

# SIR CALL

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Sons in Retirement Branch 146 of Contra Costa

Published For Our Members And Friends



## Big Sir's Notes

Bruce Borgman

We had a great luncheon meeting on September 13<sup>th</sup> and continued to add to our membership rolls with the following new Sirs, and their sponsors: **Lewis Chapman** (**Dick Richmond**), **Keith Feiring** (**Howard Charlop**), **Jitu Patel** (**Joe Fuchs**), **Ross Hallberg** (**Steve Dinning**), and **Mike Wallace** (**Gary Brown**). We also again had a number of guests, some of whom have already indicated their interest in joining.

We honored two deserving SIR members with former Big Sir **Dennis Hallett** describing their many contributions to the branch with his usual eloquence. **Ron Plachy** received a Certificate of Appreciation, and **Richard Hockenbrock** was honored as Branch Honoree.

Our great experiment of altering the order of the luncheon was, by all accounts, a grand success. By delaying the start of the program until after we'd all had lunch and socialized with our fellow Sirs, the group was remarkably quiet and attentive so our honorees and speakers got their deserved attention – I applaud all of you for your flexibility in adhering to the new order. Who says you can't teach old dogs new tricks! Perhaps it was the decidedly ecclesiastical sound of the bell **Jonathan** had purchased to signal the beginning of the program! The wireless microphone, which **Jonathan** also purchased was also of assistance.

Everyone was quite festive in their shirts, jackets and hats to display devotion to their alma mater or professional sports team— **Jim Pope** was the recipient of a fine bottle of wine from my cellar for having the most team spirit.

There is one matter I wish to bring to your attention. As you know, we are strictly a social organization and don't espouse any particular bias to political, religious, or even charitable causes, even though many of us may have strong feelings about a topic. This should extend to our conversations and social discourse. We should not offend, or get into arguments with our friends when our primary purpose for getting together is to make friends and enjoy each other's company. Right?

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## WE ARE SIR – MAKE FRIENDS FOR LIFE

**Luncheon— Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Boundary Oak Clubhouse**

**Guest Speaker**

**Jane Adams—Sandhill Crane Docent**

**The Magical Migration of Sandhill Cranes  
in our 'Backyard'**

**Gathering time: 11:00 am**

**Seating time: 11:45 am**

**Bringing a guest or can't attend?**

**Email: [nolunchbranch146@gmail.com](mailto:nolunchbranch146@gmail.com)**

**Telephone Message: (925) 979-5146**

**By Noon Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**



The September speaker was Dr. William Hosfield, a specialist in Psychiatry, Pediatrics, and Neurology on training the brain

## 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.*

## 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

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I want to inform you that our State SIR organization has proposed a series of changes in our organization, which our own BEC is reviewing to provide input on the many proposals. Not all are significant or pertinent, but the gist of some of the proposals is to give greater autonomy to the individual branches, particularly with respect to attendance and membership rules. These are all positive developments, which will ensure the ongoing viability of our organization.

Lastly, I was recently struck with struggles that some of our members have with their own health, or that of their spouses. We must all be supportive of these, our fellow Sirs. Despite the fact that we are all aging, I am reminded of that well-known poem by the Welsh poet Dylan Thomas in one of the great poems of all time – where he admonishes us in the repeated lines:

“Do not go gentle into that good night  
Rage, rage against the dying of the light”

This is, after all, the purpose of our organization – to make friends and live life with gusto even as we age! I look forward to seeing you in October!



### Membership

**Dave Pierce**

We inducted five members at the September lunch: **Lewis Chapman, Keith Feiring, Ross Hallberg, Jitu Patel, and Mike Wallace**. That makes 30 new members in 2018, our annual goal, with two months to spare. Attrition has been lighter than expected so we are now at 301 members. We already have a two more for October, and more guests are welcome. Thank you, sponsors, for such a good year.

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### September New Member Photo Additions



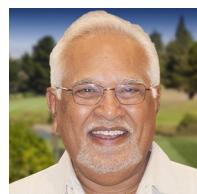
**Lewis  
Chapman**



**Keith Feiring**



**Ross Hallberg**



**Jitu Patel**



**Mike Wallace**



A bird does not sing because it has an answer. It sings because it has a song.  
Chinese Proverb



## Sunshine

**Calvin Tucker**

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

- ◆ Howard Nemir
- ◆ Ron Ragno
- ◆ Jim Saavedra
- ◆ Joe Suta

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

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

**Cal Tucker**

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Photo by Richard Hockenbrock



Ron Plachy receives a Certificate of Appreciation Award from Big Sir Bruce Borgman at the September luncheon



Growing up with a dyslexic father had its advantages. Whenever he caught me swearing, he used to wash my mouth out with soup.



# THE CLUBHOUSE

AT BOUNDARY OAK

SIR 146 Luncheon

October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018

## Salad

### Gorgonzola Salad

Baby Field Greens, Julienned Pears,  
Blue Cheese, Candied Nuts  
Champagne Maple Vinaigrette

## Entrees

### Herb Marinated Roast Pork Chop

Roasted Potatoes,  
Seasonal Vegetables  
Apple Compote

Or

### Mango Glazed Mahi Mahi

Rice Pilaf, Seasonal Vegetables  
Chardonnay Caper Butter Sauce

## Dessert

### Carrot Cake

Moist Carrot Cake, Cream Cheese  
Frosting, Raspberry Sauce

## SIR CALL Newsletter Group

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**Richard Hockenbrock**

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**Ron Plachy**



## Activities Coordinator

Jerry Kaplan

### POSSIBLE NEW ACTIVITIES – ANYONE INTERESTED?

If you were at the last luncheon in September, you may remember that I mentioned several possible new activities have been suggested by some of your fellow SIR members.

They are listed below with the name and contact info of the Sir who is interested in starting up the activity. If you are also interested, please reach out to that person to discuss. As usual, I will be happy to assist in any way I can.

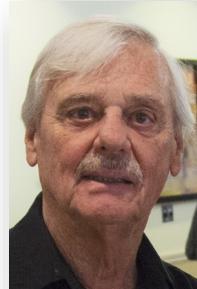
- **Hearts** (card game) – **Bob West** [robertawest@aol.com](mailto:robertawest@aol.com), (925) 518-8472
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We now have 301 members in Branch 146. There is a very good chance that one or more of your fellow Sirs has a similar interest in an activity or hobby that you have enjoyed as a favorite pastime and would like to share with others. There is always room for a new activity. As you're probably aware, the Branch has initiated several table-top type activities in the past year including, pinochle, chess, and a new bridge group. If you have an idea, such as **Bob West's** hope that he can start playing Hearts with some fellow Sirs, let me know and I'll help you develop an article for the SIR Call and make an announcement at a meeting to learn if there are others interested.

### BRANCH WALKING GROUP LOOKING FOR A NEW LEADER

The Friday Walkers group activity, as it is now operating, is sun setting as an official Branch activity. However, if a member is interested in re-constituting the activity in a somewhat different format – perhaps planning longer walks, meeting monthly or semimonthly instead of weekly, etc. - **SIR Frank Ascotigno**, the current chair, will be happy to help it get started. He can be reached at [frankascatigno@gmail.com](mailto:frankascatigno@gmail.com) or (925) 429-2232.

**Jerry Kaplan**  
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## SIR 146 Hiking

Rich Ahlf

### FRENCH TRAIL

### REDWOOD REGIONAL PARK

Please join us Friday October 12<sup>th</sup>, for a nice cool hike through the redwoods of Oakland. We will be hiking the French Trail loop at Redwood

Regional Park. This is a 6 mile single track moderate loop hike that hits all the highlights of this well-shaded park nestled in the Oakland hills. This is a peaceful, hidden bowl of coastal redwoods with a creek at the bottom. Notice this hike is rated as moderate, I am allotting three and a half hours with plenty of breaks and a lunch stop. Hiking poles are recommended as the first section is a steep uphill, after that will be a mostly level hike through the redwoods, also at the same time we will do an easy hike along Redwood Creek on the Bridal Trail (Dogs are allowed), hopefully we will both meet halfway for lunch.

Take Hwy 13 to Redwood Road, turn left and drive about 4 miles to the Redwood Gate and park in the first lot on the left after the Fishway interpretive center. Redwood Regional Park, 7867 Redwood Road.

Spouses / Significant Others Always Welcome

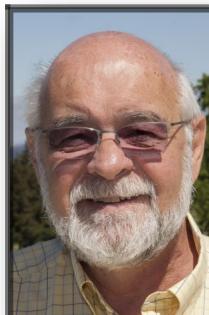
Rain Cancels

Hike starts at 10:00 am

**Rich Ahlf**

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## Wine Tasting

Rob Melrose

Our next Wine Tasting event is scheduled for October 24<sup>th</sup>. **Bob** and **Jane West** have volunteered to host the event at their home in Walnut Creek.

As we finalize the details, I will send out an email to the Wine Tasting group. If you are not on our distribution list and would like to be included, please send an email to Rob Melrose at [rwmelrose@gmail.com](mailto:rwmelrose@gmail.com).



## Veterans Committee Chairman Charlie Koeber

On November 8<sup>th</sup> SIR Branch 146 will honor all Veterans with service songs and a slide show. All are encouraged to wear all or part of your uniform in recognition of your service.

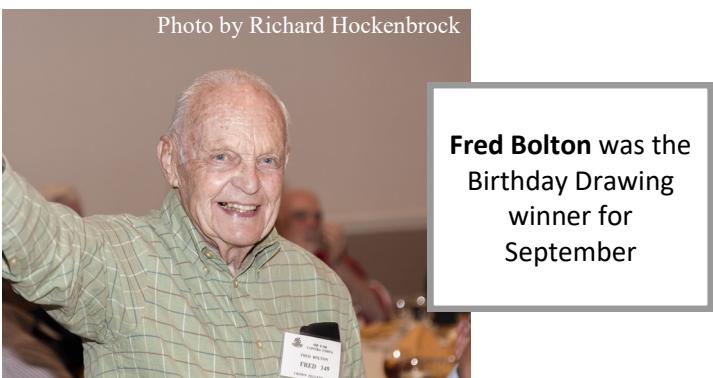
We are doing an annual update of the slide show, and have contacted all Sirs who have joined during the year. If you are a veteran and have not received an email regarding the slide show or submitted the "morning report" after joining SIR, please contact **Charlie Koeber** at (925) 687-2263 or [chaskoeber@aol.com](mailto:chaskoeber@aol.com).

The slide show from November 2017 is on the branch website. Sirs who joined before that date may check the slides to insure they are included. If you are a veteran and your picture is not on the show, please contact me at the above email or number.



Photo by Henry Thatcher

**Richard Hockenbrock** is presented the Branch Honoree award by **Big Sir Bruce Borgman** at the September luncheon



Fred Bolton was the Birthday Drawing winner for September



## Luncheon Chairman Rob Melrose

Autumn is upon us and even though some days are scorchers, the nights are getting cooler. Please make sure you are drinking enough water to keep yourself healthy.

### October 11<sup>th</sup> Luncheon

- Cost: \$26
- Preferred payment method is check
- Opt Out Deadline: October 5<sup>th</sup> before Noon
- Email: [NoLunchBranch146@gmail.com](mailto>NoLunchBranch146@gmail.com)
- If you need to call: (925) 979-5146

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

If you are bringing a guest: please notify Lunch Chair with guest's name at the same email address: [NoLunchBranch146@gmail.com](mailto>NoLunchBranch146@gmail.com)

**Annual Payers:** Since we have lowered the price, we really need you to let us know if you are not coming before the deadline so we can keep the low price.

### **2018 Branch 146 Officers and Directors**

Big Sir .....	Bruce Borgman
Little Sir .....	Jonathan Korfhage
Secretary .....	Brad Hatcher
Assistant Secretary .....	Richard Hockenbrock
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Director(2 <sup>nd</sup> Term) .....	Bill Schultz
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Director(1 <sup>st</sup> Term) .....	Tony Greco

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



Henry Thatcher

Jim Pope

## SIR 146 Explore & Eat Tour the Disney Museum

**November 30<sup>th</sup> Presidio-San Francisco, California**

The Walt Disney Family Museum presents an inspirational journey through the life of Walter Elias Disney. You will experience the animation, innovation, and inspiration in the remarkable life story of Walt Disney, the man who raised animation to an art, tirelessly pursued innovation, and created a distinctly American legacy that transformed the entertainment world. The Museum features contemporary, interactive galleries with state-of-the-art exhibits narrated in Walt's own voice along with early drawings, cartoons, films, music, a spectacular model of Disneyland, and more.

The tour will start at 10:00 checking in at the **Museum at 104 Montgomery Street** in the **Presidio** and then at 11:00 we will be joined by a Disney "Storyteller" for a one to 1 1/2 hour tour of the museum displays. After the Storyteller's tour we will have an hour to view the museum on our own.

At 1:15 pm, we will proceed to the **Presidio Social Club** for lunch, located at 563 Ruger Street on the Presidio grounds. The cost of the Museum tour is **\$22/person (\$44/couple)** which includes admission and the Disney Storyteller. Please make your **check payable to Jim Pope and mail to: 385 Bryan Drive, Alamo, CA 94507**. Please include your name and the name of your guest with your check. Parking costs about \$2.00 / hour at the museum. We need a minimum of 20 people so **please get your checks in by November 14<sup>th</sup>**.

**We are looking forward to your participation!**

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



## SongSirs

**Bruce Borgman**

The SongSirs have started to practice for some upcoming performances with a new repertoire. We will be singing the service songs honoring our veterans for our November luncheon, always a memorable meeting and rousing performance. Even though we're familiar with the songs, we have some new music, which will improve these patriotic renditions. We have been asked to sing for the Sunrise Senior Living Facility again, but we are also anxious to sing for Byron Park Senior Living since we always have a large and enthusiastic audience – probably in late October.

**Peter Plante** and **Paul Beretz** have helped in coordinating our performances –thank you!

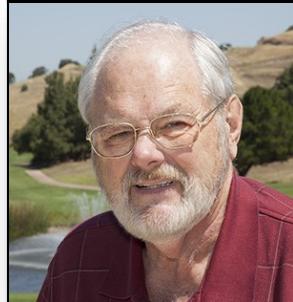
Besides the service songs, we are practicing some other patriotic songs, as well as some other new ones such as "Men of Harlech", "Green Fields", "Theme from a Summer Place", "Those Were the Days". And, we are practicing some older songs such as "Play a Simple Melody", "Heart", and "Someone to Watch Over Me". We've had good turnouts for our practices, but we are always anxious to add new members to the group – come check us out!

## Wear Your Team Colors

Photo by Richard Hockenbrock



There were many colorful outfits worn by a number of SIR members but the winner of the contest was **Jim Pope** standing beside judge **Tony Greco**



## Theatre

**Gary Schaub**

SHAKESPEARE'S

## THE WARS OF THE ROSES

SIR Theater Party at CalShakes  
Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup>



Enjoying a picnic at California Shakespeare Theater before "The War of the Roses": on September. 6<sup>th</sup> are (l-r) **Tom & Shirley Thomson**, **Gary Schaub**, and **Susan and Jerry Kaplan**



Photo by Gary Schaub

Keeping warm during "The War of the Roses" at CalShakes are **Tom & Shirley Thomson**, and **Robert & Jane West**

My wife asked if she could have a little peace and quiet while she cooked the dinner, so I took the batteries out of the smoke alarm!





## Travel

Milt Smith

**SIR Day At The Races:** There has been a date change for SIR Day at the races. The new date is **October 19<sup>th</sup>** instead of October 20th. The \$41 cost includes valet parking, admission to the Turf Club and buffet lunch. Opens at 11am on October 19th.

**Bus Tour to Modesto area: Sciabica's Olive Oil, Hilmar Cheese Factory, and Duarte Farms.** Monday December 3rd with the cost in the range of \$80 to \$120 depending on number of people. Park & Ride a motor coach from Mitchel Dr. in Walnut Creek to the Sciabica Olive Oil Co where you will enjoy a tour, presentation, and olive oil tasting. After your tour and tasting, you can browse the gift shop.

After a short ride south to Hilmar, a guide from the Hilmar Cheese Factory will step on the bus and educate you as your motor coach drives through the facility. An "Everything Cheese" sandwich lunch buffet will be served after your tour of the factory where you will view the "Big Cheese." Hilmar Cheese Company is the largest single site cheese and cheese byproduct manufacturer in the United States. You will have the opportunity to view and taste cheese being made the "old fashioned way." then visit the country store to enjoy samples of Hilmar's gourmet cheese.

After lunch you are off to Duarte Farms known for their beautiful Holiday Poinsettias. Their greenhouses hold one of the largest selections of Poinsettias in a variety of colors and species making your choice of a favorite a difficult decision. You will tour the facility with time to shop before departing with a complimentary 6.5 inch Poinsettia plant to enjoy at home.

### Other Travel Opportunities:

**Crystal Serenity Cruise and land tour sailing from Athens to Rome** May 2<sup>nd</sup>- May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Crystal is a step up when you visit Rome, Sorrento Naxos, Valletta, Athens, Nafplion, and Santorini. Call me for more information and flyer. We have six people on this cruise right now so sign up soon! The price is approximately \$5,400—\$7,600 per person including airfare from San Francisco.

**Crystal Symphony 12 Day Land and Sea Scenic Alaska Adventure:** August 23<sup>rd</sup> - September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019. Four day pre-cruise to Denali then Ports of Call Whittier, Hubbard Glacier, Juneau, Skagway, and Ketchikan. Price range from approximately \$5,300—\$6,000 per person

Including airfare from San Francisco. Call me for more information. We have seven signed up for this cruise right now but shooting for more!

**Are you interested in Machu Picchu and the Galapagos?** Travel 19 days with dates to be set for June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. The cost is about \$7K from SFO. A pre-trip is available to the Amazon-Jungle for about \$1,200. Call me ASAP if interested. This is a closed group like our recent trip to Africa. We have 10 signed up now with room for just two couples.

We Travel to Machu Picchu and the Galápagos Islands with O.A.T. (*Overseas Adventure Tours*) to discover two of Latin America's most fascinating destinations. First, follow in the footsteps of the ancients as you walk among the impressive ruins of the "Lost City of the Incas" and experience Peruvian culture in the Andean landscape of the Sacred Valley.

Continue to Ecuador's Galápagos Islands, where you may swim in unspoiled waters with rollicking sea lions as your playmates. You will also find a living laboratory of Darwin's theory of evolution in these "Enchanted Isles." From the city to the countryside, we will delve into the cultural legacies of Peru and Ecuador.

We visit Machu Picchu twice, giving us ample time to explore the site without crowds, hike to its storied peak Huayna Picchu, and see its mysterious beauty in varying lights.

In Ecuador, we glimpse the legacy of the Spanish Empire in Quito, the best-preserved colonial city in South America. And in the Galápagos, our private, exclusively-chartered ship allows us to slip into secluded coves and land on pristine shores, all in the comfort and camaraderie of our small group. No trip to the Islands is the same, as the islands we visit—as well as the wildlife we will see are dictated by Galápagos conservation authorities and nature herself.

**Milt Smith**

(925) 285-2897cell



Two blond men find three grenades. They decide to take them to a police station.

One asked: "What if one explodes before we get there?"

The other says: "We'll lie and say we only found two."





## AREA 16 Fishing Report

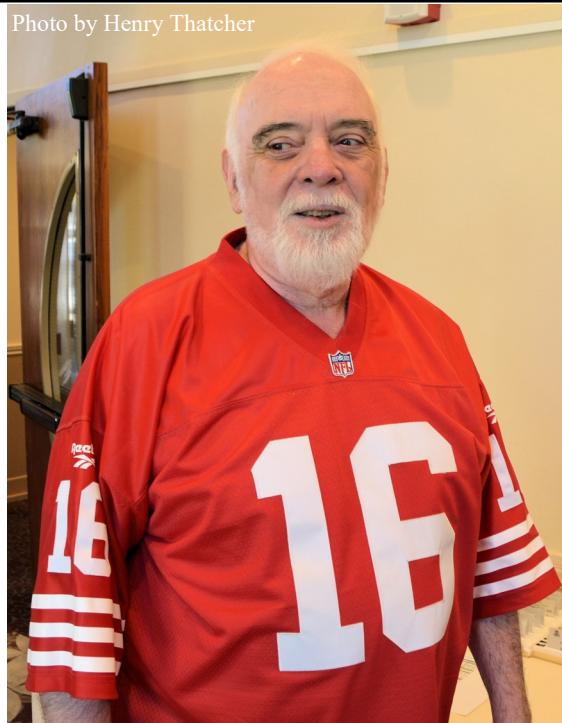
**Paul Dubow**

SALMON!! This year was the best salmon fishing in over 15 years. It is now winding down but there are fish still being caught. Boats going out the Gate have done fantastically well. What a great year to be a fisherman! **Paul Dubow, Karl**

**Droese, Joe Miscione, and Barry Rauchle** chased the salmon upstream to the Feather River and caught four nice ones. **Chuck Vanoncini, Rich Parker, and Ray Pixon** chased rainbow trout on a very successful drift trip on the upper Sacramento. **Tom Kostik** caught black bass, stripers, and salmon on the Klamath river. **Brion Beetz, Ron Lew, and Carl Moyer** caught rockfish and ling cod upon the ocean blue. **Brad Hatcher** was among six fishermen on the Sundance who limited in their salmon catch in under four hours.

All SIR members and guests are welcome, and indeed encouraged, to participate in fishing trips as well as attend the monthly meetings. Next meeting will be Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, in the Legend Sports Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek Golf Course at 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Meeting starts at 8:30 am but come earlier and enjoy breakfast with your fellow Sirs. Contacts are **Harry Sherinian** (510) 207-7067 and **Carl Moyer** (925) 685-5243. *(Reported by Brad Hatcher)*

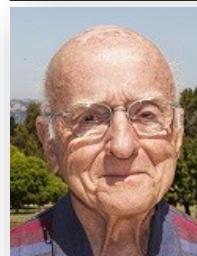
Photo by Henry Thatcher



Pat Lucia in the spirit of the September luncheon theme



L to R Standing: Lee Clark, Gordon Linebaugh, Dick Thomson  
Kneeling: Brad Hatcher, Terry Miller, & Carl Moyer



## Bocce Ball

**Martin Lyle / Jim Whitsett**

The time has come to announce the October Bocce notice when we will take our usual seven month winter shutdown and will start back up in May, 2019. Notes will be added in the two months prior to May in the SIR CALL to alert players of the start up. We've had a good year and look forward to next year.

*Bocce Ball is played the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays, May through September at 8:30 am at Concord Bocce Courts in Newhall Park, Concord, near the corner of Turtle Creek and Ayers Roads. Rain Cancels Play. Ladies are welcome.*

Come and join us.

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## Photography Group

### Richard Hockenbrock

Our planned next meeting had a conflict with the Explore & Eat Group both scheduled for November 30<sup>th</sup>. See Below. As is customary, we invite all attendees to bring a USB thumb drive with pictures they would like to share with the group.

We had a request from some of our newer members to outline the important features to consider when buying a new camera.

At our next meeting we will do some comparisons of smartphones, point and shoot, and enthusiasts cameras to point out the similarities and desirable features covering three different price ranges.

Video reviews of the new iPhone XS pulled from You Tube will also be shown. The last meeting was well attended but there is always room for more so come and enjoy the show!

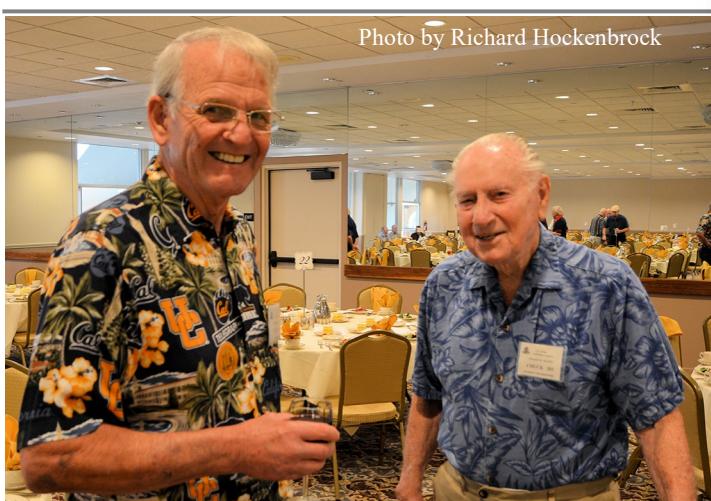
Email: [rhock@pacbell.net](mailto:rhock@pacbell.net)

Cell: (925) 324-1713

### Next Meeting

<b>Where:</b>	Thurman G. Casey Ygnacio Valley Library 2661 Oak Grove Road Walnut Creek, CA 94598
<b>Subject:</b>	How to buy a new camera in different price ranges plus a review of the new iPhone XS
<b>When:</b>	Rescheduled to a Friday in January 2019. See the November SIR CALL for an update.

Photo by Richard Hockenbrock



Pete Gates & Chuck Bates at the September luncheon



## Pinochle

### Charlie Kahsen / Jeff Morrow

We meet on the third 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 before played, 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.

In our game this month we again had a nice turnout, most of whom enjoyed lunch, followed by a little over two hours of card playing. We had entertaining games of six-handed pinochle consisting of two teams, each with 3 players.

Our next game is scheduled for Wednesday October 17<sup>th</sup>. We hope to see you there.

### Charlie Kahsen

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### Jeff Morrow

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## 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.



## Couples Dining Out

Bruce Borgman

The September 17<sup>th</sup> Couples Dining Out event was a wonderful evening of socializing, drinking good wine, and having a sumptuous dinner. We returned to La Veranda Café in Clayton - a restaurant, which never disappoints. We took over most of the restaurant and had a total of 54 diners attending. While we had a good core group, which enjoys this activity virtually every time we have it, we were pleased that we also had a good number of Sirs and spouses who don't come quite as often and even several couples who were new members. We had decided to start with some appetizers, and then had a refreshing Caesar salad. For the entrée we had a choice of filet mignon, chicken piccata, or grilled salmon, with cheesecake for dessert – all of it very good and served promptly and efficiently.

Now, as I mentioned in my last column, we are shifting gears a bit by seeking out more unique restaurants, which may have smaller capacity. We will plan to have the event over two successive evenings; **Sue** and **Bruce** will host one evening, and we'll ask another couple to host the second. This will involve only greeting the diners as they arrive, handing out the nametags, and collecting them at the end. We'll still handle all the sign-ups, collecting your reservation checks, and negotiating with the restaurant, so the job of helping in this activity will not be that complicated. Let us know if you're willing to assist.

Our next event will be in November, probably early in the month to avoid conflicts with Thanksgiving and some other SIR activities later that month. We had considered the Walnut Creek Yacht Club but had not been able to get a variety of entrees with a good price – but, we'll try again for November. If you have other suggestions for an area restaurant that our Dining Out group might enjoy, let us know!



## Pickleball

Jim Burk

Branch 146 Sirs (some with their spouses) are now regularly playing this exciting and active game at the Activity and Recreation Center (ARC) of the San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church.

The ARC is located at 902 Danville Boulevard in Alamo and has three beautiful courts for playing Pickle Ball. Everyone is welcome to play there during any of the drop-in times on Monday thru Friday between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm, and between 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm. A player will pay \$5 per session. Each player will be allowed to get in as many games as the number of players that day allows using the traditional player wait list approach.

There is also instruction available on Thursdays from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. 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 their one and 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 (space for 8 players maximum is available)."

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

Jim Burk

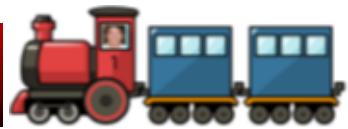
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A fine group of Sirs, spouses and significant others enjoyed dinner at La Veranda.

# Mexican Train Dominoes Groups



## Mexican Train Dominoes

### Group 1 (UNO)

Jerry Kaplan

The Group One players met on September 14<sup>th</sup> for another fun Game Night at the pleasant Walnut Creek home of **SIR Peter Plante** and his wife, **Martha**. The hosts provided several homemade treats that were delicious and enjoyed by all.

Four guests helped make up a full complement of 18 players - **SIR Tony Greco** and his wife **Cindy** as well as **SIR John Moose Kelly** and his significant other, **Mary Schmidt**.

Everyone at the three tables tried their luck at choosing the winning tiles. **SIR Sig Kalteis**, however, outsmarted everyone and ran off with the top prize of \$21.00 with a very low average of only 9.5 points left after playing 11 games. Following in second and third place, respectively, was **Sherry Hockenbrock**, wife of **SIR Richard** (12.9) and **SIR Jim Stedman** (15.5).

We are four months into the second half of the year with several players making a run for a share of the \$100 that is expected to be available after the November Game Night. These include **SIR Frank Ascotigno** (averaging 15.7), **Sue Oranje** (19.4), **Sherry Hockenbrock** (20.6), **SIR Jim Stedman** (20.7), and **SIR Sig Kalteis** (20.8).

There is always room for more players who want to be on a substitute list as an occasional player either in this group or one of the other five Mexican Train Dominoes groups. Please reach out to the one of the groups to join the fun. The game is entertaining to play and easy to learn! Single Sirs as well as a Sir and his Significant Other are always welcome. The branch activities coordinator will also help start a new group if asked.

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A man is walking in the desert with his horse and his dog when the dog says, "I can't do this. I need water." The man says, "I didn't know dogs could talk."

The horse says, "Me neither!"



## Mexican Train Dominoes

### Group 2 (DOS)

Dick Woodman

Thanks to **John** and **Nancy Pearl** for a wonderful evening with much great food. There were so many delicious snacks along with sherbet to top it all off. It was a lot of fun.

As play began, the evening became very competitive. Three great scores for our three lowest score winners: **Don Dodson** took third place with 13.8 average points per game; **Rich Ahlf** took second place with 10.3 points and **Ron Plachy** won first place with 10.0 points per game. Congratulations to all of our winners!

Our next game night is on September 28<sup>th</sup> at **Bill** and **Lynette Holly's**.

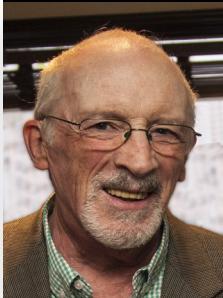


Winners Jim Stedman, Sherry Hockenbrock & Sig Kalteis



MTD Group 1 players **Peter Plante**, **Sig Kalteis**, **Moose Kelly** **Sherry Hockenbrock** and **Corrie Oranje**

# Mexican Train Dominoes Groups



## Mexican Train Dominoes Group 3 (TRES) Jeff Baily

On Friday, October 28th we met on the playing fields of the Orinda Hills, better known as the home of **Linda** and **Steve Siljestrom**. We were served delicious treats and everyone enjoyed the pleasant evening.

The competition was fast and Furious. When the dust settled, **Walt Busenius** garnished first place with an average score of 14.75. Our hostess with the mostest, **Linda Siljestrom**, came in second place with a 16.10 average score, just beating out the third place winner **Jim Stedman** with his 16.50.

The competitors meet again Friday, October 26th at the home of **Joyce Wells** and **Jim Barry** in Clayton.



MTD Group 3 Winners (L to R) 1st place **Walt Busenius**, 2nd place **Linda Siljestrom**, and 3rd place **Jim Stedman**



## Mexican Train Dominoes Group 4 (El Quattro) Jim Pope

We had a "Delightful Dozen" of the El Quattro Mexican Train<sup>th</sup> Dominos players on September 14<sup>th</sup>. The group included: **Henry & Barbara Thatcher**, **Ron Louis & Fran Mathews**, **Dick & Leslie Firth**, **Darlene Boone & Mariwyn McComb**, **Dick & Christy DeVoe**, and **Jim & Renie Pope**.

Fun was had by all as the game with six each at two tables was moving briskly. The food, as usual, was lovely with an adequate supply of wine which made for an

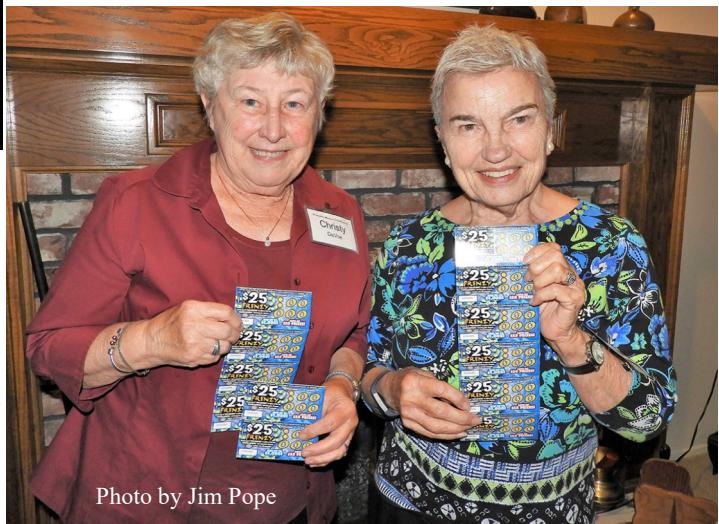


Photo by Jim Pope

**Christy DeVoe** and **Mariwyn McComb** were the low score winners at each of the two tables. Both received six \$1,000 California Lottery Scratcher tickets. Did they win any money!



Group 3 (TRES) players planning their strategy.. (L to R) **Rob Melrose**, **Jim Baldridge**, **Lynn Shafer**, and **Sharon Varner**

# Mexican Train Dominoes Groups



## Mexican Train Dominoes

### Group 6 (SEIS)

**John "Moose" Kelly**

**Kathe Mitchell** welcomed the Mexican Train Dominos 6 Group to her home in Tice Valley with plenty of delicious snacks including the specialty cheeses and wines from our sommelier,

**Brian McCarthy.** My thanks to **Kathe** for hosting such a lively and spirited event. There were a total of 16 competitors: **Kathe Mitchell, Rob Melrose, Carmen Schiavone, Richard and Sherry Hockenbrock, Brian McCarthy, Bruce Borgman, Sue Sheldon, Steve and Jan Ondeck, and Steve and Carol Lane, Jim Barry, Joyce Wells, Mary Schmidt** as well as yours truly. The low score, in the money winners were **Brian McCarthy, Sue Sheldon, and Bruce Borgman.** A rarity that the husband and wife team won, of course at different tables. The high score contestants with a scratchy award each were **Jan Ondeck and Moose Kelly.** Congratulations to the winners!!! The next Mexican Train Dominos 6 event will be on Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at the home of **Brian and Mary McCarthy.** Details to follow in a separate email. Thanks everyone to a super time with the MTD 6 team.



Photo by John Kelly

**Carmen Schiavone and Mary Schmidt** enjoying some refreshments at the half time break on MTD 6 game night



## Mexican Train Dominoes

### Group 5 (CINCO)

**Chuck Campbell**

Feasting on **Anne Burk's** now famous apple pie à la mode and kibitzing on the newly-clarified rules of play, MTD Cinco members enjoyed another fun evening together. We welcomed guest players **Bob and Janet Yolland**, only to prevent them both from taking home the winnings.

As the photo shows, **Patti and Doug Eisner** once again dominated the evening, placing 1st and 3rd, respectively. However, **Anne Burk** managed to divide and conquer with her 2nd place win. We thank **Anne** and **Jim** for their warm hospitality.

Photo by Chuck Campbell



Seated: **Patti Eisner**; Standing: **Anne Burk and Doug Eisner**



Photo by John Kelly

The winning threesome at MTD 6 game night on September 24<sup>th</sup>, **Brian McCarthy, Sue Sheldon and Bruce Borgman**



## Couples Duplicate Bridge 1

### Bob Yolland

Couples Duplicate 1 had a very nice evening of bridge Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> hosted by the **Yolland's**. Thank you to **Tony** and **Cindy Greco** for subbing and to **Janet** for her excellent treats. The bridge was great with some interesting hands. **Rich Ahlf** and **Ismini MacLean** came in 3rd with 19 points. **Jim Brown** and **Anne Johnson** finished 2nd with 22 1/2 points and **Bob** and **Janet Yolland** 1st with a very high 27 1/2 points. That is a 68% achievement. They had 4-0's on the down side and 11-2's on the up side. Congratulations to all the winners. Our next event will be Wednesday October 17<sup>th</sup> hosted by **Rich Ahlf**.



## Couples Party Bridge

### Tony Greco

**Larry & Linda Brown** hosted the September 4<sup>th</sup> event. With the event taking place on the evening right after Labor Day, it was surprising that all the regulars were able to participate. Our subs were on active standby in case anyone scratched at the last minute. I suspect that everyone came so they wouldn't miss out on the abundant wine, cheese and snacks plus the homemade dessert which was a delicious homemade Strawberry Trifle served with coffee.

Bridge results were weirdly similar to last month. Once again, **Rich Ahlf & Ismini MacLean** finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> PLACE, this time with 2610 points (only 70 points difference from last month). And believe it or not, we thought we had a tie for first again, this time between the **Grecos** and **DeVoies** (last month was between the **Grecos** and **Benoits**). However after a re-count and audit it was officially declared that **Dick & Christy DeVoe** took 2<sup>nd</sup> PLACE with 3,710 points and **Tony & Cindy Greco** with 10 more points took 1<sup>st</sup> PLACE with 3,720 points. Rumors were running rampant that with **Tony Greco** being the sole counter, re-counter and auditor, the results may have been manipulated. However, in an effort to be transparent, the scoring sheets and audit results will remain available to the public for viewing until our next month's event. Lol

Speaking of next month's event, it will be held on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and hosted by **Rich Ahlf & Ismini MacLean**. Once again, if anyone is interested in playing some low key couples party bridge and is interested in subbing once in a while, give me a call at (925) 934-0395 or catch me at the next SIR luncheon.



## Couples Duplicate Bridge 2

### Dave Pierce

It felt like Fall when **Cindy** and **Tony Greco** hosted us on September 11<sup>th</sup>; **Cindy**'s seasonal quilts were on display. **Dave Pierce** and his brother **Ron**, who was visiting from Denmark, were third (51%); stalwart subs **Jerry** and **Chris Benoit** were second (55%). Although the hosts rarely win, **Cindy** and **Tony** (58%) were rewarded for their efforts. The evening was topped off with a seasonal treat, **Cindy**'s pumpkin pie cake.

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



## Party Bridge

### Fred Bolton

We played three tables of bridge at the home of **Jim Brown** on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. First prize with 6060 points went to **Jim Brown**. Second to **Lo McCarley** with 5550 points, and third to **Brad Hatcher** with 4290. Our next game will be hosted by **Bill Rees** on

October 1st.

## Attention

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

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



## Men's Duplicate

### Bridge 1

#### Doug Eisner

**Dick DeVoe** hosted 3 tables of Duplicate Bridge 1 on September 17<sup>th</sup>. The results from the morning session appeared to preview the day as **Brad Hatcher** jumped off to a big lead over **Fred Bolton** who held a big lead over **Tony Greco**, with scores of 19.5 pt, 17.5 pt, and 15.5 pt, respectively. Typically, scores such as these are early indicators of the day's winners - however, not today. Rumor has it that **Christy DeVoe** must have baked some afternoon magic for her husband into the Bundt cake and ice cream lunch dessert. **Dick DeVoe** blew away all pretenders after lunch and ended the day with a score of 31.0 pt, well ahead of the 28.0 pt tie between **Tony Greco** and **Bob Yolland**. Well done, **Dick**, good use of the home field advantage!

**Rich Ahlf** will host our October 15<sup>th</sup> game.



Photo by Bill Schultz

Duplicate Bridge 1 winner today was the host **Dick DeVoe**. He is flanked by **Tony Greco** and **Bob Yolland** who tied for second



Photo by Bill Schultz

Duplicate Bridge 3 SIR members **Jerry Benoit**, **Jim Stedman**, **Brad Hatcher**, **Tony Greco**, **Marko Curtis**, **Jim Brown**, **Jim Pope**, **Ray Bland** and **Ed Marlovits** enjoy desert on host **Mike Whitaker**'s patio during the lunch break



## Men's Duplicate

### Bridge 2

#### Dick DeVoe

Our Duplicate Bridge 2 event on September 7<sup>th</sup> was superbly hosted by **Dave Steinberg**.

- 1ST PLACE (TIE)- **Jim Brown** and **Bill Schultz** with 29.0 points each.

**Jim's** 1st Place in the 1st half and **Bill's** 1st Place in the 2nd half took the steam out of other challengers, both winning overall by 2.5 pts.

- 3RD PLACE — **Dick DeVoe** with 26.5 pts.
- 4TH PLACE — **Jerry Benoit** with 26 pts.



Photo by Bill Schultz

Duplicate Bridge 2 had a first place tie between **Bill Schultz** and **Jim Brown** with **Dick DeVoe** coming in third. It is a small world we live in as **Bill** and **Jim** grew up on the same street in a small farming town in Nebraska called McCook



## Men's Duplicate

### Bridge 3

#### Sid Landman

The September 21<sup>st</sup>, 1918 Duplicate Bridge 3 event was nicely hosted by **Mike Whitaker**.

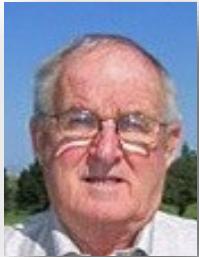
1st Place: **Bill Schultz** with 29.0 points. **Bill** came from way behind in the 1st half to win the 2nd half.

2nd Place: **Mark Curtis** with 27 pts. **Mark** also came from behind, scoring second-highest in the 2nd half.

3rd Place (Tie): **Jim Brown** and **Dick DeVoe** with 25.5 pts. each.

Highest Partnership Score (Maximum 6 pts.): **Bill Schultz/Ed Marlovits** with 5.5 pts.

Report submitted by **Dick DeVoe**



## Poker Group 1

### Dan O'Sullivan

Poker Group 1 met at the home of **John Lewis** on September 12<sup>th</sup>. As always, a good time was had by all. Our guest **Rich Hanford** was the BIG winner.

Our next outing will be at home of **Frank McNamee** on October 10<sup>th</sup>.



## 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 5

### Bill Roberts

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



## Old Money Poker

### Group 6

### Brad Hatcher

**Howard Charlop** opened his home and graciously provided us with snacks and wine during the game. We were delighted to have two substitutes join four regular players. It is noted that **Howard** attempted to pay for the wine and snacks by being the overwhelming winner for the day!

### Brad Hatcher

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## Cooking Lunch & Wine

### Bill Hartman

*The LAW cooking group meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at a different member's home with one member responsible for preparing the menu for the rest of the group.*

We gather at 11:00 am for good conversation, appetizers and wine followed by lunch. Couples are an integral part of this group as we have two dinners each year with our partners which are scheduled for March and September.



## Book Corner

### Peter Plante

The Book corner was a very busy in September. Thanks to all who took home books and to those who returned some really good titles. We will have a fully stocked Book Corner for you in November.

The Branch Executive Committee would like to remind all members that attendance at the monthly luncheon is required by one of the State Rules.

Article 8—Required Attendance Rule 100b  
Attend one-half of the regular luncheon meetings within the previous twelve consecutive month period. NOTE: Excused meetings cannot be included to achieve the minimum attendance.



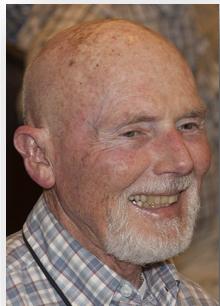
Photo by Carl Tilchen

## Acoustic Musicians

Carl Tilchen

The SIRS Acoustic Music Group has changed its location because **FAZ Restaurant** has an enthusiastic audience, a pianist & drummer to accompany, excellent food & drinks. This includes an Open Mike. Each performer may sing 2 songs. All musicians with acoustic or electric instruments are welcome. Listeners who enjoy music are welcome too. No Cover Charge. Please write your name on the list to play.

**The address is 600 Hartz Ave. Danville. Wednesday, October 10th and October 24th starting at 6 pm.**



## Book Group

Chuck Campbell

Six Sirs met August 29<sup>th</sup> to discuss *The President Is Missing* by James Patterson and Bill Clinton. The story is about a current-day President and his efforts to defeat a conspiracy to destroy the internet and all the software programs connected to the internet, thereby destroying the U.S. economy and possibly the world-wide economy.

The book's attraction--yet a distraction to us--was that Bill Clinton is a co-author of the book. We felt that the story's plot could be attributed to Patterson and that Clinton's contribution was likely to create a presidential character, President Duncan, far-removed from himself. To this end, the President Duncan was a war hero whose wife had died of cancer a year or so before the conspiracy problems start.

We concluded that the book is an easy read and at times interesting. We also felt that the book gave Clinton a chance to give the State-of the Union speech he always wanted to give but never had.



## Cooking II

Bob Yolland

Cooking II had a very nice Mexican themed lunch Monday September 10<sup>th</sup> at the **Yolland's**. **Bob** started us out with a variety of appetizers including corn chips with guacamole, olives, nacho chips, cheese sticks and cream cheese stuffed salami. With great weather we were able to have our starters and some of our wine outside. For the entrée, he prepared all the ingredients for Taco's which each of us put together individually. They included, flour tortilla's, BBQed chicken, shredded cheese, olives, tomatoes, onions, lettuce, sour cream and mild or medium salsa. This went along with a watermelon wedges for a salad and of course, plenty of wine and conversation. For dessert **Bob** made everyone an individual caramelized topped Mexican flan with whole strawberries on the side.

Our next events will be a October 8<sup>th</sup> hosted by **Bill Roberts** followed by wine bottling on November 12<sup>th</sup> hosted by **Bruce Borgman**.



## Cribbage

John Pearl

On Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, six of the SIR cribbage faithful gathered at the home of our usual host, **Barney Meade**. **Kirk McVean** of Branch 116 took first place, winning four of his five games. Meanwhile our host **Barney Meade** came in second, while **Ron Afdal** our honorable co-chair did very well, coming in third.

The fun continues on Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, at 12:30 PM.

John Pearl, Chair  
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For our next book we selected *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann. It was reviewed at the Greenery Restaurant on September 24<sup>th</sup> and is being reported in October's SIR CALL.



## GOLF

### Ed Marlovits

On Tuesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> disaster befell Branch 146 Golf: We lost the scorecards and the names on the closest to the pin markers! This near-tragedy was mitigated by the fact that it was a Tournament

Tuesday and the event was a foursome match play. There was one winner per foursome and the winner was paid at the end of the round so there could not have been a better day to have lost the results. One other nice thing about play that day was that we had exactly 44 golfers so there were no threesomes.

We had 21 golfers at the last away golf event at Blue Rock Springs East. This was our lowest level of participation of the year for away golf. As seems typical for Vallejo, it was very cool when play started but the day warmed up nicely. And at the end of play we were able to enjoy a beer and fries at their Cafe's new outdoor seating area.

Our next away golf will be at Eagle Vines on October 2<sup>nd</sup> when Boundary is closed for greens maintenance. It appears that we are pushing forty participants for that day.

The Rules of Golf will have some changes beginning in 2019 so the Golf Committee will be considering some modifications to our local rules to take effect next year as well. There will be an opportunity to discuss this and other matters after Golf on October 23<sup>rd</sup> when we will have a shotgun start for play followed by a group meeting & lunch.



Branches of the military representing the USMC (**Bill Schultz**), USAF (**Joe Barry**) and the USN (**John Elstead**) battled it out in a monthly tournament on August 28<sup>th</sup>



## 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

## Book Group

### Chuck Campbell



The SIR Book Group met the morning of September 24<sup>th</sup> to discuss *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann. The book documents the mysterious history of multiple killings of Osage Indians in Oklahoma during the 1920's, and the subsequent investigations by a newly-authorized FBI.

We all found the book an easy but interesting read, particularly about how poorly Native Americans were being treated even in the 1920's. The Oklahoma tribes became targets because much of their reservation land was found to have large deposits of oil for which they retained the mineral rights. To gain the oil drilling rights, plots were hatched to kill selected Indians and then obtain the Indian oil rights through marriage with an Osage Indian or other devious methods.

With his newly-authorized authority, J. Edgar Hoover appointed Tom White, an ex-Texas Ranger, to organize and execute investigations into the Indian killings. This White did, but with puzzlingly little help from local authorities. The book also gave some insights into how Hoover started crafting the FBI image. Grann concludes the book by bringing up still more possible crimes, leaving the impression that the early FBI investigations were not thorough enough.

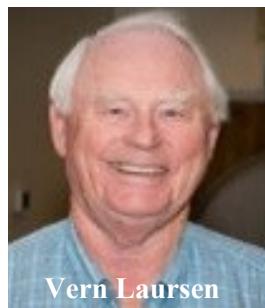
For our next book we selected *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah. We will meet at the Greenery Restaurant Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, at 8:30 am.

## 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 2 \$ums Investment Group

\$UMS in Retirement meets again on Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 8 am at the Legends Restaurant at Diablo Creek Golf Course on Port Chicago Highway, Concord, just north of Hwy 4.

Our speaker will be Dr. Elizabeth Laderman, Senior Outreach Economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco. She will speak about current economic conditions, the economic outlook, and monetary policy.

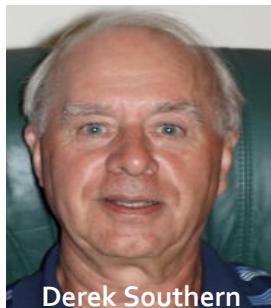
The Legends opens at 7 am so come early and have a leisurely breakfast with your colleagues prior to the meeting.

\$UMS Chairman **Tom Henry** [tomhenry925@gmail.com](mailto:tomhenry925@gmail.com)  
Co-chair **Dave Sutton** [davesutn@comcast.net](mailto:davesutn@comcast.net)

#### SPECIAL NOTE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF \$UMS

THIS IS A SOUGHT-AFTER SPEAKER ON A VERY TIMELY SUBJECT. MAKE AN EXTRA EFFORT TO ATTEND THIS MEETING

### Computers and Technology



**Derek Southern**



**Neil Schmidt**

**PCs**

Our next meeting, at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge, will be on Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:30 am. The October presentation topic will be on ways to improve your home security with an emphasis on home networking and home automation. The presentation will be by Evan Corstorphine, the President/CEO of Portable CIO, Inc., who has made several very popular presentations to our group in the past. Come early for coffee, goodies, and to chat. We ask for a donation of \$5 to cover the cost of the hall rental, coffee and cookies. All SIR members and their guests (spouses included!) are welcome to attend. See you there...

The Area 16 Computer and Technology Group meetings are fun and informative where we discuss applications for computers and technology. At each meeting we have a presentation on a topic covering everything from antivirus programs, ways to back up your data, digital photography, genealogy research, smart phones and many other topics. It's a great way to learn about new technology and to also get answers to your computer questions or problems.



**Bob Lyman** and **Ron de Golia** at the September luncheon

## SIR 146 Activities Calendar

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

	2017	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	2019
Sunday	October 2018												Saturday	
Sep 30	Wednesday												5	
Oct 1	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	2	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Bowling	1:00 PM	NINE HOLE GOLF-1	5:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Men's Duplicate Bridge 2	9:00 AM	Walkers	6	
	Party Bridge			Golf										
	11:00 AM - 2:00 PM			9:00 AM - 1:00 PM		Pickleball (M/WThF)								
	Table Pool at Masses			San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church										
	12:00 PM - 2:00 PM			1:00 PM - 4:00 PM		Pickleball (M/WThF)								
	Mac User Group (MUG)			San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church										
	7:00 PM			7:00 PM		Couples Party Bridge								
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	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Bowling	1:20 PM	NINE HOLE GOLF-1	5:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Men's Duplicate Bridge 2	9:00 AM	Walkers	6	
	Booze Ball			Golf										
	11:00 AM - 2:00 PM			9:00 AM - 1:00 PM		Pickleball (M/WThF)								
	Table Pool at Masses			San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church										
	12:00 PM			1:00 PM - 4:00 PM		Pickleball (M/WThF)								
	Cooling II			San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church										
	7:00 PM			7:00 PM		Couples Duplicate Bridge 2								
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	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Bowling	1:00 PM	NINE HOLE GOLF-2	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Computers And Technology (CAT)	9:00 AM	Walkers	20	
	Men's Duplicate Bridge #1			Golf										
	11:00 AM - 2:00 PM			9:00 AM - 1:00 PM		Pickleball (M/WThF)								
	Table Pool at Masses			San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church										
	12:00 PM			1:00 PM - 4:00 PM		Pickleball (M/WThF)								
	Cooling II			San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church										
	7:00 PM			7:00 PM		Couples Duplicate Bridge 2								
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	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Bowling	1:00 PM	NINE HOLE GOLF-3	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Fishing	9:00 AM	Walkers	20	
	Men's Duplicate Bridge #1			Golf										
	11:00 AM - 2:00 PM			9:00 AM - 1:00 PM		Pickleball (M/WThF)								
	Table Pool at Masses			San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church										
	12:00 PM			1:00 PM - 4:00 PM		Pickleball (M/WThF)								
	Cooling II			San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church										
	7:00 PM			7:00 PM		Couples Duplicate Bridge 2								
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	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Suns in Retirement	1:00 PM	NINE HOLE GOLF-3	9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Fishing	9:00 AM	Walkers	27	
	Booze Ball			Golf										
	11:00 AM - 2:00 PM			9:00 AM - 1:00 PM		Pickleball (M/WThF)								
	Table Pool at Masses			San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church										
	12:00 PM			1:00 PM - 4:00 PM		Pickleball (M/WThF)								
	Cooling II			San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church										
	7:00 PM			7:00 PM		Poker Group #2								
	10:00 PM			6:45 PM - 10:00 PM		Poker Group #4								
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	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Table Pool at Masses	1:00 PM	NINE HOLE GOLF-1	9:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Men's Duplicate Bridge 2	9:00 AM	Walkers	3	
	Booze Ball			Golf										
	11:00 AM - 2:00 PM			9:00 AM - 1:00 PM		Pickleball (M/WThF)								
	Table Pool at Masses			San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church										
	12:00 PM			1:00 PM - 4:00 PM		Pickleball (M/WThF)								
	Cooling II			San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church										
	7:00 PM			7:00 PM		Mexican Train Group Sets								
	10:00 PM			6:45 PM - 10:00 PM		Mexican Train Group Sets								
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	Booze Ball			Golf										
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	Table Pool at Masses			San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church										
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	Cooling II			San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church										
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	Table Pool at Masses			San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church										
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	Table Pool at Masses			San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church										
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