

Big Sir's Notes Terry Marchione

Election of Officers for 2014

The officer nominees introduced at the June lunch and published in the July Sir Call were unanimously elected by voice vote at the August lunch. We have a strong lineup for 2014 and we are grateful for these men stepping up to a leadership role. These incoming officers will be installed at our November luncheon and they will take office effective January 1, 2014.

Change to a Dues Based Financial Structure

As mentioned in this column and announced at the last luncheon, the State Sir Board approved a bylaw change to allow branches the option of charging its members dues or continuing with voluntary contributions. At the August 5th meeting of all Big Sirs, this by-law change was approved. As announced at our August luncheon, your BEC has elected to change the way we fund branch operations by charging our members dues. For the majority of you this is not a big deal since you willingly made your "voluntary" contribution in previous years. However, this change now fairly spreads the branch operations costs to all branch members. Additionally, it eliminates the arm twisting, emails, phone calls, etc that were required in past years. Your current group of officers, as well as previous BEC's, have worked very hard to keep the branch on sound financial footing without a continuous increase in the "voluntary" contribution. It was not long ago that we asked each member for \$25. Last year we asked for only \$18. I am pleased to let you know that in 2014 the member dues will be \$15. The dues will be payable October 1st and will be delinquent December 31st. We will pass out details to all members attending the September luncheon as well as email all members these details. I thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Boundary Oak Clubhouse Renovation

There is not much new to report regarding the upcoming clubhouse renovation. At this time, we are still planning to move to an alternate location in October of 2014. It is most likely the move will be to the Concord Hilton. There is no current estimate as to how long we will be relocated. There are also a few logistical details to be worked out. Little Sir **Doug Eisner** is hard at work putting this together and will supply more details as they become available.

The September luncheon
will feature
Michael Beaman
Topic will be on
“Long Term Care
in California”
Gathering time 10:45 -11:00am
Seating time - 11:45am

Little Sir’s Corner
Doug Eisner



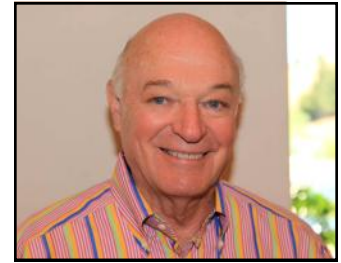
Our September speaker will be **Michael Beaman** whose topic will be Long Term Care in CA. Draft regulations have been released that would dramatically change State long-term care benefits, and the outcome for seniors like us, if they are implemented. **Michael** will discuss these potential changes and point out ways for seniors to protect their assets. **Michael** is President of Safe Inheritance Corp and lives in the Sacramento area.

As you know, we must relocate our monthly lunches while the Clubhouse is undergoing renovation. Although all details have not been finalized, I can report that we will relocate to the Concord Hilton Hotel for at least 3 months, beginning in Oct, 2014. Our meeting date during 2014 while at the Concord Hilton will be the 3rd Monday of the month. We expect to begin negotiations with the hotel in September and I'll keep you advised of our progress. Bn. **113** please contact **Jim Burk** or **Chuck Campbell** to claim your free lunch.

Membership

Steve Sprague

September, 2013



Our Branch 146 Membership Numbers:

As of the Executive Committee meeting on August 8th, we have 269 active members (including our eight Honorary Life Members). This is no change from the previous month. We currently have two applicants awaiting BEC approval.

Status Changes:

Inducted: **Steve Olsen**, Badge 18.

Moved to Inactive: **Bob Romero**, Badge 262.

August Luncheon Attendance:

Members: 199 (74% of membership)

Guests: 4

Visitors: 2, Speaker: 1

Total Attendance: 206

Changes to the Inactive Roster:

As noted above, **Bob Romero** has been added. Our inactive roster therefore increases to seventeen members.



Lo & Sue McCarley

Couples Duplicate Bridge

Lo McCarley



Eight couples had a great time playing duplicate bridge on August 21st at **Lo and Sue McCarley's** home. Everyone enjoyed playing bridge and also enjoyed **Sue's** snacks and wines. The group thanked **Bob Donahue, Daphne Merritt, and Fred Bolton** for subbing—I called two of them that morning and they agreed to play bridge on short notice. As for the bridge results, **Jim and Allison Todhunter** came in first with 42 points. **Jim Brown and Fred Bolton** with 34 points came in second. In third place we had a tie with 33 points—**George Zurich and Bob Donahue** tied with **Margot Somerville and Daphne Merritt**. All our substitutes won some money. That's great! **Jim Brown and Adrienne Morrison** will host the next couples duplicate bridge on September 18th.

Couples Duplicate Bridge 2

Jim Adams



Three tables of Duplicate Bridge 2 were hosted by **Ken & Elaine Richter** on Aug 13. Substitutes **Doug & Pat Eisner** and **George & Pam Rammel** filled in for absentees **Dave & Joan Pierce** and **Dick & Christy Devoe**. In a very close competition the **Eisner's** continued the tradition of substitute players taking 1st place at this group session. At the first half **Eisner's** led (12 pts) with **Marchione's** in 2nd (10.5 pts) and **Richter's** third with (10 pts). In the second half the **Eisner's** managed to hold their lead (24.5 pts) while 2nd and 3rd places were reversed—**Richters** now 2nd (23.5pts) and **Marchiones** in 3rd (23 pts). We'll play next at the home of **Lynn & Dasha Freeman**.

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 August 5. First place went to **Jim Brown** with 5850 points.

Second to **Bill Rees** with 5530 and third to **Doug Eisner** with 4830. Our next game will be at the home of **Dick DeVoe** on September 2.

Duplicate Bridge 2

Dick DeVoe

Many thanks to **Dave Steinberg** for hosting the August 2 event!

Max Hinkle led all the way and scored big. **Brad Hatcher** took 2nd, 4 pts. behind. **Rich Ahlf** was 3rd, 2.5 pts. behind 2nd.

Tony Greco was hot on **Rich's** heels (1/2 pt. less) and took 4th.

Sid Landman took the coveted award for greatest improvement (5 pts.) in 2nd vs. 1st half, but there was too much makeup to catch the top guns.

For the 2nd straight month, no one in the top 4 places was there the month before, AND no one in the last 4 spots was there the month before either! Thus, there's hope for each of us that we can be among the elite NEXT month. Yay!

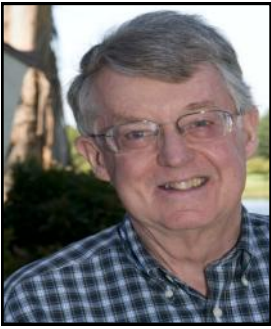
Duplicate Bridge

Doug Eisner

Lo McCarley hosted 4 four tables of men's duplicate bridge on Aug 19. **Tony Greco**, one of our super subs, came roaring back in the second half and raised his position from 6th place into 1st! In fact, **Tony** blew away all pretenders as his 47.0 pt left the 40.5 pt of the 2nd place finisher, **Lo McCarley**, in the dust. Third place was won by **Doug Eisner** with 39.5 pt, barely edging out **Jim Stedman** who captured 4th place with 39.0 pt.

Our next game will be held on Sept 16 at **Jim Stedman's** house.





Couples Party Bridge

Dave Pierce

George and Pam Rammell kindly hosted 3 tables of the Couples Party Bridge Group on Tuesday, August 6. The

evening was relatively low scoring, with only 1 slam and few games bid and made. **John & Linda Boyan** built a large enough cushion so they could score zero (!) in the last round and still sweep into 1st place with 3000 points. **Doug & Patty Eisner** slipped into 2nd, with **Dick & Christy DeVoe** close behind in 3rd. The three other couples are still wondering how so many face cards could be elsewhere most of the entire evening.

Couples Golf

John Harrington



Our Couples Golf group played Deer Ridge in July and the event was hosted by **Paul and Maggie Masta**. Eighteen players survived 100 degree temperatures with **Ray and Tippy Weisz** coming out on top of the pack in the best ball format. Low putt winners were **Ken Donnelly and Tippy Weisz**. Our group enjoyed dinner at the Lemon-grass Restaurant in Martinez after golf. Couples Golf heads to the cooler climate of Berkeley in August and plays Tilden Park G.C. This event will be hosted by **Jonathan and Barbara Korfhage**

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.



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-hole 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 GEMs. If you would 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.

Member Relations

Ben Gleason



We are now making plans for our annual Branch 146 Membership Survey. Start thinking about how we are doing and what we can do to improve. We welcome your input. Please contact me with any suggestions.

SIRS 146 & Friends Oktoberfest Dance

Wednesday, October 9, 2013

6 pm to 10 pm at Zio Fraedo's Restaurant

Price is \$99 per couple and includes hors d'oeuvres
and dinner

Live music for listening and dancing

Your choice of:

Beef

Fish

Pasta

Please send your check, made out to SIRS 146 Dance to:

Richard Kincaide

10750 Inspiration Cr.

Dublin, CA 94568

Phone: (925) 479-9935

Tables of eight are encouraged

<u>Your Name and Your Partner</u>	<u>Meal Desired</u>
Couple 1 -	Meal -
Couple 2 -	Meal -
Couple 3 -	Meal -
Couple 4-	Meal -

Fishing Report

Paul Dubow



This month, our group limited itself to ocean fishing, both near and far. Locally, **Rich Fiscina** of Branch 146 sailed his boat several times through the Golden Gate. He was joined by **Gene Schulting** and **Pete Gates** of Branch 146, as well as **Al Brunner** and his grandson and **Mario Moratorio**. Fishing was a bit spotty but they did catch a salmon, a ling cod, and a rock cod. **Carl Moyer** made several trips out of Pacifica on his boat, hosting **Harry Sherinian**, **Terry Miller**, **Pete Gates**, **Gordon Linebaugh**, **Dick Thomson**, and **Rich Fiscina** at various times. The catch in that neighborhood was better, as the group caught limits of nice sized rock fish and ling cod. The prize went to **Pete Gates**, who caught two large cabezone weighing nine and eight pounds respectively.

Away from the Bay Area, **Pete Gates**, **Tom Boltz**, and **Steve Lofton** of Branch 146 made their annual week long pilgrimage to Coffman's Cove on Prince of Wales Island in Alaska. They were joined by **Karl Droese**. They caught fish every day and returned with several boxes of salmon and halibut fillets. **George Schulze** went to Maui for a family vacation but also enjoyed a half day fishing trip with his daughter out of Lahaina. They brought back enough rock fish for a family luau.

We will be very busy this fall with outings planned for Lake Berryessa and Lake Davis, salmon fishing in the Sacramento and Feather Rivers, and local fishing for black bass, stripers, and sturgeon in the Delta, trout in our reservoirs, and the conclusion of the salmon season in the ocean.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, September 26 at the Legends Sports Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek Golf Course at 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. The meeting starts at 8:30 am but feel free to join us for breakfast one half hour earlier. For further information, please contact **Pete Gates**, Big Fish (925-937-2035), **Tom Boltz**, secretary treasurer (925-825-5695), or **Paul Dubow**, branch fishing chair (415-495-6504).

Mac User Group (MUG)



Max Burchett



Verner Laursen

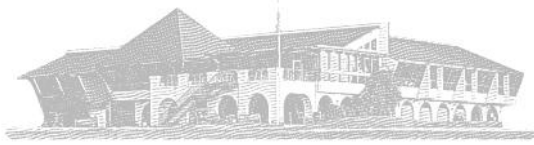
The monthly meeting of the Mac Users for September has been cancelled because it falls on Labor Day and the library is closed. The next meeting will be on the first Monday (October 7th) at the Thurman Casey Library from 10 am until noon. Bring your questions and we will try to provide answers. Maybe by that date IOS7 and Maverick will have been released. From time to time I send members on my list information about changes and products and if you want to be added to my list, please contact me.

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Pete Gates

shows off the two big cabezone that he caught fishing out of Pacifica



THE CLUBHOUSE

AT BOUNDARY OAK

SIRS 146 Luncheon

September 12, 2013

Salad

Spinach Salad
Eggs, Bermuda Onion and
Bacon Vinaigrette

Entrees

Pan Seared Breast of Free Range Chicken
Rice Pilaf & Sautéed Vegetables
Wild Mushroom Ragout

Or

Baked Dried Chili Rubbed Marinated
Pacific Dory
Confetti Rice and Sautéed Vegetables
Fresh Tomato, Avocado Relish

Dessert

Fruit Tart with Whipped Cream



Book Corner

Ken Richter

The next time the Book Corner will be open is at the September 12th Luncheon. All books are welcome. Thanks to Sir **Hank James**, Sir **Syd Whalen** and Guest **Steve Olsen** for their help packing up the books. This month the Book Corner donated 2 boxes of books to the Assistance League of Diablo Valley



ROMEO

(Retired Old Men Eating Out)

Malcolm Hendry

The ROMEO group meets on the third Thursday 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, while getting to know your fellow SIR and male guests, in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

"LA SEN BISTRO"

Last November, this French restaurant, formerly named "La Rosa Bistro" and a long time fixture in Berkeley, relocated to downtown Concord near Todos Santos Plaza, across from the Brenden Theatres.

In a more modern and inviting space, it offers a California twist on classic French cuisine. Beautifully garnished dishes epitomize country French fare with opulence gained from slow and gentle cooking in rich red wine. The beer and wine list focuses on French and California selections. Separate checks are provided for your convenience.

Location: 2002 Salvio St., Concord
(Parking garage across the street)

Web Site: www.lasenbistro.com

Phone: [925-363-7870](tel:925-363-7870)

Please let me know by Tuesday September 17th, that you will join us.

Your suggestions for restaurants you would like us to visit are welcomed

Non-Responsibility Declaration

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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.

Travel Opportunities

Bob Spellman



Oct 3, 2013: Bay Cruise aboard the USS Potomac. Join fellow SIR members for a delightful bay cruise aboard President Franklin D. Roosevelt's personal Yacht. Our two hour bay cruise will include narration by an experienced Docent focusing on the history of the Bay. We will leave from Jack London Square promptly at 10:30am. Following the cruise we will have a no host lunch at one of the restaurants on the Square for those interested. Cost is \$50.00 pp Contact **Bob Spellman** @ 934-8428.

Oct 18, 2013: SIR Day at the Races. It's that time again to enjoy a day at Golden Gate Fields watching the Ponies run. Cost is \$29.00 pp which includes admission, reserved parking, daily race program, great buffet lunch and tax & tips. Start saving your pennies now so you can make a bet or two. Who knows you might be a big winner. Contact **Bob Spellman** @ 934-8428.

Jan 9, 2014: Cuba: Music, Culture & the Roots of Revolution. A people-to-people program that visits Santiago de Cuba, a cultural melting pot of Afro-Cuban tradition, as well as Baracoa-an unspoiled gem on the coast. The Cuban capital of Havana will also be included. The cost of \$5295 includes RT Airfare, all accommodations, 28 meals, Private Motorcoach, and English speaking guide. Contact **Russ Aubry**, Br 171, 510-644-2692.

May 13, 2014: Hidden Gems of the Dalmatian Coast & Greece. A 16 day cruise aboard a privately owned Grand Circle small ship with a maximum of 50 passengers. Ports of Call include Zagreb, Split, Hvar, Korcula, Dubrovnik, Montenegro, Butrint, Albania, Corfu, Delphi and Athens. Prices range from approximately \$4595 to \$6170 depending on accommodations and airfare. Trip also includes 37 meals, 12 exclusive tours with personal headsets, home hosted dinners, and resident Grand Circle Program Director. Contact **Ken Richter**, 689-6217.

Cribbage

John Pearl



The Cribbage group was hit hard by the vacation season and summer family activities, but five of us were hosted by **Barney Meade** on the last Wednesday of July. We did continue to circulate money, with **Barney Meade** taking first place, winning every game he played! Second place money went to the Chair, **John Pearl** (finally!).

If you are interested in sharing the fun (and the stories), let me know and I'll put you on our e-mail list.

Eight of us gathered at the home of **Barney Meade** on Wednesday, September 28 for more fun and games. Four of us actually took home money! First place went to **Tony Greco**, while **Jerry Kaplan** got second place. The Chair, **John Pearl** came in third, while **Dennis Hallett** made enough to cover his ante. Former SIR **Dan Meckfessel** and **Kirk McVean** of Branch 116 also joined us, and we were more than happy to take their money.

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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.

SongSirs Don Tubb

This is the inaugural article for one of our most visible SIR activities, since this group leads our branch with a rousing rendition of “God Bless America” at the end of every monthly lunch. However, you should know that this does not just happen by chance – the group practices regularly in order to keep those voices in tune.

Just as importantly, the SongSirs practice for regular performances at a number of senior living residences, senior centers and hospitals in the greater Walnut Creek / Concord area. These “gigs” are always much appreciated and receive an enthusiastic welcome from our audiences. The songs we sing are often seasonal such as Valentine’s Day, or Christmas – or geared to the facility where we perform. **Harry Tutton** usually introduces us as the SongSirs from SIR Branch 146 and the songs with a humorous tidbit. Our most recent gig was in July at the Veteran’s Hospital in Martinez, where many of our retired service men and women receive care. Our repertoire included all the service songs, as well as other patriotic numbers. We were asked to sing for several of the nursing areas to accommodate those who were not able to come to the central area and our performance was very much appreciated.

The SongSirs practice usually every first and third Wednesday at the Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church at 2:30pm – we welcome new members who like to sing and share their enthusiasm for music with others.

Manager - **Don Tubb**
Director - **Pete Miller**
Accompanist - **Dave Obera**

Cooking II Bob Yolland



The August gathering of the Cooking II group was held at **Bruce Borgman’s** house with almost a full complement of our group, missing only **Bob Yolland** who was enjoying a vacation in Oregon. The rest of us: **Ken Richter, Bill Roberts, Bill Cammerer, Dennis Hallett, Corrie Oranje, and John Demos** enjoyed the perfect Walnut Creek weather in **Bruce’s** backyard for appetizers of chips, nuts, and a dried apricot/goat cheese and pistachio tidbit. Of course all accompanied by wine and soft drinks. We adjourned to the dining room to enjoy a lunch of a green salad with creamy pepper dressing, followed by a Cajun Jambalaya over rice. For dessert there was a homemade raspberry custard tart. All agreed it was an excellent meal worthy of our Cooking group – but, it was the company of our fellow SIRs which made for a most pleasant gathering. The next Cooking II event will be the annual bottling of our wine which will be held at **Bob Yolland’s** house on September 23.

Genealogy Group Verner Laursen

The first meeting of the Genealogy Users was held on August 28th at the Family History Library in Concord with 10 members in attendance. We were able to get the members information on where to find their ancestors, where to get help and programs to store the information.

The next meeting will be at the Concord History Library on Wednesday September 25th from 1:30 pm until 3:30pm. There will be people to help beginners and all others with help on research. Beginners are welcome and they can learn from our mistakes. If you are interested in being on my mailing list, please contact me.

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Sunshine

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

George Knies
Mike Cavallo
Ed Malboeuf
Chuck Bobinecz
Elmer Kaprielian
Dominic DiMatteo
Guy Rudberg
Charlie Kiser
Jim Helmick
Bob Van Luchene
Ron Pascoe
Lynn Miller
Frank McNamee
Joe Barry
Bob Walton
Ron de Golia

We are deeply saddened with the passing of former **Sir Heino Valvur** in August. We offer our condolences to his family.

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 our Sir membership can be advised.



Poker Club 3

Siegfried Kalteis

We got a game together after our July hiatus. **Ron Plachy** lost heavily at first but came roaring back in the end winning some big hands. He and **Dick DeVoe** were the winners.

Dick introduced us to some strange games he wound up winning, go figure. But all had a good time (I hope).

Poker Club 1

Frank McNamee



The August game was at the home of **John Lewis**. **John** was not only the Host; he was the largest donor to the prize fund. What a Guy!!! The group also showed no mercy for our guest player **Doug Cook**. Thanks for coming and giving us a nice donation. On the happy end of their gifts were **Bill Cammerer** and **Don Del Bene**. The rest of players, **Bob White**, **Don Martin**, and **Rich Hanford** were all plus or minus a few pesos. But win, lose, or draw it was, as always, a fun afternoon. The next game will be at the home of **Dan O" Sullivan**.



Poker Club 2

Al Zamolo

Jim Stedman hosted our July session. We got lots of information from **Jim** about his new Tesla. It is quite an automobile. We all enjoyed the snacks and drinks provided by Jim.

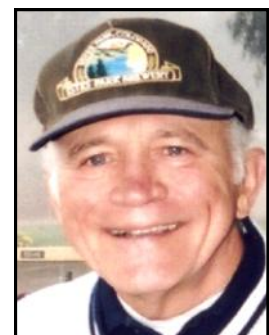
Our next poker session will be held at **Al Zamolo's** home on Monday, August 26th.

Poker Club 4

Chuck Bobinecz

Our next session is August 26th. We will be hosted by Sir **Rich Hanford** and will meet at the home of Sir **Chuck Bobinecz**.

Chuck was the big winner the last two sessions but knows that lady luck does not have a home.



Bowling Larry Mitchell



Very soon we will be ready to kick-off a new winter league bowling season at Diablo Lanes. The summer respite is over. Our league will hold a meeting, at Diablo Lanes on Sept. 4, at 9:30am to discuss the details of our league rules. Bowling will commence after the meeting.

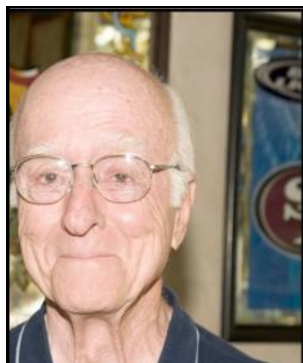
I would like to urge you, if you are at all interested in bowling, to attend this meeting. The teams not having a full complement of bowlers will be filled at this time. I know not all the teams will be filled and can guarantee that anyone coming to the meeting and wishing to bowl will be placed on a team.

If you have never bowled before and want to try it, have no fear, we have bowlers who average from the low hundreds to over two hundred. So please come on down as they say in T.V. and look us over. We are few, but we are mighty

Bocceball

Martin Lyle

We play 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. Rain cancels play.



Well, we've progressed to past the midpoint of the Bocce Ball Season, and the weather is beautiful. It's a wonderful way to start the week, No experience necessary - come and join us for the fun. Rain cancels play. Ladies are welcome.



Phil Goff



Derek Southern

Area 2

Computers and Technology Group

Phil Goff and

Derek Southern Co-chairs

The Area 2 Computer and Technology Group advise all Sirs and their guests that our next meeting will be at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge on **Thursday, SEPTEMBER 19th** at 9:30 am. We are expecting a presentation by a representative from AT&T. He will talk about Digital Life, a security product that lets people monitor and manage home security and energy systems from afar using a smartphone, computer, or tablet. AT&T provides and installs Internet-connected cameras, along with sensors on doors and windows, and smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, door locks, thermostats, and moisture sensors. The devices and sensors are all hooked up to a home broadband connection and can be controlled from a computer or mobile device. The Digital Life application is available on most browsers and there are mobile apps for iOS, Android, and Windows Phone devices. Meetings of the Area 2 Computer and Technology Group are held the 3rd Thursday of each month (except June and December) from 9:30 to 11:30 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 ask for a donation of \$5 to cover the cost of the hall rental, coffee and cookies, but some months are free, so come and see if September is one of those!

Luncheon Attendance
–September 12
Jim Burk



Our SIR Luncheon is the 2nd Thursday of every month at “The Clubhouse” restaurant at Boundary Oak Golf Course. The next luncheon will be **September 12th**. The price of our regular luncheon is **\$25** with a no-host bar. Please take note of this change in price over last year. Remember we assume you are coming, but if for any reason you are unable to attend, please e-mail nolunchbranch146@gmail.com by noon Friday the week prior to the luncheon (**September 6**). The noon deadline has to be strictly enforced as that’s the time the restaurant requires us to give them a guaranteed number of meals to prepare. Members failing to meet this deadline, or “no show” for the luncheon, will be required to reimburse the Branch for the liability we will incur with the restaurant for your meal. [Note: Only if you do not have a computer, call **Jim Burk** at (925) 946-1192 by the same deadline referenced above to let him know you will not be attending. If no one answers, leave your name, badge number, phone number and a short message.]

Payment: Remember that our luncheon will be called to order at 11:45 a.m., so please allow enough time to check-in and make payment. A check for \$25 made payable to “SIR 146” is requested for your lunch on luncheon day.

Sir bringing a Guest: Please e-mail also by noon on the Friday prior to the luncheon leaving your name, badge number, and your guest’s name with proper spelling.

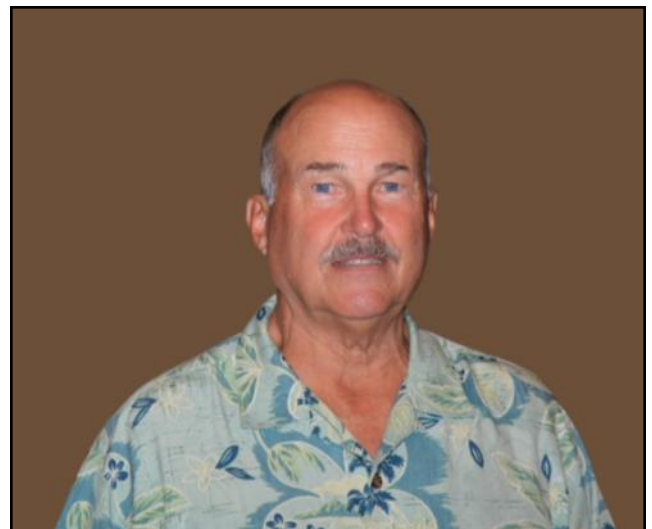
Special requests: If you require a vegetarian meal or any special meal, please make that request. Your request will remain in effect until you cancel it through the luncheon chairman. If for medical reasons you cannot eat lunch, please notify the luncheon chairman and your request will remain in effect until you cancel it.

New members, guests, and sponsors: There will be a dedicated luncheon table set for any new members and their sponsors as well as guests and sponsors with place cards prepared so that you will be assured of a seat. New members along with their sponsors will be asked to join our Membership Chair in the Lakeview Room after the luncheon for a brief orientation session that is both informative and helpful to your acclimation to the Branch.

Couples Dining Out
Bruce Borgman



The eagerly anticipated choice for the September Couples Dining Out event was announced at the August luncheon. The selected restaurant was one of Walnut Creek’s fine dining establishments – Massimo Ristorante. This well established restaurant on Locust Street has old world charm and superb cuisine which specializes in Northern Italian dishes as well as a variety of other specialties. For our group, the private dining menu was expanded to offer a choice of soup or salad, and three entrees to include an oven roasted chicken breast, grilled salmon, and hanger steak. A choice of desserts is offered, with coffee and tea. The dinner will be on Thursday, September 17 – with no host cocktails at 5:30pm, and dinner at 6:30pm. The all inclusive price is \$40 per person. We will be in the private dining room next to the main restaurant, which will have a limit of 42 diners. Come join us at this always popular SIR event – send your check made out to SIR 146 to **Bruce** soon to reserve your spot. Call **Bruce** at 932-3961 for questions!



New Member
Steve Olsen

The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group

The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group will meet on Wednesday September 25, 2013, 8:00 am at the Diablo Creek Golf course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Our speakers will be **Sue** and **Jim Breedlove** of Breedlove Insurance Services in Orinda. There will be a two part presentation covering aspects of Medicare you should be aware of and an update on what the new government health care (Obamacare) plan is beginning to look like. As we get closer to the meeting date additional information will be provided.

The Legends restaurant opens for breakfast at 7:00am so plan to have an enjoyable breakfast with your colleagues. Plan to bring a guest or a prospective SIR to let them know about our Investment Group and enjoy an informative presentation.

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Walkers
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*Every Friday at 9:30 am
at various locales.*

*Call **John** or just show
up.*

Rain cancels any walk.

*September Walks Planned by **Lo McCarley***

Sept 6 St Mary's College Moraga

Meet: At St. Mary's parking lot on the left just after turning into campus.
Walk: Through St. Mary's campus to the redwood grove and back to the cafeteria.
Coffee: At St. Mary's cafeteria in Oliver Hall (about 10:15)

Sept 13 Arbolado Park North : Walnut Creek

Meet: At Arbolado Park on Arbolado Dr
Walk: North across park to Ygnacio Canal
Coffee: At Deli Delight-Shadelands Office Park

Sept 20 Carquinez Bridge: Crocket

Meet at 10:00am at Sun Valley Bank of America for carpooling
Walk: Across Carquinez Bridge
Lunch: Dead Fish Restaurant, Crockett

Sept 27 Alamo Plaza South: Danville Blvd & Stone Valley Rd, Alamo

Meet: At Alamo Plaza Parking by Peets
Walk: West on Stone Valley Rd, South on Iron Horse Trail
Coffee: Peets Coffee, Alamo Plaza



Fred Bolton

Receiving Certificate of Appreciation from Past Big Sir **Dennis Hallett**