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JUNE

SIR BRANCH 19 NEWSLETTER

ROOSTER TALES



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

The June Program

Robert LaVenture

District 12 Director

United Steel Workers

“Should Be Made in America”

Accountability on U.S.

Infrastructure Spending

Menu for June

Salad

Hearts of Romaine

Classic Caesar Dressing Shaved
Asiago and House Croutons

Entree

Tuscan Lamb Stew

Rosemary, Thyme and Italian
Parsley - Oven Dried Tomato Soft
Polenta

or (Fish List)

Seafood Cioppino

Fresh Fish and Shellfish, Tomato
Fennel Broth

Dessert

Caramel & Mocha Torte

The Pledge of Allegiance

will be led by veteran

Fred Sorrenti

Fred served in the
United States
Marine Corps
from 1953-1956
in a heavy
weapons
company during
the Korean War.



Next Meeting June 7th

Thursday June 7th in the Walnut Room

Social Hour beginning at 11am in the Atrium Vineyards Restaurant

A MESSAGE FROM BIG SIR GEORGE GARCIA

Congratulations to all of you for making the first half of 2012 very successful!

Looking back at that time period, our branch is doing very well.

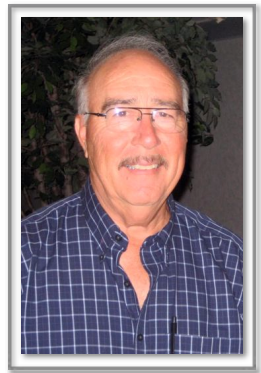
First, we've gained membership. You've brought in nine new members. We have lost five members by one of the following: deceased, resigned, transferred out, or terminated. So, we've netted four members. We started the year with 126 members, now our membership is 130.

Second, another statistic that looks good is monthly meeting attendance. 75% of total membership is a good figure. Our branch 19 has a monthly meeting attendance figure 83% members present. Congrats to all of you!! There are many reasons for a high attendance average, but the most important attraction is the monthly speaker. This is the main job of the Little Sir, so when you enjoy the speaker, please let the Little Sir know. Also, if you know of a good speaker, let him know.

We welcome the following newest members to Branch 19: Sir **Roy Hall** from Antioch retired from the Oakland School District. And Sir **Dennis Ghiggeri** from Concord, retired from the CCC Assessor's Office. Welcome gentlemen!

I will be on vacation the first week of June, so I'll miss the June 7th meeting. You will be in good hands with the Little Sir, **Bill Stephenson**, in charge.

George Garcia, Big Sir



Branch 19 Activities



Report from the Little Sir

This is my initial Little Sir message to the membership. Although, the *Rooster Tales* newsletter has been my main focus. It was gratifying to see the Branch increase in members after the move to the Crowne Plaza. Keep on bringing guests to our luncheons. The \$10 guest luncheon price is a bargain and it has helped in the recruiting of new members. You may have a friend or acquaintance that would like to make SIR a part of his life, but he needs to know about us. It is vital that regular **Attendance** is the the one requirement that is necessary to maintain a interesting and growing organization. Therefore, it is important to recognize those that

have recorded a perfect attendance record for 2011. Those members are: **Allan Anderson, Ron Cashion, Ed DiBetta, John Hayes, George Lorentzen, Dean Lucas, Milt Momita, Ken Peterson, Charles Rogers, Bill Schoonover, Walter Stephen, Bill Stephenson, Tommy Stewart, Edwin Tallyn, Marvin Terrell and Jim Willey.**

Thanks to you all *Bill Stephenson, Little Sir*

June Birthdays

**Charles Hull
George Lorentzen**

Tony Llagas

Robert Lunghi

Brian Mulligan

Tony Ramos

Edwin Rittburg

Bill Schoonover

Tony Tollivoro

May Winner

Ben Miller

Final Bowling Results for SIR Bowling - Diablo Lanes and Clayton Valley Bowl

Diablo Lanes: The 2011-2012 Area 2 Bowling League season has ended and what a season it was! It started out with about half of last year's bowlers creating a new league at Clayton Valley Bowl coinciding with the Area 2 League day and time. That resulted in our going to three-man teams. The pull-out turned out to be a blessing for many of the bowlers because we saw new names emerge on the Individual Achievements list! Hopefully we will be able to get new members for next year to have a larger league, perhaps increasing the team size and number of teams for more competition. Now for the awards, may I have the envelope, please.

The "**Wyrens**" are League Champions with Branch 19 Bowling Chairman Sir **John Carl** and Sir **Lloyd West**. They took two out of three games in the finals from the Second Place team "Team 2" with Sir **Tony DeBello**.

Branch 19 SIRs also won the following Individual Achievement awards: Sir **Jacky Luke**, High Average (194.72); Sir **Lloyd West**, Most Improved (8.04 pins); Sir **Dean Lucas**, High Series Scratch (631); and Sir **Tony DeBello**, High Series Handicap (725).

Congratulations to the winners and to all the Branch 19 bowlers who helped make this a successful season! Because there is no SIR league bowling this summer, this is my last bowling report. I hope you all have a very nice summer, participate in a local summer league and set your sights on next season's Area 2 Bowling League opportunities!

My thanks to Bowling Chairman Sir **John Carl** for giving me this opportunity to keep you up on Branch 19 bowling and to the *Rooster Tales* editor Sir **Bill Stephenson** for giving me the space and helping with the articles. *Submitted by Sir Dean Lucas*

Clayton Valley Bowl - It was a great 1st year for SIR bowling.

Winners for the year 1st place **The Lawyers: Mike Hooper, Tom Baker, Jim Wyllie, and Dan Weller**

2nd Place **The Silver Foxes: Gary Kaufmann, Jack Jagoda, Bob Lunghi, Rick Small, and Dan McLaughlin**

High Scratch Series - **Gary Kaufmann 778**

High Scratch Game - **Ralph Dorsey 279**

High Handicap Series - **Ron Hammond 798**

High Handicap Game - **Jim Willey 302**

High Average - Dan Weller 199 Most Improved - **John Fernando +12**

Sweeper paid out 11 spots with **Mike Hooper** winning 1st place

We had 100% signups for returning next season and we hope to fill Team #8 and maybe more. Have a Nice Day & a Great Safe Summer! See you in September! Thank You, *Sir Mike Kropf*

Bocce Ball Rollout

The 2012 Bocce Ball season is now underway. The courts at Baldwin Park are fast, smooth, and beautiful. The weather at night is beginning to cooperate with our comfort level and will only get better as each week progresses towards beautiful summer evenings. Branch 19 has one Wednesday and two Thursday night teams. We welcome any curious members to come on down and watch us play and root us on either nights. Hopefully this is an activity you may want to consider for you and possibly your better half in the future. Bocce Ball JM88 is a pleasant way to spend a beautiful summer evening. Bottom line, a good time is had by all.

Sir John Fernando, Bocce Chairman.

Branch 19 & Area 2 Activities

Branch 19 Dining Out Group

Thursday - June 21st

5pm Social Hour - Order at 6pm

Dining Out night will be at **Bella Ristorante** located at 5458 Ygnacio Valley Road in Concord. It's on the South-west corner of Clayton Road and Ygnacio Valley Rd. They feature delicious Italian food.



Dining Out

The return to Tahoe Joe's

was the May 17th Dining Out venue and a turnout of 28 has established Tahoe Joe's as a favorite restaurant of choice for future Dining Out events. Photos of the attending group of diners, below.

John Babjar - 672-0325



New members inducted in May ... Branch 19 welcomes **Richard Dean Hall** and **Dennis Ghiggeri** (L to R) **Big Sir George Garcia**, **Ken Peterson** (Membership Chairman), **Richard Hall**, **Dennis Ghiggeri** and **George Vogt**, sponsor.



Sums in Retirement

Next Meeting - June 27th

The Legends at Diablo Creek G.C., Concord

The restaurant opens at 7:00am for those who would like to enjoy breakfast with your colleagues.

Our returning speaker will be **Brian Pretti** a Senior Vice President with Mechanics Bank Wealth Management team. Brian's presentation will cover "The global (especially in Europe) and US economic problems that can negatively impact the US stock market and our investment portfolios. What precautions can be taken to insure stability for our investments. Where are we headed in 2012?"

A copy of this presentation will be made available to all who attend. Brian is an exceptional speaker and is both a CFA (Chartered Financial Analyst) and a CFP (Certified Financial Planner) You will not want to miss Brian's talk. He spoke to the group June of 2011 with his talk "You dream of Columbus- a commentary on the Global Economy"

Co-Chairmen: **Allen Espenmiller** (Br-174) 925-376-3977 **George Schulze** (Br-8) 925-429-1756 **Leary Wong** (Br-8) 925-457-080 **Ken Nakashima** (Br-171) coordinator 925-376-0421

Computer & Technology

Walnut Creek Elks Lodge

No Meeting in June

Next Meeting on July 19th

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

Area 2 & Branch 19 Activities

"Let's Go Fishing"

*Next Meeting Thursday June 21st
Diablo Creek G.C. - Legends Sports Bar & Grill
Meeting starts at 8:30am*

The hot topic is salmon. Unfortunately, the ocean has been just a bit too rough for us. 5 of us did make it out and caught 8 salmon to 15 lbs, but May brought big waves and wind, and we chose to fish calmer water. San Pablo Reservoir bore the brunt of our attack, and we did very well there fishing from the shore. We will be very busy this summer with: delta fishing for bass, catfish, and sturgeon, trout in local lakes, party boat trips for SALMON, kokanee, sturgeon, crab and rock fish.

*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*

Branch 19 Statistics

May Attendance
Members and Guests - 107
104 Members + 3 Guests
Average Age of membership - 73.1

Financial Report

April 2012

Bill Schoonover, Treasurer

Beginning Cash Balance	\$6,260.53
Net General Accounts	- \$275.29
Custodial Accounts	
Receipts	\$731.08 *
Disbursements	\$1,994.12
Monthly Luncheon	\$1,994.12
Subtotal Custodial Receipts	\$731.08
Subtotal Cust. Disbursements	\$2,610.56
Net Custodial	- \$1,879.48
Ending Cash Balance	\$4,105.76

Reflects the **no charge to members for the April lunch.*

2012 State Team Golf Scramble

Area 2 Qualifier Results

State Championship

Branch 19 placed 4 teams in the top ten. However, Branch 8 won first place, with 3rd place going to the Branch 19 team of **Gary Addison, John Moriana, Jerry Burton**

Note: .67 of a stroke separated 1st from 3rd!

Championship Location: Shadow Lakes G.C. - Brentwood, Ca.

Date: Monday - August 13th **Time:** 9am Shotgun Start

Marvin Terrell, Branch 19 Golf Chairman 689-7964 or

E-mail: <judy3764@sbcglobal.net>

Bridge

Area 2 is starting a quarterly duplicate bridge tournament, and invite all duplicate players to consider joining us.

The first tournament is at the Diablo Valley Bridge Center in Walnut Creek. It is Saturday April 28th starting at 8:30 and ending at 12:30. We will have Bridge Club Directors to help us, and they provide the cards, tables, etc

The cost is \$10 for the bridge facilities and \$3 for prize money.

RSVP whether anyone from your branch wishes to attend or not. all with any questions.

Sir **Walter Schick** 925-708-1830

Branch 19 Golf Group

June Golf Schedule

June 5 Eagle Vines - 9am June 12 Lone Tree - 9am June 19 - Paradise Valley-9am

June 26 Lone Tree - 8:45am*

**Note: Change of start time at Lone Tree*

Nine Hole Group

Every Monday 9:00 AM alternating between Buchanan Fields,

Pine Meadow and Diablo Hills G.C.

Contact: **Steve McMurdo** - 687-6271

Wine Tasting Group

Next Meeting June 8th

Where: Don & Ruth Weimann 5738 Roanwood Way, Concord, CA

Theme: ABC (Any White Wine BUT Chardonnay)

Note: The July meeting theme is **Riesling**, so bring any other White wine than this. Try to find something different including foreign wines.

There is room for 14, so the first 7 couples to RSVP are in!

RSVP to: **Don Weimann** Phone: 672-7711 or 324-0760

or

E-mail: <weimanns@astound.net>

Travel Opportunities - Harry Reiter, Travel Chairman

Canada & New England Aboard NCL Norwegian Dawn. Oct 26- Nov 11, 2012

Beautiful scenery is always on display when cruising down the east coast during the peak weeks of autumn. Along the way visit an exciting array of east coast ports including Quebec City, Portland, Boston, New York, Key West and Tampa. Package price includes RT airfare, transfers, driver and stevedore tips, government fees, and taxes, all meals. Prices start at \$2335 to \$3475.

Contact **Jim Lunn** (Branch 8) 925-551-3329 for more information.

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

Blue Angels & the San Francisco Belle - Oct 6, 2012

Enjoy the best aviation show in the country featuring the US Navy Blue Angels. Join us on the Hornblowers "San Francisco Bell" a Bay Area landmark and the largest private charter yacht on the West Coast. We will board at 1:30pm and cruise around the Bay, stopping in a great spot to view the aviation show between 3:00-4:00pm. Cost is \$128.00pp

Bob Spellman 934-3428

The Great Italian Festival. Oct 5-7, 2012

Reno's Great Italian Festival is among the nation's largest and most famous events. Celebrate the food, culture, music and tradition of Italy. Free activities and entertainment highlight the festivals main focus. The cost is \$308.00 pp and includes motor coach transportation, 2 night stay at the Eldorado with hosted seafood dinner and a show by the Jersey Boys. Contact **Bob Hagler**, Br 8, 934-7620 for more information.

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



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.

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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 Beginning in Fall
Diablo Lanes and/or Clayton Valley Bowl

GOLF

Every Monday & Tuesday - Schedules inside

JUNE 21st

Dining Out
Bella Restorante, Concord

JUNE 8th

Wine Tasting
See inside for details



1645 Beckner Court
Concord, CA 94521-1119

Return Service Requested



Next Regular Meeting - **June 7th** Noon - Crowne Plaza Hotel/Concord
Unable to Attend: Please Call the **New Hotline** and leave message >

Hotline Number
969-7753