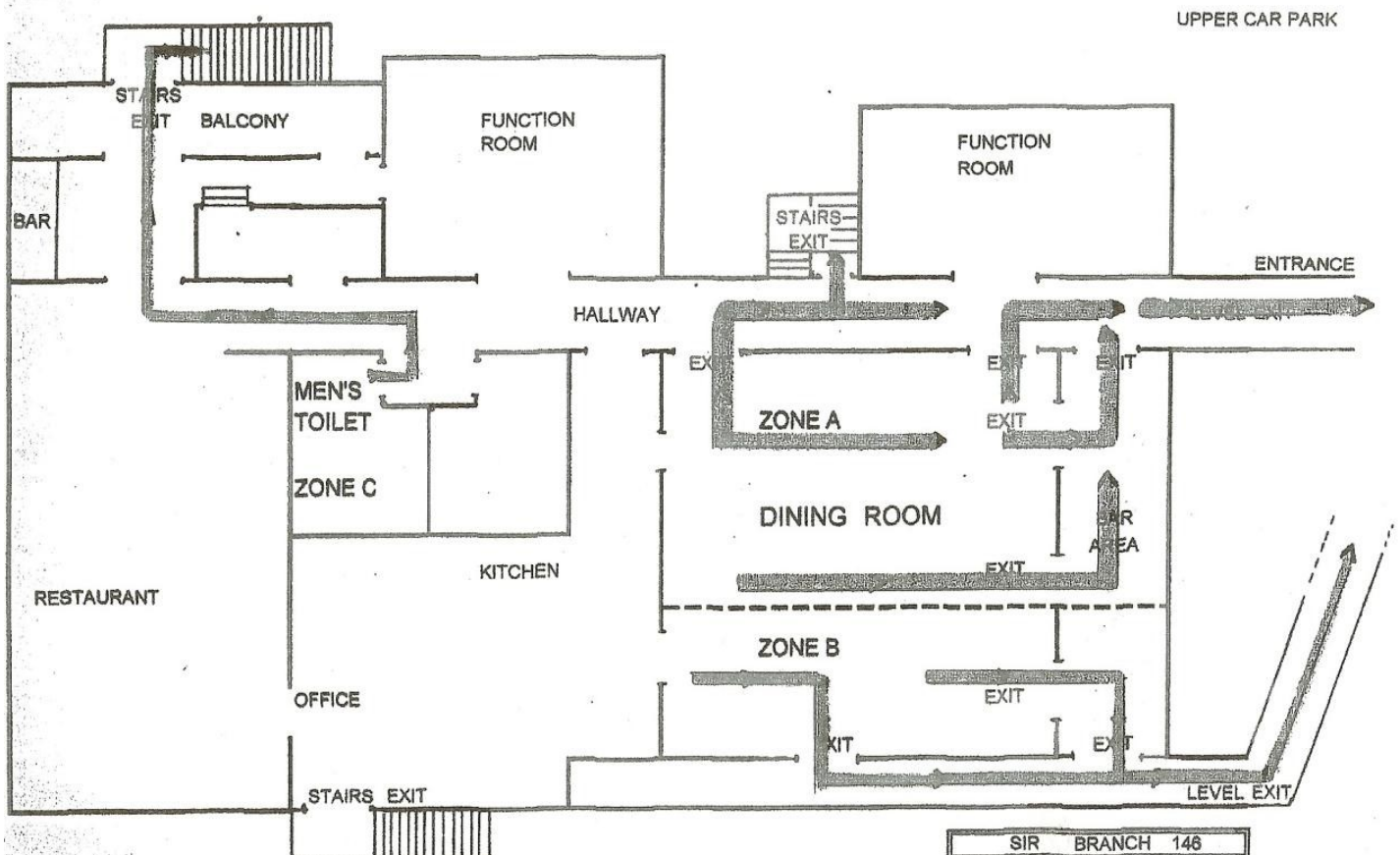
The Branch Executive Committee will assist Branch Members so that they can make an orderly and an expeditious exit (i.e. ensure that they do not stop at the badge return trays) and verify that each zone is clear.

Branch Members exiting the building are requested to make their way to an Assembly Area located by the entrance to the Police Firing Range at the far end of the Upper Car Park. Branch Members Sponsoring Guests are responsible for their Guests at all times. A role call will be made by name and/or member number by the Assistant Secretary. The Check-in Rosters will be provided by the Treasurer and used for the roll call. Any unaccounted for members and guests, and members needing medical attention will be immediately reported to the Rescue Authorities when they arrive.

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

Branch members are requested to remain in the Assembly Area until the Rescue Authorities declare the area safe for individuals to leave the area. Please do not attempt to drive your car before being told it is safe to leave the area.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION EXIT ROUTES



Area 2 Computers and Technology Group



The Area 2 Computer and Technology Group invite all Sirs and their guests to our next meeting at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge on Thursday, July 21st at 9am.

Phil Goff is offering an overview of the most common internet scams, spams, rotten tricks and general skullduggery. He'll identify the current status of phishing, hijacking, malware, and how thieves steal your email address book. Although you cannot be totally immune from these rogue tricks, there are some simple things you can do to increase your safety. A few simple safeguards and actions will make the bad guys look elsewhere.

An important part of being safe is to use high quality protection software. We will identify the top rated free utilities to protect you from the various internet criminal activities.

Although you may be quite secure from any fraudulent practices, it's good to know what is out there in the wild world of the internet. This will help you answer questions from friends and family members who don't use secure practices and may fall victim to one of these thieves.

Also, we had a good response to our member survey to identify topics of interest for the coming year. There were many good ideas submitted and we'll show a summary of the survey results and ideas for future topics.

Time permitting; **Dick Curry** will lead a Q&A discussion to address current computer issues that you identify. So please bring your questions and join us for a fun and informative session. As always there will be coffee and cookies available before and during the meeting.

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

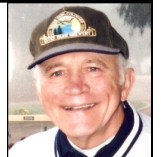
Phil Goff and **Derek Southern**
Co-chairs

Poker Club #1 Frank McNamee



Poker Club #1 met on June 13th at the **John Lewis** residence and it was a great day for **Don Martin**. He won 1/2 of the last two pots using a Straight Flush to beat **Frank McNamee's** Aces full and repeating on the final hand with Aces full to beat **Frank's** Ace High Straight. Those two hands made **Mr. Martin** the big winner for the day followed by **John Lewis** and **Bill Cammerer**. We will meet at **Don Martin's** house on July 11th.

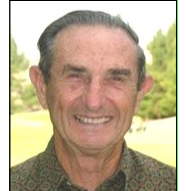
Poker Group #4 Chuck Bobinecz



Poker Club #4 will meet on July 23rd. The meeting will be hosted by Sir **Pete Gates**.

The terms "Casino Grade Chips" and "Poker Chips" have different meanings in the Gaming Industry. Casino grade chips are made of clay and clay composite and generally priced in excess of \$1 per chip. The home user chip is a composite and generally made in China. I have never had enough of them to know the difference.

Poker Club #2 Al Zamolo



Al Zamolo hosted the May poker session. Three of us felt we had to contribute to **Ron Binder** to help him move into his new home. He certainly did this as the big winner. We will get our money back when we play at his new home in a couple of months. Meanwhile, **Jim Brown** will host our June session.



Travel Opportunities

Bob Spellman



Oct 5-7, 2012 The Great Italian Festival. Reno's Great Italian Festival is among the nation's largest and most famous events. Celebrate the food, culture, music and tradition of Italy. Free activities and entertainment highlight the festivals main focus. The cost is \$308.00 pp and includes motor coach transportation, 2 night stay at the Eldorado with hosted seafood dinner and a show by the **Jersey Boys**. Contact **Bob Hager**, Br 8, and 934-7620 for more information.

Oct 6-21, 2012 Cruise to Hawaii from San Francisco. A 15 night cruise sailing round trip from SF on the Star Princess. Ports of call include, Hilo, Honolulu, Nawiliwili, Lahaina and Ensenada, Mexico. Cost is \$2100 to \$3590 depending on cabin which includes transfer to and from airport, all meals, fee and taxes, tips for drivers and skycaps. Contact **Harry Reiter** Br. 19, 709-2820 for more information.

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

HELP WANTED

Sirs146 is looking for help publishing our newsletter.
If your interested we will train you how to run the program and supply you with the software

Contact Rich Ahlf 925-672-2514 or rahlf@sbcglobal.net

Membership Steve Sprague



Branch 146 Statistics:

As of our Executive Committee meeting on June 14th, we have 271 active members including seven Honorary Life Members. This is an increase of one from our May membership total.

Our applicant List: Three.

Our Inactive Members: We currently have 11 inactive members.

June Luncheon Attendance:

Members: 181

Guests: 5, Visitors: 2, Speaker: 1.

Total attendance: 189

Status Changes:

Inducted: **Ron Gerke**, Badge 283

Bob Jaspar, Badge 282

Phil Lendaris, Badge 281

Don Rhoads, Badge 002

Moved to Inactive List: **Frank Fries**, Badge 65

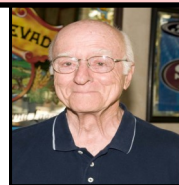
Resigned: **David Cesio**, Badge 126

Deceased: None

Changes to the Inactive Roster:

Frank Fries has been added as noted above. **Jim Wray** has resigned after the two years allowed for being inactive. Our inactive roster therefore remains at eleven members.

Bocce Ball Martin Lyle



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

We are well into our 2012 season, with new and regular players enjoying some exciting Bocce Ball. If you've never tried it, you don't know what you are missing.

Ladies welcome. .
Come and join us.



BIRTHDAY BOYS

July

Jack	Patton	3
Sal	Costanza	4
Terry	Marchione	5
Pat	Meehan	6
Cal	Tucker	7
Al	Zamolo	8
Ed	Best	9
Jim	Gracey	12
Olof	Johansson	12
Ray	Weisz	12
Steve	Sprague	13
Max	Burchett	16
Jim	Hanck	16
Jim	Koeppen	17
Jack	Hockel	18
Jerry	Duarte	21
Ed	Marlovits	21
John	Lewis	22
Bob	Schroder	22
Frank	Ascatigno	24
Joe	Fuchs	24
Barney	Meade	24
Guy	Rudberg	24
Reggie	Fromm	26
Bob	Walton	27
John	Harrington	28
John	Alexander	30
Charlie	Koeber	30
Pete	Gates	31



ROMEO

(Retired Old Men Eating Out)
Malcolm Hendry



Sunshine

Walt Busenius
945-0715

Busenius@astound.net



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 in the media. Come join us and experience dining in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere with your fellow SIR and other male guests.

“Kacha Thai Bistro”

Welcome to "Kacha Thai Bistro" where you can enjoy the flavors of Thailand in downtown Walnut Creek. They strive to provide an exceptional dining experience with culinary delights that are MSG FREE, a full bar and the highest quality of service. Judging from customer reviews, they have hit the target with their large and varied menu.

Location: 1665 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Walnut Creek (Next to World Market with a large parking lot)
Web Site: www.kachathai.com/home.html (directions)
www.yelp.com/biz/kacha-thai-bistro-walnut-creek (reviews, vitals)
Phone: 925-988-9877

Please let me know by Tuesday July 7, that you will attend.

Your recommendations for restaurants you would enjoy are welcomed.

Mal

We offer our condolences and prayers to **Sir George Zurich** on the passing of his wife, Tamara Judson, on June 13th.

Please keep the following Sirs in your thoughts and prayers as we hope for continued healing and look forward to their recovery to good health:

Sir Dick Richmond
Sir Bob Van Luchene
Sir Elmer “Kap” Kaprielian
Sir Jack Calloway
Sir Rod Sharretts
Sir Chuck Bobinecz
Sir Joe Schild
Sir Jim Helmick
Sir Jim Locker
Sir George Bjornsen

Please try to contact a Sir in this report to offer support and encouragement during his illness. A friendly call is always welcomed.

If you are aware of a sick Sir, please let me know by phone or e-mail, as shown above, so that the Sir membership can be advised.

Member Relations Ben Gleason

We hope and expect that SIR Branch 146 is meeting or exceeding your expectations for social activities, recreation and friendship and that the facilities and operation of the branch are efficient and user-friendly.

We encourage your suggestions, criticism and requests. Also, let us know if there is something that you especially like that we could do more of. Please contact me with any of the above .

Email - bgleason@sbcglobal.net
Cell phone - 925 330-0680



Tuesday Golf Ray Weisz



Golf is one of our most popular activities with over 100 registered golfers. We are fortunate to have a large assortment of venues and formats:

- We play Tuesday's at Boundary Oak. Players are randomly paired and starting tee times are posted on our web site (www.sir146.com). In addition to regular stroke play, we have many Tuesday tournaments specifically set-up for our players.
- There is a 9 hole group that plays at Diablo Hills on the first and third Thursday of each month.
- For those with golf playing partners, there is Couples Golf offered on the 4th Wednesday of the month, April through October.
- Like playing other courses? On the first Thursday of each month (From May through October) we offer Away Golf.
- Do you enjoy competing against other SIR players from different Branches? We have several different formats throughout the year.

Since we have so much going on, we have found it necessary to publish a weekly Golf Email (GEM) outlining upcoming events and results from past events. All of our golfers should be receiving GEM's. If you'd like to be added to the distribution list (non golfers are welcome too), please let us know by Emailing your request to sir146golf@gmail.com



Couples Golf John Harrington



Our Couples Golfers enjoyed a wonderful day of golf at beautiful Rancho Solano on June 27. The event was hosted by **Terry and Sharon Marchione**. The Stableford Scoring System was used to determine the winners.

First Place: **Bob & Sandy Mehus**; Second: **Steve & Marna Dawkins**; Third: **Terry & Sharon Marchione**; Fourth: **Ray Weisz/Margot Somerville**. Closest to the Pin: MEN-**Terry Marchione**/WOMEN-**Margot Somerville**. Our July event will be at Tilden Park and will be hosted by **Bob and Sandy Mehus**. Come join the fun.



Wine Tasting ... Bill Holly

Our next wine tasting will be on Wednesday, July 25th from 2:30pm to 5:00pm at the home of Dave and Joan Pierce at 2525 Corte Del Marques Walnut Creek, CA 94598-3406.

Directions: From downtown Walnut Creek take Ygnacio Valley Road Northeast to Wiget Lane. Turn right on Wiget Lane. Go to the second intersection and turn left on Corte Del Marques



red wine Cabernet Sauvignon, or Pinot Noir, Syrah, or Zinfandel from Sonoma County



white wine Chardonnay, or Pinot Gris, or Sauvignon Blanc, or Viognier from Sonoma County

Please bring a single bottle of either a red or a white varietal (under \$20) in a brown paper bag with information about the wine on a piece of paper inside the bag. Please bring an appetizer to share.

Spouses are always invited to attend.

Please RSVP to **Bill Holly** before July 18th either by telephone (925) 691-5337 or by email at bill.holly@comcast.net



Garden Club Steve Dawkins



Back from Holland and I must admit the once every ten year Floriade was a disappointment. I got the feeling they didn't know what they wanted to be. Too many unrelated exhibits over a very large area. There was a nice hall of flowers but nothing special. Actually, the SF garden show now held in San Mateo is much nicer and much closer. In July we are having our annual BBQ at the **Yolland's**. The date is July 26th and the time is a little later than usual so we can take advantage of cooler weather. The party starts at 3pm and ends around 7pm. So far we have been blessed with a fairly mild summer, but don't let your guard down. A few really hot days can take a toll. Garden on!



FISHING REPORT PAUL DUBOW



Trout fishing was the hot topic this month. Every trip resulted in limits. **George Schulze** and **Carl Moyer** caught their limits at Shadow Cliffs Reservoir. **Carl** scored more limits, fishing the shore at San Pablo Reservoir on four occasions, with rainbows up to three pounds. **John O'Brien** and **Gordon Linebaugh** joined **Carl** on other days for more limits and some nice sized fish. **Pete Gates**, **Tom Boltz**, and **Steve Lofton** caught their trout in the Feather River near Graeagle and at Lake Davis in Portola. After successfully fishing in a bass tournament at New Melones Reservoir, **Bill Landers** traveled to Lake Davis where he joined **Joe Miscione**, **Craig Walton**, **Harry Sherinian**, **Terry Miller**, and **Paul Dubow** for two days of trout fishing, all catching limits each day with the largest fish measuring in at 21 inches.

Trout fishing was not the only dish on our menus. **Paul Dubow** made his annual trip to his old haunts in northern Wisconsin and caught and released approximately 40 bass and 10 walleyes in three days. **Pete Gates**, **Joe Miscione**, **Jack Waddell**, **Karl Droese**, and **Paul Dubow** traveled to Lake Oroville and in three hours caught their limit of 25 Coho salmon. However, salmon fishing in the ocean was a non-event because of heavy winds. The wind also negatively affected fishing in the bay. But the wind did not deter **John O'Brien** from venturing out into the bay seeking halibut and stripers. However, he only landed some small sharks.

We will be very busy this summer. We have scheduled various trips for kokanee in Lake Berryessa, trout in local lakes, delta fishing for black bass and, assuming that the wind dies down, salmon trips in the ocean and delta fishing for sturgeon and stripers.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, July 26, 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 come earlier and join us for breakfast. All former fishermen and those who have never fished but would like to try are welcome. For further information, contact Big Fish **Pete Gates** at 925-937-2035, secretary treasurer **Tom Boltz** at 925-825-5695, or fishing chair **Paul Dubow** at 415-495-6504,

Mac User Group

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

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

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

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.

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.



Table Pool

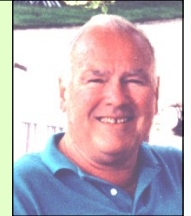
Bill Weinberg

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



**Walkers
John Lewis**

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



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.

July Walks Planned By
Mal Hendry

July 6 Lime Ridge open space Treat Blvd Concord
Meet: parking north side of Treat blvd
between San Miguel & Cowell Road
Walk: trail around hill back of parking
Coffee: Panera bread Countrywood Center
744 Bancroft Road

Area 2 \$ums Investment Group



The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group will meet on Wednesday July 25, 2012-8:00am at the Diablo Creek Golf course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Our speaker will be **Barry N. Mendelson**, CFP, President of Elevation Wealth Management of Walnut Creek. **Barry's** presentation "**Five Ways to Beat Wall Street at Its own Game**" is based on the NY Times bestselling book "The Investment Answer" by **Daniel C. Goldie**, CFA, CFP and **Gordon S. Murray**. The book is a 70 page primer that can be read in one or two settings, that explains the five decisions every investor needs to make. You all might pick up a copy and read before the meeting. A copy of **Barry's** presentation will be made available on the Investment Group web site prior to the meeting so you can print yourselves a copy to bring along.

The Legends restaurant opens at 7:00am for those who would like to enjoy breakfast with your colleagues.

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July 13 Lafayette/Moraga Trail Moraga Road Moraga
Meet: Moraga Safeway Parking Lot
Walk: South on School St, West on
Country Club Rd to trail South
toward San Leandro Reservoir
Coffee: Terzetto's Cuisine Moraga

July 20 Buckeye Ranch Trail Springhill Rd Lafayette
Meet: End of Springhill off Pleasant Hill Rd
Walk: North on trail from parking
Coffee: La Scala Civic & Locust W.C.

July 27 Heather Farms Rose Walk Walnut Creek
Meet: Heather Farms Swim Club Parking
Walk: Heather Farms Rose Garden
Coffee: Sweet Affair Ygnacio Plaza

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