

WE ARE SIR – MAKE FRIENDS FOR LIFE



Big Sir's Notes

Bruce Borgman

Wow, how time flies! We are already half-way through the year and even anticipating 2019 as you will see from the nominees for the BEC for next year. How fortunate we are to have such splendid candidates!

We are pleased to note that this last month we set a record for number of guests at our luncheon. We had ten (count 'em – 10!) guests which, if memory serves, is the most we have had. They were, listed with their sponsor – Jitu Patel (**Joe Fuchs**), Ray Waletzko (**Peter Plante**), Tome Warner (**Rich Alf**), Dan Swander (**Dick DeVoe**), Bob Wilkenfeld (**Bruce Borgman**), Dave Wynstra (**Ed Brands**), Ike Kostal (**Ben Gleason**), Ross Hallberg (**Steve Dinning**), Ken Suder (**John Gray**), and Bruce Spencer (**Steve Lane**). Great effort to all who brought a guest! Several have already indicated an interest in membership, so we hopefully will be able to welcome a number of them into the branch. We did welcome one new member in June – **Herb Wilson** – sponsored by **Russ Anderson**.

Last month we honored two of our members eloquently presented by **Dennis Hallett**. **Dick Richmond** was honored with the 20-year membership award, and **Doug Eisner** received a well deserved award as Branch Honoree. We had fun with our annual colorful shirt contest with a dozen or so entrees from many of you who wore festive shirts. Despite a close vote, the winner of this coveted award was **Russ Anderson** – his picture is on page 6.

Sir **Malcom Harrison** introduced our June speaker, his son Joseph Harrison. Joseph has an impressive resume of educational and humanitarian achievements. He spoke to us on Brain Health with practical suggestions for keeping ourselves “brain healthy”. Next month Little Sir **Jonathan** has arranged for another interesting speaker – Ignazio Ruvolo, a jurist who will talk about our justice system which sounds fascinating! Don't miss it!

Luncheon— Thursday, July 12th
Boundary Oak Clubhouse

Guest Speaker
Ignazio “Nace” Ruvolo
Presiding Justice, First District Court of Appeal,
Division Four.
“In a ‘Nutshell’ – The State Supreme Court, etc
Gathering time: 11:00 am
Seating time: 11:30 am

Bringing a guest or can't attend?
Email: nolunchbranch146@gmail.com
Telephone Message: (925) 979-5146
By Noon Friday, July 6th

Our list of candidates for the 2019 Board Executive Committee as follows:

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| Big Sir | Jonathan Korfhage |
| Little Sir | Brad Hatcher |
| Secretary | Richard Hockenbrock |
| Assistant Secretary | Jerry Kaplan |
| Treasurer | Ben Gleason |
| Assistant Treasurer | George Mon |
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| Director 2nd Term | Pierre Mebane |
| Director 1st Term | Milton Smith |
| Director 1st Term | Frank Pandolfi |
| Director 1st Term | Max Hinkle |
| Director 1st Term | Ron Lew |

We will introduce all the prospective officers at the July meeting. Election of the officers will be at our August luncheon. You may offer additional nominations from the floor at that meeting.

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SIR Mission Statement

The Mission of SIR is to improve the lives of our members through fun activities and events – while making friends for life

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To add to our busy July schedule, we will hold our annual evacuation drill at the end of the luncheon. With all this to do at the July meeting, we will start the program slightly earlier with a “seating time” of 11:30.

Finally, I want to make you aware that at a recent State SIR meeting, several resolutions were recommended for passage at the upcoming State Big Sir/ Little Sir meeting in August which **Jonathan** and I will attend. Some relate to relaxing attendance requirements, which we have debated among ourselves. They are, I believe, positive developments. See you in July!



Membership

Dave Pierce

This month we only inducted one new member, **Herb Wilson**, but we had ten guests. Wow! Many thanks to all the sponsors. **Darlo Boone** returned from Florida to active status, but **Angelo Constanza** has asked to go inactive, **John Wilhelmy** resigned, **Tom Gorman** passed away on June 3rd, **Jim Jackson** followed him on June 17th, and we learned of the death of **Michael Stephenson** last year. We are halfway to our goal of 30 inductees and our active membership is 289.

New Member Photo Additions



Herb Wilson



Little Sir's Corner

Jonathan Korfhage

We have a criminal jury system which is superior to any in the world; and its efficiency is only marred by the difficulty of finding twelve men every day who don't know anything and can't read. ~ Mark Twain

Our speaker for July is the recently retired Honorable Ignazio “Nace” Ruvolo, Presiding Justice, First District Court of Appeal, Division Four. His topic will be “In a ‘Nutshell’ – The State Supreme Court, the National Supreme Court, and the State Commission on Judicial Performance – In 30 Minutes”



SIR CHAPTERS IN THE GREATER WALNUT CREEK AREA

ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE SIR 146 CHAPTER FOR A DINNER & DANCE

WHEN: Saturday evening, February 16th, 2019 (Yes, that is 2019)

WHERE: Boundary Oak Golf Course Club House in Walnut Creek



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

SIR member **George Rammell** stands beside one of his 15 paintings that have been recently put on display at Boundary Oak for the next month

WHAT: A Valentine Weekend Themed Party with a delicious dinner, beverages, dance band & door prizes -- cost per couple is estimated to be about \$130.

THE SCOOP: Boundary Oak requires a \$500 non-refundable deposit. Dinner will be about \$100 per couple. We need to plan ahead to insure that we will have enough participation to pay for the band and incidentals. To insure that we will have enough attendance, we are asking a \$20 per couple DEPOSIT WHICH WILL BE REFUNDABLE IF WE CANCEL.

If you think you might want to attend this function, please send us a refundable \$20 check made payable to 'SIR 146' at 2274 Gladwin Dr., Walnut Creek, CA 94596 by October 15th. Please include your email address so we can send a receipt. For more information contact:

Jonathan Korfhage, Little Sir/Branch 146
Korf26@gmail.com



THE CLUBHOUSE

AT BOUNDARY OAK

SIR 146 Luncheon
July 12th, 2018

Salad

Spinach Watermelon Salad

Baby Spinach, Sweet Summer Watermelon, Feta Cheese, Balsamic Vinaigrette

Entrees

Honey Lemon Baked Chicken

Lemon & Herb Marinated Chicken Breast, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables, Cream Butter Sauce

Or

Baked Pacific Dory

Chili Rubbed Marinated Dory, Rice Pilaf, Seasonal Vegetables, Lemon Butter Sauce

Dessert

Italian Rum Cake

Vanilla Sponge Cake, Chantilly Cream, Caramel Sauce



Sunshine

Calvin Tucker

Let us keep the following Sirs in our thoughts and prayers. We look forward to their continued healing and return to good health.

- ◆ Carl Feil
- ◆ Bill Hoban
- ◆ Art Mancini
- ◆ Paul Masta
- ◆ Larry Mitchell
- ◆ Howard Nemir
- ◆ Mike Risser
- ◆ Jim Saavedra

It is also with regret that we note the deaths of **Tom Gorman** on June 3rd and **Jim Jackson** on June 17th.

Consider contacting a sick Sir to offer support and encouragement during his illness. A friendly call is usually welcome. Cards and letters are always appreciated.

If you are aware of an ill Sir, please let the Sunshine Chair know by e-mail or phone so that our SIR members can be advised.

Cal Tucker

phone: (925) 389-6070

Email: calvinctucker@gmail.com

Just white space — No Joke!



Activities Coordinator

Jerry Kaplan

MORE ACTIVITIES HAVE OPENINGS FOR BRANCH MEMBERS

There are several Branch activities that are looking for other Sirs to join in their pursuit of happiness! Poker Group 6, chaired by Sir **Brad Hatcher**, is looking for a few good men to join their first Thursday of the month afternoon game. Call **Brad** at (925) 935-1571 to find out more. Similarly, Sir **Sid Landman**, chair of Men's Duplicate Bridge Group 3, would like to have a few more branch members join their group as substitutes and / or regular players. **Sid** especially wants to invite any new member or members who have not been playing and are ready to play! Contact him at (925) 673-8817 (or email at sidlandman@aol.com).

John "Moose" Kelly has recently started the sixth Mexican Train Dominoes group and has space for additional players to join the group. They play on the fourth Tuesday evening of each month. Single Sirs as well as spouses are welcome; the game is easy to learn and fun to play. Contact **Moose** at (610) 517-0152 or rollingstone911@yahoo.com.

SOME CHAIRS NEED HELP!

As I noted last month, there are a few activity chairs that have been managing the activity for a dozen years or more and are hoping that another branch member will step forward to assist them and possibly agree to keep the activity going in the future. I am requesting that each Branch 146 member who is currently participating in any of our 47 activities to ask the chair if they would like their assistance in managing the activity. If no one volunteers, the activity could be fall into the sunset if the chair resigns and/or can't keep up with the necessary work effort required.

ESPECIALLY FOR NEW MEMBERS

If you haven't found an activity that you would like to participate in, or you are on a substitute list and want to play **Poker** or **Bridge** or **Mexican Train Dominoes** on a more regular basis, let me know and I can help get a brand new group started. I can also assist in starting up a brand new activity that may prove to be attractive to others in the branch. If you have an idea for such activity – and it would likely be covered by the SIR insurance policy (no zip lining or snowboarding) – give me a call to discuss.

(925) 930-7076

mtdana@aol.com



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

Doug Eisner received the Branch Honoree award for outstanding service to the organization from Big Sir **Bruce Borgman** at the June luncheon



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

Dick Richmond was presented the 20 year BR 146 service award by Big Sir **Bruce Borgman** at the June luncheon

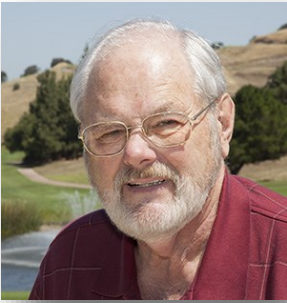
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LAST CALL !
SHAKESPEARE'S
**THE WARS
OF THE ROSES**

SIR Theater Party at CalShakes
Thursday, September 6th



This is final notice for reservations for a forceful production of *The Wars of the Roses* at the open-air California Shakespeare Theater in Orinda on Thursday, September 6 at 7:00 pm.

For the third year, SIR 146 returns to Cal Shakes for its summer theatre party. This year it is *The Wars of the Roses* – an adaptation of the Bard’s epic Henry VI trilogy telling the story of the battles between the House of York (whose symbol is the White Rose) vs. the House of Lancaster (symbolized by the Red Rose) for control of the English throne. The play covers a three decade civil war between the rival royal branches—from the death of Richard, Duke of York, until the eventual victory by the Lancastrians, following the death of King Richard III

A limited number of choice discounted seats for *The Wars of the Roses* is available to SIR members and guests for Thursday, September 6th. Tickets are \$53.00 per person. A pre-show picnic area has been reserved for SIR 146 for early arrivers beginning at 5:30 p.m. Dress warmly and take the tram up the hill to the theater and picnic areas. Bring your own picnic or purchase goodies at the food plaza. Curtain time is 7:00 p.m.

Reservation deadline is early August, or when our allotment of tickets has been committed. September seems like a far time off, but it is best to plan now for this memorable event.

This promises to be a truly epic production. The performance is at the open-air Bruns Theater off Hwy. 24 just west of Orinda. Free parking is available on site.

Reserve seats for the September 6th performance with a check of \$53.00 per person, payable to SIR 146, and mailed to Sir Gary Schaub.

Gary F. Schaub

1400 Canyonwood Ct, #8

Walnut Creek, CA 94595

[\(925\) 938-5454](tel:9259385454)

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Wife says to her programmer husband, "Go to the store and buy a loaf of bread. If they have eggs, buy a dozen."

Husband returns with 12 loaves of bread.

Two gold fish are in a tank. One looks at the other and says, "You know how to drive this thing?!"

Two soldiers are in a tank.
One looks at the other and says, "BLUBLUBBLUBLUBBLUB."

Photo by Richard Hockenbrock



Joseph Harrison, son of Sir **Malcom Harrison**, was our June speaker addressing the topic of Dementia & Alzheimer's

Photo by Jerry Kaplan



June Colorful Shirt Contest Winner—**Russ Anderson**



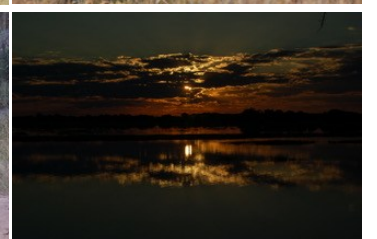
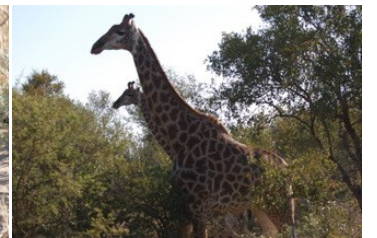
Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

June Greeters - **Bob West, Rem Barnard, Michael Weiner, and Ron Lew**

African photos below by Milt Smith



[L to R]: Russ Anderson, Chuck Campbell, Marty Campbell, Walter Schmidt, Bobbi Schmidt, Gene Voelkel, Gini Voelkel, Milt Smith, Dana Ybarra, Steve Ybarra, Margot Somerville, Carolyn Anderson, Phylis Sammon, Gwen Boero, Bill Holly, Carolyn Smith





Couples Dining Out

Bruce Borgman

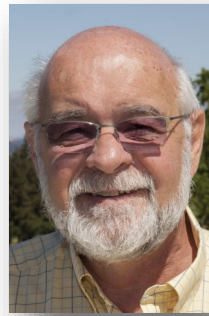
As we mentioned in our last communiqué, we were thinking of returning to Il Fornaio in Walnut Creek for our July Dining Out event – and after revisiting the restaurant, it was not a difficult decision to select

it again. Its large open East Loggia section is able to seat 60 comfortably, and the doors will open to the patio area to give us room to socialize during our cocktail hour. We were able to get a menu that includes their signature minestrone soup or we can select the mixed green salad, and a choice of four entrees. They include a chicken breast shell pasta, Italian sausage spinach ravioli, mesquite grilled salmon, or rotisserie half chicken. Dessert will be almond hazelnut chocolate cake. The all-inclusive price is only \$45.50 per person – a price normally reserved for the lunch menu. The dinner will be on Monday July 23rd with social hour at 5:30 pm and dinner at about 6:15 pm.

The restaurant will extend the special Happy Hour pricing for wine (\$6) or several specialty cocktails – also \$6 – for our always special social hour up until 6:30 pm. Corkage is \$20.

The bad news for those who are just getting this notice is that we sent out a message to our email list and were booked to our capacity of 60 diners in less than 48 hours. We are accepting names for the wait list and have visited the restaurant again to see if we could accommodate more diners, but the seating is limited to a maximum of 60. The take home lesson is that if you would like to get the early email notice – get on our email list by sending a note to me at bgborgman@aol.com. Then sign up as soon as the notice comes out. We will select another fine restaurant for our September Couples Dining Out event. See you on July 23rd!

bgborgman@aol.com



Luncheon Chairman

Rob Melrose

It was great seeing everybody in their colorful shirts last month. Although colorful, fireworks are dangerous so be careful this Independence Day!

July 12th Luncheon

- Cost: \$26
- Preferred payment method is check
- Opt Out Deadline: July 6th at Noon
- Email: NoLunchBranch146@gmail.com
- If you need to call: (925) 979-5146

Special Requests: If you have dietary restrictions, want a vegetarian meal or can't consume a meal, please send email to NoLunchBranch146@gmail.com before the Opt Out Deadline.

If you are bringing a guest: please notify Lunch Chair with guest's name at the same email address: NoLunchBranch146@gmail.com

Annual Payers: Since we have lowered the price, we really need you to let us know if you are not coming before the deadline so we can keep the low price.

2018 Branch 146 Officers and Directors

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| Director(2 nd Term) | Cal Tucker |
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| Director(1 st Term) | Tony Greco |

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Refer to branch directory, accessible under *members only* tab heading on our website, for phone numbers & email addresses.



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

No shortage of colorful shirts at the June luncheon



Travel

Milt Smith

Sixteen Sirs and guests spent nearly a month on **Safari in South Africa**, Zimbabwe, Zambia and Botswana from mid-May until mid-June. I organized this trip through Overseas Travel Adventures (OAT.) I am working on a similar trip through OAT to Machu Picchu, the Amazon and the Galapagos Islands for sometime in the last half of 2019. Let me know if you are interested.

After the July 12th SIR luncheon concludes, a representative from Crystal Cruise Lines will make a presentation to SIR members and wives who are interested in a **Mediterranean Cruise and / or Alaskan cruise for 2019**. This is a presentation by the company. Crystal is one of the “step up” cruise lines that SIR uses frequently. **Ken Richter** is on his 19th Crystal Cruise! Click on the link below to learn more, and plan to come to the meeting on July 12th.

Here are details about the Mediterranean and Alaska cruises that Melissa, from Crystal, will be presenting on July 12th. Those of you who would like to make the Mediterranean cruise trip a bit longer may want to include a one night pre-cruise hotel stay and tour Athens and a 2 night post-hotel stay and tour Rome, making it a 12 day adventure. . Experienced travelers recommend that if you are going “that far”, you might as well stay awhile. Cost to be determined

https://www.signaturetravelnetwork.com/product/cruise/dsp_multiOffer_preview.cfm?agency_id=233&cid=1801987

Once every 10 years! Oberammergau Passion Play “A play of life and death, promised in a moment of mortal threat.” Since 1634, the most famous Passion Play in the world has taken place in Oberammergau. Every 10 years, without interruption, the Village, at the end of the Bavarian Alps, has continued the tradition for over 380 years.

All participants, in the Passion Play must have been born in Oberammergau or lived there for at least 20 years. In 2020 the Community of Oberammergau will perform the Passion Play for the 42nd time, May – September 2020 Due to limited seating early booking is recommended. For Details and Reservations Call: Travel Center Tours and Travel at 925-937- 2223 / 800-528-2223

Day Trips and Blue Angels: At this writing the “**Follow that Seagull**” day trip still has not reached the

minimum required to make it a go. Hopefully, we will make it. Two other trips have already been cancelled due to not reaching the minimum of 30 people. I need some input and some help organizing these trips. I will try one more in the fall, please contact me if you’d like to help.

Our **Blue Angel** trip is set for Saturday October 6th. Our price is \$144 per person if we have 40 participants or \$151 if we have 34. I need help for this as I will be out of town, so please, if you are a Fleet Week type get in touch with me. *It will be easy to do and you get a free ticket!!*

Cheers,

Milt Smith

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miltsmith549@gmail.com



Chess

Jeff Morrow

The Chess Group is composed of members from multiple SIR branches and meets on the second Friday of the month from 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm. We play at the Pleasant Hill Senior Center on 233 Gregory Lane in Pleasant Hill. Depending upon the weather, we either play indoors in the Game Room or outside in the adjacent park. The Senior Center also serves lunch for just \$7.00 (\$5.00 for members) beginning at 11:30 am so, for those interested, you can have an early lunch, and play chess beginning at 12:30 pm.

Because most of us haven't played much chess for awhile, we are offering short instructional sessions before beginning play, and we are making available a free primer describing some of the fundamental concepts of chess. We plan to provide additional instruction in the future to those who are interested, so whether you are a well-practiced player or someone looking to renew an interest in chess, I encourage you to join us. Our next game is scheduled for Friday, July 13th.

Feel free to drop in and, if you have a chess set, bring it with you. For further information contact me at the following:

Jeff Morrow

(925) 944-7009

SIR Happenings Newsletter

SIR Happenings is the statewide SIR newsletter. Click on the link in the SIR 146 webpage to read the current issue. You may enjoy reading about the activities of other branches.



Fishing Report

Paul Dubow

Chuck Vanoncini led our semi-annual trip to Lake Almanor. The group stayed at Quail Lodge, enjoyed the owners' hospitality, and spent three days successfully fishing for good-sized rainbows. Participants

in the trip were **Rich Fiscina, Brad Hatcher, and Chuck Cornell** of Branch 146 plus **Stan Wong, Rick Parker, Ken Konzak, Harry Sherinian, Ray Pixton, and Pedro Contreras**. They are all looking forward to the next trip in October.

Ernie Wong is having a great year fishing for shad. It has been so good that he revealed his secret spot on the Sacramento River to **Pete Gates** and **Tom Boltz** of Branch 146, along with **Ken Konzak, Don Mittelstadt, Robert Hillaker, Phil Scimonelli, and Carl Moyer**, and invited them to accompany him. They all did well, but **Ernie**, as usual, got the most fish.

We also made our first-ever outing to Pardee Reservoir, near Jackson, led by **Pete Gates**. The day was beautiful but the bite was slow. Nevertheless, we came home with enough kokanee to fill our dinner plates that evening. **Pete** was joined by **Paul Dubow, Brad Hatcher** and **Ron Lew** of Branch 146 plus **Chuck Vanoncini, Karl Droese, and Carl Moyer**.

In other activities, **Rich Fiscina, Stan Wong, Gordon Linebaugh, and Ron Lew** caught halibut and stripers in the Bay; **Brion Beetz** of Branch 146, **Carl Moyer, and Phil Scimonelli** caught rainbows in San Pablo Reservoir; **Brion and Carl** caught rockfish in the ocean; **Mike Corker, Harry Sherinian, and Tom Kostik** picked up some nice black bass in the Delta; and **Rick Parker** visited relatives in Missouri and took time out to land some big catfish.

Our next meeting is at 8:30 am on July 26th at the Legend Sports Bar and Grill at Diablo Creek Golf Course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway, Concord. If you would like to join us on our outings, regardless of whether you have never fished or haven't fished in a long time, and have no equipment, the meeting is a good place to meet the fellows and figure out which trip might be best for you. Get there between 7:30 am and 8:30 am so that you can join us for breakfast. For further information, please call branch fishing chair **Paul Dubow** at (415) 495-6504.

Photo by Joe Aksamit



Carl Moyer, Pete Gates, and Paul Dubow with kokanee caught in Pardee Reservoir



Book Group

Chuck Campbell

The Book Group met on June 18th to discuss the novel *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee.

The story covers the plight of a Korean peasant family starting with the young, innocent daughter of Hoonie and Yangiin. This young girl, Sunja, is seduced by an older, wealthy Korean who turns out to be already married with a family, which means the loss of face for Sunja's entire family as well as the forthcoming child. The book covers Sunja's family struggles over the years 1910 to 1989 as they try to live in Japan with its racial prejudices against Koreans.

Pachinko, the name of a pinball game popular in underworld Japan, is very well written and the cultural problems between the Korean families and the Japanese society are clearly described. The story ends in 1989, but there is no real resolution of the family problems. If you are interested in differences in Asian cultures we recommend this book.

For our next selection we chose *Sapiens* by Yuval Noah Harari. We will next meet July 30th at the Greenery restaurant, 8:30 am.

A man is walking in the desert with his horse and his dog when the dog says, "I can't do this. I need water." The man says, "I didn't know dogs could talk." The horse says, "Me neither!"



Photography Group

Richard Hockenbrock

Our next meeting is scheduled for July 27th. As is customary, we invite all attendees to bring a thumb drive with any pictures they would like to share with the group.

At this meeting we will be featuring photos from the SIR members who went on Safari to South Africa, Zimbabwe, Zambia and Botswana. Some pictures taken by **Milt Smith**, Travel Chair, are shown on page 6 of this SIR CALL issue.

Even if you are not a regular attendee of our photography meetings, I would encourage you to come to this meeting to see the splendor and hear experiences of these adventuresome SIR members' photos.

Email: rhock@pacbell.net

Cell: (925) 324-1713

Next Meeting

Where : Thurman G. Casey Ygnacio Valley Library
2661 Oak Grove Road
Walnut Creek, CA 94598

Subject: Safari pictures of South Africa, Zimbabwe, Zambia and Botswana

When: July 27th, 9:00 am—11:00 am



Bocce Ball

Martin Lyle

Warmer weather brought out a larger group to play in June and we expect the number to grow in the month of July. Several newcomers started their new play and stated they enjoyed the game very much. We always have room for new players. Come and enjoy a new easy to learn game.

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

Rain Cancels Play and Ladies and Significant others are always welcome.

Martin Lyle (925) 687-4893



Pinochle

Charlie Kahsen / Jeff Morrow

*We meet on
the third Wednesday
of the month at*

*Rocco's Ristorante Pizzeria, 2909 Ygnacio Valley Rd,
Walnut Creek, CA. Optional lunch is from Noon – 1:00 and
card playing from 1:00 – 3:00 pm.*

*All Sirs in Area 16 and their guests (including
spouses) are welcome to attend. Introduction and
training will be provided to those who have never before
played, as well as those who last played many years ago.*

*If you are interested in joining our group, call one
of us or send an email to both our email addresses and
one of us will get back to you. If you plan to come, please
let us know ahead of time so we can let Rocco's know you
plan to have lunch with the group.*

In our game this month we again had a nice turnout, all of whom enjoyed lunch, followed by a little over two hours of card playing. We are especially appreciative of Deanna at Rocco's for her cheerful assistance in reserving our space for card-playing, as well as making sure our food and drinks are served in a timely manner. Even though we don't play cards for money, she makes us all feel like winners! Our next game is scheduled for Wednesday July 18th. We hope to see you there.

Charlie Kahsen

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Brad Hatcher & Peter Gates speak with a prospective SIR member at Walnut Creek's sponsored event for local nonprofit organizations



Photo by Carl Tilchen

Acoustic Musicians

Carl Tilchen

You are invited to the next meeting of the SIR Acoustic Musicians Group on Thursday, July 19th, at 2 pm. The address is 1281 Homestead Ave, #1D near Ygnacio Valley Road, Walnut Creek. Park on Homestead Ave, walk into garage, call last name **Elnick** on communication device, enter door, take elevator to first floor and walk to unit 1D.

Our Acoustic Musicians Group welcomes all guitar, banjo, mandolin, bass etc. The objective is to enjoy our music. All levels of musical skill are welcome. Spouses & singers are also encouraged to attend. Please bring your instrument and any songs you enjoy.

I am a Singer/Songwriter with an active musical career. I have facilitated many musical groups and I am glad to lead this group. **Alan Elnick** and I welcome your suggestions to make our group comfortable and fun.



Pickleball

Jim Burk

Branch 146 Sirs (some with their spouses) are now regularly playing this exciting and active game at the Activity and Recreation Center (ARC) of the San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church. The ARC is located at 902 Danville Boulevard in Alamo and has three beautiful courts for playing Pickle Ball. Everyone is welcome to play there during any of the drop-in times on Monday thru Friday between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm, and between 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm. A player will pay \$5 per session. Each player will be allowed to get in as many games as the number of players that day allows using the traditional player wait list approach. There is also instruction available on Thursdays from 1:00 - 2:00 pm and from 2:00 - 3:00 pm. The cost of the instruction is \$10 per player, plus the \$5 drop-in fee referenced above. A player would be allowed to play until 4:00 pm, space permitting, before or following their one hour of instruction. A player wishing to take advantage of the instruction should call the ARC at (925) 837-2011 and reserve a time (8 players per hour of instruction is available).

Call or email jimanneburk@sbcglobal.net to learn more about the game and/or information about the facility where the Pickle Ball courts are available.

Jim Burk

(925) 946-1192

jimanneburk@sbcglobal.net



Photo by Bill Schultz

Looks like **Brad Hatcher** & **Ken Richter** have the same tastes when picking out colorful shirts

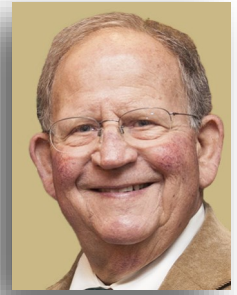


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Money winners at the June Men's Duplicate Bridge Group 2 hosted by **Max Hinkle**, were **Mike Whitaker**, first, **John Boyan**, second and **Ed Marlovits** third



Henry Thatcher



Jim Pope

SIR 146 Explore & Eat 2 Hour Bay Delta Cruise Discovery Bay, California August 22nd, 2018

An Explore & Eat event planned for August 22nd is a 2 Hour Bay Delta Cruise starting at the Discovery Bay Yacht Harbor. We plan to start the tour at 10:00 am with a Welcome/Safety talk from Captain Morgan, followed by 2 hours cruising/ touring the Bay Delta. After the cruise, we will proceed to the Boardwalk Grill on the marina for lunch at approximately 12:30 pm.

The cruise cost is **\$30 per person**. Parking is **free** and located at the marina. Please make your checks for \$30 per person payable to **Jim Pope** and send your checks to: 385 Bryan Drive, Alamo, CA 94507. Please send your name and name of your guest with your check. We need a minimum of 20 people to book the cruise, with a maximum of 35 on the vessel.

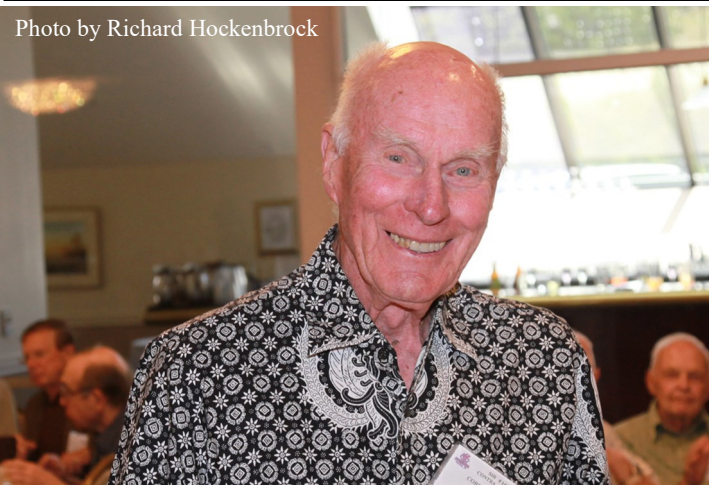
Directions to the Discovery Bay Yacht Club and Marina are: East on Hwy 4 to Discovery Bay, then left, north, on Discovery Bay Blvd, then turn right on Willow Lane Road, then right turn, east, on Marina Way to the Boardwalk Grill and the Marina which is the start of the cruise and lunch location .

We are looking forward to your participation!

Co-chairs: Henry Thatcher 925-997-5032 and Jim Pope 925-699-6447

SOLD OUT
WE HAVE REACHED THE MAXIMUM OF 35

Photo by Richard Hockenbrock



Cass Buys was the May Birthday Drawing Winner drawn in June due to Ladies Luncheon in May



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

Dick Kincaide was the June Birthday Drawing Winner earning him a free future lunch



SIR 146 Hiking

Rich Ahlf

FRENCH TRAIL REDWOOD REGIONAL PARK

Please join us Friday, July 13th for a nice cool hike through the redwoods of Oakland as we will be hiking the French Trail loop at Redwood Regional Park. This is a 6 mile single track moderate loop hike that hits all the highlights of this well-shaded park nestled in the Oakland hills. This is a peaceful, hidden bowl of coastal redwoods with a creek at the bottom. Notice this hike is rated as moderate, I am allotting three and a half hours with plenty of breaks and a lunch stop. Hiking poles are recommended as the first section is a steep uphill then followed by mostly level hiking through the redwoods.

Take Hwy 13 to Redwood Road, turn left and drive about 4 miles to the Redwood Gate and park in the first lot on the left after the Fishway interpretive center. Redwood Regional Park, 7867 Redwood Road.

If you wish to carpool meet at the turnoff at St Stevens Rd off Hwy 24 at 9:30 am. Turn right and park on El Nino Rd where there is plenty of parking. I have room for three.

Spouses / Significant Others Always Welcome

Rain Cancels

Hike starts at 10:00 am

Rich Ahlf

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Bill Schultz, Ed Brands, Bob White, and Dick Kincaide



George Carpenter, Steve Siljestrom, and John Alstead



Max Hinkle and Mike Whitaker

The Branch Executive Committee would like to remind all members that attendance at the monthly luncheon is required by one of the State Rules.

Article 8—Required Attendance Rule 100b

Attend one-half of the regular luncheon meetings within the previous twelve consecutive month period. NOTE: Excused meetings cannot be included to achieve the minimum attendance.

Mexican Train Dominoes Groups



Mexican Train Dominoes Group 1 (UNO)

Jerry Kaplan

The Group One players met on June 15th for another fun Game Night at the Walnut Creek home of Sir **Jerry Kaplan** and his wife, **Susan**.

Fourteen players were on-board to try their luck at choosing the winning dominoes – and not getting stuck with the DOUBLE ZERO! The hosts provided treats that were delicious and enjoyed by all.

The evening's big winner of \$17.00 was one of the evening's hosts, **Susan Kaplan**, who ended the night with a very good average score of 11.4 for each of the eleven games player at her table. Second place worth \$8.00 went to Sir **Frank Ascatigno**, with a score of 14.8, followed by **Sue Oranje**, wife of Sir **Corrie Oranje**, taking Third place with an average of 18.1 points. Our Big Sir, **Bruce Borgman**, requested that this report note that before the last round was played at his table, he was averaging 14.1 through nine games. This would have been good for second place money. However, as luck would have it - and it usually does – Bruce was stuck with 120 points in his last hand, raising his average for the night to 24.7, finishing in 9th place.

June's Game Night began the second half-year of tracking the semi-annual pot that each player contributes \$1.00 each night they play. A total of about \$90.00 is expected to be available at the end of the six months to be divided among the three best averages over the period.

There is always room for more players who want to be on a substitute list as an occasional player either in this group or one of the other five Mexican Train Dominoes groups.

The game is fun to play and easy to learn! Single Sirs as well as a SIR and his Significant Other are always welcome. The branch activities coordinator will also help start a new group if asked.

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Mexican Train Dominoes Group 2 (DOS)

Dick Woodman

Our May game night was at **Dick and Janice Woodman's** home. It was a fun evening resulting in some good scores for the evening as well as winners for the January thru

May tournament.

For the month of May: **Anne Plachy** was our big winner and took First place with an average game score of 15.4. **Peter Plante** was close behind at 17.3 to win Second place. There was a tie between **Ismini MacLean** and **Nancy Pearl** at 19.2 so they shared the Third place winnings.

The January-May Tournament Pot winnings were shared between **Rich Ahlf**, **Ron Plachy** and **Anne Plachy**. **Rich** took First place with an average of 16.7 while **Ron** took Second place with an average of 19.1 and **Anne** was close behind with 20.1. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR WINNERS!!

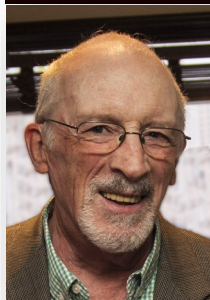
Our next game night, by the time you read this, was held on June 22th at **Don and Etta Dotson's** home. Results will be reported in the August SIR CALL



Photo by Bruce Borgman

June MTD Group 1 Winners, 1st place **Susan Kaplan**, 2nd place **Frank Ascatigno**, and 3rd place **Sue Oranje**

Mexican Train Dominoes Groups



Mexican Train Dominoes Group 3 (TRES)

Jeff Baily

The June games were played at the home of **Jeff** and **Alicia Baily**. After everyone met Piper, the new resident of the Baily home, (an 8 week old Bijon Frisee) everyone sat down for an evening of Mexican Train Dominoes.

Table 1 saw **Dick Richmond**, **Jim Stedman** and **Sue Busenius** with the best at-the-table scores but not low enough to compete with tables 2 & 3. Table 3 had **Jeff Baily** start off sluggishly but improve after the break going out 4 times for best-at the-table and placing overall Second and **Walt Busenius** quietly going out only once but otherwise posting low enough scores to grab Third place overall for the night. **Joyce Wells** came in a close Third for the table behind **Walt** but didn't score low enough to compete in the overall scores.

The surprise at this table was the results for **Marie Ascatigno**... Before the break **Marie** posted her usual championship games. At the break as she was congratulated on her great scores she commented "oh sure but just wait 'til after the break". Well, after the break the wheels fell off and **Marie's** dominoes failed to work for her for the remaining games denying her a place in the Winners' Circle. But we had a lot of fun and laughter.

Over at Table 2, however, **Linda Brown**, another quiet but skillful player posted the lowest score of her table and of the night to take First place money. Congratulations **Linda!** We all plan to meet again on July 27th at the home of **Larry** and **Linda Brown**.



Mexican Train Dominoes Group 4 (El Quattro)

El Quattro plays June 29th so look for our results in the August SIR CALL.



Mexican Train Dominoes Group 5 (CINCO)

Chuck Campbell

LADIES DOMINATE THE NIGHT!

With 4 wins out of 7 rounds and a total score of just 28 points, Patti Eisner surely broke all SIR records at MTD V's gathering on June 21st. Way to go, girl! The ladies also won the night. Anne Burk and Joan Pierce placed Second and Third respectively.

Thanks to the Eisners for a fun evening together, enjoying carrot cake, drinks, and camaraderie. The men promise to redeem themselves at our next gathering, July 19th at **Dennis** and **Ann Hallett's**.



L to R: **Sally Sprague**, **Ann Hallett**, **Patti Eisner**, **Joan Pierce**, **Marty Campbell**, and **Anne Burk**

A guy goes into a lawyer's office and asks the lawyer:
"Excuse me, how much do you charge?"

The lawyer responds: "I charge \$1,000 to answer three questions."

"Bloody hell – That's a bit expensive isn't it?"

"Yes. What's your third question?"



Mexican Train Dominoes

Group 6 (SEIS)

John "Moose" Kelly

Susan Sheldon and **Bruce Borgman** welcomed the MTD Seis Group to their home in Walnut Creek this month with plenty of delicious snacks and liquid refreshments. My thanks for hosting our monthly event in grand style.

There were a total of 13 spirited competitors: **Mary Schmidt, Kathe Mitchell, Richard** and **Sherry Hockenbrock, Brian** and **Mary McCarthy, Rob Melrose, Carmen Schiavone, Don Rhoads, Barbara Elenteny, Bruce Borgman** and **Susan Sheldon** as well as yours truly.

The competition was spirited with lively banter and laughter among the ranks throughout the evening. The winners were **Sherry Hockenbrock** (10.6), **The Moose** (11.4), **Kathe Mitchell** (14.9). Congratulations to the winners!!!

Don Rhoads and **Barbara Elenteny** were the high number winners with a dollar scratchy as an award for their toils plus a plate of brownies from **Susan Sheldon** to boot.

Our next MTD 6 engagement will be at the home of **Sherry** and **Richard Hockenbrock** located at 3616 Winchester Place in Walnut Creek 94598 at 6:45 pm on Tuesday, July 24th.

Unfortunately, **Mary** and **Moose** will not be there but we will coordinate with the **Hockenbrocks** to make this a successful event.



SongSirs

Bruce Borgman

The SongSirs continued their regular practices in June with a repertoire which included oldies made well known by the Beatles, Mama Cass, and others. We were invited to return to Sunrise Senior Living Facility on June 22nd, but many of our group were traveling or had other obligations. So, our pianist, **Steve Dinning** agreed to play for the residents for an hour or so. It was very well received, and the activities director at the facility sang a few songs with **Steve** accompanying this accomplished soloist! See pictures below.

Since so many of our group are busy in July, we decided to take a break from our regular rehearsals. We will resume in August and encourage other Sirs who like to sing to join us.



Photo by Bruce Borgman

Steve Dinning performing with the activity director who sang along on a couple of songs at Sunrise Senior Living Facility



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

Top three low number winners for MTD 6: 1st **Sherry Hockenbrock**, 2nd **Moose Kelly**, and 3rd **Kathe Mitchell**



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

Top two high number winners being rewarded with a plate of brownies: **Don Rhoads** & **Barbara Elenteny** with **Sue Sheldon**



Couples Duplicate Bridge 1 Bob Yolland

The Couples Duplicate Bridge 1 group's June 20th event was hosted by **Dick** and **Christy DeVoe** on a beautiful Wednesday evening. **Rich**

Ahlf and **Ismini Maclean** easily won First place with 25.5 points, accentuated by the highest number of top boards and the lowest number of bottom boards. **Dave** and **Joan Pierce** took second place with 22 points, followed by **Dick** and **Christy DeVoe** with 20 points and third place. Our next game will be hosted by **Bill** and **Margaret Rees** on Wednesday, July 18th. *Reported by Dick DeVoe*



Couples Party Bridge Tony Greco

Rich Ahlf & Ismini MacLean hosted our June 5th event. Commute traffic was heavier than usual heading to Clayton on Ygnacio Valley Road. Consequently, several of us were fashionably late, especially the couple that doubled back home to get their forgotten mobile phone. As the TV ad says "Don't leave home without it". The stress of lateness was quickly eased with abundant wine and delicious snacks including cheeses & crackers, assorted nuts and fresh strawberries and grapes. Later in the evening we filled our tummies with delicious chocolate Bundt cake.

Thank you to **Bob & Janet Yolland** for subbing and especially to **Dasha (Freeman) Zablocki** for coming out of semi-retirement to sub at the last minute for **Cindy Greco** and partnering with **Tony Greco**. The subs were rewarded with good cards which they took advantage of resulting in **Dasha Zablocki** finishing with **Tony Greco** in Third place with 3150 points and **Bob & Janet Yolland** taking First place with 3320 points. **Dick & Christy DeVoe** slid into second place at 3290 points with some strategic doubles. Who said party bridge was a friendly game? Lol.

Due to the proximity of next month's event to the July 4th holiday and lack of availability of several regulars, bridge has been cancelled for July. We will resume play in August per our regular schedule with **Tony & Cindy Greco** hosting on August 7th. Have a happy and safe 4th of July celebration.

Tony Greco

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Couples Duplicate Bridge 2 Dave Pierce

Ken and **Elaine Richter** hosted us on June 12th. Many thanks to **Jerry** and **Chris Benoit** for subbing. **Dick** and **Christy DeVoe** were the only pair to bid and make a

slam (a tip of the hat!) and were rewarded with Third place. **Cindy** and **Tony Greco** jostled with **Joan** and **Dave Pierce** for Second place and First place; the **Grecos** and the **Pierces** have played bridge together for over 40 years. Maybe all that practice is paying off. **Elaine's** amaretto cake made it a wonderful evening for everyone, whether or not the cards helped.

Dave Pierce, 932-3877

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Alvin: My great-grandfather fought with Napoleon, my grandfather fought with the French and my father fought with the Americans.

Alex: Your relatives couldn't get along with anyone, could they?



Party Bridge Fred Bolton

We played three tables of bridge on June 4th, welcoming new player **Byron Nelson** to our group. **Fred Bolton** hosted and came in Third. First place went to **Max Hinkle** and Second to **Bill Snyder**.

Our next game will be hosted by

Bill Snyder on July 2nd.

As a scarecrow, people say I'm outstanding in my field.
But hay, it's in my jeans.



Men's Duplicate Bridge 1

Doug Eisner

Bill Snyder hosted 3 tables of Duplicate Bridge 1 on June 18. **Fred Bolton** jumped out to an early lead in the AM session with 14.5 pt. **Fred** was followed closely by **Tony Greco's** 14.0 pt, and **Dave Pierce's** 13.5 pt, for Second and Third place, respectively. However, **Dave** and **Tony** caught fire in the PM session with **Dave's** 29.5 pt just edging out **Tony's** 28.5 pt for First place. **Fred** was caught by **Brad Hatcher** for a third place tie at 26.5 pt.

Bill Schultz will host our July 16th game.



Men's Duplicate Bridge 3

Sid Landman

Our Duplicate Bridge 3 event was hosted by **Brad Hatcher** on June 15th. Results were as follows:

- 1ST PLACE- **Jim Stedman** with a strong 32.5 points. His 2nd Place standings in both halves and consistency throughout guaranteed him an easy win. He had an amazing Plus 9 rating (10 twos less 1 zero).
- 2ND PLACE- **Ray Bland** with 29.5 points. He was the Comeback Kid with 5.5 more points in the 2nd half vs. the 1st half (12 to 17.5). His 17.5 pts. was higher than anyone in the 2nd half.
- 3RD PLACE- **Jim Brown** with 29.0 points. He had the highest no. of twos (11), and a Plus 6 rating (11 twos less 5 zeros).

BEST PARTNERSHIPS (MAXIMUM 6 PTS. AVAILABLE)- **Jim Stedman** had four high partnerships!

- Bds. 1-3: **Mark Curtis / Jim Stedman** (5.0 pts).
- Bds. 4-6: **Jim Brown / Jim Stedman** (4.5 pts.).
- Bds. 7-9: **Jim Stedman / Jerry Benoit** (4.5 pts.).
- Bds. 10-12: **Ray Bland / Mark Curtis** (5.0 pts.).
- Bds. 13-15: **Jim Brown / Ed Marlovits** (5.0 pts).
- Bds. 16-18: **Tony Greco / Ray Bland** (4.5 pts.).
- Bds. 19-21: **Jim Stedman / Ray Bland** (5.0 pts).
- Bds. 22-24: **Jim Brown / Jerry Benoit** (maximum 6.0 pts.)

Reported by: **Dick DeVoe**



Men's Duplicate Bridge 2

Dick DeVoe

Our June 1 Duplicate Bridge 2 event was nicely hosted by **Max Hinkle**.

- 1ST PLACE- **Mike Whitaker** with 29.0 points. His 1st Place in the 1st half and 3rd Place in the 2nd half guaranteed an easy win.

- 2ND PLACE- **John Boyan** with 27.0 points. His consistent play overall included the highest number of twos (10).
- 3RD PLACE- **Ed Marlovits** with 26.5 points. He had the 2nd highest no. of twos (9), and 5 more twos than zeros. Also, it was his 3rd straight month earning "Comeback Kid"- this time with 11.5 pts. in the 1st half going to 15 pts (highest) in the 2nd half.

BEST PARTNERSHIPS (MAXIMUM 6 PTS. AVAILABLE)- **Mike Whitaker and Ed Marlovits** each had three high partnerships.

- Bds. 1-3: **Mike Whitaker / Bill Schultz** and **Dick DeVoe / Ed Marlovits** (3.5 pts).
- Bds. 4-6: **Bob Yolland / John Boyan** (4.0 pts.).
- Bds. 7-9: **Bob Yolland / Doug Eisner** (4.0 pts.).
- Bds. 10-12: **Mike Whitaker / Dave Steinberg** (4.5 pts.).
- Bds. 13-15: **Mike Whitaker / Ed Marlovits** (5.0 pts).
- Bds. 16-18: **Dick DeVoe / Max Hinkle** (4.0 pts.).
- Bds. 19-21: **John Boyan / Ed Marlovits** (5.0 pts).
- Bds. 22-24: **Jim Brown / Dave Steinberg** (4.5 pts.)



Photo by Bill Schultz

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Men's Duplicate Bridge 3 winners [L to R]: **Jim Stedman** first place, new player **Ray Bland** second place and **Jim Brown** third place



Poker Group 1

Dan O'Sullivan

Poker Group 1 met at the home of **Ray Bland** on June 13th. As always a good time was had by all. There were a couple of big winners. **Ray** had another guest who "REALLY LIKED CUPCAKES".

Our next outing will be at **Bill Cammerer's** home on July 11th.



Old Money Poker Group 6

Brad Hatcher

Rich Ahlf graciously hosted Poker Group 6 during the first week of June. **Larry Brown** again substituted for unavailable players.

Top earner for the June was **Brad Hatcher**. He started slowly but built his stack late in the session. As he will be unable to play in July, his winning streak has ended.



Poker Group 2

Al Zamolo

*Poker Group 2 meets on the fourth Monday of the month at various members' homes. Contact **Al Zamolo** if you would like to be on the list as a substitute.*



Poker Club 3

Sig Kalteis

*Poker Club 3 meets on the fourth Monday of the month. We usually play at my house. Contact **Sig Kalteis** if you would like to be on the list as a substitute.*



Poker Group 4

Rich Hanford

Garth Cummings hosted our group in June and **Bob Mehus** will host for July. Sometimes we need a sub. If you are interested, please contact **Rich Hanford**.



Poker Group 5

Bill Roberts

*Poker Group 5 meets the Wednesday prior to the SIR luncheon. **Bill Roberts** is the permanent host for our event.*

Cooking Lunch & Wine

Bill Hartman

The LAW cooking group meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month at a different member's home with one member responsible for preparing the menu for the rest of the group.

We gather at 11:00 am for good conversation, appetizers and wine followed by lunch. Couples are an integral part of this group as we have two dinners each year with our partners which are scheduled for March and September.



Book Corner

Peter Plante

The Book Corner will be open before and after our July luncheon. Come on by and pick up some new reads.

Judge: "Why did you steal the car?"

Man: "I had to get to work."

Judge: "Why didn't you take the bus?"

Man: I don't have a driver's license for the bus.



GOLF

Ed Marlovits

Away golf in June was held on June 1st at Paradise Valley in Fairfield and we had what has become a typical turnout of six foursomes. It was an unusual event in that three Flight A golfers, **Gary**

Brown, Bill Schultz and **Ed Brands** each shot a gross score of 84. **Ed Brands** did that while carding an unlucky 10 on the Par 5 16th hole.

Bill Schultz and **Cal Tucker** took First in their flights with net scores of 64 and 65, respectively. **Gary Brown** and **Dan Holland** took home top money, each by scoring a close-to-the pin and placing second in their flights. **Ken Sihler** took home the lone bronze in Flight B.

The next Away Golf will be Thursday, August 2nd, at the popular and convenient Blue Rock West. If you normally play exclusively at Boundary Oak, or haven't played away golf, Blue Rock is a great place to try it out.

We also had six Branch 146 foursomes participate in the Area Team Qualifier at Hiddenbrooke on June 20th. None of us shot a hole in one this year. Hiddenbrooke is a very nice layout and, as someone observed, it is a great course for a scramble. Having said that, if you are participating in the SIR Division 4 individual qualifier to be held there August 22nd It will be a fun test of your game.



Nine Hole Golf Group

Verner Laursen

The SIR 146 golf group tees off at 9:30 am at the Diablo Hills Golf Course on most Thursdays. Exception is the second Thursday when we normally go to the SIR luncheon.

If you are interested, let me know and I will put you on my list. On Mondays, I will send out an email asking who is coming for golf, who is walking and who plans to stay for lunch. On Wednesdays I will send out an email setting forth the pairings for Thursday morning. Thursday morning there may be adjustments based on who did or did not show up. Most of the time the lunch is better than our golf game.

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Golf



Table Pool

Bill Weinberg

We meet every Monday at 11:30 am at Masses, 2721 North Main in Walnut Creek. No advance notice is necessary. Just show up and play. Cost is \$5 for as long as you want to play. This is a special rate that Masses gives SIR members. You can also play at other times during the week for the same \$5. Just tell them you are a member of SIR. We play mostly two man teams of eight ball, or a unique three-player game, called "Crazy Eights", depending on the number of participants. We usually play about 2 hours but not everyone stays for the final curtain. All Sirs in Area 2 are welcome.



Photo by Bill Schultz

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Salvatore Costanza, Larry Gray, Bill Danzig, and Mark Curtis



Walking Group

Frank Ascagnò

Every Friday at 9:30 am at various locales.

*Call **Frank** for current walk.*

Rain cancels any walk.

Ladies Welcome

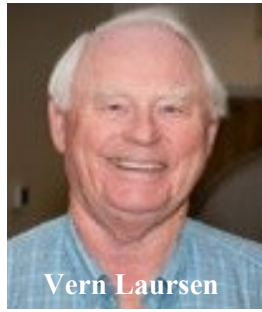
Tel: (925) 429-2232

Area 16 Events

Mac User Group (MUG)



Max Burchett



Vern Laursen

The Mac Users Group (MUG) meets the first Monday of each month from 12 noon until 2:00 pm at the Thurman G. Casey Ygnacio Valley Library, 2661 Oak Grove Road, Walnut Creek, CA 94598.

Max Burchett and **Verner Laursen** are the leaders and are available to help Mac, iPhone and iPad users with their questions. Please note that Mac users do not have problems. We do have suggestions on software and where to get the best deals on Mac related products. We will also demonstrate various software products.

If you have or may have an interest, please contact us and we will put you on our mailing list. If you are on the list, you will receive an email from time to time about items that are of interest to Mac Users.

Computers and Technology



Derek Southern

PCs



Neil Schmidt

The Area 16 Computer and Technology Group meetings are fun and informative where we discuss applications for computers and technology. At each meeting we have a presentation on a topic covering everything from antivirus programs, ways to back up your data, digital photography, genealogy research, smart phones and many other topics. It is a great way to learn about new technology and get answers to your computer questions or problems.

Our next meeting at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge will be on Thursday, July 19th, starting at 9:30 am. Come early for coffee, goodies, and chat. The July presentation topic will be "Password Security" by Richard Andrus. Richard will discuss password security, how hackers steal your password, safe password practices, other ways to safeguard your online assets, and the state of the art in passwords and user authentication.

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.

Neil Schmidt, Chairman

Area 2 \$ums Investment Group

We are taking the summer off. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 26th.

\$UMS Chairman **Tom Henry** tomhenry925@gmail.com
Co-chair **Dave Sutton** davesutn@comcast.net



Photo by Walt Busenius

Nine Hole Golf Group [L to R]: **Jim Kohl, Frank Sonoda, Walt Busenius, Tony Shebanek, Arlo Boone, Vern Laursen, and Aubrey Moore**

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