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## Big Sir's Notes Stu Somerville

The one dollar per lunch donation has been for years the only general membership revenue source. The Branch has operated well with this as the only source but times have changed and so has Branch 146. We now have an improved SIRCall, a website that provides information to our members 24/7 and have started more activities for our members to enjoy. Along with these changes, all of our operating expenses e.g., postage, office supplies, awards etc. have increased over time while our income has not kept pace.

Our Audit Committee has noted that the Branch no longer has sufficient reserve funds to cover unexpected emergencies and to meet special needs such as advance deposits for events. In order to continue operating as we would like, it is necessary to increase our revenue and cash reserve. Several options were reviewed by the Branch Executive Committee to meet this need. The preferred option, and one that is used by many other Sir Branches, is to switch to an annual donation. This will streamline our cash flow and immediately improve our cash reserve.

At the March 12 meeting, the BEC approved the following plan: request each member to donate a minimum of \$20.00 to the Branch before or at the June 2009 meeting to cover our expenses through May 2010. New members will be requested to donate a pro rata amount. The \$1.00 donation per luncheon will be eliminated starting at the June lunch.

Please make a separate check for the annual donation payable to Sir Branch 146. Mail to **Ron de Golia** at 1012 Camino Verde Circle, Walnut Creek, Ca. 94597.

## New members

The Member Recruitment and Retention Committee has been formed to assist us, especially our new members in bringing their friends in to Branch 146 so that we will continue to be strong, now and into the future. **Jack Calloway** is the Chairman and Committee Members are **Bob Darius**, **Vince Rettew** and **Bob Schroder**



## Little Sir's Corner

### Dennis Hallett

The April Luncheon speaker will be **Charles Osoin** from the National Ignition Facility at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. His presentation will include the progress recently made at the Laser Laboratory and an outline of current laser projects.

**HE:** Will you go out with me this Saturday?

**SHE:** Sorry. I'm having a headache this weekend.

## Area 2 \$ums In Retirement

### Dave Munson

Regular \$ums In Retirement meeting will be held at the Diablo Creek Golf Course commencing at 8am on April 22. Our speaker will be Mr. **Steve Butler**, President of Pension Dynamics of Pleasant Hill. Many of you know **Steve** from his Monday column in the Contra Costa Times business section. He is a very engaging speaker and will be commenting on the current economic and financial conditions. The last time he spoke to the \$ums group there was an overflow crowd so I suggest getting to the meeting a little earlier than usual.

For those who are early risers breakfast is available at the gold course restaurant starting at 7am.



## Duplicate Bridge George Zunich

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

In March, Sir **Bill Snyder** hosted 3 tables of duplicate bridge at his home.

In a close match, the results were as follows: **Lo McCarley** was in 1<sup>st</sup> place with 28.5 points. **Bob Yolland** was in 2<sup>nd</sup> place with 27.5 points. **Bob Donahue** took 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 26.5 points.

The next match will be held on Monday April 13<sup>th</sup> at the home of **Rich Ahlf**.

Contact **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 **Bill Snyder** on March 2nd. First place went to **Jim Jackson** with 5120 points. Second to **Bob Donahue** with 4380 points and third to **Jim Brown**.

Our next game will be at **Lynn Freeman's** on April 6th.

**HE:** Shall we go see a movie?

**SHE:** I've already seen it.



## Couples Duplicate Bridge Lo McCarley

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

**Stu** and **Margot Somerville** hosted eight couples for a gala evening of duplicate bridge on March 18th – every one had a great time. As for the bridge results, **Lo** and **Sue McCarley** took first place with 43 points. **Lynn** and **Dasha Freeman** (38 points) came in second. **Carl** and **Anne Johnson** (37 points) captured third place and **Jim Brown** and **Barbara Lundblade** took fourth place with 36 points. **Jim** and **Allison Todhunter** will host the next bridge on April 15<sup>th</sup> (hopefully no one will be over taxed).

**HE:** If I could see you naked, I'd probably die happy.

**SHE:** If I saw you naked, I'd probably die laughing.

## Couples Duplicate Bridge Too Joe Barry

*Couples Duplicate Bridge #2 meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm at participants' homes. Couples play as partners.*

**Lynn** and **Dasha Freeman** hosted the March Bridge. **Dick** and **Christy DeVoe** won with a whopping total of 26 points. It was noted that **Dick** did not play golf on Tuesday. Was he home studying his bridge book? **Jim** and **Ruth Adams** along with **Ken** and **Elaine Richter** tied for second with 21 points. April Bridge will be hosted by **Jim** and **Ruth Adams**. It was good to see them after a long absence due to **Ruth's** serious wrist injury.

**HE:** I think I could make you very happy.

**SHE:** Why? Are you leaving?

## EASTER CANDY SALE



It is time to order your See's candy for the Easter holiday. The price is \$12.40 for a one pound box certificate. Retail is \$15.60 per pound, a savings of \$3.20 per pound. You can buy any type of candy you like, 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 Mitch to receive this is April 4, 2009. 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.



## Sunshine

Otto Wilson

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E-mail: [ottowilson@astound.net](mailto:ottowilson@astound.net)



We are all saddened by the passing of Sir **Jim Helmick's** wife **Pat** on February 28th. Memorial service were held in Orinda.

Sir **George Knies** is home recovering from bypass heart surgery. He continues to improve and is doing well.

Sir **Al Bond** is home after colon surgery. He is doing well and has moved to Antioch. He will be dropping out of SIR Branch 146.

Sir **Woody Williams'** daughter **Stacy** is recovering from surgery due to cancer.

I wish to inform you that I am out of the hospital and recovering at home. It has been a long haul but with all the support I have had from SIR Branch 146, thanks so much. I probably missed some names for the Sunshine Report and for that I am sorry.

**HE:** Can I buy you a drink?

**SHE:** Actually I'd rather have the money.

## Fabulous Napa Country Iris Garden Tour



Date May 1, 2009 9:00 A. M.

Iris Garden tour  
Picnic lunch (byo lunch)  
Winery tour T.B.A.

Cost will be \$ 25.00 per person  
Bus will depart from Shadelands Park and Ride on Mitchell Drive

Bus will be limited to 47 people  
Wives are invited and encouraged to attend.

Please send checks made out to:  
Branch 146 and mail to:  
**Rich Hanford** 619 Sitka Drive  
Walnut Creek, CA 94598

## Garden Club

Chuck Bobinecz



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

Please contact **Sir Rich Hanford** to reserve seats for the bus trip on May 1<sup>st</sup> to the Napa County Iris Farm and wine tasting. (the irises should be at their peak) See the flyer in the March SIR Call for details. Sign up by March 29th because these trips have always been a sell out. All Sirs, wives and guests are welcome.

Due to the bus trip, the Garden Club will not meet on May 7<sup>th</sup> but resumes in June.

Garden tip of the month: What not to do. Buying plants already blooming or fruiting. You want all energy going to roots, not fruits, when you transplant them. With a good root system you will get more blooms or fruit.

## Cribbage

Al Tufo



All the players were in the starting gate. The bell rang and everyone got a good start. **Dan Meckfessel** jumped out into the lead, faded for just a few strides, and **Chef Barney** made up some ground on him. However **Dan** had plenty of power still in him and picked up speed. After that there was no way to catch him at the wire. **Chef Barney** came in second. In the next race it was a different story. The Italian Stallion was still steaming having been blocked down the stretch in the first race by **John Pearl** took the bit in his teeth and galloped all the way to the finish line. **Chef Barney** was huffing and puffing all the way down the stretch trying to catch **Al**, but had to settle for second again. April Cribbage will be hosted at **Barney's** home, starting at 11:30 am.  
Ciao **Tufo**

## Table Pool

Bill Weinberg



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

I invite any and all of you to come and enjoy yourselves for a couple of hours.





## Poker Club #4 Chuck Bobinecz

Our next session on April 30<sup>th</sup> (note date change) will be at the home of **Sir Pete Gates**. Due to Memorial day, the May session has been changed to Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at the home of **Sir Frank Rockwell**.

In the last SIRCall, I asked the question if anyone knew of someone who had a royal flush. One of my poker partners said "yes, the queen of England".

## Bowling

Larry Mitchell

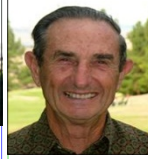


We have two tournaments coming up in April. The first is in Vallejo at the Kentwood Lanes and is a SIR only event having Singles, Doubles, and All Events. The Dates for this one are April 7th and 9th. The second is in Carson City at the Gold Dust Lanes on April 20th and 22nd. Events in this one will be Mixed Team, Doubles, Singles, and all Events. Here is an excellent opportunity to visit your money and perhaps drop off some more. If you would like more information, please call me at 925-798-5440

## Poker Club #1 Frank McNamee



Poker Club #1 met at **Frank McNamee's** home in a trade with **John Lewis** for April. We were short 3 of our regulars so had **Ron Binder, Jim Brown** and **Doug Cook** from Poker Club #2. They all earned an invitation back as they all contributed to **Frank McNamee, John Lewis, Bob White** and **Dan O'Sullivan** who were all the day's winners. It was even suggested that we send a limo to pick them up when we meet on April 8th at the home of **John Lewis**.



## Poker Club #2 Al Zamolo



Poker Group 2 met at **Jim Stedman's** home in Feb. He was a great host. **Ken Kratz** became the biggest winner ever in our group. One individual (### #####) donated generously to **Ken's** winnings. **Al Zamolo** will host the March 30th session and we are all planning to get back some of our money from **Ken**.



Branch 146 was pleased to award **Dick DeVoe** a Certificate of Appreciation for his extensive work in leadership roles with our branch. Pictured is **Dick** receiving the award from Honorees Chairman **Bob Yolland** with Big Sir **Stu Somerville** looking on. **Dick** joined Sir in October of 1993 following a successful career with Chevron.

He became a Director in 1994 and also served as Chaplin. In 1995 he became Little Sir and in 1996, Big Sir. **Dick** has served on the nominating committee in three separate years being chairman one year. He was chairman of the Honoree committee for eight years and has served as Activities Coordinator the past two years. **Dick**, we thank you for your work and leadership of Branch 146.

## 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 11:00am at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Drive (just off South Main.)*

*Check out our website at <http://sir-web.org/computer>*

Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned user, we try to offer something for everyone, including coffee & pastries! All SIR members and their guests are welcome.

At our April 16 meeting Mr. **Ken Mintz**, Area Manager, External Affairs, A.T.& T. will provide us with a presentation on U-verse - a suite of Internet Protocol-based products and services that provides all digital television programming and services, a high speed Internet connection, and voice communication with fiber optics technology. He will also provide insight on AT&T's plans and schedule for bringing this technology to your neighborhood and address questions you may have relating to A.T.&T.'s present and planned DSL service.

**Dick Curry** will also discuss utility programs he uses, as well as other techniques you might find interesting to make your computer perform better.

Following the general presentation, **Dick** will also lead an informative computer Q&A session. For more information and copies of our prior presentations visit our web site at <http://www.sir-web.org/computer/>.

**HE:** Your face must turn a few heads.

**SHE:** And your face must turn a few stomachs.

## Wine Tasting ... Bill Holly



Our next wine tasting will be on Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 2:30pm to 5:00pm at the home of **Stuart and Margot Somerville** at: 844 Stonehaven Dr. Walnut Creek, CA 94598-4537.

Directions: From downtown Walnut Creek take Ygnacio Valley Rd. North to Walnut Ave. Turn right and go approximately 1-1/2 miles to Stonehaven Dr. Turn right and go 1/4 mile to 844 Stonehaven Dr.

We will taste two varietals:



Pinot Noir as the red varietal.



Sauvignon Blanc as the white varietal.

Please bring a single bottle of either the red or the white (under \$20) in a brown paper bag plus an appetizer to share. Spouses are invited to attend.

Please RSVP to **Bill Holly** by either telephone (925) 691-5337 or email at [bill.holly@comcast.net](mailto:bill.holly@comcast.net)

**HE:** Haven't I seen you some place before?

**SHE:** Yes. That's why I don't go there anymore.



Greeters **Lew Thompson** and **Bill Weinberg**

## Luncheon Attendance Bob Lyman



SIR Luncheon is the 2nd Thursday of every month at CourseCo Restaurant at Boundary Oak Golf Club.

Please call me (925-825-6386) or email me, [rilyman@aol.com](mailto:rilyman@aol.com), by Friday noon 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 \$26.00 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 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

The luncheon menu will be available on the [www.sir146.com](http://www.sir146.com) web site **7 days prior** to the particular Thursday luncheon. Notification may also be provided via individual email.

### 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 your 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 your 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 Dale Hertweck



### Branch 146 Statistics:

Members 263 (including 4 HLMs),  
Applicant List 1, Inactive 7.

### March Attendance:

Members 190 (including 2 HLMs), Applicant List 3, Guest 5, Excused 56, Unexcused 11, 1 Speaker.  
Total March Attendance 199.

### Status Changes:

Inducted: **Dan Cochrane, Calvin Tucker and Nick Abdo**

### Added to Applicant List:

**Robby McSpadden**

### Added to Inactive List:

**Harry Alderson**

### Resigned:

None

### Transferred:

None



## Explore and Dine

### John Pearl



"Explore and Dine" ventured to downtown Oakland on February 26, where we had a great docent-lead tour of one of the finest examples of "art deco" in the country, the Paramount Theatre. If you have any more questions about the Paramount, ask our own **Bill Hartman**, who spent his formative years going to this theatre with hundred's (possibly thousand's) of dates. Lunch was at the nearby "Flora" restaurant.

We're skipping an outing in March, but are planning a docent-lead tour of the Mountain View Cemetery in Oakland on the morning of April 23. We're going to visit the present home of many famous people that also has great views!

### John Pearl

[mcpearl@astound.net](mailto:mcpearl@astound.net)

934-6920



## Lunch and Wine Group (LAW Group) Dick Woodman



March 18<sup>th</sup>, the LAW Group complete with spouses, gathered at Bucci's Restaurant in Emeryville for a great Italian dinner. It was very special to have dinner with everyone. Our spouses have been gathering for lunch on the day the men have lunch so we are all getting to know each other. It is a great group!

April 15<sup>th</sup>, we will gather at **Dick Woodman's** home for a special lunch. Special because it is **Dick's** first attempt to serve a complete meal prepared by himself. He has had one practice with this meal preparing for this LAW Group gathering but that doesn't mean he can't screw it up.

## Cooking Dave Johnson

1st Monday at various members' homes.



In March, all eight thirsty leprechauns brought their shillelaghs to **Barney O'Meade's** cottage. Sure, and didn't we have a "foin toime?" Prior to the meal, **O'Meade** provided a variety of tasties to accompany the cough medicine. The meal itself started off with an authentic Irish pub salad, followed by **Barney's** outstanding corned beef, cabbage, potatoes and carrots. He further destroyed all plans for an evening meal, with coffee, tea, and his famous Dubliner torte. By this time, everyone was talking in a recognizable Irish brogue and several fights broke out about investments. I know because someone kept yelling "Up the IRA." Our Big Sir was able to control things and the constabulary was not needed. Next meeting is at Shorty **Mandic's**, at 11:00 am, in April, sometime.

## SIR HAPPENINGS

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.

## Fishing Paul Dubow



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

All SIR members and guests are welcome and, indeed, encouraged to participate in fishing trips as well as attend the monthly meetings. Next meeting will be Thursday, April 23rd, at the Legend Sports Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek Golf Course at 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Meeting starts at 8:30.

Guest speaker will be **Don Mittlestaedt**, sharing his fly fishing experience and knowledge.

Once again, winter kept us away from the fish. However, **Dick Thomson** did manage to bring a 5 foot sturgeon to his boat on a SIR expedition to the Mothball Fleet. **Dick** fished with **Joe Miscione, Pete Gates, Tom Boltz, Carl Moyer and Sal Costanza**. **Carl** was less fortunate in other attempts with **Dick** and **Terry Miller**. But, on an adventure to Sherman Island in the company of **Tom Boltz, Carl** did catch a 70 pound sturgeon that made several acrobatic leaps completely out of the water. **George Schultz** and **Carl Moyer** caught 3 trout at Shadow Cliffs Reservoir but **Harry Sherinian** and **Carl** caught 3 less on an earlier trip. **Karl Droese** and **Joe Miscione**, joined **Howard Berkman** on his boat at Lake Berryessa in a futile attempt to troll up some trout.

We will be very busy in the future with trout fishing in the Eastern Sierras; tuna and bill fish in Mexico, a long range ocean foray from San Diego, delta fishing for striped bass and sturgeon, trout fishing in our local lakes, and several party boat trips for halibut and rockfish to also include those who rarely fish but would like to try. If you haven't been fishing in a while, but might like to test drive an adventure, come on down to our next meeting, or call **Carl Moyer**.

Next meeting will be Thursday, April 23rd, at the Legend Sports Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek Golf Course at 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Meeting starts at 8:30 am.

For further information, please contact **Craig Walton** (Big Fish) (925-937-4876;) **Carl Moyer** (Branch 8 Coordinator) (925-685-5243;) or **Joe Peterson** (Treasurer/Secretary)(916-777-5363.)

## Travel Opportunities Bob Spellman



**May 12, 2009 A Day At The California Academy of Sciences.** Visit the Academy of Sciences- the only place on the planet with an aquarium, a planetarium, a natural history museum, and a 4 story rainforest all under on roof. Whatever your interests, the new Academy is designed to engage and inspire like no other museum on the planet. Cost \$56.00 per person. Contact **Bob Hagler**, Branch 8, 925-934-7620

**May 22-25, 2009 Sacramento Jazz Jubilee.** This is the top Music Festival in the country with over 100 bands to entertain you. Beyond traditional jazz, there's blues, western, ragtime, salsa, zydeco and big band music. Something for everyone. Plan on going, it's a very enjoyable day. Cost \$35 to \$40 per person. Contact **Bob Spellman** 934-8428.

**Jun 30, 2009 Patti Page at the Grand Sierra Resort.** Best selling female artist of the 1950s and one of the first female artists to cross over from country music to pop, brings her silky smooth voice to the Grand Sierra. The trip includes deluxe Motor coach, overnight accommodations at the Grand Sierra Resort, Casino stop with bonus \$6 food credit, \$5 cash, Tickets to **Patti Page** in the Grand Sierra Showroom, Baggage handling and driver tip. Cost \$142.00 per person. Contact **Bob Spellman**, 934-8428

**Jun 24-26, 2009 Boulder Creek Golf and Fun Outing.** Join us for our annual golf outing at Boulder Creek. It includes 3 rounds of golf, 2 nights lodging and a banquet dinner. Golfers will have a fun time on this short but challenging course. For those not playing golf, it is a beautiful area to just relax and enjoy the surroundings. All this and it's only 1 ½ hours away. Cost \$315 to \$415 per couple. Contact **Ken Richter** 925-689-6217.

**Jul 29, 2009 SIR Day with the San Francisco Giants.** The game has been set for the 29th with the Pittsburgh Pirates. More information to follow.

**Sep 13-25, 2009 The Essence of Ireland.** What separates Ireland from its neighbors is the arresting

beauty of the land, the turbulent history and the broad smile that welcomes your arrival. This 13 day trip covers Belfast, Londonderry, Westport, Galway, Killarney, and Dublin. The trip cost is \$3780 per person and includes: daily breakfast, nightly hosted dinner, coach driver, guides, baggage handling, airfare and transfers, plus gratuities. Contact **Bob Hagler** Branch 8 925-934-8428.

**Sep 24, 2009 Highlights of South Africa.** On this comprehensive 19 day trip you'll discover the cultural and natural wonders of South Africa. The trip will take you to Johannesburg, Kruger National Park, Swaziland, Zululand, Wilderness, and Cape Town with optional trips to Pilanesberg National Park for a big five bush safari and Victoria Falls. Cost of the trip is \$4795 per person which includes all airfares, 17 night hotel stay, 32 meals, and 13 sightseeing tours. Space is limited so contact **Bob Spellman** to make reservations 925-934-9428

**HE:** Hi. Didn't we go on a date once? Or was it twice?

**SHE:** Must've been once.

I never make the same mistake twice.

## 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. Come join your fellow SIR members for delicious dining in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere.*

On April 16th, we will dine at the Great Wall restaurant which has a large and diverse menu featuring Mandarin and Szechwan cuisine. This is a family operated business where the chef/owner has 25 years of experience in the preparation of Chinese dishes. The restaurant has a full bar and large round tables that will accommodate large groups.

Location: 3500 Golden Gate Way, Lafayette, CA 94549

Web Site: [www.greatwalllafayette.com](http://www.greatwalllafayette.com) (includes the menu and directions)

Phone: 925-284-3500 Please RSVP by Tuesday, April 14th. I welcome your suggestions



## Away Golf Jim Baldrige



As I mentioned in our March article, our Br 146 Monday April 27 Silverado Country Club Invitational Tournament is full. We have 144 players signed up and 11 Sirs and guests on a waiting list. At our April 9 SIR Luncheon I plan to post pairing sheets for Silverado and the names of those still on the waiting list. Up to Sunday April 26, if cancellations are received, I plan to fill in openings with names from the waiting list in the order in which I received them and I will contact players who are next up to move from the waiting list to the April 27 Pairing Sheet.

April 27 is also the first day of the State Golf Tournament in Las Vegas. Guests will stay at the Sun Coast Hotel and Casino 4/27 through 5/1. For information go to [sirinc.org](http://sirinc.org) or call direct to the hotel at 1-866-636-7111 and use the group code "9SIRGI".

Upcoming Area 2 Golf Events are as follows:

Contact **Ron Plachy** for details.

Governor's Cup Wednesday April 15 Boundary Oak 8:30 am.

Poppy Hills State Championship Area Qualifier

Thursday May 21 Lone Tree GC 8:00 am Shotgun.

Team Scramble Friday July 10 Franklin Canyon 8:00 am Shotgun.

Flyers are out for the State Tournament at Reno.

Guests will stay at the Circus-Circus Hotel and Casino. There will be three weeks this year. June 1-5, June 8-12 and June 15-19. They will play three day scramble events each week at Arrow Creek, Wolf Run and Lakeridge. Go to [sirinc.org](http://sirinc.org) for details.

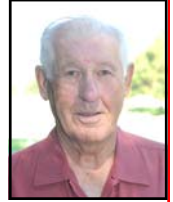
For those interested in playing with our 9 hole group contact **Jim Hanck** at 925-933-9505 or email him at [Jhanck@astound.net](mailto:Jhanck@astound.net). **Jim** sets up 4 or 5 tee times at Diablo Hills every other week. Questions: **Jim Baldrige** 925-689-9232 [jimjudy39@aol.com](mailto:jimjudy39@aol.com).

### 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.

## Tuesday Golf Ray Weisz



February 24: First Flight: **Ron Binder (72), David Steinberg**. Second Flight: **Chuck Campbell (75), Ron Plachy**. Third Flight: **Garth Cummings (82), Don Del Bene**. Closest to the pin: **Jim Burk #2, Walt Busenius**.

March 3: Tuesday Golf was cancelled because of rain.

March 10: First Flight: **Bob White (70), Ken Kratz**. Second Flight: **Bob Royster (73), Chuck Campbell**. Third Flight: **Garth Cummings (70), Dan O'Sullivan**. Closest to the pin: **David Steinberg #2**.

Looks like the three Flights are working...

We are beginning to see a better mix of names on the winner list.

**HE:** Can I have your name?

**SHE:** Why? Don't you already have one?

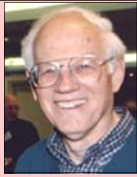


**Fred and Phyllis Bolton**  
at the March dinner dance

## SIR 146 Computer Classes

Lo McCarley

### Microsoft Windows Vista



**Hey you guys who want to learn Vista!** Come and learn the great things Vista can do for you:

- Set up **Vista** the way you want it. (4 easy steps)
- Find files, folders, content, e-mails easily and quickly with amazing, fast and easy **Search** capabilities.
- Move easily to and between files and topics with the handy **Address Bar**.
- Keep your dates and appointments straight and develop your to-do lists using **Windows Calendar**.
- For the adventurer:
  - ◇ Forget Outlook Express. It's Passé! Use **Windows Mail** to send, receive and manage e-mail.
  - ◇ Forget your Address Book. It's Passé! Now you have **Windows Contacts** (accessible to other applications also) to keep track of names, addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses.
- Organize and improve your photos with **Windows Photo Gallery**. Not quite Photoshop Elements but easier
- Tighten security and privacy with **Windows Defender**.
- Set (**Grand**) **Parental Controls** to protect your grandkids (or to protect your computer from your grandkids).

- Do **none of the above or some of the above**. Whatever flaps your chaps, cowboy or cowgirl.

All this stuff is easy to learn and you'll love it after you've learned it! Check the following 2 series of lectures...

#### I Four Classes

Wed. 4/1, Fri. 4/3, Wed. 4/15, and Fri. 4/17

#### II Classes Repeated

Wed. 4/22, Fri. 4/24, Wed. 4/29, and Fri. 5/1

Come to any or all of the classes for a total of \$10 for Branch 146 members and spouses or \$20 for those not connected to Branch 146. Use the second series for make up if you miss a lesson or two, or just want a refresher.

#### Where

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

#### Time

1:00 to 3:00 each class day

#### To Enroll

Email **Lo** at lomccarley@astound.net

Or phone **Lo** at 935-3939

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



Left to Right; Sue McCarley, Jo Spellman, Bob Spellman, Cliff Perkins, Karen Perkins and Lo McCarley at the March dinner dance



# Newbies



Bob Johnston introduces Daniel Cochrane



Nick Abdo introduced by Stu Somerville



Calvin Tucker introduced by Chuck Eichten

**HE:** What would you say if I asked you to marry me?  
**SHE:** Nothing. I can't talk and laugh at the same time.



## Walkers John Lewis



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

### Walking Schedule for April

- April 3            Arbolado Park South--Arbolado Drive  
Walnut Creek  
 Meet: At Arbolado Park  
 Walk: West on Arbolado Drive to south along Ygnacio Canal  
 Paved    Level    Some shade  
 Coffee: Deli Delight    Shadelands Office Park
- April 10           Lafayette Trail East--St Mary's Road  
Lafayette  
 Meet: At Lafayette Community Center  
 Walk: Follows St Mary's Rd toward Lafayette  
 Paved    Level    Some shade  
 Coffee: Terzetto Cuisine    Moraga
- April 17           Pleasant Hill North    Morello & Taylor  
Pleasant Hill  
 Meet: At Shopping Center Parking Lot  
 Walk: North along Contra Costa Canal  
 Paved    Level    Some shade  
 Coffee: Panera Bakery (for Flo) in the Willows Shopping Center. Take Taylor Blvd east toward I-680, continue east to Diamond Blvd, turn left going north to first stop light, turn left into Shopping center. Panera is straight ahead.
- April 24           Osage Park Rose Walk  
 Meet: Take 680 south to Sycamore east exit, cross freeway to first right on Camino Ramon the left on El Capitan, left at first stop sign past Iron Horse Trail  
 Walk: Around roses at Osage Park  
 Paved    Level    Some shade  
 Coffee: Pascal French Oven  
155-B Railroad Ave

**HE:** Go on, don't be shy. Ask me out.  
**SHE:** Okay, get out.

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## Branch 146 Day at the Races

L to R, Paul Dubow, Dan Schlatter, Vince Rettew, Jockey, Elaine Richter, Donna Strong, Barbara Roberts.