

SIR Contra Costa Branch 146



Big Sir's Notes

Jonathan Korfhage

Our Hosts at Boundary Oak

Sometimes we take our hosts at Boundary Oak for granted. We are most fortunate to have such an accommodating venue that is comfortable, clean, well-lit, with excellent food, excellent views, and a great golf course! What you may not know about Boundary:

The newly remodeled Taphouse downstairs at Boundary Oak welcomes those looking for a great place to hang out and enjoy a local craft beer or handcrafted cocktail, and one of the many creative selections on the menu, designed to be fast and affordable. Let us not forget the big-screen televisions, too! The Taphouse is open every day.

Boundary Oak Golf Course has achieved the designation as a "Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary". Boundary Oak Golf Course is the 38th course in California and the 969th in the world to receive the honor.

Boundary Oak also offers holiday and monthly luncheons open to the public. Complete the form on the Boundary Oak website to join the special events mailing list.

Final Notes: Even though there are many oak trees at the Boundary Oak Golf Course, the name "Boundary Oak" refers to the oak at the 8th Tee. Playing golf here is our most popular Sir activity; however, IT IS JUST ONE OF OUR OVER 50 SIR ACTIVITIES – A BIG ATTRACTION FOR CURRENT AND NEW MEMBERS!

"In order to be old and wise, one must once be young and stupid." Korf

WE ARE SIR – MAKE FRIENDS FOR LIFE

Luncheon— Thursday, June 13th
Boundary Oak Clubhouse

Guest Speaker: Budd MacKenzie

Founder: Trust in Education

"Getting off the Couch and into the Hearts and Minds"

Gathering time: 11:00 am

Seating time: 11:45 am

Bringing a guest or can't attend?

Email: nolunchbranch146@gmail.com

Telephone Message: (925) 979-5146

By Noon Friday, June 7th

Photo by Richard Hockenbrock



Ladies Day Speaker, Chris Chmura, Consumer Investigative Reporter, NBC Bay Area, enlightened the audience on the multitude of consumer complaints his unit has resolved



JUNE IS OUR ANNUAL **COLORFUL SHIRT DAY!**

Find the wildest, yet tasteful, colorful shirt in your closet and see if you can snatch the prize for the best one at the June luncheon. It is always a fun event.

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

Brad Hatcher

Our Ladies Day luncheon speaker was Chris Chmura. He is the Senior Consumer Investigator, and on-air personality, for the NBC Bay Area network. His topic was, "Frustrated, Fatigued, and Fed Up – What Consumers Told NBC Bay Area through 13,000+ Complaints". He spoke using slides for about 15 minutes and then took numerous questions over a generous amount of his time. Comments about his presentation were universally positive. He even received a hug from an audience member after the meeting.

While Ladies Day Luncheon leader **Steve Ybarra** and his team were recognized for a job well done at the luncheon, his work resulted in another successful LDL. Please take time to thank him for his efforts when you see him again.

Our June speaker is Budd MacKenzie. The title of his talk is "Getting off the Couch and into the Hearts and Minds". It refers to his efforts in Afghanistan to serve the people and build schools. He has spoken to other Sir groups as well as the Commonwealth Club in San Francisco.

The Branch Executive Committee did not meet in May. June's meeting will have a full agenda. We hope to finalize details regarding luncheon attendance policies and the Big Sir will report on the State Sir "Best Branch" nomination. I encourage members to attend the BEC meeting which starts at 9:00 am on the day of the luncheon. Come find out why we believe we qualify as the "Best Branch".

I look forward to seeing you on June 13th. Please bring a guest to the meeting as we are always hoping to expand our membership. If you do bring a guest, be sure to let our luncheon manager know he is coming.



Membership

Ron Lew

There were no new members in May because it was one of our special Ladies Day Luncheons that our wives or significant others enjoyed. As a result, there was no BEC meeting in May, which normally includes the induction of new members.

We will be having our regular BEC meeting before the luncheon in June at 9:00 am. We already have a few new members ready to join our awesome branch. At that meeting, I will present the new member's information and pictures will appear in the July SIR CALL.

Until then, may you be blessed and continue enjoying the benefits of being part of our wonderful branch.



HLM SIR Bob & Jo Spellman at the Ladies Day Luncheon

Ladies Day Luncheon Pictures shown in this issue of SIR CALL are depicted by these blue captions above



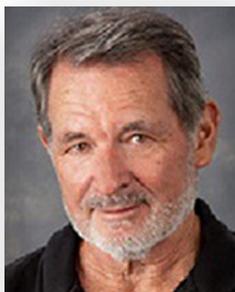
SIR Happenings Newsletter

*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.*





Sunshine

Max Hinkle

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

- ◆ Joe Suta
- ◆ Joe Hunt
- ◆ Bill Klein
- ◆ Martin Lyle
- ◆ Howard Nemir
- ◆ John Pearl
- ◆ Jim Saavedra
- ◆ John Helgeson
- ◆ Siegfried Kalteis

There will be a party to celebrate the life of the late **Dale Haukland** on June 26th from 1:00 to 3:30 pm at the **Haukland** home.

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 **Max Hinkle** know by e-mail: hinkle3@sbcglobal.net or phone: (925) 408-6004 so that our SIR members can be advised.



THE CLUBHOUSE

AT BOUNDARY OAK

SIR 146 Luncheon
June 13th, 2019

Salad

SUNBURST SALAD
Butter Lettuce, Fresh Berries, Orange Segments, Blue Cheese Balsamic Vinaigrette

Entrees

LEMON BAKED COD
Marinated Cod, Rice Pilaf, Seasonal Vegetables
Caper Butter Sauce

Or

CHICKEN PAILLARD
Pan Seared Chicken Breast, Sour Cream Mashed Potatoes,
Seasonal Vegetables, Dijon Lemon Butter Sauce

Vegetarian

STUFFED PEPPERS
Roasted Peppers, Zucchini, Eggplant, Mushrooms, Spinach
Tomato Basil Sauce

Dessert

BAILYS IRISH CREAM CAKE
Crème Anglaise, Chantilly Cream

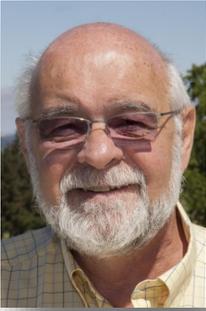
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Big Sir	Jonathan Korfhage
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Refer to branch directory, accessible under members only tab heading on our website, for phone numbers & email addresses.



Luncheon Chairman

Rob Melrose

Don't forget that the June Luncheon is our colorful shirt competition so be brave and colorful.

June 13th Luncheon

- Cost: \$26
- Preferred payment method is check
- Opt Out Deadline: June 8th at Noon
- Email: 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 before the Opt Out Deadline.

Bringing a guest? If you are bringing a guest: please notify Lunch Chair with guest's name at the same email address. 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 we can keep the low price.



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

Carolyn Anderson, Sally Shafer, and Kathy Tucker
at the Ladies Day Luncheon



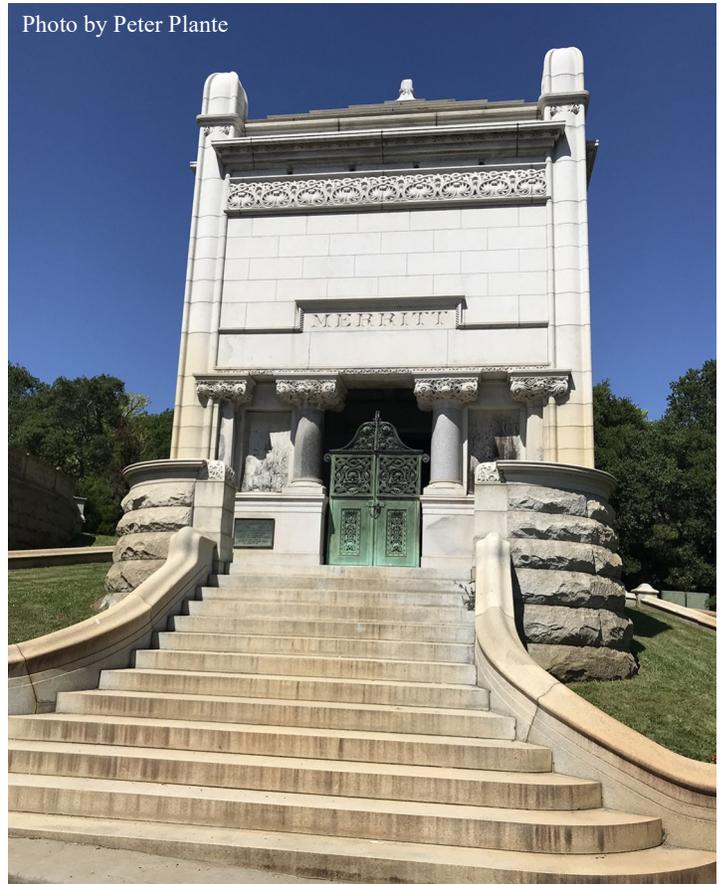
Photography Group

Richard Hockenbrock

At the May 24th meeting, the Photography Group showed members' photos taken on our recent field trip to Oakland's Mountain View Cemetery.

Below is just one of many interesting memorials constructed on the site commemorating the life of pioneering titans of the Bay Area and beyond.

Photo by Peter Plante



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Next Meeting

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

Subject: TBD

When: July 26th at 9 am



Activities

Bob Lucido

I am writing my first Activities column this month as I'm planning to transition to the full time coordinator position and **Jerry** is also hoping I do! If this column does not sound the same, it is because my wife **Wendy** proofreads everything I write. Don't forget the best way to entice potential members to SIR is to invite them to an activity that interests them. At these smaller gatherings, we all can better socialize with members at a more personal level.

We are starting three new activities: **Poker**, **Mexican Train Dominoes**, and **Cycling**. We will have 51 Activities, and at this rate, someday we may have more activities than members.

Mexican Train Dominoes: This will be the 7th (Siete) MTD group and the first meeting will be in June. For more information, see the write-up about this new group in the adjacent column.

Poker Group: This will be our sixth poker group, and their first meeting will be June 5th. The first rule is to not tell the wives how much any member has lost. See the write-up on page 6 of this newsletter.

Cycling: We are starting a cycling activity and all you need is a bike and helmet. If you haven't been on a bike in years, the first rides will be fairly easy to see where we all stand (or ride). We will have many rides at different levels of difficulty, so you can pick out the rides that suit you.

On the easy rides, we will be stopping for refreshments at a local coffee shop. The pace for each ride is set at a speed that allows all cyclists to stay together.

Larry Kaye will be the chairman. He is an experienced rider and will give tips on riding and keeping your bike in good condition. A big thank you to **Larry** for agreeing to chair this activity. **Larry** is a new member and has already volunteered to lead an activity.

This will be a coed activity; single Sirs and ladies are welcome as long as the ladies don't ride too fast and leave the men in the dust. Our first meeting will be sometime in June. If you're interested, or need more information, please contact:

Larry Kaye (925) 698-4030
larrykaye2@comcast.net

Activity Tables at Luncheons:

Some of the current activities will be displayed on tables at June's luncheon in the bar area. We plan to have tables set up during the month opposite to when the book exchange is taking place. June will be our next time for activity tables to be set up.

Each table will host the chairman from that activity. We had a great response for our last display, and had a number of players sign up for activities. Be sure to check out the tables near the bar at the next luncheon.

Thanks to Sirs **Jim Whitsett**, **Bob West**, **Jerry Kaplan**, and **Charlie Kahsen** for their displays at the April luncheon.

Bob Lucido

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NEW COED ACTIVITY

Mexican Train Dominoes
Group 7 (Siete)
Bob Lucido

New

New

Oh no, not another Mexican Train Dominoes activity! Must be something in the water that makes so many members desiring to play this game.

The MTD must be in competition with the 18 hole golf activity to get the most members. This is a Coed activity. We will have our first meeting in June, then we can add pictures of the winners' smiling faces.

I would have put the number 7 in Spanish after Mexican Train Dominoes Group 7 (Siete), but I can hardly speak English let alone Spanish.

We still have room for more Sirs and their wives or significant others. Single Sirs are also welcome to play. Please contact me at:

Bob Lucido

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"Wine makes a man more pleased with himself;
 I do not say it makes him more pleasing to others."
 Samuel Johnson



SongSirs Bruce Borgman

The SongSirs continue practicing the new repertoire, which include some memorable tunes. But they are challenging and we are getting the hang of these fun songs. We have been asked to sing at a few places and will likely do a performance in June.

Due to a conflict at the Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church, we have switched the practice on the first Wednesday to 2:30 pm, but will continue to practice at 1:30 pm on the third Wednesday of the month.

We are sad to have **Frank Ascattigno** resign from the SongSirs due to his move to Napa. Frank has been one of our most faithful singers and we will miss him. But, we are grateful to **Frank** for the many years he sang with us. You're always welcome to come and practice with us, **Frank**, and certainly to sing at a performance since you are so familiar with many of the songs in our repertoire. A recent new member, **Ray Bland**, will be out of town for much of the summer, but we hope to have him return in the fall. Another new member who is giving us a try is **Bruce Kimmis**. We are always pleased to have any of our Sirs check us to see if this is an activity they would enjoy.

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Book Group Chuck Campbell

On Monday May 13th, six Sirs met to discuss *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens. Like our previous book, *The New Iberia Blues*, where the story occurs in the Louisiana swamplands, this story takes place in the swamplands of North Carolina.

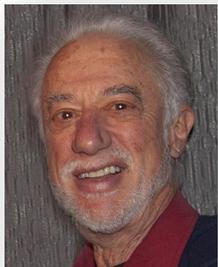
Both authors described scenes and characters clearly and colorfully. However, the characters in the *Crawdads* are more interesting and more time is spent developing the central character as she finds ways to survive in the swamps. Both stories are murder mysteries, but in the second story the murderer is not caught.

For our next book our group chose *The Pathway between the Seas: The Creation of the Panama Canal, 1870-1914* by David McCullough. We will meet again at the Greenery Restaurant at 8:30 am on June 10th.



Travel Milt Smith

[The SIR 146 Grand Baltic Sea Voyage](#) with Overseas Adventure Travel is a go in June, 2020. Call (877) 220-2630. Register Group Code GO23630. Questions contact **Milt Smith** at (925) 285-2897 or miltsmith549@gmail.com



RV Activity Bob Lucido

Our RV activity is starting to roll. We have four couples to start and hope to add more. Our first meeting will be June 5th.

The Roving Roosters from Branch 149 in Napa have invited Wendy and me to their annual RV planning meeting and luncheon in June. At the meeting, we can see firsthand how they plan their trips, and maybe come up with a cool name for our RV activity. The name "RV Activity" is just not as exciting as Roving Roosters. I am open for suggestions.

This is open to Sirs and their significant others.

Contact **Bob Lucido** (925) 899-0974 or
E-mail: bobwendy3@comcast.net



New Poker Group 6 Bob Lucido

We must have a lot of gamblers at our branch because we are starting another poker group. I think we are in competition with the dominoes groups, which now number 7. Our first meeting will be June 5th. There is room for one or two more players.

Contact **Bob Lucido** if you would like to participate in a friendly game.

Contact **Bob Lucido** (925) 899-0974 or
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Couples Dining Out Bruce Borgman

Couples Dining Out took place on May 20th, and it was again a great experience to dine at the Brass Door in San Ramon. We had 53 diners after some late cancellations, mostly due to health issues. We had a wonderful time in this restaurant, which first opened its doors in 1955 and continues to be one of the finest restaurants in the East Bay.

The service was excellent and the entrees were done to perfection. We were able to have five choices – chicken piccata, fried prawns, fresh Pacific salmon, London Broil and the favorite of most of the group – a 9 oz prime rib, which is one the restaurant’s signature dishes. For dessert we enjoyed a dish of rainbow sherbet – a refreshing conclusion to this fine dining experience. The cost for the meal was only \$36, with a slightly higher cost of \$42 for the prime rib. No doubt, we will return to this restaurant at some future time. Those who attended are in the photos shown here and on the next page.

We are already seeking a location for the July event. We have received several recommendations and are aware of a number of new restaurants in the area. One interesting one that we are checking out is a new Thai and Japanese restaurant which opened last week in the Orchards Shopping Center in Walnut Creek. The combination of Thai and Japanese cuisine is unusual and your hosts will be dining there soon to see if it will please the discriminating tastes of our Couples Dining Out group. It is a tough job to check out all these restaurants, but hey, someone’s has to do it!

We are always excited to have new diners join the Couples Dining Out activity – it is a great way to get to know your fellow Sirs. While it is a Couples activity, single Sirs, or wives or partners of deceased SIR members are always welcome as well. You may get on the advance notice mail list by sending me an email to bgborgman@aol.com

A California winery managed to create a new type of wine by crossing Pinot Blanc with Pinot Grigot. As a side effect, it reduces the number of times people need to get up to pee during the night. It is being marketed in retirement homes around the world as Pinot More!

Couples Dining Out at the Brass Door in San Ramon



Jonathan & Barbara Korfhage with Barbara Elenteny & Don Rhoads



Marie & Frank Ascatigno, with Jerry & Susan Kaplan, and Bruce Borgman & Sue Sheldon



Tony Greco, Al & Diane Munayer, Cindy Greco, Linda Boyan, Joan Pierce, Lynette & Bill Holly, Dave Pierce, and John Boyan

Couples Dining Out at the Brass Door in San Ramon



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

Bill & Laurie Hoban seated with Christine & Joe Flannigan



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

Carl & Joyce Feil, Joyce Wells & Jim Barry, Linda & Steve Siljestrom, Walt & Sue Busenius, and Sherry Hockenbrock



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

Bob & Jane West with Dan & Sandy Schlatter and Diana & Michael Rose



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

Don & Etta Dotson with June & Don Seaton



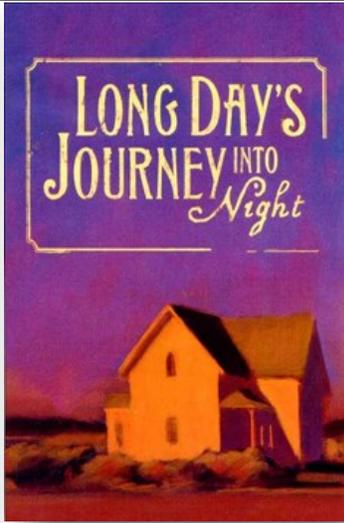
Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

Bob & Wendy Lucido seated next to Rob Melrose & Carmen Schiavone



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

Joanne Haukland, wife of recently deceased and beloved Sir Dale Haukland seated with Diane & Ron De Golia



Joint Theater Party

With SIR Branches 8, 116, 128 & 146

Thursday, September 19th, 7:30 pm

**The Old Barn Theater, Tao House
at the Eugene O'Neill National
Historic Site in Danville**

Reservations are still available for the SIR Joint Theater Party on Thursday, September 19 at 7:30 pm. SIR146 is joining with SIR Branches 8, 116 and 136 for this special presentation of Eugene O'Neill's *Long Days Journey into Night*, The play is to be produced at Tao House in the Danville hills – where the play was written and where O'Neill and his wife lived from 1937-1944. O'Neill is the only American playwright to be honored with the Nobel Prize for Literature.

Long Day's Journey is a memorable play about the playwright's family when he was growing up in New London, Connecticut. His father, James O'Neill, was a prominent actor; his mother – a former convent girl addicted to morphine after childbirth; and his carousing brother Jamie. All have dreams, ambitions and secrets that impact younger brother Eugene (named 'Edmund' in the play). *Long Day's Journey into Night* is considered one of America's greatest dramas.

A limited number of reduced price seats have been reserved for SIR members and guests for this special event sponsored by the Eugene O'Neill Foundation.

Reservations at \$35.00 per person are available with a check payable to SIR146 and mailed to Sir Gary Schaub, 1400 Canyonwood Ct., #8, Walnut Creek 94595. Deadline is August 16th. (*Please include your SIR Branch Number & e-mail address so we can confirm your reservation.*)

Access to the O'Neill National Historic Site is by National Park Service shuttle departing from the Museum of the San Ramon Valley, 205 Railroad Ave, Danville. (*No private car access.*) Details for shuttles, beginning at 6:00 pm, will be provided to attendees in advance of performance date.



AREA 16 Fishing Report

Paul Dubow

Ten of us, led by **Chuck Vanoncini**, traveled to Lake Almanor and caught about fifty fish, all nice fat rainbow trout. This three day trip has become a best seller. The resort (Quail Lodge) provides food, lodging, and guides at a very reasonable price. Interest in the trip by our members has been so strong that we are planning another trip in October.

Closer to home, 23 members of our group enjoyed **Carl Moyer's** semi-annual fish fry. In addition to the rockfish and ling cod supplied by **Carl, Bob Stein** contributed smoked salmon and **Ron Lew** of Branch 146 provided smoked skate. Both of these delicacies were created from the member's own recipe.

For some odd reason, the Department of Fish and Wildlife closed the salmon season between May 1st and May 17th! Some of us used the opportunity to fish for halibut in the Bay. **Carl Moyer** and **Paul Dubow** of Branch 146, caught a dozen halibut, releasing eight, while fishing on the Pacific Pearl. **Carl's** fish was the largest caught on the boat, so he came home with a \$90 jackpot. **Rich Fiscina** and **Ron Lew** of Branch 146, along with **Bob Fieber, Gordon Linebaugh**, and **Ken Bellinder** also did well on the halibut trail.

Larry Kaye and **Brion Beetz** of Branch 146, as well as **Carl Moyer** and **Phil Scimonelli**, caught good sized rainbows in San Pablo Reservoir. **Mike Corker** and **Tom Kostik** enjoyed striped bass and black bass fishing in the Delta. **Ernie Wong** and **Ken Konzak** packed their ladders, drove up to Pyramid Lake in Nevada, climbed the ladders with their fly fishing equipment, and landed lots of cutthroat trout. **Bob Fieber** and a friend caught some stripers fishing in the Feather River. **Carl Moyer** and **Stan Wong** sailed out of Pacifica in **Carl's** boat and brought home rockfish and ling cod.

In the next few months, we have scheduled outings at Collins Lake, New Hogan Reservoir, Lake Berryessa, Lake Davis, Lake Almanor, Pyramid Lake, and Lake Oroville plus a host of trips fishing for salmon, rockfish, and ling cod in the ocean. You can learn about them by joining us at our next meeting, which will be held on June 27th, 8:30 am at the Legends Sports Bar and Grill, Diablo Creek Golf Course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway, Concord. Come early for breakfast beginning at 7:30 am. For further information, feel free to contact branch fishing chair.

Paul Dubow
(415) 495-6504.



Attendees at **Carl Moyer's** fish fry



Bocce
Jim Whitsett / Stan U'Ren
Attention all Bocce Players

Our 2019 season has begun. If you are new to Bocce, come out and see how quickly you can learn the game.

Our June games will be held on Monday, June 10th and Monday, June 24th starting at 8:30 am.

In the past, we have played the 2nd and 4th Mondays, April/May through September at 8:30 am at the Concord Bocce Courts in Newhall Park, Concord, near the corner of Turtle Creek and Ayers Roads. This year we'll begin using the same schedule in June, unless there is interest in playing weekly.

Rain Cancels Play
 Ladies are welcome. Come and join us
 Hope to see you soon!

Jim Whitsett (925) 689-5493
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Pinochle
Charlie Kahsen /
Jeff Morrow

*We meet on
 the 2nd & 4th
 Wednesday of the*

month at Rocco's Ristorante Pizzeria, 2909 Ygnacio Valley Rd, Walnut Creek, CA. Optional lunch is from Noon – 1:00 and card playing from 1:00 – 3:00 pm.

All Sirs in Area 16 and their guests (including spouses) are welcome to attend. Introduction and training will be provided to those who have never played before, as well as those who last played many years ago.

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 come, please let us know ahead of time so we can let Rocco's know you plan to have lunch with the group.

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Photo by Ron Lew

Rich Fiscina and Ken Bellinder display their halibut catch



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

Sharing good moments at the Ladies Day Luncheon are
 Ron Louis & Fran Mathews with Kim & Rich Pace

My Mom texted me the other day:
 Mom: What does **IDK, LY, TTYL** mean??
 Me: **I don't know, love you, talk to you later.**
 Mom: Ok then, I will ask your sister!!

My wife is so frustrated with me. I'm always making
 wordplay jokes and it's driving her crazy.
 One day she asked me, "Why don't you write a book
 instead?"
 I got so excited and replied, "Why that's a novel idea!"

Mexican Train Dominoes Groups



Mexican Train Dominoes Group 1 (UNO)

Jerry Kaplan

The Group One players met on May 10th for our fifth Game Night of 2019 at the Walnut Creek home of **SIR Jerry Kaplan** and his wife, **Susan**.

Tasty snacks and a rich chocolate cake were provided by the hosts. A group of regular players were in attendance, but a few were traveling or ill. To complement the group, **SIR Bob Lucido** and his wife, **Wendy**, as well as a new SIR member, **Dale Dalgaard** and his wife, **Mary Ellen**, joined the Game Night.

Marie Ascatigno, wife of **SIR Frank**, had an outstanding evening, going out first in seven of the nine games she played, averaging an all-time low of only 2.9 points per game. She obviously took home the first place prize money of \$19. **Sherry Hockenbrock**, wife of **SIR Richard**, averaged a score of 12.8, good for second place worth \$10, followed by **SIR Jerry Kaplan** (18.0), worth \$3 for a third place finish.

Lottery scratchers were awarded to the two players who amassed the most points during the evening. **SIR Rob Melrose** and **SIR Richard Hockenbrock** were each handed a lottery ticket they hoped would pay for a trip to a far-off land. No such luck this time.

Since there has been additional interest from other Branch 146 members in playing the game, a seventh group of Mexican Train Dominoes players may be starting. **SIR Bob Lucido** is taking the lead on getting those interested together and determining when might be a good time and day to play. See the Activity column elsewhere in this SIR CALL on how to reach **Bob**.

Mexican Train Dominoes is an easy game to learn and a great number of SIRs, many with their partners, have been playing for several years. Single SIRs are always welcome.



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

MTD Group 1 Winners **Jerry Kaplan** 3rd, **Sherry Hockenbrock** 2nd and **Marie Ascatigno** 1st



Photo by Jerry Kaplan

MTD 1 **Richard Hockenbrock** and **Rob Melrose** getting Lottery Scratcher tickets for having the evening's highest scores

"Life's hard. It's even harder when you're stupid."

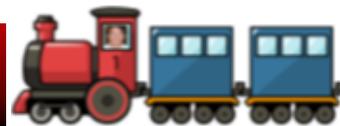
John Wayne

A guy comes to his doctor and says, "Doctor, you know how you told me I should avoid going up and down stairs as much as possible?"

"Yes," nods the doctor, "we agreed on that after the latest X-rays."

"Well I don't know if it was such a great recommendation. All the climbing up and down the rain gutter is really exhausting!"

Mexican Train Dominoes Groups



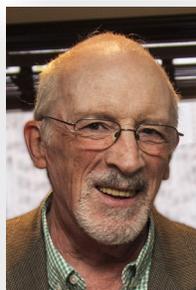
Mexican Train Dominoes Group 2 (DOS) Dick Woodman

Thank you to **Bill** and **Lynette Holly** for hosting our game night in April. Many people including **Janice** and myself were absent, including **Lynette** herself. Fortunately, their daughter, **Diane** was right there and could step in to cover for her mother. She frequently has a hand in providing goodies at the **Holly** residence. They do a great job of hosting and we all appreciate it. There were 14 players including four alternates.

We had some very competitive scores as usual. **Rich Ahlf** took first place with an average game score of 12.8 for the evening winning \$17. **Jim Meehan** had a strong second place with 13.7 winning him \$8. **Ismini MacLean** also had a strong score of 15.3 winning her \$3 for the evening.

As we headed into May, the last month of our January-May Pot, **Ismini MacLean** was carrying the lowest score of 15.4, **Nancy Pearl** the second lowest score of 18.1 and **Etta Dotson** the third lowest score of 18.2.

Stay tuned for the results as our May 24th games were played at **Don** and **Etta Dotson's** home and will be reported in the July SIR CALL.



Mexican Train Dominoes Group 3 (TRES) Jeff Bailly

We enjoyed an evening of Mexican Train Dominoes at the home of **Steve** and **Linda Siljestrom** on Friday May 24th. Linda provided a wide assortment of delicious snacks and desserts.

At Table 1 were **Alicia Bailly**, **Lynn Shafer**, **Jim Stedman**, and **Walt Busenius** who went out twice. Walt's average of 17 allowed him to win the table but was not good enough to be in the running for the night's money.

At Table 2, **Sue Busenius**, **Steve Siljestrom**, and **Joyce Wells** were led by **Sally Shafer** who won 5 of the 10 games for an average of 10.8 making her the overall 1st place winner of the night. She was followed by **Sue Busenius** who went out once with an average of 16.3 leading to an overall 3rd place finish.

At Table 3 were **Dick Richmond**, **Linda Siljestrom**, **Sharon Varner**, **Jeff Bailly** and **Jim Barry** who won 3 of the 9 games with an overall average of 14.4 giving him 2nd place for the evening. The next MTD 3 games night will be on June 28th at the home of **Sharon Varner**



Photo by Walt Busenius

MTD 3 lucky host **Steve Siljestrom** with L to R **Sue Busenius**, **Joyce Wells**, and **Sally Shafer**



Photo by Walt Busenius

MTD III big winners in order: **Sally Shafer**, **Jim Barry**, and **Sue Busenius**

Why do monkeys carry their babies on their backs?
It would be a bit hard dragging a buggy all the way up the trees...

Mexican Train Dominoes Groups



Mexican Train Dominoes Group 5 (CINCO) Chuck Campbell

The MTD Cinco group met at **Steve & Sally Sprague's** home on Thursday, May 16th. We had two experienced MTD players as guest substitutes, **Bob and Janet Yolland**, who filled in for the **Burks** and the **Pierces** this month. Regular players **Doug and Patti Eisner, Chuck and Marti Campbell, and Dennis and Ann Hallett** completed our group.

As our group usually does, we began with socializing over an assortment of wines then moved on to delicious dessert cake and coffee halfway through the evening.

Our two tables played a minimum of seven games (the men's table was slower as is always the case). When the points were totaled, **Bob Yolland** came in first and took the big money, **Steve Sprague** took second place, and **Patti Eisner** continued her winning streak by placing third.

Our next exciting game will be held on June 20th at the home of **Doug and Patti Eisner**. See You There!

Reported By: Steve Sprague



MTD Group 3 (L to R): **Jim Barry, Jeff Baily, Dick Richmond, Sharon Varner, and hostess Linda Siljestrom**



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Marna Dawkins and Jim & Anne Burk

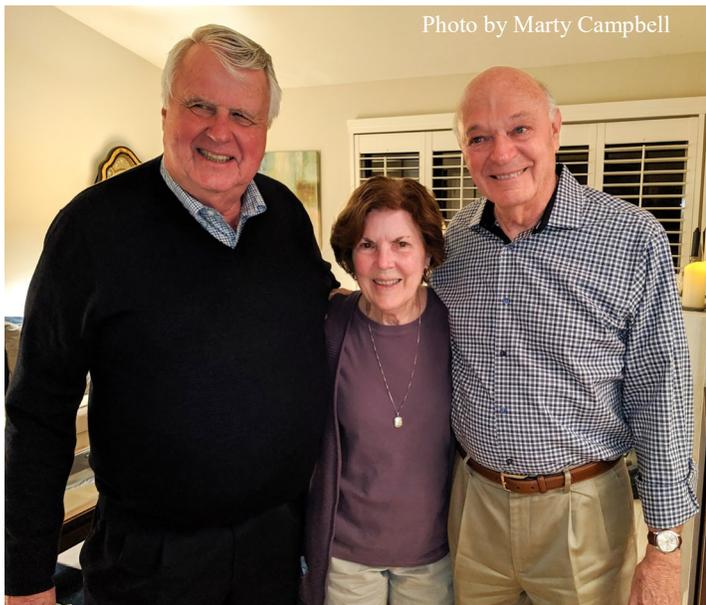


Photo by Marty Campbell

MTD Group 5 winners **Bob Yolland 1st, Patti Eisner 3rd, and Steve Sprague 2nd**



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

Clint & Beverly Collier

Mexican Train Dominoes Groups



Mexican Train Dominoes Group 6 (SEIS) John "Moose" Kelly

Bob and **Jane West** did a masterful job of hosting the always spirited MTD Group 6. It was a beautiful May evening which was enhanced with a spread of treats and wines. The MTD 6 "pandilla" (gang) was in top competitive form with low score winners comprising of **Sherry Hockenbrock** (1st), **Susan Sheldon** (2nd), and **Jeff Baily** (3rd). There seems to be a theme emerging with **Sherry** consistently winning the top spot on a monthly basis. HHUMM! PLEASE **Sherry**....share your secrets.

Steve Lane and **Joyce Wells** surpassed everyone with the highest points that yielded some "Beginner's Luck" money.

Congratulations to the winners and thanks to one and all on making the evening a rousing success!

Our next Mexican Train Dominos 6 event will be at the home of **Rob Melrose** and **Carmen Schiavone** on Tuesday, June 25th. Further communication to follow to the MTD 6 "Pandilla."



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

Monnie Eichten & Jean Harrington with Carolyn Anderson in background



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

Fred & Phyllis Bolton



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

MTD 6 Winners: **Sherry Hockenbrock** (1st), **Sue Sheldon** (2nd), & **Jeff Baily** (3rd)



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

Steve Lane and **Joyce Wells** with their consolation lottery tickets. **Steve** has reason to smile as he won a dollar



Cooking Lunch & Wine

Dick Woodman

Lunch and Wine Group in April was hosted by **Jim Meehan** at his home in Rossmoor. Various members were scattered around the world and **Joe Barry** was the only alternate that could make the luncheon, so the total guests were six strong, a nice congenial group. **Jim** served shoulder of pork Chili Verde finished with peach crumble. I'm sure it was enjoyed by all, as I was one of the people out and about.

May brought a feast hosted by **Pete Gates**. **Pete** served a beautiful set of pastry cups filled with shrimp and alfredo sauce and accompanied with a green salad. Wonderful! An ice cream sundae topped it off. I can't forget to mention the snacks to begin including **Pete's** staple of a shrimp spread containing his self-caught salmon and other delightful spreads, all delicious.

Again in May, we couldn't all make it to lunch. There were six members total but a good time was had by all who attended.

In June, we will off to San Francisco to have lunch at **Paul Dubow's**.



SIR 146 Hiking

Rich Ahlf

FALLS TRAIL DIABLO

On Friday, June 14th, we will meet at the Regency Gate in Clayton at 9:00 am to hike the Falls Trail on Mt Diablo. We will be starting early in case it gets too warm. Hopefully, we still have some falls left from our wet winter.

This hike is 6.2 miles with a 1200 ft elevation gain. We will be eating lunch about half-way. Hope you can make it. This is a strenuous hike. Dogs are not allowed.

Directions; Drive thru Clayton to Regency Drive, turn left and drive to the staging area.

Spouses welcome

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Cooking II

Bob Yolland

On the second Monday of May, May 13th, Cooking II held its lunch hosted by **Bob Yolland**. With decent weather, we were able to enjoy the starters outside on the patio. **Bob** served a variety of cheese, crackers and salami along with black and green stuffed olives. He also provided a delicious smoked salmon canapé on a sweet baguette with onion and chive creamed cheese and capers. To go along with the starters, everyone enjoyed good wine that was brought by the guests. For the main course, **Bob** put together some freshly BBQ'd flank steak, French dip sandwiches with an au jus sauce, and a Caesar salad. For dessert, his favorite lemon chiffon pie was served.

Our next event will be hosted by **Steve Ybarra** on June 10th.



Table Pool

Bill Weinberg



We meet every Monday at 11:00 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 16 are welcome.



"Have you been sleeping by an open window, like I told you?" a doctor asks his patient.

"Yes, just like you said, doc."

"And is the bronchitis gone now?"

"Not yet, so far the only things gone are my laptop and cellphone."





Men's Duplicate Bridge 1 Doug Eisner

Dave Steinberg hosted three tables of Duplicate Bridge 1 on May 20th. From the get-go, it was obvious that a number of players were on their "A" game. **Max Hinkle** and **Rich Ahlf** tied with 15 pts each for first place at the lunch break. **Dave Pierce** and **Doug Eisner**, at 14.5 pts each, enjoyed a tie for second. However, the afternoon session saw some players misplace their "A" game while others, such as **Jim Stedman** and **Brad Hatcher**, belatedly found their "A" game and leaped into the money at the end of the day.

Rich Ahlf held on to his morning lead and walked away with first place at 30.0 pts, well ahead of the tie between **Jim Stedman** and **Brad Hatcher** at 27.0 pts.

Mark Curtis will host our June 17th game.



Men's Duplicate Bridge 2 Bill Schultz

Thank you **Brad Hatcher** for a fine job of hosting and thank you **Mike Whitaker** and **Dick DeVoe** for coordinating the May in my absence.

Mike had a great morning earning 18 points for a (75%) game. **Dave Pierce** was close behind with 17.5 points and **Mark Curtis** was third with 15.5 points. In the morning **Mike** had eight 2's. After lunch **Dave Pierce** was first with 15 points, followed closely by **Max Hinkle** and **Dave Steinberg** with 14.5 points each. **Mark** had zero 0's in the second half.

In the end it was **Dave Pierce** winning it all with 32.5 points (a 68% game) and **Mike** and **Mark** tied for second place with 29.5 points each. For the day, **Mike** had eleven 2's and **Mark** and **Dave Pierce** had only two 0's each.

There were two perfect 6 partnerships. **David Pierce** and **Mike Whitaker** on boards 10/12 and **Dick DeVoe** and **David Steinberg** on boards 16/18. **Ed Marlovits** was the comeback kid improving his first half score of 6 points to 13.5 points in the second half for a 225% improvement.

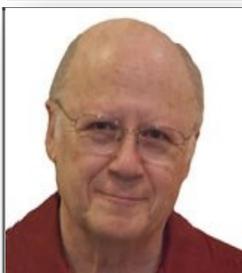
Our next Duplicate Bridge 2 event is Friday, June 7th, hosted by **Fred Bolton**.



Duplicate Bridge 1 hosted by **David Steinberg**
Big winner was **Rich Ahlf, Max Hinkle** and
Jim Stedman tied for 2nd place

Our next game will be Friday June 21st hosted by **Sid Landman**.

Reported by Bill Schultz



Men's Duplicate Bridge 3 Sid Landman

In May, **Tony Greco** hosted three tables of Duplicate Bridge 3.

In the morning session, **Jerry Benoit** was the leader after the first 12 boards with 16.5 points. He was followed closely by **Dick DeVoe** and **Jim Stedman** with 16.0 and 15.5 points, respectively. **Jerry** had six 2's and **Jerry, Dick** and **Jim** had only one each.

In the afternoon, **Jim Stedman** led the field with 16.5 points, followed by **Dick DeVoe** with 14, and **Mike Whitaker** and **Tony Greco** both had 13.5 points. In the afternoon, **Jim Stedman** had six 2's and only one zero. **Mike Whitaker** improved his afternoon score over his morning score by 6.5 points.

When it was all over, **Jim Stedman** was the winner with 32 points (67% game) and the highest score this year. **Dick DeVoe** was second with 30 points and **Jerry Benoit** held on for third place with 28 points. For the day, **Jim Stedman** and **Dick DeVoe** had ten 2's and **Jim** had only two 0's. There were no perfect 6 partnerships, but **Jim Stedman** and **Dick DeVoe** scored 5.5 on boards 22 thru 24. **Jerry Benoit** and **Jim Stedman** earned 5 points on boards 4 thru 6 as well as **Jerry** and **Ray Bland** on boards 10 thru 12.



Couples Duplicate Bridge 1 Bob Yolland

Our May 15th Couples Duplicate Bridge event was hosted by **Rich Ahlf** and **Ismeni MacLean**. Thank you to all those who played and a special thanks to **Ismeni** and **Rich** who put out an array of wonderful goodies, nice wines and an excellent Key Lime Pie for dessert. For bridge results, we had a three way tie for third at 17 points between, **John** and **Kathy Kluesener**, **Jerry** and **Chris Benoit** and **Bob** and **Janet Yolland**. In second place, a long way ahead, were **Dick** and **Christy DeVoe** with 27 points. Blowing everyone away in first place with 30 points were **Margot Somerville** and **Daphne Merritt**. Congratulations to all the winners.

Our third Wednesday, June 19th bridge gathering, will be hosted by **John** and **Kathy Kluesener**.



Duplicate Bridge 3 Group **Jerry Benoit** (3rd place), **Jim Stedman** (1st place), and **Dick DeVoe** (2nd place) display their winnings while **Ed Marlovits** looks on



Couples Duplicate Bridge 2 Dave Pierce

How nice to have all the regulars together when **Ken** and **Elaine Richter** hosted us on May 14th. We were especially grateful that one kind player (who shall remain nameless for reasons of privacy) struggled through the evening with a medical issue but kept the game alive for the rest of us.

Brad and **Lynne Hatcher** were third (54%), just behind **Joan** and **Dave Pierce** (56%). **Cindy** and **Tony Greco** were way out in front (64%). The hosts supplied great snacks, wine and dessert, making for a very convivial evening.

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Roland & Kathleen Mailhot



Charlie & Diane Walker

A man comes home and yells joyfully: "Honey I won the Lotto! Pack your things for a nice big vacation!"
She asks: "Awesome! Should I pack for warm or cold weather?"
Man beams: "I don't care. Just be on your way already!"

Couples Party Bridge



Photo by Tony Greco

Partners **Larry & Linda Brown** and **Brad & Lynne Hatcher** anxiously await the evening's results.



Photo by Tony Greco

Partners **Brian & Mary McCarthy** and **Dick & Christy DeVoe** react after learning that one of them finished in 1st Place

Couples Party Bridge

Tony Greco



Jerry & Christine Benoit hosted our May 7th event. **Christine** served delicious appetizers, most notable and unique of which was the oven cooked sweet potato slices topped with a whipped cream cheese (I think) and chopped pecan nuts. This was accompanied by an herb cheese plus another cheese with crackers. Lemoncello chocolate almonds rounded off the offerings. I almost forgot the Cheez-Its! **Jerry** uncorked an abundant selection of various wines to accompany the appetizers after "losing his shoes". At the end of the evening we were treated to a homemade tapioca pudding and a pumpkin pudding served with anise cookies and coffee. In between the eating and drinking we did manage to play some bridge.

Thank you to our first time subs, **Brian & Mary McCarthy**, who subbed for **Rich Ahlf & Ismini MacLean**. They were treated well with limo service to and from the event provided by **Larry & Linda Brown**. To make them feel welcome, they were dealt good cards throughout the evening which they played well, consistently scoring between 820 and 900 points for each of the five rounds of play. At the end of play they accumulated enough points to finish in 1st Place. Congratulations to **Brian & Mary McCarthy**. We may not invite them back! Also, congratulations to **Jerry & Christine Benoit** for finishing in 3rd Place in spite of all the distractions of hosting.

Our top three finishers are as follows:

- 1st Place with 4230 points – **Brian & Mary McCarthy**
- 2nd Place with 2760 points – **Tony & Cindy Greco**
- 3rd Place with 2480 points – **Jerry & Christine Benoit**

Next month's event will be held on June 4th and hosted by **Dick & Christy DeVoe**.



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

Tony & Cindy Greco and **Diane Munayer**



Photo by Richard Hockenbrock

Ann Kendrick & Martha Plante



Hearts Bob West

We meet on the third Thursday of each month at Rocco's Italian Restaurant, located at 2909 Ygnacio Valley Rd. in Walnut Creek. We play from 1-3 pm with an optional lunch at noon. This is a Men's SIR 146 function with new members welcome.

At our 5/16/19 meeting we played in two groups, two games each. For group 1, Sir **Bob Finlayson** won both games, with Sir **Jim Nelson** coming in second in game 1 and Sir **Ron Polivka** coming in second in game 2. For group 2, game 1, Sir **Ray Bland** came in first with Sir **Bob West** placing second. For game 2, Sir **Bob West** was first, with Sir **Ray Bland** placing second. Sir **Ray Bland** shot the moon in game 1 and Sir **Bob West** in game 2.

The overall winner based on averages of both games was Sir **Bob Finlayson** with an average of 4.7 points per hand, second was Sir **Ray Bland** with an average of 7.8, and third was Sir **Bob West** with an average of 9.0. Sir **Bob Finlayson** actually has been respectfully given the title "Sir Bob" as he vanquishes all challengers. Some are aspiring to learn from him and perhaps be his squire. I am hoping as a fellow "Bob" I may have the inside track. Sir **Ray Bland** is known as "Ray Man" for his Xray vision in reading our cards. Going forward, we will be sealing our cards with WIFI reflective coating to defeat his perceptive powers.

For QTR1 averages, Sir **Rich Lyon** was first with an average score per hand of 5.6, Sir **Brian McCarthy** and Sir **David Hicks** were tied for second at 6.5. Sir **Frank Lucas** received honorable mention for placing 2nd twice.

Hearts is a game of constantly changing challenges whether playing against someone experienced or new, each hand can be very dynamic. Most of us had not played in a long time but had still fondly remembered the game.

If you are interested or have any questions, please contact me at (925) 518-8472 or robtawest@aol.com.



Photo by Bob West

The Overall Hearts Card winners **Ray Bland**, 2nd place and **Bob Finlayson** 1st place



Photo by Bob West

Table 1, average winners: **Bob Finlayson**, 1st place and **Ron Polivka** 2nd place



Book Corner Peter Plante

Our Ladies Day book exchange was very successful. We started with 22 boxes of books and came back with 17. Enjoy your selections and we will be back in July for you to swap out these books for some new ones.

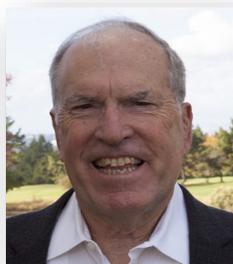
Two men talking on a bus:
"I've been riding this bus to work for 15 years now."
"Lord Almighty, where did you get on?!"



Poker Group 1

Dan O'Sullivan

Poker Group 1 met at the home of **Frank McNamee** on May 8th. As always, a good time was had by all, the money changed hands a few times. Our guest (not to mention any names) took home a fair amount. Our next outing will be at the home of **Dan O'Sullivan** on Wednesday, June 12th.



Old Money Poker

Group 6

Brad Hatcher

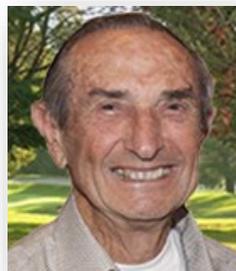
Success! After not being able to play in April, four players gathered at **Chuck Denney's** home for our game. Thanks to **Chuck** for providing the table, chips and snacks. Snacks were embellished by **Keith** bringing a nice platter to the game.

Two hands were worthy of mention. **Frank** won a nice pot with a straight flush. **Brad** won an even better pot playing a 7-card wild card game showing 5 queens at the end of the hand.

We expect a full crew to play in June.

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Poker Group 2

Al Zamolo

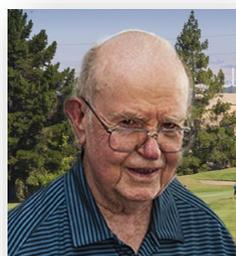
*Poker Group 2 meets on the fourth Monday of the month at various members' homes. Contact **Al Zamolo** if you would like to be on the list as a substitute.*



Poker Club 3

Sig Kalteis

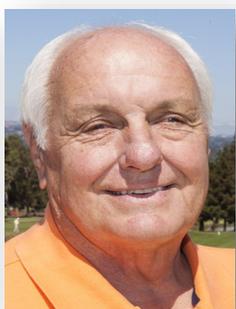
*Poker Club 3 meets on the fourth Monday of the month. We usually play at my house. Contact **Sig Kalteis** if you would like to be on the list as a substitute.*



Poker Group 4

Rich Hanford

Poker Group 4 meets on the fourth Monday of the month at homes of the various members.



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.*



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. 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.

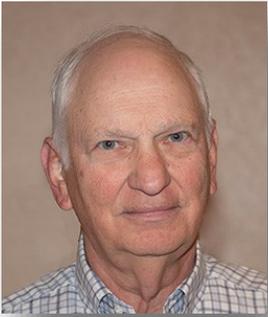
There is also instruction available from 1:00 - 2:30 pm on Tuesday and Thursday. The cost of instruction is \$10 per player, plus the \$5 drop-in fee referenced above. A player would be allowed to play until 4:00 pm, space permitting, before or following the 1 1/2 hours of instruction. A player wishing to take advantage of the instruction should call the ARC at (925) 837-2011 and reserve a time (8 players is the maximum for each instruction session).

Call or email 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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GOLF

Ed Marlovits

The new and improved Taphouse Grill at Boundary Oak is now open with a new beer menu, large screen TVs and comfortable seating inside and out. Thus far it is not open in the morning because of staffing issues so Tuesday check-in has been relegated to the upstairs.

After one inter-branch competition at Franklin Canyon, the remainder of this planned five-event series has been canceled. This was mainly a two-man scramble competition between branches to be held at Franklin Canyon starting in April. Unfortunately, the organizers felt it didn't work very well from the organization or implementation standpoints. However, those who played in the first event had a good time. The staff at Franklin Canyon did a good job as well. Perhaps we might be able to put together a less ambitious series of events.

The team scramble event we held in late April was supposed to be a qualifying event for the State Team Championship, but that was quite a departure from past practice and not terribly satisfying. After some discussion, the Area Golf Chairmen have set up an Area Qualifier event in late June, probably on June 27th. The State Team Championship will be August 12th at Rancho Solano.

During the week of July 30th Boundary Oak will be hosting a professional qualifying tournament and our normal Tuesday golf has been displaced. Golf committee members will attempt to find a replacement venue if there is sufficient interest. But the August Away Golf will be just a few days later at Blue Rock Springs. If you don't typically play away golf, that might be an excuse.

We still have about ten spaces left for our July 25th Green Valley outing — that is a very good response this far in advance. Contact **Mike Roach** to sign up. We had a nice turnout for our May 6th Away Golf at Rancho Solano. The course was in great shape but was challenging enough that only **Dan Holland** had a net score under 70. His three closest to the pin shots on the par 3's probably helped. Our June 6rd Away golf will be held at Napa Golf Course at Kennedy Park. This is a CourseCo venue and, according to their tournament director, it is in great shape after the spring rains.



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. Exception is the second 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.

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Golf



Time to celebrate the **Two Ed's** — Ed Marlovits with Ed Brands



Sir golfers gather after their round at the newly remodeled grill with CourseCo GM standing

Area 16 Events

Mac User Group (MUG)



Max Burchett



Vern Laursen

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.

Area 16 \$ums Investment Group

\$UMS in Retirement meets again on Wednesday, June 26th at 8 am at the Legends Restaurant, Diablo Creek Golf Course, on the Port Chicago Highway, Concord, just north of Hwy 4.

Our guest speaker will be one of our regulars, Tom Kopas of Pring Turner Capital Group. He will discuss: Continued Bull Market? Or is a Cyclical Bear Market Ahead? Come to find out which.

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

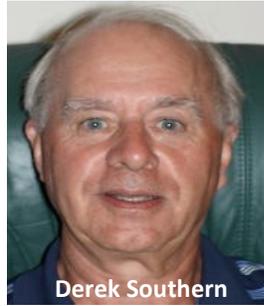
\$UMS Chairman: **Tom Henry** tomhenry925@gmail.com

Co-chairman: **Dave Sutton** davesutn@comcast.net

Doctor says to the patient: "Your coughing sounds much better."

The patient replies: "And no wonder. I spent a lot of time practicing."

Computers and Technology



Derek Southern



Neil Schmidt

The SIR Area 16 Computers & Technology (PCs)

The SIR Area 16 Computers & Technology Group does not have a meeting in June. The next meeting will be July 18th, 2019.

Each meeting we have a presentation on a wide variety of computer and technology related topics. These presentations are designed to be of interest to technology "novices" as well as individuals who have "worked in the business".

We also encourage mingling and socializing before and after the meetings and it is a good way to get possible solutions to your technology questions and issues. SIR members from all branches and their guests, including spouses, are welcome and invited to attend.

See you in July.



Photo by Bill Schultz

Marshal & Sir
Dick Richmond,
with **Ed Brands,**
Bill Danzig &
Max Hinkle

Area 16 ACBL Duplicate Bridge

The monthly ACBL-sanctioned duplicate bridge event will be Tuesday, June 4th, at the Fellowship Hall of the First Christian Church, 3039 Willow Pass Road, Concord. Registration starts at 9:15 am; a mini-lesson with Ravi Bhalla at 9:30 am; the games starts at 10:00 am and finish by 2:00 am.

If you have questions, email or call:

Tom Henry tomhenry925@gmail.com (925) 284-5724

SIR 146 Activities Calendar

To add new or one time special events for the calendar, contact Bill Holly

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June 2019

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Machu Picchu & Galapagos Main Trip				
<p>10:00 AM Party Bridge</p> <p>11:00 AM - 2:00 PM Table Pool at Masses</p> <p>12:30 PM - 2:30 PM Mac User Group (MUG)</p>	<p>9:00 AM Golf</p> <p>9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Pickleball (MTWThF) San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church</p> <p>1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Pickleball (MTWThF) San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church</p> <p>7:00 PM Couples Party Bridge</p>	<p>10:00 AM Bowling</p> <p>1:30 PM Song Sirs 1st</p>	<p>9:30 AM NINE HOLE GOLF-1</p> <p>6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Poker Group #6</p> <p>8:00 PM Woody SEZ The Life & Music of Woody Guthrie Leshar Theater, W.C</p>	<p>9:30 AM - 2:00 PM Men's Duplicate Bridge 2</p>
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Machu Picchu & Galapagos Main Trip				
<p>8:30 AM Bocce Ball</p> <p>8:30 AM Book Group</p> <p>The Greenery Restaurant, WC</p> <p>11:00 AM - 2:00 PM Table Pool at Masses</p> <p>12:00 PM Cooking II</p>	<p>9:00 AM Golf</p> <p>9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Pickleball (MTWThF) San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church</p> <p>1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Pickleball (MTWThF) San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church</p> <p>7:00 PM Couples Duplicate Bridge 2</p>	<p>10:00 AM Bowling</p> <p>12:30 PM - 3:30 PM Poker Group #6</p> <p>1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Pinochle Rocco's Italian Restaurant</p> <p>1:00 PM Poker Group #1</p> <p>4:15 PM Poker #5</p>	<p>9:00 AM - 10:45 AM BEC Meeting</p> <p>11:45 AM - 1:30 PM SIR LUNCHEON</p>	<p>10:00 AM Hiking Moderate</p> <p>12:30 PM - 2:30 PM Chess Pleasant Hill Senior Center</p> <p>6:45 PM - 10:00 PM Mexican Train Dominoes Group 1 (UNO)</p>
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Machu Picchu & Galapagos Main Trip		<p>10:00 AM Bowling</p> <p>10:00 AM Explore & Eat Black Diamond Mine Tour (Save the date)</p> <p>11:00 AM Cooking Lunch and Wine (LAW)</p> <p>1:30 PM Song Sirs 2nd</p> <p>7:00 PM Bridge - Couples</p>	<p>9:30 AM NINE HOLE GOLF-2</p> <p>11:00 AM - 2:00 PM Tres Gourmet</p> <p>1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Hearts Rocco's Italian Restaurant</p> <p>7:00 PM - 10:00 PM Mexican Train Dominoes Group 5 (Cinco)</p>	<p>10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Men's Duplicate Bridge 3</p> <p>7:00 PM - 10:00 PM Mexican Train Dominoes - El Quattro</p>
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<p>8:30 AM Bocce Ball</p> <p>11:00 AM - 2:00 PM Table Pool at Masses</p> <p>1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Poker #3</p> <p>1:00 PM Poker Group #2</p> <p>1:00 PM Poker Group #4</p>	<p>9:00 AM Golf</p> <p>9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Pickleball (MTWThF) San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church</p> <p>1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Pickleball (MTWThF) San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church</p> <p>6:45 PM - 10:00 PM Mexican Train Group Seis</p>	<p>10:00 AM Bowling</p> <p>10:00 AM Explore & Eat John Muir Home Martinez, CA</p> <p>12:30 PM - 3:30 PM Cribbage</p> <p>1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Pinochle Rocco's Italian Restaurant</p>	<p>9:00 AM Area 16 Fishing Breakfast Meeting Diablo Creek CC</p>	<p>12:30 PM - 2:30 PM Chess Pleasant Hill Senior Center</p> <p>12:30 PM - 2:30 PM Chess Pleasant Hill Senior Center</p> <p>6:30 PM - 10:00 PM Mexican Train Dominoes Dos</p> <p>6:45 PM - 10:15 PM Mexican Train Dominoes Group 3 (Tres)</p>