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SIR BRANCH 19 NEWSLETTER

ROOSTER TALES



A Non Profit Organization for Retired Men Devoted to the Promotion of Independence and Dignity of Retirement

The Program

Eric Boettcher

Lieutenant Colonel, Army

Patriot Presentations

IRAQ

Hear and view what American soldiers are really doing overseas.

Menu for April

Fava Bean and Feta Salad

Baby fava beans, Organic Italian Parsley, Baby Arugula, Redwood Hill Farm's Feta Cheese, Extra Virgin Olive Oil

Apple Wood Smoked Ham Steak

Haricot Vert with Porcini Butter
Vanilla Bean Scented California Yam

Plantain Crusted Rainbow Trout

Cider Braised Chayote and Baby Carrots, Wild Rice Pilaf, Dried Apricots and Slivered Almonds

Leche Flan

Homemade Caramel and Cigarette Wafer

The Pledge of Allegiance

will be led by

Milt DeGroodt

U.S. Navy from 1945-1949. From 1950-1971 as a drilling reservist during the Korean and Vietnam wars.

Milt spent most of his reserve time repairing ships, Milt retired as a Senior Chief.



Next Meeting April 5th

Thursday April 5th in the Walnut Room

Social Hour beginning at 11am in the Atrium Vineyards Restaurant

A MESSAGE FROM BIG SIR GEORGE GARCIA

The presentation by **Dan Ashley** at our March 1st luncheon was not only interesting, but very informative about the news industry. Many questions were asked, and while I watched and listened, I noticed how lean and fit Dan appeared. After the meeting, I went straight to the gym!

Our branch audit has been completed. This report has been sent to the Area 2 Governor.

The BEC voted to return some of the funds in the bank back to the membership. After much discussion, it was approved to provide all members as of March 1, 2012 with one free lunch. You have the months of April or May with which to use your free lunch. Two other items have also been allocated funds: the Christmas party luncheon and entertainment, and funds for our very own projector. This projector will allow us to view slide shows of our members at different activities, DVDs of special events before the meeting or during the meetings.

If you have an interest in the planning of our Christmas luncheon for December, please see me. I will chair this committee.

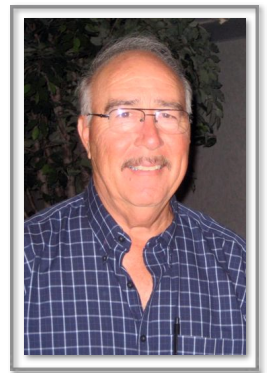
The rooster is crowing loud and clear. Our membership goal for the year is ten (10). We are half way there with 5 new members and only 3 months into the year. New members are the life blood of this organization. Keep up the good work everyone!

The book swap chairman, **Al Brunner**, needs help. He's been doing this for several years, and would like to transition into something else. This is a very social and stimulating activity and we would hate to see it disappear. Please step up and tell Al that you would be willing to help.

We welcome **George Kapus** and **John Ramsey** into our branch. George is an excellent bowler. I know, because we've bowled against his team. John's hobbies are many... fishing, hiking, cards, sailing, etc. John you've come to the right place, the Sir's organization has all these activities except sailing. But, I don't know why we can't start this activity, Commodore!

See you at the races and Happy Easter everyone. Our branch audit has been completed. This report has been sent to the Area 2 Governor.

George Garcia, Big Sir



NO SUCH THING AS A FREE LUNCH!? *Think again*

The April SIR meeting lunch will be provided to **all members** at **NO CHARGE**. Members absent in April, we be able to take part of the "freebie" in May. *First time* guests will still pay \$10.

Branch 19 Activities

Bowling at Diablo Lanes

QUESTION OF THE DAY: What's the diameter of a bowling ball? a) 24" b) 27" c) 32" Answer at the end of the column.

To be honest, it hasn't been a very exciting month at Diablo Lanes. However, two Branch 19 bowlers stand out: **Sir Lloyd West** is the most improved bowler with a 6.5 pin average increase. **Sir Mike McKay** threatened to make a charge to the top of the standings and is doing his best with improvements in all four categories: 224 High Game Scratch, 600 Scratch Series, 263 Handicap Game and 717 Handicap Series! But, alas, his team is still third from the bottom. Nice going, Mike, and you still have six weeks to go!

There was no league bowling on the 21st because of a tournament. I'll have the Branch 19 top finishers in the next newsletter.

If you're thinking of getting back into the game, the summer league is just about a month away so plan for a fun Summer in the air conditioned bowling lanes!

The diameter of a bowling ball is b) 27 inches and, no, it doesn't get smaller as it nears the ten pin!

Submitted by ***Sir Dean Lucas***

Bowling at Clayton Valley

The time has gone by so fast only a few more weeks and the season is done May 9th is Sweeper.

We have a lot of people who have bowled some really good games 30 pins or more over their average; **Homer Colvin, George Garcia, Ed Dibetta, Roy Priest, Jamie Maddox, Ron Gagliardi, Al Verduzco, George Lorentzen!** Great Bowling Gentlemen. Lawyers are in the lead still but the Guzzlers are on their heels.

Have a Nice Day

Thanks

Sir Mike Kropf

April Birthdays

John Babjar

Eldon Harwood

John Hresko

George Kapus

Jeffrey Lezer

Bill Maguire

Gordon Monroe

Roy Priest

John Ramsey

Harry Reiter

John Rubiales

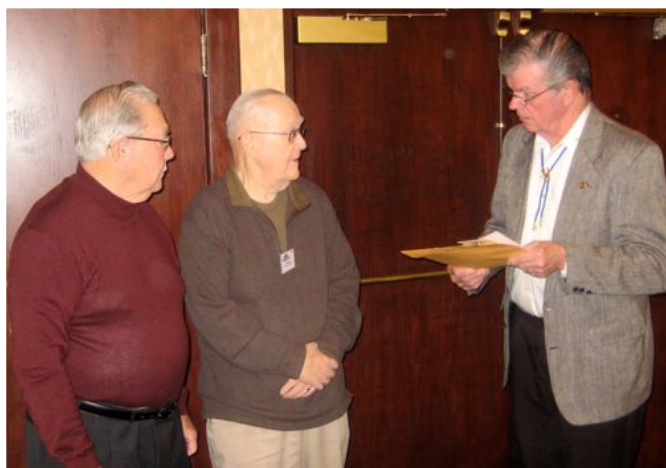
Jack Smith

Al Verduzco

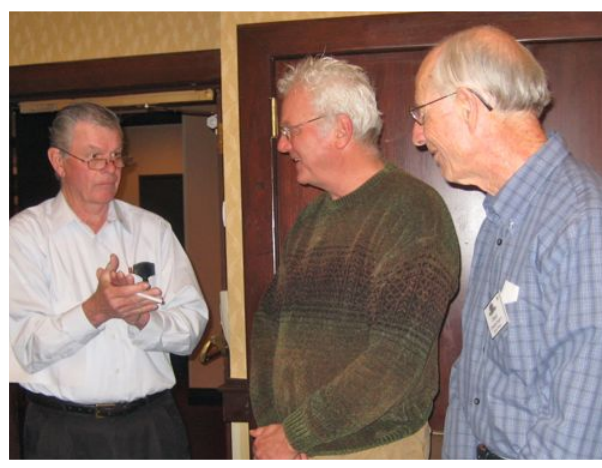
March Winner

Edwin Tallyn

Next Month, May 3rd Program: Concord Police Chief **Guy Swanger** will be our featured speaker.



New Member Milt DeGroodt (left) with sponsor Bill Maguire is inducted to Branch 19 by Ken Peterson, Membership Chairman.



New Member John Ramsey, with sponsor Chuck Rogers, being inducted into Branch 19 by Membership Chairman, Ken Peterson

SIR Branch 19 & Area 2 Activities

Sums in Retirement

***Next Meeting - April 25th - 8:00am
Legends at Diablo Creek G.C., Concord***

Our speaker **J. Wesley Smith** an Attorney with Buchman Provine Brothers Smith LLP of Walnut Creek. His presentation will be "**Current Estate Planning under the new 2010 Tax Act**". The presentation will discuss essential details that need to be considered in setting up a Revocable Living Trust to protect your estate's assets from Probate and Estate Taxes. He will also present examples of other Trusts that are available.

Wes is one of the Five Star Wealth Managers for 2011 that were selected for overall satisfaction by consumers, peers and industry experts from more than 5500 registered financial professionals in the San Francisco East Bay area. Estate Planning is something that needs to be reviewed every 5 years to make sure your plan is current with laws that each succeeding presidential administration passes.

*Co-Chairmen: Allen Espenmiller (Br-174)
925-376-3977 George Schulze (Br-8) 925-429-1756
Leary Wong (Br-8) 925-457-0807
Ken Nakashima (Br-171) coordinator
925-376-0421*

The Area 2 Computer & Technology Group

***Next Meeting - Thursday, April 19th at 9am
Walnut Creek Elks Club***

We feature a live web presentation about something more of us really need to do: backing up our computer's hard drive. **Gene Barlow** will discuss the more popular backup approaches and point out the advantages and limitation of each approach. He will then describe a backup approach that he believes will give you the best protection of your computer. Gene says he will offer a free software product to each of the attendees to monitor the well being of their own hard drive. He will also offer the two outstanding products he demonstrates at half the normal retail cost for those that wish to try them out.

Time permitting, **Dick Curry** will lead a Q&A discussion to address current computer issues that you identify. So please bring your questions and join us for a fun and informative session. As always there will be coffee and cookies available before and during the meeting.

Our meeting on May 17 will include home automation and security, and new consumer technology devices. Later in the year we hope to discuss principles of basic scanning and sending images, photo restoration and, possibly, developments in genealogy research. If you can suggest other titles of interest please contact one of the co-chairs.

***Phil Goff 820-3573 and Derek Southern 253-1646 -
Co-chairs***

Dining Out

***Thursday April 19th -
5pm Social Hour - 6pm Order***

Fellow Sirs,

Our April Dining Out event will take place at **The Haute Stuff Bistro**, 521 Main St. in **Martinez**. We have been there a couple of times and have dined well. Date is April 19. I will be out of town on the day of our monthly meeting so **Ken Peterson** will be signing up members interested in attending. You may sign up at the meeting or contact Ken by **APRIL 15!**

Shirley and I will be back in time to join you.

John Babjar, Chairman

Ken's e-mail: kenneth637@comcast.net



The March Wine Tasting group poses for a photo at the Jack and Michelle Barnaba home after extensive tasting to determine the best of selected white wines.

18 Hole Golf

Eleventh Annual Area 2 Governor's Cup

Shadow Lakes G.C. - Brentwood

Thursday April 26th - 8:30am Shotgun Start

\$40 per golfer

**Includes, Green Fee, Cart, Prize Fund
and LARGE Hamburger after golf**

Flight #1 Index 0.0 to 17.0 Flight #2 Index 17.1 to 22.0

Flight #3 Index 22.1 to 27.0 Flight #4 Index 27.1 to 36.4

Teams are composed of two players in each flight from each Branch

Sign up with Marvin Terrell, pay \$40 fee to Jim Randall

SIR Branch 19 are the Defending Champions!

Tournament information for the 2012 Branch 19 Golf Group

On Tuesday, February 21st the **Match Play Tournament** began at Lone Tree G.C. Thirty four (?) golfing members of Branch 19 are participating and will continue match play in the coming weeks. The four handicap brackets have been formed and some of the matches were completed with the winners moving on. Up to date results of each bracket will be in the *Rooster Tales* as the tournament progresses. Both **Jack Barnaba** and **Gary Addison** hope that the matches will generate interest and comradeship within the Branch.

April Golf Schedule

April 3rd - Deer Ridge - 8:30am April 10th Lone Tree - 9am

April 17th Roddy Ranch - 9am

April 24th Lone Tree - 9am April 26th - Governor's Cup

Let's Go Fishing

Next Meeting Thursday, April 26th - 8:30am

Diablo Creek G.C. - Legends Sports Bar

Well the big news and only news was from San Pablo Reservoir. Carl Moyer did the big news with a monster 11 pound rainbow. Seniors can rent boats there at half off, and taking advantage of this bargain were: Tom Boltz, Jack Waddell, Barry Rauchle, Karl Droese, Carl Moyer, George Shulze, Jerry Flahiff, Mike Corker, Gordon Linebaugh, and Joe Miscione. Almost everybody caught fish, and no one went home empty handed. When the rain stops we shall return. Don Mittelstaedt caught some steelhead fly fishing in the Trinity River. Our only sturgeon trip was not productive, and the names have been withheld to protect the unfortunate.

*For further information, please contact **Pete Gates**, Big Fish (925-937-2035;) **Carl Moyer**, Branch 8 Coordinator, (925-685-5243;) or **Tom Boltz**, Treasurer/Secretary, (925-825-5695.)*

Branch 19 Statistics

March Attendance

Members and Guests	109
Members	104
Guests	4
Speaker	1
Excused Absences	13
Unexcused Absence (no call)	10

Financial Report

February 2012

Bill Schoonover, Treasurer

Beginning Cash Balance	\$6,333.60
Net General Accounts	-\$138.65
Custodial Accounts	
Receipts	\$1,786.02
Disbursements	\$1,996.03
Monthly Luncheon	\$1,924.75
Special Activities	
Equipment	\$29.28
Subtotal Custodial Receipts	\$1,872.72
Subtotal Cust. Disbursements	\$1,996.03
Net Custodial	-\$210.01
Ending Cash Balance	\$5,984.94

Wine Tasting Group

Friday - April 13th - 6:30 PM

Theme: Zinfandel

There is only room for 14, sign up early

Host: Ken & Kathy Kuhn

535 Mt. Davidson Court, Clayton

Phone: 673-9072 or 324-0760

Email: Kakuhn01@gmail.com

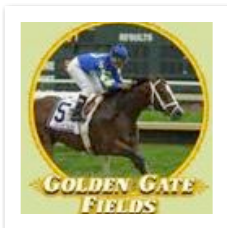
Bocce

The season is getting close to opening for play at Baldwin Park. For Bocce team information contact Capo **John Fernando** 798-9978
Email: jaferna2003@yahoo.com

Lucky Badge Number

If you find your Badge Number (preceded by JM) somewhere in the newsletter? You could be a winner of a free lunch. However, you must call the Hotline **969-7753** in advance of the next meeting in order to qualify for the free lunch. **NO JM# in April.**

Travel Opportunities - Harry Reiter, Travel Chairman



Golden Gate Fields presents....

SIR Day at the Races A Spring "Salute to SIR" day at the races!!!

When: Friday April 20, 2012 **Where:** Golden Gate Fields Turf Club **Time:** Please arrive @ 11:15 a.m. Gates open at 11:00 a.m. Buffet Hours: 11:30-3:00 p.m. First race: 12:45 p.m. Cost: \$27.00 per adult (Groups of 12+ required) Includes: Valet parking (or parking for a bus), admission & reserved seating, daily racing program, Turf Club buffet, tax/tip for the food servers and a race named in honor of your SIR Branch!

DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE FOR A BIG WIN!!!

For more information please call **Michael Roberts** of Golden Gate Fields @ (510) 559-7380 Or email mroberts@goldengatefields.com

A Trip to Paradise

Cruise to Hawaii from San Francisco

October 6 - 21, 2012

Embark on a 15-night cruise sailing round trip from San Francisco on board Princess Cruises' STAR PRINCESS

See the dramatic water falls of Hilo, Experience the hustle & bustle of Honolulu, Be awe struck by the beauty of Kauai, explore the historic whaling village of Lahaina this is the Hawaiian Islands...PLUS the friendly atmosphere & warm Mediterranean climate of Ensenada, Mexico

NO AIRPORT HASSLES!

For Itinerary & Pricing Contact
Harry Reiter (925) 709-2820



Toe Tapping Fun of

Springtime in Branson April 16-21, 2012

The spotlight is shining brightly on Branson! For nearly a century, Branson has quietly built its reputation as a popular place to visit and has it all. And especially, Branson has MUSIC!

Contact **Harry Reiter** for Itinerary, application and complete information.
(925) 709-2820

Les Miserables

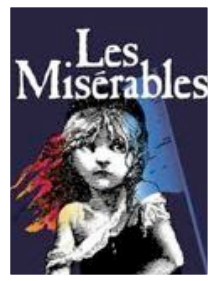
**Wednesday,
August 8th, 2012**

\$163 per person

Itinerary: 10:00AM Motor Coach from Concord to S.F. - Lunch at Louies Matinee performance of Les Miserables at the Orpheum Theatre Motor Coach back to Concord, arrive approximately 6:30PM

Sponsored & Escorted by:
SIR Branch 19

For Application and Information
Contact **Harry Reiter**
(925) 709-2820



SIR Day at the Giants

Join your fellow Sirs at AT&T Park for a Giants game.

**Thursday, August 2, 2012
12:45 p.m.**

versus the NY Mets
Price is **\$32.00** per person
Tickets are limited
Full payment is required to hold your space.

Call **Harry Reiter**
(925)-709-2820

Email hr5000@comcast.net



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About Attendance ...

Please make sure to cooperate, and call the Hotline Number **969-7753** on or before five (5) days in advance of the lunch if you can not attend the regular luncheon. Not calling was a critical problem in the past months. However, the Hotline has been effective in reducing the unexcused No Calls. Remember, your unexcused absence is costly to the club because the precise number of meals must be ordered in advance. If not eaten, the club pays, and you will be charged for the meal!
Thanks for your cooperation

Attendance is Required by the By Laws:

Rule 100: A member who misses three (3) consecutive meetings without notifying the committee chair person (or calling the Hotline) giving valid reason or who attends less than six (6) meetings within the last twelve (12) months, shall be notified by the prescribed form, of termination of his membership

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BOWLING

Every Wednesday - 10AM
Diablo Lanes and/or Clayton Bowl

GOLF

See schedules inside

APRIL 19th

Dining Out
The **Outback Steak House**, Pleasant Hill

APRIL 13th

Wine Tasting - See inside for details



1645 Beckner Court
Concord, CA 94521-1119

Return Service Requested



Next Regular Meeting - **April 5th**- Noon - Crowne Plaza Hotel/Concord
Unable to Attend: Please Call the **New Hotline** and leave message >

New Hotline Number
969-7753