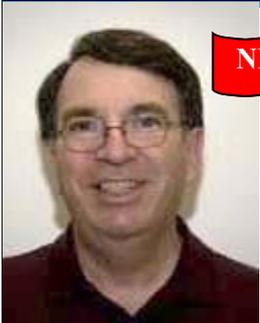


NEWS

Activities Coordinator

Jerry Kaplan



New member **Carl Tilchen** and **Alan Elnick** enjoy playing their guitars and singing. They would like to start an acoustic musicians group. Carl is offering to be

the chairman of the group. They welcome all players - guitar, banjo, mandolin, etc., singers and spouses.

The objective is to enjoy all acoustic music. There is a possibility that some members of the group will want to make a specific song list to entertain at SIR or other events. They will meet once per month to start. Members who would like to join this Group should email cartilchenmusic391@gmail.com



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entertain at SIR or other events. They will meet once per month to start. Members who would like to join this Group should email cartilchenmusic391@gmail.com

Carl is a singer/songwriter with an active musical career. He has facilitated many musical groups, and will be glad to lead the meetings of this group.

He welcomes your comments & suggestions.

Book Club, anyone?

There has been some recent interest from some Sirs to start a Branch 146 Book Club activity. Those joining would select a book to read, establish a time frame for a future get together - either at someone's home, or possibly reserve a room at a library or some convenient location and discuss the book and share each's other's possible questions and thoughts about the book. Please let me know if you are interested and I will assist in getting the activity underway. Best to contact me via e-mail at mtdana@aol.com or you can call at 925 930-7076

Jerry

July 10th Luncheon
Featuring
Michael Butler
Leshar Center REP Artistic Director
See Little Sir's Corner on page 7

Gathering time - 11:00 am
 Seating time - 11:45 am

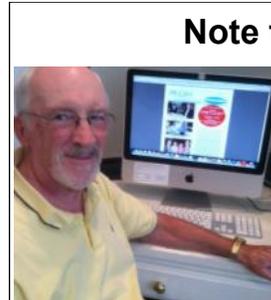
Bringing a guest or can't attend?
 Email: nolunchbranch146@gmail.com
 or
bahadomer@gmail.com
 By noon Friday July 4.



Photos by Richard Hockenbrock

Big Sir **Doug Eisner** announcing "And the winner of the wild shirt contest is Sir **Fred Kovar!**"

Note from the Editor



We need a Branch 146 member who would volunteer for the job of SIR Call editor. We will work together with him for as long as it takes to get up to speed.

Old Money Poker Group 6

Al Twyford

Poker group # 6 met on Wed. June 11th at **Brad Hatcher's** home in Walnut Creek. Six players were on hand: **Al Twyford, Brad Hatcher, Sid Landman, Norm Baietti, John Gray** and **Frank Lucas**. Big winners were **Sid** and **John**. Big loser was **Al**. We all had a good time enjoying a few glasses of good red wine and each other's company. **Rich Ahlf** and **Bob Larson** were unable to join us. Our next game is scheduled for Wed. afternoon July 9th at **Frank Lucas's** home in Pleasant Hill. **Frank** had good news on his wife's battle with cancer. She is doing better, and he was able to join us for poker after missing the last two games.

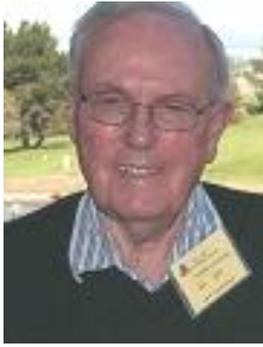


Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

In the Activity Promotion corner, Sir **Mal Hendry** makes his pitch for ROME - Retired Old Men Eating Out - a chance for Sirs to join this popular group and dine at different restaurants in the local area



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

Chuck Campbell and John Wilhelmy
on Wild Shirt Day



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

Dan Holland, Joe Stengel and Ron Binder at the crazy Wild Shirt Day Luncheon



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

Charlie Koeber and Frank Rockwell
at the Wild Shirt Day Luncheon

I've been in love with the same woman for 49 years. If my wife ever finds out, she'll kill me! Henny Youngman

Do you like to travel?

We are looking for someone to join our SIR Branch 146 travel team.

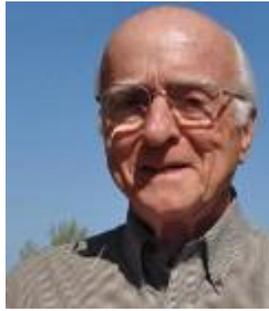
We will provide you with the skills to plan and present travel events for our membership.

Contact **Ken Richter** 689-6217 or **Bob Spellman** 934-9828 for more information.

Bocceball

Martin Lyle

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



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



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

Bob Donahue and Bill Stevenson
at the June luncheon

Lunch and Wine

Bob Spellman



This month's LAW lunch was held at **Pete Gates'** home on the 15th of June with **Dick Woodman, Bill Hartman, Syd Whalen, Vince Rettew, Jim Meehen, Frank Rockwell**

and **Bob Spellman** in attendance. It was a beautiful day so we sat outside and enjoyed many hors d'oeuvres followed by bbq spare ribs, coleslaw and corn on the cobb. The lunch was topped off with caramel ice cream sundaes. Ample amounts of good wine were served throughout the meal.

Henny Youngman

*Three weeks ago, my wife learned how to drive.
Last week she learned how to aim it.*



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

At the June Luncheon **Rich Ahlf (R)** was awarded the Branch Honoree Award by Big Sir **Doug Eisner** for his many significant contributions to Branch 146

Membership

Ben Gleason

At our BEC meeting on June 12, we approved five new members bringing our membership to 268 active members, including our six Honorary Life Members.



New Members:

Larry Fitzgerald, Bob Lucido, George Mon, Joe Stengel, and Carl Tilchen.



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

Sandra and Bill Schlatter
enjoying Couples Dining Out

Couples Party Bridge

Dave Pierce

Although there is plenty of spirited competition, this is really a very social and friendly group. Bridge is an excuse but socializing is the main theme. Food is another good excuse to gather, so on



June 3rd **Joan Pierce** organized food. Everyone arrived early with tasty hors d'oeuvres, salad, wine or dessert to go with **Joan's** salmon pesto. Weather cooperated for a wonderful evening outdoors and in. As to bridge: the Triple Crowns went to **Terry and Sharon Marchione** (usually in the money) who were third (2920) by a length and a half, **Dick and Christy DeVoe** (frequently in the money) who were second (3110) by a head, and supersubs **Tony and Cindy Greco** who were first (4190) by two lengths with a great stretch drive. But the food and wine made winners of us all.

Photo by Bill Schultz



Joe Fuchs, Steve Sprague and Max Hinkle awaiting their turn at the 17th tee. Why hurry? We're retired. Enjoying the game!



THE CLUBHOUSE AT BOUNDARY OAK

SIR 146 Luncheon

July 10 2014

Salad

Iceberg Lettuce "Wedge" Salad

Applewood Smoked Bacon, Vine Ripened
Tomatoes, Feta Cheese
Creamy Ranch Dressing

Entrees

BBQ Chicken

Grilled Marinated Chicken Breast, Garlic Mashed
Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables

Or

Baked Pacific Dory

Chili Rubbed Marinated Pacific Dory, Rice Pilaf,
Seasonal Vegetables
Lemon Butter Sauce

Dessert

Chocolate Pannacotta

Raspberries, Blueberries, Chantilly Cream
Caramel Sauce

Henny Youngman

*My wife loves to shop at Bloomingdale's.
I bring her mail there twice a week.*

*My wife and I have the secret to making a marriage
last. Two times a week, we go to a nice restaurant, a
little wine, good food. She goes Tuesdays, I go Fridays.*

*My wife will buy anything marked down.
Last year she bought an escalator.*



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

Dale Haukland, Dave Pierce, Ron DeGolia and Tony Greco at the Wild Shirt Luncheon

Poker Group 5

Bill Roberts

Poker Group 5 meets the Wednesday prior to the Sir luncheon.

Bill Roberts is the permanent host for our event. The regular

players are **Bill Roberts, Bob Spellman, Skip Thomas, Charlie Koeber, Terry Marchione, Doug Eisner, Ken Richter and Frank Rockwell.**

Subs are sometimes needed due to travel and the like. Play begins at 4:00 and ends around 8:00 with time out for dinner.



Photo by Bill Schultz

Gary Brown being fitted for a golf ball by the Bridgestone rep at Deer Ridge on Thursday away golf. It must have worked for **Gary** because he had an eagle on the tough # 12 hole



Garden Club
Steve Dawkins



One of the nice touches at our Ladies Day Luncheons done by the chef at Boundary Oak is the flower on our salad. It not only adds class and color but it is edible. You all grow edible flowers in your yards but may not know it. Dandelions anyone? Young buds fried in butter taste like mushrooms.

My personal favorite is the nasturtium. Flowers come in many colors. They are a perfect size and have a peppery flavor. Nasturtiums are also an excellent accent plant for your yard. For best results, they need afternoon shade in our area, and sufficient water. Either grow in a container, or trailing varieties for trellises. Of interest, the name nasturtium comes from Latin (NAS) nose and (TORTUM) for twist. This is the reaction one may have by eating one of their bitter-sweet leaves.

No Garden Club meeting this month.



Photo by Bill Schultz

John Harrington, Ben Gleason, John Hammond and Jim Passaglia ready for action at the June 5th scramble

Sunshine

John Pearl

Let us keep the following Sirs in our thoughts and prayers during June... **Ron Pascoe** and **Bill Dastic**. We look forward to their continued healing and return to good health.

Please try to contact a sick Sir to offer support and encouragement during his illness. A friendly call is usually welcome. Cards and letters are always appreciated. Also, please take a minute to sign the get-well cards that are across from the sign-in tables at our monthly meetings. If you are aware of an ill Sir, please let me know by e-mail or phone so that our Sir membership can be advised.

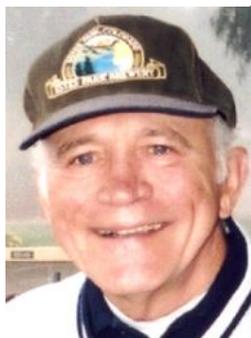


Poker Club 4

Chuck Bobinecz

Our next (\$10 to \$10 session – you may win or lose \$10 – rarely happens) is on June 23rd at the home of Sir **Chuck Bobinecz** and will be hosted by Sir **Pete Gates**.

Texas Holdem has become one of our popular poker games. We play variations of the game and since we have a 25 cent raise limit, it changes the way the game is played. Another game we like is Omaha. In this you end up with four cards in your hand and four community cards on the board to make a high hand or go for the low hand. The confusing aspect is that you must use two cards from your hand and three from the board after you declare whether you are going high or low. Good luck!



Niners Golf Group

Verner Laursen

We tee off at 9:30 am at the Diablo Hills Golf Course on Thursdays except the 2nd Thursday branch luncheon day. If you are interested let me know. The lunch is almost always better than our golf game.



vlaursen@astound.net

Book Corner

Ken Richter

The Book Corner has been a continued success over the past years because of the willingness of our members to share their books. We anticipate this participation will continue. The Book Corner will be open the following months in the future. January, March, May, July, September and November.



Couples Duplicate Bridge 2

Jim Adams

Our Couples Duplicate was nicely hosted by **Dave & Joan Pierce** on June 10. We had quite a match with significant ranking changes in 1st vs. 2nd half. In the final tally, **Terry & Sharon Marchione** were just too consistent overall, taking 1st with 23.5 pts. **Ken & Elaine Richter**, in spite of themselves at the end (must have been exhaustion from their many travels), fell happily into 2nd with 22 pts. **Dick & Christy DeVoe** struggled less than the rest of the stragglers and eked out 3rd with 21 pts. Key point: The **Marchiones** have now ranked in the top 3 for four straight months! They're obviously trying to best the **Lynn & Dasha Freeman** record, with the rest of the group apparently having no clue they're working on Dynasty. Where's that Goren book? Surely it has the answer to the problem...



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock



Phillip Lendaris and Tom Gorman
at the June Luncheon



Big Sir's Notes

Doug Eisner

Well, July means we're halfway through the year! It's been a great one so far and the second half promises to be equally successful! Our recruiting effort has been very effective to date with

18 new members and 25 guests, compared to annual goals of 30 and 50, respectively.

Additionally, we've added 2 new activities to our already extensive list so our members now have more activity choices than ever. In the second half of the year, we're looking forward to the October celebration of the branch's 25th anniversary now being planned by Little Sir **Bill Holly**.

In June we presented **Rich Ahlf** with our Branch Honoree award for his years of service to the branch in a number of capacities. Congratulations, **Rich!**

I've previously reported to you that our Nominating Committee, chaired by **Terry Marchione** and supported by **Jim Burk** and **Pete Gates**, has come up with an outstanding slate of BEC candidates for 2015. My personal thanks to **Terry, Jim, and Pete** for a job well done!

The slate of candidates is presented below:

Big Sir **Bill Holly**

Little Sir **Walt Busenius**

Secretary **Alan Elnick**

Asst Secretary **Bruce Borgman**

Treasurer **Rob Melrose**

Asst Treasurer **Jim Barry**

Director (2nd term) **Ben Gleason**

Director (2nd term) **John Pearl**

Director (2nd term) **Bob Spellman**

Director (1st term) **Brad Hatcher**

Director (1st term) **Richard Hockenbrock**

Director (1st term) **Corrie Oranje**

At the August meeting we will accept nominations from the floor and then vote to elect the nominees for 2015.

As a reminder, we'll hold our annual evacuation drill during the July luncheon. The drill will be conducted at the end of the meeting and will be directed by **Ben Gleason**.

Little Sir's Corner

Bill Holly

Our speaker for the month of July is Michael Butler, the Artistic Director of the Center REP, the resident professional company of the Leshner Center for the Arts in Walnut Creek.

The title of Michael's presentation is: "The Most Interesting Job in the World: Artistic Director of a Theatre Company."

In his presentation Michael will talk about producing professional theatre, connecting with audiences, and keeping live theatre alive.

Michael is in his ninth season at the Leshner. His directing credits for the Center Rep include award-winning productions of *Around the World in 80 Days*, *Nixon's Nixon*, *The Marriage of Figaro*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

His directing work has also been seen in New York, Los Angeles, at major regional theatres around the country and at The Juilliard School, of which he is a graduate.

He is a published songwriter and the co-writer and composer of numerous music-theatre pieces, which he has directed and performed in New York, Los Angeles, and at festivals in India and Morocco.

In his career as a performer, he has worked on and off Broadway, in film and television. He has performed with the Erick Hawkins Dance Company, portrayed the villainous Pierre LeChance on *The Guiding Light*, was the radio voiceover for New York City Opera, and played guitar and harmonica in many rock, blues, and country-western bands in New York City.



Henny Youngman

A drunk is brought into court

Judge: "You've been brought into court for drinking".

Drunk: "Ok let's get started"

Two drunks walking down Broadway on New Year's Eve. One goes down the subway stairs and comes back up another.

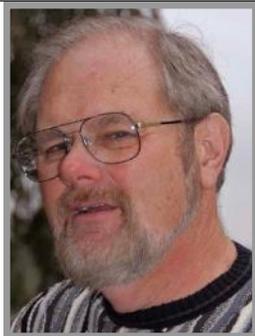
2nd drunk: "Where have you been?"

1st drunk: "Down into some guy's basement.

Boy has he got a set of trains!"

Theatre

Gary Schaub



LAST CALL FOR *PYGMALION* UNDER THE STARS ON AUGUST 20

A limited number of seats are still available for George Bernard Shaw's comedy, *Pygmalion* at California Shakespeare Theater on August 20. Deadline for reservations is July 10, or until allocation has been reached.

Directed by Cal Shakes artistic director Jonathon Moscone, *Pygmalion* tells the famous Cinderella story of the Cockney flower girl who is transformed into a genteel princess by Professor Henry Higgins. The play by Shaw also received a transformation into the very popular Broadway musical *My Fair Lady* in the 1950's.

It promises to be a delightful evening at the outdoor theater just off Hwy 24 in Orinda. It's an ideal location to bring a pre-show picnic and attend a pre-show introduction to the play by a Cal Shakes staff member. If you've never gone to a performance at California Shakespeare Theater, this is the ideal time!

The play begins at 7:30 p.m. Most folks arrive by 6:00 p.m. Food is also available for purchase from their concession on-site. Free parking is available.

Tickets for *Pygmalion* are \$46.50 per person, and can be reserved with a check payable to SIR 146), and sent to Sir **Gary Schaub**, 1400 Canyonwood Ct, #8, Walnut Creek 94595 (note the new address).

Any questions? Call **Gary** at (925) 938-5454.

Henny Youngman

*A doctor gave a man six months to live.
The man couldn't pay his bill,
so he gave him another six months.*

*When I told my doctor I couldn't afford an operation,
he offered to touch-up my X-rays.*



Derek Southern



Neil Schmidt

Area 2 Computers and Technology Group

The Area 2 Computer and Technology Group advises all Sirs and their guests that our next meeting will be at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge on Thursday, July 17th at 9:30 am.

Phil Goff and **Barry Brown** will talk about "Setting up a New Computer." They'll be

covering subjects such as removing "bloatware," transferring data, using free support help and installing new software. A copy of the presentation should be available the week prior to the meeting on the CAT Web page at: <http://a2cat.sirinc2.org>

Meetings of the Area 2 Computer and Technology Group are held the 3rd Thursday of each month (except June and December) from 9:30 to 11:30 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. Some months we ask for a donation of \$5 to cover the cost of the hall rental, coffee and cookies, other months are free.



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

**Bill Weinberg, Al Munayer
and Rich Hanford** at the June Luncheon



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 Tuesdays at

Boundary Oak. Players are randomly paired and starting tee times are emailed to each player.

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. They play every Thursday except the second Thursday of the month, which is the luncheon date. 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 Sirs 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 receive GEMs.

If you would 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.

We had eight couples and two widows of former Big Sirs play in the Reno Fling golf tournament at the Atlantis Casino Resort. It was a great event with three different golf formats. Once again Branch 146 outshone the other branches in the tournament. The eight ladies playing golf were all in the money. Six of the eight men also were winners.

The big winner was **Jim Baldrige** with a hole-in-one at the Red Hawk Course. Two of our members also won in the slot machine tournament.

Ray Weisz



ROMEO

(Retired Old Men Eating Out)

Malcolm Hendry

The ROMEO group meets on the third Thursday of the month at 6:30PM. We select eclectic restaurants in the East Bay recommended by you, as well as, those

favorably reviewed by the media. Come join us and experience dining while enjoying the company of your fellow Sirs, and male guests, in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

ALAMO PALACE

This Chinese restaurant features Szechuan and Mandarin cuisine with a wide variety of pork, seafood, beef and poultry dishes either separately selected or a choice of several family dinners. Menu favorites include mu shu, sweet and sour prawns and the house special, Mandarin barbecued beef with the chef's special sauce. Separate checks are provided for your convenience.

Location: 120C Alamo Plaza, Alamo, CA

(north side of plaza west of B of A)

Web site: www.yelp/alamopalace

Phone: 925-820-1715

Please let me know before Tuesday, July 15th, that you will join us.

Your suggestions are welcomed.



Photo by Bill Schultz

Golfers, **Chuck Campbell**, **Bill Danzig**, the starter **Roger Wagner** and **Jim Todhunter** at the June 10, Tuesday golf tournament

Duplicate Bridge 2

Dick DeVoe

Duplicate Bridge 2 was kindly hosted by **Sid Landman** on June 6. Congratulations to **Bob Yolland**, whose 7 of 12 boards in the 1st half earned the highest points possible.

This fine early performance helped him take 1st with 30 pts. "Comeback Kid" **John Boyan**, way behind in the 1st half, catapulted himself into 2nd place by the end with 29.5 pts. **Tony Greco**, ever the consistent one, took 3rd place in the 1st half, 2nd half, and final- ending with 27.5 pts. **Rich Ahlf** took 4th with 27 pts.

The group now has a computerized scoring process (thanks, **Bill Schultz**) and new card decks. We have moved from the Paleozoic Era to the 21st Century in one fell swoop!



Fishing Report

Paul Dubow

We have been disappointed with the salmon bite so far this year. The ocean has been turgid and the wind has been blowing constantly. But we expect it to pick up. Further, it did not deter some of our members from catching salmon, although they had to go to Alaska to do it. **Harry Sherinian** and **Terry Miller** journeyed to Coffman Cove near Ketchikan and limited out with big salmon every day. In addition, **Dick Thomson** caught a 61 pound halibut on the same trip. **Carl Moyer** did manage to sneak out onto the ocean on a rare mild day and picked up some rockfish and lingcod.

Trout fishing has been somewhat better, mainly at San Pablo Reservoir. **Carl Moyer** and **Gordon Linebaugh** fished from the shore there and caught limits up to four pounds. **Carl** returned on a solo trip and limited out again, but with smaller fish.

Gordon also made a repeat trip to San Pablo with his grandson and landed four trout. Shadow Cliffs Reservoir has not produced as well as San Pablo, but **George Schulze** did well there. But he used a borrowed pink reel and lost lots of macho points. **Ron Masick**, **Barry Rauchle**, and **Carl Moyer** used more masculine gear and did not fare as well as



George. Our shad expert, **Ernie Wong**, took **Don Mittelstadt** and **Carl Moyer** to the Sacramento River and they landed 60 shad. It was **Carl's** maiden voyage to shad country and he is now hooked.

The Delta continued to produce. **Rich Fiscina** of Branch 146 caught a 45 inch sturgeon, fishing with **Carl Moyer** and **Joe Karg**. **Mike Corker** caught a keeper striper upriver while **Tom Kostik** landed stripers and black bass on several trips. **Raleigh Davis** went out on a party boat seeking salmon in the ocean but the water was so rough that the captain chose to stay in San Francisco Bay. That was okay with **Raleigh** because he caught two nice stripers weighing seven and nine pounds respectively.

Three of our Branch 146 fishermen; **Pete Gates**, **Tom Boltz**, and **Brad Hatcher** teamed up with **Chuck Vanoncini** on a successful outing to Lake Don Pedro. They returned with a cooler full of kokanee, king salmon, and rainbow trout.

We will be very busy this summer with Delta fishing for bass, catfish, and sturgeon; trout in mountain and local lakes; salmon and rockfish from the ocean; and halibut from the bay. We live in a fisherman's paradise.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, July 24th, 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 come earlier and join us for breakfast. For further information, contact fishing chair **Paul Dubow** at (415) 495-6504.



Photo by Paul Dubow

Tom Boltz, **Pete Gates**, **Brad Hatcher**, and **Chuck Vanoncini** with kokanee, trout, and king salmon caught at Lake Don Pedro

Photo by Bill Schultz



Doug Eisner, Joe Suta and Don Del Bene
ready to play in the June Scramble

Mac User Group (MUG)



Max Burchett



Verner Laursen

The Mac Users meet the first Monday of the month at the Thurman Casey Library at 10am. We finish by noon.

Max Burchett and **Verner Laursen** are the leaders and we try to help Mac users with their questions or problems. Since we are using Macs we don't have problems, but only need some help to accomplish the task. We do have suggestions on software and where to get the best deals on products related to your Mac. We will also cover the return on your investment in Apple Care. In May the return for **Verner Laursen** was over \$1000. If you have or may have an interest please contact us and we will put you on our mailing list. When on the list, you will receive an email from me from time to time and I will let you know of items of interest to Mac users.



Walkers

John Lewis



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

July walks by **Frank Ascatisno**

July 4 – Holiday – No walk planned

July 11 – Hap McGee Park - Iron Horse Trail South – Danville

Meet: I 680 South, Exit E. Pintado, immediate right on La Gonda Way to park
Walk: West across bridge to Camille Ave., South on Iron Horse Trail. Partially shaded
Coffee: Peets Coffee – Alamo Plaza

July 18 – Arbolado Park North – Arbolado Dr. – Walnut Creek

Meet: Arbolado Park Parking Lot
Walk: North across park to Ygnacio Canal - mostly shaded

Coffee: Deli Delight, Shadelands

July 25 – Buckeye Ranch Trail - Lafayette
Meet: Pleasant Hill Rd. to Spring Hill Rd. to the end

Walk: North trail from parking lot. Moderate grade, heavy shade.

Coffee: La Scala, Walnut Creek on Main St. near Civic

Photo by Richard Hockenbrock



Bruce Jones, Jim Adams and Larry Mitchell
before sitting down to lunch at the Wild Shirt Day event.
Cool airplane shirt Larry... ed

Bowling

Larry Mitchell

The Winter Sir League was recently completed several weeks ago and the winners are two Branch 146 bowlers... That would be **Pierre Mebane** and **Ken Donnelly**. They defeated **Dean Lucas** and **Jay**



Verlinden of Branch 19. Our winners emerged in a playoff on the last day of the winter league. Congratulations to **Pierre** and **Ken**. The summer league is now underway, and after three weeks the team of **Larry Mitchell** and **Jim Wray** are absolutely dominating with a win/loss of 11/1.

Four bowlers from SIR Area 2 participated in the state tournament held in Yuba City in May and only **Dean Lucas** and **Larry Mitchell** were able to get in the money by taking 4th place in the doubles event.

Cooking II

Bob Yolland

Our June lunch was at **Steve** and **Marna Dawkins** beautiful home on 6/23.

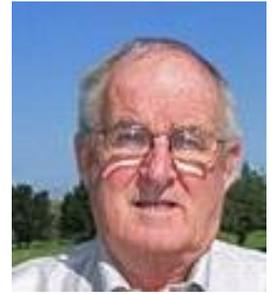
Steve started us off with 4 or 5 cheeses, crackers, olives and salami. Of course we had a great selection of white and red wines. Checking on our white wine bottling this year we all decided that the Chardonnay had held up well and was excellent wine. Starting the lunch we had a wonderful salad of lettuce, tomatoes, bacon, and a special home made dressing. Our main course was comprised of stuffed bell peppers made with a filling of ground beef, rice, garlic, sour cream and mayonnaise. For dessert **Steve** made two outstanding pies. Both crusts were fabulous. One was an apricot, served with ice cream and the other a great lemon meringue. This month we delayed the lunch a couple of weeks since so many of our members were traveling. All members attended which include **Bruce Borgman**, **Steve Dawkins**, **Dennis Hallett**, **Corrie Oranje**, **Ken Richter**, **Bill Roberts** and **Bob Yolland**. What a fantastic group. July's lunch will be at **Dennis Hallett's** on July 14th.



Poker Group 1

Dan O'Sullivan

Poker Group #1 met June 11th at **Al Zamolo's** home and the two big winners were **Frank McNamee** and **Bill Cammerer**. Other players won very small amounts, while still others lost [big time], not to mention yours truly. Our next meeting will be hosted by **Bill Cammerer** on July 9th.



Henny Youngman

*She got a mudpack and looked great for two days.
Then the mud fell off.*

Photo by Rich Ahlf



Branch 146 Bocce ball participants at Concord Bocce Courts in Newhall Park, Concord near the corner of Turtle Creek and Ayers Roads. Chair is **Martin Lyle**

Cribbage

John Pearl

In June, we managed to get eight of us together at Sir **Barney Meade's** home for our monthly gathering and money exchange. There were a lot of high-count hands this time, so play went rapidly. Unfortunately, while some won, some lost. Taking home first place money, after his three-week vacation was **Dennis Hallett**. Others in the money included **John Pearl** in second place, **Art Ainscough** in third, while **Jim Stedman** rounded out the winners in fourth place. The names of the four who did not finish in the top four can be found out by contacting the chair and offering a bribe.



Travel Opportunities

Ken Richter



Sept. 15, 2014: Levi Stadium Tour. The tour will include a visit to the Verizon Press Level, Suit Tower, Premium Club Spaces aka "Millionaire Row", 50 yard line patio, visiting teams and cheerleaders' locker rooms, and the solar terrace and garden. There will be a visit to the official 49ers team store and museum. The day will include roundtrip motor coach transportation from Walnut Creek, tour of the Stadium, and a no-host lunch at Applebee's before our return home at approx. 4:30 pm. Cost is \$57.00 Contact Ken Richter Br. 146 KERichter@astound.net.

Sept. 12-30, 2014: The Essence of China. 19 day tour of China featuring Beijing, Zhengzhou, Xi'an, Chengdu, Guilin, and Shanghai. Trip features include R/T air, and motor coach, 4 star hotels, meals, national guide, and local English speaking guides, Chinese visas and all departure taxes. Tour price \$5,890. Contact **Dick Schally Br. 8 925-260-5534.**

Sep 19-Oct 3, 2014: Grand Norwegian Coastal Voyage. 14 night trip starting in Bergen, Norway with a stay at a superior first class hotel before boarding your working Norwegian coastal vessel designed for comfortable cruising. You will visit 34 ports of call, with 12 orientation walking tours with program manager. Additionally cost of \$4649 includes accommodations, 36 meals, audio headsets, all transfers and baggage handlings. Post trip to Copenhagen, Denmark also available. Contact **Bob Spellman Br 146, 934-8428** for more information.

Aug 21-Sept 12, 2015: Treasures of France. A River Journey From Normandy to Provence. A 22 day river cruise aboard the Deluxe ms River Venture and the ms River Discovery II. The highlights of the trip will be visiting the D-Day beaches of Normandy, Paris, Beaujolais & Burgandy regions, Lyon, and other towns along the rivers. Prices range from \$6,499 to \$8,299, which includes **airfare**, 22 nights accommodations, 59 meals, 17

sightseeing tours with audio headsets, all transfers, luggage handing overseas, and beer or wine at dinner. Pre and post trips are available. **Contact Ken Richter Br 146 698-6217 or KERichter@astound.net.**

Aug 21- Sept 1, 2015: Paris & Highlights of Normandy. A Seine River Cruise. A 12 day cruise aboard the Deluxe ms River Venture with visits to Paris, D-Day beaches of Normandy, Vernon, Honfleur, and Rouen. The prices range from \$3,699 to \$6,199 which includes 10 nights accommodations, 29 meals, 9 sightseeing tours with audio headsets and beer or wine at dinner. Two for one airfare is available plus pre & post trips. **Contact Ken Richter Br 146 689-6217 or KERichter@astound.net.**

Aug 31- Sept 12, 2015: French Waterways: Highlights of Burgundy, Beaujolais & Provence. A 12 day river cruise on the ms River Discovery II with visits to Lyon, Avignon, Vivier, and Beaujolais & Burgundy regions. The prices range from \$3,999 to \$6,649. Trip includes 10 nights accommodations, 29 meals, 8 sightseeing tours with audio headsets, and beer or wine for dinner. Two for one airfare is available plus pre & post trips. **Contact Ken Richter Br. 146 689-6217 or KERichter@astound.net.**



All set for the Wild Shirt Luncheon are **Jim Todhunter, Roger Linn, Bill Boyd and Russ Bliese**

*I take my wife everywhere,
but she keeps finding her way back.*

Henny Youngman



Photo by Bill Schultz

Chuck Denny, Ed Marlovits, Sal Costanza and Bill Klein point out their 3rd place show at the Scramble

Area 2 \$ums Investment Group

The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group will meet on Wednesday July 23, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. at the Legends restaurant at Diablo Creek Golf Course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord.

Our guest speaker this month will be Peter C. Karp of Karp Capital Management. Peter's topic will be An Energized Market. Peter will discuss recent global events and how they are affecting the markets. He'll touch on rising energy prices, ways to hedge against inflation and the anticipation of rising interest rates.

After years of experience managing investments at institutional brokerage firms and banks, Peter C. Karp founded Karp Capital Management to provide asset management and financial planning service for individuals. He has experience in a variety of investment management and financial planning roles. Peter received a Bachelor of Arts in economics and biochemistry from the University of California at Santa Barbara. The Legends restaurant opens at 7:00 a.m., so come early and have a leisurely breakfast with your colleagues prior to the meeting. Plan to attend this meeting and bring a prospective Sir.

Co-Chairmen:

Gary Moore (Br-174) 925-254-8742

David Sutton (Br-8) 925-686-0158

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

Hollywood called me, asking me, "How much to do a movie with Farrah Fawcett?" "\$50,000" They called back, "How about \$20,000?" I said, "I'll pay it!"

Duplicate Bridge

Doug Eisner

The Men's Duplicate Bridge Group 1 played 4 tables of bridge on June 16 at **Rich Ahlf's** home. The regulars were dismayed to learn that 2 of our subs picked up 1st and 2nd place this month. **Sid Landman**, one of those subs, started off hot with 18.5 pts to take the lunchtime lead and then heated up even more after lunch to win going away with 49.5 pts. Similarly, **Brad Hatcher**, another sub, was solidly in 2nd place at the lunch break with 17.0 pts and solidified his hold on 2nd place overall with a final score of 44.5 pts. Third place was captured by **Jim Jackson** with 40.0 pts while **Bob Yolland** and **Jim Stedman** tied for 4th with 38.0 pts.



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

Ralph Belluomini, Ray Garavaglia and Don Del Bene at the June Luncheon

Photography

Richard Hockenbrock

With a number of photography group members traveling during the summer months, we are postponing our normal monthly meeting until September 19th. We'll be kicking off at our normal time and place with some interesting new content and demonstrations. Until then, have a great summer.



Couples Dining Out

Bruce Borgman

After last month's enjoyable outing at Le Cheval in Walnut Creek, we were hard pressed to come up with yet another restaurant to tickle our group's fancy. Believe it or not, I think we've found it thanks to a suggestion from one of our diners.



In July we will enjoy dinner at Casa Orinda. This fixture in the East Bay restaurant landscape is actually the oldest continuously operating restaurant in the East Bay, dating back to 1932. The original themes of good home cooked, yet sophisticated meals continue to this day. It has been featured in Diablo Magazine and favorably reviewed on Check Please, Bay Area. We have scheduled our visit to the restaurant on Monday July 21, starting again at 5:30 for cocktails and social hour, with dinner at 6:30pm. As of this writing, we are still negotiating a final price on a three-course meal, but it will likely be around \$45 per person all inclusive for a menu which will include a Caesar salad, and a choice of three entrees: their signature fried chicken, veal scaloppini Marsala, and sauteed prawns; as well as a dessert and coffee. After we finalize the menu and price and other details, we will send out a flyer to all who are on our email list, and will also of course have the information at our next SIR luncheon. You may email me at bgborgman@aol.com also for up to date information as well, or call 932-3961.

The restaurant is located at 20 Bryant Way in Orinda – across the street from the Orinda theater. We look forward to having you join us for another fun evening of enjoying a good dinner and seeing old friends and new.

Comedian Shecky Green

Striving for racial harmony when he took over the Los Angeles Dodgers, manager Tom Lasorda told his players one day: "There are no black players or white players on this team. Everyone is green. You got that? OK, I want all the dark green guys over here and all the light green guys over here."



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

Joe Suta, Dan O'Sullivan, Don Del Bene and Jack Harrington laugh it up during the camaraderie time at Wild Shirt Luncheon

Hiking

Rich Ahlf



Our next hike will be to Lake Chabot on July 18. This will be an easy four and a half mile loop with lots of shade. This hike should take about two and a half hours. We will be meeting at the Clyde Woolridge Staging area where there is ample parking. Directions; drive through the Caldecott tunnel and take Hwy.13 to Hayward, go on to 580 and get off at Keller Ave. Left on Keller and turn right on Skyline Blvd. and go about a mile to the staging area. Hike starts a 9:30am. We should be on our way home about noon. Notice this hike is going to be on the Third Friday of July. | Please contact me for carpooling. Spouses always welcome.



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

Doug Eisner jazzing it up a bit at the Wild Shirt Day Luncheon



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 every Monday at 11:30 am at Masse's 2721 North Main in Walnut Creek. The cost is \$5 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 2 are welcome.

*A man goes to a psychiatrist "Nobody listens to me!"
The doctor says "next!"*

Henny Youngman

Couples Duplicate Bridge

Lo McCarley

Lynn and Dasha Freeman hosted eight couples for a gala evening of duplicate bridge on June 19th. Everyone enjoyed **Dasha's** snacks and **Lynn's** wines. The group thanked **George Zurich** and **Susi Cherry** for scoring. As for the bridge results, **Lynn and Dasha Freeman** took first place with 42 points. **Jim Brown** and **Adrienne Morrison** and **Carl and Anne Johnson** tied in second place with 36.5 points, and in fourth place, **Dave and Joan Pierce** with 36 points. **Carl and Anne Johnson** will host the next bridge on July 16th.



*"Doctor, I have a ringing in my ears." "Don't answer!"
Henny Youngman*

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Aaah the camaraderie of Sons in Retirement (SIR)! The Lunch and Wine (LAW) group doing what they do - enjoying lunch and the company of like-minded men. L to R, **Bill Hartman, Frank Rockwell, Syd Whalen**, group chair **Bob Spellman, Vince Rettew, Jim Meehan** and host **Pete Gates**

Duplicate Bridge 2 Members, L to R, **Bob Yolland, Bill Schultz, Jim Brown, Rich Ahlf, Dick DeVoe, Sid Landman, Fred Bolton, John Boyan, Dave Pierce, Tony Greco and Steve Dawkins** ready for a few friendly hands of bridge

Photo by Bill Schultz

