



Big Sir's Notes

Dennis Hallett

The Ladies Day luncheon was a great success.

Our special thanks go out to **Joe Fuchs** and **Steve Dawkins** for their efforts to make the luncheon a memorable one. We had 22 tables, each with a table decoration that was taken home by the lucky winner of the draw.

Pete Gates, our Little Sir, made the luncheon even more enjoyable, especially for our ladies, by inviting Dan Ashley as the speaker.

The Branch Executive Committee (BEC) continues to be very active. They will review a Website Enhancement Plan and Budget at their June meeting. The plan addresses the formation for a Website Committee of 8 members under the Chairmanship of **Jeff Baily**, their technical training, and a series of planned enhancements that will include making the Website even more inviting to retired men interested in joining our Branch. Our Website is in many ways a window into the activities of our Branch. I encourage all members to support the Website Committee in their endeavors.

Please remember our voluntary annual donation of \$25 is due by June 2010.

Without your donations we will be unable to undertake endeavors such as our Website enhancement and Sir Call publication or meet our general operating expenses. Please make your check payable to "SIR 146" and give it to **Joe Fuchs** or **Ron de Golia** or mail it to **Ron de Golia** at: 1012 Camino Verde Circle, Walnut Creek, CA 94597.

Also remember our new luncheon price is \$ 24 and to bring a check for that amount to each luncheon.

I will be on vacation in June 2010 and therefore unable to attend the June BEC meeting and luncheon. **Pete Gates** will cover for me so please give him your usual support.

Lastly, the June luncheon includes a Colorful Shirt Competition with prize.

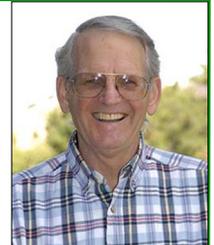
The judges have been warned to wear protective dark glasses !!!



Little Sir **Pete Gates**
and
luncheon speaker **Dan Ashley**

Little Sir's Corner

Pete Gates



The speaker for our June luncheon will be **Paul Kingsman**. **Paul** is a motivational speaker and executive coach. His topic is *Defeating Distractions*. He helps clients conquer daily distractions which seem urgent, but are more often inconsequential, so they can achieve the success they want in their business and personal lives.

Paul knows the importance of keeping focused. He trained for thirteen years to swim a 2 minute backstroke race at the 1988 Olympics and won a medal by only four one-hundredths of a second!

After retiring from competitive swimming, **Paul** applied the same success habits he had developed in sport to business, going on to achieve big results with some of the worlds best known companies, both in his native country of New Zealand and here in his adopted home of the United States.



Duplicate Bridge Terry Marchione

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



Sir **Jim Brown** hosted our February game with four tables of duplicate bridge. Unlike last month, when all 16 regulars played, this game saw some serious scrambling to replace last minute cancellations. A special thanks to Sir **Jim Jackson** for filling in as Director and to Sir **Lynn Freeman** for answering our call at 8:30 am for the 10:00am game. Thank also to Sir **Harry Dillon** (for the 2nd month in a row) and Sir **Joe Barry** for their willingness to play on short notice.

The bridge match was not as close as many of our games. Sir **Bob Yolland** was solidly in 1st place with a score of 48.5 points. Sir **John Demos** with 43.5 points was second, Sir **Carl Johnson** (41 points) placed 3rd and Sir **Joe Barry** was fourth with 39.5 points. The next game will be held on Monday June 14th at Sir **Fred Kovar's** home. Contact **Terry Marchione** (terrymarchione@yahoo.com).

Couples Duplicate Bridge Too Dick De Voe

Hosts Lynn and Dasha Freeman are back on top of the heap in May's raucous duplicate bridge tourney. As usual a new twist showed up, with three (3) boards having to be eliminated. Why, you ask? Beats us! One was played only once, another was played twice by some couples (why didn't they do better the NEXT time?), and the third board record apparently was too confusing to consider. Continuous beverage availability may be the culprit, but no one's complaining.

Terry Marchione obviously took to heart last month's suggestion that Goren is no longer the book of choice, and so he and **Sharon** took an easy 2nd place. **Ken and Elaine Richter** took advantage of the situation and (again!) slipped into the money, for 3rd place. The **Adams, Barrys, and DeVoes** all tied for last place, which was a heck of a lot better than coming in at the very bottom (in hindsight, the actual difference between "last place" and "the very bottom" is somewhat difficult to measure).

Jim Adams made a plaintive request to give **Ruth** and him credit for ranking high on the boards thrown out. His pleas were all heard, but no one listened, if you catch my drift. After all, someone may have worked hard to get those boards tossed, so let's instead give credit to ingenuity if nothing else. Based on the past, June's tourney should be another lollapalooza.



Party Bridge Fred Bolton

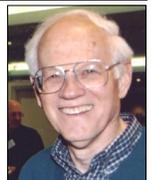
*1st Monday at 10 am at various
members' homes. Contact
Fred Bolton for details.
Bring a lunch.*



We played three tables of bridge at the home of **Bill Rees** on May 3. First place went to **Fred Bolton** with 5720 points, second to **Jim Brown** with 4860 and third to **Bob Yolland** with 4670. Our next game will be at the home of **Lo McCarley** on June 7.

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 May 19th at **Lo and Sue McCarley's** home. The group welcomed **Daphne Merritt** who was subbing for **Vince Rettew** as **Margot Somerville's** partner. As for bridge results: In a very tight race **Bill and Margaret Rees** took first place with 38.5 points. **Margot Somerville and Daphne Merritt** took second (38 points), **Bob and Janet Yolland** (37 points) placed third, and **Lynn and Dasha** finished in fourth place with 36.5 points. **Lynn and Dasha Freeman** will host the next bridge on Wednesday, June 16th.

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Bowling Larry Mitchell

The SIR summer league is under way but we could still use some more bowlers. This league will run through August and the Summer league will begin again in September. Any one interested in either league please call me.

There are three tournaments coming up in June. They are: 1. In Pinole at the Pinole Valley Lanes on the 2nd and 3rd. 2. In Paradise at the Tall Pines Lanes on the 22nd, 23rd and 3rd. In Campbell at the Cambrian Bowling Alley on the 27th and the 28th. All of these events will be Singles, Mixed Doubles and All events.

For more information please call me.

Larry Mitchell - 925-798-5440.



Lunch and Wine Group

Paul Dubow



The Lunch and Wine Group, also known as the LAW Group, met at **Paul Dubow's** home for its monthly discussion of politics, sports, and other assorted subjects, in addition to enjoying a good lunch and excellent wine.

Paul prepared Greek dip and corn bread for appetizers (along with chips purchased at Safeway) and then presented a hearty chicken salad as the main course. He finished with frozen yogurt dessert.

For those of you who would like to try the dessert, here is how you do it. Crush 12-16 Oreo cookies inside a plastic bag (otherwise you will spill the crushed cookies all over the place). Spray a baking dish and spread the cookie crumbs along the bottom of the dish, setting aside a small amount of the crumbs. Freeze for 10 minutes and then remove from the freezer. Spread on a quart of softened frozen yogurt (your choice of flavor). Drizzle warm chocolate syrup (one third of a cup) and peanuts (one quarter of a cup). Spread on eight ounces of Cool Whip and sprinkle on the remaining crumbs. Return to the freezer and remove ten minutes before serving.

It is our tradition that the wives also meet separately while we lunch (except twice per year when all of us go out to dinner). Normally, the wives meet at a local restaurant. **Phyllis Meehan** was taking care of a grandchild and since she did not want to miss dining out with her friends, she graciously hosted the group at her home.

We also welcome **Bill Hartman** as an alternate member of our group. Since one or two of our members are often out of town or otherwise engaged when we meet, we expect that **Bill** will be at a lot of our lunches. If any other member of the branch is interested in being an alternate, please call **Paul Dubow** at 415-495-6504 or **Dick Woodman** at 925-935-3118.



Chess Group

A chess group is now being formed. Players at all levels are welcome.

Please contact **Joe Fuchs** at JBF@astound.net if you are interested.



SongSirs Don Tubb

We have had really good appearances this year - at WCPC VIPs for Valentine's Day and Martinez Seniors for St. Pat's. We'll be singing at Kensington Place on July 1, at the SIR luncheon in November and probably one more in September or October.

If you've ever thought about singing in a group, SongSirs is for you! We don't hold auditions - just come and sing. The songs are very familiar to people our age and probably include some you haven't heard for 40-50 years. It's a guaranteed non-threatening good time.

Just contact **Don Tubb** at 459-0852 or fpilot@aol.com.

Bocce Ball Martin Lyle



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



Poker Club #1 Frank McNamee



Poker Club #1 met on May 5th at the **Bill Cammerer** residence and by any stretch of anyone's imagination, a gracious host he was not. He took everybody's money except **John Lewis** (second) and **Frank McNamee** (third) and their winnings were pretty meager. We only hope **Bernice** enjoyed her dinner out on the losers. Our June meeting will be on the 9th but not sure if at **Bob White's** or **Don Martin's** Home.



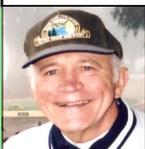
Poker Club #2 Al Zamolo

For the past several sessions our group 2 has been setting records. In April **Ken Kratz** set another record by losing for the first time in two years. Our May session is scheduled for **Bob Royster's** home



Poker Club #3 Siegfried Kaletis

We had newsletter editor Sir **Rich Ahlf** join us for a round of poker in May. He also took some shots of our illustrious group which appeared in the May issue. We hope to have him come again to win some of his money back!



Poker Club #4 Chuck Bobinecz

Garth Cummings will be our host for our June 28th game. At our April session everyone went home happy. Those that left with less in their wallets than they started with, offset the loss with liquid refreshments.

Face cards in the deck are not depicted the same. One of the kings has an ax, the others have swords and two of the jacks are profiled with one eye and the other two are shown with two eyes.

POKER GROUP 5 Bill Roberts



Our May game was held on Wednesday the 12th. After two winning months "Skip" **Thomas** skipped town no doubt embarrassed having such a winning streak. **Frank Rockwell** was kind enough to fill in and insured future invitations by turning out to be the biggest loser. For most of us a troubling trend is developing—**Charlie Koeber**, for the 3rd month in a row, was the big winner. We can't figure out how he is managing to do this. He likes to think it's his skillful play but no one is buying that. Also, **Bill Roberts** turned in a winning performance for the 2nd month in a row. All these months that **Bill** has used having to prepare our dinner as an excuse for his poor performance obviously was a smokescreen.

Our next game will be on June 9th.

Our regular players are **Spellman, Thomas, Merritt, Richter, Koeber, Marchione** and **Roberts**. The date for our next game has not been set as of this time.

MEMBER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

JACK CALLOWAY

Begin the recruiting cycle by bringing a potential member to the next luncheon. SIR is an organization which needs a constant flow of new members to replace those who leave. Even though we have a wonderful Branch, with great members and a wide variety of activities, it is inevitable that we will continue to lose members. Currently there are 32 members who have sponsored 3 or more members. Overall, more than 100 have sponsored at least 1 new member. If you have never been a sponsor, now is a good time to start. You will be helping our Branch and introducing another person to the many benefits of Sir.

At the June Luncheon we will have a drawing for a free lunch to show our appreciation for those members who have been a sponsor in the first half of 2010.



Travel Opportunities

Bob Spellman



Jun 23-25, 2010 Boulder Creek Golf and Fun. Join your fellow SIR members for a great 3 day getaway close to home. The packages includes a combination of golf, lodging and dinner for three days and two nights. Some people want to play golf and some just want to kick back and enjoy the beautiful surroundings. Cost \$320.00 to \$420.00 depending on which package you choose.

Contact **Ken Richter@** 689-6217

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

Oct 1-11, 2011 Canada & New England Cruise. Experience the colors of Fall as you sail for 10 days aboard Silversea's Silver Whisper from Montreal to New York. You will also visit Quebec City, Charlottetown, Sydney, Halifax, Bar Harbor, Boston and Newport. While aboard the Silver Whisper you will find a most accommodating atmosphere providing impeccable service and world class cuisine. Everything is included in the price, tips, fine wines, all spirits, complimentary in suit dining, meals airfare, bus to and from airport, port charge, government fees and taxes. You will be treated like royalty. Cost from \$4720 to \$6057 depending on Stateroom.

Contact **Bob Spellman @** 934-8428.

The quarterly State *SIR HAPPENINGS* web site at <http://www.sirinc.org/sirhappings/> offers additional SIR travel options.



John and Nedra Biasotti

Sunshine



Walt Busenius

945-0715

Busenius@astound.net

We offer our condolences and prayers to the family of **Cathy Binder**, Wife of Sir **Ron**, who passed away on May 18th after a long struggle with cancer.

We offer our condolences to the family of Sir **James Keegan** who passed away in May from lung cancer. **Jim** recently had joined our chapter.

A memorial service was held on May 22nd for **Doug Pederson** who died in November, 2009.

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

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

As of this SIR Call, these Sirs were sick or having health issues:

Robert Skirvan

Herb Freeman

Jesse Crews

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

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

Area 2 Computers and Technology Group

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

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

Check out our website at <http://sir-web.org/computer>

The group does not meet in June, so the next session will be on Thursday 15 July at 9am. The topic will be: "Travelling with Technology". More information will be available in next month's announcement.

A copy of the Email presentation for May 20th will be posted on the A2 CAT website by Monday May 17th.

Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned user, we try to offer something for everyone. Some months we ask for a donation of \$5 to cover the cost of the hall rental, coffee and cookies. All SIR members and their guests are welcome.

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

Derek Southern and Phil Goff
Co-chairs

Area 2 \$ums In Retirement

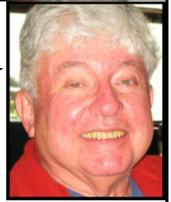
Allen Espenmiller

The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group meeting will be on June 23rd, 8:00AM at the Diablo Creek golf club on Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Our speakers will be **Jeanne Chan** and **Michelle Bartel** from the Walnut Creek office of Charles Schwab. Their topic "Exchange Traded Funds Explained". Discover why exchange-traded funds (ETF'S) are such a rapidly growing investment option. You'll learn how the structure of ETF'S offers cost and tax advantages, with flexibility, liquidity and diversification to help you fill in the gaps in your portfolio.

Allen Espenmiller Co-Chairman Area 2 \$ums in Retirement Investment Group (Br-174) 376-3977

Fishing Paul Dubow

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



In the May newsletter, we reported that fellow fishermen sneered at **Paul Dubow** for using purple power bait during an outing at Lake Camanche, only to regret doing so when **Paul** turned out to be the only person to catch a fish. **Pete Gates** of Branch 146, who was not on the Camanche trip, learned the lesson well and decided to use purple power bait on a trip to Shadow Cliffs Reservoir. The result was terrific, as **Pete** caught his limit of five rainbow trout. That was an inspiration to boat mate **Carl Moyer**, who decided to use the purple stuff, and he too limited out. **Tom Boltz** of Branch 146, as well as **Karl Droese**, **Jim Andrews**, **Romano Gnusti**, **Dick Thomson**, and **Harry Sherinian**, were also on the outing and caught their share of trout. All of the group then enjoyed a sumptuous picnic dinner afterwards.

We have been very busy halibut fishing in the bay. **Karl Droese**, **Joe Miscione**, **Carl Moyer**, **Roger Borgerson**, **Terry Miller**, **Dick Thomson**, **Jim Andrews**, and **Joe Peterson** have all enjoyed catching and eating the delicious flat fish. **Terry Miller** and **Carl Moyer** had a banner day on the delta, catching several dozen striped bass, about eight of which were keepers. All were released. **Joe Peterson** and **Carl** fished the same area a week later with dismal results. **Joe** later teamed with **Craig Walton** to catch three keepable stripers, many smaller ones, and a baby sturgeon. **Craig Walton**, **Tom Boltz**, **George Schulze**, **Al Brunner**, **Terry Miller**, **Joe Miscione**, and **Romano Gnusti** braved the wind and the rain at Lake Almanor, catching only a few nice rainbows in the storm. **Craig** and **Tom** proceeded to Lake Davis, and trolling with a guide, had a banner day, catching and releasing over 17 rainbows each. **Howard Berkman**, **Karl Droese**, and **Joe Miscione** fished Lake Berryessa, landing only a few largemouth bass.

We will be very busy in the future with trout fishing in the eastern Sierra; tuna and billfish in Mexico; a long range ocean foray from San Diego, delta fishing for striped bass and sturgeon, trout fishing in our local lakes as well as Lake Davis, kokanee in New Melones Reservoir, and several party boat trips for halibut and rockfish. If you haven't been fishing for awhile, or not at all, but would like to try it, come down to our next meeting or call **Paul Dubow** at 415-495-6504.

All SIR members and guests are welcome and indeed encouraged to participate in our fishing trips and attend the monthly meetings. The next meeting will be Thursday, June 24th at the Legend Sports Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek Golf Course at 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. The meeting starts at 8:30am, but come early and join us for breakfast. **Kent Cremolini** and the fishermen from the San Diego long range trip will present their results.



Garden Club Chuck Bobinecz



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

On June 3rd we are scheduled for a tour of the new recycle plant at 1300 Loveridge Rd. in Pittsburgh at 10am. We can find out what happens to our yard waste, etc. We will meet at the Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church, 1801 Lacassie Ave. at 9:30am and car-pool from there. Wives and guests are welcome.

The July meeting date has been changed to July 22nd. There will be a BBQ from 11am to 3pm. at the home of Sir **Chuck Bobinecz** who will furnish the sausages and suds. Sir **Lew Thompson** is coordinating this event. Please contact him by July 16th as to what you might bring, salads deserts, etc. As usual, wives and guests are welcome.

Garden tip of the month: The burn in a pepper comes from capsaicin, a compound that is found in all parts of the fruit but especially in the seed and ribs. It is measured in Scoville Heat units (SHU). A mild bell pepper is around zero SHU but some high heat peppers range from 100,000 to 300,000 SHU. Something to check out when planting peppers in the garden.

Couples Dining Out Don Tubb

There have been some excellent dinners this year and our ranks have swelled to 30 couples. The latest was at ESIN in April - food was fabulous and it was a good time together.

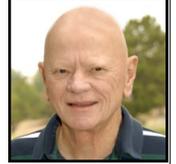
Our next dinner will be on June 15th at La Finestra in Lafayette, hosted by **Dick** and **Janice Woodman** don't miss it.

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.



ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out) Malcolm Hendry



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

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Web Site: www.uncleyu.com (menus and directions)
Phone: 925-283-1688

Please let me know by Tuesday, June 15th, if you will join us.

Your suggestions are welcome for future restaurants to visit.

Mal



Table Pool Bill Weinberg

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

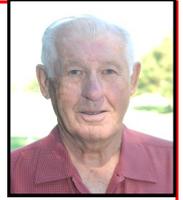


Haven't played in years? Come join us. We usually have three or four pool games going. We also have SIR members from other branches joining us. Masse's offers special pricing for Sirs. Just mention you're a Sir anytime you wish to play.

Away Golf Jim Baldridge



Tuesday Golf Ray Weisz



Our Tuesday Away Golf for May was rescheduled due to rain and became Thursday Away Golf on May 6th at Shadow Lake GC in Brentwood. Thanks to **Ray Weisz** for arranging the event. It was a two man best ball format and **Steve Sprague** and **Ken Kratz** came away with 1st place honors. **Joe Barry** and **Leonard Whorton** took 2nd, **Vince Rettew** and **Jim Saavedra** were 3rd and **Myles Ringle** and **Roger Linn** were 4th. **Dale Hertweck** demonstrated his iron skills and took closest to the pin.

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

Bob and **Jo Spellman** are arranging Couples Golf for May. That event will be at Boundary Oak on May 20th. **Jim** and **Anne Burk** will be setting up the Couples Golf event for June. **Jim** will be getting info out shortly.

Bob Wheaton continues to set up 9 hole events on Thursdays at Diablo Hills/Heather Farm. The next event will be May 20th. The June events will be on June 3rd and June 17th. To get on the list contact **Bob** at 925-939-4512 or on the net at bobnanwh@astound.net.

State Golf Events: Entry forms are on sirstategolf.com for Reno Circus June 13-18th, Solvang Sept 12-16th and Mesquite NV Nov 7-11th.

Mel Verzi of Yuba City BR. #45 has invited our players to join them at Plumas Lake Golf and Country Club for the **Jimmy Beeler** Fall Fling Classic Oct 20-21st. For details contact **Mel** at mrsmelchico@sbrglobal.com.

The State Team Championship will be at Poppy Ridge/Pleasanton August 8th and the State Individual Championship will be at Poppy Hills/Monterey Oct 27-28th.

If you are interested in the state events and do not have internet access contact me, **Ron Plachy** or **Dick Richmond** and we will help get entry forms to you. Questions: **Jim Baldridge** 925-689-9232 e-mail jim-judy39@aol.com

May 4, 2010

First Flight: 1st **Dale Hertweck** 64, 2nd **Jack Calloway** 68, 3rd **Larry Sheerin** 68. Second Flight: 1st **Rich Hanford** 66, 2nd **Bill Weinberg** 67, 3rd **Mike Stephenson** 69. Third Flight: 1st **Doug Eisner** 66, 2nd **Cal Tucker** 71, 3rd **Ray Weisz** 71. Closest to the pin Hole #2 **Al Zamolo**, Hole #12 **Dick Woodman**.

May 11, 2010

Blue Rock Springs (East)

Our second Tuesday travel day was a big success with many low scores. We had ties in all flights. The final results were.

First Flight: 1st **Gene Diana** 66, 2nd **Larry Sheerin** 68, 3rd **Terry Marchione** 69. Second Flight: 1st **Jim Passaglia** 68, 2nd **Ken Kratz** 67, 3rd **Bill Weinberg** 67. Third Flight: 1st **Ray Weisz** 64, 2nd **Doug Cook** 68, 3rd **Jim Brown** 68. Closest to the pin Hole #2 **Ed Malboeuf**.

Our next Tuesday travel day will be June 8th. This will be a Shot Gun Start with Branch 19 at 9:00A.M. at Lone Tree Golf Course. Be sure to sign out if you are not available to play on that **DATE**.

It is almost June and the Golfers are looking for sunshine. The rain Gods have not been good to the Golfers. We are all looking for a great summer.

If you're caught on a golf course during a storm and are afraid of lightning, hold up a 1-iron. Not even God can hit a 1-iron:

Lee Trevino

Theater Gary Schaub



“The Hairy Ape”

Scheduled for September
Theatre Party



An important drama from the 1920's by a prize-winning playwright is the SIR 146 Theatre Party for September. It will be presented at the Village Theatre in Danville on Thursday, September 23rd at 8:00 p.m., produced by the Eugene O'Neill Foundation. Eugene O'Neill's "The Hairy Ape" is an Expressionistic play about a steam-ship stoker who tries to make sense of the world around him. It is a powerful statement about the effects of industrialization and technology on the worker. While set in the 1920s, "The Hairy Ape" is relevant in many ways to contemporary times.

The play is by Nobel Prize winning Playwright **Eugene O'Neill**, who lived at Tao House, his home in the Danville hills, between 1937-1941. Here **O'Neill** wrote his most notable plays, including "A Long Day's Journey Into Night," "A Moon for the Misbegotten," and "The Iceman Cometh." Tao House is now part of the **Eugene O'Neill** National Historic Site, operated by the National Park Service.

Tickets for "The Hairy Ape," in a special group rate for SIR members is \$25. Space is limited. Deadline to order is September 3rd. Send your check, payable to "SIR146" to Sir Gary Schaub, 1758 Candelerio Court, Walnut Creek 94598. If you have questions, call Gary at (925) 938-5454. Tickets will be distributed at the door of the Village Theatre, 233 Front Street, Danville (one block east of Hartz Avenue, near the Danville Library). Free and lot parking is available nearby in Danville

"The Hairy Ape" is being presented as part of a month-long **Eugene O'Neill** Festival, held each fall in Danville. In addition to the play, several lectures and panels, musical events and art exhibits related to the Expressionistic period will be offered. (Details regarding the Festival will be posted on the Eugene O'Neill Foundation website, www.eugeneoneill.org). Expressionism was a cultural movement of the early 20th century that vividly distorted personal moods and ideas. Other artists working in the mode included **Edward Munch** and **Vincent van Gogh** (art), **Franz Kafka** (literature) and **August Strindberg** (drama).

Explore and Dine John Pearl



In April, Explore and Dine joined the Garden and Wine Groups on the tour they arranged to Fioli Gardens and the Cooper-Garrod Estates Winery, an interesting place in the hills near Saratoga - boy, was that place "funky," especially with the Model A Roadster alongside the main building in need of a restoration. The winery was combined with a stable and we enjoyed the horses, the wine, and eating at the picnic tables on the grounds. There were many mementos from the career of Mr. **Cooper**, a WWII fighter pilot who followed that with a career as a test pilot, and he made a personal appearance. Many members of Explore and Dine are also members of the Wine Group.

On Thursday, May 27, Explore and Dine is taking the late-morning ferry from Vallejo to San Francisco's Ferry Building, where we'll enjoy lunch and explore the waterfront before heading back on an afternoon ferry.

Our outing for June 24 is still a work in progress, but info will go out on the e-mail list as soon as available.

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Nominating Committee

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

Cribbage John Pearl, Interim Chair

The cribbage group gathered Thursday, May 6th, at **Barney Meade's** home in Concord. Four of our best players were on hand, with **Dan Meckfessel** of Branch 108 in Brentwood taking "Top Money" while **John Pearl** went home with second place money. Donors to the cause included **Paul Dubow** and **Barney Meade**. At least two of us had a great time.

If you'd like to try your luck (and skill) at cribbage, long known as the best two-handed card game there is, please call. Our next meeting is now scheduled for Thursday afternoon, June 3rd.

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Walkers John Lewis



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

June Walks planned by **John Lewis**

June 4- Lafayette-Moraga Trail

Meet: Lafayette Community Center, St. Mary's Road
Walk: North, paved, level, not much shade
Coffee: Terzeto's back room, Moraga

June 11- Iron Horse Trail South from Osage Park

Meet: Take 680 south to Sycamore East to first exit right on Camino Ramon to left on El Capitan to first left after crossing the Iron Horse Trail into Osage Park
Walk: South on Iron Horse Trail--paved, level, no shade
Coffee: Pascal French Oven, 155-B Railroad Ave. Danville

June 18- East Bay Campus Trail, Concord

Meet: Take Ygnacio Valley Rd. east to right on Ayers Road, past Campus to south end of student parking lot
Walk: Trail from Campus to end and back. Tour Campus grounds. Paved, downhill and up coming back. No shade.
Coffee; Deli Delight, 325 N. Wiget, Walnut Creek

June 25- Train from Martinez to Sacramento. Tour Railroad Museum and Old Town, including lunch. \$16.00 pp for train.

Meet: Take 680 north to Marina Vista (last exit before Bridge), Take Marina Vista to Ferry St. downtown, turn right, then left before train tracks to free parking on west side of Amtrak Station. Train 526 leaves Martinez at 10:04 a.m.

Walk: Sacramento Railroad Museum and Old Town
Coffee; Lunch in Old Town. Leave on train 543 at 3:35 p.m.

Ask **John** if you have questions



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