



Big Sir's Notes

Dennis Hallett

Well we are almost through another year!

Christmas and New Year are already upon us and we will soon be wondering why our waist bands have expanded two inches or more.

Our 2011 Branch Officers and Directors will be sworn in at our December Ladies Day luncheon and I will have the pleasure of passing the famous "Pink Hat" to **Pete Gates**.

Branch 146 is in excellent shape and 2011 should be an enjoyable year for all our members. I would like to thank the Officers, Directors and Chairmen who served in 2010. I could not have wished for better support and guidance.

I wish all our members and their families a wonderful Christmas and every happiness in the New Year.

EARLY YEARS OF OUR BRANCH JACK CALLOWAY

Congratulations Branch 146 members, we are now almost 21 years old. Our Branch was officially Chartered on December 19, 1989 when we reached the magic number of 100 members.

Going back in time, the first organizational meeting was held on March 28, 1988 at the Pleasant Hill Country Club. Current member **Lynn Freeman** was one of the 25 men who signed the application for Probationary Status which was granted in April. He also organized the Golf activity which has continued to flourish over the years. By the end of 1988 the membership had grown to 69.

Several men served short terms as Big Sir until the late Charles Unfried was appointed Big Sir in February 1989. Early activities besides golf were bowling, ham-radio, bridge and RV's. We now have 12 active Charter Members who joined before December 1989.

Little Sir's Corner

Pete Gates



Our December Ladies Day entertainment will be provided by the Ygnacio Valley High School Madrigal Singers. If you are not in the holiday spirit by then, I think you will be after this gala luncheon.

BRANCH WEBSITE TERRY MARCHIONE

As you know by now, the Branch has gone electronic. The SIR Call will be delivered via the Branch website and the annual membership roster will be delivered via email. These cost savings measures are an example of the value of electronic media. I have taken on the web-master job to assist the Branch in continuing to provide our members with timely, useful information. Of course this is not a one man job and I will be forming a committee to help meet the goals that the BEC will set in the future. **There are various ways to assist so if you have any interest in joining in please get in touch with me.**

My first order of business is to thank Sir **Jeff Bailly** for the tremendous effort he has put forth over the past several years in getting the website off the ground. Although **Jeff** has stepped aside he will still be available to assist on special projects.

In case you have not already done so, I urge you to explore the website. Although it is (and will continue to be) a work in progress I think you may be pleasantly surprised. In future columns I will review the various web pages that are available and will keep you informed as new features become available.

I welcome your suggestions, questions and other input. You can reach me via email or phone:

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Duplicate Bridge Terry Marchione

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



Sir Lynn Freeman hosted our November game with four tables of duplicate bridge. Once again, several regulars were not able to play but the substitutes filled in admirably.

Despite again having the duties of the game director, Sir **Jim Jackson** ran away from the competition with a score of 51 points. Sir **Carl Johnson** easily won the battle for second place with a score of 46.0. Sir **Fred Kovar** (40.5 points) squeezed by several players for third place. There was a three way tie for 4th between Sir **Lynn Freeman**, Sir **John Demos** and Sir **Lo McCarley**.

Couples Duplicate Bridge Too Dick De Voe

Couples Duplicate Bridge Too met at **Dick & Christy DeVoe's** on Tuesday November 9th. It was particularly nice as all six of the regular group were able to attend. **Terry and Sharon Marchione** won in convincing fashion with 25 points. Second place was hotly contested with **Lynn and Dasha Freeman** edging the **DeVoes** 23pts. to 22 1/2 pts. The December Bridge will be hosted by **Lynn and Dasha**.

Chess Group Joe Fuchs



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.



Party Bridge Fred Bolton

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



We played four tables of bridge on Nov. 1st at the home of **Fred Bolton**.

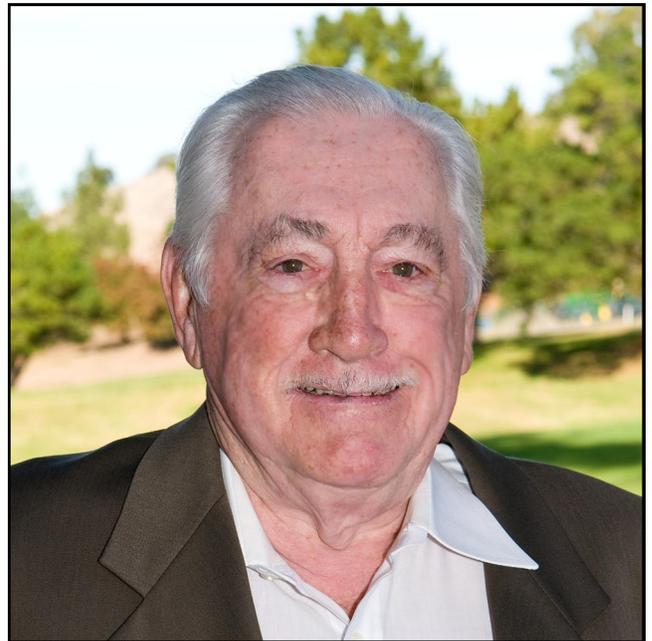
First place went to **Bob Yolland** with 6580 points, second to **Tommy Thomson** with 6330, third to **Lynn Freeman** with 5860 and fourth to **Jim Jackson** with 5700. Our next game will be at the home of **Carl Johnson** on Dec 6.

Couples Duplicate Bridge Lo McCarley

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



Lynn and Dasha Freeman hosted eight couples for a gala evening of duplicate bridge on November 17th—everyone had a great time. The group welcomed **Joan Thisius** as **Jim Brown's** fill-in partner. **Bob and Janet Yolland** took first place with 36 points. **Jim and Allison Todhunter** (35 points) came in second, while **Jim Brown** and **Joan Thisius** with 33 points grabbed third place. Fourth place was a tie between **Carl and Anne Johnson** and **Lo and Sue McCarley** both with 31 points. **Jim Brown** with **Jill Reiner** will host the next bridge on December 15th



New Member Gary McGrath

SongSirs

Don Tubb

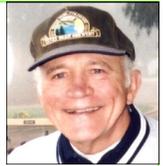
We had a very successful gig at the November Sir lunch and are looking forward to singing for The Heritage in Concord on Dec. 8th.

Our membership increased by four in the second half of 2010, thanks to efforts by our members and the chapter leadership. We now have enough singers to be confident that we can schedule several appearances in 2011. Well done and thanks to all who helped.

Our regular rehearsals are on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church, 2:30pm. Visitors and prospective members are welcome.



Garden Club Chuck Bobinecz



Sir Lew Meyer will be our December speaker and the topic is weeds (again an unwanted plant). We covered this topic some time ago but it is so basic to gardening that we need a refresher on this topic.

We all have them and have to deal with them. A weed seed can be viable for years. You have to be persistent in controlling them.

Note that we do not meet in January.

The December meeting is one of our important meetings because we will be planning our agendas for next year.

Garden tip of the month: The color of light can affect seed germination. Blue and red light stimulate or inhibit germination, depending on species. Under natural full-sun conditions, there is enough red and blue light present to cause these effects.

Couples Dining Out Don Tubb

Thanks to **Bill Hartman** for hosting our September dinner at Casa Orinda and **Walt Schmidt** at Jack's in Pleasant Hill for October. We will take December off and start 2011 on January 18 at Prima in Walnut Creek, courtesy of **Dale Haukland**. Sign up early as they can accommodate only 26 diners and it will be another special evening.

Beginning in February, we will begin assigning members to "host" duty based on a random selection among those who have attended but not hosted a dinner. The list will be published by Email.

For those wishing to join us, we meet for dinner on the third Tuesday of each month. Contact me at fpilot@aol.com or 459-0852 for information.

See you at dinner!



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.

New Member Vern Bendsen



Poker Club #1 Frank McNamee



Poker Club #1 met on Nov. 10th at the **Don Martin** Residence in beautiful uphill Moraga. It turned out to be a welcome back party for **Frank McNamee** after his vacation. **Frank** and **Bob White** were the only winners with much thanks to our host and our guests, **Al Zomolo** and **Rich Hanford**. Our next encounter will be on Dec. 8th at the home of **Frank McNamee**.

Poker Club #3 Siegfried Kalteis



We had our October game on Oct. 24, there were only 6 players but a good time was had by all. **Ron Plachy** and **Bob Wedin** were the big winners, but we all resolved to get even next time.



Poker Club #4 Chuck Bobinecz

Our next poker session will be at the home of Sir **Chuck Bobinecz** on Monday November 22nd. We will not have a December game. Santa has to go shopping. For the Hold'em poker players, Hold'em has some word usage unique to the game. For example, Big Slick is the nick name for the starting hand Ace-King.

POKER GROUP #5 Bill Roberts



After a one month hiatus our poker group resumed play in November. Frank Rockwell hosted our group as our permanent host; **Bill Roberts** is on the sidelines having a knee replacement.

After missing several of our recent games, **Ken Richter** showed up and walked off as the big winner with a late charge. **Skip Thomas** introduced another of his head scratching games but he was unable to capitalize on the other player's confusion.

Our December game will be held at **Skip's** place. We hope **Bill Roberts**. makes a speedy recovery and will be able to join us.

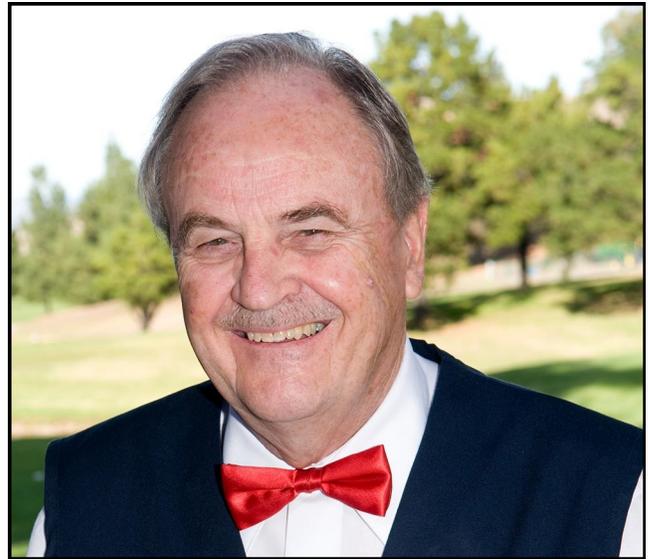
Our regular players are **Spellman, Thomas, Merritt, Richter, Koeber, Marchione** and **Roberts**.

Area 2 \$ums In Retirement Allen Espenmiller

The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group will not meet in December. We had a productive year in 2010 with mostly good speakers and topics. Thanks to all the club members for the excellent attendance in support of the meetings. We are into planning the 2011 year and have two excellent speakers on board for the January and February meetings. The January 2011 meeting will be on the 26th, same time, same place. Enjoy a happy holiday season with your family and friends.

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Ken Nakashima (Br-171) (25-376-0421)



New Member John Bogue

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



Travel Opportunities

Bob Spellman



Feb 17, 2011, Boeing, Boeing Award Winning Comedy. Start off your new year with this high flying romp that will leave you asking for more. SIR 146 has acquired a limited number of group discount tickets for this fun-filled evening. Cost \$30.00 pp. Contact **Gary Schaub** 938-5454. Order tickets before February 11th.

Mar 5, 2011, The Crafty Matchmaker. Presented in a rhythmic mixture of Cantonese and English, this production is filled with drama, action and humor. The story is set in the time of ancient China and is performed on the stage at the Buddha's Universal Church. Cost \$55.00 Contact **Bob Hagler** 925-934-7520 Branch 8.

Apr 16-30, 2011 Ancient Egypt & the Nile River. Enjoy a 7 day cruise on the Nile River and 6 days at the deluxe Cairo Marriott Hotel. In addition to touring around Cairo you will visit Aswan, Kom Ombo, Edfu, Esna and Luxor while on your cruise aboard the M/S River Anuket. The Tour includes 29 meals, 11 exclusive guided sightseeing tours, and RT airfare from San Francisco. Extensions are available to Jerusalem Israel, Alexandria Egypt, Petra & Amman, Jordan. Cost: 3095 to 3395 pp depending on stateroom. Contact **Bob Spellman** @ 934-8428. Space limited

Jun 9-19, 2011 Alaska's Inside Passage. Embark on a 10 night Inside Passage cruise on board the Sea Princess sailing round trip out of San Francisco. Ports of call include: Juneau, Glacier Bay, Haines, Ketchikan and Victoria. Cost: \$2578 to \$2655 pp depending on Stateroom. Contact **Jim Lunn** @ 925-551-3329 Branch #8 for more information.

Jun 22-24, 2011 Boulder Creek Golf and Fun Outing This is a fun couple of days with golf, food, relaxation, and good company all close to home. We wanted you to know the date early so you could mark your calendars. Contact **Ken Richter** @ 689-6217

Sep 11-21, 2011 The Enchantment of Lake

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

Oct 1-11, 2011 Canada & New England Cruise. Experience the colors of fall as you sail for 10 days aboard Silversea's Silver Whisper from Montreal to New York. You will also visit Quebec City, Charlottetown, Sydney, Halifax, Bar Harbor, Boston and Newport. While aboard the Silver Whisper you will find a most accommodating atmosphere providing impeccable service and world class cuisine. Everything is included in the price, tips, fine wines, all spirits, complimentary In Suite dining, meals airfare, bus to and from airport, port charge, and government fees and taxes. You will be treated like royalty. Cost from \$4720 to \$6057 depending on Stateroom. Contact **Bob Spellman** @ 934-8428. This trip has been very popular with over 50 people signed up.

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 very best wishes for healing to the following Sirs. They are in our thoughts and prayers:

Sir **Bill Comley** is recovering from a dislocated shoulder and may have shoulder surgery.

Sir **Bob Frankland** is receiving chemo treatments.

Sir **Rob Van Luchene** is being treated for Leukemia.

Sir **Mitch Mitchell** is being treated for cancer.

Sir **Ed Mendelssohn** continues to recover from a stroke.

Sir **Roderic Sharrets** is being treated for Parkinson's.

Sir **Barney Meade** continues to recover from a stroke.

Sir **Ron Pascoe** is recovering from pneumonia.

Sir **Bill Roberts** is rehabbing from knee replacement surgery.

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



Luncheon Attendance **Bob Lyman**



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

No need to call for the December luncheon since it is prepaid reservations required, "Ladies Day Holiday Luncheon." Make check payable to SIR 146 and mail to **Steve Dawkins**, 117 Alegra Lane, Walnut Creek, CA, 94598. Tickets are \$30.00 each. Enjoy!

Prepaid reservations are accepted until December 1, 2010. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Ladies Holiday Luncheon Menu For DECEMBER 9, 2010:

**Pan Seared Red Snapper with Remoulade OR
Prime Rib with Au Jus
Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Root Vegetables
Chocolate Cake**

"Please see the November SIRCall for reservation slip"

Normal procedures for calling if you are not going to attend our luncheon resume for the January 13, 2011 luncheon. Please email **Bob Mehus** at nolunchbranch146@gmail.com, or call at 510-549-2221, by **Friday NOON (January 7, 2011) prior to the luncheon** if you are not going to attend. If no one answers, leave your name, badge number and phone number. Please be sure and call!!!

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

Luncheon Menu for January 13, 2011
Hearts of Romaine with shaved egg, Cherry tomatoes, Blue Cheese Dressing
Pan Seared Tilapia w/Olive Tapenade OR Grilled
Bistro Filet with SauceAuPoivre
Rice Pilaf, Seasonal Vegetables and Chocolate
Fudge Cake Dessert

I want to extend a big "thank you" to all SIR for their courtesy, consideration and taking the responsibility to call or email me when you were unable to attend one of our luncheons excluding May and December. It made my responsibilities as your Attendance Chairman work in accordance with expectations, in ensuring a luncheon count to Boundary Oak Restaurant that did not result in additional expense to our branch. We must pay for all members minus the "excused" for each luncheon. I ask that you afford our new Attendance Chairman, **Bob Mehus** the same consideration going forward in 2011. He will surely appreciate and welcome it.

Membership **Steve Sprague**



Branch 146 Statistics:

Active Members: 256 including six Honorary Life Members.

Applicant List: One.

Inactive Members: Four.

October Luncheon Attendance:

Members: 197

Guests: 5, Visitors: 0.

Total Attendance: 202.

Status Changes:

Inducted: **James "Jim" Bogue**, Badge 139

Don Martin, Badge 47

John Roberts, Badge 237

William "Bill" Schultz, Badge 165

Reinstated to the Active List: **Kent Tyler**, Badge 20

Moved to Inactive List: **Bob Abegg**, Badge 171

Resigned: **Herb Freeman**, Badge 41, and **Clifford Melikian**, Badge 210

Transferred or Deceased: None

Changes to the Inactive Roster:

David Hibble and **Bill Thronbrogger** were removed after two years of inactive status.

Area 2 Computers and Technology Group



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DICK CURRY, Asst. Chairman,
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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.)

No Computer meeting this month Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



New Member
William "Bill" Schultz

Bocce Ball Martin Lyle

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

No Bocce Ball till May see you then Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out) Malcolm Hendry



The ROMEO group meets on the third Thursday of the month at selected East Bay Restaurants.

We experience delightful dining while getting to better know our fellow SIR and guests, in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

It is a time to take a break and blow off some steam.

The ROMEO group will take a Christmas break in December, and will meet again January 20

Enjoy the Holidays.

Software for Sale

If you have Vista, you really need Windows 7.

Fortunately, the branch has Windows 7 to sell. The branch bought it at Fry's, but couldn't use it. It's still in the box.

It cost about \$220 (incl tax). You can buy it for \$125 with no tax. Whatta deal!!!

E-mail **Lo McCarley** at lomccarley@astound.net
Or phone Lo at 935-3939



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.



Fishing Paul Dubow



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

For the first time this year, yours truly failed to dip a line into the water during the thirty days following a fishing report. The lame excuse is the unending ceaseless winds of November. But this condition did not deter other members of the club. Indeed, **Kent Cremolini** recorded the catch of the year, landing a 188 lb yellowfin tuna after a one and half hour struggle. **Kent** was on a 10 day long range fishing trip out of San Diego at the time.

Joe Karg, Terry Miller, and Carl Moyer fished the Sacramento River for sturgeon, catching mostly small ones, but **Terry** caught a 47 inch keeper, which he did release. The group also caught a nice sized striped bass. **Carl** and **Terry** also made the group's first winter trip to Shadow Cliffs Reservoir in Pleasanton and picked up a nice limit of trout. The stripers are also biting. **Stan Matsumoto** of Branch 146 went fishing with his brothers in Broad Slough and caught limits of stripers up to six pounds. **Joe Miscione** yielded to the wind and fished from shore on the Sacramento and also landed a number of the striped fish.

We will be very busy this winter, if the wind ever dies down, with delta fishing for bass, catfish, and sturgeon, trout fishing in Shadow Cliffs and other local lakes, and party boat trips for sturgeon. If you would like to join us, you are welcome to do so even if you have never fished. Call **Paul Dubow** at 415-495-6504 if you are interested.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, December 16, at the Legend Sports Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek Golf Course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway, in Concord. The meeting starts at 8:30 am but breakfast is available at 8am. Our guest speaker will be **Kevin Brock**, the guide on our salmon fishing trip in the Klamath River in September. **Kevin** also guides on the Sacramento, Lake Oroville, and in Alaska and we are looking forward to several outings with him next year.

Theater Gary Schaub



Comedy Set for SIR 146 Theatre Party in February

If you're anxious for a fun-filled evening in the theater, we've planned a winner for February 17. A play with the unlikely title of "Boeing-Boeing" is not a sales pitch to buy an airliner. It's a Broadway award-winning comedy that guarantees a laugh – filled evening.

SIR 146 Theatre Party for February 17 tells an extremely funny story about an architect living in Paris who juggles his relationships with three gorgeous flight attendants – one is American. one is French and one is German. He considers them all "my fiancés!" He has successfully convinced each woman that she is the 'only one'. As the story plays out, the situation gets complex when the architect tries to keep the ladies' flights schedules straight.

"Boeing-Boeing" was a hit in London, and later won the Tony Award in 2008 as Broadway's "best revival." It was adapted from a film version starring Tony Curtis and Jerry Lewis in the mid-1960s.

This comedy romp is being produced by Walnut Creek's Center Repertory Company at the Leshar Center for the Arts Performance time is 8:00 p.m.

A limited number of special discounted tickets are available. For reservations send a check payable to SIR 146 for \$30.00 each to Sir **Gary Schaub**, 1758 Candelero Court, Walnut Creek 94598. Deadline for reservations is February 10.

Tickets will be distributed at the door ia the Leshar Center, 1601 Civic Drive in Walnut Creek at 7:30 pm on performance night.

Paid parking is available in the City garage adjacent to the Leshar Center.



Bowling
Larry Mitchell



See you in 2011
Merry Christmas
And
Happy New Year
Larry



New Member
John Roberts



Tuesday Golf
Ray Weisz



The Weekly Winners are:

October 19, 2010

First Flight: 1st **Steve Conte 68**, 2nd **Dale Hertweck 70**, 3rd **Joe Fuchs 70**. Second Flight: 1st **Bill Cammerer 67**, 2nd **Bill Danzig 68**, 3rd **Jack Calloway 71**. Third Flight: 1st **Mitch Mitchell 68**, 2nd **Jim Brown 69**, 3rd **John Demos 70**. Closest to the pin Hole # 2 **Chuck Schreiber**, Hole #12 **Steve Conte**.

October 26, 2010

First Flight: 1st **Steve Conte 71**, 2nd **Joe Barry 72**, 3rd **Terry Marchione 74**. Second Flight: 1st **Joe Suta 72**, 2nd **Ron Pachy 73**, 3rd **Bob Royster 73**. Third Flight: 1st **Jim Brown 67**, 2nd **Al Zamolo 70**, 3rd **Bob Spellman 71**. Closest to the pin Hole #2 **Russ Bleise**, Hole #12 **Dave Steinberg**.

November 2nd, 9th & 16th, 2010

Three Week Championship went five places.

First Flight: 1st **Dale Hertweck 211**, 2nd **Jack Calloway 214**, 3rd **Ray Spears 221**, 4th **Bob White 223**, 5th **Lew Thompson 224**. Second Flight: 1st **Bob Royster 211**, 2nd **Bob Yolland and Joe Suta 221** Tie, 4th **Russ Bliese 223**, 5th **Bob Mehus and John Demos 225** tie. Third Flight: 1st **Doug Cook 216**, 2nd **Dan O'Sullivan 218**, 3rd **Al Zamolo 222**, 4th **Steve Sprague 224**, 5th **Mitch Mitchell 226**. Nov. 2nd Closest to the pin Hole #2 **Bill Danzig**, Hole #12 **Dan O'Sullivan**. Nov. 9th Closest to the pin Hole #2 **Dennis Hallett**, Hole #12 **Steve Dawkins**. Nov. 16th Closest to the pin Hole #2 **Bill Boyd**, Hole #12 **Gen**

Couples Golf
John Harrington

Our Couples' Golf group enjoyed a wonderful day of golf at Boundary Oaks for our October golf outing hosted by **Jeff and Alicia Baily**. Six groups competed on a wonderful day and the ladies carried their teams to the finish line sinking long putts and chipping in from off the greens. Leading the pack in the end was the team of **Baldrige and Harrington**.

Gala Ladies Day Luncheon
Thursday, December 9, 2010

No. of tickets _____ @ \$30 each.

Enclosed \$ _____

Names:

Choose from the following entrees:
Pan Seared Red Snapper with Remoulade or
Prime Rib with Au Jus

Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Root Vegetables

Chocolate Cake

Special requirements _____

Make Check payable to Sir 146 and mail to Steve Dawkins, 117 Alegra Lane,
Walnut Creek, CA. 94598

We are accepting reservations until December 1. All reservations and payments
in full must be received by December 1st. There will be no tickets sold at the
door.

If ordering for a group or for a full table of 10, send in the full payment and list
your companions and their entrée choice on an attached sheet.

MEMBER RECRUITMENT
AND RETENTION
JACK CALLOWAY

I would like to thank all those members who brought a guest to one of our luncheons this year. A special thanks to those who then became sponsors. The free lunch drawing for new member sponsors from July to November was won by **Steve Sprague**.

Our new members in November are **Vern Bendsen** and **Gary McGrath** sponsored by **George Knies**, **Bill Schultz** sponsored by **Steve Siljestrom**, **Don Martin** sponsored by **Don Nunn**, **Jim Bogue** sponsored by **Frank McNamee** and **John Roberts** sponsored by **Steve Sprague**.

Those attending the November Luncheon had the opportunity to complete a Member Survey asking for their evaluation of how well the Branch is doing in a number of important areas. We had a large number of responses which will be analyzed and a report made in January to the BEC.



New Member
Don Martin



Walkers
John Lewis



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

Walks in December Planned by
Ralph Fowler

- Dec 3 Tassajara Trail Camino Tassajara and Sycamore Valley Danville
Meet: Parking lot at water Treatment plant off Sycamore Valley Take 680 So. Turn at Sycamore Valley exit east, cross freeway, stay on Sycamore Valley until water Treatment Parking lot
Walk: Trail east,
Mostly paved, mostly sunny and fairly level
Coffee: Pascals on Railroad Ave in Danville
- Dec 10 Lafayette Trail east on St. Mary's Rd.
Meet: Lafayette Community Center on St Mary's Rd
Walk: Follow St Mary's Rd towards Walnut Creek on trail,
Paved, Level Mostly Shady
Coffee: Terzetto Cuisine Moraga Shopping Center
- Dec 17 Walnut Creek Downtown Christmas Walk
Meet: Walnut Creek Civic Center parking lot
Walk: North across bridge to canal, walk So. to Newell west into downtown Walnut Creek
Paved, Level, and Sunny
Coffee: La Scala, Civic and Main St. Walnut Creek
- Dec 24: No walk
- Dec 31: Osage Pk., Danville
Meet: Osage Park, parking lot Danville, 680 So. to Sycamore Valley, cross over freeway, turn right at Camino Ramon (first signal), follow Camino Ramon to El Capital (signal) turn left to Orange Blossom Lane, park to the right
Paved, Level, and Shade
Coffee: Pascal's, Railroad Ave, Danville

Thanks to **Bill Cammerer** for folding labeling and mailing and Editor **Rich Ahlf** for photography.



**November Speaker
Lynn Freeman**



ROMEIO Group at the Walnut Creek Yacht Club