

SIR Contra Costa Branch 146



Big Sir's Notes

Jonathan Korfhage

One of the charming attractions of being a member of SIR 146, where we enjoy our luncheons and 48 recreation activities, is the opportunity to share two of our luncheons each year with our lady friends - usually our wives! There are three important considerations to focus on with this function....

First, even though most of us realize that our wives know how important it is that we retired gentlemen actively enjoy the sociability and friendship of other men, our wives enjoy also being a small part of our dynamic organization. Second, face it, the women in our lives deserve a break from staying at home and missing out on our fun!

Third, it is very important for all of our members to understand that there are circumstances that may happen where some of us may not have a wife or significant-other who can join us at these functions! The members who find themselves in this situation are encouraged to come by themselves. You are more than welcome to join us! Make sure you sign-up in advance!

The ladies day reservation form, which is due by May 3rd, can be found on page 3 of this Sir Call. Looking forward to seeing you and yours there.

The secret of a happy marriage is finding the right person. You know they're right if you love to be with them all the time.

Julia Child

WE ARE SIR – MAKE FRIENDS FOR LIFE

Gala Ladies Day Luncheon

Thursday, May 9th
Boundary Oak Clubhouse

Guest Speaker: Chris Chmura

NBC Bay Area News

Gathering time— 10:45
Seating time — 11:45

Make Reservations with Steve Ybarra by May 3rd
Reservation form on page 3

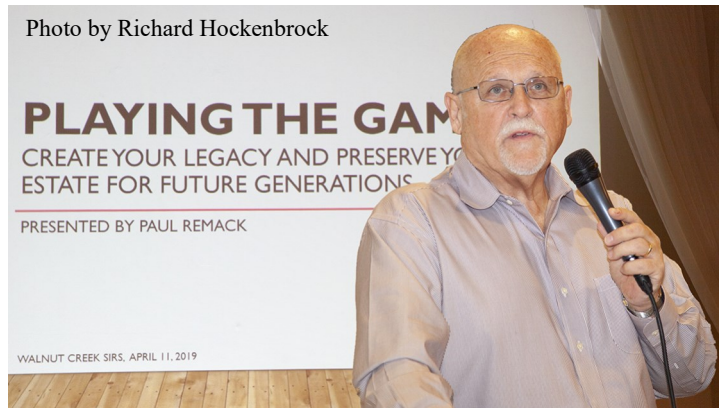
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PLAYING THE GAME

CREATE YOUR LEGACY AND PRESERVE YOUR ESTATE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

PRESENTED BY PAUL REMICK

WALNUT CREEK SIRS, APRIL 11, 2019



April's luncheon speaker was Paul Remick who spoke about his book "Playing the Game: Create Your Legacy and Preserve Your Estate for Future Generations"



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.



My face in the mirror isn't wrinkled or drawn.
My house isn't dirty. The cobwebs are gone.
My garden looks lovely and so does my lawn.

I think I might never put my glasses back on.

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



Little Sir's Corner

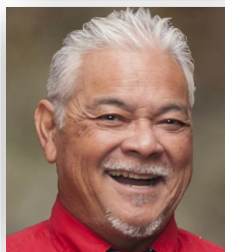
Brad Hatcher

Our April luncheon speaker, Paul Remack, used his analogy of “Playing the Game” to discuss steps to consider in managing finances and wealth transfer. He encouraged each of us to have a team of experts in place to support us when technical issues arise. He pointed out several changes in taxation and ways to play both offense and defense when dealing with the IRS.

Our Ladies Day luncheon speaker is Chris Chmura. He is the Senior Consumer Investigator and on-air personality for the NBC Bay Area network. His topic is, “Frustrated, Fatigued, and Fed Up – What Consumers Told NBC Bay Area through 13,000+ Complaints.” Having viewed Chris on TV, I am positive he will be giving us useful topical information.

As usual, the Branch Executive Committee meeting in April had a full agenda. Of interest were efforts to finalize details regarding luncheon attendance, a State Sir “Best Branch” nomination and appointment of one additional Audit Committee member. In an executive session, the Nominating Committee presented the potential 2020 BEC Officer and Board nominations.

I look forward to seeing you and your significant other on May 9th. My thanks to **Steve Ybarra** for all of his efforts to make the Ladies Day Luncheon a success!



Membership

Ron Lew

The introductions from our Big Sir presenting the new members at April's Luncheon was informative and enjoyable.

Inducted into membership were the following: #140 **Bob Finlayson** sponsored by **Richard Lyon**; #49 **Larry Kaye** sponsored by **Pete Gates**; #76 **Bruce Kimmis** by **Brian McCarthy**; #105 **Larry McAllister** sponsored by **Bill Hoban**; #168 **Ron Polivka** also brought in by **Bill Hoban**; and #154 **Clint Collier** brought in to SIR146 by **Russ Anderson**.

Thanks to your recruiting efforts, we were blessed with 4 new guests at April's luncheon. Again, we had a great orientation session for new members after the luncheon with several activity chairs and their supporters helping the new members. A reminder that all members are always welcome to get a refresher and to see what might be new in the branch.

We will be starting May with a total of **303 members**. You are encouraged to bring a new guest to June's luncheon: this is your next opportunity to bring a guest.

We are pleased to announce that an updated member application has been placed on our website for your use under “Members”.

April New Member Photo Additions



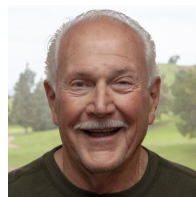
Clint Collier



Bob Finlayson



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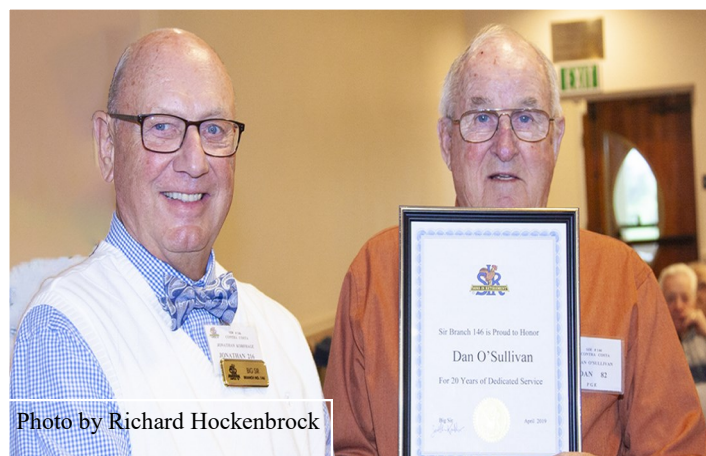


Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

Dan O'Sullivan is presented with an award for 20 Years of Dedicated Service to Branch 146 by Big Sir **Jonathan Korfhage**



Sunshine

Max Hinkle

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

- ◆ Joe Suta
- ◆ Joe Hunt
- ◆ Bill Klein
- ◆ Martin Lyle
- ◆ Howard Nemir
- ◆ John Pearl
- ◆ Jim Saavedra

Memorial services for the late **Ken Pascoe** are scheduled for May 20th from 3 to 5 pm at the Gardens at Heather Farms on Marchbanks Drive, Walnut Creek. Also as reported last month there will be a party to celebrate the life of the late **Dale Haukland** on June 26th from 1:00 to 3:30 pm at the **Haukland** home.

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 **Max Hinkle** know by e-mail: hinkle3@sbcglobal.net or phone: (925)-408-6004 so that our SIR members can be advised.



Featured Ladies Day Speaker is Chris Chmura who joined NBC Bay Area in April 2016 as Consumer Investigative Reporter. He leads the NBC Bay Area Responds team, which responds to consumer complaints and advocates on viewers' behalf.

Reservations for Ladies Day Luncheon

Salad

Apple Almond Salad
Butter Lettuce, Apples, Celery, Walnuts
Honey Yogurt Poppy Seed Dressing

Entrees

New York Steak
Roast New York Steak, Seasonal Vegetables, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Pepper Corn Sauce

Or

Alaskan Sole
Flour Dusted Sole, Rice Pilaf, Seasonal Vegetables
Roasted Tomato Butter Sauce

Vegetarian

Vegetable Wellington
Sautéed Spinach, Mushrooms, Roasted Bell Peppers,
Ricotta Cheese Wrapped In Puff Pastry, Red Pepper
Coulis & Balsamic Reduction

Dessert

Holiday Chocolate Cake

On the form below, type in the requested information and print this page, or just print this page and fill your information by hand then cut along the dotted line and send it with your check to the address also below.

Thursday, May 9th, 2019

Number of Tickets _____ at \$28 ea.

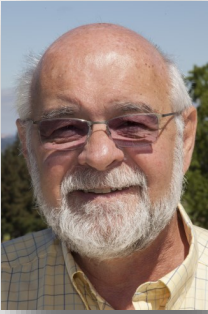
Amount Enclosed \$ _____

(If you want Vegetarian dish, write VEG. as Entrée Choice)

NAMES	Entrée Choices	
	(Steak)	(Sole)
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Make checks payable to SIR Branch 146. Send to: **Steve Ybarra**, 142 Leonard Dr., Concord, CA 94518

All reservations and payments in full must be received by May 3rd. There will be no tickets sold at the door. If ordering for a full (10) or partial table, list your names and seating guests. Your guests will be paired with you when their check and form is received or you may pay for them directly on your sheet listing their name & entrée.



Luncheon Chairman

Rob Melrose

May is our Ladies Day luncheon so I hope you have sent your reservation information and check to Steve Ybarra.

April's Luncheon

- Lunches consumed: 219
- Members Excused: 52
- Members giving notice after deadline: 4
- Members considered "No Shows": 21, resulting in potential cost to the branch: \$546

June 13th Luncheon

- Cost: \$26
- Preferred payment method is check
- Opt Out Deadline: June 8th at Noon
- Email: NoLunchBranch146@gmail.com
- If you need to call: (925) 979-5146

Special Requests: If you have dietary restrictions, want a vegetarian meal or can't consume a meal, please send email to NoLunchBranch146@gmail.com before the Opt Out Deadline. If you are bringing a guest: please notify Lunch Chair with guest's name at the same email address. NoLunchBranch146@gmail.com

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



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

Branch 146 first Behind the Scenes Recognitions (BTS) goes to **Ron Plachy** whose work in keeping our website updated and running smoothly is appreciated by all the members.

How many times can you subtract 10 from 100?

Once. The next time you would be subtracting 10 from 90.

2019 Branch 146 Officers and Directors

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

RAMP – Chair Members

Recruitment	Paul Beretz
Activities	Jerry Kaplan
Member Relations	Pierre Mebane
Publicity	Frank Pandolfi

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



Photo by Maria Gounaris

Hank and Hazel James, along with **Bob and Wendy Lucido** enjoyed the fun with their friends after SIR 146 "bought out the house" for the evening for a most enjoyable event at the California Magic Club in Martinez

CALIFORNIA MAGIC CLUB WITH DINNER



Photo by Maria Gounaris

"How did he do that?" asked **Gary Schaub** when featured magician Phil Ackerly related a story about the whole group

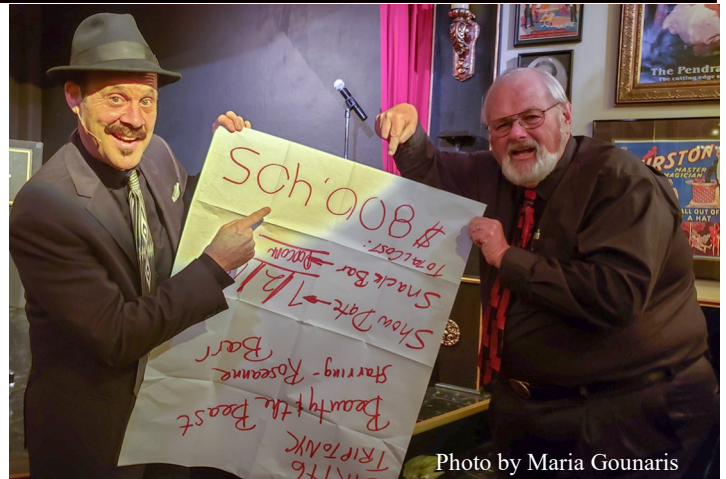


Photo by Maria Gounaris

going to their chosen Broadway musical, and guessing how much it would cost. The group's estimated cost of \$800,408 turned out to be Gary's last name on the sheet when the sheet was turned end-for-end.



Photo by Maria Gounaris

"It's amazing!" shouts **Carmen Schiavone** and **Rob Melrose** when guest magician David Hirata does an illusion with many multi-colored scarves



Photo by Maria Gounaris

Linda Brown thinks she can fool featured magician Phil Ackerly at the April 5th California Magic Club dinner and Magic show in Martinez. She was wrong!



Photo by Maria Gounaris

It was "Magic Time" on April 5th as forty-two SIR 146 members and guests enjoyed an evening at the California Magic Club in Martinez, including **Lynn and Sally Shaffer, Jeff and Alicia Bailey, Walt Busenius, and Bill Holly** and their families



Photo by Maria Gounaris

Club host **Gerry Griffen** welcomes **Rob Melrose, Carmen Schiavone** along with **Linda and John Boyan**



Photo by Bill Schultz

Ben Smith, Gary Brown, Ed Marlovits and Dave Steinberg gather to discuss / lie about their golf handicaps!!



Photo by Bill Schultz

Steve Siljestrom introduces new member **Ross Hallberg** to **Ron Binder** who are both retired from John Muir Hospital and did not know each other while working there



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

Dave Steinberg, Ray Spears, Jim Browning, and Howard Zimmerman stop for a picture at the April luncheon

What stays in the corner and travels all over the world?

A postage stamp.

SIR Day at the Ball Park

Lee Moy—SIR State Sports

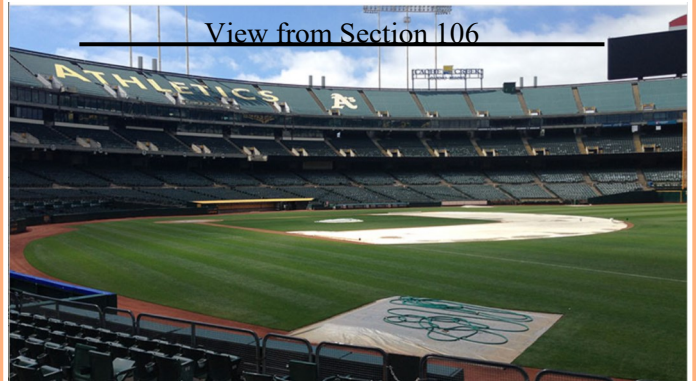
Oakland A's vs SF Giants

Sunday, August 25th, 2019

Section 106, shaded Oakland Coliseum
1 pm

Come join the fun with your fellow SIR members and guests. Ticket are \$52 each. Your check must arrive before the deadline of **June 1st**.

Make your check payable to Lee Moy and include a self-addressed stamped envelope along with your name, phone number and email address. The tickets will be mailed directly to you. Mail to Lee Moy, 127 N. Helm Ave., Clovis, CA 93612 Only 70 tickets remaining. Sell-out expected so sign-up ASAP.



View from Section 106

Lee Moy

State SIR Sports

(559) 709-9851

LeeHealthStudio@gmail.com



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

April Greeters **Franz Mair, Rick Morgan, Joe Flannigan, Earl Nevaes, & Mark Curtis**



Activities Coordinator

Jerry Kaplan

We now have 48 activities in Branch 146 with the addition of a new **RV Activity** with **SIR Bob Lucido** as chair. The activity is open to any member with a “motor home, 5th wheel, trailer, or box on wheels,” as Bob puts it. Bob has been in contact with other branches that have a similar activity and will meet with interested branch members on how best to run the program. Contact Bob at (925) 899-0974 or via email at bobwendy3@comcast.net.

Activity Tables at Luncheons Open Again: For the first time in a couple of years, the April luncheon meeting saw four different activities highlighted in the bar area of Boundary Oak. The purpose is to show both new and old members some of the 48 different events and goings-on that Branch 146 members can participate in. **SIR Jim Whitsett** offered information and a signup sheet for the upcoming **Bocce Ball** season, while **SIR Bob West** sat behind a table inviting Sirs to join his recently formed group playing **Hearts**. Information was also made available about the **Pinochle** activity chaired by **SIR Charlie Kahsen**. The fourth table manned by me, **SIR Jerry Kaplan**, displayed the **Mexican Train Dominoes** activity and invited members to sign up if interested. At the four different tables, over 30 members expressed interest in these activities and are being contacted by the chairs who will provide further information.

Look for more activity tables to be set up in the months when the **Book Corner**, led by **SIR Peter Plante**, is not spreading out their hundreds of books to be perused and enjoyed by Branch 146 members.

Especially for New Members: 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 or Bob Lucido (my assistant) know and we can help get another group going. We can also assist in starting a brand-new activity that may be attractive to others in the branch, like the proposed RV activity noted above.

Jerry Kaplan
(925) 330-8832
mtdana@aol.com



Photo by Jerry Kaplan

Bob West promoting his Hearts card game as one of four tables set up to promote activities at the April luncheon



Photo by Jerry Kaplan

Charlie Kahsen along with **Ken Kratz** promoting Pinochle at another activity table



Travel Milt Smith

[Sir Day at the Races](#) on March 29th at the Golden Gate Fields was well attended by many SIR Branches and their ladies. We had a great time and enjoyed the food.

[The SIR 146 Grand Baltic Sea Voyage](#) with Overseas Adventure Travel is a go in June 2020. Call (877) 220-2630. Register Group Code GO23630, deposit is \$500 per person until dates finalized. Questions contact **Milt Smith** at (925) 285-2897 or miltsmith549@gmail.com

[Battle of the Bay Oakland - Coliseum — Oakland A's vs San Francisco Giants. August 25th, 1:00 pm.](#) Save \$10+. [Deadline June 1st](#). Send your check, for \$52.00 per person, plus stamp addressed return envelope to Sir **Lee Moy**, 127 N. Helm Ave., Clovis, CA 93612



Photo by Milt Smith

Sir Day at the Races:

Above: **Mary Lynne** and **Little Sir Brad Hatcher** like the food line with all the choices

Below: **George** and **Shari Carpenter** are studying the racing form. **Shari** always has her share of winners.



Photo by Milt Smith



Book Group Chuck Campbell

Five SIR members met on April 8th to discuss *The New Iberia Blues: A Dave Robicheaux Novel* by James Lee Burke.

Burke has written a series of detective mysteries with Dave Robicheaux as the main character. A few of our group had read some of the earlier books and found them entertaining; however, the current book has received mixed reviews from our group. We found the descriptions of the physical scene to be very good, but the plot seemed complicated and overly-confusing. There are a number of candidates for the villain in this story. In the end, the actual villain turns out to be one of the least developed characters.

For our next book we selected *Where the Crawdads Sing*, by Delia Owens. We will meet at the Greenery Restaurant on May 13th at 8:30 am



SongSirs

Bruce Borgman

Now that we are into spring and summer, the SongSirs are practicing a new set of songs. They include some we have done before, such as "When I Fall in Love", "Smiles", "It's a Lovely Day Today", "It Had to be You" and others. Some songs are somewhat new, like "San Francisco" and that well-known Tony Bennett song "I Left My Heart in San Francisco". Also, we are trying a somewhat melancholy song which George Burns used to sing: "I wish I was Eighteen Again", but very pretty.

If these are songs you like, we invite you to come to one of our rehearsals. We have had to adjust our practice schedule on the first Wednesday of the month. We'll start at 2:30 pm because of a conflict with another church group at the Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church. On the third Wednesday of the month, we will still sing at 1:30 pm.

We don't have a gig lined up yet since we want to be sure we can do this new repertoire well, but will likely start in early June. Come join this fun activity!

(925) 932-3961

bgborgman@aol.com



Photography Group

Richard Hockenbrock

There is still time if you want to join the Photography Group on a field trip to Mountain View Cemetery in Oakland. You don't need a camera, just bring your smartphone. You can compare your pictures with others on the trip at the May 24th meeting (see below). We will begin the field trip at the cemetery on May 2nd at 2 pm. Call or send me an email if you are coming. List your name, cell number, and guests as they are invited too.

Email: rhock@pacbell.net

Cell: (925) 324-1713

Next Meeting

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

Subject: Review the pictures taken on our field trip

When: Friday, May 24th at 9 am



Pinochle

**Charlie Kahsen /
Jeff Morrow**

*We meet on
the 2nd & 4th
Wednesday of the*



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

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

Last month one of our tables had a very memorable four-handed game, pitting two players from Branch 8 against two from Branch 146, with the winner to be determined by the first team to reach 500 points. During the first half of the game the Branch 146 team was leading by 264 points, but an amazing comeback by Branch 8 created a virtual tie. Mike Risser then played a perfect hand with Branch 146 squeaking out a win by a total of 2 points.

If you are interested in joining our group, call one of us or send an email to both our email addresses and one of us will get back to you.

If you plan to come, please let us know ahead of time so we can let Rocco's know you plan to have lunch with the group.

Charlie Kahsen
(925) 943-1750
cwkahsen@gmail.com

Jeff Morrow
(925) 944-7009
jeffrey.morrow@gmail.com



Cribbage

John Pearl

Winners **Jim Stedman, Barney Meade** and **Ron Afdal** were joined by **Paul Beber, Peter Plante** and **Jim Pope** at **Barney's** home.

Reported by Jim Pope



Cribbage Winners **Jim Stedman, Barney Meade** and **Ron Afdal**

Photo by Richard Hockenbrock



Ross Hallberg and **Bill Hanson** at the April luncheon



Couples Dining Out Bruce Borgman

It again was hard to find a restaurant for our May Couples Dining Out experience after we had such a good price and excellent food for our March event at Aung Maylika.

After visiting several, we have decided to return to a restaurant we visited in 2015 (how time flies!). We will be going back to the **Brass Door** – a venerable restaurant, which first opened its doors in 1955 and continues to be a favorite spot for an evening out. It is a bit further on I680 but you will find the trip worthwhile.

The price for a three course meal is very reasonable and we picked four entrees that will be \$36 per person – London Broil, Chicken Picatta, Fresh Pacific Salmon, Deep Fried Jumbo Gulf Prawns. In addition, you may select the Brass Door specialty of a 9 oz Roast Prime Rib of Beef – however, this entrée will have a surcharge of \$6, and thus be \$42 for the dinner. Last time we had the prime rib and divided the extra cost over all of the entrees, but we thought we'd try it this way to be more equitable. We will have an ice cream dessert with choice of coffee, tea, or soda.

The **Brass Door** is a few miles south on 680 – take the Crow Canyon Road exit. Parking is convenient in the lot next to the restaurant. You will be able to get a reasonable glass of wine for about \$7 to \$8, and corkage is only \$15 so you may wish to bring a special bottle from your cellar.

We will be in the West Room which will accommodate upwards of 60 diners, but you'll want to send me an email soon, nevertheless, and confirm with your check made out to Sir 146, and sent to me at 3611 Winchester Place in Walnut Creek, 94598.

We will no doubt have a fun time again – this time altogether on a single evening! See you there!



An elderly looking gentleman, (mid nineties) very well dressed, hair well groomed, great looking suit, flower in his lapel, smelling slightly of a good after shave, presenting a well-looked-after image, walks into an upscale cocktail lounge.

Seated at the bar is an elderly looking lady. The gentleman walks over, sits along side of her, orders a drink, takes a sip, turns to her and says, "So tell me, do I come here often?"



Attention all Bocce players! Our season started on April 29th. We will plan on playing twice in May. If you are new to the game, come out and see how quickly you can pick it up!

Our May games will be held on Monday, May 13th and Monday, May 20th, at 8:30 am. No games are scheduled for Memorial Day Holiday (May 27th).

In the past, we have played the 2nd and 4th Mondays, April/May through September at 8:30 am at the Concord Bocce Courts in Newhall Park, Concord, near the corner of Turtle Creek and Ayers Roads. This year we'll begin using that schedule in June, UNLESS there is interest in playing weekly.

Rain Cancels Play. Ladies are welcome. Come and join us

Hope to see you soon!

Jim Whitsett (925) 689-5493
AFRES056789@gmail.com



Walnut Creekers **Alan Elnick & Bob Burley**
sharing stories

**Legendary
Troubadour
Featured at
SIR Theater
Party on
June 6th**

**Woody
Sez**
the life & music of
WOODY GUTHRIE

The life and music of America's greatest troubadour will make for a memorable evening in the theatre, as SIR 146 sponsors *Woody Sez* on Thursday, June 6 at the Leshar Theater in downtown Walnut Creek in this production by Center REP.

Woody Guthrie greatly enriched America's songbook with such notable foot-stompers as "This Land Is Your Land," "This Train Is Bound for Glory," and "So Long, It's Been Good to Know You." More than forty songs have been woven into this upbeat evening with messages of love, friendship, freedom and equality.

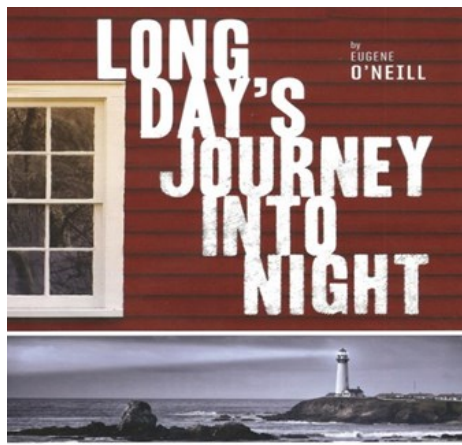
Featuring David Lutken and Darcie Deauville who devised this musical tribute for New York's Irish Theater, the quartet of performers also includes David Finch and Megan Loomis. *Woody Sez* was also a hit at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, and toured throughout Europe, and in China. The New York Times called *Woody Sez* "exhilarating, brisk and polished." Born in Oklahoma in 1912, Guthrie lived a life of turbulence, often reflected in his songs, but he left us with a greatly enriched memoir and songbook.

A limited number of discount seats have been reserved for SIR146 members and friends for the June 6 performance at 8:00 pm. Tickets are \$36 per person, and may be reserved with a check payable to SIR146, and mailed to Gary Schaub, 1400 Canyonwood Ct., #8, Walnut Creek 94595. Deadline for reservations is May 6th.



Tickets for *Woody Sez* will be distributed in the lower lobby of the Leshar Center (1601 Locust Street) on June 6th at 7:00 pm.

Parking is available in the city garage adjacent to Leshar Center.



Joint Theater Party

With SIR Branches 8, 116, 128 & 146

Thursday, September 19th, 7:30 pm.

**The Old Barn Theater, Tao House
at the Eugene O'Neill National
Historic Site in Danville**

Here's an opportunity to see playwright Eugene O'Neill's most notable play in the setting where it was written. Join your friends from SIR Branches 8, 116, 128, and 146 for a memorable evening in the theater.

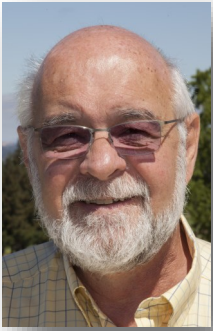
Eugene O'Neill was America's first great playwright, and the only American playwright to be honored with the Nobel Prize for Literature. He lived at Tao House in the hills above Danville from 1937-1944. It was here that O'Neill wrote his greatest and final plays, including *Long Day's Journey into Night*, *The Iceman Cometh*, and *A Moon for the Misbegotten*, among others.

Long Day's Journey is a memorable play about the playwright's family when he was growing up in New London, Connecticut. His father, James O'Neill, was a prominent actor; his mother – a former convent girl addicted to morphine after childbirth; and his carousing brother Jamie. All have dreams, ambitions and secrets that impact younger brother Eugene (named 'Edmund' in the play). *Long Day's Journey into Night* is considered one of America's greatest dramas.

A limited number of reduced price seats have been reserved for SIR members and guests for this special event sponsored by the Eugene O'Neill Foundation.

Reservations at \$35.00 per person are available with a check payable to SIR146 and mailed to Sir Gary Schaub, 1400 Canyonwood Ct., #8, Walnut Creek 94595. Deadline is August 16. *(Please include your SIR Branch Number & e-mail address so we can confirm your reservation.)*

Access to the O'Neill National Historic Site is by National Park Service shuttle departing from the Museum of the San Ramon Valley, 205 Railroad Ave, Danville. *(No private car access.)* Details for shuttles, beginning at 6:00 pm., will be provided to attendees in advance of performance date.



Wine Tasting

Rob Melrose

Once again we had wonderful weather for our Wine Tasting which this month was held at the home of **Peter and Gabriela Bishop**. The weather allowed us to enjoy both their beautiful home and yard. We all had a wonderful time because they are such gracious hosts.

Several new couples joined us and I hope that they will continue to be part of our wine tasting group. In fact, one of the new members, **Jitu Patel**, was one of our wine winners.

We tasted white wines from Germany and red wines from Spain. The red winner was a Black Slate Gratallops Tempranillo that **Jitu** bought at Bevmo. The winning white was a Mozelle Riesling that **Larry Brown** bought at Bevmo.

Our next event is July 24th at the home of **Bob and Wendy Lucido**. As we get closer to the beginning of July, I will be sending out an email with the wines we've selected to sip on as we socialize. This wine tasting is an excuse to get to know other Sirs and their partners. Each couple brings an appetizer to share, a bottle of wine to taste and we have a fun afternoon. If you are not on my email list and would like to join us for an afternoon of wine tasting and socializing, please send me an email.



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

Jitu Patel and Larry Brown each won a bottle of wine for bringing a wine that the group picked as best of the groups



Photo by Jerry Kaplan

Bob Lucido and Richard Hockenbrock comparing stories on wine



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

Gabriela & Peter Bishop are congratulated by **Rob Melrose** for hosting a very successful Wine Tasting Party



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

The Wine Tasting Party moved outside as the tasting results were revealed by **Al Munayer**

Mexican Train Dominoes Groups



Mexican Train Dominoes

Group 1 (UNO)

The Group One players met on April 12th for our fourth Game Night of 2019 at the comfortable Martinez home of **SIR Rob Melrose** and his wife, **Carmen Schiavone**. A very seasonal Easter bunny theme was evident throughout the evening, including delicious Peeps, for everyone and all kinds of Easter candy and treats. We had a full complement of regular players for the game. Everyone at the three tables tried their luck at choosing the winning tiles. As usual, some did better than others!

Our hostess, **Carmen Schiavone**, wife of **SIR Rob Melrose**, came in first place (worth \$20.00) with a very admirable low average score of only 13.6. **Carmen** went out first in four of the nine games she played with two other games having only six and four points left in her hand! **Marie Ascigno**, wife of **SIR Frank**, came in second place with an average score of 18.6 and won \$10.00. Third place worth \$4.00 was won by **SIR Jerry Kaplan** with an average of 20.3.

Lottery scratchers were awarded to the two players who amassed the most points during the evening. **SIR Rob Melrose** and **SIR Frank Ascigno** were each handed a ticket they hoped would pay for a trip to a far off land. No such luck this time.

At an Activity table set up to display Mexican Train Dominoes during the April luncheon meeting, another seven or eight SIRs were interested in the game. I will be contacting these members to see if a new group could be formed. It is an easy game to learn and we will help with the first one or two get together until everyone is comfortable. Single SIRs as well as a SIR and his Significant Other are always welcome.



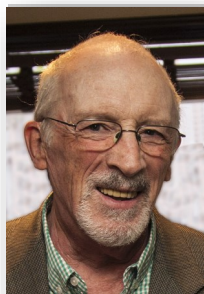
Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

Easter arrived early at the MTD 1 host home of **Rob Melrose** and **Carmen Schiavone**



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

MTD Group 1 April winners **Carmen Schiavone 1st**, **Jerry Kaplan 3rd**, and **Marie Ascigno 2nd**



Mexican Train Dominoes Group 3 (TRES)

Group III enjoyed a nice evening of play at the home of **Lynn and Sally Shafer** on Friday April 26th. **Marie Ascigno** took first place by going out (winning) twice out of 8 games to score an overall average of 12.2. **Sue Oranje**

took 2nd place scoring very close to **Marie** by going out 3 out of 8 games to score an overall average of 13.4. Co-host **Lynn Shafer** took third by going out only once but neatly keeping his scores nice and low to rack up an overall average of 16.1.

I remember having an overall point count of close to 600 a while back thinking that no one would top that score but on Friday evening **Jim Barry**, after receiving some bad tiles achieved a score also in the high 500s. We should receive something for our incredible feats, no?

Mexican Train Dominoes Groups



Mexican Train Dominoes Group 4 (El Quattro)

Jim Pope

The El Quattro Mexican Train group met with the Springtime/Easter theme abounding. We had Easter baskets, colored eggs and bunnies galore adorning the house. Due to travel, illness and conflicts, we had an enthusiastic 10 players competing for California Lottery Tickets. In attendance were **Don and June Seaton, Bill Weinberg and Yvonne Killips, Rich and Kim Pace, Ken and Carol Soult and Jim and Renie Pope.**

The evening play moved quickly with two tables of five players. We completed nine rounds progressing from start of 12's down to 4's by the end of the evening. We had two low score winners with a bunny and an Easter basket with colored eggs in hand; **Kim Pace and Renie Pope.** During the evening **Kim Pace** had a record setting six wins out of nine games to win the low score at her table.

The El Quattro Mexican Train group will meet next month one week earlier on Friday, May 10th, due to schedule conflicts in May.



Photo from Doug Eisner

The Men of MTD 5 (Cinco) L to R : **Chuck Campbell, Dennis Hallett, Jim Burk, Doug Eisner, and Jim Baldrige**



Mexican Train Dominoes Group 5 (CINCO)

Chuck Campbell

This month's "Clash of the Titans" was hosted by **Dennis and Ann Hallett.** Once again the Ladies prevailed and produced the evening's winner namely **Patti Eisner.**

Due to this abnormal and frequent occurrence, the Men have sent the Ladies' Score Card for forensic analysis. If this action fails to identify any abnormality, then the men will continue to lick their wounds and have to step up their game.

However, there is evidence that on this occasion, the serving of Mango Mousse cake during the interval completely disrupted the Men's thought process resulting in a serious strategy breakdown.

Our guest player, **Jim Baldrige,** did hold off a complete sweep by the Ladies by coming in second, with the evening's hostess **Ann Hallett** taking third place.

A fun time was had by all, even the Men !!

*Reported By: **Dennis Hallett***



Photo by Jim Pope

Low Score Winners: Smiling **Kim Pace** and **Renie Pope** with cool Easter stuff and colorful lottery tickets



Photo by Dennis Hallett

The Titans of MTD 5 (Cinco) L to R : **Judy Baldrige; Patti Eisner, Marty Campbell, Ann Hallett, and Anne Burk**

Mexican Train Dominoes Groups



Mexican Train Dominoes Group 6 (SEIS)

John "Moose" Kelly

With **Moose Kelly** and **Mary Schmidt** deep sea diving in some fantastic place halfway around the world, **Richard** and **Sherry Hockenbrock** had the pleasure of hosting MTD Group 6 on a beautiful evening in Walnut Creek. A number of the regulars were absent so a capable group of six substitutes answered the call and made for an exciting gathering of seventeen who enjoyed playing Mexican Train.

Although, and I hear about this concern from other MTD groups, why is it that it seems that the person keeping score always finds a way to win?. Our hostess **Sherry**, at her red table, kept score and took winning to a new level by claiming 1st place and bringing along **Martha Plante** for 2nd place and **Don Dotson** for 3rd place, all from the same table. And no, Bob Lucido looking over Martha's shoulder in the picture below did not win, you can tell by the look on his face.

No one went home hungry on this night either as one of the substitute wives (**Jan Ondeck**) brought delicious home baked Lemon Bars and Sir **Bob West's** wife, **Jane**, brought some home baked chocolate chip oatmeal cookies. Although regulars **Carmen Schiavone** and **Rob Melrose** were unable to attend, they sent candy and Hostess cream cupcakes to us for the game. It was a good night not to be on a diet! Congratulations to all the winners.

Reported by Richard Hockenbrock

Photo by Richard Hockenbrock



MTD Group 6 winners **Sherry Hockenbrock** 1st
Don Dotson 3rd and **Martha Plante** 2nd



Mexican Train Dominoes Group 2 (DOS)

Dick Woodman

First of all, we want to welcome **Bob** and **Wendy Lucido** to our Alternates List. We're glad to have you and I encourage our players to reach out to the **Lucido's** to fill-in.

Dick and **Janice Woodman** hosted the March game night and I believe everyone had a good time. **Janice** did a great job with the goodies.

The competitive play for the evening was capped with **Nancy Pearl's** score of 15.8 winning her \$20. **Ismini MacLean** came in a close second with 16.0 winning her \$10. Third place was won by **Ron Plachy** with 18.5. He will receive \$4. Congratulations to all our winners!

Our next game night was scheduled for April 26th at **Bill** and **Lynette Holly's** at 6:30 pm and will be reported in the June SIR CALL.

An atheist, a Crossfitter, and a vegan walk into a bar.

I know because they told me.

Photo by Richard Hockenbrock



There is always a second chance to win at MTD 6 as **Sally Whitsett** and **Bruce Borgman** hold up their lottery scratcher tickets after recording the highest scores for the night



Cooking II Bob Yolland

Corrie Oranje hosted an excellent lunch on April 8th. He began with a variety of three nice cheeses, sliced salami, large stuffed green olives, mixed nuts and some great air fried spring rolls with a sweet dipping sauce. Of course, we had plenty of wine and conversation to go along with the food. For Lunch **Corrie** fixed an excellent chicken enchiladas accompanied by refried black beans and a special corn salad. The corn salad had many tasty ingredients including fresh corn cut off the cob, avocado slices, peppers and a variety of other things that were truly good. For dessert he created a home made flan with cookies and coffee for those who wished a cup. Thank you **Corrie** for a super meal and an excellent time.

Our next lunch will be Monday May 13th at the **Yollands**.



New RV Activity New Bob Lucido

If you have a motor home, 5th wheel, trailer, or box on wheels, this activity is for you.

As we form the activity, we can hold a meeting to find out how members want to run the program. The Napa SIR 126 has an RV group with the following agenda, which can be used as a guide.

- They schedule trips 2-3 times a year
- Travel 3 to 4 hours to the destination
- Stay from a few days to a week
- Use sites with full hook ups
- Book early to stay together, get discounts, and use of the banquet facilities for large turnouts

This is open to members and significant others.

Contact **Bob Lucido** (925) 899-0974 or
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Photo by Jerry Kaplan

Activity table for Mexican Train Dominoes hosted by **Jerry Kaplan**



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

Bill Danzig, Bill Laws, and Chuck Schreiber enjoying some conversation at the April luncheon



Photo by Bill Schultz

04/19/2019

Men's Duplicate Bridge 3 Winners: Tony Greco 2nd place, Ed Marlovits 1st place, and Jim Brown 3rd place

What did the bald man say when he received a comb for a present?

Thanks — I'll never part with it.



AREA 16 Fishing Report

Paul Dubow

As we prepare for what looks to be a great salmon season, we continue to concentrate on trout fishing in the local reservoirs. San Pablo Reservoir has been the favorite fishing spot. **Larry Kaye**, who just joined both Branch 146 and the fishing club started on an excellent note with a nice catch fishing from shore at San Pablo. **Phil Scimonelli, Bob Poirier, Carl Moyer, and Romano Gnusti** also came home with trout landed at San Pablo. **Chuck Vanoncini** went elsewhere for trout, fly fishing at a private lake, and he caught and released a sizeable number of fish.

We did not neglect the Delta and the results were decent. **Ron Lew, Pete Gates, and Brion Beetz** of Branch 146 caught stripers in the Delta plus a bat ray. **Stan Wong** caught and released several sturgeon and **Mike Corker** and **Tom Kostik** continued their nearly daily forays into the Delta, catching and releasing stripers on each occasion. **Paul Dubow** of Branch 146, along with **Bob Olson, Karl Droese, Joe Miscione, Harry Sherinian, and Jack Waddell** fished for sturgeon on a charter boat. They only landed one sturgeon, caught by **Bob** after a 45 minute struggle, but it was a 55 lb. keeper.

We have a heavy schedule planned for the summer, including more than a half dozen salmon trips on a chartered boat along with our regular ocean excursions in boats owned by members of the club. We also have planned fishing trips to Collins Lake, Lake Almanor, Lake Oroville, and Don Pedro and Pardee Reservoirs. We welcome all members of Branch 146 to join us. If you are interested, please come to our next meeting, which will be on May 23 at the Legend Sports Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek Golf Course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. The meeting begins at 8:30 am, but please join us for breakfast, beginning at 7:30 am.

For further information, please call branch fishing chair **Paul Dubow** at (415) 495-6504.



Book Corner

Peter Plante

The Book Corner will be open for the May Ladies Day Luncheon.

Come on by before and after our delicious meal and take home your favorite authors. We have a wide range of fiction and non-fiction to select from.



SIR 146 Hiking

Rich Ahlf

Round Valley Regional Preserve
East Bay Regional Park

May 17th, we will be hiking in the Round Valley Regional Preserve along Marsh Creek in East County.

Driving directions: Proceed on Ygnacio Valley Road to Clayton Road in Concord, turn right (east) and go on Clayton Road until it becomes Marsh Creek Road. Follow Marsh Creek Road past Deer Valley Road until reaching the Round Valley Preserve staging area.

Dogs are **not** allowed on this hike
Spouses / Significant Other — Always Welcome
Hike starts at 10:00 am & Rain Cancels

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New branch member **Larry Kaye** displays a fine rainbow trout that he caught at San Pablo Reservoir

What did the big flower say to the little flower?
Hi, bud!



Men's Duplicate Bridge 1 Doug Eisner

Bill Rees hosted 3 tables of duplicate bridge on April 15th. **Ray Spears**, who recently returned to bridge, took top honors during the morning session with 16.0 pts. **Ray** was followed closely by **Dave Pierce's** 15.0 pts and a little further back was **Doug Eisner's** 13.5 pts. However, the afternoon session was not kind to **Ray** or **Doug** as each fell completely out of the money. At the end of the day, the final tally showed **Dave Pierce** in a near run-away with 33.5 pts, well ahead of **Tony Greco's** 28.0 pts and **Rich Ahlf's** 27.5 pts.
Dave Steinberg will host our May 20th game.



Men's Duplicate Bridge 2 Bill Schultz

Sir 146 duplicate bridge was hosted by **Bill Schultz** in Oakland today. Guest **Jim Pope** set the standard in the first half with 15 points, a 63% game. **Max Hinkle** was second with 14.5 points and **Tony Greco** third with 14 points. It was a tight game with only 1.5 points separating the top five players.

In the second half **Tony** and **Mike Whitaker** tied for first with 14.5 points and **Max** was third with 13.5 points. In the end it was **Tony** winning with 28.5 points (a 60% game), **Max** in second with 28 points and another guest, **Joe Fuchs**, third with 26.5 points.

For the day **Max** had eight 2's and **Brad Hatcher** had only two 0's. **Ed Marlovits** was the comeback kid improving his second half score over the first half by 4.5 points. There were no perfect six point partnerships but **Max** and **Tony** scored 5.5 points on boards 1-3 and **Max** and **Ed** scored 5 points on boards 16-18.

Next game will be hosted by **Brad Hatcher** on Friday, May 3rd.



Photo by Bill Schultz

Duplicate Bridge 1 Winners: **Rich Ahlf** 3rd place,
Dave Pierce 1nd place, **Tony Greco** 2st place



Men's Duplicate Bridge 3 Sid Landman

Jim Brown successfully hosted Duplicate Bridge Group III in his new "home" today. Thanks to **Ray Spears** and **Steve Dinning** for filling in at the last minute.

In the morning session **Ed Marlovits** scored 16 points (67% game) for the lead. **Tony Greco** and **Ray Spears** were second and third. There were only 2 points separating the first four places. **Tony** had seven 2's and **Ray** had no 0's.

In the afternoon, **Ray Bland** made a valiant comeback scoring 17.5 points (73% game improving his first half score by 9 points) in first place followed by **Jim Brown** and **Ed**. **Ray Bland** had six 2's and **Ed** had no 0's. However, in the end it was **Ed** winning it all with a 63%



Photo by Bill Schultz

04/05/2019

Duplicate Bridge 2 Winners: **Joe Fuchs** 3rd place,
Max Hinkle 2nd place, **Tony Greco** 1st place

game. **Tony** was second and our host, **Jim Brown** was third. There was only one perfect partnership today. **Tony** and **Ed** scored 6 on boards 7 thru 9. **Jim Pope** and **Jim Brown** scored 5.5 on boards 22 thru 24.

Next game will be hosted by **Tony Greco** on Friday May 17th.

Reported ed by Bill Schultz



Couples Duplicate Bridge 1 Bob Yolland

Couples Duplicate 1 held its April game at the **Yolland's** on a nice warm Wednesday evening, April 17th. **Janet** put out a very nice array of snacks and cookies to munch on and **Bob** served some nice wine and soft drinks. We greatly appreciate the subs who participated and hope they will join us again. For the bridge, **Bob** and **Janet Yolland** placed third with 18 1/2 points. **John** and **Kathy Kluesener** were second with 22 1/2 points and **Rich Ahlf** and **Ismini Maclean** blew all of us away in first place with 27 1/2 points. Congratulations to all the winners.

Our next game is Wednesday May 15th hosted by **Rich Ahlf** and **Ismini Maclean**.



Couples Party Bridge Tony Greco

Tony & Cindy Greco hosted our April 2nd event. All the regulars participated in this event. Wines and snacks were available for the taking. The most popular snacks were the jalapeño & artichoke dip, the mini quiches and the popcorn drizzled with chocolate. For dessert, **Cindy Greco** served a warm Hot Fudge Sundae Cake with vanilla ice cream. Apologies go to those who gave up chocolate for Lent.

Tony & Cindy Greco were fortunate to get good cards most of the evening and were successful in taking full advantage of them with precise bidding and good playing. They played offense on eleven hands, making ten of them. On defense, they played nine hands, setting the opponents in six of them. **Cindy** says this is TMI, but **Tony** says **Cindy** played her best ever and deserves the recognition. Needless to say, **Tony & Cindy Greco** ran away from the competition.

Our top three finishers are as follows:

1st PLACE with 4740 points – **Tony & Cindy Greco**

2nd PLACE with 2820 points – **Brad & Lynn Hatcher**

3rd PLACE with 1860 points – **Jerry & Christine Benoit**

Next month's event will be held on May 7th and hosted by **Jerry & Christine Benoit**. I'm pleased to announce the recent addition of **Brian & Mary McCarthy** to our sub list. Welcome!



Couples Duplicate Bridge 2 Dave Pierce

On a mild spring evening, **Brad** and **Lynne Hatcher** were our gracious hosts. We especially want to thank three couples who subbed and made the evening possible: **Rich Ahlf** and **Ismini MacLean**, **Jerry** and **Chris Benoit**, and **Bob** and **Janet Yolland** (last minute heroes). We couldn't have done it without you, and it was great to visit with those of you we hadn't seen in a while. However, at the end of the evening **Brad** and **Lynne** were third (53%), **Tony** and **Cindy Greco** were second (54%), and **Dave** and **Joan Pierce** were first (62%). Congratulations to **Tony** and **Cindy** for bidding and making the only slam.

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Party Bridge Byron Nelson

Jim Pope hosted 4 tables of party bridge today. Please see the two photos on the next page to see who attended and who were the winners.

Doug Eisner garnered first place, in second place was **Bill Snyder**, third place went to **Bob Yolland**, and fourth place to **Rich Ahlf**.

Can a kangaroo jump higher than the Empire State Building?

Of course! The Empire State Building can't jump.

What's the difference between a hippo and a Zippo?

One is really heavy, and the other is a little lighter.



Photo by Bill Schultz

Party bridge players enjoying their lunch and dessert in Jim Popes back patio are (L-R): **Ray Spears, Steve Dinning, Fred Bolton, Bill Snyder, Jim Pope (host), Bob Yolland, Doug Eisner, Jim Stedman,** and back facing **Joe Fuchs**



Photo by Bill Schultz

Party Bridge Winners: **Doug Eisner** 1st place, **Bill Snyder** 2nd place, **Bob Yolland** 3rd, and **Rich Ahlf** in 4th place



Photo by Bob West

Hearts Players: **Ron Polivka, Joe Fuchs, and Ray Spears** with the overall low score card,



Hearts

Bob West

We meet on the third Thursday of each month at Rocco's Italian Restaurant, located at 2909 Ygnacio Valley Rd. in Walnut Creek. We play from 1-3 pm with an optional lunch at noon. This is a Men's SIR 146 function with new

members welcome.

At our April 18th meeting we played in two groups. For group 1, Sir **Ray Bland** was the winner, which came about as he ran the last hand and ended with a score of 66. For group 2, Sir **Joe Fuchs** came in first and had the lowest score of both tables at 56. Joe was holding off another new member Sir **Ray Spears**, until **Ray** took a few for the team by stopping **Joe** from running, or at least that is his claim. It was true in at least one instance. Alternatively, with a couple others, it was perhaps his dealing of the hold hands, where he clearly dealt himself a few bad hands.

Several of our regulars were on vacation, but we had five new players this week thanks to the Activity Chair's hearts table at the last luncheon. Two of those had not played in 40 and 50 years, but you would not have known from their play. Sir **Ray Bland**, having won, was one of the new players and he was the only one in both groups to "shoot the moon", by taking all points.

In other news, for once, Sir **Rich Lyon** did not win. He had won two of the last 3 meetings. As it turns out, **Rich** had just sponsored Sir **Bob Finlayson**, who we were hoping would unseat **Rich** as hearts wizard. Perhaps he contributed to **Rich's** dethroning as he was in his group, but **Bob** had to leave early, otherwise he was in the lead until Sir **Ray Bland** ran the table in the next hand.

Hearts is a game of constantly changing challenges whether playing against someone experienced or new, each hand can be very dynamic. Most of us had not played in a long time but still fondly remembered the game. If you want to get back into it, please join us.

If you are interested or have any questions, please contact me at (925) 518-8472 or robertwest@aol.com.

If you ever get cold, stand in the corner of a room for a while.

They're usually 90 degrees.



Poker Group 1

Dan O'Sullivan

Poker Group 1 met April 10th at the home of **Rich Hanford**. As always a good time was had by all. **Bill Cammerer** brought a guest who had a good time playing all our crazy games. Our next outing will be on May 8th at the home of **Frank McNamee**.



Old Money Poker Group 6

Brad Hatcher

Unfortunately, we were unable to play in April. Our host's wife became ill just before the day we were to play. The short notice of her illness precluded us from moving the game, and being cautious of health of the players, we cancelled the game. Hopefully the May game will go forward on the usual first Thursday of the month.

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Poker Group 2

Al Zamolo

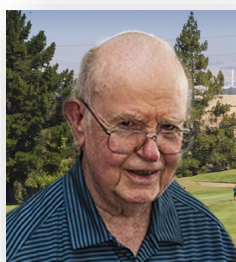
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Poker Club 3

Sig Kalteis

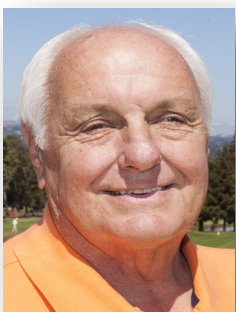
*Poker Club 3 meets on the fourth Monday of the month. We usually play at my house. Contact **Sig Kalteis** if you would like to be on the list as a substitute.*



Poker Group 4

Rich Hanford

Poker Group 4 meets on the fourth Monday of the month at homes of the various members.



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.*



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. 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 from 1:00 - 2:30 pm on Tuesday and Thursday. The cost of 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 the 1 1/2 hours 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 is the maximum for each instruction session).

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

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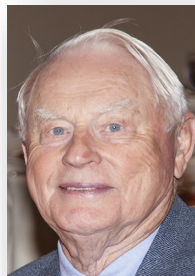
Ed Marlovits

Our annual golf meeting and shotgun start event on April 23rd was well attended on a great day for golf. Unfortunately, it coincided with the opening of the renovated Grill so we did not have much opportunity to visit Kathy after golf. The scramble part of this year's event served as a qualifier for the state team championship and results will be forthcoming.

Bill Laws invited a NCGA rules official to speak at the meeting and he made an excellent presentation on a number of key new rules. He finished by discussing how to handle the "penalty areas" on Boundary Oak's #11 and #9.

We had the first of four inter-branch events at Franklin Canyon on April 25th. Only nine Branch 146 golfers played and participated as part of 3-1/2 two man scramble teams who competed in a match play against Branch 8 and one Branch 146 team that competed against Branch 19. This was a fun event at a course that is very different from Boundary Oak. Some of us enjoyed watching PG&E linemen being lowered by helicopter to work on transmission towers more than the golf, but perhaps that had something to do with lost balls. The next event will be in mid-May and our branch could use a bit more participation. Look for notices on the next event.

Branch 146 participation at the Discovery Bay invitational was impressive. Fifteen Branch golfers participated and six took home some prize money — including **Mike Wallace** who took first place and **Mark Curtis** who took third.



Nine Hole Golf Group

Verner Laursen

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

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

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GOLF



Table Pool

Bill Weinberg



We meet every Monday at 11:00 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 16 are welcome.



Photo by Bill Schultz

SIR Golfers who played at Yocha Dehe Golf Course at Cache Creek are L to R: **Ray Spears, Ed Brands, Joe Fuchs, Alan Elnick, George Mon, Gary Brown, Bill Schultz, Bob Lucido, Dan Holland, Ed Marlovits, Malcolm Harrison, and Rick Morgan**

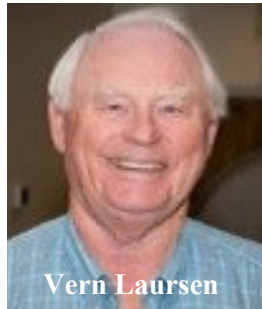


Photo by Bill Schultz

Bill Schultz and Mike Whitaker beat their opponents from Branch 8 winning 3 and 2 in the Area Scramble Match play tournament at Franklin Canyon

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.

Area 2 \$ums Investment Group

\$UMS in Retirement meets again on Wednesday, May 22nd at 8:00 am at the Legends Restaurant at the Diablo Creek Golf Course on Port Chicago Highway, Concord, just north of Hwy 4.

Our speaker will be announced later. Stay tuned. The Legends opens at 7:00 am. Come early and have a leisurely breakfast with your colleagues prior to the meeting. Ladies are welcome.

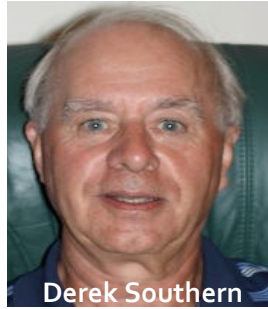
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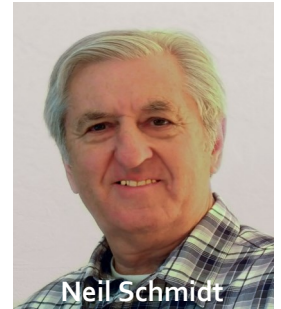
Apparently you can't use "beef stew" as a password.

It's not stroganoff.

Computers and Technology



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The next meeting of the SIR Area 16 Computer and Technology Group will be at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge (1475 Creekside Dr., WC) on Thursday, May 16th, starting at 9:30 am. SIR members from all branches and their guests, including spouses, are welcome and invited to attend. Plan to come a little early for coffee, goodies and to chat.

The presentation topic for the May meeting will be "What to Do with Your Photos" by **Nick Bowles**. **Nick** will be discussing ideas for organizing your photos, editing them, creating slideshows and albums, making movies, etc. He will also demonstrate how he shares his photo projects with not only friends and relatives, but with others.

This presentation will be, and past presentations are available, on the CAT Web page (a2cat.sirinc2.org). Note that we ask for a \$5 donation to cover the cost of the hall rental, coffee and cookies. We look forward to seeing you on May 16th.



All SIR golfers get a briefing before teeing off in the Area Scramble Match Play tournament at Franklin Canyon

SIR 146 Activities Calendar

To add new or one time special events for the calendar, contact Bill Holly

2018 Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec 2020

May 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
29	30	May 1	2	3
8:30 AM Bocce Ball 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM Table Pool at Masses	9:00 AM Golf 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Pickleball (MTWThF) San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Pickleball (MTWThF) San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church	10:00 AM Bowling 1:30 PM Song Sirs 1st	Mediterranean Cruise Athens to Rome	
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10:00 AM Party Bridge 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM Table Pool at Masses 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Mac User Group (MUG)	9:00 AM Golf 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Pickleball (MTWThF) San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Pickleball (MTWThF) San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church 7:00 PM Couples Party Bridge	10:00 AM Bowling 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM Poker Group #6 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Pinochle Rocco's Italian Restaurant 1:00 PM Poker Group #1 4:15 PM Poker #5	10:30 AM - 11:45 AM Book Corner at LDI 11:45 AM - 1:30 PM LADIES DAY LUNCHEON	10:00 AM Hiking Moderate 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM Chess Pleasant Hill Senior Center 6:45 PM - 10:00 PM Mexican Train Dominoes Group 1 (UNO)
13	14	15	16	17
Mediterranean Cruise Athens to Rome	9:00 AM Golf 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Pickleball (MTWThF) San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Pickleball (MTWThF) San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church 7:00 PM Couples Duplicate Bridge 2	10:00 AM Bowling 11:00 AM Cooking Lunch and Wine (LAW) 1:30 PM Song Sirs 2nd 7:00 PM Bridge - Couples	9:30 AM - 11:30 AM Computers And Technology (CAT) 9:30 AM NINE HOLE GOLF-2 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM Tres Gourmet 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Hearts Rocco's Italian Restaurant 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM Mexican Train Dominoes Group 5 (Cinco)	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Men's Duplicate Bridge 3 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM Mexican Train Dominoes - El Quattro
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Machu Picchu & Galapagos Peruvian Amazon Pre-Trip				
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