

Yearly Colorful Shirt Contest



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

2nd runner up—Steve Ybarra

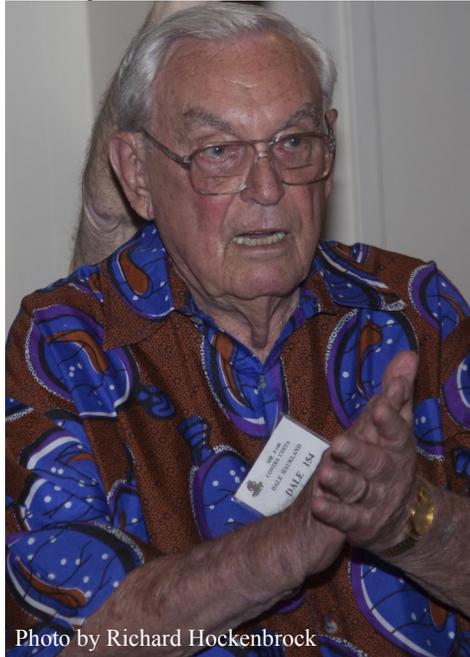


Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

1st runner up—Dale Haukland



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

Winner—John Wilhelm



Big Sir's Notes

Bill Holly

Two new members joined our branch in June. They were **Cass Buys** sponsored by **Richard Lyon** and **Tony Fiorica** sponsored by **George Carpenter**. In addition, we had nine new guests visit our branch, which is a record for the year. We were also visited by our Area Governor, **Ed Benson**.

Jim Brown received a Certificate of Appreciation for his many years of service to our branch. **Fred Bolton**, **Larry Mitchell**, and **Bob Yolland** were all awarded as Branch Honorees for their longstanding service to our branch.

Two members responded to my request for volunteers to help support the operation of our branch. **Dick McElroy** volunteered to help support **Hank James** with the Book Nook. **Bob Lucido** volunteered to help as a greeter next year. This is an excellent opportunity for

Luncheon – July 9th
Boundary Oak Clubhouse

Guest Speaker:
Richard Jones
The Beauty & Excitement of Aerial Photography

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

Bringing a guest or can't attend?
Email: nolunchbranch146@gmail.com
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By noon Friday, July 3rd

newer members to get to know other members of our branch.

Our guest speaker for June was unexpectedly called away by his employer, Comcast SportsNet, to support the broadcast of the NBA Championship games in Cleveland and, as we all know, that was a pivotal game for the Golden State Warriors. Our Little Sir, **Walt Busenius**, sprang into action and was able to get **Harry Dunlap**, a SIR member from Branch 156 in Elk Grove. Harry was in professional baseball for 50 years as a player and a coach in both the minor and major leagues. **Harry** turned out to be a fascinating speaker who was very knowledgeable about the players, the coaches and the teams. He kept our rapt attention during his entire presentation.

John Wilhelmy triumphed in the colorful shirt contest with resounding applause from the audience for his vivid blue shirt.

I am pleased to report that our nominating committee consisting of former Big Sirs **Doug Eisner**, **Terry Marchione**, and **Jim Burk** has come up with an outstanding slate of officers and directors for 2016. The candidates are:

Big Sir	Walt Busenius
Little Sir	Alan Elnick
Secretary	Bruce Borgman
Asst. Secretary	Jonathan Korfhage
Treasurer	Jim Barry
Asst. Treasurer	Roy Hodgkinson
Director (2 nd Term)	Brad Hatcher
Director (2 nd Term)	Richard Hockenbrock
Director (2 nd Term)	Corrie Oranje
Director (2 nd Term)	Bob Spellman
Director (1 st Term)	Jerry Kaplan
Director (1 st Term)	Steve Sprague

During our August luncheon we shall accept nominations from the floor and then vote to elect the nominees for 2016.

As a reminder, we shall hold our annual evacuation drill during our July luncheon. The drill will be conducted by our Regional Director **Dick DeVoe** at the very end of our luncheon.

Finally, if you know someone who might be interested in joining our branch, bring him as a guest to our next regular luncheon on Thursday, July 9th.



THE CLUBHOUSE

AT BOUNDARY OAK

SIR 146 Luncheon

July 2015

Salad

Louis Salad

Butter Lettuce, Applewood Smoked Bacon
Vine Ripened Tomatoes, Feta Cheese, Hard Boiled
Egg Crumbles, Creamy Louis Dressing

Entrees

BBQ Chicken

Grilled Herb Marinated Chicken Breast
Garlic Mashed Potatoes,
Seasonal Vegetables,

Or

Baked Pacific Dory

Chili Rubbed Marinated Pacific Dory,
Rice Pilaf, Seasonal Vegetables,
Tomato & White Wine Sauce Vera Cruz

Dessert

Carrot Cake

Raspberry Sauce, Chantilly Cream



Ken and Elaine Richter along with **Bill and Bernice Cammerer** in the lobby at Town Hall Theater before "Moon Over Buffalo" Theatre Party on June 5th.



Little Sir's Corner

Walt Busenius

This is the season to remember the birth of our nation over the 4th of July weekend with picnics, fireworks and joyful celebrations. Also, don't forget that July's lunch quickly follows on July 9th at the Boundary Oak Clubhouse.

July's speaker is Richard Jones who will share with us "The Beauty and Excitement of Aerial Photography". Richard has captured the wonder and beauty of flying and aerial photography.

Most of his 44 years with the Sandia National Laboratory in Livermore was spent as a design engineer taking part in the development of explosive components for nuclear weapons. Later in his career, Dick served as a videographer in manned and unmanned aerial vehicles studying global warming with the Dept. of Energy, NASA, and Sandia.

Richard is a lifelong adventurer and commercial pilot. He was a member of the team that flew the unmanned airplane "Altus" on the Island of Kauai and over Oklahoma. He won a Telly Award for a short movie that was made of the flight of "Proteus" over Alaska and Australia. His photographs and videos have appeared on TV, in magazines and in newspapers.

I am reminding you again to give our activities Chairman, **Jerry Kaplan**, a call if you need help finding an activity that would meet your interest.

In June, 9 guests were introduced at the luncheon. That was an impressive number and kudos are in order for those Sirs who invited these 9 prospective new members. We are looking forward to seeing you and a guest at July's luncheon.



Photo by Gary Schaub

Ken and Lynn Kratz, Walt and Sue Busenius, and Chuck and Mary Denney at "Moon Over Buffalo" at Town Hall Theater in Lafayette



Membership

Ben Gleason

In June we added two new members pictured below. One active member resigned. We now have 278 active members including our seven Honorary Life Members.

New Member Additions in June 2015



Cass Buys



Tony Fiorica

Status Changes in June 2015

Resigned:

Ozzie McKenzie



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

Greeter **Jonathan Korfhage** showing his Warrior allegiance in the middle of the NBA Finals

SIR Call Newsletter Group

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SIR 146 Hiking

Rich Ahlf

On July 10th we will be hiking in Tilden Regional Park. This will be in Wildcat Canyon and will be about 5 miles. We will hike to Wildcat Peak. This hike is rated as Moderate (Sir rating about 8). This scenic loop hike takes you from the Tilden Park Environmental Education Center to the summit of

Wildcat Peak via the Jewel Lake, Sylvan Peak and Laurel Canyon Trails. Terrific views of the Bay Area and a variety of plants and birds keep this well shaded route interesting throughout. From Wildcat peak we can see the Golden Gate and Bay Bridges and San Pablo Dam reservoir. Great picture taking!

Directions: From Highway 24 just east of the Caldecott Tunnel, take the Fish Ranch Road exit and go 2 miles uphill to a junction with Grizzly Peak Blvd. Turn right and go 5.4 miles to the intersection with Wildcat Canyon Road. Turn right here for Nature Area, Little Farm, and Wildcat Canyon. Go downhill 0.3 mile to a junction with Central Park Dr. Turn left and go 0.1 mile to a large parking area. The trail begins at the Environmental Education Center, which is a short walk north from the parking area on a paved road. We will meet in the parking lot. If anybody wishes to carpool we'll meet at El Nino (phone me for a ride) road just off the St Stevens turn off on Hi-Way 24/680 at about 9:15 am.

We will start at 10:00 am. Spouses or significant others welcome.

Rich Ahlf
925-550-4967
rahlf@sbcglobal.net

THE NICE MAN BECAME IMPATIENT

A man was riding a bus, minding his own business, when the gorgeous woman next to him started to breast-feed her baby. The baby wouldn't take it, so she said, "Come on sweetie, eat it all up or I'll have to give it to this nice man next to us."

Five minutes later, the baby was still not feeding, so she said, "Come on, honey. Take it or I'll give it to this nice man here."

A few minutes later, the anxious man blurted out, "Come on kid. Make up your mind! I was supposed to get off four stops ago!"

Walking Schedule

John Lewis

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



July walks planned by **Martin Lyle**

July Walks 2015

- Jul 3 Walden Park Oak Road, WC
Meet: At Walden Park
Walk: North on Iron Horse Trail over Treat
Coffee: Panera Bread, Bancroft & Treat
- Jul 10 Lafayette-Moraga Trail Moraga Road
Meet: Moraga Safeway parking lot
Walk: South on School St.
West on Country Club Rd. to trail
South toward San Leandro Reservoir
Coffee: Terzetto's Cuisine Moraga
- Jul 17 Cardinet Trail Clayton Road
Meet: Clayton Library
Walk: North west from parking on first bridge
Along trail by Golf Course
Coffee: Deli Delight Shadelands Office Park, WC
- Jul 24 Hap McGee Park, Alamo
Meet: Hap McGee parking lot
Take 680 So. Exit on La Gonda Way
Immed. right on La Gonda Way
Walk: West across bridge to Camile Ave.
North on Iron Horse Trail
Coffee: Pascals. Railroad Ave., Danville
- Jul 31 Arbolado Park-South, WC
Meet: So. on Oak Grove Rd.
Left on Arbolado Dr. to Arbolado Park
Walk: South on trail to follow canal
away from golf course.
Coffee: Deli Delight, Shadelands Office Park

SIR Happenings Newsletter

*SIR Happenings is the statewide SIR newsletter.
Click on the link in the SIR 146 webpage to read
the current issue. You may enjoy reading about
the activities of other branches.*



Couples Dining Out

Bruce Borgman

As we announced at the May luncheon, the selection for the July Couples Dining Out event is The Brass Door restaurant at 2154 San Ramon Valley Blvd, San Ramon. This is one of the oldest restaurants in the area, having first opened in 1955. It continues to be a favorite dining spot and was recommended by several in our group. We will enjoy our dining experience on Monday, July 20th – with cocktails and social hour at 5:30 and dinner at 6:15. We've negotiated a fixed price of \$39 per person, and will have a California salad of field greens, glazed walnuts and bleu cheese with a balsamic vinaigrette. There will be a choice of three entrees – a 9 oz. roast prime rib (house specialty), or chicken piccata, or a charbroiled Pacific salmon. Dessert, coffee, tea or sodas are included as well.

Your choice of entrée should be made when you make a reservation by sending a check to **Bruce Borgman**, 3611 Winchester PL, Walnut Creek, CA 94598 made payable to SIR146.

We will be seated in a large private area of the restaurant, which can accommodate 70 diners. But, you must hurry! As of this writing we are up to 58 diners and so can accommodate just a few more couples. Email **Bruce** and follow up with your check. We will no doubt have another of our special dining experiences with lots of fun chatting with your fellow Sirs and their wives or companions. See you there! bgborgman@aol.com



Activities Coordinator

Jerry Kaplan

There are some new activity possibilities popping up all the time. Here are two: Sir **Charlie Kahsen** has expressed an interest in playing Pinochle with some fellow Sirs and perhaps their spouses/sig.

others. If there are some others interested, please contact **Charlie** directly or write to me at mtdana@aol.com and I will help get it started.

Another interest expressed by Sir **Joe Lamanna** is making something with CNC. Those of you unfamiliar with this method of design and build, CNC stands for



Bowling

Larry Mitchell

We are currently in the 5th week of the SIR summer league and we still need a couple more bowlers. **Paul Fama** and his wife **Lili** joined us a few weeks ago and we are delighted to have them. But we now have an odd number of teams and each week a team must bowl nobody. Actually, they must bowl within 20 pins of their average to win. Grab a friend, join us, and balance out our teams. We bowl at 10:00 am on Wednesdays. Again, no experience is necessary. For more information call me at 925-798-5440



Book Group

Chuck Campbell

The Book Group held its second meeting at **Peter Gates'** house on June 8th. Attending were **Paul Dubow**, **Walt Busenius**, and **Chuck Campbell**. We discussed the novel "Phantom" by Jo Nesbo. The story is about drug gangs and corrupt city officials in Oslo, Norway. Much to our surprise there is the distinct possibility of drug gangs and city corruption in Oslo according to Nesbo. Harry Hole, a retired police detective, is trying to save his girlfriend's son Oleg from a murder charge. The mystery ends when Harry has cleared Oleg only to find another story twist which changes everything and places Harry's life in mortal danger. If you like detective mysteries we recommend reading "Phantom".

For our next book we selected "The Wright Brothers" by David McCullough. Our meeting to discuss this book will be held Thursday, Sept 24th at 11 am, at the Diablo Creek Golf course restaurant.

If you would like to join the book group contact **Chuck Campbell**, buy "The Wright Brothers", and come to our next meeting. charmcam2@att.net

computer numerical control. A CNC router is a computer controlled cutting machine related to the hand held router used for cutting various hard materials, such as wood, composites, aluminum, steel, plastics, and foams. Contact **Joe** directly if you are interested in finding out more about this technology and possibly making this a SIR activity.



**Luncheon
Attendance
Max Hinkle**

Our July SIR luncheon will be held on Thursday the 9th at Boundary Oak Golf Course in Walnut Creek. Remember, we assume you are coming, but if for any reason you are unable to attend, please e-mail nolunchbranch146@gmail.com by noon Friday, July 3rd (“no show deadline”) and include your name and badge number in the message. If you do not have convenient access to a computer call (925) 979-5146 before the same deadline and follow the prompts given there. The noon deadline has to be strictly enforced to enable us to meet our deadline to give the chef our guaranteed number of meals. A member who fails to meet this deadline and fails to attend the luncheon will be required to reimburse the branch \$25 for the liability we incur for his meal.

Confirmation of No Show Notices: I intend to confirm via reply e-mail or phone call that your “no show” notice was received by me. Therefore, if you have not received such confirmation within a day or two after giving your notice please call me immediately at (925) 408-6004. There have been some problems with emails not being displayed in the no lunch mailbox.

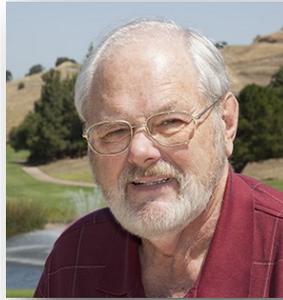
Payment: Remember that the luncheon will be called to order at 11:45 am. Please allow enough time to check in and make payment. The preferred form of payment is a check for \$25 made payable to “SIR 146” delivered when you check in on luncheon day.

Bringing a Guest or Visitor: Please send an e-mail advising your intention to bring a guest or a visitor by noon on the Friday prior to the luncheon (the no show deadline). If you do not have convenient access to a computer, please call the phone number listed above and follow the prompts given there. Please remember to spell the full name of your guest or visitor during that call.

Special Requests: If you desire a vegetarian meal or require a special diet or if, for medical reasons, you cannot eat lunch please advise me before the no show deadline in the same manner as described above. Your request will be honored and remain in effect until you cancel it through the luncheon chairman.

New Members, Guests, and Sponsors: There will be a luncheon table or tables with place names reserved for new members and their sponsors as well as for guests and their sponsors. New members

along with their sponsors will be asked to join our membership chair immediately following the luncheon in a room to be determined for a brief orientation session.



**Theatre
Gary Schaub**

**TENNESSEE WILLIAMS’
CLASSIC IS SIR146 THEATER
PARTY FOR SEPTEMBER 11th**



Arguably one of the major classics of the American Theatre, *A Streetcar Named Desire*, has been scheduled for the next SIR 146 Theater Party. The Tennessee Williams drama, performed by Role Players Ensemble in Danville, is planned for Friday, September 11th at 8:00 pm at the Village Theater in downtown Danville.

Streetcar was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for Drama in 1948 after its Broadway debut starring Marlon Brando and Kim Hunter. It went on to become a blockbuster film in 1951, also starring Brando and actress Vivian Leigh. Any short list of finest American plays places *A Streetcar Named Desire*, alongside *Death of Salesman* and *A Long Days Journey into Night*.

A Streetcar Named Desire tells the story of a schoolteacher from Laurel, Mississippi, Blanche DuBois, who arrives at the New Orleans apartment of her sister Stella Kowalski and her husband Stanley. Following the death of their remaining relatives, Stella admits that she has lost *Belle Rive*, their ancestral home. The great magnetism between Stella and Stanley Kowalski is the centerpiece of the play. Brando’s famous line “S-t-e-l-l-a! ...” helped make Brando famous.

A limited number of reserved tickets for the September 11th performance of *A Streetcar Named Desire* has been set aside for SIR 146 members and guests. Tickets are \$15.00 per person, and will be available until August 13th or until our allotment has been reached. Early reservation is encouraged.

Tickets will be distributed in the lobby of the Village Theatre, 233 Front Street, Danville beginning at 7:30 pm on September 11th. Free parking is readily available in the area.

Reserve tickets with a check payable to SIR 146 and mailed to Sir **Gary Schaub**, 1400 Canyonwood Court, #8, Walnut Creek 94595. Questions? Call **Gary** at 925-938-5454.



Fishing Report

Paul Dubow

Salmon fishing remains poor. On a few occasions boats out of the Golden Gate have caught some, but there has been no consistency. As a consequence, **Rich Fiscina** of Branch 146 decided to take **Carl Moyer** on his boat for

rockfish and ling cod and they were very successful.

Delta fishing, however, is decent. Our bass man, **Tom Kostik**, switched from stripers to black bass and hosted **Tom Boltz** of Branch 146, **Terry Miller**, and **Mike Corker** on successful outings. **Mike**, in turn, took out **Mario Moratorio** and **Joe Miscione** on his boat and reported a successful catch. In fact, **Mario** caught the largest bass of the season for our club members. **Joe Karg** caught a jack smelt while fishing for sturgeon from the shore. **Joe Miscione** and his son went striper fishing in Montezuma Slough and landed quite a few.

Paul Dubow of Branch 146, along with **Karl Droese**, **Paul King**, and **Chuck Vanoncini** had a bad day at Lake Berryessa. They managed to land only one rainbow and one kokanee between them.

A number of us traveled outside the Bay Area to try our luck. **Paul Dubow** made his annual trip to Wisconsin to join old Badger State friends and caught and released 27 largemouth bass (known as black bass in California) and three walleye. One of the walleye was 17 1/2 inches. **Don Mittlestadt** was busy catching baby tarpon in Mexico, fly fishing for black bass at Cameron Park, and fly fishing for trout in Indian Creek Reservoir. **Tom Boltz** and **Pete Gates** of Branch 146 had no luck fly fishing for trout in the Feather River. Later, **Tom** and **Chuck Vanoncini** fished Lake Davis in a wind storm with poor results.

All SIR members and guests are welcome and, indeed, encouraged to participate in fishing trips and attend our monthly meetings. Our next meeting will be on July 23rd 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 feel free to join us for breakfast at 7:30. For further information, you can call **Paul Dubow** at (415) 495-6504.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, June 25th, at the Legends Sports Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek Golf Course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway, Concord. The meeting starts at 8:30 am but please join us for breakfast at 7:30 am. For further information, feel free to contact branch fishing coordinator **Paul Dubow** at 415-495-6504.



Photography Group

Richard Hockenbrock

We are going to shift the focus (no pun intended) of the photography group to concentrate on giving members and their guests a forum to show off their picture taking creativity. Basically, if you take pictures, the photography group wants to see them. **Bill Holly** recently purchased a new higher resolution projector for the branch and your pictures will look utterly amazing on the big screen. With many of you traveling to exotic places or enjoying interesting hobbies, you will have an opportunity to share and discuss your photos with all the Branch 146 members and guests who attend our free meetings.

Whether you take your travel pictures with a cell phone, tablet, pocket camera or a DSLR, there is now no reason not to begin attending the new photography group meetings. This will be the place to share your adventures even from many years ago. For those of you with camera or photography questions, we can address those at the end of the meetings with a separate Q & A.

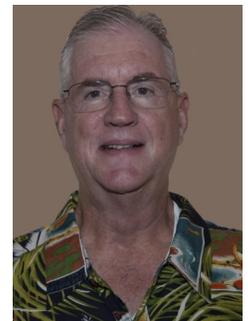
We will meet every other month and we will poll the membership each time through a SIR Branch 146 email blast asking for three or four photography or video presenters. We will get some idea of what will be presented and if this is successful it will be like going to the movies at 9 am in the morning. I'm excited and hope you will be too! We can accommodate seating for 30 or more people.

Where:

Thurman G. Casey Ygnacio Valley Library
2661 Oak Grove Rd.
Walnut Creek, CA 94598.

When:

August 28th 9 am Fourth Friday of the Month
RSVP to: rlhock@yahoo.com





Mexican Train Dominoes Group 1 Jerry Kaplan

The June game night was hosted by **Jerry** and **Susan Kaplan** at their Walnut Creek home on June 12th. The first Mexican Train Dominoes (MTD) group has been active for about a year. The game is proving quite popular, with a total of four different groups now playing on a monthly basis. Two of the four groups have only recently been formed and are being led by Sir **Jeff Baily** and Sir **Jim Pope**, a relatively new member who has kindly offered to chair the new group in its initial start-up phase. The Dos group is led by Sir **Dick Woodman** and has been going strong for over six months.

With a few of the Group One regulars traveling, only 12 players met at the **Kaplan's** to see who would start the second half of the season (June through November) in style. The group welcomed **Marie Ascatigno**, Sir **Frank's** wife, back to the group after she suffered an eye injury and missed a few game nights. While **Marie** had a good night playing, she was not able to capture first, second, or third place, which were won by **Sherry Hockenbrock**, wife of the Branch 146 photographer, Sir **Richard**, Sir **Bruce Borgman**, and **Sharon Marchione**, wife of Sir **Terry**, respectively.



Mexican Train Dominoes Group 2 (DOS) Dick Woodman

We had a great gathering at **Al** and **Helene Twyford's** on May 22nd. The games for the month of May were definitely dominated by the women: First place for the month went to **Etta Dodson**, second place to **Anne Plachy** and third place to **Nancy Pearl**. The winners of our first January-May pot were determined as well: **Dick Woodman** took first place with a cumulative average game score of 18.0, **Rich Ahlf** won second place with a score of 19.0, and **Ismini MacLean** won third place with a score of 20.0. All were very close. Congratulations to all the winners and to all the players for contributing to fun evenings.

Our meeting on June 26th will be at **Janice** and **Dick Woodman's** home. The results of the June meeting will be announced next month.



Ground Rules

Make sure you have your balls and bowels under control when you visit Pacific Pin Ball Museum in Alameda

No Farting!



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

Jerry Kaplan, Sig Kalteis, and Frank Ascatigno at the men's table discussing the night's results trying to figure out what went wrong



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

Seated around the women's table, **Sherry Hockenbrock, Susan Kaplan, Bruce Borgman** (standing), **Sue Sheldon, Sharon Marchione, Nancy Kalteis, and Marie Ascatigno** eventually produced two of the night's three winners at their table



Mexican Train Dominoes Group 4 (El Quattro)

Jim Pope

We had our first gathering to organize the SIR 146 fourth Mexican Train Domino Group on June 13th at the home of **Jerry and Susan Kaplan**. After we enjoyed the **Kaplan's** refreshments and met each other, we moved to the table and sat down. The first two games were played "tiles-up" so we all could learn the game. Then the next two games were played "tiles-down". We then spent a few minutes organizing our next meeting which will be held on July 17th at the home of **Jim and Renie Pope**. We have an enthusiastic group but the El Quattro Mexican Domino Group has a need for one additional couple to join us. That would make us with nine couples. If you are interested, please contact **Jim Pope** at my email in the SIR roster.



Seated L-R: **Dick DeVoe, Sue McCarley, Jim Pope, Fran Mathews, Bruce Borgman, and June Seaton**



Sitting from L-R: **Christy DeVoe, Bill Danzig, Bill Weinberg, Lo McCarley, and Renie Pope**



From far left: **Lucy Danzig, (with caregiver Nuka), Don Seaton, Sue Sheldon, and Ron Louis**



Sir Call Editor

Richard Hockenbrock

This was colorful shirt month at our June luncheon. The winners were featured on the front page but pictures of all the contestants are spread throughout this month's issue of the Sir Call.

You might recall that last month we posted this link to the May Ladies Day Luncheon, http://www.sir146.com/ladies_day_may_2015.html but what we didn't explain is that you can stop the slide show anytime by left clicking the pause button in the lower right corner of the screen. When the slide show is paused, you can copy the picture on the screen using the "print screen key" or the Microsoft Snipping Tool and move it to Word or some other program which allows you to print or save the picture to a file. This will be generally be true of any special slide presentations we upload to the SIR146 website in the future.



Cooking II

Bob Yolland

Cooking II held its lunch on June 8th at **Bob Yolland's** home. Two of our members were traveling so we had six in attendance. **Bob** seated us outside on the patio with cheese puffs, salami, cheese and crackers, along with wine and other goodies on a very warm Monday. For lunch we moved indoors out of the heat where we were served pulled pork sandwiches on lightly toasted buns, coleslaw and chips. For dessert we enjoyed ice cream with fresh berries. Since most of our members have been traveling, much of the conversation centered on everyone's recent trips. Of course, we had plenty of wine and a wide range of topics which enlivened the conversation.

Our next lunch will be at **Bill Roberts'** home on Monday July 13th.



SongSirs

Bruce Borgman

The SongSirs are putting out an open invitation for all of our Sirs who enjoy singing to join us as we start on a new repertoire of songs for the summer. We are now practicing songs which are melodious and familiar – including "Heart", "Oh You Beautiful Doll", "It's a Lovely Day Today", "Always", "It Had to be You", "Pretty Baby", "If You Were the Only Girl in the World", and others. There are no gigs scheduled at this time, but we'll sing at one of the assisted living facilities in the area toward the end of the summer. Of course, we are an important part of our luncheons as we lead our branch in 'God Bless America' at the end of our monthly meetings.

We practice every first and third Wednesday at 1:30 pm at Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church. For more information, contact our coordinator, Bruce Borgman, or our director, Pete Miller. No auditions required!
bgborgman@aol.com



Bocceball

Martin Lyle

We are two months into our season, and enjoying good turnouts. Several new players have joined us and have picked up this game very quickly. Come join us for some fun. Ladies are welcome.

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.



Sunshine Report

John Pearl

Let us keep the following Sirs in our thoughts and prayers during July. We look forward to their continued healing and return to good health.

Baha Zarah

Bob Darius

Joe Suta

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.

John Pearl, Sunshine Chair

mcpearl@astound.net

925-934-6920



Book Nook

Hank James

The Book Nook will be open at the August meeting. Donate and share with your fellow Sirs all those books you have read. While you are at it, donate those books you intended to read but haven't that have been on your bookshelves for the past five years.

You may want to review your "To read" list—you might just find the book that is on the top of your list at the August Book Nook.

I am happy to announce that **Dick McElroy** has joined the Book Nook Project. You can meet **Dick** and talk with him as he arranges books at the August Book Nook. Contact **Hank James**: hankjames@hankjames.com or 925-351-7440 to volunteer.



Travel Opportunities

Ken Richter

Day Trips

October 10, 2015: Fleet Week on the San Francisco Belle

You will enjoy watching the Blue Angels perform their air show

aboard the San Francisco Belle Sternwheeler. There is no better vantage point on the bay to see the show. The price includes roundtrip motor coach ride from Walnut Creek, a hosted buffet lunch aboard the Belle, free flowing champagne and background music from an onboard D.J. Cost is \$128 pp. Contact **Ken Richter** (Br 146) 925-689-6217 or KERichter@astound.net.

December 7, 2015: The Holidays are Blooming in the Valley The first stop will be at the Hilmar Cheese Factory with a guided tour of their facility, followed by a hosted buffet lunch. After lunch there will be time to shop in the Country Store and sample gourmet cheeses. The next stop is at Duarte Nursery to view their amazing holiday poinsettias. A large selection of poinsettias in a variety of colors and species will make your choice of a favorite a difficult decision. Price includes roundtrip motor coach ride from Walnut Creek, buffet lunch and driver gratuity. Cost \$54 pp. Contact **Ken Richter** (Br 146) 925-689-6217 or KERichter@astound.net.

Longer Trips

July 22-28, 2015: Baseball Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony This trip will include baseball games in New York and Boston. The highlight will be the Baseball Hall of Fame and induction ceremonies at Cooperstown. Travelers will enjoy home pick-up, airport transfers, professional tour host, round trip airfare, 6 nights' accommodations, all taxes and gratuities. Cost \$2,975. Contact **Ken Richter** (Br 146) 925-689-6217 or KERichter@astound.net.

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 Paris, Beaujolais & Burgundy regions, Lyon, and other towns along the rivers as well as the D-Day beaches of Normandy. Prices range from \$6,499 to \$8,299, which include 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) 925-698-6217 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 and include 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) 925-689-6217 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) 925-689-6217 or KERichter@astound.net.

March 25 – April 10, 2016: Big Band Voyage Across The Atlantic Ocean. A 16 day all inclusive cruise across the Atlantic Ocean on the Crystal Symphony. Relish the blissful luxury of days at sea and highlighted by visits to Bermuda, the Azores, Barcelona Spain, Bandol France and Monte Carlo. Cruise cost from \$ 3,665.00 pp. Contact **Ken Richter** (Br 146) 925-689-6217 or KERichter@astound.net.



Lunch and Wine

Syd Whalen

The LAW cooking group meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at a different member's home with one member responsible for preparing the menu for the rest of the group.

We gather at 11:00 am for good conversation, appetizers and wine followed by lunch.





Poker Group 1

Dan O'Sullivan

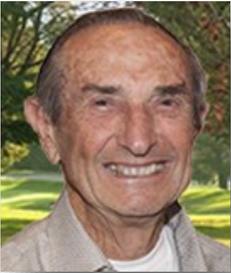
Bill Cammerer hosted our June poker group. **John Lewis** was the BIG winner. As always there were some small winners and losers. Our next meeting will be held at **Al Zamolo's** home on Wednesday July 8th.



Poker Group 5

Bill Roberts

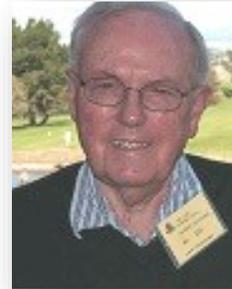
*Poker Group 5 meets the Wednesday prior to the SIR luncheon. **Bill Roberts** is the permanent host for our event. The regular players going forward are **Bill Roberts, Bob Spellman, Charlie Koeber, Terry Marchione, Doug Eisner, Ken Richter** and **Frank Rockwell**. Subs are sometimes needed due to travel and the like. Play begins at 4:00 pm and ends around 8:00 pm with time out for dinner.*



Poker Group 2

Al Zamolo

*Poker Group 2 meets on the fourth Monday of the month at various member's homes. Contact **Al Zamolo** if you would like to be on the list as a substitute.*



Old Money Poker Group 6

Al Twyford

Poker Group 6 met on Wednesday June 10th at **Rich Ahlf's** home in Clayton. There were six members present; **Al Twyford, Frank Lucas, Norm Baietti, Bob Larson, Brad Hatcher** and our host **Rich Ahlf**. **Sid Landman** could not make it and we did not need our alternate **Harvey Oxman**. The big winner was **Norm** at \$11.00 our host **Rich** won \$3.00, **Al** broke even, and the big loser was **Frank** at \$7.00. It was time for us to get some of **Frank's** past winnings. Other small losers were **Bob** and **Brad**. It was an afternoon of fun playing poker, drinking red wine & eating snacks, Roll your own still seems to be the most popular game with our group. Our next game and get together will be Wednesday July 8th at **Brad Hatcher's** home in Walnut Creek.



Poker Group 3

Sig Kalteis

*Poker Group 3 plays on the 4th Monday of the month at 1:00 pm, usually at the house of **Sig Kalteis**. Our regular players are **Ron Plachy, Bill Baltezare, Bob Wedin, Jim Passaglia, Bob Lyman, Jim Barry, Harvey Oxman,** and **Sig***

***Kalteis**. We have eight players because at least one of us is unavailable monthly. Some of our subs are former regular players who can't make it regularly.*



Poker Club 4

Chuck Bobinecz

The June 22nd game was hosted by **Frank Rockwell** at the home of **Chuck Bobinecz**. The July game will be hosted by **Bob Mehus**.

If you want to be a sub, contact **Chuck Bobinecz**. We meet on the fourth Monday of the month from 1 pm to 4 pm. Our regular members are **Rich Hanford, Garth Cummings, Pete Gates, Frank Rockwell, Joe Stengel, Chuck Bobinecz** and **Bob Mehus**. We don't have a regular winner.



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

The June Birthday free lunch drawing winner was **Ron Plachy**



Men's Duplicate Bridge Group 1

Doug Eisner

Fred Kovar hosted 3 tables of duplicate bridge on June 15th. Scores at the lunch break were very close with **Jim Brown** holding a very slight lead for first place over **Rich Ahlf** and **Jim Jackson**, 15.0 pts to 14.5 pts each. **Bill Rees** was a close 4th with 14.0 pts. However, **Bill Rees** put on a clinic after the break and easily took home first place with 33.0 pts, out-distancing **Jim Brown's** 31.5 pts and **Rich Ahlf's** 28.0 pts.

Our next game is scheduled for July 20th at **Jim Brown's** house.



Couples Party Bridge

Dave Pierce

Two tables of the Couples Party Bridge group were hosted by **John** and **Linda Boyan** on June 2nd.

Our fine hosts were so hospitable the entire evening until the last round, when they decided to make a last-minute push to take top bragging rights. When it was all over, **John** and **Linda** won by 200 points. **Jim** and **Ruth Adams** took 2nd with 150 points to spare. **Doug** and **Patti Eisner** easily took 3rd, doubling the unnamed last place couple who had decided early-on to leave their "A" game for another time. That was good to know, and the results confirmed they had indeed... :-)

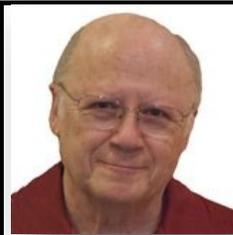


Party Bridge

Fred Bolton

We played three tables of bridge at the home of **Jim Brown** on June 1st. First prize went to **Dick DeVoe** with 6210 points, second to **Sid Landman** with 5520, and third to **Bob Yolland** with 5450. Our next game will be at the home of **Bob Burley** on July 6.

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



Men's Duplicate Bridge 3

Sid Landman

The Men's Duplicate Bridge 3 Group had its second event with 3 tables on June 19th, hosted by coordinator **Sid Landman**. The group schedules all its games on the 3rd Friday of each month. We welcome new members or those who want to play bridge but cannot find a game; just let **Sid Landman** know. We will give such players preference so they can get a chance to play in a SIR Duplicate Bridge game.

The day's Final Rankings—**Max Hinkle** came in 1st place with 30 pts. scoring high in both halves. Congratulations to **Max!** **Rich Ahlf** came in second with 27.5 pts. to earn 2nd place. **Sid Landman** came in 3rd with 26.5 pts. followed by **Jim Stedman** in 4th with 26 pts.

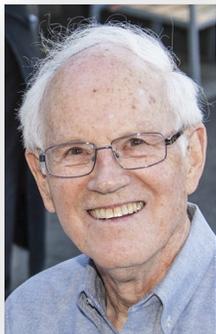
1st Half—**Max Hinkle** took 1st place with 16 points, **Bill Schultz** was 2nd with 14, **Tony Greco** 3rd with 13.5, and **Jim Stedman** 4th with 13.

2nd Half—**Rich Ahlf** took 1st with 15 points, **Sid Landman** was 2nd with 14.5, **Max Hinkle** 3rd with 14 points, and **Charlie Abrams** and **Jim Stedman** tied for 4th with 13 points.

Most Two's- **Charlie**, **Max** and **Sid** each had 8. Least Zeros—**Max** led to group with only 3 zeros. The next event will be hosted by **Rich Ahlf** on July 17th.



The new Men's Duplicate Bridge 3 Group



Couples Duplicate Bridge 1

Lo McCarley

Bill and Margaret Rees hosted six couples for a gala evening of duplicate bridge on June 17th. Everyone enjoyed playing bridge and also enjoyed **Margaret's** snacks and **Bill's** wines.

As for the bridge results, **Lo and Sue McCarley** came in first with 22 points. **Lynn and Dasha Freeman** and **Bill and Margaret Rees** tied for second with 21 points. **Margot Somerville** will host the next couples duplicate bridge on July 15th.



Couples Duplicate Bridge 2

Terry Marchione

Our June game was hosted by **Sharon and Terry Marchione** on Tuesday, June 9th. **The Devoe's** romped to victory with a score of 25. The **Marchione's** (21.5) edged out the **Adams'** (21) for second place. A big thank you to **Linda and Larry Brown** for filling in for the **Pierce's** who were travelling. Our next game will be on July 14th and the Adams will host.



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

Jim Brown receives the SIR Certificate of Appreciation from Big Sir **Bill Holly**



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Fred Bolton receives his Branch Honoree award from Big Sir **Bill Holly**



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Big Sir **Bill Holly** presents a Branch Honoree award to **Larry Mitchell**



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Bob Yolland receiving his Branch Honoree awards from Big Sir **Bill Holly**

SIR Branch 146 June Awards

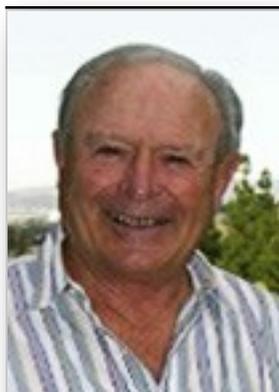


Table Pool Bill Weinberg

We meet every Monday at 11:30 am at Masse's, 2721 North Main in Walnut Creek. No advance notice is necessary. Just show up and play. Cost is \$5 for as long as you want to play. This is a special rate that Masse's gives SIR members. You can also play during the day, at other times, for the same \$5. Just tell them you're a member of SIR. We play mostly two man teams of eight ball, or a unique three-player game, called "Crazy Eights", depending on the number of participants. We usually play about 2 hours but not everyone stays for the final curtain. All Sirs in Area 2 are welcome.





GOLF

Ed Marlovits

Branch 146 golfers have been busy. We had our annual meeting, scramble and luncheon on May 19th. **Jerry Crumpler** had a hole-in-one on #4 at the June 4th Away Golf event at Franklin Canyon.

Bill Cammerer shot his age for the fifth time on June 2nd at Boundary Oak. **Max Burchett** scored an eagle on #8 May 12th at Boundary Oak.

Under the leadership of **Ray Weisz**, Branch 146 hosted the SIR Area 2 scramble tournament at Deer Ridge on May 28th. Branch 146 made up half of the participants and two of our teams finished in the money. The team of **Jim Burk, Bill Laws, Norm Baietti** and **Ray Kan** placed second. Fourth place went to the team of **John Harrington, Dan Holland, Jim Passaglia**, and **Bob Spellman**. Congratulations to all!

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. In the summer we also have "away golf" at nearby courses and State SIR Golf offers numerous other fun events at interesting courses.

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 included in the distribution, please email us at sir146golf@gmail.com.



Couples Golf

Paul Masta

We play at local courses on the 4th Wednesday of each month April thru October. Monthly tournaments are planned by volunteer coordinator couples who schedule the golf course and choose the tournament format. Emphasis is on fun contests involving both players and contributions. We enjoy the awards session and socializing after every tournament.

*We have room for new members so please contact **Paul Masta** if you are interested in joining the group. 925-933-3612 or pamasta03@yahoo.com.*



Nine Hole Golf Group

Verner Laursen

The SIR 146 golf group tees off at 9:30 am at the Diablo Hills Golf Course on most Thursdays. The exceptions are the 2nd Thursday when we normally go to the SIR luncheon.

If you are interested let me know and I will put you on my list. On Monday I will send out an email asking who is coming for golf, who is walking and who plans to stay for lunch? On Wednesday I will send out an email setting forth the pairings for Thursday morning. Thursday morning there may be adjustments based on who did or did not show up. The lunch, most of the time, is better than our golf game. vlaursen@astound.net



Photo by Bill Schultz

Sirs **Bill Laws, Bill Hoban, Dave Steinberg, Bill Weinberg** and **Allen Elnick** enjoy a laugh after the annual scramble/lunch tournament in May



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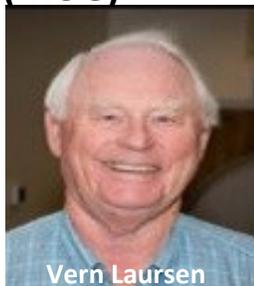
Fred Bolton, Bob Burley, Lo McCarley, Jim Jackson, Sid Landman, Jim Brown (host), Bob Yolland, and **Dick DeVoe** taking a break from their Party Bridge play to enjoy some snacks and refreshments

Area Two Events

Mac User Group (MUG)



Max Burchett



Vern Laursen

The Mac Users Group is back to the first Monday of every month at the Thurman Casey Library at 10 am. 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 in how to accomplish the task. We do have suggestions on software and where to get the best deals on products related to your Mac.

If you have or may have an interest please contact us and we will put you on our mailing list. If you are on the list, you will receive an email from us from time to time and I will let you know about items that are of interest to Mac users.

Computers and Technology



Derek Southern

PCs



Neil Schmidt

The Area 2 Computer and Technology Group announces that our next meeting will be at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge on Thursday July 16th at 9:30 am. Sirs and their guests are welcome and invited to attend.

Trying something completely different, we have invited Ms Sharon Beck from a group called 'Help with Apple Devices' to tell us about Apple products. She says she likes to have a lot of questions from the audience so all you PC folks, as well as our Apple users, please think of some questions that will lead to a fruitful discussion. If time permits we plan to have an informal discussion about some of the great features available on Smartphones, (Android, iOS, and others).

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, while other months are free.

Area 2 \$ums Investment Group

The June meeting of the Area 2 \$ums Investment Group will be on Wednesday June 24th, 2015 at 8:00 am at the Legends restaurant at the Diablo Creek Golf Course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway, Concord.

Our guest speaker in June will be Matt Weaver, of Bedell Frazier Investment Counselling LLC. Matt's topic will be "Managing Risk without Being Left Behind." Bedell Frazier is a local registered investment advisory, headquartered in Walnut Creek. The firm was founded in 1975 and is celebrating 40 years in service this May. Matt joined Bedell Frazier in 2014 as a Portfolio Manager. Prior to joining Bedell Frazier, Matt was an Investment Strategist at Wells Fargo Private Bank where he worked with clients to create allocation strategies and build portfolios to meet client investment objectives.

Matt received his bachelor's degree in business from Belhaven University in Jackson, Mississippi. He holds professional designations of Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) and Financial Risk Manager (FRM). Matt spent 2 years teaching Operational and Investment Risk Management at the University of San Francisco.

The Legends restaurant opens at 7:00 am, 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

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