

## WE ARE SIR – MAKE FRIENDS FOR LIFE

Luncheon— Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup>  
Boundary Oak Clubhouse

Guest Speaker

*Joseph Harrison*

M.Ed., MSN to speak on Brain Health,  
Dementia and Alzheimer's Disease

Gathering time: 11:00 am

Seating time: 11:45 am

*Bringing a guest or can't attend?*

Email: [nolunchbranch146@gmail.com](mailto:nolunchbranch146@gmail.com)

Telephone Message: (925) 979-5146

By Noon Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>



### Big Sir's Notes

**Bruce Borgman**

We enjoyed another successful Ladies Day Luncheon last month thanks to the great effort by **Steve Ybarra** to organize this special event. I get copied on the flurry of emails back and forth between Steve and Boundary Oak and can tell you

that **Steve** is really on top of all the details – the menu, number of Sirs and their guests, the table assignments and organizing the check in. All of this seems seamless to all of us attending, but it takes a lot of coordinating! Thanks **Steve**. Kudos also go to **Max Hinkle** and **Mike Riley** who assisted with the greeting and check in. Thanks to Little Sir, **Jonathan Korfhage**, we also enjoyed listening to renowned TV journalist, Doug McConnell.

Our next luncheon meeting will be on Thursday June 14<sup>th</sup>, and as tradition has it, we will celebrate with our annual **Colorful Shirt Day**. Find the wildest, yet tasteful, colorful shirt in your closet and see if you can snatch the prize for the best one. It is always a fun event. Then, we will enjoy yet another interesting speaker. **Jonathan Korfhage** has arranged for Joseph Harrison, M.Ed., MSN, to speak on Brain Health, Dementia and Alzheimer's, a very timely topic for all of us as we maintain our brain function! More details in Jonathan's column.

In our April executive BEC session, we were presented with our slate of candidates for 2019 by our eminent nominating committee. I am always impressed with the list of our members who are willing to step up to these leadership positions. We will share the list with you in the next few months, then we'll get to vote on the list. In addition, we will be contacting our activity chairs to confirm that they are willing to continue in their positions. Inevitably, there will be some changes, and we would ask all of you that if you are interested in keeping the branch active, indicate your interest in serving in a leadership capacity to one of our BEC members.

While we're on target so far this year in having guests, and have added new members in the branch, we



Doug McConnell was our guest speaker at the May Ladies Day Luncheon

cannot rest on our laurels – be sure to continue to bring guests who will get a free lunch! Hopefully they will consider joining the branch! See you in June!

## SIR Mission Statement

The Mission of SIR is to improve the lives of our members through fun activities and events – while making friends for life



### Little Sir's Corner

Jonathan Korfhage

*"Today is the oldest you've ever been, and the youngest you'll ever be again".* Eleanor Roosevelt  
As I look out at our luncheon attendees, what I do NOT see is a bunch of lifeless old retirees whose average age is 77! The guys I see are full of life and shine with a vibrancy of friendship and interest in what is going on around them! Many of our members are active participants in our dozens of SIR activities. The endless benefits of their active involvement contribute to their youthfulness, vitality, and joy!

Our June 14<sup>th</sup> accomplished luncheon speaker will be Joseph J Harrison, Geriatric Psychiatric Health Nurse Practitioner. He will be sharing some insights as he speaks to us about maintaining this vibrancy with his address on "Brain Health and the Prevention and Treatment of Dementia and Alzheimer's"

*"Laughter is timeless, imagination has no age, and dreams are forever."* Walt Disney



### Membership

Dave Pierce

After the Ladies Day Luncheon and no BEC meeting in May, our membership remained unchanged. Remember to bring a guest to the June meeting. Please seek out all of our new members and help them become involved. This is the best way to build lasting relationships and keep our branch vibrant and sustainable.



Couple Dining Out May 7<sup>th</sup> dinner at Wise Girl in Pleasant Hill  
[L to R] Walt Busenius, George and Shari Carpenter, and Sue Busenius



Couples Dining Out [L to R] Dick Woodman, Bernice & Bill Cammerer, Corrie & Sue Oranje, and Janice Woodman



### Sunshine

Calvin Tucker

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

- ◆ Carl Feil
- ◆ Tom Gorman
- ◆ Art Mancini
- ◆ Larry Mitchell
- ◆ Jim Saavedra

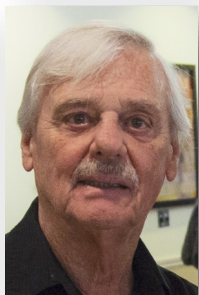
Consider contacting a sick Sir to offer support and encouragement during his illness. A friendly call is usually welcome. Cards and letters are always appreciated.

If you are aware of an ill Sir, please let the Sunshine Chair know by e-mail or phone so that our SIR members can be advised.

**Cal Tucker**

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## SIR 146 Hiking

Rich Ahlf

On Friday June 8<sup>th</sup>, we will be hiking the Bear Creek Trail along Briones Reservoir. This will be approximately 4.5 miles long and fairly easy. It is a pleasant hike on EBMUD land and skirts the south and east shores of Briones Reservoir. We will be hiking all the way to the spillway. Those interested can join us for lunch at the Hofbrau in nearby Orinda.

To reach the staging area from Hwy 24, take the Orinda exit and turn toward Richmond/El Sobrante at the bottom of the ramp. Follow Camino Pablo thru Orinda for a few miles until you will reach a stoplight at Bear Creek Road (on the right). Turn right onto Bear Creek Road and follow it about 1.5 miles to *EBMUD's Briones Overlook staging area on the left*. We will be carpooling from the Bear Creek Parking area to the beginning of the hike (this is a one way hike back to the overlook staging area).

If you wish to carpool, meet at the turnoff at St Stevens Rd off HI-way 24 at 9:30 am, turn right and park on El Nino Rd where there is plenty of parking. *Please let me know if you're coming and also if you would like to carpool.*

\* *No Dogs allowed on East Bay Mud land unless you have a permit, which I have.*

Spouses / Significant Others Always Welcome

Rain Cancels

Hike starts at 10:00 am

**Rich Ahlf**

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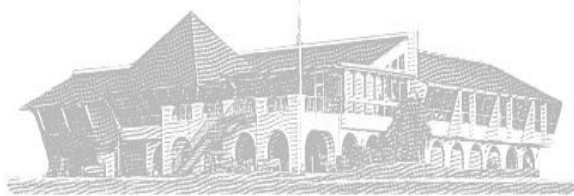
What is red and smells like blue paint?

Red paint

The Branch Executive Committee would like to remind all members that attendance at the monthly luncheon is required by one of the State Rules.

Article 8—Required Attendance Rule 100b

Attend one-half of the regular luncheon meetings within the previous twelve consecutive month period. NOTE: Excused meetings cannot be included to achieve the minimum attendance.



# THE CLUBHOUSE

AT BOUNDARY OAK

SIRS 146 Luncheon

June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018

## Salad

Sunburst Salad

Butter Lettuce, Fresh Berries, Orange Segments, Blue Cheese Balsamic Vinaigrette

## Entrees

Alaskan Cod

Chili Marinated Cod, Rice Pilaf, Seasonal Vegetables, Roasted Tomato Chili Butter Sauce

Or

Oven Beef Eye Round

Herb Dijon Marinated Beef, Yukon Gold Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables, Brown Butter Sauce

## Dessert

Bailey's Irish Cream Cake  
Creme Anglaise, Chantilly Cream

### SIR Call Newsletter Group

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**Richard Hockenbrock**

**Walt Busenius, Rob Melrose**

**Cal Tucker, Jonathan Korfhage,**

**Pat Lucia, and Jim Barry**

**Ron Plachy**



## Couples Dining Out

**Bruce Borgman**

The May Couples Dining Out experience was another fun event for our group! On May 7 we went to a newish restaurant not far from our March restaurant, Wence's. This month's choice was Wise Girl, just

up the street on Oak Park Blvd in Pleasant Hill. This restaurant had recently been refurbished and was chosen by your host all by himself – usually Sue has a significant role in bringing a ladies' perspective to our choice. So, when we arrived, Sue was rather taken aback by the “man-cave” appearance of the restaurant – dim lights, paneled walls, extensive bar and several large screen TV's with the current sports event. “I should have been here” – she opined.

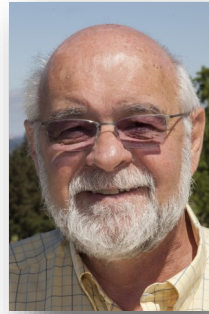
But, as it turned out, it was a great place and we had a grand time! We had a total of 62 diners. After our cocktail hour with very generous house wines, we started with a choice of Caesar salad or seafood chowder, then had a choice of five entrees. They included a Salmon Piccata, Rosemary Chicken, Prime Rib, Homemade Lasagna, and Eggplant Parmesan. All the portions were so generous that many diners took home doggie bags! Then we finished with a choice of cannoli or Italian Chocolate Love Cake, with coffee or tea. So, this was a fun experience where we all enjoyed socializing in the somewhat crowded restaurant. Our resident photographer, **Richard Hockenbrock**, took some pictures which you will find on page 2 and 6.

I want to also acknowledge **Jim Pope**, who has gone to considerable effort to make new, improved name tags with the name of our event – Couples Dining Out – on the name tag and the name in a larger font. Thanks very much, **Jim!**

We will be looking for another restaurant, which can accommodate our pretty good sized group – we may return to Il Fornaio in Walnut Creek, or perhaps the Blackhawk Grille in Danville. We have been to both places and they have the capacity to hold us, and, more importantly, an excellent menu to choose from. It will likely be on Monday July 16 to avoid conflicts with other activities. If you wish to get the early notification, ask to be added to our email list.

See you at the Couples Dining Out dinner!

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## Luncheon Chairman

**Rob Melrose**

May was our Ladies Day luncheon and I hope you had a wonderful time. I know that **Steve Ybarra** works hard to make sure Ladies Day is special for all of the ladies.

### June 14<sup>th</sup> Luncheon

- Cost: \$26
- Preferred payment method is check
- Opt Out Deadline: June 8<sup>th</sup> at Noon
- Email: [NoLunchBranch146@gmail.com](mailto:NoLunchBranch146@gmail.com)
- If you need to call: (925) 979-5146

Special Requests: If you have dietary restrictions, want a vegetarian meal or can't consume a meal, please send email to [NoLunchBranch146@gmail.com](mailto:NoLunchBranch146@gmail.com) before the Opt Out Deadline.

If you are bringing a guest: please notify Lunch Chair with guest's name at the same email address: [NoLunchBranch146@gmail.com](mailto:NoLunchBranch146@gmail.com)

Annual Payers: Since we have lowered the price, we really need you to let us know if you are not coming before the deadline so we can keep the low price.

### 2018 Branch 146 Officers and Directors

Big Sir .....	<b>Bruce Borgman</b>
Little Sir .....	<b>Jonathan Korfhage</b>
Secretary .....	<b>Brad Hatcher</b>
Assistant Secretary .....	<b>Richard Hockenbrock</b>
Treasurer .....	<b>Steve Ybarra</b>
Assistant Treasurer .....	<b>Ben Gleason</b>
Director(2 <sup>nd</sup> Term) .....	<b>Dave Pierce</b>
Director(2 <sup>nd</sup> Term) .....	<b>Bill Schultz</b>
Director(2 <sup>nd</sup> Term) .....	<b>Cal Tucker</b>
Director(2 <sup>nd</sup> Term) .....	<b>Bob Mehus</b>
Director(1 <sup>st</sup> Term) .....	<b>Pierre Mebane</b>
Director(1 <sup>st</sup> Term) .....	<b>Tony Greco</b>

### RAMP – Chair Members

Recruitment .....	<b>Bill Schultz</b>
Activities .....	<b>Jerry Kaplan</b>
Member Relations .....	<b>Pierre Mebane</b>
Publicity .....	<b>Bob Mehus</b>

Refer to branch directory, accessible under *members only* tab heading on our website, for phone numbers & email addresses.



## Travel Opportunities

Milt Smith

### Cornerstones Sunset Garden and Marketplace in Sonoma,

Wednesday June 20<sup>th</sup>: Includes luxury bus transportation, docent tour and lunch for \$95 pp. Departure 8:30 am from Mitchell

Park & Ride, return by 4:30 pm. **Cancelled due to low interest.**

### Follow That Seagull San Francisco's 49 Mile Scenic Tour Thursday July 19 is still on and we are half

full. This tour began in the fall of 1938 named because of the city's 49 sq. mile footprint. Our group will pick up Craig Smith, a guide of some renown, at City Hall to begin following that Seagull to view Union Square, Chinatown, Ghirardelli Square, the Wharf, through Fort Point, with a brief stop at Land's End prior to lunch. We will enjoy a hosted lunch at Nick's Restaurant in Pacifica. After lunch we will find that Seagull along the Great Highway, John Muir Drive, and Golden Gate Park prior to a stop at Twin Peaks. We conclude at the Ferry Building, drop Craig off and return to Walnut Creek. **Cost is \$108 per person.** We depart the Mitchell Drive park & ride at 8:30 am and return at approximately 5pm. Cost includes round trip motor coach, tour guide, hosted lunch and driver gratuity. **Deadline June 15<sup>th</sup>, so send me a check or bring it with you to the June 14<sup>th</sup> luncheon. Either way send me an email to let me know if you are going.**

### International Opportunities:

**Samba Cruise Rio de Janeiro to Buenos Aires**—We had about 15 people attend the presentation for the January 23-Feb 3 Samba Cruise Rio de Janeiro to Buenos Aires 10 night Crystal Symphony with optional pre-cruise to Iguassu Falls -

This will be a great Cruise, prices range from \$5895 to \$7595 including airfare from San Francisco. This is a Crystal Cruise so it is more luxurious than some others. I am out of town until June 13<sup>th</sup> so contact Alamo World Travel in Danville directly, ask for Ilene or Mike and let them know you are from SIR 146 - (925) 837-8742.

- **Land Tour Munich, Salzburg & Vienna** 8 Day Departs mid-May 2019, with exact date TBD.
- **Society Islands & Tahiti Cruise** 7 Nights , m/s Small-Ship Paul Gauguin, August 8, 2019
- **Mediterranean Arts Cruise Barcelona to Rome** 7 Night . Crystal Cruises Departure September 3, 2019
- Are **Machu Picchu and the Galapagos Islands** on your

bucket list? If we have enough interest I'd like to put a trip together for 2019. Let me know if you are seriously thinking of these destinations there are some good opportunities.

Reminder, mail checks, made out to SIR 146, with appropriate notation in the memo line or additional note, to Milt Smith, 913 Piute Ct., Walnut Creek CA. 94598 If you have questions contact me at the number below.

**Also, Crystal Cruise line will be at the June 14th meeting to talk about all of Crystal Cruise Line's trips**

Cheers,

Milt Smith

(925) 285-2897cell

[miltsmith549@gmail.com](mailto:miltsmith549@gmail.com)



## Chess

Jeff Morrow

*The Chess Group is composed of members from multiple SIR branches and meets on the second Friday of the month from 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm. We play at the Pleasant Hill Senior Center on 233 Gregory Lane in Pleasant Hill. Depending upon the weather, we either play indoors in the Game Room or outside in the adjacent park. The Senior Center also serves lunch for just \$7.00 (\$5.00 for members) beginning at 11:30 am so, for those interested, you can have an early lunch, and play chess beginning at 12:30 pm.*

Because most of us haven't played much chess for awhile, last month we offered a short instructional session before beginning play. We plan to provide additional instruction in the future to those who are interested, so whether you are a well-practiced player or someone looking to renew an interest in chess, I encourage you to join us. Our next game is scheduled for Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>.

Feel free to drop in and, if you have a chess set, bring it with you. For further information contact me at the following:

Jeff Morrow

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### 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.*



## Fishing Report

**Paul Dubow**

May could best be described as potpourri month as our anglers caught many different types of fish in many different locations.

**Ron Lew** of Branch 146, along with **Dick Grube**, **Bob Stein**, **Carl Moyer**, and **Stan Wong**, tried their hand at fishing for halibut in the Bay. The future of this fishery is bright since they had to catch five or more fish before they caught one big enough to keep.

Action in the Delta was slow. **Tom Kostik** caught striped and black bass as well as bluegill and there were a few sturgeon caught and released by other members of the group.

Trout fishing in the local reservoirs has subsided, as one might expect this time of year. However, **Brion Beetz** of Branch 146, with **Phil Scimonelli**, **Terry Miller**, and **Harry Sherinian** ventured out and landed a few rainbow.

**Brion Beetz** joined **Carl Moyer** and **Stan Wong** on a rockfishing jaunt on the ocean and brought home enough for a few dinners. And while we are on the subject of dining, **Carl Moyer** hosted his semi-annual fish fry where the thirty attendees devoured rockfish, potato salad, and green salad and enjoyed smoked salmon hors d'oeuvres that were supplied by **Tom Boltz** of Branch 146.

We also did a bit of traveling. A trip to Lake Don Pedro near Yosemite was quite successful. **Pete Gates**, **Tom Boltz**, and **Paul Dubow** of Branch 146, along with **Jack Waddell**, **Dick Thomson**, **Karl Droese**, and **Terry Miller** caught over 80 rainbows, releasing most of them, along with a few kokanee and one crappie (pronounced "croppy") on a day long excursion. **Joe Miscione** traveled to Lake El Salto in Mexico and caught a substantial number of large black bass. **Ernie Wong** and **Ken Konzak** had slow fly fishing at Pyramid Lake in Nevada but had better luck with shad upriver. **Paul Dubow** of Branch 146, with **Karl Droese** and **Dick Thomson**, flew to Sitka, Alaska, to fish for king salmon. Unfortunately, the salmon bite was slow and they only caught three in three days, one of which was released because it was undersized. But they limited out on halibut, ling cod, and rockfish. The catch included a 43 lb. ling cod that **Paul** caught and released because it was over the size limit.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, at the Legends Sports Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek Golf Course at 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. The meeting begins at 8:30 am, but come early and join us for

breakfast, beginning at 7:30. For further information, feel free to call branch fishing coordinator **Paul Dubow** at (415) 495-6504.



Photo by Karl Droese

**Paul Dubow** and guide with a 43 lb. ling cod that they released



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

Couples Dining Out [L to R] **Tony and Cindy Greco**, **Marie & Frank Ascatigno**, **Etta & Don Dotson**, **Janet & Bob Yolland**, **Rich Hanford & Sandy Wagner**, **Jeff Baily**, **John & Linda Boyan**, and **Christie DeVoe**



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

Back row facing the camera, **Ann Gates**, **Renie Pope**, **Barbara Thatcher**, **Jim Pope** and **Shari Carpenter**



## Photography Group

### Richard Hockenbrock

Our next meeting is scheduled for June 1<sup>st</sup>. As is customary, we invite all attendees to bring a thumb drive with any pictures they would like to share with the group.

We will showing pictures from our photo field trip to Berkeley Marina on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. We captured many boats and yachts dry docked and under repair. We also got some good shots of the SF skyline after the fog cleared.

No reservations or RSVPs, just come and enjoy the show.

Email: [rhock@pacbell.net](mailto:rhock@pacbell.net)

Cell: (925) 324-1713

#### Next Meeting

**Where :** Thurman G. Casey Ygnacio Valley Library  
2661 Oak Grove Road  
Walnut Creek, CA 94598

**Subject:** Pictures from the Berkeley Marina Field Trip

**When:** June 1<sup>st</sup>, 9:00 am—11:00 am



## Bocce Ball

### Martin Lyle

The turnout for the May 14 Bocce Meet was excellent. The weather was perfect, and the group had a good time. We had a number of new players who quickly learned the game and had a good time. We believe the numbers will climb as the weather gets warmer. We always want new members so come out and give it a try.

*We play the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays, May through September at 8:30 am at Concord Bocce Courts in Newhall Park, Concord near the corner of Turtle Creek and Ayers Roads.*

*Rain Cancel Play and Ladies and Significant others are always welcome.*

**Martin Lyle (925) 687-4893**



## Pinochle

### Charlie Kahsen / Jeff Morrow

We meet on the third Wednesday of the month at



Rocco's Ristorante Pizzeria, 2909 Ygnacio Valley Rd, Walnut Creek, CA. Optional lunch is from Noon – 1:00 and card playing from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. All Sirs in Area 16 and their guests (including spouses) are welcome to attend. Introduction and training will be provided to those who have never before played, as well as those who last played many years ago.

If you are interested in joining our group, call one of us or send an email to both our email addresses and one of us will get back to you.

If you plan to come, please let us know ahead of time so we can let Rocco's know you plan to have lunch with the group.

In our game this month we again had a nice turnout of seven players, each of whom enjoyed lunch, followed by a little over two hours of card playing.

Our next game is scheduled for Wednesday June 20<sup>th</sup>. We hope to see you there.

#### Charlie Kahsen

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#### Jeff Morrow

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Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

**Jerry Kaplan** tries to influence the trajectory of his Bocce Ball as it rolls down the court while **Marie & Frank Ascattigno** and **Peter Plante** look on.



Photo by Carl Tilchen

## Acoustic Musicians

**Carl Tilchen**

You are invited to the next meeting of the SIR Acoustic Musicians Group on Thursday, June 21st, at 2 pm. The address is 1281 Homestead Ave, #1D near Ygnacio Valley Road, Walnut Creek. Park on Homestead Ave, walk into garage, call last name **Elnick** on communication device, enter door, take elevator to first floor and walk to unit 1D.

Our Acoustic Musicians Group welcomes all guitar, banjo, mandolin, bass etc. The objective is to enjoy our music. All levels of musical skill are welcome. Spouses & singers are also encouraged to attend. Please bring your instrument and any songs you enjoy.

I am a Singer/Songwriter with an active musical career. I have facilitated many musical groups and I am glad to lead this group. **Alan Elnick** and I welcome your suggestions to make our group comfortable and fun.



## Pickleball

**Jim Burk**

*Branch 146 Sirs (some with their spouses) are now regularly playing this exciting and active game at the Activity and Recreation Center (ARC) of the San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church. The ARC is located at 902 Danville Boulevard in Alamo and has three beautiful courts for playing Pickle Ball. Everyone is welcome to play there during any of the drop-in times on Monday thru Friday between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm, and between 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm. A player will pay \$5 per session. Each player will be allowed to get in as many games as the number of players that day allows using the traditional player wait list approach. There is also instruction available on Thursdays from 1:00 - 2:00 pm and from 2:00 - 3:00 pm. The cost of the instruction is \$10 per player, plus the \$5 drop-in fee referenced above. A player would be allowed to play until 4:00 pm, space permitting, before or following their one hour of instruction. A player wishing to take advantage of the instruction should call the ARC at (925) 837-2011 and reserve a time (8 players per hour of instruction is available).*

*Call or email [jimanneburk@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jimanneburk@sbcglobal.net) to learn more about the game and/or information about the facility where the Pickle Ball courts are available.*

**Jim Burk**

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Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

**Bobbie and Walt Schmidt** at the Ladies Day Luncheon



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

**Sally and Steve Sprague** enjoying the Ladies Day Luncheon





## Activities Coordinator

Jerry Kaplan

### Activity Chairs Need Help

Several of the current activity chairs have been managing and coordinating their activities for many years and some would like some help. All of the 47 different activities in Branch 146 – whether a **POKER** or **BRIDGE** group, a **COUPLES DINING OUT** semi-monthly event, an evening **THEATRE** outing to a local performance, or the Friday morning **WALKING** group – all are doing well! Members and the Sirs who participate (and sometimes their spouses), are obviously enjoying themselves. But, in some cases, the activity chair may be getting burned out setting up the arrangements and making sure the activity is a success. In other cases, health or family-related issues have come up which make it difficult for the chair to carry on as before.

I know of several instances where the chair has noted that they would appreciate help in running the activity, either by having a committed assistant to help, and/or someone who already enjoys the activity and would be willing to take on the role as chair in the near future. For example, SIR **Gary Schaub**, chair of the **THEATRE** activity, has been in that role for about a dozen years, and would be happy to assist another SIR in taking on the chairmanship responsibilities. He, of course, would work with the new chair until a comfort level could be achieved. Similarly, SIR **Milt Smith**, who took on the **TRAVEL** chair position a little over a year ago, has come to realize that the chair’s responsibilities puts quite a strain on one person; he needs help in managing and coordinating all the different local outings and foreign trips that are made available to the branch. Any member who likes to travel and help select trips and tours would likely be a good fit for helping **Milt**.

There are likely other activity chairs who would appreciate another branch member stepping in and offering assistance. Please think about the activities that you now participate in --and ask the chair how they are doing and if they could use some help.

### Follow Up To Activity Chair Breakfast

One of the takeaways from the March 2<sup>nd</sup> breakfast held for activity chairs was that many of the brief write-ups that appear behind the activity icon on the Branch 146 website (once the icon is clicked) were in need of editing. That instead of reporting on what happened at the last event, it should provide a general

description of the activity (such as: meeting frequency, any cost involved, spouse participation, etc.) and most important, who should be contacted to get further information. Many of the 47 chairs have since developed a very good write-up. Many thanks, as now they look great! Others who have not had the chance to do so, please review what the write-up says about your activity and then develop an edited version and send it to our webmaster, **Ron Plachy**, at [branch146comm@gmail.com](mailto:branch146comm@gmail.com). I will be happy to help any chair in developing a new write-up.

### Especially for New Members

If you still haven’t found an activity that you like, or you are on a substitute list and want to play **POKER** or **BRIDGE** or **MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES** on a more regular basis, let me know and I can help get another group going. I can also assist in starting up a brand new activity that may be attractive to others in the branch.



## Cooking II

Bob Yolland

Cooking II had an outstanding lunch on May 14<sup>th</sup> hosted by **Corrie Oranje**. He welcomed us with a very nice selection of starters which included, smoked salmon on crackers with cream cheese and a touch of dill sauce, salami and cheese with crackers, a special Dutch herring, a selection of olives, peanut butter wrapped pretzels bits and mixed nuts. This went along with a variety of wines brought by each member and excellent conversation.

For lunch **Corrie** made a great French Onion Soup which he finished with toasted baguette slices and a special cheese broiled to perfection. We originally thought that was lunch, but he followed it with a nicely dressed beautiful salad of Spinach, Mango, Red Pepper, onions and topped with perfectly grilled Flank Steak slices. For dessert we were treated to an excellent homemade flan. Thank you, **Corrie**, for your great lunch.

With several of our members out of town next month we decided to pass on June and hold our next event hosted by **Ken Richter** on July 9<sup>th</sup>.

What do you get when you cross a dyslexic, an insomniac, and an agnostic?  
Someone who lays awake at night wondering if there is a dog.



## SongSirs

**Bruce Borgman**

The SongSirs have continued their regular practices the first and third Wednesday of the month at 1:30 at Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church. After our successful performance at Sunrise Senior Center in April, we have started to practice a new set of songs from pianist **Steve Dinning's** extensive music library. Some were totally new and several were familiar so we had a good practice mostly reading from sight – a good exercise! But, some were too new – and we have put those on the back burner. The ones we will continue with include “Greenfields”, “Dream a Little Dream of Me” (from Mama Cass Elliot), “And I Love Her” (from the Beatles), “Don’t Be Cruel” (Elvis!), and “Theme from a Summer Place” – all songs many of you will fondly remember. If you enjoy singing these oldies – come out to our practices!

We now have two of our members, **Peter Plante**, and **Paul Beretz**, checking out other Senior Living Facilities where we will perform once we familiarize ourselves with the newer songs that we are adding to our repertoire. We will hopefully be ready by July. We know our performances are always much appreciated and we enjoy singing at the Senior Homes. Come join this fun activity!



## SIR 146 Explore & Eat

**2 Hour Bay Delta Cruise**

August 22<sup>th</sup>

The Explore & Eat event planned for August 22th is a 2 Hour Bay Delta Cruise starting at the Discovery Bay Yacht Harbor. We plan to start the tour at 10:00 am with a Welcome/Safety talk from Captain Morgan, followed by 2 hours cruising/ touring the Bay Delta. After the cruise, we will proceed to the Boardwalk Grill on the marina for lunch at approximately 12:30 pm.

The cruise is \$30 per person. Parking is free at the marina. Please make your check for \$30 per person payable to **Jim Pope** and send to him at 385 Bryan Drive, Alamo, CA 94507. Please include your name and name of your guest with your check. We need a minimum of 20 people to book the cruise, with a maximum of 35 on the vessel, so please get your checks in by July 12th.

Directions to the Discovery Bay Yacht Club and Marina: East on Hwy 4 to Discovery Bay, then left, (north) on Discovery Bay Blvd, then turn right on Willow Lane Road, then right turn, (east) on Marina Way to the Boardwalk Grill and the Marina which is the start of the cruise and lunch location .

We are looking forward to your participation!

Co-chairs: **Henry Thatcher** 925-997-5032 and **Jim Pope** 925-633-6447



Photo by Bruce Borgman

[L—R] Bob Yolland, Frank Ascatigno, Larry Gray, Corrie Oranje, Ron Lew, Bruce Borgman, Ken Kratz, Peter Plante, Joe Starkey and Lynn Shafer



## Cribbage

**John Pearl**

Six of this esteemed group gathered at **Barney Meade's** home on Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. After the dust settled, it was determined that our Co-Chair **Ron Afdal** came in first place, while our host **Barney Meade** was second. Former Big Sir, **Jeff Baily** took third and the “pot” money was handed out accordingly.

We plan to do it again on Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in playing the very best two-handed card game with a group of fun guys, please let me know.

John Pearl, Chair

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I saw a wino eating grapes.

I told him, you gotta wait.

# Mexican Train Dominoes Groups



## Mexican Train Dominoes Group 1 (UNO)

**Jerry Kaplan**

The Group One players met on May 11th for another fun Game Night at the wonderful home in Martinez of SIR **Rob Melrose** and his wife, **Carmen Schiavone**. A full house

of 18 players was on-board to try their luck at choosing the winning dominoes.

The hosts provided treats that were delicious and enjoyed by all; so good that it was hard to get the players back to the tables after our mid-evening break. This seems to happen quite often.

The evening's big winner of \$21.00 was **Sherry Hockenbrock** wife of SIR **Richard Hockenbrock**, who ended the evening with a very good average score of 14.1 for each of the eleven games played at her table. Second place worth \$11.00 was SIR **Jerry Kaplan**, with a score of 15.4, followed by SIR **Bruce Borgman**, taking third place with an average of 17.8 points.

May's Game Night ended the first half-year of tracking the semi-annual pot that each player contributes \$1.00 each night they play. A total of \$86.00 was collected between January and May. **Sherry Hockenbrock**, (averaging only 16.8 points for the 40 different games she played during the five months) took home \$51.00. Second place (worth \$26) went to **Alicia Baily**, wife of SIR **Jeff Baily**, followed by **Susan Kaplan**, wife of SIR **Jerry Kaplan**, good for \$9.00

Starting in June, and ending in November, our group will play for the six more months to see who wins the semi-annual pot for that period. It is expected that the total prize will be close to \$100.00 for the six months.

There is always room for more players who want to be on a substitute list as an occasional player either in this group or one of the other five Mexican Train Dominoes groups.

The game is fun to play and easy to learn! Single SIRs as well as a SIR and his Significant Other are always welcome. The branch activities coordinator will also help start a new group if asked.

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## Mexican Train Dominoes Group 2 (DOS)

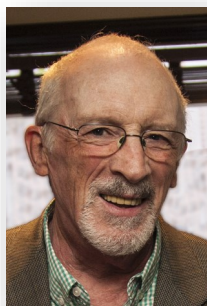
**Dick Woodman**

We had a wonderful game night in April. Many thanks to **Bill** and **Bernice Cammerer** for hosting a great evening of Mexican Train Dominos. As always, they had a great

array of food and drink. Everyone had a fun evening.

**Rich Ahlf** took a strong first place win with 11.1 average points per game. **Lynette Holly** finished second with a score of 14.7 and **Nancy Pearl** won third place with a score of 15.0. Congratulations to all our winners.

Our game night of May 25<sup>th</sup> that took place at **Dick** and **Janice Woodman's** home will be reported in July's SIR CALL.



## Mexican Train Dominoes Group 3 (TRES)

**Jeff Baily**

The Mexican Dominoes Group 3 (Tres) played the May games at the beautiful home of **Jim** and **Judy Baldrige**. The winners were evenly distributed over the three tables.

- Table1 **Linda Brown** took overall 3rd place narrowly edging out **Judy Richmond** with a low average of 20.85.
- Table 3 **Linda Siljstrom** bettered the next lowest total score by 100 points and placed 2nd overall with an average of 13.0.
- Table 2 featured **Larry Brown** who walked away with an amazing low average of 10.7 to take 1st prize overall for the evening.

The June games will be held at the home of **Jeff** and **Alicia Baily** on Friday June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Once the stats for June are completed MTD 3 will announce the three semiannual winners. *See picture of winners on page 14.*

A pirate walks into a bar with a steering wheel on his pants, a peg leg and a parrot on his shoulder. The bartender says, "Hey, you've got a steering wheel on your pants."

The pirate says, "Arrrr, I know. It's driving me nuts."

# Mexican Train Dominoes Groups



## Mexican Train Dominoes Group 4 (El Quattro)

The El Quattro Mexican train dominos group got together Friday night for a lively 8 rounds of dominos.

We had a rousing dozen in attendance including: **Don & June Seaton, Ron Louis & Fran Matthews, Jonathan & Barbara Korfhage, Dick & Christy DeVoe, Rich & Kim Pace, and Jim & Renie Pope.** Marvelous sweets and savories were provided by several women in the group. A close competition at the two tables came up with low score winners; **Rich Pace** and **Ron Louis.** But at one table we had a record setting winner of 5 games of the 8 that were played that night and it was **Christy DeVoe.** If not for a disastrous last round score, she would have been the table low score winner. It was a fun evening for all.



## Mexican Train Dominoes Group 5 (CINCO) Chuck Campbell

When **Joan** and **Dave Pierce** hosted all the regulars on May 17<sup>th</sup>, it was once again the men at one table and the ladies at the other. **Doug Eisner** led the men (15.0); **Joan Pierce** (19.1) led the women, and **Dave** (22.1) was third. **Steve Sprague** (fourth at 24.4) went out four times out of eight but a couple of unlucky rounds kept him out of the money.

Between rounds, **Joan** beta-tested two different cherry cobbler recipes with the group; both were delicious but there seemed to be a preference for the sweeter version. What does that say about us?  
*Reporting for **Chuck Campbell**: **Dave Pierce**, 932-3877*



El Quattro winners of the night: **Ron Louis** and **Rich Pace** holding their lottery scratch tickets



## Mexican Train Dominoes Group 6 (SEIS) John "Moose" Kelly

**Mary Schmidt** and **John Kelly** welcomed the MTD Group 6 (Seis) in Pleasant Hill this month. There were 13 spirited competitors: **Jim Barry, Richard** and **Sherry Hockenbrock, Mary Schmidt, Brian** and **Mary McCarthy, Rob Melrose, Carmen Schiavone, Don Rhoads, Barbara Elenteny, Stephen** and **Jan Ondeck** as well as your truly.

The competition was spirited with lively banter and laughter among the ranks. There seemed to be a melody to the winners being **Mary Schmidt** (11.4), **Mary McCarthy** (17.1), and **Sherry Hockenbrock** (18.0). i.e. - **Mary, Mary, and Sherry!!!** Congratulations to the winners!!!

**Jim Barry** and **Brian McCarthy** were the high number winners with a dollar scratchy as an award for their misfortunes. Needless to say they didn't reveal their results.

Our next MTD 6 engagement will be at the home of **Bruce Borgman** and **Sue Sheldon** located at 3611 Winchester Place in Walnut Creek 94598 at 6:45 pm on Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. *See pictures on new page.*

# Mexican Train Dominoes Groups



## May pictures from various Mexican Train Groups



Photo by Jeff Baily

[L-R] May MTD Group 3 winners **Linda and Larry Brown** and **Linda Siljestrom**

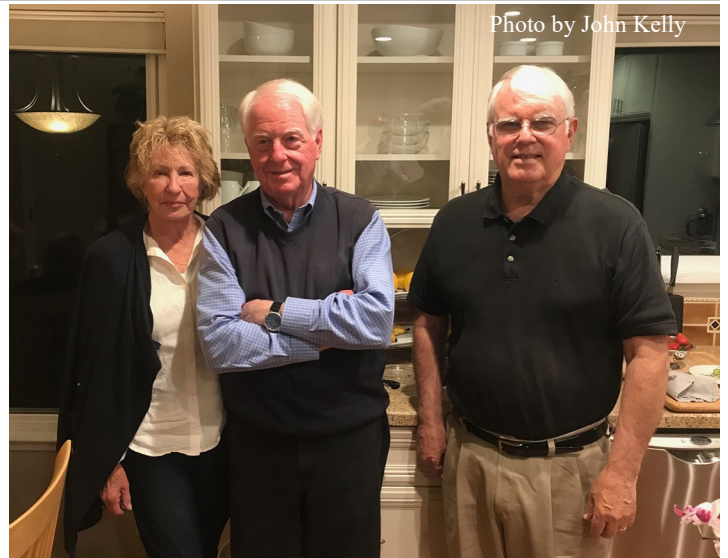


Photo by John Kelly

In MTD Group 6, **Barbara Elenteny, Don Rhoads,** and **Steve Ondeck** look on perhaps hoping to snatch victory from defeat as **Sherry Hockenbrock** and **Carmen Schiavone** add up the scores below with **Jan Ondeck** and **Mary McCarthy** looking on.



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

May MTD Group 1 participants [L to R] **Corrie Oranje, Frank Ascatigno, Sig Kalteis, Alicia Baily,** and **Peter Plante**



Photo by John Kelly



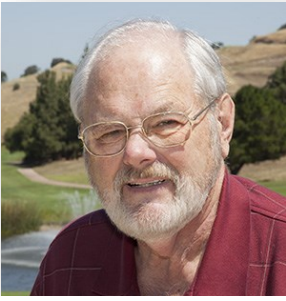
Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

Ladies Day Luncheon attendees **Verner & Nadine Laursen**



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

**Steve & Sue Loftin** at the Ladies Day Luncheon



## Theatre Gary Schaub

### SHAKESPEARE'S WARS OF THE ROSES

SIR THEATRE PARTY  
SEPTEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>

# THE WAR OF THE ROSES

HENRY VI TRILOGY & RICHARD III



English history is always fascinating. Whether it's the foibles of Henry VIII, the scheming of Richard III, or the passions of Queen Victoria, following the decades of progression to the Royal Throne of England always gives us insight into the infamy and fantasies of "the Royals."

SIR members have a fine opportunity to get a glimpse in to this history at our SIR Theater Party on September 6<sup>th</sup> with The War of the Roses. This adaption of the Bard's Henry VI and Richard III is on tap at California

Shakespeare Theater in Orinda. Curtain time is 7:00 pm. Discount tickets for The War of the Roses are \$53.00 per person, and can be reserved by August 14<sup>th</sup> or until our allotment is filled.

Much of history and background of the current British Royal Family harkens back to the period of the Wars of the Roses. And, Shakespeare's treatment of the Royals and their battles for winning and keeping the throne make for great theatre.

The War of the Roses covers a three decade civil war (1455-1487) between two rival royal branches—from the death of Richard, Duke of York until the eventual victory by the Lancastrians with the death of King Richard III. It promises to be a truly epic production. The performance is at the open air Bruns Theater off Hwy. 24 just west of Orinda. Free parking is available on site, with a tram to take attendees up the hill to the theater and picnic areas. Bring your own picnic, or purchase goodies at the food plaza. A picnic area reserved for SIRs opens at 5:30 p.m. NOTE the special curtain time at 7:00 pm.

Reserve seats for the September 6<sup>th</sup> performance with a check of \$53.00 per person payable to SIR 146, and mailed to SIR Gary Schaub. Deadline is August 14<sup>th</sup>.

### Gary F. Schaub

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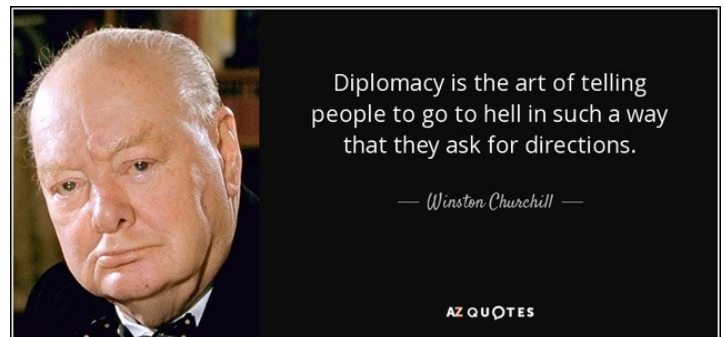


## Book Group Chuck Campbell

For this period we read Moby Dick by Herman Melville, considered an American classic. We all had heard about the battle between a rogue white whale and an obsessed sea captain, a good hearty book for us fellows. What we did not know was

that Melville was experimenting with a new writing style which included multi-layered images and themes, new words, and complex sentences that required slower reading. Most of us made it through the book, maybe skipping sections, or reading an abridged version. All felt that we learned more about whales and whaling than we wanted. As it turns out our difficulties with the book were not isolated. When first published, the book was a failure. Not until 50 years after Melville's death did the book gain acclaim for its new style.

For our next book we selected Pachinko by Min Jin Lee. We plan to meet at the Greenery Restaurant June 18th starting at 8:30am.





## Couples Duplicate Bridge 1 Bob Yolland

We enjoyed a great evening of Sir's Couples Duplicate Bridge at **Jim Brown's** Wednesday May 16th. The cards were challenging, bridge good and **Jim** had excellent goodies. Our group very much appreciated **Tony** and **Cindy Greco** substituting. This month **Dick** and **Christy DeVoe** took first with 26 1/2 points, **Bob** and **Janet Yolland** were second with 24 1/2 points and **Bill** and **Margaret Rees** third with 19 points. Congratulations to all the winners and thank you **Jim** for hosting. Our next game will be Wednesday June 20th at the **DeVoes**.



## Couples Party Bridge Tony Greco

**Dick & Christy DeVoe** hosted the May 1<sup>st</sup> event. Our pre-bridge entertainment was watching the last two couples negotiate driving up the steep driveway and parking at the top. One driver used the braille method to turn his car around at the top. For those concerned readers, the succulents and border rocks did survive the blunt force trauma. Tires were squealing when the other driver just gunned it at the bottom of the driveway but stopped in time at the top. After all that excitement we all went inside and enjoyed the wines and cheeses and chatted for a while before starting play. **Christy** served a delicious chocolate bundt cake with ice cream and coffee for dessert at the end in the evening.

We extend a big thank you to **John & Kathy Kluesener** for subbing for **Rich Ahlf & Ismini MacLean** who were vacationing in Morocco. **John & Kathy Kluesener** tied for 2nd PLACE with **Tony & Cindy Greco** with 2190 points. 1st PLACE went to **Dick** (oops that's **Dick**) & **Christy DeVoe** with 3700 points. **Hatchers** and **DeVoes** have dominated 1st PLACE this year. We haven't determined yet if they are getting good hands, "cheating" or just playing well! Time will tell.

Next month's event will be held on June 5<sup>th</sup> and hosted by **Rich Ahlf & Ismini MacLean**. I will be sending out timely emails identifying the available regular players and subs. If anyone is interested in playing couples party bridge and is interested in subbing once in a while, give me a call or catch me at the next SIR luncheon.

**Tony Greco**

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## Couples Duplicate Bridge 2 Dave Pierce

**Tony & Cindy Greco** hosted the May event. With **Dave & Joan Pierce** vacationing in Europe, **Tony** also was acting Chairperson.

First, we would like to thank **Jerry & Christine Benoit** and **Roger & Cathy Peters** for subbing.

Congratulations to the top three finishers: in first place @ 57.5% **Dick & Christy DeVoe**, in second place @ 52.5% **Larry & Linda Brown** and in third @ 51.3% **Brad & Lynne Hatcher**.

The usual beverages (mostly wine) and snacks (cheeses, dips, fresh fruit, etc) were available throughout the evening. **Cindy Greco** topped off the evening with coffee and a new dessert – homemade Blueberry Cheesecake bars with fresh blueberries which was well received. With dessert served at the dining room table, bragging rights and bantering dominated the conversation.

*Tony Greco for Dave Pierce, 932-3877*

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## Party Bridge Fred Bolton

We played three tables of bridge on May 7th at the home of **Doug Eisner**. First place went to **Doug Eisner** with 5000 points, second to **Jim Stedman** with 4520 and third to **Jim Brown** with 4180.

Our next game will be on June 4th and will be hosted by **Fred Bolton**.

I told my friend 10 jokes to get him to laugh.

Sadly, no pun in 10 did.



## Men's Duplicate Bridge 2

**Dick DeVoe**

Our May 4<sup>th</sup> Duplicate Bridge 2 event was smartly hosted by **Bill Schultz**. This month was the smallest spread between first and last place in the past 7 months (12 points).

1st Place- **Jim Brown** with 29.5 points. Jim's 1st and 3rd Place in both halves respectively, plus the lowest no. of zeros (3), slid him easily into the top slot.

2nd Place- **Bill Schultz** with 27 points. Bill's 2nd Place showing in the 2nd half coupled with the highest no. of twos (9) materially assisted in his high ranking.

3rd Place- **Fred Bolton** with 26.5 points and 2nd highest no. of high boards (8).

Honorable Mentions- **Ed Marlovits** now has a two-month run as a "Comeback Kid", performing relatively poorly in the 1st half and then scoring highest in the 2nd half. His 6.5 pt. spread (9 to 15.5 pts.) couldn't push him close to the top 3 this time vs. a 1st Place Tie last month. **Jim Brown** and **Bill Schultz** had 4 more twos than zeros, which helped propel them into 1st and 2nd Place, respectively.

Best Partnerships (maximum 6 pts. available)- **Jim Brown, Dick DeVoe, Ed Marlovits, and Bill Schultz** each had three high partnerships.

Bds. 1-3: **Max Hinkle/Fred Bolton** (5.0 pts.).

Bds. 4-6: **Jim Brown/Bill Schultz** and **Max Hinkle/Dave Steinberg** (3.5 pts.).

Bds. 7-9: **Dick DeVoe/Bob Yolland** (5.0 pts.).

Bds. 10-12: **Mike Whitaker/Tony Greco** (4.5 pts.).

Bds. 13-15: **Mike Whitaker/Fred Bolton** and **Tony Greco/Bill Schultz**(5.5 pts.).

Bds. 16-18: **Jim Brown/Bob Yolland** and **Ed Marlovits/Dave Steinberg** (4.5 pts.).

Bds. 19-21: **Dick DeVoe/Ed Marlovits** (4.5 pts.).

Bds. 22-24: **Jim Brown/Dick DeVoe** and **Ed Marlovits/Bill Schultz** (4.5 pts.)



## Men's Duplicate Bridge 3

**Sid Landman**

Our Duplicate Bridge 3 event with twelve players was nicely hosted by **Jerry Benoit** on Friday,

May 18<sup>th</sup>.

1st Place: **Ed Marlovits** with 28.5 points. His first half high of 16 pts., low no. of zeros overall (2), and four partnerships with high scores all contributed to an easy win.

2nd Place- **Max Hinkle** with 27 points. He tied for high in the 1st half (14 pts.), earned a strong 13 pt. score in the 2nd half, and concluded with the highest no. of twos (9).

3rd Place (Tie)- **Bill Schultz** and **Jim Stedman** with 26.5 pts, both playing well throughout. **Jim** tied for low no. of zeros (2) and had four partnerships with high scores.

Best Partnerships (3 boards are played with each partner)- **Jim Stedman** and **Ed Marlovits** had four partnerships each that were highest or tied for highest.

Bds. 1-3: **Mike Whitaker/Bill Schultz, Tony Greco/Ed Marlovits** (4.5).

Bds.4-6: **Dick DeVoe/Jerry Benoit** and **Brad Hatcher/Ed Marlovits** (3.5).

Bds. 7-9: **Dick DeVoe/Jim Stedman** (4.0).

Bds. 10-12: **Max Hinkle/Ed Marlovits** (5.0)

Bds. 13-15: **Jim Stedman/Brad Hatcher** (4.0).

Bds. 16-18: **Mike Whitaker/Jim Stedman** and **Tony Greco/Jim Pope** (3.5).

Bds. 19-21: **Bill Schultz/Brad Hatcher** and **Jim Brown/Ed Marlovits** (4.5).

Bds. 22-24: **Bob Yolland/Jim Stedman** (5.0).

*Reported by: Dick DeVoe*

### Attention

Men's Duplicate Bridge 3 group is still looking for more duplicate bridge players to fill its ranks. We especially want to invite any new member or members who have not been playing and would like to do so.

Contact **Sid Landman** at (925) 673-8817 or email [sidlandman@aol.com](mailto:sidlandman@aol.com).

Knock Knock.

Who's There?

To.

To Who?

It's To Whom.





## Poker Group 1

Dan O'Sullivan

Poker Group #1 met at the home of **Al Zamola** on May 9th. As we always do a good time was had by all. Our next outing will be at the home **Ray Bland** on June 13.



## Poker Group 2

Al Zamolo

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



## Poker Club 3

Sig Kalteis

*Poker Club 3 meets on the fourth Monday of the month. We usually play at my house. Contact **Sig Kalteis** if you would like to be on the list as a substitute.*



## 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.*

Photo by Richard Hockenbrock



**Gene and Gini Voelkel** at the Ladies Day Luncheon



## Old Money Poker Group 6

Brad Hatcher

The Old Money Poker Group met at **Brad Hatcher's** home in early May. We were joined by **Larry Brown** who substituted for the travelling **Rich Ahlf**. Libations and snacks were consumed and, in a somewhat unusual result, the host was able to find that his earnings topped the crowd. It is likely that the straight flush and five of a kind on separate winning hands helped the effort.



## Cooking Lunch & Wine

Bill Hartman

*The LAW cooking group meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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. Couples are an integral part of this group as we have two dinners each year with our partners which are scheduled for March and September.*



## Book Corner

Peter Plante

Thank you to all the people who picked up books at the Ladies Luncheon. It was our best showing this year. Enjoy your reading selections and we will be back in July with more books for your perusal.

If you want to find out who loves you more, stick your wife and dog in the trunk of your car for an hour.

When you open the trunk, who is happy to see you?

SIR 146 Explore & Eat  
**Rosie the Riveter Museum**  
 Richmond, California  
 May 21, 2018

Explore & Eat toured the Rosie the Riveter / World War II Home Front Museum located in the historic former Ford assembly plant in Richmond and it was a rousing success.

The tour of the visitor center and museum started outside with a Park Ranger welcome and overview for the ship building facilities around the Richmond Port. The Ranger then took us inside the museum and provided us with a description of the Rosie the Riveter Visitor Center exhibits, highlighting both local and national WWII history, as well as many museum artifacts from the era. Then, the group of 26 viewed 2 movies: First was *“Working and Living in Richmond during the early years”* and *“War years”* with an overview of the ethnic and women issues and challenges of the times. The Second movie was on *WWII and Impacts on the Home Front in Cities like Richmond and Portland, OR.*

After the tour, we met for a delightful Italian lunch at Salute E Vita Ristorante located on the Richmond Marina.

Co-chairs: Henry Thatcher and Jim Pope



Photo by Henry Thatcher

The SIR Explore & Eat Group included: **Robert Beitler, Christy DeVoe, Bom & Simona Bep** from Holland, guests of the **Oranjes, Don & Etta Dotson, Max & Ardith Hinkle, Richard & Sherry Hockenbrock, Don & June Seaton, Dick & Rita Kincaide, Ron Louis and Fran Matthews, Corrie & Susan Oranje, Roger & Cathy Peters, Jim & Renie Pope, Tony & Jean Shebanek, and Henry & Barbara Thatcher**



Photo by Henry Thatcher

**Richard Hockenbrock fits right in with this scene**



Photo by Henry Thatcher

**Max and Ardith Hinkle walking in front of the City of Richmond period piece**

I have an EpiPen.

My friend gave it to me when he was dying, it seemed very important to him that I have it.

What do Alexander the Great and Winnie the Pooh have in common?

Same middle name.



## GOLF

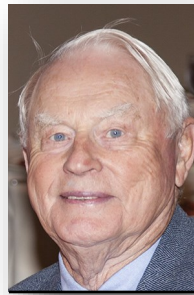
### Ed Marlovits

Club Championship play has been completed. Congratulations to the winners: **Joe Fuchs, Mike Whitaker, Pierre Mebane and Tony Greco!** In the past we have had this event in the late summer but that

seems to be a more difficult time to get full participation. This year at **Dave Steinberg's** suggestion we tried to schedule it around the annual meeting and we had good success despite a bit of bad luck with the weather in the month of qualifying play.

We had our first Tournament Tuesday of the year on May 15 and the team of **Bob Mehus, Gayl Thorne, Joe Barry, and Bob Beitler** took the top spot with a net total of 117 in this two-better-ball event. Our next tournament will probably be on June 19<sup>th</sup>, the day before the Area Team Scramble at Hiddenbrooke.

Our first away golf event was held May 3<sup>rd</sup> at Diablo Creek. We had 25 participants on a cool, windy day in Concord. In June we will play Paradise Valley in Fairfield where we expect balmer conditions. For those of us who haven't played there lately, Paradise Valley takes pace of play fairly seriously. At our event last year, our carts were equipped with GPS systems that included a line item advising the foursome of how well they were performing relative to the prescribed pace. Surprisingly, we found that losing a ball or two on a hole tended to slow up play.



## 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. Exception is are the second 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 Mondays, I will send out an email asking who is coming for golf, who is walking and who plans to stay for lunch. On Wednesdays 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. Most of the time the lunch is better than our golf game.*  
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Golf



## Table Pool

### Bill Weinberg

*We meet every Monday at 11:30 am at Masses, 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 Masses gives SIR members. You can also play at other times during the week for the same \$5. Just tell them you are 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.*



Photo by Henry Thatcher

**Barbara Thatcher**  
as Rosie the Riveter



## Walking Group

### Frank Ascagno

*Every Friday at 9:30 am at various locales.*

*Call **Frank** for current walk. Rain cancels any walk.*

*Ladies Welcome*

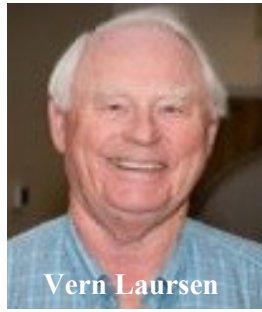
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## Area 16 Events

### Mac User Group (MUG)



Max Burchett



Vern Laursen

The Mac Users Group (MUG) meets the first Monday of each month from 12 noon until 2:00 pm at the Thurman G. Casey Ygnacio Valley Library, 2661 Oak Grove Road, Walnut Creek, CA 94598.

**Max Burchett** and **Verner Laursen** are the leaders and are available to help Mac, iPhone and iPad users with their questions. Please note that Mac users do not have problems. We do have suggestions on software and where to get the best deals on Mac related products. We will also demonstrate various software products.

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 time to time about items that are of interest to Mac Users.

### Area 2 \$ums Investment Group

We are taking the summer off and our next meeting will be on Wed, September 26<sup>th</sup>.

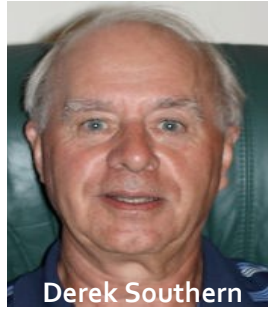
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**Gary & Brynn Brown** at the Ladies Day Luncheon

### Computers and Technology



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Neil Schmidt

The Area 16 Computer and Technology Group takes a hiatus in June. The next meeting will be Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge starting at 9:30 am. SIR members from all branches and their guests are welcome and invited to attend our meetings.

We are always looking for interesting topics for our meetings (and presenters). If you any suggestions, please send them to me at: [sirarea2cat@gmail.com](mailto:sirarea2cat@gmail.com)

**Neil Schmidt**, Chairman



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**Marti & Check Campbell** at the Ladies Day Luncheon

Editors Note: See more Ladies Day Luncheon pictures on the Branch 146 website under Special Events.

# June 2018

May 27	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	28	29	30	31	Jun 1	2
	<p>8:30 AM Booze Ball</p> <p>11:00 AM Table Pool 1</p> <p>1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Poker #3</p> <p>1:00 PM Poker Group #2</p> <p>1:00 PM Poker Group #4</p>	<p>8:00 AM Golf</p> <p>9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Pickleball (MTWTHF)</p> <p>San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church</p> <p>1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Pickleball (MTWTHF)</p> <p>San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church</p>	<p>10:00 AM Bowling</p>	<p>10:00 AM Bowling</p> <p>1:00 PM Poker Group #1</p> <p>1:30 PM Song Sirs 1st</p>	<p>8:30 AM - 11:00 AM Photography Group</p> <p>Thurman Casey / Ignacio Valley Library</p> <p>9:30 AM - 2:00 PM Men's Duplicate Bridge 2</p> <p>9:30 AM Walkers</p>	
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	<p>10:00 AM Party Bridge</p> <p>11:00 AM Table Pool 1</p> <p>12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Mac User Group (MUG)</p>	<p>9:00 AM Golf</p> <p>9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Pickleball (MTWTHF)</p> <p>San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church</p> <p>1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Pickleball (MTWTHF)</p> <p>San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church</p> <p>7:00 PM Couples Party Bridge</p>	<p>10:00 AM Bowling</p> <p>1:00 PM Poker Group #1</p>	<p>9:30 AM NINE HOLE GOLF-1</p>	<p>9:30 AM Walkers</p> <p>10:00 AM Hiking Moderate</p> <p>6:45 PM - 10:00 PM Mexican Train Dominos Group 1 (UNO)</p>	
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	<p>8:30 AM Book/Shop</p> <p>Greenery Restaurant</p> <p>10:00 AM Men's Duplicate Bridge #1</p> <p>11:00 AM Table Pool 1</p>	<p>9:00 AM Golf</p> <p>9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Pickleball (MTWTHF)</p> <p>San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church</p> <p>1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Pickleball (MTWTHF)</p> <p>San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church</p>	<p>6:30 AM - 4:30 PM Comestones Sunset Garden &amp; Marketplaces</p> <p>Sonoma</p> <p>10:00 AM Bowling</p> <p>11:00 AM Cooking Lunch and Wine (LAW)</p> <p>1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Pinocchio</p> <p>Rocco's Italian Restaurant</p> <p>1:30 PM Song Sirs 2nd</p> <p>7:00 PM Bridge - Couples</p>	<p>6:30 AM NINE HOLE GOLF-2</p> <p>11:00 AM - 2:00 PM Tres Gourmet</p> <p>2:00 PM Acoustic Musicians</p> <p>7:00 PM - 10:00 PM Mexican Train Dominos Group 5 (Cinco)</p>	<p>9:30 AM Walkers</p> <p>6:30 PM - 10:00 PM Mexican Train Dominos Dos</p> <p>6:45 PM - 10:15 PM Mexican Train Dominos Group 3 (Tres)</p>	
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