

Big Sir's Notes

Dennis Hallett

At last we have some warm weather to cheer us up !

Now we can start to make full use of the many activities Branch 146 and Area 2 have to offer. To help us, we have a new activities coordinator - **Steve Dawkins** who has replaced **Terry Marchione**. Thanks **Terry** for your effort to encourage new activities.

Tennis is one of the new activities that have been waiting for the rain to stop. **Nick Abdo** is ready for your call. Let's open the door to the cupboard under the stairs and dust off the tennis racket. You may need some WD 40 to loosen up but the fresh air will do wonders for your appetite and thirst.

That is a good introduction to our lunch and wine group under **Dick Woodman's** chairmanship. While members eat lunch and enjoy a glass (or two) of wine at the host's home, the wives eat out.

I was very pleased to see **Charlie Kiser** receive his Senior Honorary Life Member award at our March luncheon. He has devoted so much time to the success of our branch. We owe him a debt of gratitude.

One of the cornerstones of our branch operations is our website, under the watchful eye of **Jeff Baily**. The role of webmaster requires a significant effort to up date and keep the website evolving to match the changes taking place. **Jeff** is in need of a 'few good men' to help share this load, in particular a deputy webmaster to allow **Jeff** some free time to enjoy our branch activities. Those interested in assisting **Jeff** should contact him directly. You don't necessarily need website management experience to participate; **Jeff** will be pleased to ease you into the subject.



Little Sir's Corner

Pete Gates

Our speaker for April will be **Kit Ohlman**, Public Information & Production Assistant for the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District. Her primary topic will be "Following the Flow – What Happens after You Hit the Silver Handle" but she will also talk about CCCSD's hazardous waste collection facility.

Kit is the daughter of one of our fellow Sirs. Can you guess who?

MEMBER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

JACK CALLOWAY

This past month was good news-bad news. We didn't lose anyone, but we also didn't induct any new members. There were five guests introduced at the March luncheon and we look forward to some or all of them joining us. If you introduce a potential member at the April luncheon and he is inducted in June, you will be eligible for the free lunch drawing to be held at the June luncheon.

As the year progresses, we will be focusing on those members who have done an outstanding job over the years in sponsoring new members. Roughly 41% of our members have sponsored one or more new members. Are you part of that group? If not, get started now by bringing a guest to the next luncheon.



Duplicate Bridge Terry Marchione



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

Sir **Lo McCarley** hosted our February game with four tables of duplicate bridge. It was **Terry**'s first time as chairman and there were a couple of rough spots but with Sir **Bob Yolland**'s help we managed to get started. Sir **George Zurich** sure has big shoes to fill.

We owe a special thanks to Sir **Harry Dillon** for filling in at the last minute. As an aside, Sir **Dick DeVoe** managed to keep us all on the edge of our seats by showing up slightly after the appointed hour.

The bridge match was a close one with **Terry Marchione** in 1st place with a score of 45.5 points. It was tight from there with **Bill Rees** at 45.0 points, **Lo McCarley** at 44.0 points and **Bob Yolland** at 43.5 points.

The next game will be held on Monday April 12 at **Carl Johnson**'s home. Contact **Terry Marchione** for information



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 **Jim Brown** on March 1. First place went to **Fred Bolton** with 6400 points, second to **Jim Jackson** with 5460 and third to **Doug Eisner**. Our next game will be at the home of **Bob Yolland** on April 5.



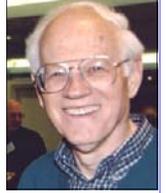
New Chess Group

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.

Couples Duplicate Bridge Lo McCarley

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

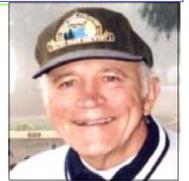


Six couples had a great time playing duplicate bridge on March 17th while celebrating St. Patrick's Day at **George Zurich**'s and **Tamara Judson**'s home. As for bridge results: **Lynn** and **Dasha Freeman** ran away with first place with 24 points. **Bob** and **Janet Yolland** tied for second with **Margot Somerville** and **Vince Rettew** with 20.5 points so they split the second and third place prize money. **Carl** and **Anne Johnson** will host the next bridge party on tax day, Wednesday, April 15th.



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.



The bus trip to the Filoli gardens and mansion with a stop at a winery (probably in Saratoga) is on for April 22nd. The Garden Club will not meet on April Fools day. The bus will leave the park and ride off Mitchell Drive at 8:30am, we'll start loading at 8:15am and will return at approx. 4:30pm. Bring a bag or box lunch. Any questions, contact Sirs **Bob Burley**, **Fred Kovar** or **Mal Hendry**.

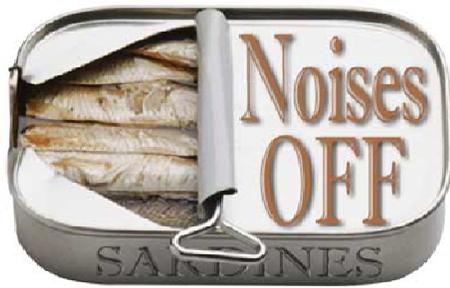
In May Sir **Lo McCarley** will be our speaker on something we hope not to encounter, but usually do. Household and structural pests. What do you do when a pest is eating your house or garden?.

Garden tip of the month: When your bulbs stop flowering, wait 'till they die back to the ground, then cut them to ground level. They are in process of storing energy in the bulb for the next year's flowers. If you want to be neat and tidy, bend them over and secure with a rubber band.

Couples Golf John Harrington

March tourney scheduled for the 31st at Delta View, hosted by **Bob** and **Diana Schwab**. April outing to be hosted by **Ron** and **Anne Plachy**.

Theater Gary Schaub



SIR Theatre Party, April 15

Other people's misfortunes have proven to be comic gold for the entertainment industry for a long time. We relish seeing someone onstage or on television going through terrible mishaps that make us want to come back for more. Whatever it is, that quality is present in abundance in *Noises Off*.

This wacky comedy about a hapless English acting troupe is a recent Broadway hit starring **Carole Burnett**. A hilarious local production will be SIR 146's theatre event on Thursday, April 15 at 8:00 p.m., presented by Center Repertory Company at the Leshner Center for the Arts in Walnut Creek.

Often described as one of the funniest farces ever written, *Noises Off* will provide a wild evening of theatrical fun. The three-act play begins with the audience facing the stage. By the second act, the audience sees what's really happening backstage during the performance. Doors slam, human dalliances prevail, confusion galore, and (would you believe?) a plate of sardines does flying! It promises to be a laugh-filled evening.

Tickets for SIR members are \$31. Space is limited. A few seats are still available. Deadline to order is March 19. Send your check, payable to "SIR 146" to Sir **Gary Schaub**, 1758 Candelero Court, Walnut Creek 94598. Tickets will be distributed at the door of Leshner Center in Walnut Creek at 7:30 pm on April 15.

Gary F. Schaub

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Walnut Creek, CA 94598
e-mail: artzar@aol.com

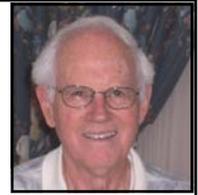
Phone: (925) 938-5454 Fax: (925) 934-5456

SIR 146 Computer Classes

Lo McCarley

Microsoft Excel 2007

With the Ribbon



Hey computer users! It's time to ramp up your spreadsheet skills! Great class for those with Excel 2007 with the convenient new ribbon that shows most of the commands you want to use.

The basics

- What are spreadsheets good for?
- Understand the ribbon and see how it changes to show the tools you are more likely to need.
- Customize the quick toolbar.
- Navigate workbooks, spreadsheets, and the program window.
- Enter text and numbers. Fill cells automatically.
- Add and resize columns and rows. Select cells and ranges.
- Cut, copy and paste, and find and replace (if you lose it you can still find it).
- Use help (but who will ever need it?)

Formatting Text, Numbers and Worksheets

- Rearrange worksheet data and use undo and redo commands.
- Format worksheets, align cell data, and add borders. highlight, bold, underline, and italicize.
- Change fonts and font size.
- Freeze columns or rows so you can always see their headings.
- Print and print preview.

Perform Calculations

- Calculate data with formulas and functions.
- Name cells and ranges.
- Alphabetize records or sort into numerical order.
- Total data with autosum.

Four Classes (Five if needed)

All on Fridays: April 9, 16, 23, 30. May 7 (if needed.)

Unbelievable Deal

Come to any or all of the classes for \$10...total! Wives and friends are welcome.

Time

1:00 to 3:00 each class day.

Where

Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church, 181 Lacassie Avenue, Walnut Creek. Room 303.

To Enroll

E-mail Lo at lomccarley@astound.net

Or phone Lo at 935-3939

Computer classes for SIR Branch 146 members, their wives and friends.

Bowling Larry Mitchell



The Branch 146 **Dave Valladao** memorial tournament was held last week on March 15, 17, and 18. Bowlers came from all over the region. Over 120 participated. The number is somewhat down from last year and this seems to be the trend. We are not bringing new bowlers in to replace those who no longer participate. Results are currently being tabulated and any significant scores will be reported in the May issue.

There are two tournaments in April. The first is at Kentwood Lanes in Vallejo on April 6 and the other is at The Gold Dust West Lanes in Carson City on April 19, 20, 21. For more information or entry forms, call me at 925-798-5440.



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.

Bocce Ball Martin Lyle



Our bocce players winter hibernation is about to end. We will see you at the first session next month on Monday, May 10, 2010. Courts in Newhall Park, Concord, near the corner of Turtle Creek and Ayers Roads.



Poker Club #1 Frank McNamee



Poker Club #1 met at **Dan O'Sullivan's** residence on March 10th to see who would celebrate St. Patrick's day. It turned out to be our guest, **Rich Hanford**, who doubled his investment. Our other guests, **Al Zamolo**, and **Don Martin** were much more congenial as both won early and lost late. **Frank McNamee** did just the opposite and ended up as second winner. The other Irishman, our host **Don**, won enough for a beer but he'll probably have to go to Mexico to afford it. We will meet again on April 7th at the home of **Howard Harvey**.



Poker Club #2 Al Zamolo

Al Zamolo's winning's record was broken by **Ron Binder** at our February meeting. Of course **Al's** record was set with skill. Our next meeting will be at **Ken Kratz's** on Monday March 29th. Who will be the lucky one? Maybe Chicago or crisscross will make some one a big winner.



Poker Club #3 Siegfried Kalteis

While **Ron Plachy** was basking in the sun in Hawaii, we had **Reggie Fromm** as a substitute at our game. While he assured us he had not played in a long time, he wound up the big winner. We are all hoping to get another crack at him somewhere along the line!



Poker Club #4 Chuck Bobinecz

Our last poker session was honored by two **Dons**, who contributed to the regulars of Poker #4. They kept asking, how do you play this game? Good company and a good time.

There are three variations of poker. Stud, Draw and Community. Poker #4, is creative and sometimes uses all three in one game.



Travel Opportunities

Bob Spellman



June 10-20, 2010 Oberammergau & the Rhine River Valley. The Passion play at Oberammergau in Munich plus an 8 day cruise of 4 countries from Basal to Amsterdam aboard the Viking Sun. Included features are: round trip air, tickets to the Passion Play and overnight accommodations in Munich. The Rhine cruise includes: all meals, cocktail reception, six guided tours, all transfers and driver tips. Cost \$4,925 to \$5855 Contact **Bob Hagler**- 934-7620 Branch #8 for more information

May 28-31, 2010 Sacramento Jazz Jubilee. This is the top jazz festival in the country with over 100 bands to entertain you. Beyond traditional jazz, there's blues, western, ragtime, salsa, zydeco and big bands. Something for everyone. Discounted tickets are available to SIR members for \$30 on Friday, \$39 on Saturday and Sunday and \$20 on Monday. A ticket for all 4 days cost \$94. Contact **Bob Spellman** 934-8428.

June 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 to \$420 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 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. 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 19-Nov 6, 2010 Pure New Zealand. New Zealand is a thrilling microcosm of the natural world – a land where wild rivers and glaciers flow through rain forests to the sea, pristine lakes and pastoral forest hug volcanic slopes, and snow-capped peaks pierce the sky. Along the way, you will experience firsthand the kiwi spirit of adventure that springs from this mighty landscape. Cost of the trip is \$5440 per person and includes, round trip airfare and transfers. Accommodations, 27 meals and 13 group discoveries, service of resident trip leader and all land transportation.

Contact **Bob Spellman** 934-8428. Space is limited to 16 people. The quarterly State *SIR HAPPENINGS* web site at <http://www.sirinc.org/sirhappings/> offers additional SIR travel options.

Sunshine



Walt Busenius
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We extend our heartfelt best wishes for healing to the following Sirs. You are in our thoughts and prayers:

- Sir **Tim Valanos** is recuperating from recent hospitalization.
- Sir **Barney Meade** is still recovering at home from a stroke .
- Sir **Robert Bogardus** is receiving cancer treatments.
- Sir **Bob Frankland** is recovering from a fall.
- Sir **John Humphrey** and his wife **Bonnie** are recovering from illnesses.

As of March's luncheon, these **Sirs** were ill or having health issues:

Ken Beattie	Robert Skirvin
John Humphrey	Ed Malboeuf
Jesse Crews	Herb Freeman

The following Sirs' wives are in our thoughts as they recover from recent illness or surgery:

- **Georgia Cook**, wife of Sir **Doug** is recovering from ankle surgery.
- **Sheila Comley**, wife of Sir **Bill** is recovering from a recent illness.
- **Shirley Ahlf**, wife of Sir **Rich** is recovering from back surgery.

Luncheon Attendance
Bob Lyman



SIR Luncheon is the 2nd Thursday of every month at The Clubhouse at Boundary Oak.

SIR Luncheon is the 2nd Thursday of every month at CourseCo Restaurant at Boundary Oak Golf Course.

Please call me (925-825-6386) or email me, rjlyman@aol.com, by Friday noon prior to the luncheon (April 2, 2010) if, for any reason, you are unable to attend. If no one answers, leave your name, badge number and phone number. 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 \$25 made payable to SIR146 is requested for payment of your lunch on Luncheon Day. Thanks.

Regular members missing 3 consecutive meetings without notifying their attendance chairman, giving a valid reason, or attending less than 6 meetings in the last 12 months will result in a letter notifying them of pending membership termination. Certification of another branch meeting will be considered as credit to the attendance record. Notification to the Branch 146 Attendance Chairman (**Bob Lyman**) is necessary to receive credit.

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.

Luncheon Menu for April 8, 2010

Starter salad: Hearts of romaine with shaved egg, cherry tomatoes, crumbled bacon and blue cheese dressing

Entree: Grilled bistro filet with sauce au poivre or pan seared red snapper with cherry sauce

Vegetable: Mashed potatoes and roasted asparagus

Dessert: Chocolate fudge 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.

Membership
Steve Sprague



Branch 146 Statistics:

Active Members: 251 including six Honorary Life Members.

Applicant List: None. All have been inducted.

Inactive Members: 11.

March Luncheon Attendance:

Members: 174.

Guests: 6, Visitors: 1, Speaker: 1.

Excused: 64, Unexcused: 13.

Total Attendance: 182.

Status Changes:

As of the March 11th meeting, we had no new members inducted or any loss of active members this month.

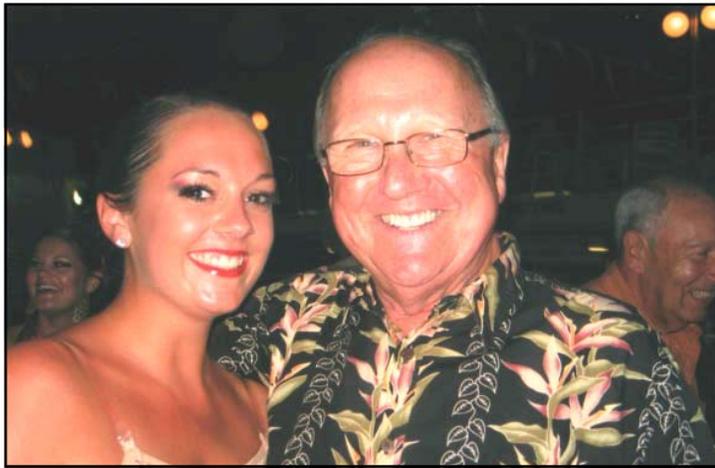


Sirs **Walt Busenius** and **Max Burchett** talk it up before the March luncheon seating

**SIR 146 -Year to Date -
Treasurer's Report as of
February 28, 2010**

Beginning Bank Balance - 1/1/10	\$ 6,134.61
Administrative Receipts	300.00
Administrative Disbursements	<u>831.36</u>
Net Administrative	\$ (531.36)
Activities Receipts	10,003.00
Activities Disbursements	<u>10,163.00</u>
Net Activities	\$ (160.00)
Ending Bank Balance – 2/28/10	\$ 5,443.25

Please pay for your lunch by check



“For those Sirs that missed the Caribbean Cruise. Eat your heart out” **Jack Harrington** and “friend”



Sirs **Dan Costello** and **Jack Hockel** at the March Luncheon

Explore and Dine John Pearl



In February, The Explore and Dine group traveled all the way to the Walnut Creek city hall, where we had a very professional presentation and tour of the traffic operations center by **Simin Timuri**, one of the City's traffic engineers. The Power Point presentation was done by **Rafat Raie**, also one of the city's traffic engineers. What we learned is that "it ain't easy folks." The City of Walnut Creek has 96 traffic lights that are monitored and controlled from the traffic operations center, and each light can operate on multiple programs depending on the time of day. The City is also working on adaptive technology that will use real-time information from sensors and cameras to modify traffic light timing to meet the current situation. We were in two groups as the actual traffic operations center could only hold half of us. The other half got to see the presentation and then pepper **Rafat Raie** with questions before their turn for the tour. After the enlightening time at city hall, we dragged the group away to the new restaurant across the street, 'Eleve', which specializes in Asian Fusion food, and was excellent. On April 22, we will join the Garden and Wine Tasting groups in a tour of Fioli Gardens and nearby wineries.

Don't forget our dinner party on Wednesday April 14th

6pm to 10PM at ZIO FRAEDO'S RESTAURANT

The cost is \$95.00 per couple and includes hors d'oeuvres. Dinner,

Live music for listening or dancing

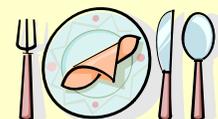
Indicate your choice of Beef, Fish or Pasta

Send your check, made out to SIR Branch 146, to:

Vince Rettew

290 Dover Drive

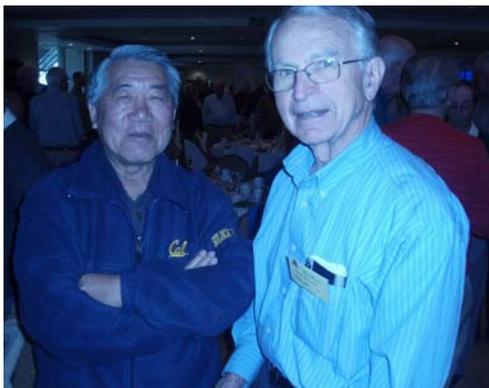
Walnut Creek, CA 94598



Your Name: _____ Partner: _____

Meal choices _____

Tables of 8 are the choice. If you plan on a group, List them below



Former Big Sir **Ray Kan** and Sir **Welby Bigelow** chat prior to the March luncheon seating.



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.

Time to relax with friends and blow off steam, now that you have done your taxes.

Roya's Garlic Garden opened last December in downtown Lafayette. It features a full bar and an extensive wine list and emphasizes fine quality ingredients prepared in the finest European tradition. The menu offers your choice of delicious appetizers followed by entree selections including chateaubriand de moulin rouge, tournedos, Duck a l'orange, and butterfly salmon.

Location: 3576 Mt Diablo Blvd, Lafayette

Web Site: www.royasgarlicgardendining.com

(Location and Reviews) Phone: 925-283-3007

Please let me know by Tuesday, April 13th if you will join us. Your suggestions are welcome for future restaurants to visit.

Lunch and Wine Group

Paul Dubow



Our group meets monthly at the home of one of our members who is responsible for preparing appetizers, lunch, main course and dessert while the others each bring a bottle of wine. It is a rare occasion when any food or drink is left behind. And while we are enjoying our food and libations as well as discussions of world problems, our wives get together for lunch at a local restaurant.

However, twice per year, we change the format. On those occasions, husbands and wives join for dinner at a local restaurant. March is one of the two months in which we do this. In March, we traveled to Orinda and enjoyed the fine food at Casa Orinda. We are already looking forward to the outing in the fall.

There are eight members of our group. But schedules are busy and it is not unusual for one or even two of us to miss one of the monthly sessions. If you would like to test our format, why don't you sign up as an alternate? Chances are that you might be able to come to five or six sessions. If you are interested, call **Paul Dubow** at 415-495-6504.



Mashers **Fred Bolton, John Harrington, Ray Weisz, Bob Yolland** and **Jim Brown** spill over into the hotel lobby while enjoying a drinks and snacks



Sir **Jim** and **Betty Wyrick**

Editors Note

Sirs 146 has a commercial account with the Post Office. We pay 15.5 cents per newsletter as long as we mail out 200 or more newsletters, if we so much as go even one less we pay the going rate of \$.44 cents per newsletter. Right now we send out 200 newsletters per month. If you would like to go on our mailing list please contact me, **Rich Ahlf** at 925-672-2514 or richandshirley@sbcglobal.net

Away Golf Jim Baldrige



Tuesday Away Golf: The responses to **Ron Plachy's** 3/7/10 e-mail indicate that over 58% of our Tuesday golfers agreed to having Away Golf events on selected Tuesdays. The golf committee is currently targeting the second Tuesday of each month starting in May and ending in October. Because of Stead tournament practice and aeration Boundary Oak will not be available to us on 4/13 and 4/20. So, on Tuesday April 13 we have tee times available starting at 9:06 am at Pittsburg Delta View for \$29 which includes green fees, cart and range balls. If you want to play Delta View, get a check payable to "SIR Br 146 Golf" to **Ray Weisz** by April 2. We have tee times at Shadow Lakes Brentwood at 9:00 am on Tuesday 4/20. The cost is \$28 which includes green fee and cart. For Shadow Lakes get your check to **Ray Weisz** by April 9.

Boulder Creek: June 23-25. **Ken Richter** is arranging Boulder Creek and will have flyers available at our lunches.

Couples Golf: **Bob Schwab** is setting up the March event. Those signed up for couples golf can reach **Bob** at schwab-bob@hotmail.com. **Ron** and **Anne Plachy** are arranging the April outing for the group and will inform those signed up of time and place shortly.

Nine Hole Golf: **Bob Wheaton** sets up tee times for the group and sends out an e-mail to confirm sign ups. April dates are 4/1 and 4/15. Contact **Bob** at bobanwh@astound.net or 925-939-4512.

State Golf Events: Entry forms are on the SIR State Golf web site sirstategolf.com for Coeur D'Alene Idaho May 16-21, for Solvang Sept 12-16 and Mesquite NV Nov 7-11. Brochures for the Reno Circus June 13-18 event are on the SIR state web site as well. Circus-Circus began accepting sign ups on March 8.

The State team championship will be at Poppy Ridge-Pleasanton August 9 and the State Individual championship will be at Poppy Hills-Monterey Oct 27-28.

If you don't have internet access and are interested in playing any of the state events contact me, **Ron Plachy** or **Dick Richmond** and we will get an entry form to you.

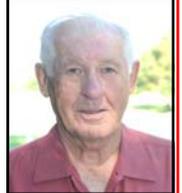
Questions: **Jim Baldrige** 925-689-9232 e-mail jimjudy39@aol.com.



Jim and Anne Burk enjoy fine dining at the Rancho Canada Golf Course on Day 2 of the Monterey Mashers



Tuesday Golf Ray Weisz



The rain gods have been good to us. The drought is almost over. This has not been a good year for those that enjoy golf. We were only able to play two times since my last report.

February 19

First Flight: 1st **Joe Barry** 71, 2nd **John Harrington** 72, 3rd **Gene Diana** 74. Second Flight: 1st **Dennis Hallett**, 2nd **Joe Lamanna** 71, 3rd **Ken Kratz** 72. Third Flight: 1st **Ken Richter** 71, 2nd **John Demos** 73, 3rd **Sal Costanza** 75. Closest to the pin: Hole #2 **Bob Yolland**, #12 **Joe Barry**.

March 9

First Flight: 1st **Gene Diana** 68, 2nd **Lew Thompson** 71, 3rd **Joe Himsl** 74. Second Flight: 1st **Doug Cook** 72, 2nd **Joe Lamanna** 74, 3rd **Rich Hanford** 74. Third Flight: 1st **Mitch Mitchell** 72, 2nd **Don Nunn** 75, 3rd **Jim Brown** 76. Closest to the pin. Hole #2 **Larry Sheerin**, #12 **Dale Hertweck**.

Looks like we may be ready for some beautiful Bay Area sun shine. Let's all come out on Tuesdays and give the above winners some competition. See you at the course.



Pictured at Monterey left to right, **Judy Richmond**, **Alicia Baily**, **Janet Yolland**, **Christy DeVoe** and **Gwen Boero** talking in the hotel lobby during hors d'oeuvres night of the Mashers outing

Cribbage John Pearl, Interim Chair

The cribbage group met at **John Pearl's** home on Thursday afternoon, March 4, with four participants. The big money was won by **Al Tufo**, a guest and former Branch 146 SIR and Cribbage Group Chair. **Dan Meckfessel** of Branch 108 and **Paul Dubow** split second place money. A good time was had by all.

We meet again April 1, on Thursday afternoon. Please let me know if you would like to join our spirited group for a great two-handed card game (and a chance to win some money).

John Pearl, Interim Chair
mcpearl@astound.net 934-6920



Mashers **Fred Kovar, Jim Brown, Joe Barry and Bill Knapp** enjoying hors d'oeuvres and libation at the hotel in Monterey after the first round of golf at Rancho Canada.

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 gscummings@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.

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.

Wine Tasting ... Bill Holly

Our next wine tasting will be on Wednesday, April 28th from 2:30pm to 5:00pm at the home of **Bob and Sally Burley**: 478 Muller Road Walnut Creek, CA 94598-4853.

From downtown Walnut Creek take Ygnacio Valley Rd. North-East to Homestead Ave. Turn right and go approximately ¼ mile to Lakewood Rd. Turn left on to Lakewood Rd. and continue to Muller Rd. Turn left onto Muller Rd. and continue on to 478 Muller Rd.

We will not taste specific varietals. Just bring your favorite wine from the California Central Coast: (From the Santa Barbara to the San Jose Area)



Bring either a  or a 

Spouses are invited to attend.

Please bring a single bottle per couple of either a red or a white (under \$20) in a brown paper bag plus an appetizer to share.

Please RSVP by April 21st to **Bill Holly** either by Telephone (925) 691-5337 or by email at bill.holly@comcast.net



Sir **Vince** and **Bonnie Rettew** at the Monterey dinner on day 2 of the Mashers

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.

May Lady's Day Luncheon
Thursday,
May 13, 2010

No. of tickets _____ at \$27 each.

Enclosed \$ _____

Names:

Starter Salad

Caesar Salad

Entree

Gilled Loin of Pork with Apple Chutney
 Pan Seared Tilapia with Tomato Relish
 Seasonal Vegetables
 Pesto Mashed Potatoes

Dessert

Chocolate Raspberry Cake

Make checks payable to SIR 146 and mail to: **Joe Fuchs** 2116 Dover Court Walnut Creek, CA 94598
 Seating for this event is limited. There will be no tickets sold at the door. Note: If ordering for a full ten person table or a group, send the full payment and list your companions and their entrée choice on an attached sheet. Don't delay! Speaker will be **Dan Ashley**, TV Channel 7 News Anchor



Monterey Mashers rooting department lines up to support the ladies teeing off from the ladies tee down the hill a bit at the first hole of Laguna Seca Golf Course on day 3 of the 2010 annual Monterey Mashers outing.



Walkers
John Lewis



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

April Walks Planned by: Lo McCarley

- Apr 2 Arbolado Park North Walnut Creek**
 Meet: At Arbolado Park on Arbolado Dr.
 Walk: North across park to Ygnacio Canal
 Paved level some shade
 Coffee: At Deli-Delite – Shadelands Office Park
- Apr 9 Lafayette Moraga Trail Lafayette**
 Meet: Near the end of Olympic for parking
 Walk: West on Lafayette Moraga Trail at the end of Olympic Blvd
 Paved level shade
 Coffee: La Scala Main St near Civic, W.C.
- Apr 16 Carquinez Bridge Crockett**
 Meet at 10:00 am at Sun Valley Bank of America for carpooling
 Drive: Take 680 north to hwy 4 West to Crockett.
 Turn off North to Carquinez Bridge. Park at Dead Fish Restaurant
 Walk: Across Carquinez Bridge
 Paved Level No Shade Windy
 Lunch: Dead Fish Restaurant, Crockett
- Apr 23 Lafayette Trail West, St Mary's Rd Lafayette**
 Meet: At Lafayette Community Center
 Walk: Trail follows St Mary's Rd toward Moraga
 Paved Level Shade
 Coffee: Rising Loafer, Lafayette
- Apr 30 Gardens at Heather Farm Rose Walk: Walnut Creek**
 Meet: At end of Heather Farm next to the canal. Walk: South around the pond and building. Cross the bridge to The Gardens at Heather Farm. Meander through the roses.
 Paved Level No Shade
 Coffee: Sweet Affair, Ygnacio Plaza

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