



## Big Sir's Notes

Dennis Hallett

September 2010

At our August luncheon we had the opportunity to honor thirteen of our members who have sponsored five or more new members. The "Sponsors Honor Role" listed **Jeff Baily, Jim Burk, Dick DeVoe, Lynn Freeman, Charlie Kiser, Jim Kohl, John Lewis, Lo McCarley, Frank Mandic, Dean Merritt, Mitch Mitchell, Don Nunn, and Ken Richter** as honorees.

On behalf of Branch 146, I commend the honorees for their dedication to maintaining a healthy membership level. A commemorative certificate with honoree photographs acknowledging these gentlemen was on display and will continue to be displayed at future luncheons.

It was also my pleasure to award **Jim Stedman** a "Branch Honoree" plaque for his outstanding services to our Branch. He has served in many roles including Secretary, Little Sir, Big Sir, Area 2 Governor, Region 6 Director and just recently he has been elected State Vice President. His contributions to the Sir Organization, and especially our Branch, are greatly appreciated.

We still need volunteers to join our Song Sirs. Please contact the Director **Don Tubb**. The Song Sirs are important to our Branch and need member support.

There is also a need to appoint a deputy chairmen for activities that require extra support. This allows the activity chairman to enjoy a vacation or two each year without any disruption. If you wish to volunteer please contact the Activities Coordinator **Steve Dawkins** or myself.

Our website is gradually improving and has some excellent new features. I encourage you all to explore the website and take advantage of the information now available. We are anxious to hear what you think of the website enhancements and are still in need of volun-

teers to help support the website. Please contact either **Jeff Baily** or **Terry Marchione** to volunteer or share your comments.

Please note the theme of the September 9<sup>th</sup> 2010 luncheon is "Team Colors" so dust off your sports shirts and caps to create a sporting atmosphere.

## Little Sir's Corner

Pete Gates



Our speaker for September will be **Budd MacKenzie**. Budd is the founder of "Trust in Education," headquartered in Lafayette. TIE is grass roots, non-profit organization founded in 2003 to provide health care, education and economic development programs in Afghanistan. An equal amount of time is devoted to educating Americans about our involvement in Afghanistan, past, present and future. TIE connects American communities and Afghan villages. They first provided funding to build a secular school for boys and girls in Lalander, Afghanistan. "Their school" is within a 15-minute walk from home, instead of the 3 hours it once took to reach schools in Kabul.

## SongSirs

Don Tubb

We've gained two new members in the last few weeks but still need more to replace the guys we lost in the last year. Our next gig is Veterans Day at the November SIR lunch and we will probably have at least one more this year. Our program is a lot of fun and we hope that several of you will join us at our rehearsals 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church 2:30pm. If you like to sing, you'll have a ball, no auditions, just join in.



## Duplicate Bridge Terry Marchione

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



Sir **Rich Ahlf** hosted our August game with four tables of duplicate bridge.

Unlike most of our games this one was a runaway as Sir **George Zurich** dusted the competition with 47 points. Sir **Dave Pierce** threw caution to the wind (not realizing that subs who show up on the winners list rarely get invited back) and finished in second place (43.5 points). Sir **Jim Jackson** and Sir **Bill Rees** (why do we see these two guys names every month) tied for third place with 43.0 points.

The rest of us who finished as also-rans had to be satisfied with a huge chunk of apple pie a la mode.

The next game will be held on Monday September 13th at Sir **Fred Bolton's** home. Contact **Terry Marchione** ([terrymarchione@yahoo.com](mailto:terrymarchione@yahoo.com)) for information.

## Couples Duplicate Bridge Too Dick De Voe

**Terry and Sharon Marchione** hosted the August Bridge and were kind enough to give all the other couples a bridge lesson as they won going away with a total of 25 1/2 points. **Jim and Ruth Adams** came in second followed by **Joe and Josie Barry**. **Dave and Joan Pierce** along with **Syd and MJ Whalen** were nice enough to be subs for the evening but were shown no pity by the **Marchiones**.

The September Bridge will be hosted by **Jim and Ruth Adams**. The group meets on the second Tuesday of each month on a rotating basis.



## Party Bridge Fred Bolton

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



We played three tables of bridge at the home of **Bob Burley** on Aug. 2. First place went to **Fred Bolton** with 4830 points, second to **Tommy Thomson** with 4770, and third to **John Demos** with 4230. Our next game will be at the home of **Jim Jackson** on Sept. 6.

## Couples Duplicate Bridge Lo McCarley

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



**Jim and Allison Todhunter** hosted six couples for a gala evening of duplicate bridge on August 18th, everyone had a great time. The group welcomed **Heather Race** as Jim Brown's fill-in partner, but that was before **Jim and Heather** took first place with 25 points. **Carl and Anne Johnson** took second with 23 points and **Bill and Margaret Rees** took third place with 19 points. **Bob and Janet Yolland** will host the next bridge on September 15<sup>th</sup>.



## Lunch and Wine Group

**Paul Dubow**



**Dick Woodman** was the gracious host for our July luncheon and once again the members of our group were treated to a delicious meal. **Dick** served tapenade and crackers and clam dip and chips as an appetizer. The entrée was Crockpot pulled pork with Crockpot baked beans and potato salad with pancetta and peas. Dessert consisted of peanut butter chocolate bars.

For those of you would like to try the pulled pork, here is the recipe for eight people. Ingredients are four pounds of pork shoulder roast, 2 medium onions thinly sliced, one and one half cups of water, one bottle (16 ounces) barbecue sauce, and one cup of chopped onion. Place half of the thinly sliced onions in the bottom of a slow cooker; add the pork and water, along with the remaining onion slices. Cover and cook on low for eight to ten hours. Then drain the liquid from the cooker, chop the meat coarsely and discard excess fat. Put the pork back in the cooker and cook on low for four to six hours longer. Stir occasionally.

As is the custom, our wives ate at a local restaurant while we were chatting and eating. This time they chose the Metro in Lafayette. They had hoped to dine outside but the weather was not cooperative and so they enjoyed themselves with a delicious meal inside.

## Explore and Dine John Pearl



On September 30, Explore and Dine will tour the former Mare Island Navy Yard. We will meet there at 10:00 a.m. and have lunch nearby.

In July, Explore and Dine travelled to San Ramon to visit Forest Hill Farm and the adjacent Glass House, newly renovated and restored. The farm was donated by the **Boone** family to the City of San Ramon where it was to remain a "farm " for display and use by the local community. We learned about the history of the farm through multiple owners, the crops raised, and the problems the family had when new members were brought into it. The farm today is used to show children from the San Ramon Schools the way things really were in those days, with demonstrations of the various farm "arts" and methods (no slaughtering - please). This is a most popular field trip for the kids. We saw the old farm shop where old tractors are restored, and the large barn where the restored tractors are displayed. The docent gave us a lot of information.

We then crossed the creek to the newly opened Glass House, where docents in period costumes showed us around the two-story home. One of the docents is a relative of the original Glass family. The house was moved here from the Alamo area before renovation. It is definitely worth a visit.

For lunch, the group went to another long-time San Ramon institution, the Brass Door, where we had our own room and great food.

In August, we joined the Travel Group on an outing to San Rafael to the Guide Dogs for the Blind training center followed by a stop at the Marine Mammal Center.

## Chess Group



A chess group is now being formed. Players at all levels are welcome.

Please contact **Joe Fuchs** at [JBF@astound.net](mailto:JBF@astound.net) if you are interested.



## Garden Club Chuck Bobinecz



*1st Thursday at 9:30 am at the Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church, 1801 Lacassie Ave., in the Room 203, unless otherwise announced.*

The September 2nd meeting will be at the Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church. Our featured speaker will be from the Walnut Creek "East Bay Nature" and the topic is for the birds. Why do we want them and how to keep them in your yard? Sir **Jack Calloway** is our speaker for October and his topic is something gardeners all have to deal with – controlling garden pests. Deer, bunnies, bugs can do a lot of damage to your hard work you have put into your garden. Bring your questions and **Jack** will have your solutions.

Garden tip of the month: Fall will occur soon. Time to think about your lawn. Mow high and no fast foods for your lawn. Time to fertilize but use a slow release organic fertilizer for a better lawn in the spring. This is also a good time to reseed.

## MEMBER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION JACK CALLOWAY

At the August Luncheon we welcomed three new members. They are **Dennis Bottaro** sponsored by **Bob Yolland**, **Jerry Duarte** sponsored by **Sal Costanza** and **Dick McElroy** sponsored by **Bob Johnston**.

In every organization there are a small number of individuals who really get things done. At the August Luncheon we recognized the 13 members who have sponsored 5 or more new members. There are over 20 others who have sponsored 3 or 4 new members. Let's hope we can add their names to the Sponsors Honor Roll in the months ahead.

## Non-Responsibility Declaration

**Rule 345:** All activities arranged for or by Sons In Retirement, Inc. and its branches are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate. Sons In Retirement, Inc. and its branches do not assume any responsibility for the well being or safety of the participants or their property, in any matters pertaining to said activities.



### Poker Club #1 Frank McNamee



Poker Club #1 met on Aug 11th at the home of **Bob Frankland** and it proved to be a great sending off party for our good friend and founding member **Howard Harvey**. He also came out as the big winner, followed by **Bob White**, **Frank McNamee** and **Dan O'Sullivan**. Our next challenge will be on Sept. 8th at the **Bob White** residence.

### Poker Club #2 Al Zamolo



Our July session treated **Bob Royster** so well that players beside him told him that he could use their trays to help hold his chips. Needless to say, he was the big winner. Host **Jim Stedman** provided us with fine refreshments & snacks. **Al Zamolo** will host our August 30th session.

### Poker Club #3 Siegfried Kalteis



**Terry Marchione** and **Bob Weiden** filled in to give us a table of seven players. Unfortunately both of them are excellent players, no easy money there. But we were glad to have them and a good time was had by all.



### Poker Club #4 Chuck Bobinecz

We will meet at the home of Sir **Frank Rockwell** on September 27th for our next round of poker. Modern tournament play became popular in American casinos after the World Series of Poker began in 1970. In 1987, community card poker games were introduced in California and proved more exciting to players than draw poker variants.

### POKER GROUP #5 Bill Roberts



After a one month hiatus, our August game was held on Wednesday the 11th. **Dean Merritt** came out betting and raising and walked away as one of the biggest winners the group has had since we started playing. **Terry Marchione** might have overtaken **Dean** had he not forgotten that **Frank Rockwell** dealt a game where clubs didn't count. In a game of 7/27 **Marchione** showed a six with an ace of clubs in the hole. Feeling confident he raised each time around only to find (too late) that the ace was worth nothing. September will see a change of venue as our permanent host, **Bill Roberts** takes a month off. **Charlie Koeber** will host the game and will continue the tradition of the host preparing dinner for the players. **Charlie** claims to possess the same culinary skills as Iron Chef **Roberts**...we'll see.

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

### Area 2 \$ums In Retirement Allen Espenmiller

The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group will meet on Wednesday September 22nd at 8:00am at the Diablo Creek golf course on Port Chicago highway in Concord. Our speakers will be **Jonathan Chaet** and **Sandino Napolois** representing Advanced Equities, Inc. AEI is part of the Advanced Equities Financial Corporation (AEFC) and is one of the industry's most progressive financial services firms. Focusing on retail, institutional securities and venture capital investment banking business. **Jonathan** and **Sandino** will present "Access to Opportunity", who wants to be with the next Goggle? How the individual investor can take part in pre-IPO selections. AEI's web site is [www.advancedequities.com](http://www.advancedequities.com) for you to review prior to the meeting.

The restaurant at the course opens at 7:00 AM for those who would like to enjoy breakfast with your colleagues.

**Allen Espenmiller** (Br-174) – **George Schulze** – **Leary Wong** Co-Chairmen Area 2 \$ums Investment Group 925-376-3977

**Ken Nakashima** 925-376-0421 (Br-171)



## Travel Opportunities

**Bob Spellman**



**Sept 17-30, 2010** Mediterranean Enchantment. A 10-day cruise on board Holland America's ms Noordam sailing round trip from Civitavecchia (Rome) plus a 2-night post stay in Rome. The itinerary includes visits to Livorno, Monte Carlo, Barcelona, Palma de Mallorca, Carthage, Trapani and Naples. The cost is \$4965 to \$5935 depending on Stateroom and includes transfers to/from SF. Round trip airfare from SF to Rome and back. All meals while on board. Sky cap and Stevedore tips and Government fees. Contact Jim Lunn @925-551-3329 Branch #8 for more information.

**Oct 27-28, 2010** Glen Campbell in the Grand Sierra Showroom. Day One departs at 8:00am from Heather Farms for the ride to Reno. Three Hour Casino Stop at BOOMTOWN bonus \$5.00 cash. Check in to the Grand Sierra Resort. 8:00 pm Glen Campbell show. Day Two Hosted breakfast buffet then check out. Three hour Casino Stop at the SIVER LEGACY Bonus \$ 5.00 cash. Reboard Motorcoach for the ride home. Cost: \$140.00 pp. Contact Bob Hagler @ 925-934-7620 Branch #8 for more information.

**Nov 12, 2010** Day at the Races A popular day trip to Golden Gate Fields to watch the horses run and maybe place a bet or two. The trip includes admission, reserve parking, daily racing program, great buffet luncheon, tax and tips. Doors open at 11:00 am. Cost \$25.00 per person. Contact **Ken Richter**@ 689-6217.

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

**Nov 30-Dec 11, 2010** Silverseas Cruise from Dubai to Mumbai. This nine day cruise aboard the Luxury Silversea's Silverwind include the ports of Dubai, Fujairah, Bandar Abbas, Khasab, Muscat, Porbandar, and Mumbai. Cost: \$4995 to \$6450 depending on Stateroom. Contact **Tom Sponsler**@ 925-708-6584 Branch #171 for more information.

**Oct 1-11, 2011** Canada & New England Cruise.

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



## Sunshine

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

We offer our condolences and prayers to **Barbara** and the family of Sir **Jesse Crews** who passed away August 16th from an aneurysm.

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

Sir **Larry Sheerin** is recovering from knee replacement surgery.

Sir **Bill Hoban** continues to recuperate from ankle replacement surgery.

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

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

Sir **Ed Mendelssohn** is recovering from a recent stroke.

As of this SIR Call, these Sirs continue recuperating or having health issues:

**Herb Freeman, Roderic Sharrets** (Parkinson's)

**Barney Meade** (Stroke)

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



## Luncheon Attendance

### Bob Lyman



SIR Luncheon is the 2nd Thursday of every month at CourseCo Restaurant at Boundary Oak Golf Club. The price of our luncheons is \$24 with a no-host bar. Please email me, [rjlyman@aol.com](mailto:rjlyman@aol.com), or call me at 925-825-6386 by Friday NOON (September 3, 2010) prior to the luncheon if, for any reason, you are unable to attend. If no one answers, leave your name, badge number and phone number. Please be sure you call!!!

Remember that our luncheon will be called to order at 11:45am, so please allow enough time to arrive on schedule. A check for \$24.00 made payable to SIR146 is requested for payment of your lunch on Luncheon Day. Thanks.

Regular members missing 3 consecutive meetings without notifying their attendance chairman, giving a valid reason, or attending less than 5 meetings in the last 12 months will result in a letter notifying them of pending membership termination. Certification of another branch meeting will be considered as credit to the attendance record. Notification to the Branch 146 Attendance Chairman (Bob Lyman) is necessary to receive credit.

#### **SIR bringing a Guest**

Please call by Friday, noon prior to the luncheon and leave your name and badge number and the name of your guest. Please spell the last name of your guest.

#### **Luncheon Menu for September 9, 2010**

**SALAD:** Mixed Greens with Cucumber, Tomato, Onions and Green Goddess Dressing.

**ENTRÉE:** Pan Seared Tilapia with Lemon Dill Cream Sauce

**OR** Fried Chicken with Country Gravy & Buttermilk Mashed Potatoes

**VEGETABLE:** Seasonal Vegetables

**DESSERT:** Red Velvet Cake

#### **Special Luncheon Requirements**

If you require a vegetarian meal or any special meal, please call and make a request. Your request will remain in effect until you cancel it through the Luncheon Chairman. If for medical reasons, you cannot eat lunch, please notify me and your request will remain

in effect until you cancel it through your Luncheon Chairman.

#### **New Members and/or Sponsors**

There will be a dedicated luncheon table set for any new members and their sponsors who would like to sit together to share their conversations as new members of SIR146. It is voluntary and please do not feel obligated as a new member to sit at this table.

## **Membership**

### **Steve Sprague**



#### Branch 146 Statistics:

Active Members: 251 including six Honorary Life Members. Applicant List: None.

Inactive Members: Seven.

#### August Luncheon Attendance:

Members: 174

Guests: 3, Visitors: 0, Speaker: 1.

Total Attendance: 178

#### Status Changes:

Inducted: Dennis Bottaro, Badge 125

Gerald (Jerry) Duarte, Badge 252

Dick McElroy, Badge 115

#### Reactivated from the Inactive Roster:

Bruce Jones, Badge 10

#### Moved to Inactive List: None

Resigned: Dan Cochrane, Howard Harvey, Steven Jacobs, Tim Valanos

Deceased: None

Transferred: Vito Magliano has transferred to Br. 8 (Walnut Creek).

## **SIR Happenings Newsletter**

SIR Happenings is the statewide SIR Newsletter. Just go to [www.sirinc.org](http://www.sirinc.org) and click on SIR Happenings to read the current issue. You may enjoy reading about the activities of other SIR branches.



## Area 2 Computers and Technology Group

**PHIL GOFF**, Chairman, 831-3692,  
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**DICK CURRY**, Asst. Chairman, 376-5541,  
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*Meetings of the Area 2 Computer and Technology Group are held the 3rd Thursday of each month (except June and December) from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Drive (just off South Main.)*

Check out our website at <http://sir-web.org/computer>  
Area 2 Computer and Technology Group invite you to their next meeting on Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 9am

Sir **Dean Steichen** will give a presentation with the title "What's the problem bunky???"

... Is your computer running poorly? Don't know what's wrong? Has it got the "Blue Screen of Death"? Is it broken beyond repair? WELL what are you going to do about it?

Come to the September A2CAT meeting and find out what you can do to identify the problem and probably fix it yourself! Dean will describe a troubleshooting process and identify several free tools you should keep handy for those times when your computer acts up.

Time permitting, there may be also be a Show & Tell featuring any gadgets attendees bring, and possibly a Q&A session with The Gurus of A2CAT where the advice is always 'priceless'.

Meetings of the Area 2 Computer and Technology Group are held the 3rd Thursday of each month (except June and December) from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Drive. Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned user, we try to offer something for everyone. We ask for a donation of \$5 to cover the cost of the hall rental, coffee and cookies (donations are not requested every meeting, this may be your lucky month!). All SIR members and their guests (spouses included!) are welcome to attend.

**Phil Goff** and **Derek Southern**  
Co-chairs



## ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out) Malcolm Hendry



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

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

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

### "HAVANA CUBAN CUISINE"

This restaurant specializes in California style Cuban cuisine. Located in the heart of downtown Walnut Creek with a menu that features sautéed scallops with citrus ginger sauce, garlic studded pork tenderloin and house made guava cheesecake. HAVANA has a full bar and specializes in a variety of Mojitos .

Location: 1516 Bonanza Street, Walnut Creek, Ca 94596

Cross streets Main/Locust with street parking and parking garage at Civic/Locust streets  
Phone: 925-939-4555

Web Site: [www.havanarestaurant.net](http://www.havanarestaurant.net) (menu and reviews)

Please let me know by Tuesday, September 14th, if you will join us.

Your suggestions for other restaurants are welcomed.



## Table Pool Bill Weinberg

*1st and 3rd Monday at 11:30 am.  
(at Masse's 2721 N. Main, Walnut Creek)*



We usually have three or four pool games going when we meet on the 1st & 3rd Mondays at 11:30am at Masse's - 2721 North Main in Walnut Creek. The cost is \$5.00 for as long as you want to play. We also have SIR members from other branches joining us and we usually play about 2 hours but not everyone stays for the final curtain. Haven't played in years? Come join us. All SIRs in our area are welcome.



## Fishing Paul Dubow



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

This has certainly been the worst year for wind and blown out fishing that any of us old guys can recall. Nevertheless, the members of our group have not been deterred. On a rare day when the ocean winds subsided, ten of us set out on a party boat from Half Moon Bay and were back by noon with limits of rock cod and other tasty morsels. The skilled (or lucky) fisherpersons were **Stan Matsumoto** and **Paul Dubow** of Branch 146 plus **Mario Mauritorio**, fishmaster **Joe Miscione**, **Al Brunner** and his grandson **Wyatt**, **Joe Karg**, **Carl Moyer** and his daughter **Leah**, and **Roger Bergerson**. A few days later, **Pete Gates** and **Paul Dubow** of Branch 146 along with **Karl Droese**, **Howard Berkman**, **Al Brunner**, and **Bob Olson** set out for Lake Tahoe for two days of fishing and caught a total of 20 great tasting mackinaw trout with the largest weighing in at 9 ¾ pounds (courtesy of **Al Brunner**). **Kent Cremolini** made his second trip to San Diego in two months and, fishing in Mexican waters, landed a limit of albacore tuna and yellowtail plus a few blue fin tuna. **Joe Karg** fished with his son at Bucks Lake and caught five trout but the bears ate two of them during the night. **Pete Gates** and **Steve Lofton** returned from Alaska with a cooler full of salmon. Speaking of salmon fishing, **Carl Moyer** stayed right at home and pulled in a 23 pounder just outside the Golden Gate, fishing on a party boat with **Joe Karg** and his son **Jason**. **Carl** also journeyed to Shadow Cliffs Lake in Pleasanton with **Terry Miller** in the hopes of catching some catfish. They didn't catch one, but the trip was made much better because they did land four trout, notwithstanding that trout fishing in Shadow Cliffs is supposed to be dead during the summer. **Carl** also made two trips with **Harry Sherinian** out of Pacifica and the pair limited out on rock cod on both days. **Al Brunner**, **George Schulze**, **Harold Knudson**, and **Mario Mauritorio** spent three days at New Melones in search of kokanee salmon and did manage to catch a few from small to respectable. And **Mike Corker** took a ride out to the Farallons from Emeryville on the New Huck Fin and not only caught some big rock cod, but also a halibut.

We will be very busy this fall, even if the wind

doesn't die down, with delta fishing for bass, crappie, bluegill, catfish, and sturgeon, trout fishing in the mountain lakes and rivers, and party boat trips for salmon, sturgeon, halibut, and stripers. Those who have rarely or never fished but would like to try are invited. Come to our next meeting and we will arrange for your presence on a trip, even if you lack equipment. Our next meeting will be Thursday, September 23, at the Legend Sports Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek Golf Course at 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. For further information, please contact **Paul Dubow** at 415-495-6504.

## Cribbage

John Pearl, Interim Chair

Seven of us gathered at **Barney Meade's** home on August 11 and re-started the action of our Cribbage Group. Guests included **Al Tufo**, former Branch 146 SIR and Cribbage Group Chair, **Kirk McVean** of Branch 116, and former Branch 146 member and now a member of Branch 108 and **Dan Meckfessal**. As usual, **Al Tufo** and **Barney Meade** showed us how to play, taking the first and second place money (and this is after **Al** just recovered from surgery!). **Kirk McVean** came in a close third.

Big Sir **Dennis Hallett** and **John Pearl** tied for seventh, but I was edged out by **Dennis** in the final point count.

We had a great time (some made money), so if cards are your thing, please consider joining us.

John Pearl, Interim Chair

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## Bocce Ball

Martin Lyle



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

Some of our happy group of Bocce Ball players have added their wives to the group. Our immediate discovery was the ladies are great Bocce Ball players and added a lot to the fun. Come and join us....no experience necessary.

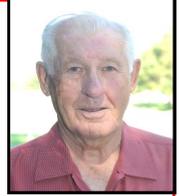
## Away Golf

Jim Baldrige



## Tuesday Golf

Ray Weisz



Couples Golf for August will be hosted by **Dick and Judy Richmond** at Mare Island Golf Course in Vallejo on Wednesday the 25th. The cost for green fee, cart and range balls is \$36. The course will also offer a BBQ (Hamburgers, chicken etc.) for \$14 per person and will provide a meeting room for the group after golf. I understand that there are still some openings. Contact **Dick Richmond** for details.

Congratulations to our Branch 146 golfers who competed in the Division 4 Individual Qualifier in preparation for the State Individual Tournament at Poppy Hills/Monterey in October. **Dale Hertweck** came in first in flight #1 and **Rich Hanford** came in second in flight #4. They will go on to represent our branch at the State level. **Jack Calloway** came in 5th in flight #2 and **Ray Spears** came in 5th in flight #3; they finished in the money. Remember that even if you did not compete or qualify in the earlier rounds you can compete in the Open Play, Wednesday, October 27, the day before the regular tournament (144 slots) or on the day of the tournament Thursday, October 28 (70 slots). Contact **Dick Richmond** for details. Entry forms are available on [sirstategolf.com](http://sirstategolf.com).

Golf Committee Chair **Ron Plachy** has completed a survey of our branch golfers with respect to the Tuesday Away Golf events. Our current plan is to finish our schedule for 2010. We plan to play Deer Ridge on Tuesday Sept 14 and Diablo Creek on Tuesday October 12. Next year we plan to play away games only on the days Boundary Oak is hosting professional events or doing heavy course maintenance.

On that note we are announcing the retirement of **Jim Baldrige** as Away Golf chair after 12 years and soliciting new blood and new ideas from our membership. **Rich Hanford** has expressed an interest and would serve if he could recruit an assistant or two. The Golf Committee will offer assistance as well.

Entry forms for the State Golf events at Solvang Sept 12-16 and Mesquite NV Nov 7-11 are available on [sirstategolf.com](http://sirstategolf.com). The SIR State Golf Committee has published the tentative schedule for 2011 events. It is available on [sirstategolf.com](http://sirstategolf.com). If you need entry forms and do not have internet access contact **Jim Baldrige, Ron Plachy** or **Dick Richmond**.

The Weekly Winners are:

JULY 20, 2010

First Flight: 1<sup>st</sup> **Ed Malboeuf 70**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Ray Spears 71**, 3<sup>rd</sup> **Gen Diana 73**. Second Flight: 1<sup>st</sup> **John Demos 66**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Joe Lamanna 66**, 3<sup>rd</sup> **Ken Richter 68**. Third Flight: 1<sup>st</sup> **Fred Kovar 64**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Chuck Sesata 70**, 3<sup>rd</sup> **Don Nunn 70**.

Closest to the pin Hole #2 **Ken Beattie**, Hole #12 **Ron Binder**.

July 27, 2010

First Flight: 1<sup>st</sup> **Chuck Schreiber 67**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Joe Barry 69**, 3<sup>rd</sup> **Ron Binder 69**. Second Flight: 1<sup>st</sup> **Ken Kratz 68**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Al Zamolo 68**, 3<sup>rd</sup> **Ken Beattie 68**. Third Flight: 1<sup>st</sup> **Garth Cummings 64**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Jim Brown 70**, 3<sup>rd</sup> **Sal Costanza 70**. Closest to the pin Hole # 2 **Dick DeVoe**, Hole # 12 **Dick DeVoe**.

August 3, 2010

First Flight: 1<sup>st</sup> **Ron Binder 67**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Dale Hertweck 69**, 3<sup>rd</sup> **Dave Steinberg 70**. Second Flight: 1<sup>st</sup> **Dennis Hallett 70**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Joe Suta 70**, 3<sup>rd</sup> **Ray Kan 70**. Third Flight: 1<sup>st</sup> **John Demos 69**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Jim Brown 69**, 3<sup>rd</sup> **Doug Cook 69**. Closest to the pin Hole # 2 **Bob Royster**, Hole # 12 **Leonard Whorton** and **Jack Calloway** both with chippins.

August 10, 2010

Mare Island Golf Course

First Flight: 1<sup>st</sup> **Ken Kratz 67**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Ron Binder 72**, 3<sup>rd</sup> **Bob Royster 74**. Second Flight: 1<sup>st</sup> **Bill Weinberg 69**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Ray Weisz 71**, 3<sup>rd</sup> **Jim Passaglia 73**. Third Flight: 1<sup>st</sup> **Jim Brown 74**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Dan O'Sullivan 75**, 3<sup>rd</sup> **Jim Saavedra 77**. Closest to the pin Hole # 3 **Frank Rockwell**, Hole # 17 **Dale Hertweck**.

The Weather Man did not cooperate with me. Sorry for the cold day. August should normally be warmer.

Our next Tuesday Travel day will September 14<sup>th</sup> at Deer Ridge Golf Course. Hope the Weather Man is nice to us for this outing.



## Bowling Larry Mitchell



Sir 146 Greeters  
**Chuck Campbell**  
and  
**Mike Cavallo**

The short summer league at Diablo Lanes is drawing to a close and will be over at the end of this month. This will be followed by the regular winter league which will start on the 8th of September with a meeting at Diablo Lanes at 9:30 AM. At the meeting any new bowlers not on a team will be assigned to one as vacancies allow. There are always some teams that are short bowlers, so come join us at the meeting and check us out.

The next tournaments scheduled are: 1. September 20th at Earl Anthony's Bowl in Dublin 2. October 4th and 6th at Fireside Lanes in Citrus Hieghts 3. October 19th and 21st at Harvest Park Bowl in Brentwood. For details on these tournaments please call me at 925-798-5440.



## DON'T FORGET OUR DINNER PARTY FOR SIRs 146 AND FRIENDS



Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> 2010  
6pm to 10pm at Zio Fredo's Restaurant  
The price is \$95.00 per couple and includes hors d'oeuvres and Dinner  
Live music for listening and dancing  
Your choice of beef, fish or pasta  
Send your check, made out to Sir Dinner 146 to:



Vince Rettew  
290 Dover Drive  
Walnut Creek, CA. 94508  
Phone: 925-943-7962



Tables of eight are encouraged

Your name and partner

Couple 1	_____	Meal	_____
Couple 2	_____	Meal	_____
Couple 3	_____	Meal	_____
Couple 4	_____	Meal	_____



## SIR 146 Computer Classes

Microsoft Windows 7  
Operating System

Lo McCarley

Hey you guys with Windows 7!!!

Come and learn the great things Windows 7 can do:

- Get work done using programs such as Word and Excel.
- Create and edit **pictures**. Import or download images.
- Play **music** and other media. Listen to audio.
- Get on the **Internet**. Windows 7 makes it easy.

### Learn and do.

- Set up and customize **Windows 7** the way you want it.
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- Find files, folders, content, e-mails easily and quickly with amazing and easy **Search** capabilities.
- Keep your dates and appointments straight and develop your to-do lists using **Windows Live Calendar**.
- Learn to surf the World Wide Web better with the new **Internet Explorer**.
- For the adventurer:
  - ◊ Forget Outlook Express. It's gone! Use **Windows Live Mail** to send, receive and manage e-mail.
  - ◊ Forget your Address Book. Now you have **Windows Live Contacts** to keep track of names, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses.
- Organize and improve your photos with **Windows Live Photo Gallery**.
- Play music and create a playlist with **Windows Media Player**.
- Implement and tighten security and privacy with **Windows 7 Security**. Create and change **User Accounts**.
- Keep your system running smoothly by properly maintaining Windows 7.

Four Classes

Fridays: October 15, 22, 29, and November 5.

Unbelievable Deal

Come to any or all of the classes for \$20...total! Wives and friends are welcome.

Time

1:00 to 3:00 each class day.

Where

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

**To Enroll:** E-mail Lo at [lomccarley@astound.net](mailto:lomccarley@astound.net)

Or phone Lo at 935-3939

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



Walkers  
John Lewis



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

SEPTEMBER WALKS PLANNED BY  
**MAL HENDRY**

SEPT 3 WALNUT CREEK CIVIC CENTER - NORTH  
MEET: CIVIC ARTS PARKING  
WALK: NORTH ON IRON HORSE TRAIL  
PAVED, MOSTLY LEVEL, MOSTLY SHADE  
COFFEE @ LA SCALA (CIVIC & LOCUST)

SEPT 10 REDWOOD PARK STREAM TRAIL OAKLAND  
MEET: MORAGA SAFEWAY PARKING LOT FOR  
CARPOOLING: SOUTH ON CANYON ROAD,  
LEFT ON PINEHURST, RIGHT ON REDWOOD RD,  
RIGHT @ REDWOOD PARK SIGN.  
WALK: TRAIL THRU REDWOODS  
SOME PAVEMENT, LEVEL, SHADE.  
BRING PICNIC LUNCH

SEPT 17 INSPIRATION PT. WILDCAT CANYON ORINDA  
MEET: INSPIRATION PT. PARKING LOT. NORTH  
ON SAN PABLO DAM ROAD FROM ORINDA, LEFT  
ON WILDCAT CANYON RD TO RIDGE.  
WALK: WEST ON TRAIL  
PAVED, NOT LEVEL, SOME SHADE  
COFFEE: STARBUCKS ORINDA

SEPT 24 BERKELEY AQUATIC PARK BERKELEY  
MEET: ORINDA VILLAGE PARKING FOR  
CARPOOLING. HWY 24 TO I-80 (STAY IN RIGHT  
LANE). EXIT UNIVERSITY OFFRAMP. TAKE  
FRONTAGE ROAD TO 2ND ST., TURN RIGHT &  
RIGHT AGAIN ON ADDISON TO LEFT ON  
BOLIVAR TO END.  
WALK: AROUND AQUATIC PARK  
PAVED, LEVEL, SOME SHADE  
LUNCH @ SPENGER'S FISH GROTTTO

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Left to right; **Jack Calloway**, Big Sir **Dennis Hallett** awarding **Jim Stedman** the “Branch Honoree” plaque for his outstanding services to Sirs Branch 146