



Big Sir's Notes

Terry Marchione

Kudos to **Steve Dawkins** for another wonderful Ladies Day. Not only was our speaker Dan Ashley outstanding, but the performance of the Song Sirs and the solo by **Russ Bliese** added a new

dimension to the occasion. The huge turnout caused a minor delay in getting the meal to some of the tables but hopefully the festivities helped make up for that. We all know what an important role the ladies play in our SIR activities and it is nice to include them in two of our luncheons.

In June we will feature our annual "colorful shirt" competition. Dig around in your closet and get out those shirts you can't wear anyplace else. This year we will award a FREE LUNCH to the winner.

Jim Burk and his nominating committee have come up with a blockbuster slate of nominees for the 2014 officers and directors. We will publish the list in the July newsletter and will vote on these at the August meeting. We do accept nominations from the floor at the August meeting.

Little Sir **Doug Eisner** and I will be contacting all administrative chairmen to determine their interest in staying on in their position in 2014. We are already aware of some key positions that need to be filled so you may be contacted by one of us to seek your assistance in running the branch.

On a final note... As many of you are aware, it appears as if the City of Walnut Creek will be proceeding with a remodeling of the Boundary Oak clubhouse. Rest assured that the BEC is on top of this and you will be hearing more about our contingency plan as the year wears on. Right now it looks like we will have access to the clubhouse through most of 2014. Little Sir **Eisner** will be keeping you up to date.

There was a model who drank some varnish...she died but it was a beautiful finish.

The June luncheon
will feature
Gus Kramer
Contra Costa County Assessor

Gathering time 10:45 - 11:00am

Seating time - 11:45am

Little Sir's Corner

Doug Eisner

The June luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, June 13. Our speaker that day will be Gus Kramer, Contra Costa County Assessor. Mr Kramer's presentation will provide us information on property tax rates, tax assessment methods, property transfers, and other related transactions. Mark your calendars for June 13 as this presentation will be very useful for those of us considering property transfers.

My thanks to all Branch 146 members who have suggested speakers and/or topics for this year's luncheons. With your help, we have speakers or entertainment scheduled for the rest of the year, except for November, and I'm confident we'll fill that date soon.

No doubt you're aware that the City of Walnut Creek plans to extensively remodel the 40+ year old clubhouse at Boundary Oak. The remodel design phase is nearly complete at this time and the

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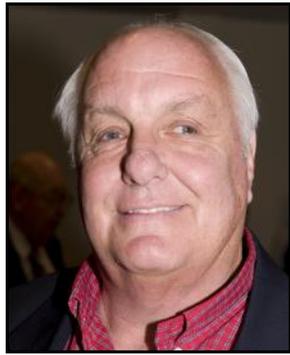


Poker Club 5

Bill Roberts

This is the report for the May 8 gathering.

With a change of pace, Group #5 enjoyed a catered Cinco de Mayo dinner hosted by **Bill Roberts** and for the second month in a row **Bill** narrowly avoided being the big winner. He was aced out on a technicality when **Charlie Koeber** who had been bottom feeding most of the night won all of the loose change in the last hand and snatched a not-much-deserved victory. After that we all hurried to watch the Warriors finally win. **Terry Marchione** and **Doug Eisner** were right behind **Bill** in the win column. **Frank Rockwell**, **Ken Richter** and **Bob Spellman** provided financial support to the winners. The absence of **Skip Thomas** was disastrous since his job is to split all of the pots. We are still not sure of the accuracy of the distributions. Club rules dictate that the winning player has the responsibility of providing the write up for the SIR Call so there is a lot of jockeying to come in a strong second. Our next meeting will be June 8 at **Terry Marchione's**.



Membership

Steve Sprague

Our Branch 146 membership numbers:
Our membership numbers did not change this month. The new member inductions took a break because of the May Ladies Day Luncheon. So we still have the 272 active

members including the eight Honorary Life Members that were reported last month. We currently have three applicants awaiting BEC approval.

Status Changes: None.

May Luncheon Attendance: A total of 273 members and guests enjoyed the Ladies Day Luncheon. Our Inactive Roster remains at fourteen members.

Duplicate Bridge

Doug Eisner

Lynn Freeman hosted four tables of men's duplicate bridge on May 20. As they say in junior high journalism, a good time was had by all. However, **Bill Snyder** probably had the best time of all as his 44 pts eased him into 1st place, barely edging out **Jim Todhunter** whose 43.5 pts just squeezed ahead of 3rd place **Bob Donahue's** 43 pts. 4th place finisher was **Fred Kovar** with 41 pts.



While driving in Pennsylvania, a family caught up to an Amish carriage. The owner of the carriage obviously had a sense of humor, because attached to the back of the carriage was a hand printed sign... "Energy efficient vehicle: Runs on oats and grass. Beware of exhaust."

Poker Club 1

Frank McNamee

Poker Club #1 met on May 8th at the home of **Bob White** and it appeared early on that it was to be another large day for **Bill Cammerer** as he had acquired more chips than he had space to stack them, but then that old adage "it is always better to win late" came up and **Frank McNamee** captured some big pots toward the end and took honors as the big winner for the day. **Bill** still ended up on the plus side along with **John Lewis** and **Don Martin**. We will reconvene on June 12th at the **Bill Cammerer** residence.



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

Ladies Day Luncheon...**Chuck Bales** and **Polly Fleisher**

Bocceball

Martin Lyle

We play 2nd and 4th Mondays at 8:30 am May through October at Concord Bocce Courts in Newhall Park Concord near the corner of Turtle Creek and Ayers Roads. Rain cancels play.



We are having a good start on bocceball this year and are expecting some fine turn outs. Join us for a fun-filled morning at the bocce courts. Experience not necessary, and an enjoyable time is had by all. Ladies are welcome.

Couples Duplicate Bridge

Lo McCarley

Margot Somerville hosted the Couples Duplicate Bridge on May 15th. Everyone enjoyed playing bridge and also enjoyed Margot's snacks and wines. It was great. The group thanked **Fred Bolton** and **Ruth Bailey** for substituting. As for the results for the bridge, **Bob and Janet Yolland** came in fourth and got their two dollars back. In third place were **Jim and Allison Todhunter** with 35 points and in second place were **Bill and Margaret Rees** with 39 points. But the big winners were **Lo and Sue McCarley** with 42 points. (**Lo and Sue** thanked **Carl and Anne Johnson** for not being there since they usually come in first.) **Bill and Margaret Rees** finished in second place with 39 points. **Jim and Allison Todhunter** will host the next bridge on June 19th.



Party Bridge

Fred Bolton

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



We played four tables of bridge at the home of **Bob Yolland** on May 6. First place went to **Rich Ahlf** with 7120 points, second to **Bill Snyder** with 6610, third to **Bill Rees** with 5310 and fourth to **Bob Burley** with 5000. Our next game will be at the home of **Rich Ahlf** on June 3. Bn 26 please contact Jim Burk or Chuck Campbell to claim your free lunch.

Couples Duplicate Bridge 2

Jim Adams

The Couples Duplicate Bridge 2 Group was graciously hosted by **Lynn and Dasha Freeman** on May 14. Wouldn't you know it? The **Freemans** took 1st place with 25.5 points and relatively easily to boot. **Bob & Janet Yolland** (22) took 2nd, and **Terry & Sharon Marchione** slipped into 3rd (18.5). However, a scoring malfunction was detected shortly after the gala award ceremony which could have affected the rankings. Let's see. The NBA/NFL/NHL preclude changing final scores after-the-fact, but the NCAA changes game winners after-the-fact for significant policy infractions. The CDB's rules committee will no doubt be addressing this pressing issue at its next gathering.



Photo by Jeff Bailly

The Branch Executive Committee (BEC) meets every month prior to the gathering of members for the luncheons. There is always a number of interested members who come to witness the proceedings and learn more about our organization.

I went to buy some camouflage trousers the other day, but I couldn't find any.



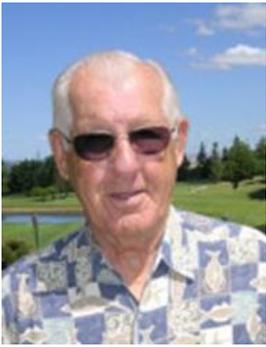
Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

Ladies Day Luncheon... **Susan and Bruce Borgman**

There is the story of a pastor who got up one Sunday and announced to his congregation: "I have good news and bad news. The good news is, we have enough money to pay for our new building program. The bad news is, it's still out there in your pockets."



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock
Ladies Day Luncheon...**Susan and Steve Loftin**



GOLF

Ray Weisz

Golf is one of our most popular activities with over 100 registered golfers. We are fortunate to have a large assortment of venues and formats: We play Tuesdays at Boundary Oak. Players are randomly paired and starting

tee times are emailed to all participants.

In addition to regular stroke play, we have many Tuesday tournaments specifically set up for our players.

There is a 9-hole group that plays at Diablo Hills. They play every Thursday except the second Thursday of the month, which is the luncheon date. For those with golf playing partners, there is Couples Golf offered on the 4th Wednesday of the month, April through October.

Like playing other courses? On the first Thursday of each month (From May through October) we offer Away Golf. Do you enjoy competing against other SIR players from different branches? We have several different formats throughout the year.

Since we have so much going on, we have found it necessary to publish a weekly Golf email (GEM) outlining upcoming events and results from past events.

All of our golfers should be receiving GEMs. If you would like to be added to the distribution list (non-golfers are welcome too), please let us know by emailing your request to sir146golf@gmail.com.



Book Corner

Ken Richter

The Ladies Day Luncheon in May was very busy at the Book Corner. It looked like books were just flying out the door. There were four fewer boxes of books at the end of the day. The activity at the Book Corner by our members has been increasing over the last year. It

is time for me to ask for help. I am looking for someone who can arrive early, stay after the luncheon to box books and store the books at their home. Contact **Ken Richter** at KERichter@astound.net. The Book Corner will be open next at the July Luncheon.

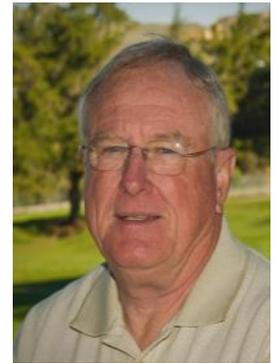
Deja Moo...The feeling that you've heard this bull before

Couples Golf

John Harrington

Our Couples Golf season got off to a great start with 14 couples enjoying good weather and fun golf at Lake Chabot on April 24. The event was hosted by **Dick and Christy DeVoe**. After completing the 649 yard par 6 -18th hole, the couples adjourned to the 19th

hole to hydrate and hear the results of the various contests devised by our Chief Prognosticator **Dick DeVoe**. **Lew and Carla Thompson** took top honors for exactly predicting the order of finish for all of our 7 foursomes. **Lew and Carla** were last seen making reservations for the Reno State Golf Tournament hoping that their good fortune continues. Our May 22nd golf outing will be hosted by **Jim and Judy Baldrige**. They have planned a great day in the wine country as our group heads to The Vintners Golf Club in Yountville. Couples Golf takes place on the fourth Wednesday of each month April through October. Come join the fun.



Left brain question to ask a friend...

A water lily doubles its size every day in a round pool and after 20 days the lily will completely cover the pool. How many days will it take to cover half the pool?

Answer on top of page 13 (no peeking allowed)

Photo by John Harrington



Players at the recent Couples Golf event at Lake Chabot Golf Course. Left to right, **Judy and Jim Baldrige** and **Sandy and Bob Mehus**.

SIR 146 Luncheon

June 2013

~Salad~

Mixed Baby Field Greens

Red Onion, Crumbled Blue Cheese, Pine Nuts
Citrus Vinaigrette

~Entrée~

Rosemary Orange Marinated Chicken Breast

Green Peppercorn Sauce, Whipped Yukon Gold
Potatoes,
Seasonal Vegetables

Or

Chili Rubbed Baked Tilapia

White Wine, Tomato and Caper Sauce,
Rice Pilaf and Seasonal Vegetables

~Dessert~

Chocolate Bread Pudding

Vanilla Crème Anglaise

Photo by Richard



Savvy fisherman, **Paul Dubow**, pitching his group activity at the April Luncheon.

Check out Coursera.org- Over 300 free classes taught by college professors from around the world. Watch video lectures on subjects ranging from "play the guitar" to "understanding financial markets" to "art classes". Over 3.6 million people have signed up all over the world. Great classes, great fun! Keep learning. *Sir Jerry Kaplan*

Couples Dining Out

Bruce Borgman



The Couples Dining Out group had yet another fun evening on Thursday May 16 at Salvatore's Ristorante in Walnut Creek. A total of 17 couples enjoyed chatting, socializing and dining together at this well-known favorite Walnut Creek dining spot. The Italian cuisine included a choice of salad, and three choices of entrées, which featured their signature lasagna, a shrimp and pasta dish, and a stuffed chicken breast. The dessert was a choice between a chocolate and lemon cake. A good time was had by all! Our next event will be in July – probably the 15th or 16th – at yet another restaurant worthy of our group's culinary tastes. We continue to enjoy each other's company as we get to know our SIR friends better and make acquaintances with ones we may not know as well. We encourage those who enjoy good food and good company to join us at our next event. For recommending a restaurant, getting on the mailing list, or generally getting information, please contact the activity chair, **Bruce Borgman**, at 932-3961, or email him at gborgman@aol.com.

A jumper cable walks into a bar. The bartender says, "I'll serve you, but don't start anything."



Richard and **Sherry Hockenbrock** enjoy a moment at the Ladies Day Luncheon. You'll see **Richard** sacrificing his time with **Sherry** and friends at various functions taking pictures as our official photographer. Hardly with time to get settled into the rhythm of branch activities, Richard volunteered to take over branch photography. If you have time, stop by and give **Richard** a word of thanks...*editor*

*An invisible man marries an invisible woman.
The kids were nothing to look at either.*

Fishing Report

Paul Dubow

The salmon are back. **Joe Karg** and son were the headliners, limiting out on a party boat out of Berkeley. **Carl Moyer** landed a large salmon on a private boat. The only negative involved a six pack trip chartered by **Carl Moyer, Terry Miller, Jerry Flahiff, George Vogt,** and **Gordon Linebaugh.** They did not get a single bite. But they chose a bad day. Salmon are definitely back in good numbers and size.



Joe Miscione abandoned his fishing rod for a shovel and pulled in a load of clams from Bodega Bay. **Don Mittelstadt** took a trip to Kelsey Bass Ranch and landed lots of bass, using wiggle tails and poppers. The winds by and large kept us off the Delta but **Sal Costanza** of Branch 146 picked up a ten pound striper trolling near the Antioch Bridge.

Trout fishing continued to be good and we expanded our outings this month beyond the Bay Area as **Joe Miscione, Terry Miller, Harry Sherinian, Craig Walton,** and **Romano Gnusti** came home with limits after a trip to Lake McSwain. But the local lakes are still doing great. The topper was a trip to Shadow Cliffs Reservoir in Pleasanton by **Gene Schulting** of Branch 146, **Mike Corker, Barry Rauchle, Romano Gnusti, Bill Landers** and **Carl Moyer.** They limited out in two hours and released many smaller trout.

We will be very busy this summer with delta fishing for bass, catfish, and sturgeon; trout, silver salmon, and kokanee salmon in mountain lakes and rivers; salmon, halibut, and rock fishing in the ocean; and some distant forays to Canada, Mexico, and Alaska.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, June 27, at the Legends Sports Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek Golf Course at 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. The meeting starts at 8:30, but come earlier to join us for breakfast. For further information, please contact Big Fish **Pete Gates** (925-937-2035), secretary treasurer **Tom Boltz** (925-685-5243) or branch fishing coordinator **Paul Dubow** (415-495-6504).



Photo by Bill Schultz

“Net 62 and here it is” says **Corrie Oranje** as **Dave Steinberg** looks on at Boundary Oak. There were cries for testing that were ignored.



ROMEO

(Retired Old Men Eating Out)
Malcolm Hendry

The ROMEO group meets on the third Thursday at 6:30pm. We select eclectic restaurants in the East Bay recommended by you, as well as those favorably reviewed in the

media.

Come join us to experience dining in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere with your fellow Sirs and other male guests.

"OPA!"

This is the fourth and newest OPA! location in the Bay Area which opened July 2012. It looks like a polished California restaurant, but captures the noise and excitement of a Greek tavern with an impressive array of mezzes, souvlaki and classics such as moussaka, pastitsia and lamb. They pride themselves on fresh daily homemade foods that are affordable and delicious.

A full bar and a variety of wines are available along with separate checks for your convenience.

Location: 1532 Main St., Walnut Creek, Ca 94596 (parking garage at 1390 Broadway)

Web Site: opaauthenticgreek.com

Phone: 925-891-4700

Please let me know by Tuesday June 18, that you will join us. Your suggestions for restaurants you would like us to visit are welcomed...Mal

*The butcher who backed into his meat grinder
and got a little behind in his orders*

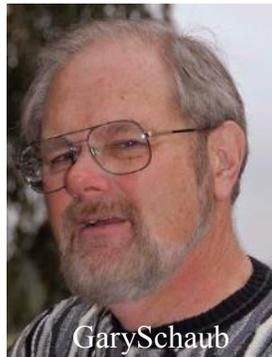
Little Sir's Corner

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construction phase is expected to begin in late 2014. During construction, our monthly luncheon must be relocated to another site until construction is completed, a process which may take as long as one year. Last year a committee led by Sir **Bill Holly** surveyed alternate local facilities and recommended that we relocate our monthly luncheon, when necessary, to the Concord Hilton Hotel. The BEC is mindful that even a temporary relocation severely disrupts our long-standing luncheon pattern. However, the BEC also recognizes that we have no choice in this matter as the Clubhouse will be uninhabitable during the construction phase. The BEC is developing a relocation plan that minimizes the disruption to the greatest extent possible. We'll share that plan with you when it's complete and we'll also keep you informed regularly on construction progress. In the meantime, feel free to contact any BEC member if you have questions or comments.



Theatre



Gary Schaub

Who says they were all proper & straight-laced in Victorian times?

Not in [this] play by Oscar Wilde!

Lady Windermere's Fan is Oscar Wilde's comic masterpiece of manners and morals. It's the SIR146 theatre party planned for Tuesday, August 20 at 7:30pm. The location is the beautiful outdoor California Shakespeare Theatre near Orinda.

A socially prominent woman in the story discovers her husband is "getting it on" with another woman, and she sets out to challenge this situation by inviting the "other woman" to the wife's birthday gathering. That's when the fun and distress begin!

Oscar Wilde is famous for his comic satires of Victorian life, and is best known for his play, *The Importance of Being Earnest*. Those attending *Lady Windermere's Fan* with the SIRs are promised a rip-roaring good time!

A limited number of reserved seats in the front sections of the theatre have been set aside for SIR members and guests. Reservations can be accepted until July 9, or until our ticket allocation has been filled. Tickets are \$44.50 each. Send your check (payable to "SIR146")

to SIR Gary Schaub, 1758 Candelero Court, Walnut Creek 94598. Tickets will be mailed to members in advance of the August 20 performance.

The Cal Shakespeare Theatre is located off Hwy 24 at the Wilder Road exit, just past Orinda. Grounds open at 5:30 p.m. Patrons at Cal Shakespeare Theatre enjoy arriving early, bringing a picnic, or purchasing food on site, or to attend a pre-show informal introduction to the play. You are advised to dress for possible chilly weather in the outdoor venue. Lots of coffee, hot chocolate and wine is available!

Questions? Call **Gary** at (925) 938-5454



At our Ladies Day Luncheon several members asked what were the flowers we used as center pieces. The name of the plant was Godetia. It is a native to California, north to British Columbia. The plant is in the Clarkia family named after Lewis and Clark as they observed the flowers on their trek to Oregon and the plant itself was named after the Swiss botanist Charles Godet. Godetia are usually grown from seeds. They are an early blooming flower grown in moist soil in full sun in cool weather regions. They do well as wild flowers, in rock gardens and as borders. The taller variety makes good cut flowers.

Our meeting in May is a trip to the Arboretum in San Francisco followed by lunch. As summer nears and people travel, the Garden Club will take a few months off in June and July.



Couples Party Bridge

Dave Pierce

Terry and Sharon Marchione graciously hosted three tables on May 7th. We had two substitute couples and they put the regulars to shame. In a very tight scramble, **Brad and Lynne Hatcher** edged **Tony**

and **Cindy Greco**, 3920 to 3910, but they were well ahead of the third place couple, **Joan and Dave Pierce**, 3430. Congratulations, subs! **Brad and Tony** have been playing well in **Dick DeVoe's** Men's Duplicate Too group; could there be any connection? We don't normally treat our guests as generously. There was a rousing and hilarious post mortem discussion by certain less inhibited regulars, best left unreported to protect the innocent (and the guilty).

Member Relations

Ben Gleason

We hope and expect that SIR Branch 146 is meeting or exceeding your expectations for social activities, recreation and friendship and that the facilities and operation of the branch are efficient and user-friendly.



For useful and interesting Branch 146 and State SIR information check out the “Branch Information” link on our homepage. That link will connect you with links to Branch Regulations, State SIR Site, Branch Financial Statements, BEC Minutes, SIR Happenings, Branch Calendar, Memorials and the Emergency Evacuation Plan from the Clubhouse Restaurant at Boundary Oak. We encourage your suggestions, criticism and requests. Also, let us know if there is something that you especially like that we could do more of. Please contact me with any of the above.

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Ladies Day Luncheon...Tom and Marlys Boltz

Area 2 \$ums Investment Group

Allen Espenmiller

The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group will meet on Wednesday June 26, 2013, 8:00 AM at the Diablo Creek Golf Course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Our speaker will be **Geoffrey Cable**, CFP is managing director and assistant manager of the advisor division at Destination Wealth Management a financial planning and investment services firm in Walnut Creek, California. **Geoffrey** will present a workshop on “Long term care- What you need to know” **Geoff** will discuss “What are long-term care services” – “Will I need long-term care services” – “Factors to consider” – “Planning and paying for long-term care” – “Long-term care insurance and types of policies” and the numerous details that you need to consider before buying a

long-term policy. Finally understanding State of California partnership policies. This meeting will bring needed in-sight to a health care issue that we all may need in the future.

The Legends Restaurant opens at 7:00am, so plan to have an enjoyable breakfast along with your fellow members and guests. Bring along a prospective SIR member to let them know about our investment group and enjoy a timely presentation. Let’s support the restaurant and its excellent staff. Occasionally George Schulze will ask for a \$2.00 donation which we need to pay for items that come up and to tip the wait staff of the restaurant. Please make sure you all support George on this. Look forward to seeing you all in June.

Photo by Richard Hockenbrock



Bruce Borgman (left) assisting **Steve Dawkins** promote the Garden Club activity at the April Luncheon.

SIR Call Newsletter Group	
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Travel Opportunities

Bob Spellman

Jun 1-9, 2013: Memphis Blues to the New Orleans Jazz on the American Queen.

A seven night cruise on board the American Queen down the Mississippi with a pre-cruise stay in Memphis and an optional two day post trip in New Orleans. Cruise features RT motor coach to airport, RT airfare, all meals, including wine and beer with dinner, daily lectures, nightly entertainment, shore tours, and port charges, transfers, and baggage handling. Prices range from \$3658 to \$6486 depending on accommodations. Space is now very limited so all future reservations will now be on a first come first serve basis. Contact **Bob Spellman** 934-8428 if you still want to go and we will try to secure space for you.

Jul 10-17, 2013: The Canadian Rockies and the Calgary Stampede. A seven day tour starting with a flight to Calgary to attend the Stampede Rodeo. After two days you will head to Banff for two nights including Lake Louise, then on to Jasper, Athabasca Glacier and Edmonton before returning to San Francisco. Cost \$2856 pp, Contact **Dick Schally** Br 8, 925-260-5534.

Aug 28-Sep 7, 2013: SIR 55th Anniversary Alaska Golden Age Cruise. Save the date for a celebration! We will leave out of San Francisco and visit the ports of Juneau, Skagway, Tracy Arm Fjord, Ketchikan, Victoria and return to San Francisco on the Grand Princess. The cost of the cruise is from \$1579 to \$3300 depending on accommodations and includes gratuities on the ship, ship board credit, cocktail party, hospitality suite, transportation by motor coach to and from the pier, wine, gifts and an Alaska salmon bake excursion. We currently have over 360 SIR members signed up for this trip.

May 13, 2014: Hidden gems of the Dalmatian Coast & Greece. A 16 day cruise aboard a privately owned Grand Circle small ship with a maximum of 50 passengers. Ports of Call include Zagreb, Split, Hvar, Korcula, Dubrovnik, Montenegro, Butrint, Albania, Corfu, Delphi and Athens. Prices range from approximately \$4595 to \$6170 depending on accommodations and airfare. Trip also includes 37 meals, 12 exclusive tours with personal headsets, home hosted dinners, and resident Grand Circle program director. Contact **Ken Richter** 689-6217.



Cooking II

Bob Yolland

Ken Richter put on our great May lunch at his very nice home. The weather was super and we were able to be out on the patio and enjoy the waterfall going into the pool. We especially want to welcome **Dennis Hallett** to our luncheon group. He gave us a try and decided to join in the fun even though he claims not to be much of a cook. We will need to get ready for shepherd's pie and/or steak and kidney pie.

Ken started off with an avocado dip and other goodies. For the main course he served an excellent chicken, broccoli, avocado alfredo with a very nice spinach and mandarin salad. Capping off the meal was **Ken's** signature dessert which combines several liquors with vanilla ice cream. Need to be careful with that one as it sure goes down easily. Of course we had a variety of red and white wines. After double checking the Sangiovese that we bottled last September the group concluded that it is aging very well. Our next lunch will be June 10th at **Bill Cammerer's** home.



Linda and Sue are having coffee when Linda notices that Sue seems troubled and asks her, "Is something bugging you? You look anxious". "Well, my boyfriend just lost all his money and life savings in the stock market," Sue explained. "Oh, that's too bad," Linda sympathized. "I'm sure you're feeling sorry for him." "Yeah, I am," Sue said. "He'll miss me."

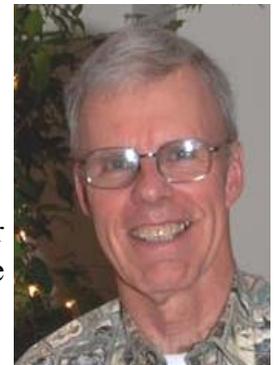
Cribbage

John Pearl

At our April meeting, on Wednesday, the 24th, we welcomed **Dan Meckfessel** as our guest. **Dan** was a member of Branch 146 and a long-time "player" in the Cribbage

Group before his move to Brentwood. Seven of us vied for the money, with **Art Ainscough** taking first place. Our host, **Barney Meade**, was second, while our guest **Dan Meckfessel** (who said he hadn't played in years) took home third place \$\$.

For more information on how to join this jolly group, please give me a call or e-mail.



A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart.



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

Ladies Day Luncheon...SIR Honorary Life Member,
Dick and Judy Richmond

A man walks into a bar with a slab of asphalt under his arm, and says: "A beer please, and one for the road."

Sunshine

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We are deeply saddened with the passing of Sir **Darrell Parcher** on Thursday, April 4th after suffering from brain cancer. We offer our condolences to his wife Elaine and family.

We keep the following Sirs in our thoughts and prayers, asking for continued healing and a return to good health:

Ed Malboeuf, Chuck Bobinecz, Elmer Kaprielian, Dominic DiMatteo, Guy Rudberg, Jim Kohl, Jack Calloway, Charlie Kiser, Jim Helmick, Bob Van Luchene and Tom Morgan.

Please try to contact a sick Sir to offer support and encouragement during his illness. A friendly call is always welcomed.

If you are aware of a sick Sir, please let me know by phone or e-mail, as shown above, so that the Sir membership can be advised.



Ladies Day Luncheon...**Frank and Donna Lucas**

Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

Duplicate Bridge 2

Dick DeVoe

We were blessed with a great venue and wonderful hospitality at host **Bob Yolland's** home on May 17. **Jerry Milano** (Branch 8) took top honors with 28.5 points, followed by **Jim Brown** (27), **Bill Snyder** (26.5), and **John Boyan** (26). Nine of the twelve players made or beat the mean average of 24 points, which was most unusual. The top three players had more zeros on boards than four other players, which indicates the rest of us aren't so bad after all!



*In a democracy it's your vote that counts.
In feudalism it's your count that votes.*



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

Ladies Day Luncheon... **Bob and Eydie Larson**

*Two fish swim into a concrete wall.
One turns to the other and says, 'Dam!'*

Poker Club 4

Chuck Bobinecz

Sir **Skip Thomas** will host our next poker session on Thursday, May 30TH. Note the change of date because Memorial Day is observed on the fourth Monday in May. Sir **Rich Hanford** is the host in June.

Face cards in the deck are not depicted the same. One of the kings has an ax, the others have swords and two of the jacks are profiled with one eye and the other two are shown with two eyes. Does this have a meaning?



*Did you hear about the Buddhist who refused
novacaine during a root-canal?
His goal: Transcendental medication.*

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Ladies Day Luncheon...SIR Past President **Jim Stedman** chatting with **Mary and Joe Suta**

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Ladies Day Luncheon...**Elaine and Ken Donnelly**

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Ladies Day Luncheon...**Bob and June Donahue**



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Ladies Day May 2013 Luncheon... **Ron and Anne Plachy** with **Lillian and Jim Passaglia** are all smiles for the camera

*A dog gave birth to puppies near the road
And was cited for littering.*



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Derek Southern

Area 2 Computers and Technology Group

Phil Goff and Derek Southern Co-chairs

The Area 2 Computer and Technology Group reminds all Sirs and their guests that our next meeting will be at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge on Thursday, JULY 18th at 9:30 am.

There is no meeting in June.

The topic for the July meeting will be announced in your July newsletters. See you there in July.

Meetings of the Area 2 Computer and Technology Group are held the 3rd Thursday of each month (except June and December) from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Drive. Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned user, we try to offer something for everyone. We ask for a donation of \$5 to cover the cost of the hall rental, coffee and cookies.

Two hydrogen atoms meet. One says, 'I've lost my electron.' The other says, 'Are you sure?' The first replies, 'Yes, I'm positive.'

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Ladies Day Luncheon...**Frank and Marilyn McNamee**

*Two cannibals are eating a clown.
One says to the other: "Does this taste funny to you?"*



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Ladies Day Luncheon...**Bill and Melanie Baltezare** enjoy the goings on



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Ladies Day Luncheon...**Bill and Donna Snyder**



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Ladies Day Luncheon...**Jim Brown and Adrienne Morrison** lend a smile for the camera.



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Ladies Day Luncheon...**Penny and Bob Jasparr**



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Ladies Day Luncheon...**Kathy and Joe Nelms.**



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Ladies Day Luncheon... **Marian and Jim Pfohl.**

Luncheon Attendance

Jim Burk, Luncheon Chair



Our next luncheon is on June 13th at Boundary Oak. The price is \$25.(please pay by check) with the usual no-host bar.

We assume you are coming unless you send an email to nolunchbranch146@gmail.com or call me at 925 946-1192, by noon of the Friday prior to the luncheon. (If you forget, you will need to reimburse the branch for the meal.) Should you require a vegetarian or other special meal, let me likewise know by the Friday deadline.

If you plan to bring a guest, e-mail or call me with the guest's name along with your name and badge number. There will be a dedicated luncheon table for new members, guests and their Branch 146 sponsors. Following the luncheon, new members will join our Membership chair in the Lakeview Room for a brief orientation session.

For our June luncheon, remember to wear a colorful shirt, the wilder the better, for our annual competition.

Answer to left brain question on page 4 ... 19 days



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Ladies Day Luncheon...**Flo and John Lewis**



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Ladies Day Luncheon...**Bettie and Larry Mitchell**



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Ladies Day Luncheon...**Jack Harrington and Barbara Barrett**



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Ladies Day Luncheon...**Brad and Lynne Hatcher**



Walkers

John Lewis



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

June walks planned by **Bill Powell.**

June 7 Danville Railroad Museum South: Railroad and Prospect. Danville

Meet: Railroad Museum parking
Walk : So. on Iron Horse Trail
Coffee: Pascal French Oven 155-B Railroad

June 14 Inspiration Point:

Wildcat Canyon Road. Orinda

Meet: Inspiration Point parking. Take Dam Rd. Orinda to a left on Wildcat Canyon Rd. Parking at trail head
Walk: West on trail from parking
Coffee: Starbucks Theater Square Orinda

June 21 Osage Park Rose Walk: Danville

Meet: 680 S. to Sycamore exit, first R. on Camino Ramon, L. on El Capitan, R. on Orange Blossom Wy. to Osage parking.
Walk: View Roses around Osage Park
Coffee: Pascal French Oven Railroad Ave

June 28 Lafayette Moraga Trail South: Moraga Road

Meet: Moraga Safeway parking
Walk: South on School St. West on Country Club Rd. toward San Leandro Reservoir.
Coffee: Terzetto Cuisine Moraga Shopping Ctr.

Two blonde guys were working for the city works department. One would dig a hole and the other would follow behind him and fill the hole in. They worked up one side of the street, then down the other, then moved on to the next street, working furiously all day without rest, one guy digging a hole, the other guy filling it in again. An onlooker was amazed at their hard work, but couldn't understand what they were doing. So he asked the hole digger, "I'm impressed by the effort you two are putting into your work, but I don't get it -- why do you dig a hole, only to have your partner follow behind and fill it up again?" The hole digger wiped his brow and sighed, "Well, I suppose it probably looks odd because we're normally a three-man team. But today the guy who plants the trees called in sick."

SongSirs at the Ladies Luncheon featuring a solo by Russ Bliese

