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Big Sir's Notes

Dennis Hallett

Sons In Retirement has the goal to provide fun, happiness and pleasure through activities for the welfare of retired men from all walks of life.

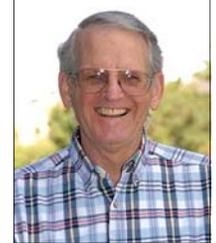
Our branch offers over thirty activity groups and continues to add and delete as our interests change. Beginners as well as experienced individuals are welcome and members are encouraged to participate at will. We can also participate in Area 2 activities in such as "Sums In Retirement" that provides investment information

One of our dedicated volunteers is **Chuck Bobinecz**, our calendar chairman. His monthly activities calendar is posted on our website (www.sir146.com) to provide details of scheduled activities and events. Our branch directory identifies each activity chairman and a contact reference. New members are encouraged to communicate their activity interests to **Dave Pierce**, our new member relations chairman, who will arrange for activity chairmen to contact and welcome them.

The Branch 146 - 2010 member directory was distributed at the January luncheon. Copies will also be available at our February luncheon. If you are unable to attend either luncheon, please request a copy from **Steve Sprague**, our membership chairman. Members are encouraged to keep their 2010 directory in a secure place, as well as destroy prior year directories, as they contain members' confidential information.

Our 2010 officers and directors wish to be as accessible to members as possible. Accordingly they plan to seat themselves at randomly selected luncheon tables each month to introduce themselves, answer any questions or note any suggestions members may have to improve our branch. Members are also welcome to attend the monthly Branch Executive Committee meeting to experience how our branch is managed.

Our aim is to make our branch operations as transparent as possible, encourage members to participate and above all to have fun!



Little Sir's Corner

Pete Gates

Our speaker for the February luncheon will be **Ronald Wetter. Ron** is the community & government relations manager for the Diablo Service Area of Kaiser Foundation Health Plan.

His topic will be "The Future of Health Care".

Free 911 cell phone service for seniors

The Walnut Creek Police Department is proud to announce its participation in the 911 Cell Phone Bank Program. This program was developed to provide community members, who cannot otherwise afford to buy a cell phone, with an emergency use cell phone via 911. The Walnut Creek Police Department will then be able to provide cell phones to domestic violence victims and vulnerable seniors who are in need of an emergency cell phone through our partnership with the 911 Cell Phone Bank. Through this partnership, the Walnut Creek Police Department is now a designated "drop off" point in Contra Costa County for all retired cell phones. All donated cell phones are then shipped to the 911 Cell Phone Bank where they are refurbished, tested, and ready to use for 911 emergency calls only. Anyone with an unused cell phone is encouraged to donate/recycle their cell phones at the Walnut Creek Police Department. Drop offs can be made at the following address:

Walnut Creek Police Department
1666 N. Main Street
Walnut Creek, California 94596

For more information on the 911 Cell Phone Bank, please visit their website at 911cellphonebank.org



Duplicate Bridge George Zunich



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

In January, Sir **Bob Yolland** hosted four tables of duplicate bridge at his home.

In a close match, the results were as follows: **Jim Jackson** was in 1st place with 45.0 points. **Rich Ahlf** was in 2nd place with 42.0 points. **Fred Kovar** and **Bill Rees** tied for 3rd place with 41.5 points.

The next match will be held on Monday, February 15th at the home of **Bill Rees**.

Contact **Terry Marchione** 472-8850 or **George Zunich** 376-4439 for information. We welcome interested members.



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 **Fred Bolton** on Jan. 4. First place went to **Bill Rees** with 5590 points, second to **Tommy Thomson** with 4660 and third to **Fred Bolton**.

Our next game will be at the home of **Harry Dillon** on Monday, Feb 1.

Couples Duplicate Bridge Lo McCarley

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



Eight couples played duplicate bridge on January 20th at the home of **Allison** and **Jim Todhunter**. In a close match, **Allison** and **Jim** came in first place with 37.5 points. **Margot Somerville** and **Daphne Merritt** were in second place with 35.5 points. **Anne** and **Carl Johnson** were third with 34.0 points. **Margaret** and **Bill Rees** took fourth place with 33.0 points. **The Freemans** will host the next bridge on Wednesday, February 17th.

SPRING CANDY SALES

It is time to order your See's candy for the holiday season. The price is \$13.10 for a one pound box certificate. The retail price is \$16.10. You can pick any type of candy you wish. Soft centers, nuts and chewies etc. There is no limit to the amount you can order.

Make your check payable to "Sir Branch 146" and send it to

Mitch Mitchell
5350 Lightwood Drive,
Concord, CA 94521.



Please include a stamped self addressed #10 envelope (this is the long envelope).

The deadline for me to receive your order is Mar.27, 2010. Your certificates will be mailed to you shortly thereafter.

Name _____

Address _____

City and Zip _____

Enclosed is my check for \$_____ to cover the cost of _____ one pound certificates.

Nominating Committee

The branch nominating committee is in the process of developing a list of nominees for officers and directors to serve on the branch executive committee during 2011. All members are invited to submit recommendations for committee consideration. Please provide your recommendations to **Garth Cummings** at gnscomings@sbcglobal.net or 1551 Harlan Drive, Danville, CA, 94526. Branch officers are Big Sir, Little Sir, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and six Directors. We encourage members who wish to participate to let us know or provide us with their thoughts on who they think should be nominated.



SIR luncheon crew
 Left to right... Sirs **Bill Knapp, Joe Fuchs, Ted Coggiola,**
Al Munayer, Sig Kalteis

Fellow Sirs:

By popular demand I am trying to get together enough players for a couples party bridge group. Once we have a group, we will decide how to proceed but for sure there will be a little bridge, an adult beverage or two and some good times.

If you are interested please let me know via email or phone.

Terry Marchione
 Activities Coordinator
terrymarchione@yahoo.com
 472-8850

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.



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.

Sir **Bob Yolland** has arranged for our February 4th meeting at Heather Farms to learn about rose pruning from the experts and get some hands-on experience in rose pruning. We will meet at 9:30am, bring your leather gloves to protect your forearms, pruning shears and/or loppers. We will meet inside if it is raining and have a lecture and demonstration on rose pruning. Wives and guests are welcome.

For our March meeting we are in the process of getting a speaker on the topic of entomology. We will find out about the good bugs and the bad bugs. Garden tip of the month: Starting to think about that summer vegetable garden and tomatoes? Plant only tomatoes that do not have blossoms. Pinch blossoms off on transplants if they have them. Young transplants with flowers will delay vegetative growth and cause later flowering.



Poker Club #1 Frank McNamee



Poker Club #1 met at the home of **Frank McNamee** on Wednesday, January 13th and he proved to be a most gracious host (loser). This time it was **Bob White** and **Howard Harvey** who were the big winners. **John Lewis** could have joined them but he lost twice in his attempts to win both the hi & low in split pots. He first lost the hi with a straight flush to a royal flush then later lost the low with a 7-6 to a 7-5.

Our next meeting will be at the home of **John Lewis** on February 10th.



Poker Club #4 Chuck Bobinecz

Sir **Skip Thomas** will be the host for our February session. At the January luncheon he said he was going to Las Vegas to hone up on his poker skills that are already quite good.

Poker odds... In a seven card poker hand, the odds of having no pair is close to 5 to 1 where the odds of having one pair is over one to one and having two pair is over three to one.

POKER GROUP 5 TERRY MARCHIONE

After cancelling our December game, we were back in action in January. **Ken Richter** was the only player who benefited from the layoff as he walked off being the only winner. A post game report indicated that **Ken** does not plan to show up at the next game—probably being embarrassed for fleecing his friends.

Bill Roberts fell back into his habit of getting off to a fast start but then having to tend to dinner (spaghetti and meat balls) and fading down the stretch.

Our regular players are **Spellman, Thomas, Merritt, Richter, Koeber, Marchione** and **Roberts**. The next game is on February 10.



Jim Burk Introduces Douglas Eisner



New Chess Group

A chess group is now being formed. Players at all levels are welcome. Please contact **Joe Fuchs** at www.JBF@astound.net if you are interested.



Travel Opportunities

Bob Spellman



Mar 10-17, 2010 Cruise the Caribbean.

Experience a 7 night cruise aboard the luxurious MS Silver Cloud, of Silversea Cruises. Along the way visit an exciting array of ports. Bridgetown, Barbados, Castries, St.Lucia, St George's, Grenada, Kingstown, St Vincent & the Grenadines, St. John's Antigua, Spanish Town, Virgin Gorda and San Juan Puerto, Rico. Cost is \$2970 for Vista suite normally \$6595 and \$3570 for Veranda suite normally \$8195. This price is all inclusive; meals, drinks, gratuities, complimentary in-suite dining, port taxes and fees, baggage handling, and round trip to and from airport. Contact **Bob Spellman** 934-8428. Note: We encourage you to sign up as soon as possible as available space is filling up fast.

Mar 26, 2010 A Day At The Races. It's a fun day at Golden Gate Fields Race Track and a chance to get your money back. Doors open a 11:00am. The cost is \$25 per person and includes admission, reserved parking, daily racing program, great buffet luncheon, tax and tips. Contact **Ken Richter** 689-6217.

Jun 10-20, 2010 Oberammergau & the Rhine River Valley. The Passion play at Oberammergau in Munich plus an 8 day cruise of 4 countries from Basal to Amsterdam aboard the Viking Sun. Included features are: round trip air, tickets to the Passion Play and overnight accommodations in Munich. The Rhine cruise includes: all meals, cocktail reception, six guided tours, all transfers and driver tips. Cost \$4,925 to \$5,855 Contact **Bob Hagler** 934-7620 Branch #8 for more information

Sept 17-30, 2010 Mediterranean Enchantment. A 10-day cruise on board Holland America's 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 19-Nov 6, 2010 Pure New Zealand. New Zealand is a thrilling microcosm of the natural world – a land where wild rivers and glaciers flow through rain forests to the sea, pristine lakes and pastoral forest hug volcanic slopes and snow-capped peaks pierce the sky. Along the way, you will experience firsthand the Kiwi spirit of adventure that springs from this mighty landscape. Cost of the trip is \$5440 per person and includes, round trip airfare and transfers, accommodations, 27 meals and 13 group discoveries, service of resident trip leader and all land transportation. Contact **Bob Spellman** 934-8428. Space is limited to 16 people.

The quarterly State *SIR HAPPENINGS* web site at <http://www.sirinc.org/sirhappings/> offers additional SIR travel options.



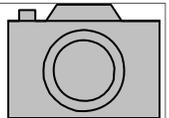
Table Pool Bill Weinberg



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

Haven't played in years? Come join us. We usually have three or four pool games going. We also have SIR members from other branches joining us. Masse's offers special pricing for Sirs. Just mention you're a Sir anytime you wish to play.

Photography Group Rich Ahlf



The photography group will meet on Wednesday February 10, at 7:00pm at **Rich Ahlf's** house. Please bring a flash drive of pictures to critique. Any questions about the Photoshop program send them to me and we'll work on them. Let me know by e-mail if you're coming. (richandshirley@sbcglobal.net) or 925-672-2514.

This is a new group, if you would like to join us contact **Rich Ahlf**.



Luncheon Attendance
Bob Lyman



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

Please call me (925-825-6386) or email me, rjlyman@aol.com, by Friday noon (February 5, 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 \$25 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 6 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.

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 February 11 2010:

STARTER SALAD: Tossed green salad with beets, carrots, pickled red onions and basil vinaigrette.

ENTRÉE: Chicken Provencal
Pan roasted tilapia with sweet papaya salsa

STARCH: Herb roasted potatoes

VEGETABLE: Garlic braised broccolini

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 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: (For Jan.)

Members 251 (including 6 HLMs),
Applicant List 0,
Inactive 9.

January Attendance:
Members 196,
Applicant List 2,
Guests 2, Excused 38, Unexcused 13, 1 Speaker.
Total January Attendance 201.

Status Changes:
Inducted: **Doug Eisner, Jim Passaglia**

Added to Applicant List:
None

Added to Inactive List:
None

Resigned:
Richard Burger, J. Michael Siebert, Orlo Jones, Richard Colombo, Bruce Johnsonbaugh

Transferred:
From Branch #146 to Branch #8
Robert Bailey

Deceased:
Doug Pederson, Stu Somerville, Roger Maire, Edward Wojnar

Couples Dine Out



Tuesday Feb 16, 2010 6:30PM
Piatti's in Danville

We will be in the backroom and have a three course dinner from a limited menu for \$35 (includes tax and gratuity) Bar drinks are extra.

Directions:

680S. Exit Sycamore Valley Road, turn right, continue on Sycamore Valley Road through the stop light and turn right into the shopping center. Piatti's is on your left.

Piatti's
100 Sycamore Valley Road
925-838-2082



Lunch and Wine Group Dick Woodman



The Luncheon and Wine (LAW) group had its first luncheon at the home of **Syd Whalen** on January 20. Notwithstanding that part of the name of our group includes the word "Wine", two of us old codgers forgot to bring the required bottle. Nevertheless, host **Syd** had some extras on hand.

We commenced with chips and various dips prepared by **Syd** and that was followed by a Reuben pizza. **Syd** confessed that the recipe was provided by **Elaine Richter**, the wife of Sir **Ken Richter**, but nevertheless **Syd** did an outstanding job and the pizza was excellent. **Syd** topped off the meal with an ice cream pie which he "assembled".

Our custom is that while we are eating, drinking, and otherwise engaged in a member's home, the wives spend our money by eating out somewhere. On this occasion, the wives had a delicious lunch at the Dead Fish in Port Costa.

For those of you who would like to try Reuben pizza, here is the recipe: Use one large (or four small) Boboli dough. Spread with Dijon mustard, 12 ounces of grated Swiss cheese, 12 ounces of corned beef, heated sauerkraut, and caraway seeds. Then heat it in the oven for 20 minutes at 450 degrees.

Explore and Dine



John Pearl

Explore and Dine kicks off the new year with the January 28th visit to the studios of KQED in San Francisco followed by dining at the nearby "Slow Club," which was recommended by one of our members. This excursion will be the farthest we have traveled, but we have a full turnout.

On February 25 we will be touring the traffic operations center in Walnut Creek's City Hall and learn how they manage traffic in our city. This will be followed by lunch at a nearby restaurant.

Explore and Dine meets the fourth or fifth Thursday of the month, except in November and December. We usually "explore" in the morning and then have lunch in a nearby restaurant, although we have been known to dine first. We provide our own transportation.

John Pearl
mcpearl@astound.net
934-6920

DON'T FORGET OUR DINNER PARTY ON WEDNESDAY April 14th

6pm to 10pm at Zio Fraedo's Restaurant

The cost is \$95.00 per couple and includes hors d'oeuvres and dinner

Live music for listening or dancing

Indicate your choice of beef, fish or pasta

Send your check, made out to SIR Branch 146, to:

Vince Rettew

290 Dover Drive

Walnut Creek, CA 94598



Your name: _____ Partner: _____

Meal choices _____

Tables of 8 are the choice. If you plan on a group, List them below

Activities Coordinator Terry Marchione

We have several activities that are looking for a few good men. If you are not involved in an activity or if you would like to participate in additional activities we want to hear from you.

We have openings in the following: photography chess, cribbage, tennis, couples party bridge and cooking. We are still trying to organize a third couples bridge group (either duplicate or party bridge) and there is always room for more poker players.

Finally, if you have ideas for a new activity, please let me know. I can be contacted by phone 472-8850 or by email terrymarchione@yahoo.com



ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out) Malcolm Hendry



The Romeo group meets on the third Thursday of the month at 6:30PM at select restaurants in the East Bay.

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

MANGIA MI has comforting Italian favorites at reasonable prices which draw crowds to this small restaurant. The decor is contemporary but parts of the menu feel like a throwback to the 1950s, when Americans first fell in love with Italian cooking. Specialties include hand rolled gnocchi, prosciutto panini and polo alla griglia.

Location: 406 Hartz Avenue, Danville
Web Site: www.mangia-mi.com (Menu, History, Location and Reviews)
Phone: 925-831-3276

Please let me know by Tuesday, February 16th, if you will join us.

Your suggestions are welcome for future restaurants to visit.

Sunshine Jim Baldrige



Listed below are the names of our Sirs who have been reported ill and those who passed away this month.

Many thanks to **Walt Busenius** who is taking over as our Sunshine Chairman.

Please keep good thoughts and send along good wishes for the following men on sick list:

Lee Schultz
Bob Schroder
Chris Satterthwaite
George Bjornsen
Jessie Crews
Bob Skirvin
Hal Rogers

Our sympathies have been conveyed to the families of **Roger Maire** and **Ed Wojnar** who both passed away this month.

Area 2 Computers and Technology Group



PHIL GOFF, Chairman, 831-3692,
philgoff@yahoo.com

DICK CURRY, Asst. Chairman, 376-5541,
racorinda@pacbell.net

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>

Moving to Windows 7

Dean Steichen from Branch #8 will lead us through the "upgrade or buy a new machine" decision as well as other aspects of the process. Some of the major factors influencing your decision include your current machine's hardware (CPU, Memory (RAM), etc.); operating system (Vista, WinXP, Win2000, Win98, etc.); software (Programs and Program Licenses); data transfer, and availability of Windows 7; peripheral equipment drivers (Printers, Scanners, etc.). A general Q&A session will follow, and we hope to have a monthly "gadget" on show and for discussion.

Away Golf Jim Baldrige



If it's other than Tuesday Golf we will try to get the info to you in this column.

Since it's January 18 and pouring rain today I have not scheduled an Away Golf event this month.

Many thanks to **Bob Wheaton** who has taken over scheduling of the Nine Hole group that plays at Diablo Hills/Heather Farm on the first and last Thursdays of the month. To sign up contact **Bob Wheaton** via internet at bobnanwh@astound.net or at 925-939-4512. Thanks also to **John Harrington** who took over from **Terry Marchione** to lead the Couples Golf group. They schedule events on the fourth Wednesday of the month. For info on this group contact **John** at harrjohn@comcast.net or at 925-685-8051.

Entry forms are on the SIR State Golf Website www.sirstategolf.com for the upcoming events at Coeur d'Alene Idaho May 16-21, Solvang Sept 12-16 and Mesquite NV Nov 7-11. If you don't have access to the internet let me or **Ron Plachy** know and we will get an entry form to you.

Other scheduled SIR State Golf events for 2010 are: Reno Circus-Circus Hotel and Casino with Golf at Red Hawk, Wolf Run and Lakeridge June 13-18; SIR State Team Championship at Poppy Ridge-Pleasanton Monday August 9 and the State Individual Championship at Poppy Hills-Monterey Oct 27-28.

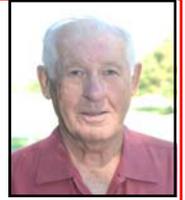
Lew Thompson is organizing this year's Monterey Mashers golf trip for March 21-23. Contact **Lew** at r5t6d@astound.net or at 925-686-6337 for details. Silverado Country Club: Since I requested feedback in the Call starting in December, I have received less than 20 expressions of interest for the event this year. We would need 120 to do a shotgun event so I have not contacted the course to reserve a date for this spring.

Br 8 and Br 116 usually schedule an event in 1st quarter and ordinarily send our branch an invitation to join them. If they go ahead with an event and inform us I will get entry forms out to our golfers.

Questions: **Jim Baldrige** 925-689-9232 jim-judy39@aol.com



Tuesday Golf Ray Weis



December 22

First Flight: 1st place: **Joe Fuchs** 71, 2nd place **Bob White** 72, 3rd place **John Harrington** 74. Second Flight: 1st place **Walt Busenius** 69, 2nd place **Gene Diana** 73, 3rd place **Bill Cammerer**. Third Flight: 1st place **Garth Cummings** 74, 2nd place **John Demos** 76. Closest to the pin **Bill Cammerer** # 2, **John Harrington** # 12.

December 29

First Flight: 1st place: **Jack Calloway** 70, 2nd place **Bob White** 71, 3rd place **Dale Hertweck** 73, Second Flight: 1st place **Ken Kratz** 73, 2nd place **Chuck Campbell** 74, 3rd **Bill Cammerer** 76, Third Flight: 1st place **Don Nunn** 72. 2nd place **John Demos** 72, 3rd place **Mike Stephenson** 73. Closest to the pin **Bill Hansen** # 2, **Chuck Campbell** # 12.

January 5

First Flight: 1st place **John Harrington** 67, 2nd place **Jim Burk** 72, 3rd place **Terry Marchione** 72. Second Flight: 1st place **Bob Spellman** 72, 2nd place **Joe Barry** 72, 3rd place **Dick Kincaide** 75, Third Flight: 1st place **Mike Stephenson** 71, 2nd place **Doug Cook** 74, 3rd place **Dean Merritt** 74. Closest to the pin **Ken Richter** # 2, **Gene Diana** # 12.

January 12

No Golf due to rain.

Couples Golf Terry Marchione

After a December hiatus the couples group will be back in action on January 27th at Delta View in Pittsburg (weather permitting). As of this writing, we have a large turnout with 16 couples signed up to play. I am pleased to announce that **John Harrington** will be taking over as chairman of this group. Thank you **John** for stepping forward to take on this job.

The Cribbage Club

Branch 146 is cranking up the cribbage group again, and we are looking for members. Please contact me if you would like to play this game, known as the best two-handed card game that many of us played in an earlier life.

We usually meet once a month at a member's house on a rotating basis where coffee and dessert are served. Our schedule has had us meeting on the second Wednesday afternoon, but other days are an option.

We typically play one or two tournaments, depending on how many attend - everyone plays everyone. A small "donation" is given by each player, who then has a chance to win it back.

John Pearl, Interim Chair
mcpearl@astound.net 934-6920

MEMBER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION JACK CALLOWAY

Two new members were introduced at the January luncheon. They are **Jim Passaglia** sponsored by **Bob Royster** and **Douglas Eisner** sponsored by **Jim Burk**. Congratulations to **Jim** and **Douglas** on making the decision to join Branch 146.

Plans and programs for 2010 have been submitted to the Branch Executive Committee and they will be reviewed at their February meeting. We hope to recognize and reward those members who sponsor new members so please bring your friends to a luncheon. Once they meet some of our members and see the multiple activities available, I am sure they will want to join .



Bob Royster
introduces
Jim Passaglia



Fishing Paul Dubow

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



The weather got the best of us in January. Some of the regulars such as **Joe Karg**, **Paul Dubow**, **Joe Peterson**, and **Karl Droese** did the impossible. They did not go fishing once this month. However, **Joe Miscione**, **Don Mittelstadt**, and **Harry Sherinian**, braved the elements, making some early morning travels to Shadow Cliffs Reservoir in Pleasanton and were rewarded with quite a bit of good sized trout. On the other hand, the aforementioned stay at home quartet, joined by eight others and did journey up to Sacramento to attend the International Sports Exhibition in order to spend their hard earned cash on some really fine fishing gear.

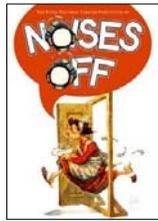
We are looking forward to better weather in February and so there are plans to go delta fishing for striped bass and sturgeon as well as trout fishing in Shadow Cliffs and other local lakes. Those of you who rarely fish or want to begin new careers as avid anglers, let us know, and we will be glad to take you along with us.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, February 25, at the Legends Sports Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek Golf Course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway, Concord. The meeting starts at 8:30 am, but come one half hour earlier and join us for breakfast. **Guy Brown** of the Sacramento SIR Jolly Hookers will talk to us about trolling for trout. For further information, call **Paul Dubow** at 415-495-6504.

SIR Happenings Newsletter

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

Theater Gary Schaub



What has been described as the funniest farce ever written will be the SIR 146 Theatre Party event on Thursday, April 15 at Leshar Arts Center in Walnut Creek.

“Noises Off” is the story of a hapless English acting troupe touring a production of “Nothing On.” What happens? Everything! Doors slam, human dalliances prevail, confusions galore, and (are you ready?) a plate of sardines goes flying! Of course, it’s all in fun. Center Repertory Company’s production of “Noises Off” at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 15 is guaranteed to be a crowd pleaser.

The three act play begins with the audience facing the stage. By the second act, the audiences sees what’s really happening backstage during this performance.

If you think you’ll be ready for a hilarious night out on “tax day” then this is the play for you! Recently revived on Broadway (and in a film with **Carol Burnett**). “Noises Of” promises a laugh-filled evening.

Tickets are \$31 each, and space is limited. Deadline to order is March 19. Send your check, payable to “SIR 146” to Sir **Gary Schaub**, 1758 Candelero Court, Walnut Creek 94598. If you have questions, call **Gary** at (925) 938-5454. Tickets will be distributed at the door of Leshar Center at 7:30 pm on April 15.

Thanks to **Bill Cammerer, Don Del Bene, and Larry Sheerin** for folding and labeling, to **Jeff Baily** for proof-reading, to **Rich Ahlf** for photography and to **Bill Cammerer** for mailing.

Walkers John Lewis



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

planned by: **Martin Lyle**

Feb. 5 **HAP MCGEE PARK - IRON HORSE NORTH LA GONDA WAY**

Meet Take 680 South Exit El Pintado
Right on La Gonda Way
Walk: West across bridge to Camille Ave.
North on Iron Horse Trail
Mostly Paved Level Some Shade
Coffee: Yellow Wood Alamo Plaza

Feb. 12 **TASSAJARA TRAIL, SYCAMORE VALLEY RD. DANVILLE**

Meet: Take 680 South Sycamore Valley, E
To Camino Tassajara Parking on right
Walk: East along side Camino Tassajara
Paved Level Some Shade
Coffee: Pascal French Oven 155-B
Railroad Ave.

Feb. 19 **LAFAYETTE MORAGA TRAIL NO. MORAGA**

Meet: At Moraga Safeway parking
Walk: North on School St .Cross Moraga Rd
At light to Moraga Regional Trail to
St. Mary’s College
Paved Level Some Shade
Coffee: Terzetto Cuisine, Moraga

Feb. 26 **NEWHALL PARK CONCORD**

Meet East on Ygnacio Vly. Rd., Left
on Ayers Rd. Left on Turtle Creek
Rd. Turn in at parking lot.
Walk South on park trail. Return past
Bocce Courts.
Mostly Paved Some shade, Near level
Coffee: Deli-Delite Shadelands Office
Park

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