

## WE ARE SIR – MAKE FRIENDS FOR LIFE

Luncheon— Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup>  
Boundary Oak Clubhouse

Guest Speaker  
*Jane Flower*

Outreach Manager, Guide Dogs for the Blind  
“The Mission & Vision of Guide Dogs and the  
Personal Experiences as a Visually Impaired Person”

Gathering time: 11:00 am

Seating time: 11:45 am

*Bringing a guest or can't attend?*

Email: [nolunchbranch146@gmail.com](mailto:nolunchbranch146@gmail.com)

Telephone Message: (925) 979-5146

By Noon Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>



## Big Sir's Notes

Bruce Borgman

Here we are already anticipating March and the beginning of Spring, although as I write this, we are experiencing a cold snap with temperatures dipping below freezing. I hope all of you covered your citrus trees! Remember, we traditionally wear green at our March meeting. We neglected to mention this at our February luncheon but it is no less important to remember our Irish heritage! Wear green!!

I am pleased to announce that we have a new Assistant Treasurer. **Ben Gleason** has graciously agreed to step in to take this post. **Joe Stengel** recently asked to be relieved for personal reasons. **Ben** has been on the Board previously and will be an excellent addition to manage our financial duties along with **Steve Ybarra**.

In January we welcomed five guests and proudly accepted them as new members in February. Inducted were **Michael Wolfson** (sponsor: **Henry Thatcher**), **Erling Horn** (sponsor **Ross Abbott**), **Aubrey Moore** (sponsor **Tony Shebanek**), **Ray Bland** (sponsor **Paul Masta**) and **Romesh Loomba** (sponsor **Roy Hodgkinson**). We had four more guests attend in February so we are well on our way to achieving our membership goals. We encourage all new members to check out the activities and get involved in one or more of the excellent opportunities to stay active.

In February Heather Ballenger presented an extensive overview of the workings of Walnut Creek Department of Public Works. Little Sir **Jonathan Korfhage** will introduce yet another interesting speaker for March – check out the Little Sir Corner.

Our auditors, **Al Munayer** and **Rob Melrose** reported their findings at the BEC last month and I am pleased to report that they found no major exceptions or deficiencies. There were two recommendations – one relating to our Property List, and one relating to the Bowling Committee checking account. Both items have already been corrected. The report was approved by the BEC with thanks to the audit committee.

Photo by Richard Hockenbrock



Guest speaker at the February luncheon was Heather Ballenger from the Walnut Creek Department of Public Works

We honored three members at the luncheon. **Doug Eisner** presented the Senior SIR award to **Tom Gorman** and **Bill Rees** – both gentlemen achieved ninety years of age! Also honored was **Bob Mehus** for being a branch member for 20 years!

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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

## Big Sir's Notes *continued*

We have many things happening in the branch. Be sure to read **Milton Smith's** travel opportunities on page 6. **Jerry Kaplan** continues to pursue opportunities for new activities – check out the new ones, or get involved with any of the many active ones. See you on March 8<sup>th</sup> at the luncheon or call if you're going to be out of town! And, bring a guest!

## Little Sir's Corner

**Jonathan Korfhage**



*"I don't know anything about luck. I've never banked on it, and I'm afraid of people who do. Luck to me is something else: hard work – and realizing what is opportunity and what isn't." Lucille Ball*

Our speaker this month is a great example of hard work and a passionate dedication to her cause. This month we are fortunate to have an incredible young woman as our luncheon speaker - *Jane Flower, Outreach Manager, Guide Dogs for the Blind – "The Mission & Vision of Guide Dogs and the Personal Experiences as a Visually Impaired Person"* She will be joined by her Guide Dog Pilaf. Jane has an MS degree in Gerontology and is an experienced traveler and speaker. This promises to be an unforgettable luncheon speaker.

On March 2<sup>nd</sup> many of our SIR 146 volunteer activity chairmen will be meeting for breakfast at Boundary Oak. The purpose of this meeting is to thank these leaders for their SIR dedication, leadership, and spirit. We will share in our common enthusiasm for this organization. Our Activity Coordinator **Jerry Kaplan** is planning an informative morning.

I suspect there are some members, especially those who recently joined us, are unsure about how to get involved. We all know about the benefits of socialization and participating in activities. Writing about our plethora of activities awakens my concern about individual SIR members who would like to do 'something' with other Sirs. Many of our activities seem to be

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## Membership

**Dave Pierce**



We welcomed four new members: **Ray Brand, Erling Horn, Aubrey Moore** and **Michael Wolfson**, plus **Romesh Loomba** who was inducted in January but couldn't intend then. That's a great start but

this is about the pace we need to achieve 30 new members this year (3 per lunch, 10 lunches). Please keep your friends close to retirement in mind. Remember, the branch will sponsor one free lunch.

### New Member Photo Additions



**Michael Wolfson**



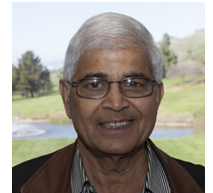
**Erling Horn**



**Aubrey Moore**



**Ray Bland**



**Romesh Loomba**



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

February Greeters **Dick Firth** and **Bob Lucido**

## Little Sir's Corner *continued*

established with regular participants – IE: some of the card playing and Mexican dominos groups are semi-closed. One of my missions as a SIR leader is to encourage participation in current or new activities by those who would benefit.

Two immediate suggestions for encouraging participation are 1) each of us needs to be proactive, especially our leaders and activity chairs; and 2) all members need to be not shy when they inquire about activities in which they would like to participate. **Jerry Kaplan** can also be helpful.

*“Security is mostly a superstition. It does not exist in nature, nor do the children of men as a whole experience it. Avoiding danger is no safer in the long run than outright exposure. Life is either a daring adventure or nothing.” Helen Keller*



### 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.

- ◆ **Jim Bogue**
- ◆ **Bob Johnston**
- ◆ **Larry Mitchell**
- ◆ **Jim Saavedra**

We note also with sadness the passing of **Chuck Bobinecz** on February 16th.

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**, Sunshine Chair

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# THE CLUBHOUSE

AT BOUNDARY OAK

**SIR 146 Luncheon**

**March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

### Salad

Orzo Spinach Salad  
Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Red Onions,  
Feta Cheese  
Red Wine Vinaigrette

### Entrees

Classic Braised and Glazed Corned  
Beef  
Boiled Potatoes, Carrots and  
Cabbage

**Or**

Parmesan Crusted Cod  
Orzo Pasta, Seasonal Vegetables  
Fire Roasted Red Bell Pepper Butter  
Sauce

### Dessert

Grand Marnier Cake  
White Cake, Orange Liqueur, Vanilla  
Whipped Cream

### SIR Call Newsletter Group

Editor	<b>Richard Hockenbrock</b>
Assistant Editors	<b>Walt Busenius, Rob Melrose</b>
Proofreaders	<b>Cal Tucker, Jonathan Korfhage,</b>
	<b>Pat Lucia, and Jim Barry</b>
Internet Posting	<b>Ron Plachy</b>

### 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.*

## Pictures from the February Luncheon

Photo by Richard Hockenbrock



(Above) **Bill Rees** receives the SIR President's Award from Honoree Chair **Doug Eisner** on achieving his 90th birthday

(Below) **Tom Gorman** also receives his SIR President's Award for his 90th birthday

Photo by Richard Hockenbrock



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock



Honoree Chair **Doug Eisner** presents an award to **Bob Mehus** for his 20 years of service to Branch 146

Photo by Richard Hockenbrock



**Pete Bishop** was the February birthday drawing winner



## Activities Coordinator

**Jerry Kaplan**

### MORE BRANCH ACTIVITIES

The year 2018 is moving along and the number of Activities that Branch 146 offers to both old and new members is continuing to grow. **New members are especially**

**welcome** to peruse the list of activities that are listed on the website (just click on the icon!) and see which one(s) may be of interest. A member can join and participate in as many as they want. And, as many of you know, twenty-nine (29) of the Branch's activities are co-ed, available to spouses and significant others.

The new activities of **Chess** and **Pinochle** are underway with monthly get togethers happening. There are related articles in this March SIR Call (by Sirs **Jeff Morrow** and **Charlie Kahsen**) that provide more information about when and where the players of each of their activities are meeting and who to contact for more information. Beginners, as well those who have played before (but perhaps many decades ago) are welcome.

**Pickleball**, a new activity begun last year under the guidance of Sir **Jim Burk**, is also doing well and looking for more players who want to learn the game. During the cold wet months of winter, it is a blessing to have a nice warm indoor location to get some exercise and enjoy a fun sport. See **Jim's** column elsewhere in this issue.

**NEW ACTIVITY: Mexican Train Dominoes Group**  
**6.** Playing the game many times during the last year as a substitute, Sir **John "Moose" Kelly** is now ready to start a new group. A few Sirs have indicated to me in the past that they are interested in seeing how the game is played and in participating in a group. SIR members should contact **Moose Kelly** at (610) 517-0152 or [rollingstone911@yahoo.com](mailto:rollingstone911@yahoo.com) if they are interested. To help get a group going, as in the past, my wife and I will host those interested at our home to explain the game and play a few games. Wine and snacks will be available so come for that at least. See **Moose's** column on page 11 of this issue for more information.

If you still haven't found an activity that you like, 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 another group going. I can also assist in starting up a brand new activity that may be attractive to others in the branch.



## Couples Dining Out

**Bruce Borgman**

We will continue our winning strategy of returning to a restaurant we enjoyed before for our March Couples Dining Out event. We have just made arrangements with Wence's Restaurant in Pleasant

Hill for Monday March 5<sup>th</sup>. We will start a bit earlier – at 5:00 pm and have dinner at 6:00 pm. This family-owned restaurant is in an unimposing location tucked away in a strip mall along Oak Park Boulevard – who would have thought! We had a wonderful dinner there for our group two years ago – it was one of our most successful dining experiences with over 70 diners attending. This actually was a bit much, and we are going to limit the attendance this time to about 50 or so.

The restaurant has an extensive menu, and so we have agreed to have more selections so that we will be able to sample more of the dishes. We will be able to choose between the Wence's mixed green salad with herb vinaigrette or their delicious chicken tortilla soup. Then, you will have a choice of five (count 'em – five!) entrees, to wit: a King Salmon filet, the Cajun Jambalaya (this is spicy, but good!), a 12 oz New York Steak with au jus roasted garlic, Chicken Marsala, and finally the Fish and Chips – beer battered Alaskan cod with pineapple citrus coleslaw. For dessert, there is a choice between Tiramisu, or Cheesecake. Coffee is included. All these choices will make the logistics a bit more complex, but we are up for it. The cost will be \$45 per person, all-inclusive. Be sure to indicate your choice for each of the courses so we don't have to follow up.

The restaurant offers a house wine or beer for just \$6 – but the wine list includes many more expensive wines so be sure you indicate your wine choice if you are ok with the house wine. Corkage is \$18 for those bringing your cellar selection.

Limited parking is available in the shopping center lot or on the street. So car-pool if you can. This will be a fun experience again – we are up to 36 in just a day of publicizing this dinner. Send me an email expressing your interest and follow up with your check made out to Sir 146. Don't forget to indicate your choices! See You there!

**LATE FLASH: WE ARE CURRENTLY Sold Out.  
We have reached the maximum for this event!**



## Travel Opportunities

**Milt Smith**

**Upcoming Day Trips:** Please take a look at these day trips and let me know ASAP if you'd like to go. No minimum number for "Day at the Races" but a minimum of 30 for "Sacramento" and "Follow the Seagull". Remember, we need half of the 30 to be Sirs, your spouse counts as a SIR so plenty of room for non-SIR guests. I will open these trips to other SIR branches on March 1<sup>st</sup>, April 1<sup>st</sup>, and June 25<sup>th</sup> respectively.

**SIR Day at the Races: Golden Gate Fields Friday April 20<sup>th</sup>.** The \$41 per person includes valet parking, admission to the Turf Club and buffet lunch, racing program and tip. Gates open at 11 am first race at 12:45. We do have a deadline of March 20<sup>th</sup>. Make your check payable to SIR 146 and send it to me and note "Day at the Races" in the memo line.

**Day in Sacramento Lunch and River Cruise... Thursday May 24:** Experience the era of Mark Twain and steamboats on the Sacramento River. Enjoy a beautiful day in Old Town Sacramento seated aboard the Delta King – and lunch aboard. Following lunch a short walk to the neighboring Sacramento Queen for a narrated river cruise. \$103 per/person includes roundtrip motor coach, lunch, the cruise and tips. This trip should have a minimal amount of walking. We depart the standard Mitchell Drive location at 9:30 am and return by 5 pm. Deadline April 20<sup>th</sup>. Make your check payable to SIR 146 and note "Sacto River Trip" in the memo line then mail to me.

*Special note: I will not be in town for this trip so if you'd like to be the leader, involves final count and getting the same number of people on the return ride as the departing ride, you can get your ticket free. I can give you plenty of help before I leave town on May 14. Just let me know.*

**Follow that Seagull San Francisco's 49 Mile Scenic Tour... Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup>:** This tour commenced in the Fall of 1938 named for the city's 49 sq. mile footprint. Our group will pick up Craig Smith, a guide of some renown, at City Hall to begin following that Seagull to view Union Square, Chinatown, Ghirardelli Square, the Wharf, through Fort Point, with a brief stop at Land's End prior to Lunch. We will enjoy a hosted lunch at Nick's Restaurant in Pacifica. After lunch we will find the Seagull along the Great Highway, John Muir Drive, and Golden Gate Park prior to a stop at Twin Peaks. We conclude at the Ferry Building, drop Craig off and return to Walnut Creek. Cost is \$108 per person. We depart the Mitchell

Drive park & ride at 8:30 am and return at approximately 5 pm. Cost includes round trip motor coach, tour guide, hosted lunch and driver gratuity. Deadline is June 15<sup>th</sup>.

If you have guests visiting during any of these dates, check it out as these make a great outing with your out-of-town guests.

Reminder: mail checks, made out to SIR 146 with appropriate notation in the memo line or additional note, to Milt Smith, 913 Piute Ct., Walnut Creek CA. 94598

Questions? Send me an email or call using the contact information below.

**International Opportunities:** I am looking at trips for 2019 based on feedback from members. I will have more information at the March meeting but don't wait. If you are interested contact me via phone or email at the number below.

- 10 Night Samba and Tango Cruise on the Crystal Symphony Rio to Buenos Aires. Departure January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
- 8 Day Land Tour Munich, Salzburg & Vienna Departs mid-May 2019, with exact date TBD.
- 7 Night Society Islands & Tahiti Iti Cruise, m/s Small Ship Paul Gauguin, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019
- 7 Night Mediterranean Arts Cruise Barcelona to Rome. Crystal Cruises Departure Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019

Each of these trips have their own special attractions. Be sure to let me know of your interest, we will choose the one or ones with the most interest...

Cheers,  
Milt Smith  
(925) 285-2897cell  
[miltsmith549@gmail.com](mailto:miltsmith549@gmail.com)



New member **Aubrey Moore** with **John Alexander** at the February luncheon



## Fishing Report

**Paul Dubow**

San Pablo Reservoir reopened this month and the trout fishing has been great. Its rival, Shadow Cliffs Reservoir, had a reawakening after some dull fishing at the beginning of the year and it also produced trout. The lucky fishermen who brought home the rainbows included **Reggie Fromm** of Branch 146, as well as **Thom Wadkins, Stan Wong, Terry Miller, George Vogt, Phil Scimonelli, Bob Hillicker, Bob Stein, Gordon Linebaugh,** and **Carl Moyer**.

The Delta also produced. **Tom Kostik, Mike Corker, Terry Miller,** and **Dick Thomson** went out in their boats and all came home with stripers. **Rich Fiscina** of Branch 146, joined by fellow Branch 146 members **Pete Gates, Tom Boltz,** and **Brion Beetz,** along with **Pedro Contreras,** made several trips in the Delta and the result was that **Brion** caught his first sturgeon ever (which he released). In addition, **Tom** landed several stripers.

Away from home, **Tom Anders** went ice fishing in Wisconsin and caught a number of northern pike. **Brion Beetz** fished for sand dabs and crab in Monterey Bay, getting lots of sand dabs and few crab. In the epicurean department, **Carl Moyer** made his annual pilgrimage to Barbara's Fish Trap in Half Moon Bay. He was joined by **Bob Fieber** and **Joe Miscione,** where they dined on the delicious seafood and checked out the fishing action at the marina.

Our next meeting is on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Legends Sports Bar and Grill, 4050 Port Chicago Highway, Concord. Our annual auction will occur where the members bring in gear for sale that they either are not using or their wives want out of the house. Lots of bargains are available! The meeting begins at 8:30 am, but come early for breakfast, which begins at 7:30 am. For further information, you can contact branch fishing chair **Paul Dubow** at (415) 495-6504.



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

Newer member **Mike Riley, Max Hinkle** and **Roger Peters** stop to pose for the camera at the February luncheon



## Cooking II

**Bob Yolland**

Cooking II this month had a special Valentine's Day dinner on February 12<sup>th</sup> arranged by **Bill Roberts** at La Veranda in Clayton. Most of our activity members attended and everyone really enjoyed the event. We had our own room, a no-host bar, great appetizers of pancetta wrapped prawns, calamari and antipasto. For the main course there was a choice of Salmon with a lemon cream sauce, Chicken Piccata or a New York Steak with grilled porcini mushrooms. Dessert was an excellent Tiramisu. The food was great and each of the ladies received a red rose bud in honor of Valentine's Day.

Thanks **Bill** for setting up the event. Our next lunch will be Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, at **Bill Cammerer's** home.



Photo by Rich Fiscina

**Tom Boltz** displays a large striper that he caught fishing with **Rich Fiscina**



Photo by Carl Tilchen

## Acoustic Musicians

**Carl Tilchen**

You are invited to the next meeting of The SIR Acoustic Musicians Group on Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 1st 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](mailto: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](mailto:jimanneburk@sbcglobal.net)



## Photography Group

**Richard Hockenbrock**

Our next meeting is scheduled for March 30<sup>th</sup>. As is customary, we invite all attendees to bring a thumb drive with any pictures they would like to share with to the group.

The subject of this meeting will be portrait photography. We will look at some of the "do's" and "don't's" taking pictures of people, as well as whether to use a flash or not.

We will also show a half hour video from the National Geographic series *Fundamentals of Photography II* on a subject of interest to the gathered group.

Email: [rhock@pacbell.net](mailto:rhock@pacbell.net)

Cell: (925) 324-1713



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

**Henry Thatcher** and his invited guest, Ken Soult at the February luncheon

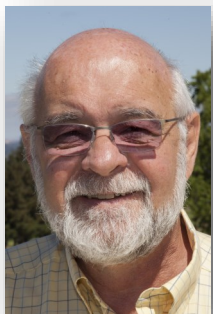
### Next Meeting

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

**Subject:** New camera technology advances

**When:** March 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am—11:00 am

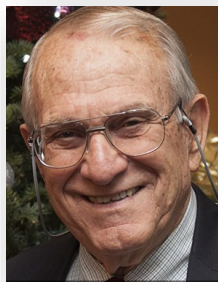




## Luncheon Chairman

**Rob Melrose**

We have Leprechauns to thank for this month's lunch. I hope you are all ready for Corned Beef. Don't forget to wear your green!



## Walking Group

**Frank Ascatigno**

Every Friday at 9:30 am at various locales.

Call **Frank** for current walk.

Rain cancels any walk.

Ladies Welcome

Tel: (925) 429-2232

### February's Luncheon

- Lunches consumed: 214.
- Members Excused: 47
- Members giving notice after deadline: 5
- Members considered "No Shows": 25, resulting in potential cost to the branch: \$650

### March 8<sup>th</sup> Luncheon

- Cost: \$26
- Preferred payment method is check
- Opt Out Deadline: Mar 2nd at Noon
- Email: [NoLunchBranch146@gmail.com](mailto:NoLunchBranch146@gmail.com)
- If you need to call: (925) 979-5146



## Pinochle

**Charlie Kahsen /  
Jeff Morrow**



In our game this month we welcomed

two additional players from Branch 8 as well as one more from Branch 146. A good time was had by all, despite an unusual run of less than desirable cards for one of the teams.

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. Our next game is scheduled for Wednesday March 21<sup>st</sup>. We hope to see you there.

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.

**Charlie Kahsen**

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**Jeff Morrow**

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[jeffrey.morrow@gmail.com](mailto:jeffrey.morrow@gmail.com)

Special Requests: If you have dietary restrictions, want a vegetarian meal or can't consume a meal, please send email to [NoLunchBranch146@gmail.com](mailto:NoLunchBranch146@gmail.com)

If you are bringing a guest: please notify Lunch Chair with guest's name at [NoLunchBranch146@gmail.com](mailto: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 the kitchen isn't wasting food and to keep the price lowered next year.



May your troubles be less  
and your blessings be more  
And nothing but happiness  
come through your door

**A best friend is like  
a four leaf clover:**

**Hard to find and  
lucky to have.**

**Happy St Patrick's Day**

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# Mexican Train Dominoes Groups



## Mexican Train Dominoes Group 1 (UNO)

**Jerry Kaplan**

The Group One players met on February 9<sup>th</sup> for another exciting and sometimes noisy Game Night at the inviting Walnut Creek home of Sir **Jeff Baily** and his wife, **Alicia**. A total of seventeen players were happy to come and contribute \$3.00 to the evening's pot, with the hope of winning big, or at least something. The treats provided by our hosts were delightful and enjoyed by all.

The evening's big winner was one of our hosts, Sir **Jeff Baily**, winning \$20 for first place with an average score of 16.1, followed by Sir **Peter Plante**, with an average over 12 games played of 17.2 (worth \$10). **Marie Ascatigno**, wife of Sir **Frank**, took third place recouping slightly more than her \$3.00 ante by winning \$4.00 with a score of 18.3 playing 9 games.

Group One continues to welcome other SIR members who may be interested in playing occasionally when a regular is not available. Mexican Train Dominoes is fun to play and easy to learn. Several individuals who had never played before have come to our Game Night and after just one open hand were right in the midst of the fun. Please contact **Jerry** if you want to join a fun night out! Single SIR members as well as a SIR and his Significant Other are always welcome. **Jerry** will also help start a new group if asked.

**Jerry Kaplan**

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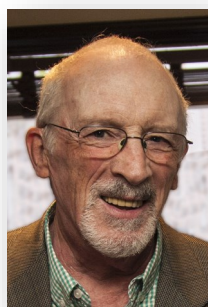


## Mexican Train Dominoes Group 2 (DOS)

**Dick Woodman**

MTD2 has started 2018 with a strong game night at **Ron and Anne Plachy's** home in January. It was a very competitive night with **Rich Ahlf** taking first place with a 17.0 average score per game. **Cindy Greco** was right behind him with a second place score of 17.8. **Ron Plachy** had 21.2 for the third place score. Congratulations to all of our winners.

The game night in February was on the 23<sup>th</sup> at **Dick and Janice Woodman's** home. Results will be in the April issue of the SIR CALL.



## Mexican Train Dominoes Group 3 (TRES)

**Jeff Baily**

February games night for Mexican Train Dominoes Group III was at the beautiful home of **Lynn and Sally Shafer**. **Lynn's** train was first to leap out of the station and despite **Jeff Baily's** attempts to derail him, **Lynn** finished third at the table but was narrowly denied an overall place by **Lew Thompson**. **Lew** went out in only the second game but his determined effort in the other seven games helped him secure first at his table and third place overall.

**Jim Stedman** used some thoughtful strategies to go out in an impressive four out of ten games, thus securing second spot at his table and also second place overall.

We broke up at the usual time of 8:30 to enjoy the mixture of fresh fruit treats and delicious chocolate cake a la mode served up by hostess **Sally**. After some enjoyable socializing we returned to our trains to continue the competition.

**Linda Siljestrom**, whom players in Group III know to have a respectable record of wins, wound up playing 10 games with a total point count of 126 which yielded an overall average of 12.6 to take first at her table and the overall winner for the evening. **Linda** let everyone know that she might use her winnings to travel, but it wasn't lost on someone in the group who suggested that she "write us when she gets to Vallejo"!



Photos by Richard Hockenbrock

(L to R) **Jeff Baily** counts his 1st place winning while **Jim Stedman** looks on. **Peter Plante** is also pleased by his winnings for 2nd place, and **Frank Ascattigno** looks over the shoulder of his wife, **Marie** who won 3rd place money

# Mexican Train Dominoes Groups



## Mexican Train Dominoes Group 4 (El Quattro)

**Jim Pope**

On February 23<sup>rd</sup>, a hearty group of ten met to play Mexican Train Dominos (**Henry & Barbara Thatcher, Bill Weinberg & Yvonne Killips, Dick & Christy DeVoe, Jonathan & Barbara Korfhage,** and

**Jim & Renie Pope**). Our ranks were depleted by illness and travel but the group played on. The delicious food provided by several wives nurtured the dominos players.

The two table winners were **Henry Thatcher** and **Barbara Thatcher**. They won 5 one dollar lottery scratchers each.



## Mexican Train Dominoes Group 5 (CINCO)

**Chuck Campbell**

Another fun evening of dominoes and treats was enjoyed on Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, at the home of **Doug & Patti Eisner**. Whether by sheer luck or great skill, host **Doug** came in first place and fellow player

**Jim Burk**, third--- gents once again beating out the ladies. The ladies, however, do seem to play more rounds (skill, definitely) and their teammate **Marty Campbell** went home with second place winnings. Thanks to the **Eisners** for the drinks, cheesecake and the surprise power blackout to end the party.

Next month we meet on the Ides of March, the 15<sup>th</sup>, at **Jim and Anne Burk's** home.



**Henry and Barbara Thatcher** were the winners at the February Mexican Train Dominoes Group 4 (El Quattro) games



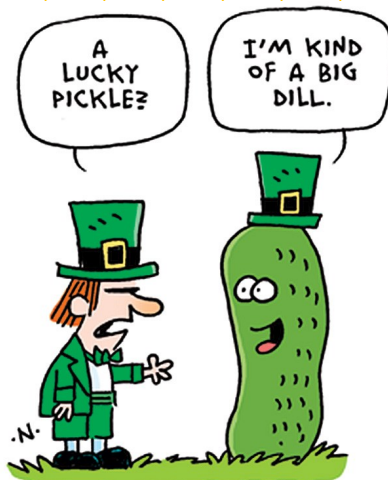
## Mexican Train Dominoes Group 6 (SEIS)

**John "Moose" Kelly**

This is a new activity that expects to start in the next month or so. Sir **John "Moose" Kelly** learned to play in the last year while a substitute with existing groups. He and his significant other, **Mary**, are now ready

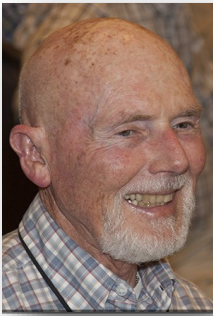
to start a new group. Those Sirs who are interested in seeing how the game is played and maybe joining a new group, should contact Moose at (610) 517-0152 or [rollingstone911@yahoo.com](mailto:rollingstone911@yahoo.com).

To help get a group going, **John and Mary**, with the Activities Coordinator, **Jerry Kaplan**, will host an evening to explain the rules and play a few games. The rules that all the other five Mexican Train Dominoes groups in the Branch follow can be found at: [mexicantrainrulesandstrategies.com](http://mexicantrainrulesandstrategies.com).



Bruce: What do you get when you cross a four-leaf clover  
Jonathan: I don't know.

Bruce: A rash of good luck on St. Patrick's Day.



## Book Group

### Chuck Campbell

This past month we read *Artemis* by Andy Weir. Although *Artemis* provides realistic pictures of life in the Moon's first city Artemis, we found the story-line far less vivid and convincing than the earlier book by the same author, *The Martian*.

The story in *Artemis* revolves around a smart and resourceful young woman, Jazz, who is trying to establish herself as an accepted member of a labor guild on the moonscape. In her quest for recognition and money, Jazz gets involved in an illegal scheme to corner the market on a mineral recently discovered on the moon. Weir's descriptions of life on the Moon are interesting, but the plot is a stretch. We would suggest this book might be of interest to those who have already read *The Martian*.

For our next book we chose *1917: Lenin, Wilson, and the Birth of the New World Disorder* by Arthur Herman. We will meet on Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, at The Greenery restaurant at 8:30 am.



## SongSirs

### Bruce Borgman

The SongSirs performed for the VIP group at the Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church on February 7<sup>th</sup>. We had a good turnout of our singers who were decked out in our blue vests, white shirts and red bow ties. Our performance, we all agreed, was very good as we sang with gusto and enthusiasm. The leader of the VIP group sent a kind note thanking us for "performing such an entertaining program, which was thoroughly enjoyed by our members". The songs were narrated by **Lynn Shafer** – explaining some of the history of these memorable romantic songs. And, of course our pianist is a major part in putting out a credible performance – thanks, **Steve Dinning**! Check out the pictures on the right that were taken of the performance!

Now, we will see if we can sing this set of songs for one of the Senior Living facilities in the area. We also will start to review the songs in our Irish repertoire, which includes, "Danny Boy", "My Wild Irish Rose", "When Irish Eyes are Smiling", and others – some of the most melodious songs ever written! If you like to sing, come and join us as we practice at the Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church every first and third Wednesday at



Photo by unknown VIP member

SongSirs in concert



Photo by unknown VIP member

SongSirs accompanied by **Steve Dinning**



Photo by Bruce Borgman

The VIP group at WCPC -note **Lo** and **Sue McCarley** at the front table

1:30 pm.

The SongSirs also want to express our condolences to **Elaine Donnelly** and her family with the passing of **Ken Donnelly**. **Ken** was an active member of our singing group and we will sorely miss him.



## Couples Duplicate Bridge 1 Bob Yolland

Sir's Couples Duplicate Bridge 1 had an excellent evening of bridge at **Margot Somerville's** home Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. Thank you, **Margot**, for hosting and all of your really good food and drinks. Many hands seemed a bit unusual with very long suits. **Dick** and **Christy DeVoe** plus **Rich Ahlf** and **Jim Stedman** tied for first place with 24.0 points, so they navigated the hands really well. In third place was **Jim Brown** and partner **Anne Johnson** with 21.5 points. The rest of our group did not fair as well but all had a great time.

Our next event will be Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, with **Rich Ahlf** and **Ismini Maclean** hosting at their home.



## Couples Duplicate Bridge 2 Dave Pierce

Once again we enjoyed having all the regulars when **Larry** and **Linda Brown** hosted on February 13<sup>th</sup>. There were some heart contracts in honor of Valentine's Day, but no slams were bid this month. Ultimately **Brad** and **Lynne Hatcher** (55%), **Tony** and **Cindy Greco** (56%), and **Dave** and **Joan Pierce** (65%) took home the prizes. We were all rewarded with **Linda's** poached pears and Valentine cookies -- sweetheart deals!

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## Couples Party Bridge Tony Greco

**Larry & Linda Brown** hosted the February 6<sup>th</sup> event. Despite heavier commute traffic than usual to Clayton everyone arrived on time. Fortunately the wine was already uncorked for the weary and thirsty drivers. The wine was complemented with cheese and crackers, nuts, and chocolates. A delicious homemade cheesecake with coffee topped off the evening.

We extended a big thank you to **Roger & Cathy Peters** and **Rem & Vera Barnard** for subbing for the first time for the **DeVoes** and **Benoits**. We hope they enjoyed themselves and will sub again in the future, as needed.

Scores were modest with 3RD PLACE going to **Tony & Cindy Greco** with 3180 points. **Rich Ahlf & Ismini MacLean** took 2ND PLACE with 3320 points. **Brad & Lynne Hatcher** are off to a good start this year getting 3810 points for 1ST PLACE and their second consecutive 1st place finish. The big question is can they pull off a three-peat in March?

Next month's event will be held on March 6<sup>th</sup> and hosted by **Tony & Cindy Greco**. I will be sending out timely emails identifying the available regular players and subs.

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## Men's Duplicate Bridge 2

**Dick DeVoe**

The Duplicate Bridge 2 event with four tables was coordinated by **Mike Whitaker** and hosted by **Brad Hatcher**. The constant switching of partners every two rounds coupled with four

subs who don't play regularly with the group made the event much more diverse than our typical 3-table affair. Therefore, scoring well is a more difficult feat. Here is the summary and details.

**1ST PLACE:** **Dave Pierce** with 45 points. He was consistent throughout, with only one partnership below 3 points total for two boards.

**2ND PLACE:** **Steve Dinning** with 44.5 pts., only 0.5 pts. behind. His ranking is particularly noteworthy, since it was **Steve's** first time with the group- playing with each partner for the first time ever.

**3RD PLACE:** **Bob Yolland** with 42 pts. He had only one zero in the 24 boards.

- ◆ **MOST THREES:** **Rich Ahlf** with 9, followed by **Steve Dinning** with 8.
- ◆ **LEAST ZEROS:** **Bob Yolland** and **Fred Bolton** with only one each.
- ◆ **BEST PARTNERSHIPS (MAXIMUM 6 PTS. EACH):** **Steve Dinning / Joe Fuchs**, **Fred Bolton / Dave Pierce**, **Rich Ahlf / Joe Fuchs**.



## Men's Duplicate Bridge 1

**Doug Eisner**

**Brad Hatcher** hosted 3 tables of Duplicate Bridge 1 on February 19<sup>th</sup>. The morning session smiled on **Doug Eisner**, **Fred Bolton**, and **Max Hinkle**, who scored 15.5 pt, 15.0 pt, and 13.0 pt, respectively. However,

the afternoon session was not so kind to these players as each fell completely out of the money only to be replaced by 3 morning session also-rans. At the end of the day, **Bill Snyder** edged out **Jim Jackson** for 1<sup>st</sup> place, 28 pt to 27 pt. **Bill Schultz** pocketed the 3<sup>rd</sup> place winnings with 26.5 pt.

**Jim Brown** will host our March 19<sup>th</sup> game.



## Party Bridge Fred Bolton

We played three tables of bridge at the home of **Bob Yolland** on February 5<sup>th</sup>. First place went to **Jim Stedman** with 5220 points. Second went to **Max Hinkle** with 5090 and third to **Jim Brown** with 4400. Our next game will be hosted by **Dick DeVoe** on March 5<sup>th</sup>.

**LEAST ZEROS:** **Roger Peters** with 2.

**BEST PARTNERSHIPS:** There was only one partnership with 5.5 pts of 6 maximum total: **Roger Peters / Tony Greco** (Bds. 22-24). Two partnerships had 5 pts. total: **Ed Marlovits / Mark Curtis** (Bds. 16-18) and **Jim Pope / Mark Curtis** (Bds. 19-21).

*Reported by Dick DeVoe*



## Men's Duplicate Bridge 3

**Sid Landman**

The Duplicate Bridge 3 event with three tables on February 16<sup>th</sup> was smartly hosted by **Tony Greco**. Here are the summary and details.

**1ST PLACE:** **Roger Peters** with 29 points. His low of two zeros total and his 2nd half tie-for-high score of 17 pts. were strong enough to pull off the win.

**2ND PLACE:** **Ed Marlovits** with 28 pts., only 1.0 pt. behind. His 3rd and 4th place finishes in the first and second halves, coupled with the most two's (9) proved strong enough to capture 2ND PLACE overall.

**3RD PLACE:** **Jim Pope** with 27.5 pts. He lulled everyone with a 10th place showing in the 1st half, and then ran up a 2nd half tie-for-high 17 pts., bulling his way into 3RD PLACE overall.

**MOST TWOS:** **Ed Marlovits** with 9, followed by **Jim Pope** with 8.



Men's Duplicate Bridge 3 play (L—R) **Ed Marlovits** (2nd place), **Roger Peters** (1st place), and **Jim Pope** (3rd place).



## Poker Group 1

**Dan O'Sullivan**

Poker Group 1 met at home of **John Lewis** on Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. As always, a good time was had by all. Our next outing will be at the home **Frank McNamee** on March 14<sup>th</sup>.



## 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 5

**Bill Roberts**

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

### Irish Priest

An Irish priest is driving down to New York and gets stopped for speeding in Connecticut. The state trooper smells alcohol on the priest's breath and then sees an empty wine bottle on the floor of the car. He says, "Sir, have you been drinking?" "Just water," says the priest. The trooper says, "Then why do I smell wine?" The priest looks at the bottle and says, "Good Lord! He's done it again!"



## Old Money Poker

### Group 6

**Brad Hatcher**

SIR **Chuck Denny** joined **Rich Alf, Howard Charlop, Frank Lucas, Brad Hatcher,** and **Norm Baietti** at **Norm's** house for another enjoyable afternoon. The play started out slowly, with **Howard** reaching for the pot with his pair of 7's until **Rich** showed his pair of 8's. Later, **Howard** proudly displayed his four 7's, but **Rich** countered with his four 8's. (Sheesh!)

**Norm** generously provided 3 different reds to "sample". **Rich** was high man with a plus \$13 for the day, and we all are hoping that **Chuck** will continue to join us in the future, with the future starting next month at **Howard's** home in Walnut Creek. Y'All come join us! There's room.....Just bring money.

*Reported by **Frank Lucas***

Poker Groups



## Cooking Lunch & Wine

**Bill Hartman**

*The LAW cooking group meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 in March. Come on by and pick up your favorite authors for fiction or non-fiction. We have a wide variety of choices. Thanks again for all your support.

Joe: Why shouldn't you iron a four-leaf clover?

Bob: Tell me.

Joe: You might press your luck!



## GOLF

### Ed Marlovits

**Gary Brown** has agreed to join the golf committee as Chairman. **Gary** chaired the February committee meeting which had the following items of interest:

- A February 20<sup>th</sup> “beer day” at the grill
- April 17<sup>th</sup> shotgun, club championship and lunch
- Closest to the Pin prizes for all the par 3 holes but on #6 it will be awarded for the second shot
- Support for the Branch 161 Invitational at Discovery Bay

Our ‘beer day’ seems to have been a rousing success. At one point later in the day we had more than 20 golfers socializing at the grill. That is a far cry from the more typical single table.

It is worth noting that we have instituted a club rule eliminating the two-stroke penalty for striking the pin with a putt. This is not totally out of the blue. The USGA is likely to eliminate the penalty nationwide next year due to concerns about pace of play.

Our club championship has been somewhat dormant mainly because it has been difficult to set up a match play. So this year we will hold the championship in conjunction with the annual meeting. There will be four flights. Semifinalists will be those with the two best net scores in March. The semifinals will be April 10<sup>th</sup> with that date somewhat flexible. The finals will be April 17<sup>th</sup>. You won’t be eligible for the semifinals if you cannot play on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Paul Masta** won his flight on February 20<sup>th</sup> with a very nice net 60 and a gross 37 on the back nine. Paul is one of the few members who brave the white tees. Well done, **Paul**. Please cash your prize fund check! As **Ed Brands** was reviewing the scores the week before, he noticed that the foursome of **Ron Binder, Mike Conners, Dan Holland, and Gaylord Thorne** played #17 at one under par. Usually when a foursome has three pars on a hole, the fourth person has a triple bogey to maintain universal equilibrium.

I went out drinking on St Patrick's Day, so I took a bus home....

That may not seem like a big deal to you, but I've never driven a bus before.



## 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 are 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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## 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

**Chuck Campbell, Mike Conners, Lauren DeLaurenti and George Carpenter** waiting to tee off on # 12



Photo by Bill Schultz

**First group to tee off, Rick Morgan, Bill Cammerer, Pat Lucia, and Ray Spears**



Photo by Bill Schultz

**All walking and playing the white tees, Gary Brown, Bill Schultz, David Steinberg, and guest Bob O'Connor**



Photo by Bill Schultz

After golf the golf committee provided beer and french fries for everyone who showed up on this very cold day. Pictured here are **Tony Greco, Corrie Oranje, Pierre Mebane, & Steve Ybarra**

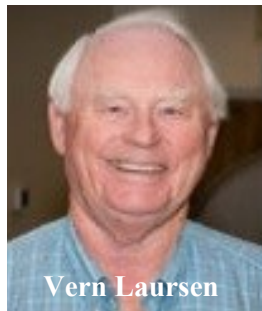


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**Sal Costanza, Bob Mehus and Ken Kratz** can't find their playing partner

## Area 16 Events

### Mac User Group (MUG)

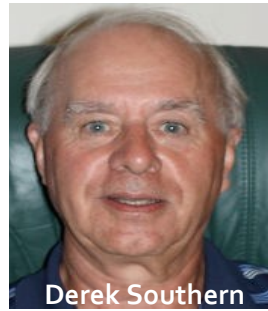


The Mac Users Group (MUG) meets the first Monday of each month from 12 noon until 2:00 pm at the Thurman G. Casey Ygnacio Valley Library, 2661 Oak Grove Road, Walnut Creek, CA 94598.

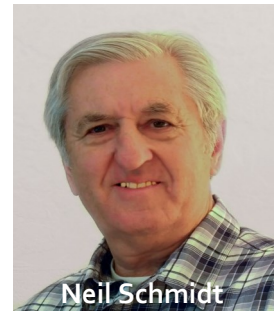
**Max Burchett** and **Verner Laursen** are the leaders and are available to help Mac, iPhone and iPad users with their questions. Please note that Mac users do not have problems. We do have suggestions on software and where to get the best deals on Mac related products. We will also demonstrate various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



PCs



At our February meeting, and just in time for doing our taxes, **Phil Goff** presented a comparison of TurboTax and H&R Block's tax preparation software. **Phil's** presentation was followed by **Barry Brown** who covered some of the new features in the latest Photoshop Elements Version #18. Those who missed 16 and 17 were relieved to find out that Adobe went from #15 to #18 because they decided to make the edition comport with the year in which it was released.

The subject for the March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting will be *Quicken and its Alternatives*. Quicken split from *Intuit* last year and is changing to a "software by subscription model," where you will pay annually to use the program. **Phil Goff** and **Neil Schmidt** will discuss the effects of this upcoming Quicken change and review various financial management alternatives. You might want to be thinking about your own financial management efforts and what features in the program are important to you.

We look forward to seeing you 9:15 am on March 15<sup>th</sup> at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Drive. We ask for a donation of \$5 to cover the cost of the hall rental, coffee and cookies -- but some months are free, so come and see if our March meeting is another one of those! All SIR members and their guests (spouses included!) are welcome to attend. See you there.

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### Area 2 \$ums Investment Group

Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, at 8 am at the Legends Restaurant in the Diablo Creek Country Club - Port Chicago Highway, 1/4 mile north of Highway 4 in Concord.

The presenter will be Scott Horton of J.P. King Advisors. Scott will update us on his thinking about the possibility of a 'summer rally' for stocks in the coming months.

The Legends opens at 7 am. Come early and have a leisurely breakfast with your colleagues prior to the meeting.

\$UMS Chairman **Tom Henry** [tomhenry925@gmail.com](mailto:tomhenry925@gmail.com)  
Co-chair **Dave Sutton** [davesutn@comcast.net](mailto:davesutn@comcast.net)

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What's Irish and stays out all night?

Paddy O'furniture

There are only two kinds of people  
in the world,  
The Irish and those who wish they were.

March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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