



Big Sir's Notes Stu Somerville

Our Ladies Day event was enjoyed by all. We had 22 tables with a great turnout. Our thanks go to **Steve Dawkins** for his work in arranging all the details of the event and to **Dennis Hallett** for obtaining the San Ramon H.S. Jazz Vocal Ensemble for our enjoyment. They were great!

Good news for Sir Area 2. Branch 171 in the Lafayette-Moraga area is sponsoring a new Branch. They will have their first meeting in June.

Our new member recruitment campaign, under the direction of **Jack Calloway**, is off to a fine start. But, they cannot do it all; we all have an obligation to seek new members for our Branch. I would like to emphasize that while we seek new members; we value each current member and want you to enjoy your SIR experience. Please let me know if you have an idea that would make Branch 146 even better.

This year's Bocce Ball is off to a good start. **Martin Lyle** is the new Bocce Ball chairman, taking over from **Bob Frankland** who is stepping down after 4 plus years as the chairman. Thank you **Bob** for you great service to the Branch. They meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 9 am at the Concord Bocce Ball courts in Newhall Park. This is fun activity that new players can learn in just one session. Like golf, greatness will take time.

Remember our new luncheon price is \$25; bring a check for that amount. If you have not already sent in a check for your annual donation, please bring a separate check [for \$20] with you to the June luncheon.

Little Sir's Corner



Dennis Hallett

Our luncheon speaker on June 11th 2009 is **Sandy Balbour**- Director of Athletics at UC Berkeley. Her speech will cover the CAL 2009 Athletics Program.

Branch 146 Sirs who support the Bears might want to bring along their shirts, caps, flags pins etc. as a welcome. [Go Bears!](#)

Annual Donation Reminder

The requested annual minimum \$20 donation is due by June 2009. Payment by separate check made payable to "SIR 146" would be greatly appreciated.

Give your check to **Joe Fuchs** or **Ron de Golia** or mail it to **Ron DeGolia** at: 1012 Camino Verde Circle, Walnut Creek, CA 94597. Please remember that the charge for our monthly luncheon will decrease to \$25 in June. Please make that check payable to "SIR 146" also.

Interim Editor's note

Having volunteered as a substitute for our regular editor, **Rich Ahlf**, I'm again reminded of all the hard work that the editor and his elves, the column contributors, do to keep this newsletter alive. Thank you men. Since we were not crowded with columns and notices when putting this edition together I've included some file photos of branch members and wives which should bring back pleasant memories. **Jeff Bailly**

Bocce Ball

Martin Lyle

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



Bocce-ballers are poised to charge into the 2009 season. Always ready to play and fiercely competitive they're pictured here sitting left to right: **Tom Thomson, Bob Frankland, Frank McNamee, Harry Tutton, and Howard Harvey**. Standing are: **Charlie Koeber, Martin Lyle, Ron DeGolia, and Otto Wilson**. Newcomers are most welcome! Everyone has fun.



Duplicate Bridge

George Zunich

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

In May, Sir **Dick Johnson** hosted 3 tables of Duplicate Bridge at his home.

In a close match, the results were as follows: **Bob Donahue** was in 1st Place with 30.5 points. **Fred Kovar** was in 2nd Place with 30.0 points. **George Zunich** took 3rd place with 28.5 points. **Jim Jackson** was 4th with 26.5 points

The next match will be held on Monday June 15th at the home of **Jim Stedman**.

Contact **George Zunich** at 376-4439 for information. We welcome interested members.

If life is a waste of time, and time is a waste of life, let's all get wasted together and have the time of our lives. Sign at a pizza restaurant in Washington , DC



Party Bridge

Fred Bolton

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

We played four tables of bridge at the home of **Bob Yolland** on May 4th. First place went to **Bill Snyder** with 6740 points, second to **Jim Stedman** with 5460, third to **Jim Jackson**. Our next game will be at the home of **George Zunich** on June 1st.

Will Rogers, who died in a plane crash with Wylie Post in 1935, was probably the greatest political sage this country has ever known. Included in this edition of SIR Call are some of his sayings. (printed in blue for those of you reading it on line in color).



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 May 20th. **Jim and Allison Todhunter** hosted the gala affair. **Carl and Anne Johnson** took first place with 42 points. **Lo and Sue McCarley** took second (35.5 points), **Bill and Margaret Rees** (35.0 points) placed third, and **Lynn and Dasha Freeman** (34.5 points) came in fourth. Notice how close those scores are. **George Zunich** and **Tamara Judson** will host the next meeting on Wednesday, June 17th.

Bowling

Larry Mitchell



The winter SIR bowling league was concluded on May 6, 2009. The winning team was "Team No 7" (a brilliantly conceived name). The runner-ups were the "Chili Dips". I think a little bitterness may have crept out there since none of the Branch 146 bowlers was on either team. We did surface in the "Sweeper", however, with **Jim Adams** placing third and the "candy man", **Maurice "Mitch" Mitchell**, taking eighth.

The short summer league will start on May 20th and we are looking for at least one more bowler, or if you are interested, you can be signed up as a substitute. If you have, or have not, bowled in the past makes no difference. You need not necessarily be there for the first few sessions. Please call me if remotely interested. Three tournaments are scheduled for June, as follows: Pinole Valley Lanes on June 4th and 5th, Tall Pine Lanes in Paradise on June 17th and 19th, and Homestead Lanes in San Jose on June 29th and 30th. All of these tournaments will be Singles, Doubles (mixed) and All Events. For more details call me at 925-798-5440.

Couples Duplicate Bridge Too

by **Dick DeVoe** for **Joe Barry**

Couples Duplicate Bridge Too meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm at participants' homes.

Couples play as partners.

The Couples Duplicate Bridge Too was hosted May 12 by **Dick and Christy DeVoe**. **Lynn and Dasha Freeman** had just returned from Germany the day before. **Dasha** was still tired from jet-lag, and apparently would slip into her 2nd language periodically. It was

reported that at one point she said, "Sieben Kreutze" and an opponent doubled that, thinking she was ordering a refreshing drink and he wanted one too. In short, **Dasha** made the seven clubs- doubled. Anyway, the **Freemans** ended up taking 1st place with or without the story. Well, a piece of 1st, anyway. Subs **Dave** and **Joan Pierce** tied them, showing how skilled the rest of this group is when the subs come in and take bragging rights. **Terry and Sharon Marchione** slipped into 3rd when no one was looking, and the other 3 couples went home wondering how it all happened, and why.

Never slap a man who's chewing tobacco.

Walt Barabash

A Tribute

On Wednesday May 6, **Walt Barabash**, 87, a long time member of Br 146 and dedicated member of our Golf Committee passed away peacefully at Kaiser Hospital in Walnut Creek. Walt was born in Chicago, moved to Texas, attended the University of Houston and served in the US Navy during WW II.



After serving in the Navy, **Walt** joined Shell Oil Company. He married **Betty** 61 years ago and they had four children, **Paula, Crystal, Marcia** and **Walter Paul Jr.** and five grandchildren. **Walt** retired from the Shell Refinery in Martinez in 1986 after 40 years of service. **Walt** and **Betty** enjoyed many years of RV camping with local families and spent many hours watching the kids water ski at Sly Park near Placerville. He joined the Golf Committee soon after joining Br 146 and for many years was up at Boundary Oak Golf Course early every Tuesday morning with the previous week's results. He always had a joke or two to share with his fellow Sirs and will be fondly remembered by all who met him.

Area 2 \$ums In Retirement

Dave Munson

\$ums Attendees,

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 27 May at the Diablo Creek golf course. The speaker will be **Ray Meadows**, owner and portfolio manager, Berkeley Investment Advisors, a registered investment advisor. He manages separate accounts for clients and assists them in direct investments in real estate. His prior experience has been with Salomon Smith Barney in New York as a quantitative analyst in the hedge fund risk management area. **Ray's** topic will be "Investing and Risk Management-Achieving Superior Results by Understanding and Managing Risk."

For those interested in learning more about Berkeley Investment Advisors, their web site is:

www.berkeleyinvestment.com.

Garden Club

Chuck Bobinecz



1st Thursday at 9:30 am at the Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church, 1801 Lacassie Ave., in the Multipurpose Room, unless otherwise announced.

The Garden Club will meet on June 4th at the Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church at 9:30 am. Our speaker is Sir **Lou Meyer** and his topic is lawns. A turf-grass lawn is no longer a simple or obvious choice in California. The days of plentiful water and unrestricted use of pesticides are gone forever. More and more are installing artificial lawns. Looks great, no watering, no fertilizing, no mowing.

In July the meeting date is changed to Thursday, July 23rd, a BBQ at the home of Sir **Chuck Bobinecz** from 11am to 3pm. I will furnish the sausages and suds. Sir **Lew Thompson** is coordinating this event. Please contact him prior to July 17th as to what you might bring. Salads, deserts, etc. As usual, wives and guests are welcome.

Garden tip of the month: For great tomatoes, its all in the roots. Plants with big root systems need less water. Those fine hairs on the stem develop roots when in contact with the soil. Bury a large portion of the stem at planting time.

Cribbage

Al Tufo



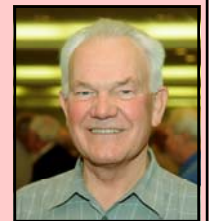
Cribbage was hosted by **Larry Reilly** in Concord. We were able to get in two tournaments. The first was won by **Larry Reilly**. **John Pearl** came in second, with **Dan Meckfessel** taking third. In the second tournament the **Italian Stallion** won going away, with **Larry Reilly** lagging in for second. Barney huffing and panting came in third. Ciao **Tufo**.

Lunch and Wine Group (LAW Group)

Dick Woodman

We meet the third Wednesday of the month.

The May gathering of the Lunch and Wine Group at **Paul Dubow's** was great. **Paul** grilled bratwurst which he served with plenty of beer and wine. It was a great success. The June luncheon will be at the home of **Frank Rockwell**.



Cooking Too Luncheon by John Demos

Stu Somerville hosted our May Luncheon. He served chicken breast, potatoes and a gourmet salad. This was topped off with a frozen Margarita pie and we thought **Stu** was finally losing it since it didn't have any tequila in it.

Over a glass of wine, we engaged in spirited high-level discussions culminating in plans for a wine bottling party with spouses at the **Yolland** estate probably in September. Fortunately for **Stu**, **Margot** came home, and we all went home and took a nap.

No wonder you always go home alone.

Sign over mirror in men's restroom,
Beverly Hills, restaurant

Cooking

Dave Johnson

1st Monday at various members' homes.
The Cooking Group



The May meeting, to our great relief, was again at **Don's** house, where the meals are always excellent. We asked **Harry Tutton** to be our guest, since we were running short on money and **Harry** doesn't eat or drink too much. He also took our group portrait and assured us that we could purchase copies for a reasonable fee.

Don started us off with a variety of hors d'oeuvres including his ever popular green onion ranch dip, which was a really tasty beginning. Our salad was of mixed greens with a honey vinaigrette dressing, that was very smooth. Our main course was spiced pork chops, potatoes au gratin with sherry wine and steamed carrots and peas. Pork can be tricky but **Don's** was outstanding. For dessert, we were offered his homemade old fashioned fruit cobbler and no one was crazy enough to turn it down. Great coffee, of course, "for the road." **Frank** performed very capably as sous(ed) chef and maitre d'!

June meeting is at **Dave's** 11am, as usual.

Barney promises to assist.

Table Pool

Bill Weinberg

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

The Table Pool Club met on the 4th at Masses and had 4 tables of pretty darn good pool being played. It appears that everybody's game is improving. There are 25 tables at Masses so plan on joining us any 1st or 3rd Monday of the Month.



Poker Club #1 Frank McNamee



Poker Club #1 met on Wednesday May 13th at the **Dan O'Sullivan** residence and it proved to be another good day for **Bob** (6 Queens) **White**. As it turned out 5 Queens was enough to beat his closest competition of 4 Kings. He did end up as the big winner for the day followed by **Frank McNamee** and guest **Don Martin**. **Don** declined any assistance to help carry out his winnings. Our next confrontation will be at the home of **Bill Cammerer** on Wednesday June 10th.



Poker Club #2 Al Zamolo

Ron Binder was a kind host on our **March** meeting by not letting any big winner or losers for the day except for **Ken Kratz** who, as usual, became a winner on the last hand of the day. Our **March 25th** session will be hosted by **Jim Brown**.



Poker Club #4 Chuck Bobinecz



Due to Memorial day, the May session has been changed to Thursday, May 28th at Sir **Frank Rockwell's** home.

Suits have no relative value in poker. So eliminating identical hands that ignore relative suit values, there are only 134,459 distinct hands. I only get the hands that stin....

Poker Club #6 by Terry Marchione

A great time was had by all at our May game. All 8 regular players showed up hoping to fund their summer vacations. Our gracious permanent host—**Bill Roberts**—outdid himself once again with a tasty feast.

Koeber, **Richter** and **Marchione** walked away with the majority of the loot. With 8 players, we have the last player to deal sit out the hand. This works well, however, players are showing up earlier and earlier to get the seat to the right of **Skip Thomas** so they can sit out his hair brained games. Where does he come up with these things!

Aside from those already mentioned, our regulars are **Merritt**, **Somerville**, and **Spellman**.

The next game is scheduled for June 3.

**Area 2 Computers
and
Technology Group**

PHIL GOFF, Chairman, 831-3692,
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DICK CURRY, Asst. Chairman, 376-5541,
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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.)

Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned user, we try to offer something for everyone (including coffee & pastries). All SIR members and their guests are welcome. Check out our website at

<http://sir-web.org/computer>

In June, Area 2 CAT group takes a break from their monthly meeting schedule, but will be back on Thursday July 16 with two presentations on Genealogy plus the ever popular Q&A lead by **Dick Curry** and supported by other gurus. There will be a more complete description of the planned topics in the next SIR Call.

**Couples Dining Out
Don Tubb**

Couples Dining Out

In the last two months we have had two delightful dinners - In April at Breads of India hosted by **Jim and Barbara Stedman** and in May at La Veranda hosted by **Jack and Pat White**. Good turnouts, good food and wonderful company. Many thanks to the **Stedmans** and **Whites**.

Our next dinner will be on June 16th, place to be announced by email. The group is still open to new couples, so if you want to join the fun, contact **Don Tubb** at 459-0852 or email to fpilot@astound.net.



Sunshine Otto Wilson

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It is sad to report the death of Sir **Walter Barabash**. Private services were held.

Sir **John Demos** fell and broke two ribs while working in his back yard. He is home recovering. A little sore but doing well.

Sir **Dale Haukland** had heart surgery on May 19th at Kaiser Summit in Oakland. I have not received any info on how he is doing but expect and hope everything went well. He was to have an aortic valve replaced. This info was dated May 20th.

Sir **Jack Calloway** is hospitalized in Florida with pneumonia. No word yet on his progress.

The Good Grandpa ...

A woman in a grocery store happens upon a grandfather and his poorly behaved 3 year-old grandson. It's obvious to her that Gramps has his hands full with the child screaming for candy in the candy aisle, cookies in the cookie aisle; same for fruit, cereal and soda in their respective aisles. Meanwhile, Gramps is working his way around, saying in a controlled voice, "Easy, Albert, We won't be long -- easy, boy." Another outburst, and she hears Gramps calmly say, "It's okay, Albert, just a couple more minutes and we'll be out of here. Hang in there, boy." At the checkout, the little terror is throwing items out of the cart, and Gramps again in a Controlled voice says, "Albert, Albert, relax buddy, don't get upset. We'll be home in five minutes; stay cool, Albert." Very impressed, the woman goes outside where Gramps is loading his groceries and the boy into the car.

"You know, sir, it's none of my business, but you were amazing in there. I don't know how you did it.

That whole time, you kept your composure, and no matter how loud and disruptive he got, you just calmly kept saying things would be okay. Albert is very Lucky to have you as his grandpa."

" Thanks, lady," said Gramps, "But, I'm Albert -- My grandson's name is Stevie."

*Good judgment comes from experience,
and a lot of that comes from bad judgment*

Luncheon Attendance

Bob Lyman



SIR Luncheon is the 2nd Thursday of every month at CourseCo Restaurant at Boundary Oak Golf Club. Please call me (925-825-6386) or email me, rjlyman@aol.com, 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 and phone number. Please be sure you call!!!

Remember that our luncheon will be called to order at 11:45am, so please allow enough time to arrive on schedule. A check for \$25.00 made payable to SIR146 is requested for payment of your lunch on Luncheon Day. Thanks.

Regular members missing 3 consecutive meetings without notifying their attendance chairman, giving a valid reason, or attending less than 6 meetings in the last 12 months will result in a letter notifying them of pending membership termination. Certification of another branch meeting will be considered as credit to the attendance record.

SIR bringing a Guest

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

Luncheon Menu

The luncheon menu will be available on the www.sir146.com web site 7 days prior to the particular Thursday luncheon. Notification may also be provided via individual email.

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.

Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me, I want people to know why I look this way. I've traveled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved.

Membership

Dale Hertweck



Branch 146 Statistics: (For May)

Members 261 (including 4 HLMs),
Applicant List 0, Inactive 10.

(The statistics will remain the same until the June BEC meeting)

May Attendance:

Ladies Day Luncheon

Status Changes:

Inducted: None

Added to Applicant List:

Michael Stephenson

Charles Schreiber

Added to Inactive List:

None

Resigned:

Durwood Williams

Deceased:

Walter Barabash



ROMEO

(Retired Old Men Eating Out)



Malcolm Hendry

ROMEO group meets on the third Thursday of the month at 6:30pm at select restaurants in the East Bay.

Join us and experience delightful dining while learning more about your fellow SIR and guests, in a relaxed and friendly setting.

On June 18th, we will dine at "Casa Orinda" restaurant which will be celebrating its 77th anniversary.

The original restaurant, opened in 1932, still stands today, and is a gathering place for friends, families and people who love good, traditional food. The Casa has an extensive menu featuring some 40 entrees in addition to several nightly specials. Still the fried chicken is the single most popular dish, followed by their famous prime rib. Their chicken saltimbocca with fresh sage, a reduced white wine sauce, prosciutto and mozzarella is also highly recommended.



Fishing Paul Dubow

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

In the May newsletter, we reported that fellow fishermen sneered at **Paul Dubow** for using purple power bait during an outing at Lake Camanche, only to regret doing so when **Paul** turned out to be the only person to catch a fish. **Pete Gates** of Branch 146, who was not on the Camanche trip, learned the lesson well and decided to use purple power bait on a trip to Shadow Cliffs Reservoir. The result was terrific, as **Pete** caught his limit of five rainbow trout. That was an inspiration to boat mate **Carl Moyer**, who decided to use the purple stuff, and he too limited out. **Tom Boltz** of Branch 146, as well as **Karl Droese, Jim Andrews, Romano Gnusti, Dick Thomson, and Harry Sherinian** were also on the outing and caught their share of trout. All of the group then enjoyed a sumptuous picnic dinner afterwards.



We have been very busy halibut fishing in the bay. **Karl Droese, Joe Miscione, Carl Moyer, Roger Borgerson, Terry Miller, Dick Thomson, Jim Andrews, and Joe Peterson** have all enjoyed catching and eating the delicious flat fish. **Terry Miller** and **Carl Moyer** had a banner day on the delta, catching several dozen striped bass, about eight of which were keepers. All were released, however. **Joe Peterson** and **Carl** fished the same area a week later with dismal results. **Joe** later teamed with **Craig Walton** to catch three keepable stripers, many smaller ones, and a baby sturgeon. **Craig Walton, Tom Boltz, George Schulze, Al Brunner, Terry Miller, Joe Miscione, and Romano Gnusti** braved the wind and the rain at Lake Almanor, catching only a few nice rainbows in the storm. **Craig** and **Tom** proceeded to Lake Davis, and trolling with a guide, had a banner day, catching and releasing over 17 rainbows each. **Howard Berkman, Karl Droese, and Joe**

Miscione fished Lake Berryessa, landing only a few large-mouth bass.

We will be very busy in the future with trout fishing in the eastern Sierra; tuna and billfish in Mexico; a long range ocean foray from San Diego, delta fishing for striped bass and sturgeon, trout fishing in our local lakes as well as Lake Davis, kokanee in New Melones Reservoir, and several party boat trips for halibut and rockfish.

If you haven't been fishing for awhile or not at all, but would like to try it, come down to our next meeting or call **Paul Dubow** at 415-495-6504.

All SIR members and guests are welcome and indeed encouraged to participate in our fishing trips and attend the monthly meetings. The next meeting will be Thursday, June 25th at the Legend Sports Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek Golf Course at 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. The meeting starts at 8:30, but come early and join us for breakfast. **Kent Cremolini** and the fishermen from the San Diego long range trip will present their results.

*There are 2 theories about arguing with a woman...
neither works.*



Travel Opportunities Bob Spellman



Jun 24-26, 2009 Boulder Creek Golf and Fun Outing. Join us for our annual golf outing at Boulder Creek. It includes 3 rounds of golf, 2 nights lodging and a banquet dinner. Golfers will have a fun time on this short but challenging course. For those not playing golf, it is a beautiful area to just relax and enjoy the surroundings. All this and it's only 1½ hours away. Cost \$315 to \$415 per couple. Contact **Ken Richter** 925-689-6217.

Jul 29, 2009 SIR Day with the San Francisco Giants. The game has been set for the 29th with the Pittsburgh Pirates. Ticket prices are as follows: View Reserved \$15, View Box \$22, Lower Box \$29. The game will start a 12:45. Contact **Bob Spellman** 934-8428 for tickets.

Aug 6, 2009 SIR Day with the Oakland A's. Oakland will be playing the Texas Rangers with a starting time of 12:35. Ticket price is \$18 per person for lower level seat. Contact **Bob Spellman** 934-8428 for tickets.

Sep 13-25, 2009 The Essence of Ireland. What separates Ireland from its neighbors is the arresting beauty of the land, the turbulent history and the broad smile that welcomes your arrival. This 13 day trip covers Belfast, Londonderry, Westport, Galway, Killarney, and Dublin. The trip cost is \$3780 per person and includes daily breakfast, nightly hosted dinner, coach driver, guides, baggage handling airfare and transfers, plus gratuities. Contact **Bob Hagler** Branch 8 at 925-934-8428.

Sep 24, 2009 Highlights of South Africa. On this comprehensive 19 day trip with Grand Circle Travel you'll discover the cultural and natural wonders of South Africa. The trip will take you to Johannesburg, Kruger National Park, Swaziland, Zululand, Wilderness, and Cape Town with optional trips to Pilanesberg National Park for a big five bush safari and Victoria Falls. Cost of the trip has been reduced from \$4795 to \$4195 per person which includes all airfares, 17 night hotel stay, 32 meals, and 13 sightseeing tours. This is an extremely good value for this once in a lifetime trip. Contact **Bob Spellman** to make reservations 925-934-9428

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

The quickest way to double your money is to fold it and put it back in your pocket.



Explore and Dine John Pearl



As this is being written, Explore and Dine's outing for May 28 is planned as a morning tour of the Concord Police Department with lunch following at Luna, in down town Concord. A full report will be included in next month's SIR Call.

In April, we had a great tour of the Mountain View Cemetery in Oakland, led by a very knowledgeable docent. There are many famous people buried there, and the race was on by the wealthy to build the biggest and most imposing structures. It reminded me of visiting the "cottages" in Newport that the wealthy of that day built to impress their friends during the summer "season." We had a great tasty lunch at the nearby Bay Wolf, a local restaurant icon.

On June 25, we're scheduled to tour the new National Ignition Facility at the Lawrence Livermore Laboratory. We heard about this from **Charlie Osolin**, our luncheon speaker in April. This should be a spectacular tour of the latest in high energy physics.



E & D group touring the Mountain View Cemetery in Oakland
Ron DeGolia, Frank Ascatisno, Nancy Pearl, Dianne DeGolia, Al Altmann, Allison Todhunter, Dave Pierce, Jim Todhunter, Pete Bishop, and Gabriella Bishop.



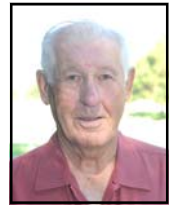
Silverado golfers L to R **Dan Costello, Fred George, Ken Costello and Tom Morgan.**

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**Tuesday Golf
Ray Weisz**



Winners of Tuesday Golf

April 21: First Flight: **Jim Burk (70), Larry Sheerin (70).** Second Flight: **Bill Weinberg (63), Bob Royster (63).** Third Flight: **Mitch Mitchell (62), Ralph Fowler (66).** Closest to the pin: **Ray Kan # 2, Ron Plachy # 12.**

April 28: First Flight: **Gene Diana (71), Dale Hertweck (71),** Second Flight: **Bob Royster (72), Dennis Hallett (72).** Third Flight: **Doug Cook (69), Don Nunn (69).** Closest to the pin: **Stephan Sprague # 2, John Demos # 12.**

May 5: First Flight: **Jim Stedman (70), Jim Burk (71).** Second Flight : **Bill Cammerer (67), Bob Royster (71).** Third Flight: **Mitch Mitchell (64), Bill Boyd (67).** Closest to the pin: **Dave Steinberg #2, Dave Steinberg # 12.**

May 12: First Flight: **Ron Binder (67), Bob White (67).** Second Flight: **Joe Lamanna (68), Ken Richter (71).** Third Flight: **Doug Cook (66), Tom Gorman (66).** Closest to the pin: **Dave Steinberg # 2, Joe Lamanna # 12.**

The weather has been great. Come out on Tuesday and have some good Golfing with your fellow Sirs. We need some new names on the Winners list. See you at Boundary Oak next Tuesday.

Please do not put your name on the closest to the pin marker, if you are not participating in the prize fund.

Remember...to qualify for closest to the pin on the second shot on hole 12, your second shot must be from off the green. First birdie from off the green wins.



Never miss a good chance to shut up.



Sir **Jeff Baily** by a Canadian memorial at Canadian Air Force Station Edmonton to the men who were lost in WWII. A close look will reveal that the CF 101 fly by was without pilots due to lack of stimulus.

SongSirs Don Tubb



SongSirs needs a piano player. If you or anyone you know plays the piano and might be interested in working with **Dave Obera** - the SIR146 piano maestro - he could use some help, sharing the duties in accompanying the SongSirs and playing for the chapter activities. The guy (or lady) for this job is someone who can read music and learn it without too much difficulty, anything from a couple of chords per measure to the whole enchilada. If SongSirs is to continue to provide good entertainment for the chapter, and many other organizations who like our style, we need someone to do this job soon. Please help.

We have been preparing a new program for this year which will debut at Byron Park on June 3rd. Lots of new old songs featuring our talented individuals and a bit of fun thrown in.



Away Golf Jim Baldrige

The results are in and the crowd is still cheering as our own **Bob Lyman** prevailed in a field of 139 golfers to become the 2009 Champion at our Silverado Country Club Invitational Tournament. In a blistering battle with **Tony Tollivoro** and **Jack Barnaba** of Br 19, who tied **Bob** with net 73's our hero put the pedal to the metal on the tough back nine and broke the tie leaving **Tony** and **Jack** in 2nd and 3rd place. Our Boundary Oak Tournament Director **Jim Burk** took 4th place and our 2008 Silverado Champion **Bob Johnston** came in 5th. **Jim Thelan** of Br 19 won closest to the pin. The South Course was in great shape and our groups moved along well until the 7th hole (a tough downhill par 4 ending with a long uphill shot to an elevated green) followed by a par 3 which backed up as well. That caused some groups to endure a long round.

To try to remedy this we will try to get the North Course next year. It's availability depends on the date we request and what is scheduled by members, resort guests and other tournament groups.

Ron Plachy placed 1st on the second day of play in Las Vegas on April 27 and **Ron's** wife **Anne** took a 2nd place in the Ladies Division.

The 8th Annual Area 2 Governors Cup results: Br 19 took 1st with a team total of 625. Br 146 finished 2nd losing by only 1 stroke!

Looking ahead: The Poppy Hills State Championship local qualifier will be an 8:00 am shotgun at Lone Tree GC Thursday May 21. Contact **Ron Binder** for details.

The next SIR State Tournament will be in Reno June 1-5, June 8-12 and June 15-19. They will play 3 day scramble events each week at Arrow Creek, Wolf Run and Lakeridge. Contact **Dick Richmond** for details or go to sirinc.org.

To play with our bi-weekly 9-hole group at Diablo Hills contact **Jim Hanck** at 925-933-9505 or by e-mail at ghanck@astound.net.

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Wine Tasting ... Bill Holly

The Branch 146 SIRs wine group had a tasting on April 29th at the home of **Stuart and Margot Somerville**. Fifteen couples attended and sampled 9 bottles of pinot noir and 7 bottles of sauvignon blanc. The appetizers were fantastic and judging by the sound level, everyone had a great time. Watch the next SIR Call for details about our next tasting at the end of July.



Branch 146 wine tasters readying to rate the wines of the day.

Do you know that when a woman wears a leather dress, a man's heart beats quicker, his throat gets dry, he gets weak in the knees, and he begins to think irrationally? Ever wonder why? It's because she smells like a new golf bag!



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Walkers John Lewis

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



June 5...

Oak Park North Oak Park Blvd. Pleasant Hill
Meet at Oak Park Shopping Center between Putnam and Keats.
Coffee... Starbucks Contra Costa Center Pleasant Hill.

June 12...

Hap McGee Park. Iron Horse LaGonda Way Alamo
Meet ...Take 680 south exit Pintado immediate right on LaGonda Way. Takes you right to park.
Coffee...Yellow Wood Alamo Plaza

June 19...

San Miguel Park East Ygnacio & San Carlos
Meet...At Ygnacio Plaza by Sweet Affair
Coffee... Sweet Affair Ygnacio Plaza

June 26...

Alamo New Life Church Danville Blvd. Alamo
Meet... South on 680 Right on Laverna Rd.
Right on Danville Blvd. left at church across from Sunnybrook Rd. Park in back of church parking lot.
Coffee... Yellow Wood Alamo Plaza



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