

Big Sir's Notes

Jim Burk

Alternate Luncheon Site Selection Committee... As referenced in my opening remarks at our September Luncheon Meeting, **Bill Holly** and his committee of **Bob Burley** and **Bob Johnston** have submitted their findings and a recommendation.



Armed with the information that the City of Walnut Creek has advised us they will not be doing any remodeling or construction at Boundary Oak until November of 2014 or January 2015, at the earliest, **Bill** and his team recommend that Branch 146 negotiate a one year contact at The Clubhouse at Boundary Oak for 2013, and reevaluate the situation in July of 2013. That recommendation was accepted by the Branch Executive Committee on September 13, and Big Sir Elect **Terry Marchione**, Little Sir Elect **Doug Eisner**, and I met with the Boundary Oak General Manager, Brian Dutler and the Director, Food and Beverage, Jeff Vocelka on September 14 for that purpose. We will keep the BEC and the membership informed of the results of our discussions when we have something specific to report.

Branch Guest Goals for 2012... To those who have sponsored Guests for membership, a most sincere thank you for your efforts. As of the end of September, we are within 12 guests of meeting this year's goal of 54. We still have two regular Luncheon Meetings left to accomplish this goal and I would appreciate your giving serious consideration to inviting a guest for either October or November's luncheon meeting.

Annual Survey of Branch Satisfaction... If you have not already submitted your Branch Satisfaction survey for 2012, there is still time to do so. We have extended the due date for the survey one week to Friday, October 5. If you have any questions about how best to submit your survey, contact **Ben Gleason**, our Member Relations Chair for his assistance email bgleason@sbcglobal.net or telephone: (925) 932-2729.

October Luncheon Speaker

Jay B. Gaskill, veteran criminal defense attorney and former Alameda County Public Defender

Little Sir's Corner

Terry Marchione

Thanks to all of you who offered positive feedback on our September speaker, Jim Barnett. Not only was Jim an excellent speaker and story teller, he is also a genuinely nice guy.

Our October speaker, Jay B. Gaskill, is a veteran criminal defense attorney who has served as the 7th Alameda County Public Defender – a position he retired from 12 years ago. Over those earlier years, Gaskill had face-to-face, confidential contact with several thousand criminals. Since leaving what he now calls his “life of crime”, Jay Gaskill has written, spoken and blogged extensively about crime, criminals and notorious cases. His expert commentary on the OJ Simpson case, the Scott Peterson Case and others attracted wide audiences on the web. In the Lafayette Hans Reiser case, the 2008 murder of a computer guru's wife, was tried before her body was found. Gaskill appeared on CBS 48 Hours as a commentator. This will be his third local talk to SIR groups about his favorite topic, “Thugs and The Criminal Mind”.





Luncheon Attendance

Bob Mehus

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

Please email nolunchbranch146@gmail.com or call **Bob Mehus** at 510-549-2221 by Friday noon prior to the luncheon if, for any reason, you are unable to attend. [the noon deadline has to be rigidly enforced as that’s the limit that the restaurant puts on us]. If no one answers, leave your name, badge number, phone number and a short message. Please be sure you call.

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

A member who misses three (3) consecutive meetings without notifying the attendance chairman, giving a valid reason, or attends less than five (5) meetings/luncheons within the last twelve (12) months, excluding May and December (ladies day luncheons), may be notified in writing of the pending termination of his membership.

Sir bringing a Guest:

Please call by Friday noon prior to the luncheon leaving your name, badge number and your guest’s name. If you require a vegetarian meal or any special meal, please call and make a request. Your request will remain in effect until you cancel it through the luncheon chairman. If for medical reasons you cannot eat lunch, please notify me and your request will remain in effect until you cancel it through your luncheon chairman.

New members and/or sponsors:

There will be a dedicated luncheon table set for any new members and their sponsors who would

like to sit together to share their conversations as new members of SIR146. It is voluntary, so please do not feel obligated as a new member to sit at this table.



September speaker Jim Barnett, announcer of the Golden State Warriors



Editor Change

Beginning with this October issue, there will be a new SIR Call editor -that’s me, **Jeff Baily**. I’d like to thank the outgoing editor, **Rich Ahlf**. He’s done a superb job and for quite a long period of time. Having been at the reins of this

horse before, I know how much time and effort is involved. Thanks **Rich** and congratulations on a job well done.

Also a tip of the hat to all the previous editors, namely **Ernie Figueira, John Fontenrose, Don Nunn, Don Martin** popularly known as “Eddie Tor”, yours truly in my first stint, then **Pete Gates** and of course **Rich Ahlf**.

While I have your attention, let’s see if we can get a little branch input into changes, if any, that you’d like to see in the newsletter...

More pictures? (That’s always a top priority). Got a camera that you could take pictures of your group such as golf or poker doing their thing? Wouldn’t it be cool if we could have a number of members taking pix at different activities? Really juice up the Call! Go take the pix and we’ll talk about how you get them from your camera into the SIR Call later. Every picture used will have a notation of credit displayed.

Couples Duplicate Bridge

Lo McCarley

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

Eight couples had a great time playing duplicate bridge on September 19th at **Jim and Allison Todhunter's** home. The group thanked **Daphne Merritt** for filling in for **Vince Rettew** and also thanked **Bob Yolland** for scoring the bridge. As for the bridge results, **Margot Somerville** and **Daphne Merritt** took first place with 41 points and **Lynn and Dasha Freeman** came in second with 39 points. **Lo and Sue McCarley** took third with 37 points and **Bob and Janet Yolland** came in fourth place with 31 points. **Bill and Margaret Rees** will host the next couples duplicate bridge on October 17th.



Party Bridge

Fred Bolton

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

We played three tables of bridge at the home of **Fred Bolton** on Sept. 3. First prize went to **Lynn Freeman** with an outstanding 7050 points. Second place went to **Bob Donahue** with 4700 points, and third to **Bob Yolland** with 4350. Our next game will be at the home of **Bob Burley** on Sept. 1.

Couples Party Bridge

Dave Pierce

932-3877

Doug and Patti Eisner (just back from the road) hosted two tables on Sept. 4th. A good time was had by all, especially **Terry and Sharon Marchione**

who walked away with 3110 points for first place. The **Eisners** took second place with 2870 points. The rest of us will know who to look out for in October.



Explore and Dine

John Pearl

On September 27th a small group of us traveled across the bay and had a tour of the historic Fairmont Hotel on Nob Hill. These tours were started recently, and are guided by members of San

Francisco City Guides, people who have educated themselves well about the areas in which they lead tours. Explore and Dine had a similar event in the past when we toured the Palace Hotel. Lunch for this event followed in the Laurel Court, the Fairmont's main restaurant and bar.

A vulture boards an airplane carrying 2 dead raccoons. The stewardess looks at him and says "I'm sorry. Only one carrion allowed per passenger".

Couples Duplicate Bridge 2

Jim Adams

Joe Barry, longtime chairman of our Couples Duplicate Bridge 2 Group, has passed the baton for this coveted position to **Jim Adams**. Thanks, **Joe**, for serving the group wisely and well during your tenure!

New chairman **Jim** and **Ruth** kindly hosted the September event, which had the closest range of scores ever - or at least for as long as could be easily remembered... Only 4.5 points separated the first 5 teams! **Dave/Joan Pierce** won 1st place, **Lynn/Dasha Freeman** took 2nd, and **Ken/Elaine Richter** slipped into 3rd.

Heard among one of the losing teams: "If you were me how would you have played that last hand?"
"Under an assumed name."





GOLF

Ray Weisz

Golf is one of our most popular activities with over 100 registered golfers. We are fortunate to have a large assortment of venues

and formats:

We play Tuesdays at Boundary Oak. Players are randomly paired and starting tee times are posted on our web site, www.sir146.com. In addition to regular stroke play, we have many Tuesday tournaments specifically set up for our players. There is a 9-holes group that plays at Diablo Hills. They play every Thursday except the second Thursday of the month, which is the luncheon date.

For those with golf playing partners, there is Couples Golf offered on the 4th Wednesday of the month, April through October.

Like playing other courses? On the first Thursday of each month (From May through October) we offer Away Golf.

Do you enjoy competing against other SIR players from different branches? We have several different formats throughout the year. Since we have so much going on, we have found it necessary to publish a weekly Golf Email (GEM) outlining upcoming events and results from past events. All of our golfers should be receiving GEM's. If you'd like to be added to the distribution list (non golfers are welcome too), please let us know by Emailing your request to sir146golf@gmail.com

Two silkworms had a race. They ended up in a tie.

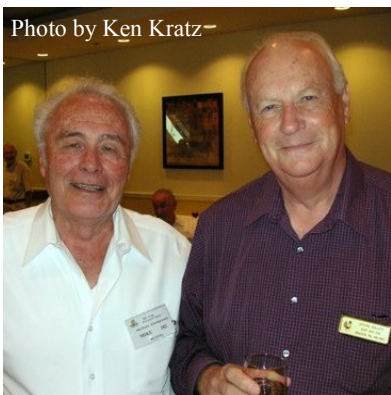


Photo by Ken Kratz-

Two Bechtel retirees **Mike Stephenson** and **Dennis Hallett** relaxing after recalling the many characters they met during their visits to the Middle East.



Photo by Ken Kratz

Front L to R, **Gary Parkhurst** and **Rich Fiscina** being introduced by their sponsor, Branch Executive Committee member **Bill Hoban**.

New Luncheon Activity

Dave Obera

“Old time sing-a-long” at the piano during the social hour at the November luncheon. **Dave** has the music sheets. You're invited to join in.

The SIR Call newsletter, always first to report breaking news, was on the ball when a dwarf fortune-teller escaped from a local prison. Our headline read (are you ready for this?) Small medium at large.



Now is your last chance to put in perennials and winter vegetables while the soil is still warm. For Spring color, plant some pansies and Icelandic poppies and buy some bulbs and put them in the refrigerator for a month. Cut back on your water as the days get shorter and give your lawn a complete fertilizer composed of nitrogen, phosphorous and potassium. Get out, work the soil and enjoy this great weather we have in the Bay Area.



THE CLUBHOUSE

AT BOUNDARY OAK

SIRS 146 Luncheon

October 11, 2012

Salad

Orzo Pasta Salad

Artichoke Hearts, Grilled Squash and Sautéed Mushrooms

Entrees

Classic Sauerbraten

Buttered Noodles with Caraway and Purple Cabbage with Raisins

Or

Pan Seared Farm Raised Salmon

Corn Coulis with Lemon

Rice Pilaf & Braised Leeks

Dessert

Chef's Choice

Cooking II

Bob Yolland

Thank you **Ken Richter** for a super Cooking II lunch on the second Monday Sept 9. We started out with a very nice smoked salmon pate, followed by a great taco salad made up of many different ingredients. Our finishing course was **Ken's** signature whip, which goes down very easily. Of course we tested a variety of very good wines including a bottle of the Sauvignon Blanc that our group bottled a year ago. This all happened on a very nice day in **Ken and Elaine's** beautiful back yard. Although he couldn't make it this month, Cooking II would like to welcome **Bruce Borgman** as a new member of our group. He joins **Bill Cammerer, John Demos, Corrie Oranje, Don Nunn, Ken Richter, Bill Roberts** and **Bob Yolland**. Our next lunch will be hosted by **Bill Roberts** on October 8th.



No matter how hard you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.



World War II pilot **Chuck Bates** and **Bob Bogardus** discussing **Chuck's** recent private plane trip back from Maine where the pilot would not do a loop even though he knew **Chuck** was a pilot!
Chuck, you may be the exception to that old adage that there are old pilots and there are bold pilots but there are no old bold pilots. Editor



Wine Tasting

Bill Holly


Spouses and significant others are always invited to attend.

Our next wine tasting will be on Wednesday, October 24th from 2:30pm to 5:00pm at the home of

Garth and Shirley Cummings at 1551 Harlan Dr., Danville, CA 94526-5347.

Directions: Take Highway 680 South toward San Jose. Take exit 38 and merge onto Sycamore Valley Rd. Turn right onto Camino Ramon and parallel the freeway. Turn left onto Greenbrook Drive. Turn right onto Harlan Drive and go to 1551 Harlan Drive at the intersection with Mont Blanc Ct.

 Red wine-Cabernet Sauvignon, or Pinot Noir, or Syrah, or Zinfandel from Napa County.

 White wine-Chardonnay, or Pinot Gris, or Sauvignon Blanc, or Viognier from Napa County.

Please bring a single bottle of either a red or a white varietal (under \$20) in a brown paper bag. Put information about the wine on a piece of paper inside the bag. Please bring an appetizer to share. Please RSVP to **Bill Holly** before October 17th either by telephone (925) 691-5337 or by email at bill.holly@comcast.net

Poker Club 4

Chuck Bobinecz

Poker Club 4 will meet on Sept. 24th and be hosted by Sir **Chuck Bobinecz**.

At our last session, Sir **Pete Gates** had to break into the green to stay in the game but ended up on the plus side.

You know you are a poker pro if you know these terms: muck, nuts, flop, limp, rainbow, river, string bet, etc. Fortunately I don't think Poker Club 4 players know all of them.



Poker Club 1

Frank McNamee



Poker Club 1 met on Wednesday, September 12th at the home of **Frank McNamee** and he set an example for the other members of Poker Club 1 of how a good host performs. He lost almost all of his buy-in money. The big winners were guest, **Al Zomolo** followed by **Don Martin** and **Bob White**. We will see if **Bob** learned his lesson on how to lose gracefully as the next challenge will be on October 10th at his residence.

She was only a whiskey maker but he loved her still.

Poker Club 2

Al Zamolo



We met on Monday Sep.24. Our meeting was filled with a great deal of bantering and frivolity which made for a lot of fun. During all this fun **Jim Brown** was the big winner followed by **Ron**

Binder. **Al Zamolo** and **Ken Kratz** were the contributors. Our next session will be at **Ken Kratz's** on Mon. Oct. 26.

Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other, "You stay here, I'll go on a head".

Poker Club 3

Siegfried Kalteis



We had our regular poker game on Monday, Sept. 24. **Bill Baltazore**, **Jim Meehan**, **Ron Plachy**, **Jim Passaglia** and I were in attendance. **Bob Lyman** and **Reggie Fromm** graciously filled in for our MIA regulars.

There were no big winners this time and that was not for want of trying. But a good time was had by all, and that's what's important.

Duplicate Bridge

Doug Eisner

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

We played 4 tables of duplicate bridge at **Bill Rees'** home on Sept 17. **Lynn**

Freeman blew away all pretenders and took the first place prize with a score of 44.5 pt and **Bill Snyder** was a close second with 43.5 pt. Third place was captured by **George Zurich** with a score of 41.0 pt while **Rich Ahlf** and **Jim Jackson** tied for fourth place with scores of 40.5 pt. Our next game will be held at **Bob Donahue's** home on Oct 15.



Bowling

Larry Mitchell

The short summer league was completed on Wednesday August 29, 2012. In first place was the "Strike or Else" trio of bowlers, none of whom are in Branch 146.

In second place was "Priests Alter Boys", again no one from our branch.

Several of our bowlers did, however, distinguish themselves as follows: **Ken Donnelly** was the most improved bowler with an 18.7 improvement since the start of the league, **Pierre Mebane** improved 12.1 pins and he also bowled the second highest handicap series of 725 pins.

Duplicate Bridge 2

Dick DeVoe

Our latest 2-table event was ably hosted on Sept. 24 by

Carl Johnson. Max Hinkle made his stunning debut with the group by taking top honors. **Fred Kovar** was close behind in

2nd place, and it was announced that **Dick DeVoe** was 3rd. Oops! Not so fast. A closer look at the scores post-event found that **Bob Donahue** was the 3rd place winner...



Please say this didn't happen: "I know we agreed to lead Ace from Ace/King. Sorry, my fault. I promise to have the King next time".



Ken Donnelly

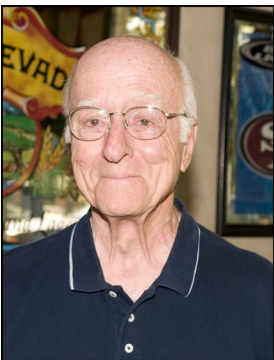


Pierre Mebane

The regular winter league will start on September 5, 2012. There will be a meeting at 9:30 AM, followed by bowling at 10:00 AM. At the end of the meeting any incomplete teams will be filled in and any new teams will be entered.

This will be an excellent time for anyone interested in bowling to come to Diablo Lanes at 1500 Monument Blvd. and join us. I guarantee anyone wishing to bowl will be placed on a team.

I wondered why the baseball kept on getting bigger. Then it hit me...



Bocce Ball

Martin Lyle

2nd and 4th Mondays at 8:30am., May through October, at Concord Bocce Courts in Newhall Park, Concord, near the corner of Turtle Creek and Ayers Roads.

The time has come to announce the last month for Bocce Ball in 2012 will be October. Come and join us for a little exercise and a lot of fun. Ladies welcome. Rain cancels play.



Travel Opportunities

Bob Spellman

Oct 26 - Nov 11, 2012... Canada & New England aboard NCL Norwegian Dawn. Beautiful scenery is always on display when cruising down the east coast

during the peak weeks of autumn. Along the way visit an exciting array of east coast ports including Quebec City, Portland, Boston, New York, Key West and Tampa. Package price includes RT airfare, transfers, driver and stevedore tips, gov't fees, and taxes, all meals. Prices start at \$2335 to \$3475. Contact **Jim Lunn**, Branch 8 @ 925-551-3329 for more information.

Dec 5, 2012: Christmas Show Extravaganza. This extravaganza features Joni Morris and the After Midnight Band. Joni will de-light you with songs of the season that will put you in the holiday mood. This Holiday Performance would even make the "Grinch" smile. Come and enjoy a delicious luncheon and a fabulous show. Price is \$97 and includes round trip transportation, Christmas Show and hosted lunch. Contact **Ken Richter**, 689-6217.

Apr 14-22, 2013: Tulip Time Cruise. Discover the beauty & history of the Dutch and Belgium waterways in springtime. Cruise ports include Amsterdam, Arnhem, Antwerp, Bruges, Middelburg, and Rotterdam. Prices range from \$3225 to \$5080 and include airfare, complimentary beverages, many guided tours, tips and gratuities. Contact **Jim Lunn**, Branch 8, 925-551-3329 for more information.

Jun 1-9, 2013: Memphis Blues to the New Orleans Jazz on the American Queen. A 7 night cruise on board the American Queen down the Mississippi with a pre-cruise stay in Memphis and a optional 2 day post trip in New Orleans. Cruise features RT motor coach to airport, RT airfare, all meals, including wine and beer with dinner, daily lectures, nightly entertainment, shore tours, port charges, transfers, and baggage handling. Prices start at \$3658 to \$6486 depending on accommodations. Contact **Bob Spellman**, 934-8428.

Aug 28-Sep 7, 2013: SIR 55th Anniversary Alaska Golden Age Cruise. Save the date for a celebration! We will leave out of San Francisco and visit the ports

of Juneau, Skagway, Tracy Arm Fjord, Ketchikan, Victoria and return to San Francisco on the Grand Princess. Prices are from \$1579 to \$3300 depending on accommodations and includes gratuities on the ship, ship board credit, cocktail party, hospitality suite, transportation by motor coach to and from the pier, wine, gifts and an Alaska salmon bake excursion. Contact **Bob Spellman**, 934-8428.

Mac User Group (MUG)



Jeff Baily



Max Burchett



Verner Laursen

After a 2-month hiatus during July and August, the SIR Mac User Group (SIR MUG) met Monday September 13th, the second Monday of the month, for its regular monthly meeting. The topics discussed included: 1) the normal question and answer period, 2) a discussion on how to protect your Mac computer against the current "in-the-wild" Java and Flash vulnerabilities and "phishing attacks" in general, and finally, 3) a blow-by-blow description of **Verner Laursen's** recent hard drive crash and recovery, and how to prepare for and protect your Mac against such a major event.

Regular meetings are held from 3 to 5 pm on the second Monday of every month at the Ygnacio Valley Library on Oak Grove Road in Walnut Creek. The meetings generally start with a Q&A period, followed by a short session on Mac basics and discussions on other topics of current interest. Next month we will cover the various ways you can store data in the Cloud.

I thought I saw an eye doctor in Alaska but he turned out to be an optical Aleutian.

Non-Responsibility Declaration

Rule 345:All activities arranged for or by Sons in Retirement Inc. and its branches are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate. Sons In Retirement Inc. and its branches do not assume any responsibility for the well being or safety of the participants or their property, in any matters pertaining to said activities.

Happy Birthday

October, 2012

Birthday

Jack Calloway	3
Joe Hunt	5
Roy Luoma	5
Skip Thomas	7
Bob Wheaton	11
Mike Cavallo	12
Chuck Bates	13
Bob Darius	14
Bill Weinberg	16
George Bjornsen	18
Bob Yolland	18
Phil Lendaris	21
Bruce Benzler	23
Don Martin	23
Ted Coggiola	24
Chuck Hammond	24
Loui Nemeth	25
Roger Thornton	25
Baha Zarah	26
Rod Sharretts	27
Dennis Dale	30

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Photo by Ken Kratz

Joe Hunt, returning member from Sweden **Guy Rudberg** and **Dale Haukland** relaxing after some serious problem-solving about worldly affairs.

Cribbage

John Pearl



Five of our group gathered at **Barney Meade's** home to exchange pleasantries and money. **Ron Plachy** took home first place money, while **Dennis Hallett**, blue M&M aficionado, took home second place money. Host **Barney Meade** made his ante by winning third place \$\$\$.

Cribbage is acknowledged as the best two-handed card game – call me for a chance to find out why.



Book Corner

Ken Richter

Winter is just around the corner and there will be more time for reading. The Book Corner will be open for the last time this year at the November SIR luncheon. New books are always

welcome.

Help is needed. If you can store a box or two of books for the November luncheon please let me know at KERichter@astound.net. I will be out of town for the luncheon.

Area 2 Computers and Technology Group

**Phil Goff and Derek
Southern** Co-chairs



Derek Southern

The Area 2 Computer and Technology Group invites all Sirs and their guests to our next meeting at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge on Thursday, October 18th at 9am.

Derek Southern will review some current digital cameras and show you how to make a good choice based on budget, capabilities (of both the camera and operator!) and typical subject matter. This may help you with finding a Christmas present, and he will also look at some neat things that you can create from your prize photographs – and these definitely make great presents for the family.

Time permitting, **Dick Curry** will then lead a Q&A discussion to address current computer issues that you identify. So please bring your questions and join us for a fun and informative session. As always there will be coffee and cookies available before and during the meeting.

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. We usually ask for a donation of \$5 to cover the cost of the hall rental, coffee and cookies, but some months are free. See you there.

Sunshine

Walt Busenius
945-0715

Busenius@astound.net

Please keep the following Sirs in your thoughts and prayers as we hope for continual healing and



recovery to good health:

Dan O'Sullivan
Richard Woodman
Ron Pascoe
Steve Snow
Howard Nemir
Bill Hartman
Rod Sharretts
Charlie Kiser
Jim Helmick
Bob Van Luchene
Jim Locker
George Bjornsen
Chuck Bobinecz

We offer our condolences and prayers to **Suzanne** and family on the passing of Sir **Ron Gerke** on Friday, September 21st.

We also extend our condolences and prayers to **Gail** and family on the recent passing of long time SIR member **George Bjornsen**.

Please try to contact a sick Sir to offer support and encouragement during his illness. A friendly call is always welcomed.

If you are aware of a sick Sir, please let me know by phone or e-mail, as shown above, so that the SIR membership can be advised.



Dick DeVoe and **Walt Busenius** in a moment of excitement on the bocceball court. **Alicia Bailly** witnessing the action and **Ed Best** on the next court.



Photo by Ken Kratz

Phil Lendaris, who became a SIR 146 member in June of this year, 80 year old **Gene Diana** who shot his age last month and Honorary Life Member, **Dick Richmond** who is recovering from a badly broken leg.

ROMEO

(Retired Old Men Eating Out)

Malcolm Hendry

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



"Massimo Ristorante"

Experience Northern Italian inspired cuisine specialties that feature prime meats, poultry, sea food, pastas and delicious appetizers. The interior reflects a warm Italian ambience conducive to elegant dining along with a wide selection of fine wines and a full bar serving specialty cocktails. Separate checks will be provided for your convenience.

Location: 1604 Locust Street, Walnut Creek (across from The Dean Leshner Regional Center for the Arts, parking garage next to Center)

Web Site: www.massimoristorante.com

Phone: 925-932-1474

Please let me know by Tuesday, October 16th that you will join us.

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

Member Relations

Ben Gleason

We hope and expect that SIR Branch 146 is meeting or exceeding your expectations for social activities, recreation and friendship and that the facilities and operation of the branch are efficient and user-friendly.

We encourage your suggestions, criticism and requests. Also, let us know if there is something that you especially like that we could do more of.

Please contact me with any of the above.

Email- bgleason@sbcglobal.net

Cell phone - 925 330-0680



Photo by Darrell Parcher



Ray Weisz introducing new Member Tom Drew



Photo by Vern Laursen

9 Hole Golf Group

Apres-golf fine dining at The Greenery at Diablo Hills Golf Course. Left to right Sirs **Vern Laursen, Don Martin, John Denham, Garth Cummings, Max Hinkle** and guest **Jim Pfohl**.



Fishing Report

Paul Dubow

The big news this month is big salmon. **Chuck Denney** and **Paul Dubow** of Branch146, along with **Jack Waddell**, **Joe Miscione**, **Dick Thomson**, and **Barry Rauchle** caught

ten Chinook salmon ranging from 15 to 23 lbs on the Sacramento River near Chico. **Kent Cremolini** fished the Klamath River for four days, limiting out every day with chinooks up to 25 lbs. Because of an abundance of salmon on the Klamath this year, the daily limit is four, not the usual two, although barbless hooks must be used. **Romano Gnusti**, **Rich Bal**, **Ed Dijkman**, and **Jack Waddell** journeyed to Astoria, Oregon, where they fished the Columbia River and landed a bevy of silver salmon. **Barry Rauchle**, **Gordon Linebaugh**, and **Carl Moyer** caught chinooks out of the Golden Gate, with the largest at 25 lbs.

We did not limit our activities to salmon, however. **Harry Sherinian**, **Terry Miller**, **Carl Moyer**, **Joe Miscione**, and **Joe Karg**, along with **Pete Gates** and **Tom Boltz** of Branch146 had a lot of fun fishing at the Rio Vista pier on the Sacramento catching and releasing about 100 small stripers. **Mike Corker** landed a keeper striper on the Delta. **Paul Dubow** traveled to Baja California and caught 15 yellowfin tuna and dorado over a three day period. **Carl Moyer** landed a few small sturgeon in the Delta. He also visited relatives in Virginia Beach, Virginia but took time out for a half day party boat trip, catching quite a few small croakers. And on the social front, **Joe Peterson**, our senior statesman, married **Betty**, his longtime fishing partner. That was no doubt **Joe's** best catch of the year!

We will be very busy this fall with delta fishing for bass, catfish, and sturgeon; trout in the local lakes and on Lake Davis in the Sierra; salmon fishing in the ocean and on the Sacramento; and ocean fishing for rockfish and ling cod.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, October 25, at the Legends Sports Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek Golf Course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway

in Concord. The meeting starts at 8:30 am but please join us for breakfast at 8 am. For further information, feel free to call Big Fish **Pete Gates** at 925-937-2035, Secretary-Treasurer **Tom Boltz** at 925-825-5695, or Branch Fishing Coordinator **Paul Dubow** at 415-495-6504.



Photo by Paul Dubow

The salmon catch on the Sacramento on September 14. **Jack Waddell**, **Dick Thomson**, and **Barry Rauchle** are on the bottom row. **Paul Dubow**, **Chuck Denney**, and **Joe Miscione** are standing.



Photo by Bob Spellman

Pete Gates, **Bill Hartman** and **MJ Whalen** watching **Paul Dubow** and **Phyllis Meehan** corking a bottle of wine at the SIR LAW* Food Group at **Bob Spellman's** house on September 17th.
*Lunch and Wine



Table Pool

Bill Weinberg

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



We usually have three or four pool games going when we meet on the 1st & 3rd Mondays at 11:30am at Masse's 2721 North Main in Walnut Creek. The cost is \$5 for as long as you want to play. We also have SIR members from other branches joining us and we usually play about 2 hours, but not everyone stays for the final curtain. Haven't played in years? Come join us. All Sirs in our Area 2 are welcome.

Area 2 \$ums

Investment Group

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The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group will meet on Wednesday October 24, 2012, 8:00 am at the Diablo Creek Golf course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Our returning guest speaker Peter Karp of Karp Capital Management will discuss the capital management techniques his firm uses to insure consistent growth of their clients' portfolios, especially with the current market problems of slowing global growth, the European debt problems, concerns of experiencing inflation or deflation, the fear of a future problem with the U.S. Treasury debt and the problems that the constant drop in "Value of the Dollar" are causing. In addition, Peter will discuss the trading range we are now in and how long it will last. Plan to attend to hear one of our best investment group speakers. Karp Capital is ranked in the top 25 best wealth advisors in the Bay Area.

The Legends Restaurant at the DCGC opens at 7:00 am for those who would like to enjoy a good breakfast meal with their colleagues.

Walkers

John Lewis



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



October 5-Sycamore Valley Rd., Danville.

Meet: Parking lot at water facility where Sycamore Valley Rd. becomes Tassajara. Take 680 south. Turn off ramp at Sycamore Valley East. Cross over freeway staying on Sycamore until you reach a water facility on your right.

Walk: Trail begins at water facility. Mostly paved, mostly level, some shade.

Coffee: Pascals on Railroad Ave. in Danville.

October 12-Lafayette Trail East: St. Mary's Road.

Meet: At Lafayette Community Center on St. Mary's Road.

Walk: Follow trail towards Walnut Creek.

Coffee: Terzetto Cuisine Moraga Shopping Center.

Oct 19-Walnut Creek Center North.

Meet: Civic Center Arts Parking-Walnut Creek.

Walk: North on the Iron Horse Trail.

Coffee: La Scala, Civic and Locust, Walnut Creek.

Oct 26-Osage Park, Danville.

Meet: Parking lot at Osage Park. Take 680 S. to Danville, taking Sycamore Valley Rd. East exit.

Cross over freeway turning right at Camino Ramon.

Stay on Camino Ramon until second signal at El Capitan, turn left.

At Orange Blossom Lane turn left. Park is on your right.

Paved, level and shady.

Coffee: Pascals, Danville on Railroad Ave.

SIR Happenings Newsletter

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

A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it.

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