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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 August Program Contra Costa County Sheriff Dave Livingston



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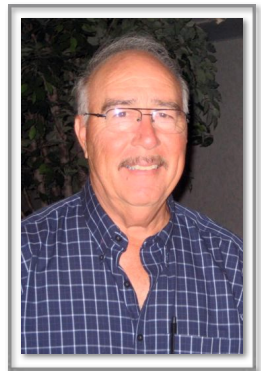
Next Meeting August 2nd

Thursday August 2nd in the Walnut Room

Social Hour beginning at 11am in the Atrium Vineyards Restaurant

A MESSAGE FROM BIG SIR GEORGE GARCIA

We belong to a truly different organization. Our founder, **Damian Reynolds**, planned it that way. No dues or initiation fees, entirely for the benefit of the members, not a service club, no paid employees, a Men Only Organization...all these make us unique. It is certainly appropriate for women to be guest and participate in all our activities. This leads me to the subject that I want to talk about, Branch 19 activities.



Our growth momentum has been excellent for the past three years. New members are the life blood of the organization. New members maintain a healthy balance of younger and older members. In 2011, we added three new activities, these were, nine hole golf, two bocce teams, and a wine tasting group. In 2012, we added couples only bocce team. With our size of an organization we should have more activities, biking, hiking, walking, exercising, card playing, etc, etc.

I would like the challenge all new members of the last two years to step up to the plate and originate or chair a new activity, hopefully one of their favorite.

Our Activity chair person, **Jack Barnaba**, can help and advise if need be.

We welcome our new members for July:

David Kepper.....Banking, sponsored by **Jack Barnaba**
John Van DeVeer.....Construction, sponsored by **Jerry Burton**.

George Garcia, Big Sir

Menu for August

Salad

Tomato and Fresh Mozzarella

Entree

BBQ Chicken Breast

or (Fish List)

BBQ Salmon

Dessert

Fresh Watermelon Cup

Starbucks Coffee, Tea & Water

The Pledge of Allegiance

will be led by veteran

Nelson Luke

United States
Navy from
1952-1956 in
Personnel at

Guam and San Francisco
during the Korean War.



Branch 19 Activities



Little Sir Program Report

The August program will feature
Contra Costa County Sheriff

Dave Livingston, Sheriff

Livingston will bring us up to date on the Sheriff's Department reaction to recent media reports concerning the County jail, etc. **Bill Stephenson**

August Birthdays

Al Brunner - John Carl - Mike Ilg - Mike Kraweski

Jamie Maddox - Milt Momita - Robert Vincent

Jerry Waitrovich

July Drawing Winner

Ron Hammond



The First Tee golf program receives checks for nearly \$800 from the SIR Branch 19 Golf Club. The donations were received by Lone Tree G.C. pro Rick Armstrong. (Left to Right) Marvin Terrell, Golf Chairman, Armstrong, Jim Randall, Golf Treasurer, and Bill Stephenson, Little Sir. Speaker, Dick Callahan (seated) gives his approval.

Match Play Golf Champion for 2012

Dwayne Williams



PALMER Flight

Winner: **Dwayne Williams**

PLAYER Flight

Winner: **Ken Kuhn**

NICKLAUS Flight

Winner: **Milt Momita**

WATSON Flight

Winner: **Ron Ingersol**

Semi Finals

Williams vs Kuhn

Winner: **Williams**

Momita vs Ingersol

Winner: **Momita**

Finals

Momita vs Williams

Winner: **Williams - 2 and 1**

Know Your Fellow Sir - Ken Kuhn



I was born and raised in St. Louis, Mo. Went to Chaminade high school, Rockhurst College, and the University of Missouri. BSBA in accounting. Had a blind date on New Year's Eve and wound up marrying the girl. Got married on a Saturday and reported for active duty in the Marine Corps on the following Friday. Went to Pensacola for flight school and learned how to fly helicopters. Spent one tour flying the H46, the one shaped like a banana with rotors on each end. When I got out of the service, Kath and I moved to Dallas and I went to work for EDS as a systems engineer. Left there after a while, went to work in public accounting, and became a CPA. Still did mostly systems work. Left that job and went to work in the mobile radio communications industry. One day I came home from work and asked Kath how she felt about moving from Dallas to Atlanta. She told me she was pregnant. At that time we had been married for 17 years and had no children. So we moved to Atlanta and had two daughters. I went from being a systems guy to being the corporate controller and a dad. We were in Atlanta for 12 great years and then I got an offer to move to California and become the Chief Information Officer for PacTel Cellular, now Verizon. So we moved to Mission Viejo. Two years of that and we moved to Clayton. I finished my career on

the Corporate Planning Staff of AirTouch Communications working in Walnut Creek. My girls went to Carondelet High School and Wake Forest University. One is married and they both live in the city. I like golf, computers, wine, reading, walking, good weather, and lively conversation. Beer fits in there somewhere. I love my family. **Ken Kuhn**

Branch 19 & Area 2 Activities

Branch 19 Welcomes 2 New Members
John VanDeVeer and Dave Kepper



(Left to Right) *Jerry Burton, John VanDeVeer, Dave Kepper, Jack Barnaba, Bill Stephenson and Ken Peterson*

Computer & Technology
Next Meeting - August 16th at 9am
Walnut Creek Elks Lodge
1475 Creekside Drive.

Barry Brown will discuss FREE software (useful, free software) in a wide ranging presentation. He will point us towards 40 or more programs, some of which can do the same job as expensive programs like MS Office and PhotoShop. If you just want to try a program out, or you need to update Word, come and hear Barry's ideas.

However, 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.

Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned user, we try to offer something for everyone. We ask for a donation of \$5 to cover the cost of the hall rental, coffee and cookies. See you there.

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

Co-chairs

Dining Out Group
Next Dining Out
Thursday - August 16th
Jade Garden Chinese Restaurant
2979 Ygnacio Valley Road, Walnut Creek
Social Hour at 5pm - Order at 6pm
Reservation signup at the August meeting
Contact **John Babjar**, 672-0325

Wine Tasting Group
Next Wine Tasting
Friday, September 14th- 7PM
Host: To Be Determined
NO WINE TASTING EVENT IN AUGUST

For Information Contact
Don Weimann 925-324-0760
E-mail: <weimanns@astound.net>

Sums in Retirement
Next Meeting - August 22nd
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 speaker will be **John Hutchinson** CFP and Vice President/Investments with the **Stifel Nicolaus & Company** of San Francisco. John was a principal at Stone and Youngberg LLC which specialized in municipal finance and fixed income securities. Stone and Youngberg was acquired by Stifel Nicolaus in 2011. John's presentation will be about opportunities in fixed income, especially the various bond markets. A copy of John's presentation will be available on the reminder message a few days before the meeting for downloading.

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

Area 2 & Branch 19 Activities

Branch 19 Golf Group Report

Marvin Terrell - 689-7964

<judy3764@sbcglobal.net>

August Golf Schedule

August 7th - Lone Tree August 14th - Shadow Lakes

August 21st - Lone Tree August 28th - Franklin Canyon

Area 2 Scrambler Qualifier

State Championship

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

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

SIR Area 2 Two Man Better Ball

Date: Thursday September 13th - 8am Shotgun

Pick Your Partner and Enter as a Team

Hosted by SIR Branch 19

Marvin Terrell, Branch 19 Golf Chairman

Branch 19 Statistics

July Attendance

Members and Guests - 96

89 Members + 7 Guests

Average Age of membership - 73.1

Financial Report

June 2012

Bill Schoonover, Treasurer

Beginning Cash Balance	\$3,959.53
Contributions	247.38
Interest	.29
Subtotal General Receipts	247.67
Disbursements	
Printing, Telephone, Guest	160.48
Net General Accounts	\$ 87.19
Custodial Accounts	
Receipts	\$1,502.62
Disbursements	\$1,751.35
Monthly Luncheon	\$1,525.92
Receipts Special Activities	64.00
Subtotal Custodial Receipts	\$1,566.62
Subtotal Cust. Disbursements	\$1,781.35
Net Custodial	- \$214.73
Ending Cash Balance	\$3,831.99

Nine Hole Group

Every Monday 9:00 AM alternating between Buchanan Fields, Pine Meadow and Diablo Hills G.C.

Contact: Steve McMurdo for schedule - 687-6271

"Let's Go Fishing"

Next Meeting Thursday August 23rd

Diablo Creek G.C. - Legends Sports Bar & Grill

Meeting starts at 8:30am

The salmon are there, but only Carl Moyer has braved the harsh ocean conditions. He limited out both trips, one on a party boat out the gate, another with a friend fishing from Bodega Bay. The salmon are a good distance from both the Golden Gate and Half Moon Bay making it hard on us.

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.

All SIR members and guests are welcome and, indeed, encouraged to participate in fishing trips as well as attend the monthly meetings

For further information JM106, please contact Pete Gates, Big Fish (925-937-2035) Carl Moyer, Branch 8 Coordinator, (925-685-5243) or Tom Boltz, Treasurer/Secretary

Bocce Ball Rollout

With half the bocce ball season completed, I have great news for all 3 of our SIR bocce ball teams. First of all, there are 9 teams in each division. At the end of the regular season, the top 4 teams of each division qualify for the playoffs. Here's where our teams stand. On Wednesday night's team Sir Bocce Too, Capo Tom Lathrop, is in 4th place. On Thursday night's coed team Sir Winers, Capo Bob Hillaker, is in 4th place, and team Sirfire, Capo John Fernando, is in 2nd place. A great job so far by all 3 SIR Branch 19 teams. Keep up the good work and let's all make it to the playoffs!

John Fernando, Bocce Chairman.

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Don Weimann 925-324-0760

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

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**, Branch 8 934-7620

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

Tulip Time Cruise

Apr 14-22, 2013

Discover the beauty & History of the Dutch and Belgian waterways in springtime. Cruise ports include, Amsterdam, Arnhem, Antwerp, Bruges, Middeburg, and Rotterdam. Prices range from \$3225 to \$5080 and include airfare, complimentary beverages, many guided tours, tips and gratuities. Contact **Jim Lunn** Br 8 for more information. 925 551-3329

New England for the Fall Colors

September 23-October 2, 2012

This is a 10 day trip to New England for the fall colors. We'll fly to Boston and then tour several states in the area, using buses and trains. We'll also have 2 days at the end of the trip in Boston at a very centrally located hotel, with time on your own for sightseeing. Price is \$3280 PPDO. Offered by Branches 101 & 121 Travel. Call

David Abrahams at 925-447-9386.

Discover Additional

Travel Opportunities by reviewing the Travel Section in "SIR Happenings"

<www.sirinc.org>

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 Monthly 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

Membership 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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Legends at Diablo Creek G.C.

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BOWLING

Every Wednesday - Beginning in Fall

BOCCE BALL

Baldwin Park - Wednesdays and Thursdays

GOLF

Every Monday & Tuesday - Schedule inside

AUGUST 16th

Dining Out
The Outback, Pleasant Hill

SEPTEMBER 14th

Wine Tasting
NO Wine Tasting in August



1645 Beckner Court
Concord, CA 94521-1119

Return Service Requested



Next Regular Meeting - **August 2nd** - Noon - Crowne Plaza Hotel/Concord
Unable to Attend: Please Call the **New Hotline** and leave message >

Hotline Number
969-7753