

## Big Sir's Notes

**Dennis Hallett**

It has been an eventful month for our Branch.

At our April 2010 luncheon, I had the pleasure of presenting Certificates of Appreciation to **Lo McCarley** and **Bob Spellman** honoring their outstanding contribution to the success of our Branch.

The Branch Executive Committee (BEC) inducted six new members, increasing our membership total to 256, including Honorary Life members. Although we have made a good start, we still have a way to go to recruit our 2010 new member's target of 25 or replace the number of members lost, whichever is the highest. Every member needs to continue their efforts to recruit new members to sustain the success of our Branch.

I am pleased to announce that **Terry Marchione** has agreed to be the Deputy Webmaster. Our Webmaster **Jeff Bailly** is still requesting assistance to maintain our Branch Website, so please contact him and offer your services.

The BEC has approved a 2010/2011 voluntary annual donation level of \$25 per member to cover anticipated fixed and operating costs. Annual donations are requested on or before June 10<sup>th</sup> 2010.

The BEC is also studying ways to contain or reduce such costs in the future. For example, one of our biggest cost items is the printing and mailing of the Sir Call. Since over 80% of our members have e-mail, we could significantly reduce costs by e-mailing the Sir Call. A small supply of hard copies can be printed for collection at each luncheon by members who do not have e-mail. The BEC will review such options later this year.

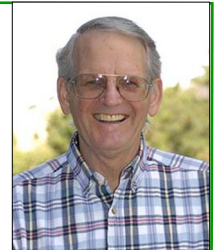
We have negotiated a new catering contract with The Clubhouse at Boundary Oak. The price of your lunch has been reduced to \$24 together with reduced bar prices. Please

remember from June 2010 onwards to make your luncheon payment check in the new amount. If you wish to combine your annual donation with your June lunch payment, please bring one check for \$49.

Finally, during our June luncheon, **Don Del Bene** will lead us through our Emergency Evacuation Plan. Please be sure to exit according to the plan and leave your badges in the baskets located by each exit door. Reminder to all members- our June 10<sup>th</sup> 2010 luncheon includes our annual colorful shirt competition. A special prize will be awarded to the member wearing the most colorful and imaginative shirt. "

## Little Sir's Corner

**Pete Gates**



Our speaker for the Ladies Day luncheon will be **Dan Ashley**, co-anchor of ABC News at 5, 6 & 11pm and at 9pm on YourTV20, weekdays. He joined ABC ch7 in 1995. Since then he has received a number of prestigious awards, including an Emmy for the most outstanding single news broadcast in a large market. The title of his talk will be "*Ratings and Responsibilities: The Challenge of Television News*".

### MEMBER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION JACK CALLOWAY

We inducted six new members at the April luncheon. **David Steinberg** sponsored **Bill Laws**---**Dennis Hallett** sponsored **James Gracey**---**Bob Yolland** sponsored **Ben Gleason**---**Jim Meehan** sponsored **Robert Poirer**---**Joe Fuchs** sponsored **Leonard Whorton**---**Dave Pierce** sponsored **Steve Conte**. This was the best month since July of last year.

Our success is a simple equation---Luncheon Guests = New Members. Please continue to bring potential new members to a luncheon. Sponsors are eligible for the free lunch drawings held in June and November.



## Duplicate Bridge Terry Marchione



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

Sir **Carl Johnson** hosted our February game with four tables of duplicate bridge. The beautiful views **Carl** has from his home served as a distraction to some of us and as such provided an excuse for my score. In a rare turn of events, all 16 regular players were in attendance.

The bridge match was not as close as many of our games. Sir **Fred Kovar** was solidly in 1<sup>st</sup> place with a score of 48 points. Sir **Jim Jackson** with 44 points edged out Sir **Bob Yolland** (43.5 points) for second place. Sir **Bill Rees** (who always seems to finish in the money) was fourth with 40 points.

The next game will be held on Monday May 10 at Sir **Jim Browns** home. Contact **Terry Marchione** ([terrymarchione@yahoo.com](mailto:terrymarchione@yahoo.com)) for information.

## Couples Duplicate Bridge Too Dick De Voe

Our Couples Duplicate Bridge Too Group found hosts **Joe/Josie Barry** fired up, taking 1st place in a tight contest from the outset. **Ken/Elaine Richter** were 2nd and are being targeted for typically being "in the money". **Dick/Christy DeVoe** slid into 3rd to the surprise of themselves as well as others.

**Sharon Marchione**, familiar with golf handicaps to make play fair for different skill sets, lost her request once again for a couple's handicap system due to spouse **Terry's** play. It was recommended that he finally replace his dog-eared Goren's New Contract Bridge book copyrighted in 1942. **Jim Adams** and **Lynn Freeman** immediately requested it as an addition to their rare books collections.



## 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 April 5.

First place went to Jim Brown with 6220 points, second to **Lo McCarley** with 5750, Third to **Dick DeVoe** with 4910 and fourth to **Doug Isner**. Our next game will be at the home of **Bill Rees** on May 3.

**Fred Bolton**

## Couples Duplicate Bridge Lo McCarley

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



**Carl and Anne Johnson** hosted eight couples for a gala evening of duplicate bridge on April 21st – everyone had a great time. As for the bridge results, **Lynn and Dasha Freeman** took first place with 45 points, **Jim Brown and Janey Sweeny** took second (38 points), **Bill and Margaret Rees** (33 points) placed third, and **Carl and Anne Johnson** finished in fourth place with 31 points. **Lo and Sue McCarley** will host the next bridge party on May 19th.



## Table Pool Bill Weinberg



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

Haven't played in years? Come join us. We usually have three or four pool games going. We also have SIR members from other branches joining us. Masse's offers special pricing for Sirs. Just mention you're a Sir anytime you wish to play.



**Lo McCarley** being honored with Certificate of Appreciation for his leadership work with our Branch from Big Sir **Dennis Hallett**

# SIRS BRANCH 146 EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN

In the event of an emergency, such as a fire or earthquake, occurring during our monthly luncheon meeting, the “Big SIR”, or in his absence the Little SIR, will verbally declare our evacuation from the Boundary Oaks Building is necessary and activate the following Evacuation Plan:

The evacuation process will be controlled by Zone. Please familiarize yourself with each Zone and the Zone’s designated exit points identified on the “Emergency Evacuation Exit Routes” diagram in the Members Directory, and on the Branch Web site.

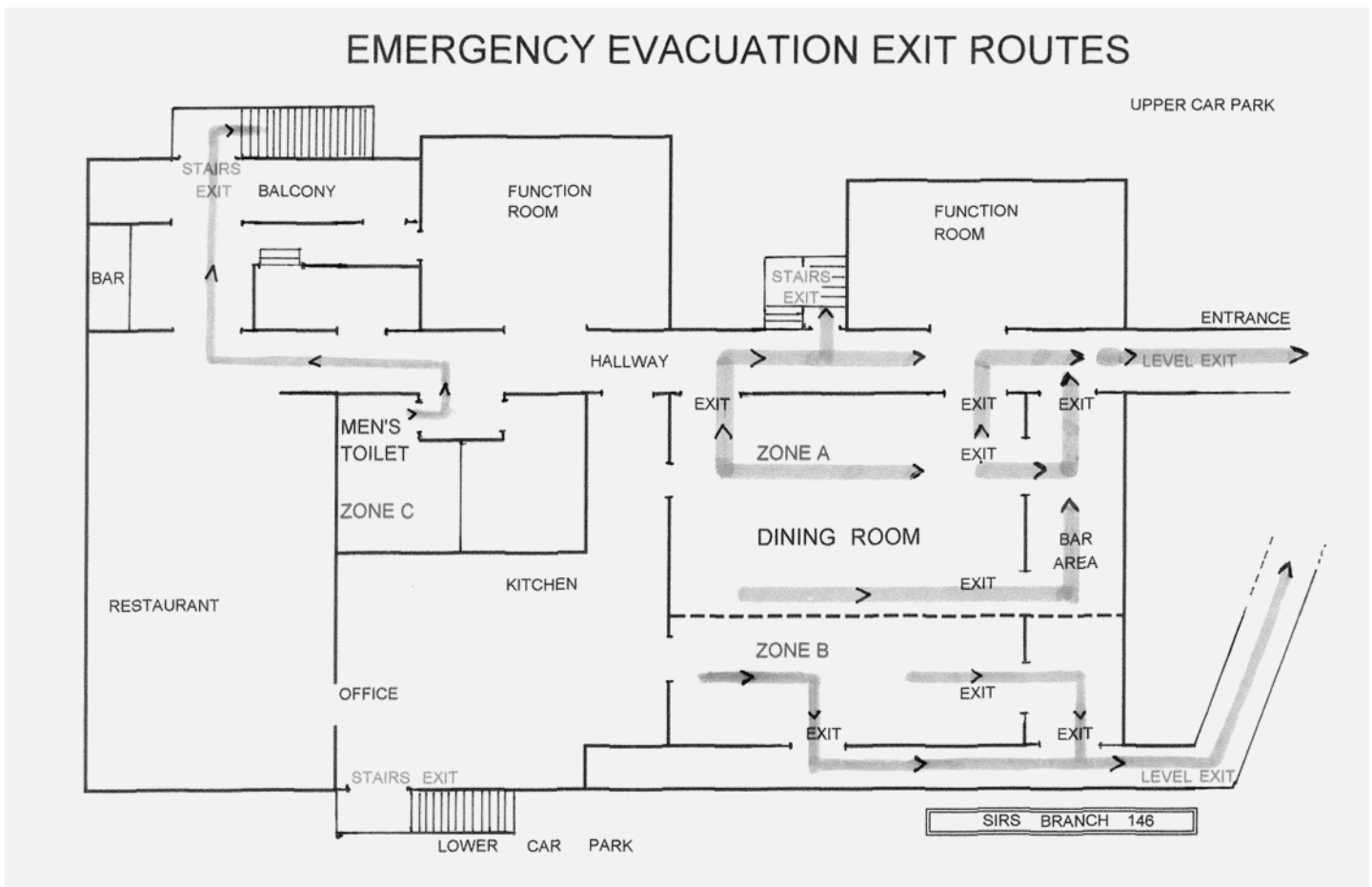
“Members” are responsible for identifying the Zone in which they are located and assisting any Member who has mobility difficulties, to the Zone’s designated exit points. Zones A and B are located in the Dining Room. Zone C is the Men’s toilet at the end of the Hallway and will include the Ladies toilet area if an emergency occurs during a Ladies Day luncheon. Zones A and B exits points are mainly on level flooring. The Zone C exit point requires the use of stairs. The monthly “Greeters” will check all designated exit points are clear and functional prior to the commencement of each luncheon meeting.

“Executive Committee Members” will assist Members to make an orderly and timely exit (not stopping at badge return trays) and verify that each Zone is clear.

“Members” exiting the building are requested to make their way to an “Assemble Area” located by the entrance to the Police Firing range, at the far end of the Upper Car Park. Here a roll call by name and membership number, will be conducted by the “Assistant Secretary”. The “Check-In Roster” will be provided by the “Treasurer” and used for the roll call. Any unaccounted for Member/s and/or Member/s in need of medical attention, will be immediately reported to the “Rescue Authorities”.

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

Members are requested to remain in the assemble area until the Rescue Authorities declare the area safe for individuals to leave the area. Please do not attempt to drive your car before this declaration.





## Bowling Larry Mitchell



The results of the annual "**Dave Valadao Memorial Tournament**" have been tabulated and we have one winner in Branch 146. Well, not exactly IN Branch 146, but the spouse of a member. That would be **Ruth Adams**, wife of **Jim**, who took 15th place in singles. The only other bowler in the branch to bowl in the tournament was **Maurice "Mitch" Mitchell** who did not distinguish himself. **Martin Lyle**, **Jim Wray**, and **Larry Mitchell** did not bowl.

The big winner of the local branches was **Ron Gagliardi** (Br. 116), who took 3rd in Singles, 6th in Doubles (with **John Carl**), and 5th in all events. His winnings amounted to \$210. **Ron** bowled to a 109 average. Other local winners were **Dean Lukas** (Br. 19), **Tom Baker** and **Dan Weller** (Br.8).

There are two tournaments coming up in May: Pollock Pines - Knotty Pine Lanes on May 4th, 5th and 6th and Citrus Heights - Fireside Lanes on May 17th, 18th, and 19. For more information on these events please call; **Larry Mitchell** 915-798-5440.



Poker Group #3  
Left to right **Jim Meehan, Dick DeVoe, Bill Baltezare Siegfried Kaletis** and **Joe Fuchs**



## Poker Club #1 Frank McNamee



Poker Club #1 met on April 7 at the **Howard Harvey** residence and it turned out that **Frank McNamee** and **Bob White** proved that they were not the "April Fools" that **Harv, Don Martin, Dan O'Sullivan, Bill Cammerer** and **Rich Hanford** thought they were. **Frank** won large again losing early and winning late and **Bob** was close behind.

We will meet again on May 5th at **Bill Cammerer's** house.



## Poker Club #2 Al Zamolo

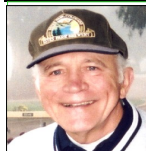
Our March session had a very unusual hand. There were three ropes in one game. As you can imagine, there was some wild betting creating a huge pot. It seems as thou we are setting new winning records the past four months. This time it was **Bob Royster**. Needless to say Vegas is calling him. Our April session will be hosted by **Doug Cook** on the 26th.



## Poker Club #3 Siegfried Kaletis

I have to apologize to my fellow players for shamelessly taking your money in March. I seemed like I just could not lose, but I already lost some of it back at another game, so take heart.

While **Al Zamolo** of group 2 claims superior skill for his winning streak, I attribute mine to blind luck.



## Poker Club #4 Chuck Bobinecz

The April 26th game will be at the home of **Chuck Bobinecz** and the May game will be hosted by **Rich Hanford**. **Rich Hanford** left with a smile at our last game and said he could now afford to pay his income taxes. We sent him a form 1099.

Lowball split-pot poker did not come about until 1900 and community card poker around 1925. The spread of poker to other countries, particularly to Asia, is often attributed to the U.S. Military.



## Travel Opportunities

**Bob Spellman**



**May 28-31, 2010 Sacramento Jazz Jubilee.** This is the top Jazz Festival in the country with over 100 bands to entertain you. Beyond traditional jazz, there's blues, western, ragtime, salsa, zydeco and big bands. Something for everyone. Discounted tickets are available to SIR members for \$30 on Friday, \$39 on Saturday and Sunday and \$20 on Monday. A ticket for all 4 days cost \$94. Contact **Bob Spellman** 934-8428. Please order tickets no later than May 10<sup>th</sup>.

**June 10-20, 2010 Oberammergau & the Rhine River Valley.** The Passion play at Oberammergau in Munich PLUS an 8 day cruise of 4 countries from Basal to Amsterdam aboard the mv Viking Sun. Included and features are: round trip air, tickets to the Passion Play and overnight accommodations in Munich. The Rhine Cruise includes: all meals, cocktail reception, six guided tours, all transfers and driver tips. Cost \$4,925 to \$5855 Contact **Bob Hagler**- 934-7620 Branch #8 for more information

**June 23-25, 2010 Boulder Creek Golf and Fun.** Join your fellow SIR members for a great 3 day getaway close to home. The packages includes a combination of golf, lodging and dinner for three days and two nights. Some people want to play golf and some just want to kick back and enjoy the beautiful surroundings. Cost \$320. to \$420 depending on which package you choose. Contact **Ken Richter**@ 689-6217

**Sept 17-30, 2010 Mediterranean Enchantment.** A 10-day cruise on board Holland America's ms Noordam sailing round trip from Civitavecchia (Rome) plus a 2-night post stay in Rome. The Itinerary includes visits to Livorno, Monte Carlo, Barcelona, Palma de Mallorca, Carthage, Trapani and Naples. The cost is \$4965 to \$5935 depending on Stateroom and includes transfers to/from SF. Round trip airfare from SF to Rome and back. All meals while on board. Sky cap and Stevedore tips and Government fees. Contact **Jim Lunn** @925-551-3329 Branch #8 for more information.

**Oct 19-Nov 6, 2010 Pure New Zealand.** New Zealand is a thrilling microcosm of the natural world – a land where wild rivers and glaciers flow through rain forests to the sea, pristine lakes and pastoral forest hug

volcanic slopes, and snow-capped peaks pierce the sky. Along the way, you will experience firsthand the Kiwi spirit of adventure that springs from this mighty landscape. Cost of the trip is \$5440 per person and includes, round trip airfare and transfers. Accommodations, 27 meals and 13 group discoveries, service of resident trip leader and all land transportation. Contact **Bob Spellman**@934-8428. Space is limited to 16 people.

**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 Suit dining, meals, airfare, bus to and from airport, port charge, government fees and taxes. You will be treated like royalty. Cost from \$4720 to \$6057 depending on Stateroom. Contact **Bob Spellman** @ 934-8428.

## Sunshine



**Walt Busenius**  
945-0715

[Busenius@astound.net](mailto:Busenius@astound.net)

*We extend our heartfelt best wishes for healing to the following Sirs who are in our thoughts and prayers:*

**Sir Barney Meade is continuing to recover at home from a stroke**

**Sir Robert Bogardos is receiving cancer treatments and**

**As of April's luncheon, these Sirs were sick or having health issues:**

<b>Ken Beattie</b>	.....	<b>Robert Skirvan</b>
<b>Ed Malboeuf</b>	.....	<b>Herb Freeman</b>
<b>Jesse Crews</b>	.....	<b>James Keegan</b>

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

*At our monthly luncheons, you are encouraged to sign the get well cards to our sick Sirs laid out on the round table across from the check-in tables.*

Luncheon Attendance

**Bob Lyman**

SIR Luncheon is the 2nd Thursday of every month at The Clubhouse at Boundary Oak.



May is our annual Ladies' Day luncheon on Thursday, May 13, 2010. It is not necessary to call me if you are not planning on attending, since prepayment to **Joe Fuchs** is necessary. Please see the reservations logistics in our April SIR Call or in this May SIR Call.

The price for the Ladies' Day luncheon is \$27 per person. Please make check payable to SIR 146 and mail with number of tickets required along with the names and entrée choice of each person attending to **Joe Fuchs**, 2116 Dover Court, Walnut Creek, CA 94598. All reservations and payments in full must be received by May 4, 2010. No tickets will be sold at the door. Your entrée choices for this luncheon are "Grilled Loin of Pork with Apple Chutney" or "Pan Seared Tilapia with Tomato Relish." The speaker at the luncheon will be **Dan Ashley**, TV Channel 7 News Anchor.

**Full Table Reservations/Requirements:** Seating for the May Ladies' Day is limited. If you are ordering a full table (10 people to a table) or a group, send the full payment and list your companions and their entrée choices on the reservation sheet contained in the April or May SIR Call.

**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.

**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.

**June Luncheon – normal procedure**

Remember that we are back to our normal procedure in June of notifying the Luncheon Chairman if you cannot make the June 11, 2010 luncheon.

Also, any regular member 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 if Branch 146 Attendance Chairman is notified.

**Membership  
Steve Sprague**



Branch 146 Statistics:

Active Members: 256 including six Honorary Life Members.  
Applicant List: One.  
Inactive Members: 12.

April Luncheon Attendance:

Members: 199.  
Guests: 4, Visitors: 2, Speaker: 1.  
Total Attendance: 206.

Status Changes:

Inducted: **Steven (Steve) Conte**, badge #162  
**James (Jim) Gracey**, badge #253  
**Robert (Bob) Poirier**, badge #222  
**Charles (Ben) Gleason**, badge #225  
**William (Bill) Laws**, badge #190  
**Leonard Whorton**, badge #246

Transferred: **Robert Schwab** has transferred to Branch 171 (Moraga).

**SIR 146 -Year to Date - Treasurer's Report  
as of MARCH 31, 2010**

<b>Beginning Bank Balance - 1/1/10</b>	<b>\$ 6,134.61</b>
Administrative Receipts	600.00
Administrative Disbursements	<u>1,076.87</u>
<b>Net Administrative</b>	<b>\$ (476.87)</b>
Activities Receipts	16,159.00
Activities Disbursements	<u>16,429.00</u>
<b>Net Activities</b>	<b>\$ (270.00)</b>
<b>Ending Bank Balance – 3/31/10</b>	<b>\$ 5,387.74</b>

**PLEASE PAY FOR YOUR LUNCH BY CHECK**



## Area 2 Computers and Technology Group

**PHIL GOFF**, Chairman, 831-3692, philgoff@yahoo.com  
**DICK CURRY**, Asst. Chairman, 376-5541,  
racorinda@pacbell.net

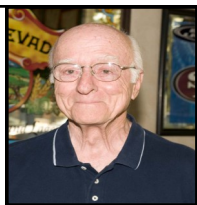
*Meetings of the Area 2 Computer and Technology Group are held the 3rd Thursday of each month (except June and December) from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Drive (just off South Main.)*

*Check out our website at <http://sir-web.org/computer>*  
Area 2 Computer and Technology Group announces the following main topic for their meeting on Thursday, May 20th

All of us use email, but there are many programs to choose from and we usually stick with our old favorite. **Derek Southern** will review some classics and will show some of the latest choices. Time permitting he will also discuss sizing images to fit your monitor screen (or this could be a separate presentation another time). We hope to have time for a Q&A session with the gurus, and if anyone has an interesting gadget to 'show and tell' please let either **Phil** or **Derek** know beforehand.

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

## Bocce Ball Martin Lyle



*2nd and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays at 9 am., May through November, at Concord Bocce Courts in Newhall Park, Concord, near the corner of Turtle Creek and Ayers Roads*

. Welcome back to our 2010 Bocce Ball Season. We will have our first session on Monday, May 10 and look forward to a good turnout. It doesn't matter if you haven't played before—it's a simple, easy game to pick up and is a lot of fun.

## Fishing Paul Dubow

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



Once again, the weather kept most of the group away from the fish. Wind and rain were downright mean to us. For example, **Carl Moyer** and **Terry Miller** braved the elements from Berkeley Marina and managed to catch three halibut in the first hour with the thoughts of a big day, when the deluge enveloped them. They bore a striking resemblance to drowned rats when reaching shore. But the halibut was delicious. **Joe Peterson** and **Lloyd West** enjoyed a nicer day on the Sacramento River catching three keeper stripers and releasing a big sturgeon. **Carl Moyer**, **Karl Droese**, **Romano Giusti** and **Paul Dubow** decided to try Lake Comanche for the first time, fishing for trout. The weather was fine but the fishing was not. The other anglers sneered at **Paul** for using purple power bait but he had the last laugh, catching the only trout among the four members of the group. **Sal Costanza** of Branch 146 fished with his granddaughter from the marina at Martinez, ostensibly for stripers and sturgeon, only to find her enthralled with her catch of a stary flounder. **Paul Dubow**, fishing twice with **Carl Moyer** on the Sacramento River, caught a five pound striper and then on the next outing, landed a 57 inch sturgeon which he released. But **Howard Berkman** landed a bigger sturgeon, picking up a 59 incher on another trip with **Carl**. The fish leaped high in the air several times, once close enough to get **Carl** wet. **Howard** rewarded the fish for its effort by releasing it. **Don Mittelstadt** fought the wind in his float tube, fly fishing at Salt Springs, and caught two very big largemouth bass. On another adventure to three different lakes in the Burney area, **Don** landed some nice trout between gusts.

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; and several party boat trips for halibut and rockfish.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, May 28, at the Legend Sports Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek Golf Course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway, Concord. The meeting starts at 8:30. If you haven't fished for awhile or if you want to try it for the first time, come to the meeting and we will set you up for a fishing adventure. Call **Paul Dubow** at 415-495-6504 if you are interested.



## Garden Club Chuck Bobinecz



*1st Thursday at 9:30 am at the Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church, 1801 Lacassie Ave., in the Room 203, unless otherwise announced.*

Our May speaker is sir **Lo McCarley** and his topic is household and structural pests. Become familiar with household and structural pests and the damage they cause. Learn about basic prevention and control strategies. I'm sure we have encountered the more common ones (spiders, ants, flies, fleas, etc.) but there are hundreds and hundreds more.

We are in the process of getting a speaker for the month of June.

Garden tip of the month: Prevent transplant shock by setting plants out in a protected area for a week before transplanting to their final place in the garden.

## SIR Happenings Newsletter

SIR Happenings is the statewide SIR Newsletter. Just go to [www.sirinc.org](http://www.sirinc.org) and click on SIR Happenings to read the current issue. You may enjoy reading about the activities of other SIR branches.



## ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out) Malcolm Hendry



*The Romeo Group meets on the third Thursday of the month at 6:30PM at select restaurants in the East Bay. We experience delightful dining while getting to better know our fellow SIR and their guests, in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.*

This month's selection comes highly recommended by Sir **Sig Kalteis**. "MANGIA BENE RESTAURANT" is a family friendly Italian restaurant that makes its own pastas and bakes its bread fresh every day.

The menu has all ranges of pasta dishes (16), as well as, meat, chicken and prawn dishes. They also pride themselves on a variety of homemade desserts including Tiramisu, Spumoni and Crème Brulee.

Location: 1170 Arnold Drive, #116, Martinez, ca 94553 (easy parking)

Web Site: [mangiabenerestaurant.com](http://mangiabenerestaurant.com) (menus, directions and pictures)

Phone: 925-228-9123      925-228-9123

Please let me know by Tuesday, May 18th, if you will join us.

Your suggestions are welcome for future restaurants to visit.



# Excel class given by **Lo McCarley**



## Away Golf Jim Baldrige



Thanks to the SIRs who helped arrange our Tuesday Away Golf event at Delta View Pittsburg on 4/13. The weather was great, the course was in playable shape after the rains and a good time was had by the players who competed. The next Tuesday Away Golf event is 4/20 at Shadow Lakes Brentwood. **Ray Weisz** will publish the results in the Tuesday Golf article.

**Lew Thompson** and his committee did a great job and our annual March Monterey Mashers event was most enjoyable. It was particularly enjoyable for **Lew** who won his own tournament shooting an awesome 82 at Laguna Seca. **Carl Johnson** was 2nd for the men with **John Harrington** 3rd, **Dick DeVoe** 4th, **Bill Knapp** 5th, **Bob Yolland** 6th, **Jack Calloway** 7th, **Jim Burk** 8th and **Larry Sheerin** won closest to the pin. **Christie DeVoe** was 1st for the ladies and also won the **Warren Boero** putter award for fewest putts. **Gwenn Boero** was 2nd, **Bonnie Rettew** 3rd, **Anne Burk** 4th and **Fran Matthews** 5th.

The Ninth Annual Area 2 Governors Cup tournament was held April 15. Our Branch 146 players came in 3rd. Our players were, **Joe Lamana**, **Jack Calloway**, **Gene Diana**, **Joe Himsl**, **Ray Weisz**, **Mitch Mitchell**, **Dale Hertweck** and **John Demos**. **Jack Calloway** also took 2nd place in the closest to the pin contest.

The annual Boulder Creek event is scheduled for June 23-25. Contact **Ken Richter** at 925-689-6217 for details."

**Terry Marchione** and the Couples Golf group made a revision to the monthly schedule. Because of the weather and other events in January through March Couples Golf will begin in April next year. This month's event is being organized by **Ron** and **Anne Plachy** and is at Roddy Ranch on April 28.

State Golf Events. Entry forms are on [sirstate.com](http://sirstate.com) for Coeur D'alene Idaho 5/16-21. For Solvang Sept 12-16 and Mesquite NV Nov 7-11. Brochures for the Reno Circus June 13-18 event are on the SIR State Golf web site as well.

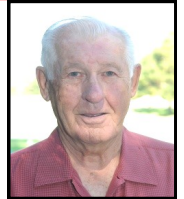
The State Team Championship will be at Poppy Ridge Pleasanton August 8 and the State Individual Champion-

ship will be at Poppy Hills Monterey Oct 27-28. If you don't have internet access and are interested in playing any of the state events contact me, **Ron Plachy** or **Dick Richmond** and we will help get entry forms to you.

**Jim Baldrige** 925-689-9232  
925-689-9232



## Tuesday Golf Ray Weisz



March 16

First Flight: 1<sup>st</sup> **Gene Diana** 70, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Larry Sheerin** 71, 3<sup>rd</sup> **Joe Himsl** 71. Second Flight: **Rich Hanford** 71, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Bill Weinberg** 74, 3<sup>rd</sup> **Mike Stephenson** 74. Third Flight: 1<sup>st</sup> **Mitch Mitchell** 70, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Doug Cook** 71, 3<sup>rd</sup> **Dean Mettitt** 72. Closest to the pin: Hole # 2 **Doug Eisner**, Hole # 12 **Mike Stephenson**.

March 23

First Flight: 1<sup>st</sup> **Gene Diana** 66, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Russ Bliese** 72, 3<sup>rd</sup> **Joe Fuchs** 73. Second Flight: 1<sup>st</sup> **Bob Royster** 66, 2<sup>nd</sup> **John Demos** 67, 3<sup>rd</sup> **Corrie Oranje** 77. Third Flight: 1<sup>st</sup> **Don Nunn** 66, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Steve Sprague** 72, 3<sup>rd</sup> **Bill Boyd** 72. Closest to the pin: Hole # 2 **Ron Binder**, Hole #12 **Joe Himsl**.

April 6

First Flight: 1<sup>st</sup> **Lew Thompson** 67, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Dale Hertweck** 69, 3<sup>rd</sup> **Joe Fuchs** 70. Second Flight: 1<sup>st</sup> **Bob Royster** 70, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Bob Yolland** 72, 3<sup>rd</sup> **Rich Hanford** 73. Third Flight: 1<sup>st</sup> **Ralph Fowler** 68, 2<sup>nd</sup> **John Demos** 68, 3<sup>rd</sup> **Bill Boyd** 70. Closest to the pin: Hole # 2 **John Demos**, Hole # 12 **Joe Fuchs**.

April 13 Delta View G.C.

First Flight: 1<sup>st</sup> **Joe Fuchs** 74, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Jack Calloway** 76, 3<sup>rd</sup> **Steve Dawkins** Second Flight: 1<sup>st</sup> **Ray Weisz** 74, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Ken Kratz** 76, 3<sup>rd</sup> **Dennis Hallett** 77, Third Flight: 1<sup>st</sup> **Steve Sprague** 71, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Doug Cook** 72, 3<sup>rd</sup> **Mitch Mitchell** 74. Closest to the pin: Hole #6 **Leonard Wharton**, Hole # 13 **Steve Sprague**.

Our first Tuesday Away Golf was a great success. The above scores show that the Course had some challenges. We all had a good time and look forward to the other Courses on our schedule.

## Cribbage John Pearl, Interim Chair

The Cribbage group gathered at **John Pearl's** home on April Fool's Day. Two of the six that attended were fooled by their computer-generated directions and had to call for help!

**Al Tufo**, a former Branch 146 SIR, known locally as the Italian Stallion, taught us again how the game is played, taking home the big money. **John Pearl** and **Paul Dubow** took home the second and third place portions of the "pot." Other contributors to our winnings included **Jim Passaglia**, **Barney Meade**, and Big Sir **Dennis Hallett**. A good time (and food) was had by all.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday afternoon, May 6, at 12:30 PM. Please let me know if you'd like to join this fun group.

**John Pearl**, Interim Chair  
[mcpearl@astound.net](mailto:mcpearl@astound.net) 934-6920



**Bob Spellmen** being honored with Certificate of Appreciation for his leadership work with our Branch from Big Sir **Dennis Hallett**

## Explore and Dine John Pearl



Explore and Dine traveled to North Concord on Thursday, March 25, to the home of the Contra Costa - Solano Food Bank. We had a great tour by their long-time executive director, **Larry Sly**. He described their operation from the early beginning (he was employee No. 2) to the present day facility that resembles (and is) a major food distribution center with 50 employees. He described their outreach efforts across the county, how they acquire their food, and how they raise the money to stay in operation. Only a little of the money they need comes from the government, so fund raising efforts are paramount. While the economy has tanked and many things such as the arts have seen a significant reduction in contributions, the Food Bank has held steady on this front. The operation is overseen by a Board of Directors. It was interesting to note that they try to include more and more fresh fruit and produce, and actually negotiate prices with suppliers for that portion that is purchased, rather than donated. All in all, a good place to send your money to help many others. We traveled west to Mange Bene in Martinez for a great lunch.

In April, we join with the Garden and Wine Groups for a tour of Filoli Gardens and a nearby winery.

Our May 27 our plan is to take the 10:00 AM ferry from the Vallejo Ferry Terminal to the San Francisco Ferry Building. We will have lunch at the Ferry Building or in a nearby restaurant before returning at 2:00 or 3:30 PM.

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## Nominating Committee

The Branch Nominating Committee is in the process of developing a list of nominees for officers and directors to serve on the Branch Executive Committee during 2011. All members are invited to submit recommendations for Committee consideration. Please provide your recommendations to **Garth Cummings** at [gnscomings@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gnscomings@sbcglobal.net) or 1551 Harlan Drive, Danville, CA, 94526. Branch officers are Big Sir, Little Sir, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and six Directors. We encourage members who wish to participate to let us know or provide us with their thoughts on who they think should be nominated.

# May Lady's Day Luncheon

## Thursday, May 13, 2010

No. of tickets \_\_\_\_\_ at \$27 each.

Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Names:

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### STARTER SALAD

Caesar Salad

### ENTRÉE

Gilled Loin of Pork with Apple Chutney  
Pan Seared Tilapia with Tomato Relish

Seasonal Vegetables  
Pesto Mashed Potatoes

### DESSERT

Chocolate Raspberry Cake

Make checks payable to SIR 146 and mail to:

**Joe Fuchs**

2116 Dover Court

Walnut Creek, CA 94598

Seating for this event is limited. There will be no tickets sold at the door. Note: If ordering for a full ten person table or a group, send the full payment and list your companions and their entrée choice on an attached sheet. Don't delay!

Speaker will be **Dan Ashley**, TV Channel 7 News Anchor

Thanks to **Bill Cammerer**, **Don Del Bene**, and **Larry Sheerin** for folding and labeling, **Rich Ahlf** for photography and to **Bill Cammerer** for mailing.



## Walkers John Lewis



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

May Walks Planned by **John Lewis**

May 7 Willows Shopping Center Walk Concord  
Meet: El Torito Restaurant parking lot near south end of the Willows

Walk: North on the Iron Horse Trail

Paved, level, no shade

Coffee: Panera Bakery, Willows Shopping Center

May 14 Indian Creek Trail--Lime Ridge Walnut Creek

Meet: Park at end of Marshall Dr. opposite elementary school. Turn south from Ygnacio Valley Rd. to Homestead to first left on Marshall.

Walk: Not paved, some ups and downs

Coffee: La Scala, near N. Main and Civic

May 21 Black Diamond Way Clayton

Meet: Clayton Library parking lot off Clayton Rd.

Walk: From Clayton Library to Black Diamond Way  
Part sidewalk, part gravel road

Coffee: Deli Delight on N. Wiget in Shadelands

May 28 Osage Park Rose Walk Danville

Meet: Take 680 south to Sycamore Valley Rd. east exit.

First right on Camino Ramon to left on El Capitan to first left after crossing Iron Horse Trail to park

Walk: See the roses. Paved, level, some shade

Coffee: Yellow Wood, Alamo Plaza

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**Dennis Hallett**  
introduces  
**Jim Gracey**



**Joe Fuchs**  
introduces  
**Leonard Whorton**

## Welcome New Members to Sirs 146



**Dave Pierce**  
introduces  
**Steve Conte**



**Jim Meehan**  
introduces  
**Bob Poirier**



**Bob Yolland**  
introduces  
**Charles Gleason**



**Dave Steinberg**  
introduces  
**Bill Laws**