

Big Sir's Notes Pete Gates

My heartfelt thanks to all of you who have invited guests to attend one of our luncheons this year, whether your guest became a member or not. We had a huge turnout of guests in July. It is great to see that our members understand the need to keep our Branch healthy and vital by sharing the SIR experience with friends and neighbors. We have inducted some great guys this year! This has enabled us to offset the rather high rate of attrition we experienced in the first half of the year and show a small increase in total membership.....a strong indicator of Branch health. If your guest chose not to join us, we hope he at least had a good time. Who knows, maybe they will consider us again in the future. Some Branches invite guests back for a second time.....might be worth considering in some cases.

The efforts of our Publicity team, **Bill Hoban** and **John Harrington** are beginning to show results. **Jack Calloway**, our contact person in the ads, is fielding quite a few calls. If the caller appears to be interested and meets the requirements of becoming a Sir, **Jack** finds a current member to introduce the candidate at one of our luncheons. There were four such candidates present in July. We are following this closely to see how it works out going forward.

At least one of our members could not find a parking spot for the luncheon. Boundary Oak was hosting a Junior Tournament and the parking load was high. They have started developing an overflow parking area which we will let you all know about in the near future. Meanwhile, I encourage you to consider carpooling as a way to conserve gas and parking spaces.

Remember, "Wear Your Team Colors Day" has been moved to this coming (August) luncheon, instead of September.



Little Sir's Corner Jim Burk

In **August**, we will get you ready for some college football as the opening kickoffs are just around the corner! Remember to "wear your team colors" whether they are college, pro, or high school, or they just look good on you. We will be joined by **DANETTE LEIGHTON, the Chief Marketing Officer for the Pacific-12 Conference** or Pac-12 for short, which is located right here in Pleasant Hill. She will discuss the work and negotiations that have gone into creating the most lucrative television contract for any conference to date, as well as reviewing some of the goals that helped to stimulate this contract. She will also speak to the thinking that went into the establishment of the two Divisions within the conference. As always, come with your questions as she will allow plenty of time for a good exchange of information in response.

In **September**, we will get you ready for "Election 2012" with our own version of Political Science 101 when **PROFESSOR JACK CITRIN** takes you back to the academic classroom and his impartial analysis of the forthcoming run for the White House. **Jack is a Professor of Political Science at the University of California, Berkeley.** Just like the Christmas and Holiday Season, which starts advertisements earlier and earlier each year, so do the candidates for President as they begin positioning themselves for the primaries leading up to the General Election in November, 2012. It seems like such a long way away, but we are already hearing and seeing the posturing beginning. Please do not shoot the messenger! Jack will simply be giving you some things to think about on this emotion charged subject regardless of your political persuasion. The good news is there will not be a quiz at the conclusion of the lecture.



Duplicate Bridge Doug Eisner



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

SIR **Lo McCarley** hosted 4 tables of duplicate bridge on July 18. **Doug Eisner** took advantage of some great partner play and squeezed into first place by 1.0 pt over second place **Jim Brown**, 45.5 pt to 44.5 pt. **Carl Johnson's** 42.5 pt was good enough for third place while the 41.0pts by **Jim Jachson** and **Dave Pierce** tied them for fourth place.

Our next game will be hosted by **Carl Johnson** on Monday, August 15.

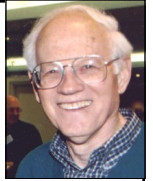
Dick DeVoe is leading the start-up of a second men's duplicate bridge group. Any bridge players interested in playing with this group are encouraged to contact **Dick** directly. For now, **Dick** has arranged for members of our branch to join the duplicate bridge game hosted by SIR Branch 8 on the 4th Monday of each month at Carl's Junior Restaurant in the Nob Hill Shopping Center in Walnut Creek.

COUPLES PARTY BRIDGE Dave Pierce

Terry and Sharon Marchione hosted three tables on July 6th. The contest for third place was a tight one among four couples, but **Joan and Dave Pierce** managed a late slam to pull it out. **Doug and Patti Eisner** played steadily all night to cop second place. Enjoying home field advantage and the big money were our hosts, **Terry and Sharon**. We normally meet the first Tuesday of the Month (when holidays don't interfere), so if you wish to join our sub list, please call me.

Dave Pierce, 932-3877.

Couples Duplicate Bridge Lo McCarley



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

Jim Brown and **Jill Reiner** hosted eight couples of duplicate bridge on July 20th. **Bob** and **Janet Yolland** took first place with 39 points. **Carl** and **Anne Johnson** came in second with 38 points, while **Magot Somerville** and **Vince Rettew** took third place with 31.5 points and **Lynn** and **Dasha Freeman** finished in 4th place with 29 points. **Lynn** and **Dasha Freeman** will host the next bridge on August 17th.

Couples Duplicate Bridge Too Joe Barry

Couples Duplicate Bridge Too met at **Terry and Sharon Marchiones'** on Tuesday July 12th. **Lynn** and **Dasha Freeman** along with **Ken** and **Elaine Richter** ran away with the competition as they tied for 1st place with a high score of 24 points each. **Dave** and **Joan Pierce**, substituting for the world-traveling **Dick** and **Christy DeVoe**, came in third. The other couples vowed to turn things around at the August Bridge which will be hosted by the **Richters**.



Party Bridge Fred Bolton

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



Next game will be at **Bob Burleys** on August 1st.

Fred



Luncheon Attendance Bob Mehus



SIR Luncheon is the 2nd Thursday of every month at CourseCo 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. 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. Thanks.

A member who misses three (3) consecutive meetings without notifying the Attendance Chairman, giving a valid reason or who attends less than five (5) meetings/luncheons within the last twelve (12) months, excluding May and December (Ladies Day Luncheons), shall be notified by the prescribed form, of termination of his membership.

SIR bringing a Guest

Please call by Friday, noon prior to the luncheon and leave your name and badge number and the name of your guest. Please spell the last name of your guest.

Salad

Mixed Spring Greens
Vine Ripened Tomatoes, Fresh Mozzarella, Fresh Basil
Balsamic Vinaigrette

Entrees

Oven Roasted Breast of Free Range Chicken
Topped with Avocado and Melted Monterey Jack
Anaheim Pepper Infused Jus
Rice Pilaf & Seasonal Vegetables

Or

Pan Seared Catch of the Day*
Rice Pilaf & Seasonal Vegetables

Dessert

Strawberries Romanoff
Strawberries topped with sour cream and Brown sugar served on Pound Cake

Special Luncheon Requirements

If you require a vegetarian meal or any special meal, please call and make a request. Your request will remain in effect until you cancel it through the Luncheon Chairman. If for medical reasons, you cannot eat lunch, please notify me and your request will remain in effect until you cancel it through your Luncheon Chairman.

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 and please do not feel obligated, as a new member, to sit at this table.



Poker Club #1 Frank McNamee



Poker Club #1 met on July 13th at the home of **Frank McNamee** and our two guests both became winners for the day. **Jim Passaglia** was the big winner and did not guarantee a return invite with the way he treated **Bill Cammerer's** King's full in the last hand. He took his share of the pot with a smooth four 5's. **Ron Binder** was the other guest winner but he's not bragging about his day at the table.

We will gather again on the 10th of August at **Dan O'Sullivan's**.



Poker Club #2 Al Zamolo



Our June session was hosted by **Doug Cook**. His wife, **Georgia**, provided us with a special array of goodies.

Bob Royster was such a heavy winner in the beginning that he needed extra racks to hold his chips, but lost a few of them as the game progressed and still ended up a big winner.

Our next July 26th game will be hosted by **Ken Kratz**



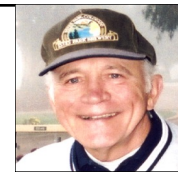
Table Pool Bill Weinberg

*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 \$5.00 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

Poker Group #4 Chuck Bobinecz



Poker Club #4 will meet on August 22nd. The meeting will be hosted by Sir **Chuck Bobinecz**. Sir **Garth Cummings** will host our September 26th meeting casino Tahoe in Danville.

There are many variations of the game of poker. Stud (which is the oldest) draw and community – a variation of stud. Texas hold'em is currently the most popular form of poker.

POKER GROUP #5 Bill Roberts



Our July game was held at **Bill Roberts** place with a "full house" of 8 players. The player behind the dealer sits out so that each hand has 7 players. **Bob Spellman, Skip Thomas** and **Ken Richter** managed to eke out some winnings. Host **Bill** again hit a home run with his grilled pork tenderloin. **Bill** also served up two helpings of cookies—one for **Skip** and the other for the rest of us.

Our next date is Wednesday August 10th. **Bill** will not be able to host so the game will be held at **Marchione's**. The regular players are **Spellman, Thomas, Merritt, Richter, Koeber, Marchione, Rockwell** and **Roberts**.

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 SIR branches.



Travel Opportunities

Bob Spellman



Aug 18, 2011 I Do! I Do! Depart by bus from Heather Farms to the Wells Fargo Pavilion in Sacramento. Enjoy a performance of I Do! I Do!, then off to the Old Spaghetti Factory for hosted dinner with a glass of wine. Cost:\$112.00, Contact **Bob Hagler**, 925-934-7620, Branch #8 for more information.

Sep 3, 2011 The Mothball “Ghost” Fleet. See the ships before they are removed permanently from the Bay. Depart the Pittsburg marina aboard the Island Serenade yacht for a 4 hour narrated boat cruise traveling on the Delta to Suisun Bay. Includes a three course lunch, taxes, motorcoach and driver tip. Cost: 108.00, Contact **Tom Sponsler @** 925-708-6584, Branch 171 for more information.

Sep 11-21, 2011 The Enchantment of Lake Michigan. An eleven day trip including a Hydrofoil to Mackinac Island , Green Bay and Madison Wisconsin featuring The House On The Rock and Frank Lloyd Wright’s Hillside Home School at Taliesin, a ride on the Chicago River and into Lake Michigan. Cost \$2885 Contact **Bob Hagler @**925-934-7620 Branch 8 for more information.

Oct 1-11, 2011 Canada & New England Cruise. Experience the colors of Fall as you sail for 10 days aboard Silversea’s Silver Whisper from Montreal to New York. You will also visit Quebec City, Charlottetown, Sydney, Halifax, Bar Harbor, Boston and Newport. While aboard the Silver Whisper you will find a most accommodating atmosphere providing impeccable service and world class cuisine. Everything is included in the price, tips, fine wines, all spirits, complimentary In Suite dining , meals airfare, bus to and from airport, port charge, government fees and taxes. You will be treated like royalty. Cost from \$5250 to \$6750 depending on Stateroom. Contact **Bob Spellman @** 934-8428. This trip has been very popular and is

currently sold out. We have started a Waiting List for those who may still like to go with no obligation.

May 19-Jun 3, 2012 Romance of the Rhine & Mosel. Cruise aboard a private Grand Circle river ship starting in Basel, Switzerland ending in Antwerp, Belgium. The ship will make stops at Strasbourg, France, Speyer, Baden-Baden, Boppard, Koblenz, Cochem, Bernkastel, Trier, Bonn, Germany, Nijmegen, Kinderdijk and Antwerp. The price starts at \$3895 to \$5295 plus air. The trip includes, 12 exclusive guided sightseeing tours plus personal headsets, Captains welcome dinner, 42 meals with complimentary wine with dinner. Contact **Ken Richter**, 689-6217. Pre and post trips are also available to Lucerne, Switzerland and Bruges, Belgium. Rooms will be available on a first come first serve basis.

Membership Steve Sprague



Branch 146 Statistics:

Active Members: 263 including six Honorary Life Members.

Applicant List: One.

Inactive Members: Ten.

July Luncheon Attendance:

Members: 195

Guests: 9, Visitors: 0, Speakers: 1

Total Attendance: 205

Status Changes:

Inducted: **John Harkin**, Badge 51

Jerry Kaplan, Badge 86

Virgil Lawrence, Badge 174

Pete McNeill, Badge 187

Moved to Inactive List: **Joe Himsl**, Badge 97.

Resigned: None

Transferred or Deceased: None

Changes to the Inactive Roster:

Joe Himsl was added. Our inactive roster therefore has increased by one to ten members.



Sunshine

Walt Busenius
945-0715

Busenius@astound.net



We offer our condolences and prayers to Ann and the family of Sir Maurice "Mitch" Mitchell on the passing of "Mitch" July 26th after a courageous battle against cancer. ""

We keep the Sirs listed below in our thoughts and prayers. We extend our very best wishes for continued healing to them and look forward to their returning to good health:

Sir Joe Schild
Sir Vern Bendsen
Sir Lynn Miller
Sir John Aaro
Sir Charles Kiser
Sir Bob Frankland
Sir Rod Sharretts
Sir Bob Wheaton
Sir Ed Mendelsohn
Sir Rob Van Luchene
Sir Mitch Mitchell
Sir George Zunich
Sir Ron Pascoe
Sir Bill Schmeh

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

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.



ROMEIO

(Retired Old Men Eating Out)
Malcolm Hendry



The ROMEIO 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 enjoyable dining, while getting to better know your fellow SIR and male guests, in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

"JACK'S RESTAURANT AND BAR"

Pleasant Hill is home to Diablo Magazine's "Best New Restaurant in the East Bay for 2011". Jacks R & B has won honors in three different categories: Best New Restaurant, Best Patio and Best Place for an Affordable Lunch. Both SIR Ernie Dickson and Lo McCarley have enjoyed this restaurant and recommend we try this highly rated restaurant.

Location: 60 Crescent Drive, Suite A, Pleasant Hill, Ca 94523

Web Site: www.jacksrestaurants.com (Menus, location, about)

Phone: 925-849-6195

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

Your suggestions for restaurants you recommend are welcomed.



Garden Club Steve Dawkins

If you missed our last meeting you missed a great speaker. We learned all about bees and they are an amazing creature. They epitomize the concept of team work. There are about 18,500 species of bees and the ones we have in Contra Costa County are either Carnelian or Italian. Our next meeting will be on Thursday August 28th at the Oak Grove Library starting at 9:30am.



Tuesday Golf

Ray Weisz



The Weekly Winners are:

June 21, 2011

White First Flight: **Dale Hertweck 66**, 2nd **Lew Thompson 67**. White Second Flight: 1st **Ed Marlovits 70**, 2nd **Ron Plachy 70**. Gold Tee Flight 1: 1st **Ray Weisz 68**, 2nd **Russ Bliese 68**. Gold Tee Flight 2: 1st **John Demos 66**, 2nd **Fred Bolton 68**. Closest to the pin Hole #2 **Russ Bliese**, Hole #12 **Lew Thompson**.

June 28, 2011

No Golf Rain

July 5, 2011

White First Flight: 1st **John Hammond 64**, 2nd **Pete McNeill 65**. White Second Flight: 1st **Bill Danzig 58**, 2nd **Joe Lamanna 63**. Gold Tee Flight 1: 1st **Bill Hansen 63**, 2nd **Ernie Dickson 63**, 3rd **Sal Costanza 64**. Closest to the pin Hole #2 **Jerry Duarte**, Hole #12 **Bob White**.

July 12, 2011

White First Flight: 1st **Lew Thompson 67**, 2nd **John Hammond 69**.

White Second Flight: 1st **Steve Sprague 70**, 2nd **Dick Kincaid 72**.

Gold Tee Flight 1: 1st **Bob White 67**, 2nd **Gene Diana 67**. Gold Tee Flight 2: 1st **Al Zamolo 67**, **Dick Richmond 68**. Closest to the pin Hole # **Ben Gleason** Hole # 12 **Al Zamolo**.

July 19, 2011

White First Flight: 1st **Pet McNeill 68**, 2nd **Steve Siljestrom 68**.

White Second Flight: 1st **Dick Kincaide 67**, 2nd **John Alexander 68**.

Gold Tee Flight 1: **Corrie Oranje 67**, **Bob Royster 68**. Gold Tee Flight 2:

1st **Bill Hansen 64**, 2nd **Don Del Bene 67**. Closest to the pin Hole # **Bill Weinberg** Hole # 12 **Larry Sheerin**.

Away Golf

Rich Hanford and Joe Fuchs

Rich Hanford and **Joe Fuchs** are the co-activity chairmen for away golf.

Away golf is on the 1st Thursday of the month, beginning in May and ending in October (i.e. 6 dates). Golfers are able to optionally schedule their playing partners for carpooling purposes. Singles will be assigned to a foursome as they are on Tuesday's. Players pay at the course at check-in, like they do on Tuesdays.

5/05/11 Deer Ridge Results

Flight 1: 1st **Sal Costanza (64)**, 2nd: **Jim Burk (67)**, **Joe Himsl (67)** and **Pete McNeil (67)**

Flight 2: 1st: **Jim Brown (67)**

Closest to the Pin: **Joe Fuchs**

6/02/11 Lonetree Results

Flight 1: 1st: **Steve Conte (65)**, 2nd: **Walt Busenius & Bill Weinberg (67)**

Flight: 2: 1st: **Jim Todhunter (67)**, 2nd: **Ray Kan (68)**

Closest to the Pin: **Steve Sprague**

7/07/11 Franklin Canyon Results

White Flight: 1st: **Pete McNeil (67)**, 2nd: **Walt Busenius (67)**, 3rd: **Ron Binder (69)**

Forward Flight: 1st: **Doug Eisner (59)**, 2nd: **Dan O'Sullivan (60)**, 3rd: **Jim Passaglia (61)**

Closest to the Pin: **Rich Hanford**

COMING SOON

8/04/11 Blue Rock East \$39

9/01/11 Delta View \$29 with bucket of balls

10/6/11 Deer Ridge \$35

If you want to sign up for a particular date, you can do it now by sending an Email to Sir146away-golf@yahoo.com, calling **Rich Hanford** or **Joe Fuchs**, or signing up at Tuesday golf.

Area 2 Computers and Technology Group



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

Area 2 Computer and Technology Group invite you to their next meeting on Thursday, August 18th at 9am.

Have you been considering buying a Kindle or another brand of eReader? How about an iPad or another Tablet computer? Confused about which to buy? **Neil Schmidt** will describe the features of all the electronic book readers and tablet computers currently on the market. Find out what they can do for you and which one you may wish to buy. **Neil** asks attendees with eReaders and/or tablets to bring their own devices to the meeting.

We always have The Gurus of A2CAT whose advice is 'priceless', so bring your vexing questions for their consideration.

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 ask for a donation of \$5 to cover the cost of the hall rental, coffee and cookies. All SIR members and their guests (spouses included!) are welcome to attend. See you there.

Thank you for supporting your Area 2 Computer and Technology Group.

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

AREA 2 INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIER

An Area 2 qualifying golf tournament was held at Franklin Canyon on 7/15. Golfer's that qualified will move on to play at Boundary Oak on 8/31. Golfer's qualifying at Boundary Oak will play in the State Championship at Poppy Hills on 10/15.

Our Branch did very well in the 7/15 qualifier. Below is the list of golfer's that will be moving on. Please congratulate them and wish them well as they go forward in representing Branch 146.

QUALIFIER'S

Pete McNeill	1st place	1st flight
Dave Steinberg	4 th place	2 nd flight (also won closest to pin on the 4 th hole)
Steve Siljestrom	1st place	3rd flight
John Hammond	2nd place	3rd flight
Larry Sheerin	1st place	4th flight
Jim Todhunter	4th place	4th flight
Ray Weisz	1st place	6th flight
Al Zamolo	2nd place	7th flight

Couples Golf John Harrington



Our Couples Group played Oakhurst Country Club for our June tournament. It was challenging as we played a variety of formats. **Lew and Carla Thompson** won the Scramble portion of our tournament. **Jim and Anne Burk** finished in the top spot of our Best Ball competition. **Terry and Sharon Marchione** won the Alternate Shot portion of the challenge. **Lew Thompson and Margot Somerville** shared the honors of closest to the Pin award. Our July tournament will be hosted by **Bob and Jo Spellman** and played at our home course of Boundary Oaks.

Area 2 \$ums Investment Group

The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group will meet on August 24th 2011, 8:00 AM at the Diablo Creek Golf Course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Our speaker will be **Peter Karp** of Karp Capital Management Corporation of San Francisco. **Peter's** presentation will cover the following topics: How to Understand the Markets... Creating an Investment Thesis to the end of 2011 and beyond.... It is all about Politics... You Must Control Risk - Portfolio Management. Rick Karp is one of our most dynamic and informative speakers and he will surely continue with a very informative presentation.

A copy of his presentation will be made available to all who attend. If you would like to read Peter's latest Financial Focus newsletter Go to www.karpcapital.com and sign up for his newsletter.

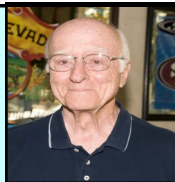
The restaurant opens at 7:00 am for those who would like to enjoy breakfast with your colleagues.

Co-Chairmen: **Allen Espenmiller** (Br-174) 925-376-3977

George Schulze (Br-8) 925-429-1756

Leary Wong (Br-8) 925-457-0807

Bocce Ball Martin Lyle



2nd and 4th Mondays at 9 am., May through October, at Concord Bocce Courts in Newhall Park, Concord, near the corner of Turtle Creek and Ayers Roads

For those of you who have not tried Bocce Ball, come and join us for some fun. It's easy, and we have good groups out to play. See you there. No experience necessary Ladies welcome.

FISHING REPORT PAUL DUBOW



The weather remained a factor in our fishing efforts, as it has all year. Although the rains subsided in July, the runoff from earlier months of rain kept the waters in the delta, bay, and ocean frothy with good sized waves. Undaunted, our fearless fishermen set out into these waters, plus there was no risk of big waves in the lakes. **Dick Thomson** caught a large halibut in the bay fishing with **Karl Droese**, **Carl Moyer** and his daughter **Leah**, **Joe Miscione**, and **Terry Miller**. **Tom Boltz**, **Bill Baltezure** and **Pete Gates** of Branch 146, along with **Joe Karg**, caught some kokanee salmon and a few trout in Lake Berryessa. **Kent Cremolini** enjoyed yet another successful long range ocean trip from San Diego, limiting out on yellowtail and nearly limiting out on bluefin tuna up to 50 pounds. **Terry Miller**, **Craig Walton**, **George Schulze**, **Harry Sherinian**, **Bill Landers**, and **Karl Droese** caught trout at Lake Davis, but the catch was not quite as good as usual because of the wind and rain. Nevertheless, we are planning another outing at Lake Davis in September and all who read this column are welcome to join us. **Rich Bal**, **Ed Dijkman**, **Paul Corbitt**, and **Gary Yancey** journeyed to Astoria, Oregon on the Columbia River and caught about 85 sturgeon, including nine keepers, in three days. **Mike Corker** played with leopard sharks and rays in San Pablo Bay. **John Wall** of Branch 146, joined by **Bob Olson**, had fun fishing on Fall River for catch and release trout. **Gordon Linebaugh** caught some rainbow and brown trout at Bucks Lake. **Gene Schulting** of Branch 146 traveled to Canada and caught northern pike to 44 inches plus a batch of tasty walleyes. And **Carl Moyer** and **Terry Miller** ventured out into the Pacific in Carl's boat and landed some rockfish, albeit small ones. For the rest of the summer, our agenda includes delta fishing for bass, catfish, and sturgeon, party boat trips for sturgeon, rockfish, salmon, and halibut, and perhaps some trout outings on the Sacramento. As always, those of you who have never fished or saw your fishing gear rust away in the attic are invited to return to angling and, in many cases, we can lend you equipment.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, August 25, at the Legend Sports Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek Golf Course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway, Concord. The meeting begins at 8:30 but breakfast is available earlier. For further information, call yours truly at 415-495-6504.

Help Wanted

With high unemployment plaguing the economy, we have decided to start a new column describing job opportunities in Branch 146.

Website Committee Chairman

The Website Committee is responsible for maintaining the web pages and ensuring that the information on those pages is current.

Currently, the majority of the maintenance is performed by a consultant under contract to Branch 146. Therefore the Committee Chairman is responsible for administration of this contract. This includes: sending information to the consultant for posting on the site, reviewing and submitting Invoices for payment, holding occasional process review meetings, and keeping the BEC apprised of the consultant's activities and cost.

Specifically, the following information is posted monthly: the SirCall, Treasurers Report and Form 28 and the BEC meeting Minutes. In addition, Member photo pages, Officers page, Home page photos, Activity and Committee Pages and the Memoriam pages are revised as needed.

>Developing a long range plan for enhancing the site to make it more functional and easier to update. Elements of the long range plan are in place in the form of the Website Enhancement Project. The work is currently on hold.

>Developing a plan whereby the members of the Committee get the training necessary to take over some of the maintenance functions now handled by the consultant.

>Liaison with the Golf Committee web administrator. The Golf Committee handles its own content of the Website.

Desirable computer knowledge for Chairman: HTML, Coffee Cup or Dreamweaver software.

Contact **Terry Marchione** or **Pete Gates**

New Member Biography Writer

This position is responsible for writing a brief biography for each of our new members (22 so far this year) for posting on the website along with a photo.

Desirable skills and interest: A knack for writing and an interest in interacting with the new members of the Branch.

Contact **Pete Gates** or **Dave Pierce**

MEMBER RETENTION AND RETENTION

Jack Calloway

Congratulations to new members **Jerry Kaplan** sponsored by **Terry Marchione**, **Pete McNeill** sponsored by **Bill Schultz**, **John Harkin** sponsored by **Lo McCarley** and **Virgil Lawrence** sponsored by **Chuck Sesata**. In less than one year **Mike Varner** sponsored **Steve Siljstrom** who sponsored **Bill Schultz** who just sponsored **Pete McNeill**. Now that's a record that will be hard to beat.

We had 10 guests at the July Luncheon which is the second time this year that we have reached that number. A big Thank You to those members who have brought a guest to a luncheon or acted as a designated host this year. Big Sir **Pete Gates** mentioned that we have received a number of calls in response to the Meeting Notice which has appeared in the local newspaper. In August, we will induct the first two new members who came to us from this source.

A revised sheet outlining "How To Sponsor A New Member" is now available to help you when you decide to bring a guest to a luncheon. We will have some copies on the back table at the next luncheon.



Walkers John Lewis



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

Planned by **John Lewis**

- August 5 Heather Farms
Meet: End of Heather Farms parking near Canal Trail
Walk: Around Heather Farms.
Level, some shade
Coffee: Sweet Affair, Ygnacio Plaza
- August 12--Cardinet Trail, Clayton
Meet: Clayton Library parking on Clayton Road
Walk: Creekside Trail.
Level, some shade
Coffee: Deli Delight, Walnut Creek
- August 19--Iron Horse Trail, Walnut Creek South
Meet: Civic Center Park, Walnut Creek
Walk: South on Iron Horse Trail to Rudgear Rd. then back to La Scala on N. Main.
Level, little shade
Coffee: La Scala, on N. Main Walnut Creek
- August 26--Lafayette-Moraga Trail west on St. Mary's Road
Meet: Lafayette Community Center
Walk: Follow St. Mary's Rd toward Moraga.
Level, some shade
Coffee: Terzettos in Moraga Shopping Center

Cribbage John Pearl



Seven of our "Merry Band of Men" gathered at our usual venue, **Barney Meade's** home, for our July "fundraiser." While it was definitely hot that day, some played "hotter" than others. First place money went to **Kirk McVean**, of Branch 116, second place was taken by **Jim Passaglia**, while our host, **Barney Meade**, was third.

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Explore and Dine John Pearl



In August, Explore and Dine will travel to the beautiful Dunsuir House in southeast Oakland. This home was the summer house for a prominent San Francisco family, and hosts many events, including weddings.

The present plan is tour the home on Thursday, August 25th, at 11:00 AM. Lunch will follow at a "restaurant to be named later."

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