

## WE ARE SIR – MAKE FRIENDS FOR LIFE

Luncheon— Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup>  
Boundary Oak Clubhouse

Guest Speaker  
Heather Ballenger  
Walnut Creek Director of Public Works  
“The Dynamic State of Walnut Creek  
Public Works and Challenges for 2018”

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

Bringing a guest or can't attend?  
Email: [nolunchbranch146@gmail.com](mailto:nolunchbranch146@gmail.com)  
Telephone Message: (925) 979-5146  
By Noon Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>



Our January featured speaker, cardiologist Dr. Carolyn Lacey

## Big Sir's Notes

Bruce Borgman



We started off the New Year well with five guests in attendance! We also welcomed **Michael Riley** (sponsor: **Max Hinkle**) as a new member, who was inducted a few months ago, but not introduced to the membership. Also introduced was new member **Steve Pickelman** who was sponsored by **Jim Pfohl**.

We had an interesting speaker with Dr. Carolyn Lacey, a cardiologist, who gave us good insight in the workings of the heart and the various disease processes which may affect the function of this important organ. Thanks to Dr. **Gene Voelkel** who arranged to have Dr. Lacey speak to us. **Jonathan Korfhage**, our Little Sir, has been working diligently on the speakers for the rest of the year and you will be inspired by the variety and quality of the speakers he has already set up.

As we begin the new year, if you've not already done so, we ask all of you to pay your annual dues promptly. As you know, the dues were reduced to \$15. We are also encouraging you to become one of our annual payers who pay the luncheon cost and dues in one fell swoop – a move which will save you money! It is only \$208 for the entire year. This is the equivalent of 8 lunches and includes the dues! In addition to being a good deal for you, this will simplify the task of our finance folks who have to reconcile the monthly luncheon payments.

At our January luncheon we were pleased to honor two of our members. **Bill Cammerer** was presented with a certificate to commemorate achieving the momentous milestone of ninety years of age, and **Ray Weisz** was presented with a certificate of appreciation for his many years of service to the branch, particularly with the golf activity. Congratulations to these fine members!

Another function that is performed in the early part of the year is an audit of our finances for the previous year. The chair of the audit committee, **Al Munayer**, is hard at work with his team to ensure that we have managed our finances appropriately. A report will be presented to the BEC in February.

Be sure to read Sir **Jerry Kaplan's** Activities report on page 4. The BEC has authorized a breakfast meeting for all activity chairs on March 2<sup>nd</sup> to recognize these Sirs and to share ideas.

Our next luncheon is Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. **Jonathan** has scheduled an interesting speaker again! See his Little Sir corner for details. Be sure the date is on your calendar, and bring a friend or neighbor who can benefit from our camaraderie, and join in one of the many activities. See you there!

# SIR Mission Statement

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



## Little Sir's Corner

Jonathan Korfhage

### A moment in time

“Live in the moment, day by day, and don't stress about the future. People are so caught up in looking into the future, that they kind of lose what's in front of them.”

*Jenna Ushkowitz, Actress*

It's time to celebrate February! For a brief time this month we have an opportunity to see old friends and, perhaps, make new ones. Reach out and introduce yourself!

Our first speaker this year was Dr. Carolyn Lacey. She gave us some great information about taking care of ourselves and our hearts with emphasis on good nutrition, dealing with stress, exercise, and being social!

Our speaker for February 8<sup>th</sup> is Heather Ballenger, Walnut Creek Director of Public Works speaking on 'The Dynamic State of Walnut Creek Public Works and Challenges for 2018'

On another note, you may know that part of my responsibility is to follow up on those Sirs who did not attend the lunch but neglected to notify the “no-lunch” email or phone number. As you know, we need to notify Boundary Oak a few days ahead of the luncheon as to the number of meals to prepare. We are charged for the number of meals we submit. While we anticipate some unforeseen absences, if you know you will not be able to attend the luncheon, please let us know so we can adjust our meal count accordingly – This part of my job is not much fun AND if you don't let us know, someone has to “eat” the \$26!

If you are an activity chair, thank you! We invite you and all the activity chairs to join us for a free breakfast at Boundary Oak on Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 8:00 am. This will be a great networking opportunity for you! We greatly appreciate your leadership in our Branch. **Jerry Kaplan** will be touch with more information.

*“We are all travelers in the desert of life and the best we can find in our journey is an honest friend.”*

*Robert Louis Stevenson*



## Membership

Dave Pierce

We welcomed two new members, **Romesh Loomba** and **Steve Pickelman**, and we have four new members (so far) to induct in February. That's a good start on this year's goal of 30 new members, and 50 guests. Please look for their yellow badges and greet our new members at lunch, and encourage them to join activities. Guest lunches are paid for by the branch, and we'll have another sponsors drawing for a free lunch in July.

### Recent New Member Photo Additions



**Mike Riley**

*Inducted in October*



**Steve Pickelman**



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

Honoree Chair, **Doug Eisner** presents **Bill Cammerer** with certificate to commemorate achieving ninety years of age

### SIR Call Newsletter Group

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**Richard Hockenbrock**  
**Walt Busenius, Rob Melrose**  
**Cal Tucker, Jonathan Korfhage,**  
**Pat Lucia, and Jim Barry**  
**Ron Plachy**



## Sunshine

### Calvin Tucker

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

- ◆ Jim Bogue
- ◆ Bob Johnston
- ◆ Barney Meade
- ◆ Larry Mitchell
- ◆ Carl Pagter
- ◆ Jim Saavedra
- ◆ Dick Woodman

We note with sadness the passing of **Ken Donnelly** on January 28<sup>th</sup>.

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

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

**Cal Tucker**, Sunshine Chair

phone: (925) 389 6070 Email: [calvinctucker@gmail.com](mailto:calvinctucker@gmail.com)

### **BOB WALTON-DECEASED**

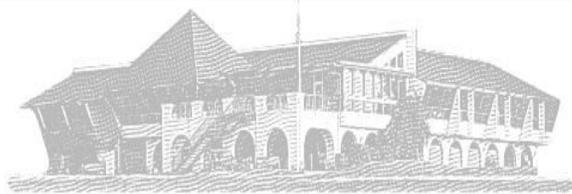
We have learned that longtime Branch 146 member and Past Big Sir **Bob Walton** passed away on August 10, 2017 at the age of 92. Bob joined Branch 146 in 1992 and served in a number of leadership positions within both our Branch and State SIR- including as Branch Computer Group Chairman '92-'94, Branch Secretary '93/'94, Big Sir '95, and Mentor / Liaison with new Branch 171 startup '94/'95. He also was State Database Committee member and State Communications Chairman while helping develop/implement the State database and other information systems. He received an Honorary Life Member award in 1998 for his exceptional contributions to SIR.

(by **Dick DeVoe**)



Honoree Chair, **Doug Eisner** presents **Ray Weisz** with Certificate of Appreciation for his many years of service to the branch

Photo by Richard Hockenbrock



# THE CLUBHOUSE

AT BOUNDARY OAK

SIR 146 Luncheon

February 2018

### Salad

#### **Quinoa Salad**

*Butter Lettuce, Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Feta Cheese  
Red Wine Vinaigrette*

### Entrees

#### **Pork Chop**

*Oven Roasted Pork Chop,  
Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables  
Port Wine Sauce & Applesauce*

Or

#### **Sesame Crusted Alaskan Cod**

*Rice Pilaf, Seasonal Vegetables, Tomato Butter  
Sauce*

### Dessert

#### **Chocolate Truffle Cake**

*Vanilla Frosting, Cookie Crumbles,  
Raspberry Coulis*

### **SIR Happenings Newsletter**

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



## Activities Coordinator

Jerry Kaplan

### MORE BRANCH ACTIVITIES

The year 2018 has begun and two new activities have been added to the list of almost 50 different happenings that Branch 146 has available and welcoming to our

almost 300 members.

The new activities are **PINOCHLE** and **CHESS**; both have been initiated in cooperation with Branch 8. Sir **Jeff Morrow** and **Charlie Kahsen** are spearheading our branch's efforts to establish a regular **PINOCHLE** group meeting. **Jeff** and **Charlie** have a column elsewhere in this month's SIR CALL that provide the latest information on where and when the monthly get-togethers are occurring.

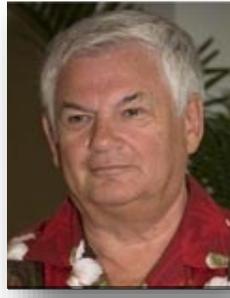
Sir **Jeff Morrow** also has been working with Branch 8 to assist in establishing the **CHESS** activity within Branch 146 as well as other branches in the area. Contact **Jeff** at [jeffrey.morrow@gmail.com](mailto:jeffrey.morrow@gmail.com) or at 944-7009 to find out more information about the new activity.

Twenty-nine (29) of the Branch's activities are co-ed, *available to spouses and significant others*. If you haven't found an activity that you like, or you are on a substitute list and want to play **POKER**, **BRIDGE**, or **MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES** on a more regular basis, let me know and I will help get another group going. I can also assist in starting up a brand new activity that may be attractive to others in the branch.

**ACTIVITY CHAIR BREAKFAST MEETING:** The Branch Executive Committee (BEC) has authorized me and appropriated funds to sponsor an *Appreciation Breakfast Meeting for all Activity Chairs*. The date is **MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup> AT 8:00 AM AT BOUNDARY OAK**. Chairs will be able to get together to discuss their thoughts and exchange ideas about how their activity is working, make suggestions for possible improvements (if needed), and have a general discussion about insurance issues, possible need for a backup chair, etc.

I have sent out an invitation to the chairs and have heard from many of you saying you plan to be there. If you haven't RSVP'd as yet, **PLEASE DO SO ASAP** so we will have an accurate count for the meeting and breakfast.

A meeting agenda will be sent out by mid-February for your review and any suggestions that could be incorporated into the discussion.



## Couples Dining Out

Bruce Borgman

With all the activity of the holiday season, we had less time to find a new restaurant for our Couples Dining Out activity in January. We decided to go back to a place we had enjoyed in 2016, Faz

Restaurant, Danville with a Persian / Mediterranean flair. On January 16<sup>th</sup> our Dining Out group started off 5:30 with some chips, hummus and salsa while getting the Happy Hour pricing at the bar for our social hour. We practically had the comfortable bar area to ourselves. We had fifty five paid diners signed up but two couples could not make it, so we wound up with 51.

As we moved on to dinner in a separate dining room, the seating was arranged with tables for eight which was particularly conducive to fun socializing and gave our diners a chance to meet new people. We began with a tasty Greek salad. The entrees were a choice of Pomegranate chicken, Sicilian pot roast or one of their specialties, mushroom raviolis. For dessert we enjoyed NY style cheesecake along with coffee or tea.

We received many comments that this was one of our most enjoyable dining experiences in recent memory. No doubt we will return to this restaurant in the not too distant future. We are now looking for a restaurant in March – likely Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, or Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>; since your host will be on a trip later in the month. We have already received a few suggestions and are always open to additional ones. There are some new restaurants in the area we are anxious to try.

As a footnote to our January event, the diners who were unable to attend were delivered their complete dinners by us later. We were told that these two couples enjoyed a great dinner in the comfort of their homes! While everything worked out this time, we don't want anyone in the group to get any ideas, the main event is still to gather at a restaurant for good food and socializing! See you in March!

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Gambling addiction hotlines would do so much better if every fifth caller was a winner

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## Travel Opportunities

**Milt Smith**

Due to the fires I found it necessary to re-consider the day trips I talked about late last year. Please provide your input directly to me on the following that I'm considering.

### Lunch and River Cruise in Sacramento.

Lunch on the Delta King and a one hour cruise on a Hornblower Yacht. This is a Saturday trip—More to come.

### Leland Stanford Mansion and Wells Fargo Museum

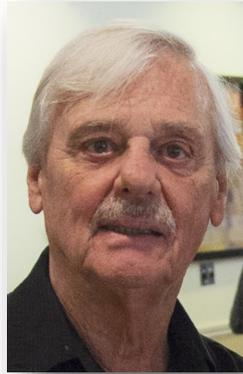
Your day will begin with a docent led tour of the Leland Stanford Mansion. After a \$22 million restoration, the mansion is now open to the public and serves the citizens of California as the state's official reception center for leaders from around the world. The mansion is a stunning example of splendor and elegance of the Victorian era in California.

On your tour of this beautiful 19,000 square foot mansion you will see: Beautifully restored woodwork, Historic paintings and original period furnishings that belonged to the Stanford Family. After your visit to the Mansion, you are off to lunch at the Old Spaghetti Factory. Then on to the Wells Fargo Museum at the Capital Mall. Here your docent will guide you through the museum, which houses an authentic 1866 Abbot-Downing Stagecoach, a working telegraph line, collection of postal covers, artifacts, documents and even real gold specimens from the area.

### Cornerstone Sunset Gardens and Marketplace

Tours are available Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays. We will enjoy a docent led tour of the beautiful Cornerstone Gardens in Sonoma. These ever-changing series of gardens, showcasing innovative designs from international and local landscape architects and designers are a site for those with a "green thumb" as well as the novice gardener. The gardens were inspired by the International Garden Festival at Chaumont-Sur-Loire to create a cultural and creative haven, celebrating art, architecture and nature. Currently there are nine gardens, with five focusing on food production, bee habitat, cut flowers and composting. During your ninety-minute docent led tour you will also visit the Sunset Test Kitchens.

After your tour, your group will enjoy a box lunch in a private garden location. The day would not be complete without time to shop and browse the many unique shops and galleries of Cornerstone.



## SIR 146 Hiking

**Rich Ahlf**

On February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 we will be hiking the Martin Luther King Jr regional Shoreline. This will be another flat easy hike like last month. We will enjoy birdwatching at Doolittle Pond or from the trail along the San Leandro Creek Channel to arrowhead Marsh.

Walk as far as you wish and dogs are welcome.

Directions; From I-880 in Oakland, exit at Hegenberger Road and proceed west. Turn right onto Doolittle Drive (Hwy.61 and right again onto Swan Way. Then turn left into the park for access to trails. I park at the first parking lot, if you don't want to hike to far you could drive to the end of this road and park at Arrow Head Marsh where restrooms are also available.

Spouses / Significant Other — Always Welcome  
Rain Cancels

Hike starts at 10:00 am

E-mail: [rahlf@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rahlf@sbcglobal.net)

Cell (925) 550-4967

### Foreign Travel

In the unofficial poll I took in December I found the three most sought after trips were, Western Europe Grand Tour, River Cruises and South America, particularly the Galapagos Islands.

I am looking into each of these now. Please contact me with any input or questions you may have.

### Branch 8 Upcoming River Trip August 22-30

Begin your tour with Lyon, France's gastronomical capital. Then, cruise through France's legendary wine growing regions, home to famous wines. Enjoy wine tasting tours at local vintners, marvel at Roman Ruins and stroll through medieval villages. See the UNESCO World Heritage Site at Avignon as well as Arles, the city where Vincent Van Gogh spent much of his life. Disembark or continue on for an optional post-cruise program in magnificent Barcelona. Prices range from \$6050 to \$7000 pp double occupancy. Contact **Larry Yarberry** [L.yarberry42@comcast.net](mailto:L.yarberry42@comcast.net). This looks like a good one with some SIR members from other branches.

AGAIN, contact me with questions, comments and ideas.

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



## Fishing Report

**Paul Dubow**

Similar to last year, trout fishing has started well at Shadow Cliffs Reservoir. **Pete Gates, Brion Beetz, and Gene Schulting** (and his son) of Branch 146 all came home with rainbows along with **Bob Hillaker, Dick Thomson, Carl Moyer,**

**Ken Konzak, Phil Scimonelli, Bob Fieber, Terry Miller, and Ray Pixton.** In addition, **Ken** landed a large catfish on his trout rig. **Tom Kostik** eschewed fishing at Shadow Cliffs and continued his forays into the Delta, catching stripers on each trip.

We have plans for a number of outings in the coming months. This includes continued trout fishing at Shadow Cliffs plus trout fishing at San Pablo Reservoir when it reopens around Valentine’s Day, striper and sturgeon fishing in the Delta, trout fishing at Lake Davis, Lake Almanor, and Pyramid Lake, salmon fishing in the ocean and in the Sacramento and Feather Rivers, and a striper outing to New Hogan Reservoir in Valley Springs. In addition, we have visited the International Sportsmen’s Show in Sacramento by the time this issue has gone to print and we have plans for a visit to Fisherman’s Warehouse in Manteca and an outing to Princeton Harbor on Half Moon Bay for lunch, sightseeing, and live crab.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, February 28, at the Legends Sports Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek Golf Course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. The meeting begins at 8:30 am, but please join us for breakfast beginning at 7:30. All those who currently are fishing, used to fish, or who would like to start fishing are welcome. For further information, contact branch fishing coordinator **Paul Dubow** at (415) 495-6504.



Photo by Carl Moyer

**Brion Beetz** displays the rainbow trout that he and two others caught at Shadow Cliffs Reservoir



## Cribbage

**John Pearl**

Seven of the finest cribbage players in all of SIR braved the weather to gather at **Barney Meade’s** home on Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. Laughter rang out through the room.

The big winner in January was **Jim Stedman.** He was closely followed by the Chair **John Pearl,** while **Jim Pope** came in third.

We plan to play again in February on Wednesday, the 28<sup>th</sup>.



### 2018 Branch 146 Officers and Directors

Big Sir .....	<b>Bruce Borgman</b>
Little Sir .....	<b>Jonathan Korfhage</b>
Secretary .....	<b>Brad Hatcher</b>
Assistant Secretary .....	<b>Richard Hockenbrock</b>
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Publicity .....	<b>Bob Mehus</b>

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



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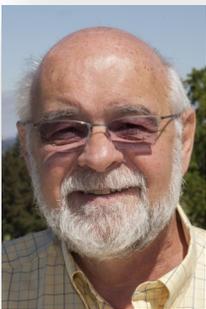
## Acoustic Musicians

**Carl Tilchen**

Our next meeting of the SIR Acoustic Musicians will be Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm. The address is 1281 Homestead Ave, #1D, near Ygnacio Valley Road, Walnut Creek. Park on Homestead Ave, walk into garage, call last name **Elnick** on communication device, enter door, take elevator to 1st floor and walk to unit 1D.

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

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



## Wine Tasting

**Rob Melrose**

Our next Wine Tasting Event is February 28<sup>th</sup>. Once again **Richard** and **Sherry Hockenbrock** have volunteered to open their lovely home to the group. Picking the wines they want to feature, the host and hostess have chosen traditional role reversals, where they want to emphasis white wines from Napa Valley and red wines from Sonoma County.

Last year, all our events were hosted by first timers (**Hockenbrock, Lucido** and **Stengel**). I am hoping we can continue with new people hosting in 2018. The other events will be on April 25<sup>th</sup>, July 25<sup>th</sup>, and October 24<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in hosting one of the events, please let me know. If you think you might be interested but are terrified, ask past hosts; we try to make hosting easy for you. If you have limited space, we can limit the number of attendees.



## Pickleball

**Jim Burk**

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

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

**Jim Burk**

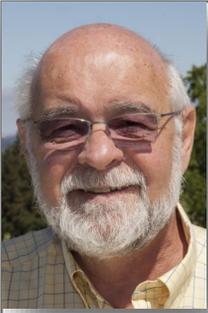
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Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

**Paul Dubow & Frank Rockwell** probably talking about the fish that weren't biting prior to the start of the January luncheon



## Luncheon Chairman

**Rob Melrose**

I hope January treated you well. Don't forget Valentines Day is Feb. 14th so it is not too early to start making plans.

### January's Luncheon

- Lunches consumed: 219.
- Members Excused: 48
- Members giving notice after deadline: 0
- Members considered "No Shows": 22, resulting in potential cost to the branch: \$572

### February 8<sup>th</sup> Luncheon

- Cost: \$26
- Preferred payment method is check
- Opt Out Deadline: February 2<sup>nd</sup> at Noon
- Email: [NoLunchBranch146@gmail.com](mailto:NoLunchBranch146@gmail.com)
- If you need to call: (925) 979-5146

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

Bringing a guest: please notify Lunch Chair with guest's name at [NoLunchBranch146@gmail.com](mailto:NoLunchBranch146@gmail.com)

Annual Payers: Since we have lowered the price, we really need you to let us know if you are not coming before the deadline so the kitchen isn't wasting food and to keep the price lowered next year.



## Walking Group

**Frank Ascatigno**

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

*Call **Frank** for current walk.*

*Rain cancels any walk.*

*Ladies Welcome*

*Tel: (925) 429-2232*



## Pinochle

**Charlie Kahsen /  
Jeff Morrow**

Last month  
we welcomed **Bob  
Weiss** from SIR



Branch 8 to our pinochle group and, despite 50 years of rust, **Bob** played well enough for **Jeff Morrow** and him to win the first game!

### **IMPORTANT NEWS:**

In an effort to attract more players to our monthly pinochle game, and after much discussion with both the regular Branch 146 pinochle players and the prospective Branch 8 players, we have changed the date and time of our schedule as follows:

⇒ We are moving the date

- ◆ *FROM* the FIRST Wednesday of the month
- ◆ *TO* the THIRD Wednesday of the month

⇒ AND, we are moving the time

- ◆ *FROM* 11:00 am - 2:00 p.m. (lunch during that time)
- ◆ *TO* 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm (optional lunch from Noon - 1:00)

The location remains the same: Rocco's Ristorante Pizzeria, 2909 Ygnacio Valley Rd, Walnut Creek, CA

As a result of the date change, our next game is scheduled for Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at Rocco's, and those interested in lunch will start gathering around noon.

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

If you plan to play cards, let us know ahead of time so we can let Rocco's know the number of tables we'll need. We hope to see you there.

**Charlie Kahsen**

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**Jeff Morrow**

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Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

January Luncheon Greeters **Bob Lyman,**  
**Rich Lyon,** and **Cass Buys**

# Mexican Train Dominoes Groups



## Mexican Train Dominoes Group 1 (UNO)

**Jerry Kaplan**

The Group One players met on January 12<sup>th</sup> for a rousing Game Night (and somewhat noisy, at least at some tables) at the inviting Concord home of Sir **Frank Ascatigno** and his wife, **Marie**. All three tables were almost full with subs Sir **Jeff Baily** and his wife, **Alicia**, as well as Sir **John (Moose) Kelly** and his significant other, **Mary Schmidt**, joining the evening's fun. The treats were delicious, especially the two cakes Marie baked for our halftime break.

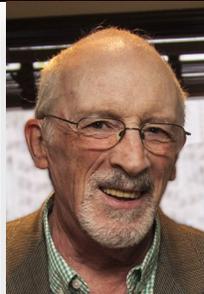
The evening's winners included Big Sir **Bruce Borgman**, taking first place with an average score of 14.2, followed by **Sue Oranje**, wife of Sir **Corrie**, (15.4), and third place with an average score of 16.3, went to Sir **Jeff Baily's** wife, **Alicia**.

Group One is always looking for other Sirs who may be interested in playing occasionally when a regular is not available. Mexican Train Dominoes is fun to play and easy to learn. Several individuals who had never played before have come to our Game Night and after just one open hand, were right in the midst of the fun. Please contact Jerry if you want to join a fun night out! Single Sirs as well as a SIR member and his Significant Other are always welcome.

**Jerry Kaplan**

(925) 930-7076

[mtdana@aol.com](mailto:mtdana@aol.com)



## Mexican Train Dominoes Group 3 (TRES) [December]

**Jeff Baily**

New Year's Eve has become the December night for Mexican Train Dominoes Group 3 and this year **Walt** and **Sue Busenius** did a great job of hosting on that night. First out of the train station and winning the first games at their respective tables were **Lynn Shafer**, **Frank Ascatigno** and **Carl Feil**. But best player of the evening went to **Marie Ascatigno**. **Marie** won 3 out of 6 games at table 3 and went on to secure 1<sup>st</sup> place for the evening with an impressive score of 9.7. Second place went to **Carl Feil** scoring 16.0 and **Alicia Baily** took 3<sup>rd</sup> place, coming in with a score of 16.6.

By the way, it is believed that Group 3 might have another person of interest, scoring a 444 in 10 games to rack up a dismal average of 44.4. That person is known to be in hiding at this time but, nevertheless Group 3 takes some pride in that statistic.

We all took a break at 8:45 local time to enjoy **Sue's** yummys and **Walt's** birthday cake (yes December 31<sup>st</sup> is Walt's birth date!) and to watch and join New Yorkers in Times Square to welcome in 2018. Back to playing at 9:15 and everybody was home safely by about 10:45.



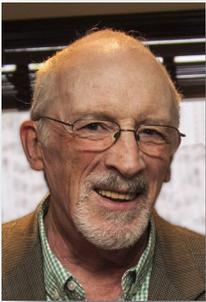
Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

MTD 1 January winners were **Bruce Borgman**, **Sue Oranje** (L), and **Alicia Baily** (R)



Photo by Jeff Baily

Mexican Train Dominoes 3 on New Year's Eve at the home of **Walt** and **Sue Busenius**. (L to R) **Lynn Shafer**, **Linda** and **Steve Siljestrom**, **Jeff Baily**, **Carl Feil**, **Walt** and **Sue Busenius**, **Dick Richmond**, **Alicia Baily**, **Joyce Feil**, **Sharon Varner**, **Jim Stedman**, **Marie** and **Frank Ascatigno**.



## Mexican Train Dominoes Group 3 (TRES) [January]

**Jeff Baily**

The first game night of the 2018 was hosted by **Dick and Judy Richmond** at their welcoming home in Walnut Creek on Friday, January 26th. Fourteen members of the group were in attendance and a great time was had by all. As usual, a few players had great nights while others wished they had called in sick. **Marie Ascagnò** (Sir **Frank's** wife) lead the scoring with an average of 13.3, followed by Sir **Jim Stedman** with 14.4 and close behind in third place was **Judy Richmond** with 14.5. A fun time for sure. There are no losers, right?

*(Reported by **Larry Brown**)*



## Mexican Train Dominoes Group 4 (El Quattro)

**Jim Pope**

The El Quattro Mexican Train Dominos Group met on Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. We had 14 boisterous members participating; **Henry and Barbara Thatcher, Don and June Seaton, Dick and Leslie Firth, Jonathan and Barbara Korfhage, Dick and Christy DeVoe, Rich and Kim Pace, and Jim and Renie Pope.**

The refreshments were provided by Team 2, made up of one half of the women, and their sweets and savories were splendid. All enhanced by the several bottles of wine provided by 3 gentleman.

Then the "Games Began". With 2 tables each competing for 7-\$1.00 California Lottery Scratcher Tickets with maximum prize of \$888. The fierce battle yielded 2 winners; **Don Seaton and Rich Pace.** A fun time was had by all!!!



Photo by Larry Brown

MTD Group 3 winners in January were [L to R] **Marie Ascagnò** (1st place), **Jim Stedman** (2nd place), and **Judy Richmond** (3rd place)



Photo by Jim Pope

**Rich Pace and Don Seaton** rigorously scratching their lottery tickets following their low score wins with Mexican Train Dominoes El Quattro



## Mexican Train Dominoes Group 5 (Cinco)

**Dave Pierce**

When **Joan and Dave Pierce** hosted us on January 18<sup>th</sup>, it was once again the men at one table and the ladies at the other. For the Sirs, the year got off to a good start. Once again, the men had the low scores: **Dave** (17.0), **Dennis Hallett** (18.4), and **Doug Eisner** (20.8). It's only fair to point out that the

ladies were missing one of their star players, **Marty Campbell**. **Doug and Dennis** each went out three times. We were all winners when **Joan** served her chocolate chip gingerbread cake.

**Dave Pierce**  
(925) 932-3877  
[dwpi@astound.net](mailto:dwpi@astound.net)



## Cooking II

**Bob Yolland**

It's with great sadness that we lost a regular member of our group, **Steve Dawkins**. We will all miss his wit, humor, opinions, and comments at our monthly lunches. May his soul rest in peace.

Cooking II had a wonderful lunch to start off 2018 at the home of **Bruce Borgman**. He started with a few different cheeses, smoked salmon on crackers with capers, salami, several other meats, and of course plenty of wine. The salad was a great lettuce wedge with lots of bacon bits, tomatoes and an excellent dressing. **Bruce's** main entree was perfect for a cold winter day. He served an exceptionally good pot roast that took hours to prepare, with small roast potatoes, carrots, pearl onions and a very flavorful gravy. For dessert, **Bruce** served a caramelized sticky pudding with whipped-cream. Thank you, **Bruce**, for a job well done. You have set a high bar this year for all of us to meet.

Cooking II would like to welcome **Steve Yberra** as our new permanent member. Our next event will be dinner out with our wives for Valentine's Day on February 12<sup>th</sup>.



## Photography Group

**Richard Hockenbrock**

Our next meeting is scheduled for March 30<sup>th</sup>. As is customary, we invite all attendees to bring a thumb drive with any pictures they would like to share with to the group.

The subject of this meeting will be portrait photography. We will look at some of the "do's" and "don't's" of taking pictures of people, as well as whether to use a flash or no flash.

We will also show a half hour video from the National Geographic series *Fundamentals of Photography II* on a subject of interest to the gathered group.

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

Cell: (925) 324-1713

### Next Meeting

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

**Subject:** New camera technology advances

**When:** March 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am—11:00 am



## Book Group

On a cold and rainy Monday morning on January 8th, the Book Group met to discuss Scott Adams' latest book *Win Bigly: Persuasion in a World Where Facts Don't Matter*. In this book, Scott uses his understanding of persuasion techniques to explain how Donald Trump won the 2016

Presidential election. According to the author, Trump used crafted words like "crooked" Hillary and repetition of these targeted words to slowly shape public opinion. Adams presented his understanding of persuasion methods as a science but it seemed to us the persuasion skills he discussed were more a practiced art rather an applied science. At the end, the book lost some of its impact because Adams spent too much time congratulating himself on his brilliant observations.

For our next book we wanted to avoid more political realities and seek a world of fiction. After a short discussion, we chose *Artemis* by Andy Weir. We will meet Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, at 8:30 am at the Greenery Restaurant.



## SongSirs

**Bruce Borgman**

The SongSirs have had some great practices with good turnout in January as we are preparing for a performance for the VIP group of the Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church on February 7<sup>th</sup>. Our Romantic Song set will be quite appropriate for the

February performance, which is close to Valentine's Day. We will be wearing our blue vests, white shirts with a red bow tie, and tan pants – we will look very festive! The songs will include "You Light Up my Life", "You'll Never Know", "Love" (well known song by Nat King Cole), "It Had to be You", "I Can't Give You Anything But Love", "You Make me Feel So Young", "Love and Marriage", and a few more. We will finish with "Thanks for the Memories".

We may try to sing this repertoire for one of the Nursing Centers in the area as well in February. Then, before long it will be March when we like to sing some of those beautiful Irish melodies for St. Patrick's Day.

If you enjoy singing – yes, even in the shower, come out and join us – we practice every first and third Wednesday in the Multiuse Room at Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church for about an hour.

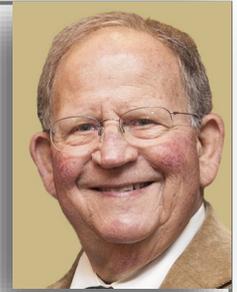


Henry Thatcher

## SIR Explore & Eat Event

# Jelly Belly Factory Tour

## February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018



Jim Pope



An Explore & Eat Event is planned for February 26<sup>th</sup> to tour of the Jelly Belly Factory in Fairfield. The tour group will meet at 9:45 am at the Jelly Belly Factory with the tour to start at 10:00. The tour should take 1 1/2 to 2 hours with Q&A and tastings at the end of the tour. If you are interested in more information, check out the Jelly Belly website, <https://www.jellybelly.com/california-factory-tours>.

- Factory tours are free to the public and offered daily, parking is free at the Jelly Belly Visitor Center on 1 Jelly Belly Lane.
- Directions to the Jelly Belly Visitor Center are:
- Head North on I680 to North on I80, Exit Highway 12/Suisun City, Exit Chadbourne Road, turn right on Chadbourne Road, then turn left on Courage Drive to Jelly Belly Lane, and turn left on Jelly Belly Lane to the Jelly Belly Visitor Center.

After the Tour, at approximately 12:30, we will proceed to the CAST IRON GRILL AND BAR, 700 MAIN STREET, SUITE 104, NEARBY IN QUAIN T SUISUN CITY. Downtown Suisun City is just East of the Jelly Belly Factory up Hwy 12 (Directions: Go back the way you came into the Visitor Center to Highway 12 East, Proceed East Hwy 12, a short distance and, take the Main Street Exit into Suisun City. Proceed south on Main Street to Solano Street. Look for parking as there are 3 FREE parking lots around the restaurant along with metered parking within easy walking distance to the restaurant.

Please reserve your spot by sending an email to: [exploreandeat@gmail.com](mailto:exploreandeat@gmail.com)

Include your name and the name of your guest(s)



Co-chairs: **Henry Thatcher** (925) 997-5032 and **Jim Pope** (925) 699-6447



## Couples Duplicate Bridge 1

**Bob Yolland**

Thank you to **Dick** and **Christy** SIR Couples Duplicate Bridge had an excellent evening of Bridge at **Bill** and **Margaret Rees's** home January 17<sup>th</sup>. As usual they were gracious hosts with some tasty snacks and drinks. Thank you **Bill and Margaret**. At the bridge tables the cards were very interesting with several high point count or unusual hands that were difficult to bid and play properly. The relatively close scoring ended with **Dick** and **Christy DeVoe** plus **Margot Somerville** and **Daphne Merritt** tied for second with 22 points. They were edged out by **Bob** and **Janet Yolland** for first place with 23 points.

Our next event will be Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at Margot Somerville's.



## Couples Party Bridge

**Tony Greco**

Our usual monthly game was held at **Lynne** and **Brad Hatcher's** home on January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Due to travel and illness, the event was a combination of regulars and substitutes. All of the participants were still in holiday mode so conversation was spirited as was the play of cards.

**Rich Ahlf** and **Ismini MacLean** gathered points to move into *third place*. Subs from a different SIR branch, **Virginia** and **John Arezone**, came in *second*. Due to bidding and making a small slam in six no trump, our hosts **Lynne** and **Brad Hatcher** came in *first* – nice bid **Lynne!**

Congratulations to the **Hatchers** for their second consecutive first place finish and their small slam. Next month's event on February 6<sup>th</sup> will be hosted by **Larry** and **Linda Brown**. Welcome to **Rich Ahlf** and **Ismini MacLean** who have recently joined the group as our 6<sup>th</sup> regular couple.

I would like to extend an open invitation to all SIR members with spouses/partners that have bridge experience, to call me if they'd like to be added to our sub list. Our event is half social and only mildly competitive.



## Couples Duplicate Bridge 2

**Dave Pierce**

**Ken** and **Elaine Richter** welcomed all the regulars on January 9<sup>th</sup>. They bid and made six for a top and ultimately were rewarded with second place (56%).

However, **Brad** and **Lynne Hatcher** also made a slam, 6 NT, for a top, and took first place (63%). Congratulations, slam bidders. **Joan** and **Dave Pierce** missed some slams but were third (54%).

Sharing fellowship and Elaine's delicious dessert with our friends was a great start for the new year. Now we need to do a rain dance and get more slams (or more rain).

**Dave Pierce**  
(925) 932-3877



**Pete Plante** and **Ed Brands** in the Book Nook before the start of the January luncheon



Birthdays Drawing Winner for December— **Dick Richmond**

Photo by Richard Hockenbrock



Birthdays Drawing winner for January— **Ben Gleason**

Photo by Richard Hockenbrock



## Men's Duplicate Bridge 2

**Dick DeVoe**

The Duplicate Bridge 2 group began 2018 with a January 5<sup>th</sup> event smartly hosted by **Mike Whitaker**

Results: In 1st Place with 31.5

points was **Rich Ahlf**, who was on fire in both halves, winning them both and ending 5 points above the 2nd place finishers.

2nd Place Tie- (26.5 points) were **Mike Whitaker** and **Tony Greco**. **Mike** tied for 2nd in the first half and **Tony** was 2nd in the second half.

4th Place (25 points)- **Dave Pierce**, who tied for 2nd in the first half and was 4th in the second half.

- Most Twos- **Rich Ahlf** and **Mike Whitaker** with 11 each.
- Least Zeros- **Tony Greco** with 4.
- Comeback Kid- **Dick DeVoe** going from 10.5 to 14.
- Partnership Scores (3 Boards with 5+ pts. ): **Rich Ahlf / Dave Pierce** and **Bill Schultz / Bob Yolland**, 5 pts. (Bds. 7-9). **Dick DeVoe / Mike Whitaker**, pts. max (Bds. 16-18); **Jim Brown / Dave Pierce**, 5 pts. (Bds. 21-24).



## Men's Duplicate Bridge 1

**Doug Eisner**

**Jim Jackson** hosted 3 tables of Men's Duplicate Bridge 1 on January 15<sup>th</sup>. **Dave Steinberg** jumped out to a huge lead after the morning session with 19.0 pt, well ahead of **Dave Pierce's** 15.0 pt and

**Roger Peters'** 13.5 pt. However, the afternoon session wasn't nearly as kind to **Dave S** as the morning session. **Dave S** either lost his morning mojo or his partners deserted him in droves. In any event, **Dave Pierce** took advantage of **Dave S's** stumble and pulled into the lead at the end of the day by a score of 29.5 pt to 29.0 pt. **Tony Greco** came from back in the pack to take 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 28.0 pt. (See pictures on page 18)

**Brad Hatcher** will host 3 tables on February 19<sup>th</sup>.



## Party Bridge Fred Bolton

We played two tables of bridge on January 1<sup>st</sup> at the home of **Jim Jackson**. First place went to **Fred Bolton** with 4620 points, second to **Bill Snyder** with 4230, and third to **Max Hinkle** with 4600. Our next game will be hosted by

**Bob Yolland** on February 5<sup>th</sup>.



At the January gathering of Duplicate Bridge 2, **Dick DeVoe** (center) presented certificates to the top players for 2017, **Dave Pierce** (left) and **Tony Greco** (right).



At the same Duplicate Bridge 2 meetings in January, **Tony Greco** belatedly received another award as the top bridge player for the year 2016.



## Men's Duplicate Bridge 3

**Sid Landman**

The Duplicate Bridge 3 group was hosted by **Ed Marlovits** on January 19<sup>th</sup> with 3 tables and 12 players. The results:

- ◆ **1st Place- Mike Whitaker** won the event fairly easily with 31.5 points, helped immensely by his 1st and 3rd Places in the second and first halves respectively.
- ◆ **2nd Place (Tie)- Tony Greco** and **Bill Schultz** each scored 30 pts. **Bill** and **Tony** also came in 1st and 2nd in the 1st half, respectively.
- ◆ **4th Place- Bob Yolland** beat out the rest of the players with 26.5 pts.
- ◆ **Most Twos- Tony Greco** and **Mike Whitaker** both tied at 11.
- ◆ **Least Zeros- Dick DeVoe** and **Bill Schultz** both had only two.
- ◆ **Comeback Kid- Jim Pope's** 2nd half score was 5.5 pts. greater than his 1st half.

*Partnership Scores (3 Boards with 4.0+ pts. ):*

- **Jerry Benoit / Tony Greco**, 5.5 pts. (Bds. 1-3);
- **Tony Greco / Bill Schultz** and **Brad Hatcher / Mike Whitaker**, max. 6 pts. each (Bds. 4-6);
- **Jerry Benoit / Bill Schultz**, 5 pts. (Bds. 7-9);
- **Mark Curtis / Mike Whitaker**, 4.5 pts. (Bds. 13-15);
- **Bill Schultz / Mike Whitaker** and **Dick DeVoe / Roger Peters**, 5 pts. each (Bds. 16-18);
- **Mark Curtis / Bob Yolland** and **Jerry Benoit / Brad Hatcher**, 4 pts. (Bds. 19-21);
- **Tony Greco / Bob Yolland**, 4.5 pts. (Bds. 22-24).

*Reported by Dick DeVoe*



Men's Duplicate Bridge 3 assistant administrator **Dick DeVoe** hands out first place winnings to **Mike Whitaker**



Men's Duplicate Bridge 3 second and third place winners, **Tony Greco** and **Bill Schultz** receiving their winning shares from **Dick DeVoe**

### Attention

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

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





## Poker Group 1

**Dan O'Sullivan**

Poker Group 1 met at the home **Don Del Bene** on January 10<sup>th</sup>. As always, a good time was had by all. Our next meeting will be on February 14<sup>th</sup> (VALENTINE'S DAY) at the home of **John Lewis**.



## Cooking Lunch & Wine

**Bill Hartman**

As **Pete Gates** mentioned in his January report, I have assumed responsibility for chairing this activity. We will now be meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month. Our two meetings with spouses each year will be in March and September. We are tentatively planning the March dinner with spouses at Casa Orinda and later in September at Postino Restaurant in Lafayette.

Our lunch in January was hosted by member **Syd Whalen** at his home in Alamo and his wife **MJ** hosted the ladies for lunch at Stanford's in Walnut Creek. A great time was had by all. Member **Frank Rockwell** will host our February luncheon at his home in Walnut Creek and his wife **Carol** will meet for lunch with the group's ladies at a local restaurant of her choice nearby.

Poker Groups



## Poker Group 2

**Al Zamolo**

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



## Poker Club 3

**Sig Kalteis**

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



## Book Nook

**Peter Plante**

January's Book Nook was a hit with our readers. Thank you to everyone who returned books or contributed new ones to share.

I would like to give a shout-out of thanks to **Hank James** who is graciously storing our library, and to book movers and setup pros **Dick McElroy**, **Frank Barton**, and **Gary Brown**. Your help is invaluable to making the Book Nook a success.

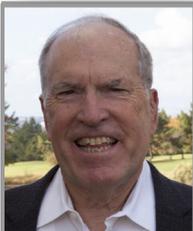
We have a new volunteer in **Al Singer** who has offered to help us set up the books at Boundary Oaks. Thank you for your help. See you in March.



## Poker Group 5

**Bill Roberts**

*Poker Group 5 meets the Wednesday prior to the SIR luncheon. **Bill Roberts** is the permanent host for our event.*



## Old Money Poker Group 6

**Brad Hatcher**

**Howard Charlop**, **Norm Baietti**, **Frank Lucas**, and **Brad Hatcher** met at **Rich Alf's** house for their January get-together; but this time we played cards.

**Norm's** first hand was a Royal Flush, and the afternoon went on from there. **Rich** provided 3 different red wines for us to try, with one from our previous foray to GV Cellars last month. Continuing on, **Rich** was very proud of his 4 Kings...at least until **Frank** laid down his Straight Flush. **Frank** wound up high man, ending with a



**John Wall & Steve Loftin** at the January luncheon

\$9.00 profit for his work. We meet at **Norm Baietti's** home next month. Come join us!

*(Report by **Frank Lucas**)*



## GOLF

### Ed Marlovits

At the January golf committee meeting **Frank Rockwell** announced that he has decided to give up his role as Chairman. **Frank** has mastered the art of the golf committee, no mean task, and has been our liaison with the rest of the SIR Golf world. He has served on the committee as Chairman for the past six years. He will be missed.

Sign ups/renewals for 2018 are complete. Membership has declined to 94 golfers from 108 going into 2017. Of the 94 total golfers, 83 participate in the prize fund.

The golf committee is concerned about the decline. In an attempt to stimulate some growth, the golf committee is making an offer of a free round of golf to current members who get a new SIR member to join the golf activity.

Finally, a correction, **Bill Laws** has passed on to **Ed Brands**, responsibility for analyzing our scorecards and tabulating the weekly results. In last month's SIR CALL we incorrectly stated that **Dan Holland** was taking over for **Bill**. **Dan** is working with **Joe Fuchs** on pairings and he will be running Tournament Tuesdays during the summer months.

Want to Join! Get in touch with a SIR golfer or simply email us at [sir146golf@gmail.com](mailto:sir146golf@gmail.com).



## Nine Hole Golf Group

### Verner Laursen

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

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

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

GOLF



## Table Pool

### Bill Weinberg

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



Photo by Bill Schultz

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**Bob West** and **Mike Whitaker** watch **John Harrington** retrieve his ball from the hole on the # 3 green at Boundary Oak where he just made EAGLE 3



**Bill Laws, Dan Holland & Gene Diana**

Photo by Bill Schultz



**Bill Klein, Colin Holland, and Ed Brands** finish their round of golf coming off of # 18 green

Photo by Bill Schultz



Men's Duplicate Bridge 1 Administrator **Doug Eisner** presents first place winnings to **David Pierce**

Photo by Bill Schultz



**Dr. Bill Danzig, Don Rhoads, Loren DeLaurenti, and Joe Barry** tee off from the gold tees into the fog

Photo by Bill Schultz



Men's Duplicate Bridge 1 Administrator **Doug Eisner** presents second place winnings to **Dave Steinberg**

Photo by Bill Schultz



The only SIR golfers that braved the elements at Boundary Oak on January 9th and played 18 holes  
**Bill Schultz, Rick Morgan, George Mon, and Ben Gleason**

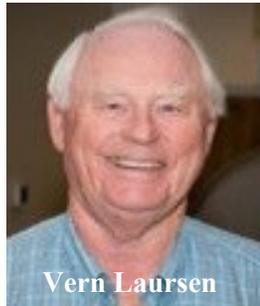
Photo by Bill Schultz



Men's Duplicate Bridge 1 Administrator **Doug Eisner** presents third place winnings to **Tony Greco**

## Area 16 Events

### Mac User Group (MUG)



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

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

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

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### Area 2 \$ums Investment Group

Our next meeting is Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, at 8 am at the Legends Restaurant in the Diablo Creek Country Club - Port Chicago Highway, 1/4 mile north of Highway 4 in Concord.

Our speaker will be Special Agent David Strange of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He will be talking about frauds and scams perpetrated on seniors.

The Legends opens at 7 am. Come early and have a leisurely breakfast with your colleagues prior to the meeting.

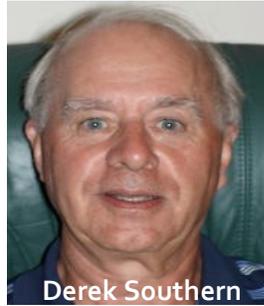
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Co-chair **Dave Sutton** [davesutn@comcast.net](mailto:davesutn@comcast.net)

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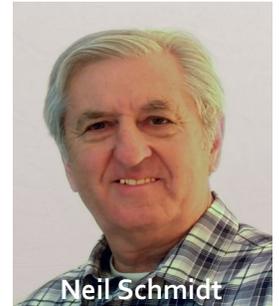
Don't knock the weather. If it didn't change once in a while, nine tenths of the people could not start-up a conversation

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### Computers and Technology



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Note: The January 2018 CAT Meeting was cancelled at the last minute because the Elk's Lodge forgot that we had a meeting that day and booked another event. Make sure you are on the CAT mailing list by sending an e-mail request to: [SIR.Area2.CAT@gmail.com](mailto:SIR.Area2.CAT@gmail.com).

The Area 16 Computer and Technology Group [formerly A2CAT] invites you to our next meeting at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge on Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, starting at 9:30 am. Come early for coffee, goodies, and chat. SIRS from all branches, and their guests, are welcome.

We will have two CAT presentations in February:

- 1) To help you get ready for Tax Day (April 15<sup>th</sup>), **Phil Goff** will compare TurboTax with H&R Block tax preparation software.
- 2) **Barry Brown** will cover the basics of photo editing software and the new features in the latest Photoshop Elements Version 18.

We look forward to seeing you around 9:15 am, Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Drive. We ask for a donation of \$5 to cover the cost of the hall rental, coffee and cookies -- but some months are free, so come and see if this meeting is another one of those! All SIR members and their guests (spouses included!) are welcome to attend. See you there.

**Neil Schmidt**, Chairman

