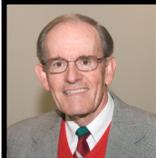




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Big Sir's Notes Jim Burk

FINAL BRANCH HONOREE AWARD WINNER

At our August Luncheon Meeting, the final Branch Honoree Award Winner was announced and recognized. He was unable to attend in July and thus his award was handled at the August meeting. **PETE GATES**, our immediate past Big Sir in 2011, was added to the list of honorees. Congratulations, **Pete**, and thank you for your outstanding service to our Branch over the years.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2013

The Officer Nominees published in the July SIR CALL were unanimously elected by vote of acclamation by the members present at our August Luncheon Meeting. Congratulations to our new leadership team who have been charged with the responsibility for keeping Branch 146 among the premiere branches of SIR. **We will install these gentlemen in their respective positions at our November Luncheon Meeting and they will become effective January 1, 2013.**

BRANCH MEMBERSHIP GOALS FOR 2012

To those who have sponsored Guests for membership, a most sincere thank you for your efforts. I hope it is clear to everyone that without your continued recruiting efforts, the natural attrition of members' results in a lack of vibrancy that comes from our new members. We are doing well to date, but need your ongoing attention to the subject of recruitment so as to continue the success we are enjoying. Again, thank you and please keep up your diligence as it relates to our recruiting goals.

ANNUAL SURVEY OF BRANCH SATISFACTION

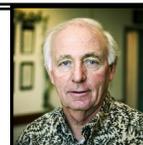
Our **Member Relations Chair, BEN GLEASON**, has developed a survey to be presented to the members via e-mail in early September for completion

prior to September 28, 2012. This survey will assess your individual evaluation of Branch satisfaction. You will have three options to complete the survey; (1) you may complete the survey electronically (instructions will be provided) and return it via e-mail; or (2) you may print it out and complete it manually and return it to **Ben** via U.S. Mail; or (3) you may print it out, complete it manually and bring it with you to the 9/13 luncheon and drop it in a box to be provided. If you are one of the few remaining non-computer users in the Branch you will be given a copy of the survey by your personal "buddy" for completion manually in writing, and asked to return it to Ben via U.S. Mail or bring it with you to the luncheon.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS UPDATE

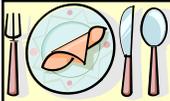
The latest update on where we stand with respect to voluntary contributions to cover the administrative expenses of the Branch for 2012 shows that we have received contributions from 244 members or 89.71%. [This is a corrected number from that previously reported in August due to a spreadsheet program error.] For those who have not yet contributed, please contact Treasurer DICK WOODMAN. Your financial support is both necessary and very much appreciated.

Little Sir's Corner Terry Marchione



First I would like to thank those of you who have taken the time to give me positive feedback on our speakers. It's difficult to obtain speakers month after month who appeal to everyone but our speaker committee team has been trying to do just that.

In September we are pleased to have **Jim Barnett** of the Golden State Warriors announcing team. **Jim** is a busy guy and we have been trying to get him on the schedule for several months. **Jim's** accomplishments as a college and professional basketball player are too numerous to mention here but suffice it to say he's been there and done that. All you Ducks will want to be sure and make this luncheon.



Luncheon Attendance **Bob Mehus**



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

Please email nolunchbranch146@gmail.com, or call Bob Mehus at 510-549-2221 by Friday NOON prior to the luncheon if, for any reason, you are unable to attend. 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), may be notified in writing of the pending termination of his membership.

Salad

Spinach Salad

With Eggs, Red Onion Bacon Vinaigrette

Entrees

Pan Seared Breast of Free Range Chicken

With a Wild Mushroom Ragout

Rice Pilaf & Sautéed Spinach

Or

Pan Seared Pacific Dory

Fresh Tomato, Garlic and Herb Cream sauce

Dessert

Carrot Cake

Topped with Whipped Cream

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.

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.



Duplicate Bridge Doug Eisner



*We play on the third Monday of the month at various homes.
Bring your lunch.*

We had our full complement of players in August and the competition was very spirited with a spread of only 2.5 pt separating 2nd place from 7th place. On the other hand, 1st place was never in doubt. **Jim Brown** was really on his game and his first place score of 43.5 pt easily outdistanced the 2nd place score of 42.0 pt by **Jim Stedman**. **Bill Snyder's** 41.5 pt squeezed into 3rd place over **Fred Kovar** who tallied 41.0 pt for 4th position.

The group decided to change the date of its game to the third Monday of the month, rather than the Monday following the branch's luncheon meeting. We think the new date is easier to remember. The change became effective in August.

Bill Rees will host our next month's game on Sept 17.

Duplicate Bridge 2 Dick DeVoe

The Duplicate Bridge 2 Group's three tables were hosted kindly and well by **John Boyan** on August 17. This event had the narrowest point range among participants than ever. However, **Jim Brown** won easily with 28.5 points, followed by **Rich Ahlf** with 26.5. New member **Brad Hatcher** quickly made his presence known with 26 points and third place. The other nine were bunched closely together at 21.5-24 points. Good work, gentlemen!

COUPLES PARTY BRIDGE

Dave Pierce
932-3877



Terry and Sharon Marchione, just back from Europe, graciously hosted three tables on August 7th. Nobody got cards so everyone hoped money would be awarded for last. No such luck. **George and Pam Rammel** won the bronze, with 2320 points, **John and Linda Boyan** the silver with 2420, and **Dave and Joan Pierce** the gold with 2810. Fortunately this is a congenial bunch that would just as soon socialize as play; that's why it's **Party Bridge**. We were all winners when **Sharon** served the carrot cake.

Party Bridge Fred Bolton

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



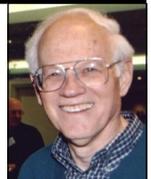
We played three tables of bridge at the home of **Carl Johnson** on Aug 6th. First place was a tie between **Lo McCarley** and **Bob Donahue** with 4170 points. Third place went to **George Zunich** with 4140. Welcome back **George!** Our next game will be at the home of **Fred Bolton** on Sept 3.

Couples Duplicate Bridge Too Joe Barry

Couples Duplicate Bridge Too met at the home of **Lynn and Dasha Freeman** on August 14th. As usual a great time was had by all. **Dave and Joan Pierce** substituted for **Ken and Elaine Richter**. I'm not sure if the regulars were just being nice to the guests but **Dave and Joan** walked away with first place honors at 24 1/2 points. **Lynn and Dasha** came in a close second with 22 1/2 points and a tie resulted for third place with **Dick & Christy DeVoe** and **Terry & Sharon Marchione**. The September Bridge will be held at the home of **Jim and Ruth Adams**.

Couples Duplicate Bridge Lo McCarley

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



Margot Somerville hosted eight couples for a gala evening of duplicate bridge on August 15th—everyone had a great time. **Bob and Janet Yolland** took first place with 41 points with a winning margin of 5 points. **Lynn and Dasha Freeman** came in second with 36 points, **Jim Brown** and **Adrienne Morrison** took third with 30 points, and **Carl and Anne Johnson** with 30 points came in fourth place. Unfortunately, **Lo and Sue McCarley**, who were substituting for the **Jim and Allison Todhunter**, came in last. **Lo** tried to blame the results on the **Todhunter's**, but the group wouldn't let him do it. **Jim and Allison Todhunter** will host the next bridge on September 19th.



LAST CALL
FOR SEPTEMBER
SIR 146 THEATRE
PARTY EVENT



The deadline for tickets for Moon for the Misbegotten at Tao House on Thursday, September 27 is fast approaching.

A limited number of discount tickets have been reserved for SIR members and guests. Reservations will be accepted until September 11 at \$30.00 per seat, or until our allotment is reached. Tickets can be reserved through SIR Gary Schaub, 1758 Candelero Court, Walnut Creek 94598. Phone: (925) 938-5454. Checks are payable to "SIR 146."

The final play written by famous prize-winning playwright Eugene O'Neill will be performed in the Old Barn at Tao House in the Danville hills. The production is part of the 13th annual Eugene O'Neill Festival, and also celebrates the 75th anniversary of Tao House at the Eugene O'Neill National Historic Site.

A Moon for the Misbegotten, written while O'Neill and his wife lived in Danville 1937 – 1944 is a rustic comedy/drama of love and anguish, and seen by many as one of O'Neill's finest works. "Everything about it is so tremendous that it reduces almost every other modern play to virtual pettiness," according to NY Post critic **Richard Watts** when the play premiered in New York in 1957.

This production of **A Moon for the Misbegotten** is a notable event for drama-lovers, who will want to see this important play presented in the location where it was originally written. O'Neill is the only American playwright to be awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature.

Like many of O'Neill's plays, the story of **A Moon for the Misbegotten** has connections to O'Neill's own life and family. This play pays tribute to his brother, **Jamie**, and it vibrates with love, moonlight and truth.

Transportation to Tao House and the Eugene O'Neill National Historic Site is by National Park Service shuttle only. Private vehicles are not permitted.

Instructions for shuttle pick-up at Danville's Museum of the San Ramon Valley on Railroad Avenue will be provided in advance to ticket holders. The performance begins at 8:00 p.m., with shuttle times beginning about 6:30 p.m. so time is available to visit the historic home and grounds.



Sirs 146 & Friends Oktoberfest Dance

Wednesday, October 10, 2012

6pm to 10pm at Zio Fraedo's Restaurant

The Price is \$99.00 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:

Vince Rettew

290 Dover Drive

Walnut Creek, CA 94598

Phone: (925) 943-7962

Tables of eight are encouraged

Your Name And Your Partner

Meal Desired

Couple 1 -	Meal -
Couple 2 -	Meal -
Couple 3 -	Meal -
Couple 4 -	Meal -



Poker Club #1 Frank McNamee



Poker Club # 1 met at the **Dan O'Sullivan** residence on August 8th and as hosts go, **Dan** will get no awards for his congeniality. He and **Bob White** were the largest winners for the day followed by **John Lewis**. Our guest **Al Zomolo** even contributed to their winnings. It has been suggested that he might possibly be looking for a repeat invite. We will meet again on Sept. 12th at the home of **Frank McNamee**



Poker Group #4 Chuck Bobinecz



Poker #4 will be hosted by Sir **Skip Thomas** on August 27th and Sir **Chuck Bobinecz** will host the September 24th session. Let your host know a couple of weeks prior to the game if you are unable to attend.

As usual at the last game there were some smiles at the end and I was not one with a smile but there is always the loud call "wait till the next time". Actually we all went home with smiles because our host Sir **Pete Gates** gave each of us a package of salmon he caught in Alaska.

POKER GROUP 5 Bill Roberts



Our August game was sort of a low key event with no big winners and no big losers. **Marchione** started out in a deep hole, nearly having to go to back-up funds. He did however recover with a spurt to end up on the positive side of the ledger.

Our regular date is the Wednesday prior to the SIR luncheon and the regular players are **Spellman, Thomas, Richter, Koeber, Marchione, Rockwell** and **Roberts**. Our September game will be hosted by **Charlie Koeber**.



Area 2 Computers and Technology Group

The Area 2 Computer and Technology Group invite all Sirs and their guests to our next meeting at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge on Thursday, August 16th at 9am.

Thanks to the efforts of Sir **Dick Curry** our guest speaker will be Mr. **Jeffrey L. Vaillant**, President of the California Genealogical Society and Library. **Jeff**, himself a Mayflower descendant, will address such interesting and entertaining questions as: Wonder where to get started with your family history? Wonder why you should interest yourself in your family history? Wonder what is available on the internet versus other locations? Wonder what pitfalls to avoid? Wonder why you are at this meeting (he is humorous)? **Jeff** enjoys responding to his audience' questions so bring a few thousand and he will get through as many as time permits. However, he tells us in advance, he does not know your cousin twice removed who lived in Chicago in 1933 (but he will address the tools that will permit you to learn more about him/her.

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

Meetings of the Area 2 Computer and Technology Group are held the 3rd Thursday of each month (except June and December) from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Drive. Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned user, we try to offer something for everyone. We ask for a donation of \$5 to cover the cost of the hall rental, coffee and cookies. See you there.



Travel Opportunities

Bob Spellman



skycaps. Contact **Harry Reiter** Br. 19, 709-2820 for more information.

Oct 26- Nov 11, 2012: Canada & New England Aboard NCL Norwegian Dawn. Beautiful scenery is always on display when cruising down the east coast during the peak weeks of autumn. Along the way visit an exciting array of east coast ports including Quebec City, Portland, Boston, New York, Key West and Tampa. Package price includes RT airfare, transfers, driver and stevedore tips, gov't fees, and taxes, all meals. Prices start at \$2335 to \$3475. Contact **Jim Lunn** Branch 8 @ 925-551-3329 for more information.

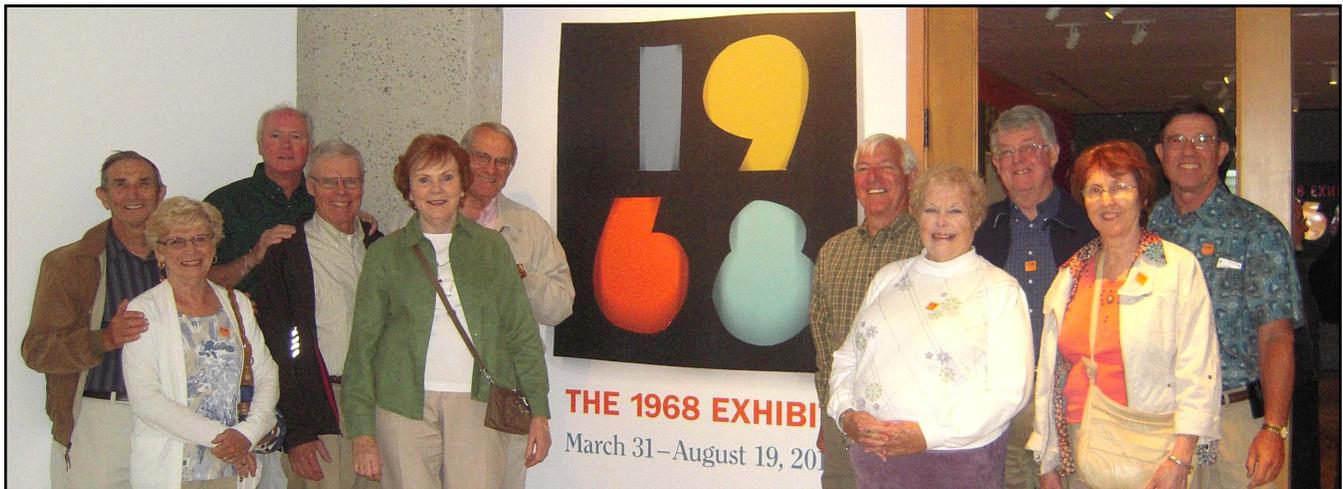
Apr 14-22, 2013: Tulip Time Cruise. Discover the beauty & history of the Dutch and Belgium waterways in springtime. Cruise ports include, Amsterdam, Arnhem, Antwerp, Bruges, Middelburg, and Rotterdam. Prices range from \$3225 to \$5080 and include airfare, complimentary beverages, many guided tours,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

Aug 28-Sep 7, 2013: SIR 55th Anniversary Alaska Golden Age Cruise. Save the date for a CELEBRATION! We will leave out of San Francisco and visit the ports of Juneau, Skagway, Tray Arm Fjord, Ketchikan, Victoria and return to San Francisco on the Grand Princess. The cost of the Cruise is from \$1579 to \$3300 depending on accommodations and includes: Gratuities on the ship, Ship board Credit, Cocktail Party, Hospitality Suite, Transportation by Motor Coach to and from the Pier, Wine , Gifts and a Alaska Salmon Bake excursion. Contact **Bob Spellman**, 934-8428.

Oct 5-7, 2012: The Great Italian Festival. Reno's Great Italian Festival is among the nation's largest and most famous events. Celebrate the food, culture, music and tradition of Italy. Free activities and entertainment highlight the festivals main focus. The cost is \$308.00 pp and includes motor coach transportation, 2 night stay at the Eldorado with hosted seafood dinner and a show by the Jersey Boys. Contact **Bob Hager**, Br 8, 934-7620 for more information.

Oct 6, 2012: Blue Angels & the San Francisco Belle. Enjoy the best aviation show in the country featuring the US Navy Blue Angels. Join us on the Hornblower's "San Francisco Belle" a Bay Area landmark and the largest private charter yacht on the West Coast. We will board at 1:30pm and cruise around the Bay, stopping in a great spot to view the aviation show between 3:00- 4:00pm. Cost is \$128.00 pp which includes: Bay Cruise, Motorcoach transportation, hosted All- You- Can- Eat Lunch Buffet. Complimentary FREE champagne, coffee, tea, juice, tips and taxes. Our Bus is now full. If you want to go on the waiting list Contact **Bob Spellman**, 934-8428.

Oct 6-21, 2012: Cruise to Hawaii from San Francisco. A 15 night cruise sailing round trip from SF on the Star Princess. Ports of call include, Hilo, Honolulu, Nawiliwili, Lahaina and Ensenada, Mexico. Cost is \$2100 to \$3590 depending on cabin which includes transfer to and from airport, all meals, fee and taxes, tips for drivers and



August Explore and Dine Group at the Oakland Museum's 1968 Exhibit

Area 2 Sums Investment Group



The Area 2 Sums Investment Group will meet on Wednesday September 26, 2012, 8:00am at the Diablo Creek Golf course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Our speaker will be **Michael Skinner** who is a board member of the local San Francisco Chapter of the American Association of Individual Investors-AAII. **Michael** was a retired Economist for 26 years with the U.S. Government and has been an Independent Registered Investment advisor for the past 15 years. The AAII is a national organization that was founded in 1978 and currently has 150,000 members. **Michael** will explain the mission of AAII, which is Investor Education and how you can obtain a membership in the organization. Plan to attend and learn about this outstanding source of investment help.

The Legends restaurant at the DCGC opens at 7:00am for those of you 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

Branch 171 Coordinator: **Ken Nakashima** 925-376-0421

Cooking II

Cooking II enjoyed a great lunch prepared by Chef **Don Nunn**. We started off with some special German Wine and a couple of nice appetizers, including a dip based on eggplant and a dipping sauce made with half grape jelly and half Dijon Mustard. For the main Course, **Don** served excellently prepared flank steak, red cabbage, deep dish beans and wonderful garden fresh tomatoes. After great discussions where we solved many worlds' problems we concluded with peach cobbler. Thanks **Don** for a fine meal. Our next get together will be at **Ken Richter's** home 9/10

Bob Yolland Chairman- Cooking II

Membership Steve Sprague



Branch 146 Statistics:

As of our Executive Committee meeting on August 9th, we have 272 active members including seven Honorary Life Members. This is a decrease of one from our July membership total.

Our applicant List: None.

Our Inactive Members: We currently have 13 inactive members.

July Luncheon Attendance:

Members: 191

Guests: 2, Visitors: 1, Speakers: 1.

Total attendance: 195

Status Changes:

Inducted: **Tom Drew**, Badge 141

Paul Fama, Badge 189

Tony Greco, Badge 284

Max Hinkle, Badge 183

Moved to Inactive List: **John Harkin**, Badge 51

Resigned: **Harold Ruby**, Badge 189, and **Joe**

Himsl, Badge 279

Transferred: **Jeff Davis**, Badge 141, has transferred to Branch 19.

Deceased: **Joe Schild**, Badge 183, passed away July 13th.

Changes to the Inactive Roster:

As noted above, **John Harkin** has been added.

Our inactive roster therefore increases by one to 13 members.

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.



BIRTHDAY BOYS

September

Ron	Pascoe	1
Dee	DiMatteo	2
John	Wilhelmy	2
Russ	Anderson	4
Myles	Ringle	4
Bob	Mehus	5
Don	Strong	5
Ted	Gunn	6
Carl	Johnson	7
Tony	Shebanek	8
Jack	Harrington	11
Fred	Thompson	11
Pete	Miller	13
Ralph	Belluomini	15
Kirby	Narcisse	15
Tom	Drew	16
Bob	Johnston	16
Don	Oddson	16
John	Pearl	19
Joe	Barry	20
Fred	Kovar	20
Max	Hinkle	21
Charlie	Kahsen	21
Bob	Jaspar	23
Chuck	Schreiber	23
Fred	Bolton	24
Tony	Greco	25
Howie	King	26
Syd	Whalen	26
Lou	Meyer	30



ROMEO

(Retired Old Men Eating Out)
Malcolm Hendry



Sunshine

Walt Busenius
945-0715

Busenius@astound.net



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

"PETARS"

This restaurant is probably the longest surviving of the many eateries in Lafayette. Originally located under the gigantic eucalyptus tree on Mt. Diablo Boulevard and providing fine dining since 1959, **Petars** relocated across from La fiesta Square in 1980. They serve a diverse menu of American and Italian dishes along with a full bar at reasonable prices. Separate checks provided for your convenience.

Location: 32 Lafayette Circle, Lafayette (parking lot adjacent)

Web Site: www.petars.com/

Phone: 925-284-7117

Please let me know by Tuesday, September 18th that you will attend.

Your recommendations for restaurants you would enjoy are welcomed.

Mal

Please keep the following Sirs in your thoughts and prayers as we hope for continued healing and look forward to their recovery to good health:

Sir Bill Hartman
Sir Howard Nemir
Sir Jim Meehan
Sir Elmer "Kap" Kaprielian
Sir Rod Sharretts
Sir Frank Ascatisno
Sir Jim Helmick
Sir Bob Van Luchene
Sir Jim Locker
Sir George Bjornsen
Sir Chuck Bobinez

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

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

Bocce Ball Martin Lyle



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

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. Ladies Welcome.

Member Relations Ben Gleason



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

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

Please contact me with any of the above .

Email - bgleason@sbcglobal.net

Cell phone - 925 330-0680



Tuesday 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 Tuesday's 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 on the first and third Thursday of each month.
- For those with golf playing partners, there is Couples Golf offered on the 4th Wednesday of the month, April through October.
- Like playing other courses? On the first Thursday of each month (From May through October) we offer Away Golf.
- Do you enjoy competing against other SIR players from different Branches? We have several different formats throughout the year.

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

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.



Couples Golf John Harrington



On August 22 our couples group invaded Mare Island, Vallejo. This is a historic Par 70 layout that boasts to be the "Oldest Course West of the Mississippi", established in 1892. Our players enjoyed great company and the great views offered. A brisk breeze kept our group cool and offered a break from the summer heat. Our hosts this month were **Pat** and **Liz Meehan**. Top performances went to Men's low net winners **Pat Meehan** (net 72) and **Steve Dawkins** (net 73) and the Ladies winners were **Marna Dawkins** (net 64) and **Maggie Masta** (net 72). Putting contest winners were **Jim Baldrige** (32) and **Pat Meehan** (33). Next couples golf event will be on October 24 hosted by **Dick** and **Christy DeVoe**. Come join the fun.

Cribbage John Pearl



Seven of us exchanged money in August, continuing our custom of meeting at **Barney Meade's house**. We welcomed a new member, **Tony Grecco**, to our group. We reverted back to our old playing format.

First place money was taken by former Big Sur **Dennis Hallett** (finally), while our host, semi-pro **Barney Meade** took second, and a guest (and regular) from Branch 116 **Kirk McVean** came in third. We'll try it again in September.

John Pearl
mcpearl@astound.net
925-934-6920

Book Corner Ken Richter Jan Mar May July Sept Nov

Please place on your calendars. The Book Corner will only be open two more times this year. That will be the months of **September and November**.



FISHING REPORT PAUL DUBOW



The salmon bite has been hot and cold in the past few weeks. **Rich Bal** led two successful trips outside the Gate and on the second trip, **Rich** won the pool with a 25 pounder. On the earlier trip, **Tom Click** won the pool with a 20 pounder. On another occasion, **Harry Sherinian, Terry Miller, and Carl Moyer** caught limits with **Harry** bagging a 20 pounder. On the negative side, a group led by **Joe Karg** came up empty handed. Rockfishing has been good and **Carl Moyer** took several of the group out on his boat from Pacifica with good results. The lucky fishermen who joined **Carl** included **Pete Gates, Terry Miller, and Dick Thomson. Joe Miscione and Barry Rauchle** also landed limits of rockfish on an outing past the Gate. **Mike Corker** and his son had a good time catching and releasing sharks and rays in San Francisco Bay. **Bill Landers**, our resident black bass guru, made several successful forays into the Delta and, one occasion, his companion put down his bass rod for awhile and landed a 20 pound striper.

We also had some excellent results outside of the Bay Area. **Joe Miscione** and his grandson caught some very nice trout from streams in the High Sierra and his son joined them at New Melones for limits of kokanee on two separate days. But the kokanee fishing at Lake Berryessa has died off and we were not very successful on separate trips. **Tom Boltz, Pete Gates, and Steve Lofton** went to Alaska where they caught some nice silver salmon and halibut to 42 pounds. **Jim Andrews and John Barry** caught some nice trout on flies fishing from float tubes on Lake Davis and then played golf in the afternoon. **Ernie Wong**, who mostly limits his fishing activities to shad, once more enjoyed several hot weeks of shad fishing on the Sacramento River. **Don Mittelstadt** also picked up some shad upriver on the Sacramento. **Gene Schulting** journeyed to Canada where he caught many large walleye and northern pike. Finally, **Karl Droese** hosted a group at his home in Lake Tahoe consisting of **Bill Landers, Bob Olson, and Paul Dubow** with the intent of picking up some nice mackinaw. They were rained out on the first day but made up for it on the second day as each angler brought home limits.

We also departed from our fishing responsibilities for our annual summer barbecue with our mates. The event was hosted by **Jack Waddell** and a good time was had by all.

We will be very busy this fall as we will continue fishing for black bass, stripers, and sturgeon in the Delta, trout in local lakes, and on two outings for trout in Lake Davis. Our next meeting will be Thursday, September 27, at the Legends Sports Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek Golf Course at 4080 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. The meeting begins at 8:30 am but come earlier for breakfast. For further information, contact fishing coordinator **Paul Dubow** at 415-495-6504, Big Fish **Pete Gates** at 925-683-3243, or secretary treasurer **Tom Boltz** at 925-825-5695.

Mac User Group

The SIR Mac User Group meets the 2nd Monday of the month at the Thurman Casey Library on Oak Grove Road from 3 to 5pm. The leaders are **Jeff Baily, Max Burchett, and Verner Laursen.**

From time to time we email suggestions to the people on our list, so if you use a MAC computer and are not receiving emails from us, please join the group and let us know what your email address is. At our monthly meetings we discuss Mac user issues. This is not a class in the traditional sense but rather a discussion group wherein the leaders don't have all the answers and the solutions sometimes originate from the attendees.

We welcome new attendees. If you have a Mac question or would like to be on our email listing, please contact one our leaders. We are here to help you.

Explore and Dine John Pearl



Explore and Dine is traveling to San Francisco on Thursday, September 27th. There we will have a tour of the hotel lead by a trained guide from the organization "San Francisco City Guides" of this very historic building whose name bring thoughts of the City. Lunch will follow in the Hotel's Laurel Restaurant and Bar. There is a limit of 20 on this tour, but we will start a waiting list if more than 20 sign up.



Sir Pete Gates
 Receiving Honoree award from
 Area Governor
Ron Smith


Walkers
John Lewis

*Every Friday at 9:30 am at various locales. Call **John** or just show up.*
Rain cancels any walk.
 September Walks Planned By
Ralph G Fowler



Sept. 7 Hap McGee Park Between Alamo and Danville
 Meet: Take 680 So, Exit El Cerro West, continue until Danville Highway and turn right, continue until El Portal, turn right and follow signs Park can also be reached by going So. On Danville Highway between Alamo and Danville. Follow sign
 Coffee: Pascals, Danville on Railroad Ave., Danville

Sept. 14 Arbolado Park Walnut Creek
 Meet: At Park. Ygnacio Valley Rd to Oak Grove, turn right on Oak Grove to Arbolado Dr. Left on Arbolado
 Walk: West on trail towards Boundary Oaks Golf Course.
 Coffee: Deli Delight. Shadelands Office Park

Sept. 21 Clayton Valley Black Diamond Way. Clayton
 Meet: Clayton Valley Library. Ygnacio Valley Rd to Clayton Valley Rd.
 Walk: West on trail passing Oakhurst Country Club. Make loop.
 Coffee: Peets Coffee at Clayton and Ygnacio

Sept 28 Heather Farms Park Circuit Walnut Creek
 Meet: far West parking lot by the dog park
 Walk: Make the circuit of entire park
 Sweet Affair at the Ygnacio Plaza



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 in our area are welcome.

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