

Big Sir's Notes Pete Gates

Our Ladies Day luncheon was festive, as usual, thanks to the presence of our ladies and the table decorations. The ladies have been an important element in the success of our Branch. They support us in many ways: By attending these luncheons, by joining us as partners in our many couple's activities and by encouraging our participation in our "play" activities as well as in the administrative needs of the Branch.

Special thanks to **Steve Dawkins** and **Joe Fuchs** for teaming up to plan and orchestrate this well organized and successful event. Thanks also to Little Sir, **Jim Burk** for arranging for our delightful speaker, **Teri McKeever**, Women's Swimming and Diving Coach for the Cal Bears and Head Coach of the Women's US Swimming Team for the 2012 Summer Olympics in London. Watching her and listening to her speak; it was easy to identify some of the traits that help make her a truly successful and inspirational leader of young athletes. I have heard several people say that they are now, more than ever, looking forward to the Olympics and pre-Olympics than they would have been before hearing **Teri** describe the process and prospects for our women's swimming team.

We had another special guest, **Shelby Gamble**, granddaughter of **Jim** and **Judy Baldrige**. **Shelby** is an accomplished competitive swimmer for the Walnut Creek Aqua Bears and Berean Christian High School as well as a Junior Olympian.

Several members of our leadership team attended a SIR Area 2 Leadership Roundtable where we were able to meet with our counterparts from other Branches giving us the opportunity to exchange ideas. Our delegates gave it a "thumbs up" and we subsequently got together to compare notes. We have identified several ideas with the potential to improve our Branch.

Remember that the June Luncheon is a "Colorful Shirt Day", although if this cold weather keeps up we may need to change it to "Colorful Sweater Day". There will be the usual competition and a nice prize.

"Be a Friend Bring a Friend"

Little Sir's Corner Jim Burk



Our next luncheon speaker topic will begin the first of two presentations designed to educate and assist seniors regarding a couple of subjects that we should find very helpful. The first has to do with improving our physical conditioning and strength as it relates to our equilibrium and personal fall prevention. In **June**, our presenter will be **GENNIFER MOUNTAIN**, accompanied by **PHIL TRAPP**, a fellow Sir from Branch 8. **Gennifer** is the Fall Prevention Program Manager under the umbrella of Senior Outreach Services offered by Meals on Wheels, a private, nonprofit agency. **Phil** is a **Certified Fitness Instructor** and volunteer for the **Senior Fitness Circuit Program** in Contra Costa County. You may be surprised to learn that falls are the leading reason seniors lose their independence. However, the good news is that falls are preventable through exercise, medication management, eye exams, and home modifications. **Gennifer** and **Phil** will educate and inform us on how to minimize the possibility of falling. It is never too early, or late, to get started on a program of physical fitness.

In **July**, our second topic designed to assist seniors is aimed at alerting us to a number of schemes that are designed to take advantage of seniors, and we need to be alert as to how to guard against becoming a victim of so called "Senior Scams." Our speaker will be **DEBORAH BRAVER**, who is a representative of the **State of California Department of Corporations** and is located in Sacramento. She specializes in education and outreach to the public with emphasis on the senior segment of the population. She will also provide information as to where we can find resources to assist us should we become a "victim."



Duplicate Bridge Doug Eisner

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

SIR **Jim Todhunter** hosted our May game with four tables of duplicate bridge. We had a very competitive match with 13 of the 16 players scoring within 7 points of each other. However, **Jim Jackson** (42.0 points) emerged with the lead and won first place, edging out **Rich Ahlf** (41.0 points) who took second place. **Fred Kovar's** 38.0 points were good enough for third place, just ahead of substitutes **Dick DeVoe** and **Dave Pierce** who tied for fourth place with 37.5 points each.

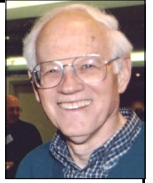
Our next game will be hosted by **Bill Rees** on Monday, June 13.

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

Doug

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 18th at **Jim and Allison Todhunter's** home. At the start of the evening, the group sang happy birthday to **Dasha Freeman** accompanied by the musical candle on **Dasha's** cupcake. The group welcomed **Dave and Joan Pierce** and **Dean and Daphne Merritt** as substitutes. **Jim Brown** and **Margot Somerville** played as partners since their regular partners were out of town. As for the bridge results, **Carl and Anne Johnson** ran away with the game with 42 points. **Jim and Allison Todhunter** took second (34 points), **Dean and Daphne Merritt** (32 points) placed third, and **Jim Brown and Margot Somerville** finished in fourth place with 31 points. **Bob and Janet Yolland** will host the next bridge party on June 15th.

Couples Duplicate Bridge Too Joe Barry

Our Couples Duplicate Bridge Too group was hosted by **Joe and Josie Barry**, who also became the winners by a shocking landslide. Their magnificent play resulted in the highest total in the group's collective memory. **Terry and Sharon Marchione** were a distant 2nd, with **Lynn and Dasha Freeman** sliding into 3rd place. The rest of us were left to wonder whether these relatively frequent winners could be the makings of a 3-couple dynasty. Yikes! THAT should be enough to spur the also-rans to their full potential.



Party Bridge Fred Bolton

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



We played 3 tables of bridge at the home of **Tommy Thomson** on May 2. First place went to **Bob Donahue** with 6610 points, second to **Bob Burley** with 6000 and third to **Fred Bolton** with 5210. Our next game will be at the home of **Bob Donahue** on June 6.

Fred

COUPLES PARTY BRIDGE Dave Pierce

The **Pierces** hosted two tables on May 2nd. Good hands were scarce, but fun was had. The Silver Medal with 2170 points went to **Welby and Barbara Bigelow**, who claim they never win anything. **Terry and Sharon Marchione** copped the Gold Medal by bidding and making a slam and scoring 3040 on the evening. The group voted to move the regular date to the first Tuesday of the month.

Dave Pierce, 932-3877.

Luncheon Attendance
Bob Mehus

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

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

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

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

SIR bringing a Guest

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

Salad

Traditional Caesar Salad

Entrees

**Grilled Breast of Chicken with Tomato Basil Relish
mashed Yukon Gold Potatoes
& oven roasted Asparagus**

Dessert

Lemon Poppy seed Cake

Special Luncheon Requirements

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

New Members and/or Sponsors

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

**Area 2 \$ums In Retirement
Allen Espenmiller**

The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group meets every 4th Wednesday at 8:00 AM at the Diablo Creek Golf course at 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. In November we meet on the third Wednesday to avoid the Thanksgiving holiday. We have about 115 members from across most of Area 2 branches. Our focus is educational on all aspects of investment and retirement issues that would be beneficial to the members.

The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group will meet on June 22, 2011, 8:00am at the Diablo Creek Golf course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Our speaker will be **Brian Pretti** a Senior Vice President with Mechanics Bank Wealth Management team. **Brian's** presentation "**You Dream of Columbus**" will focus on the **2011 US Economy: Where are we headed being part of the Global Economy, Thinking in Time Frame Environments for Economic Expansion and the part Global Central Banks play in Simulating Economic Growth** .

A copy of this presentation will be made available to all who attend. I have seen this presentation and it is one that you will not want to miss. **Brian** will be adding to his presentation a discussion of Investment Opportunities, particularly in the explosive expansion of the AG industry in California.

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

Co Chairmen:

Allen Espenmiller (Br-174) 925-376-3977

George Schulze (Br- 8) 925-429-1756

Leary Wong (Br-8) 925-457-0807

Ken Nakashima (Br-171) 925-376-0421



Poker Club #1 Frank McNamee



Poker Club #1 - Met on May 11th at the home of **John Lewis** and it proved to be a highly successful day for **Bob White** again. This was culminated on the last hand when he took both ends of a high/low split with a wheel low and a straight flush high. This was indicative of the kind of cards he was getting all day. The only other winners were **John Lewis** and **Bob Frankland**.

We will meet again on June 8th at the **Don Martin** residence, who is long overdue for a winning day.

Poker Group #4 Chuck Bobinecz



The June game will be at the home of **Bob Mehus** by the bay and the July game will be hosted by **Chuck Bobinecz**.

We meet on the fourth Monday of the month from 1pm to 4pm. Our regular members are **Rich Hanford, Garth Cummings, Pete Gates, Frank Rockwell, Skip Thomas, Chuck Bobinecz** and **Bob Mehus**. We don't have a regular winner.

POKER GROUP #5 Bill Roberts



Our May game was held at **Bill Roberts** place with a "full house" of 8 players. The player behind the dealer sits out so that each hand has 7 players. The number of players had no effect on **Skip Thomas** as he ended the evening with nearly ALL the chips in front of him. Only **Dean Merritt**, who made a last minute run, was able to break **Skip's** spell and come out on the positive side of the ledger. **Skip** won so many hands that the rest of us voted to end the game a half hour early so we could avoid a trip to the ATM. We all left scratching our heads in disbelief.

Our next date is the Wednesday June 8th and the regular players are **Spellman, Thomas, Merritt, Richter, Koeber, Marchione, Rockwell** and **Roberts**.

Area 2 Computers and Technology Group



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.)

The Area 2 Computer and Technology group (CAT) will not have a meeting in June, but will meet again at the Walnut Creek Elks Club at 9 am, Thursday 21 July.
See you there.

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.

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.



Travel Opportunities

Bob Spellman



Jun 9-19, 2011 Alaska's Inside Passage. Embark on a 10 night Inside Passage cruise on board the Sea Princess sailing round trip out of San Francisco. Ports of call include: Juneau, Glacier Bay, Haines, Ketchikan and Victoria. Cost: \$2578 to \$2655 pp depending on Stateroom. Contact **Jim Lunn @ 925-551-3329 Branch #8** for more information.

Jun 22-24, 2011 Boulder Creek Golf and Fun Outing **This outing has been cancelled**

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

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

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

Sep 11-21, 2011 The Enchantment of Lake Michigan. An eleven day trip including a Hydrofoil to Mackinac Island, Green Bay and Madison Wisconsin featuring The House On The Rock and Frank Lloyd Wright's Hillside Home School at Taliesin, a ride on the Chicago River and into Lake Michigan. .Cost \$ 2885 Contact **Bob Hagler @ 925-934-7620 Branch 8** for more information.

Oct 1-11, 2011 Canada & New England Cruise. Experience the colors of Fall as you sail for 10 days aboard Silversea's Silver Whisper from Montreal to New York. You will also visit Quebec City, Charlottetown, Sydney, Halifax, Bar Harbor, Boston and Newport. While aboard the Silver Whisper you will find a most accommodating atmosphere providing impeccable service and world class cuisine. Everything is included in the price, tips, fine wines, all spirits, complimentary In Suite dining, meals airfare, bus to and from airport, port charge, government fees and taxes. You will be treated like royalty. Cost from \$5250 to \$6750 depending on Stateroom. Contact **Bob Spellman @ 934-8428.** This trip has been very popular and is currently sold out. We have started a Waiting List for those who may still like to go with no obligation.



Sunshine

Walt Busenius
945-0715

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We extend our condolences to the family of **Frank Mandic**, who passed away on April 28th.

Ara Rodgers passed away in May in Oregon. Her deceased husband **Harold** was a charter member of our branch.

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

- Sir Charles Kiser*
- Sir Bob Frankland*
- Sir Rod Sharrets*
- Sir Frank Fries*
- Sir Ed Mendelssohn*
- Sir Rob Van Luchene*
- Sir Mitch Mitchell*
- Sir Jim Kohl*

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



Bowling Larry Mitchell



The winter league ended May 4th and the overall winner was Team No. 11. This did not come as a surprise because the team had the highest average per man in the league at 180.7. It also had the man with the highest individual average, **Gary Kaufmann**, at an amazing 212. **Gary** also had a perfect 300 game in April.

The teams that had Branch 146 bowlers: Team 5 - **Mitch Mitchell**, finished in 4th place, Team No. 8 - **Larry Mitchell** and **Jim Adams** finished in 5th place and Team No. 12 - **Jim Wray** finished in 10th place.

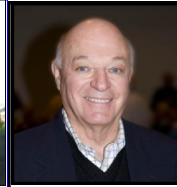
Bruce Jones rolled his highest game ever, an excellent 288, in March. It took 10 strikes in a row to do that.
Congratulations **Bruce**.

There are two tournaments coming up in June. The first is in Pinole at Pinole Bowl June 8th and 9th and the second is in Paradise at Tall Pines Bowl. If you want more information on these events please call me at 925-798-5440



Garden Club Steve Dawkins

We have a real treat for our meeting in June. Our speaker will be **Gary Lawrence** who is a member of the Mount Diablo Beekeepers Association. Pollination from European honeybees accounts for nearly one-third of our diet from fruits, vegetables and other food products. Management of hives by bee keepers plays an important role in the success of this pollination process. **Gary** has six hives in his backyard, and for the presentation he is bringing live bees in an enclosed observation hive, beekeeping equipment and some honey to taste on pretzels. Our meeting is on June 23rd, 9:30am, at the Walnut Creek Library on Oak Grove Road in their conference room. If you are interested in bees and the role they play in the food we eat this should be an excellent presentation.



Membership Steve Sprague

Branch 146 Statistics as of May 12, 2011.

Active Members: 261 including six Honorary Life Members.

Applicant List: Four.

Inactive Members: Nine.

May Luncheon Attendance:

A total of 212 members and guests enjoyed our Ladies Day Luncheon.

Status Changes:

Inducted: **None.** There was no BEC meeting in May.

Transferred: **None.**

Moved to Inactive List: **None.**

Resigned: **Frank Marcon** has moved to Santa Cruz.

Deceased: **Frank Mandic** passed away April 28, 2011.

There were no changes to the Inactive Roster.

Explore and Dine John Pearl



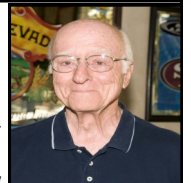
Our June excursion will be on Thursday, the 23rd. We travel to San Francisco to Fisherman's Wharf, and tour the Boudin Bakery and Museum. Lunch is now planned for the Boudin Bistro, their on-site restaurant.

John Pearl, Chair

mcpearl@astound.net

934-6920

Bocce Ball Martin Lyle



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

Our turnouts for the May Bocce ball meetings were very satisfactory, and a good time was had by all. Some of the players had not played before, and picked it up very quickly. The courts are better this year, but remember, rain moisture cancels play.

Theater
Gary Schaub



**Last Call for Tickets for
"Blues in the Night"**



The deadline for reservations and checks for the latest SIR 146 Theatre Party is June 7. A limited number of seats has been set aside for SIR members and friends to attend the performance at the Leshner Center for the Arts on Wednesday, June 15 at 7:30 p.m.

Over two dozen hot and torchy songs from the 1920s and 1930 make for a blues-drenched evening in the theater. Memorable songs in the show include "Lover Man," "These Foolish Things," "Am I Blue," and "Nobody Knows You When Your Down and Out." The production features Debbie de Coudreaux, Amanda Folena and Armelia McQueen and a foot-stompin' band of musicians.

"Blues in the Night" originally opened on Broadway in 1982. It features songs by Duke Ellington, Benny Goodman, Bessie Smith and other blues and jazz greats blending their styles and moods to form the show's story line about three women who have relationships with one snake of a guy.

For tickets for "Blues in the Night" send checks payable to SIR 146 for \$30 each to **Sir Gary Schaub**, 1758n Candelerio Court, Walnut Creek 94598. Call 938-554 for any additional info. Deadline for reservations in June 7.

Tickets will be distributed at the door of Leshner Center, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek at 7:00 p.m. on performance night. Note that the show begins at 7:00 p.m. The city parking garage is adjacent to Leshner Center (\$5.00).



ROMEO

(Retired Old Men Eating Out)
Malcolm Hendry



The ROMEO group meets on the third Thursday of the month at 6:30pm. We select eclectic restaurants in the East Bay recommended by you, as well as, those favorably reviewed by the media. Come join us and experience dining, while getting to better know your fellow SIR guests, in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

"CRUCHON'S RESTAURANT"

This small and funky restaurant, in business since 1974, is described by SIR Max Burchett as Walnut Creeks' best kept secret. They feature a wide range of menu selections with a French-American motif and dinner specials served with soup or salad, rice pilaf, fried zucchini or vegetable fettuccine. Generous and delicious portions at reasonable prices are sure to please.

Location: 2599 North Main Street (at third avenue), Walnut Creek, Ca

Web Site: www.cruchons.com

Phone: 925-937-0682

Please let me know by Tuesday, June 14th, that you will join us.

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



Table Pool

Bill Weinberg

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



We usually have three or four pool games going when we meet on the 1st & 3rd Mondays at 11:30am at Masse's - 2721 North Main in Walnut Creek. The cost is \$5.00 for as long as you want to play. We also have SIR members from other branches joining us and we usually play about 2 hours but not everyone stays for the final curtain. Haven't played in years? Come join us. All SIRs in our area are welcome.



Tuesday Golf Ray Weisz



The Weekly Winners are:

April 19, 2011

White First Flight: 1st **Jim Burk 67**, 2nd **Joe Fuchs 69**.
White Second Flight: 1st **Bill Schultz 65**, 2nd **John Alexander 67**. Gold First Flight: 1st **Jack Calloway 66**, 2nd **Jim Steedman 68**. Gold Second Flight: 1st **Bill Boyd 62**, 2nd **John Demos 64**. Closest to the pin Hole #2 **Dick DeVoe**, Hole #12 **Bill Hansen**.

April 26, 2011

White First Flight: 1st **Larry Sheerin 68**, 2nd **John Harrington 68**, 3rd **Dale Hertweck 69**. White Second Flight: 1st **Ken Richter 65**, 2nd **Mike Stephenson 66**, 3rd **Ben Gleason 68**. Gold First Flight: **John Demos 63**, 2nd **Jim Stedman 63**, 3rd **Jim Kohl 64**. Closest to the pin Hole #2 **Jeff Baily**, Hole # 12 **Larry Sheerin**.

May 3, 2011

White First Flight: 1st **Bill Dastic 61**, 2nd **Larry Sheerin 67**, 3rd **Bill Laws 68**. White Second Flight: 1st **Ken Kratz 63**, 2nd **Bob Mehus 65**, 3rd **Ken Richter 70**. Gold First Flight: 1st **Doug Cook 66**, 2nd **Bill Boyd 66**, 3rd **Jerry Duarte 69**. Closest to the pin Hole #2 **Ron Plachy**, Hole #12 **Bill Dastic**.

May 10, 2011

Russ Bliese had another great day. **Russ** shot his age with a gross score of 85. This is the second time within a month. Congratulations **Russ**.
Great Golfing!!

White First Flight: 1st **Dick DeVoe 63**, 2nd **Larry Sheerin 63**, 3rd **Bill Laws 67**. White Second Flight: 1st **Jim Saavedra 67**, 2nd **Steve Sprague 70**, 3rd **Dennis Hallett 70**. Gold First Flight: 1st **Russ Bliese 65**, 2nd **Jim Stedman 69**, 3rd **Al Zamolo 69**. Closest to the pin Hole # 2 **Bob White**, Hole # 12 **John Hammond**.

May 17, 2011

No Golf due to rain.

Away Golf Rich Hanford and Joe Fuchs

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

Away golf is on the 1st Thursday of the month, beginning in May and ending in October (i.e. 6 dates).

Golfers are able to optionally schedule their playing partners for carpooling purposes. Singles will be assigned to a foursome as they are on Tuesday's. Players pay at the course at check-in, like they do on Tuesdays.

5/05/11 Deer Ridge Results

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

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

Closest to the Pin: **Joe Fuchs**

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

7/07/11 Franklin Canyon \$33

8/04/11 Blue Rock East \$39

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

10/6/11 Deer Ridge \$35

If you want to sign up for a particular date, you can do it now by sending an Email to Sir146away-golf@yahoo.com, calling **Rich** or **Joe**, or signing up at Tuesday golf.

Couples Golf John Harrington



Our May Tournament was a rain-out. We couldn't play golf but the party went on as scheduled. Hosted by **Terry** and **Sharon Marchione** the group enjoyed great food, drink, and each other's company. We plan on re-booking Oakhurst CC for our June tournament.

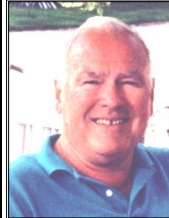
MEMBER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

Jack Calloway

Because the May Luncheon was Ladies day, there were no inductions or guest introductions. We will be back in business in June.

At the June Luncheon we will hold the free lunch drawing for new member sponsors in the first half of the year. So far we have a baker's dozen in the drawing, but there is still time if your guest has been introduced and you send the completed application to the Membership Chairman prior to the June BEC meeting.

When thinking about whom you might invite to the next luncheon, don't forget to include your spouse in the planning. She may have a friend whose husband would enjoy the activities and camaraderie of our Branch. If so, ask her to also mention that there are couples activities where the wives can participate and share in the good times.



Walkers
John Lewis



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

Walks June 2011

Planned by Tom Morgan

June 3 Alamo Plaza South

Meet: Alamo Plaza Parking near old Yellow wood Coffee

Walk: West on Stone Valley Rd. South on Iron Horse Trail

Paved Level Some Shade

June 10 Markham Tree Walk Treat & Clayton Con cord

Meet: Coco's Back Parking

Walk: Back west corner of parking

Not Paved Level Some Shade

Coffee: Coco's

June 17 Heather Farms East Ygnacio Valley

Meet: End of Heather Farm's Parking

Walk: East along Contra Costa Canal

Coffee: Sweet Affair Ygnacio Plaza

June 24 Pleasant Hill So. Morello & Taylor Pleasant Hill

Meet: Shopping Center Parking

Walk: South along Contra Costa Canal

Coffee: Starbucks Pleasant Hill Plaza

1900 Contra Costa Blvd. Pleasant Hill



Gene Schulting, Mike Corker, and Gordon Linebaugh display a limit of trout caught at Shadow Cliffs Reservoir

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

Fishing Paul Dubow



The trout fishing at Shadow Cliffs was spectacular this month. Three times in three days **Romano Gnusti**, **Carl Moyer** and **Gordon Linebaugh** limited out by 9 am with fish up to three pounds. **Gene Schulting** of Branch 146, **Mike Corker**, **George Schulze**, **Bill Baltezare**, and **Joe Miscione** also enjoyed successful days at Shadow Cliffs but it took them more than two hours to limit out. On the other hand, the April showers and wind continued into May and hampered our sturgeon and striper fishing. Nevertheless, **Mike Corker** caught his first keeper sturgeon, landing a five footer that weighed nearly 60 pounds. **Mike** was fishing with **Dick Thomson** and **Carl Moyer**. In addition, **Joe Peterson** landed a seven and one half pound striper in the Delta. **Carl Moyer**, **Terry Miller**, and **Dick Thomson** tried their luck at salmon fishing in the ocean. They caught several, but they were undersize, and so they returned empty handed. We also made several trips to Lake Berryessa fishing for kokanee salmon and all were successful. **Karl Droese**, **Alex Kalafitis**, **Mike Corker**, **Clem Teeters**, **Mario Moratorio**, **Jack Waddell**, and **Joe Miscione** were the happy anglers. Note, however, that these were guided trips. **Mario** and **Joe** tried it twice on their own and the result was one kokanee and one rainbow trout. **Paul Corbitt** ventured down to San Diego for the five day long range tuna trip. He was somewhat disappointed because he returned with just seven yellow fin. But they were good size and good eating.

Our plans this summer include continued fishing in Shadow Cliffs, sturgeon and striper fishing in the Delta, several halibut trips in the bay, salmon fishing in the Delta and the ocean, and a king salmon excursion at Lake Oroville. As usual, we welcome retired fishermen and newcomers to our outings. And so please join us at our next meeting, which is scheduled for June 23 at 8:30 am at the Diablo Creek Golf Course, 450 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Breakfast is available at 8 am. For further information, please contact **Paul Dubow** at 415-495-6504.



Sir 146 Bocce Ball Group