

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



# ROOSTER TALES

## Next Meeting - Thursday March 6th, 2014 - Oakhurst Country Club



**Tom Lathrop**

### March Message from the Big Sir

Don't forget, the monthly luncheon meeting will be at Oakhurst Country Club on March 6, 2014. The address is 1001 Peacock Creek Drive, Clayton Telephone: 672-9737

We have met with the Club and all looks good. We will have our traditional St Patrick's Day corn beef this month, along with a fish or vegetarian selection. The bar will be open, with drinks priced at \$3 for domestic beer, \$4 for imported beer and \$5 for wine and mixed drinks. **The luncheon price is \$23.**

We are always looking for volunteers to help run our organization. The nominating committee for officers and the board of directors for next year has been appointed and will be looking for willing candidates. The committee members are **Jack Barnaba, David Kepper and Ken Peterson**. If you are interested in any position or would like to be a volunteer, please contact any of the committee members or any board member.

Tom Lathrop

### The Oakhurst Country Club, Clayton



*Our New Meeting Locale*

### The Program for March

### Pledge of Allegiance



*Will be led by  
The first Veteran  
that volunteers at the  
Check-In table ....*



### St. Patrick's Day Menu

#### Starter

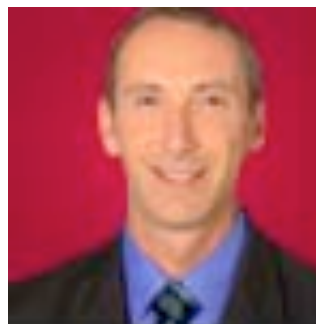
*Green Salad with  
Champagne Vinaigrette*

#### Plated Entree

*Corned Beef & Cabbage  
or  
Blackened Catfish  
with Dijon Cream Sauce*

#### Dessert

*Chocolate Cake*



*Insider information on the San Francisco Forty Niners .& Bay Area sports...*

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**CSNBAYAREA.COM**

## *Awards and Achievements*

***SIR Branch 19 members that have achieved  
The President's Award of  
Senior SIR and Super Senior SIR Status***

***John Roebuck - Super Senior Sir (95+years)***

***John Hresko - Senior Sir (90 years)***

***Bruce Hembroff - Senior Sir (90 years)***

*Awarded Posthumously*

## *Celebration of March Birthdays*



***Jerry Burton***

***Arnold Cota***

***Philip Culcasi***

***William Hockenson***

***Donald Lambert Tom Lathrop***

***Dean Lucas Osmond McKenzie George Vogt Dennis***

***Webb Dwayne Williams John Wolfe John Dorsett***

***February Winner***

***Ron Ingersol***

## *Know Your Fellow SIR*



**Bill Hockenson**

Born & raised in Quincy, Ca. I have 5 sisters and 3 brothers. Played college football at Sacramento State. Spent 35+ years in the San Juan Unified School District as a teacher, principal and in the last 7 years working in Technology Services as a school/Tech Services liaison for the implementation of a student information system. Re-married after the passing of my wife in 1997. Retired in July 2009 and took up golfing that fall and joined the Auburn, Ca SIR Branch 79 in January 2010. My wife, Chris, and I moved from Grass Valley in 2012 to Danville to be near grandchildren. Chris has five children, I have one. The kids are scattered throughout California and one lives in Greece.

## ***Financial Statement***

**Branch 19 Statistics**

**February Attendance**

**Members and Guests - 105  
Financial Report - Form 28**

**December 2013**

Beginning Cash Balance	\$10,219.98
<b>General Accounts</b>	
Contributions	\$30.00
Interest	.23
Subtotal General Receipts	\$30.23
Disbursements Net General	\$3.59
Postage	\$.00
Printing, Supplies, etc	\$0.00
Telephone Hotline	\$26.64
Guest Expense	.00
State Pro Rata Assessment	\$0.00
Subtotal General Disbursements	\$26.64
NET GENERAL gain/(loss)	\$3.59
<b>Custodial Accounts</b>	
Monthly Luncheon Receipts	\$.00
...Special Activities	\$210.00
Bowling	\$.00
...Golf.....	\$293.10
Subtotal Custodial Receipts	\$503.10
Disbursements	
Monthly Luncheon	\$50.00
Special Activities	\$2,531.16
Bowling	\$.00
Golf	.00
Subtotal Custodial. Disbursement	\$3,214.41
Net Custodial	-\$2,711.31
Ending Cash Balance	\$7,512.26
Checking Account	\$7,262.26
Other	\$250.00
Total Cash	\$7,512.26

**Ken Kuhn, Branch 19 Treasurer**

## ***Our Goal***

***Our most important concern is you.***

We want to hear from you  
Your impressions and feedback will help us improve  
your SIR Experience.

If you are disappointed,  
please tell us about it.

If you are pleased,  
we would like to hear that too.

At the check-in table, we have comment forms you  
may fill out with your thoughts. or Email us:

[branch19newsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:branch19newsletter@yahoo.com)

*Hotline - 969-7753 (leave message)*

## Area 2 and Branch 19 Activities for March

### *The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group*

*Wednesday March 26th 8:00am*

*The Legends - Diablo Creek G.C.  
4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord.*

The Legends restaurant opens at 7:00 AM so plan to have a leisurely breakfast with your colleagues prior to the meeting. Plan to attend this meeting and bring a prospective SIR.

Our guest speaker will be **David Chee**, CPA and Vice President of Reverse Mortgage Solutions, Inc. David will go over the concepts of reverse mortgages and discuss whether or not reverse mortgages fit into your financial planning future. Reverse mortgages are controlled by the Federal Housing Authority and there have been some recent changes to the financial assessment of this program. David will delve into the details of what to consider in order to receive the most amount of money from a reverse mortgage with the least amount of fees and lowest interest rate.

Be sure to plan to attend and learn about this aspect of Financial Planning. The Legends restaurant opens at 7:00 AM so plan to have a leisurely breakfast prior to the meeting with your fellow SIRs. Bring along a prospective SIR and introduce him/her to the Investment Group activity.

Co-Chairmen: **Allen Espenmiller** (Br-174) 925-376-3977

**Dave Sutton** (Br. 8) 925-686-0158 **Leary Wong** (Br-8) 925-457-0807

### *The Area 2 Computer and Technology Group*

*Next Regular Meeting - Thursday, March 20th at 9:30am.*

*Walnut Creek Elks Club, 1475 Creekside Dr.*

Our presentation will be Part 2 of our "Finance Management and the Internet" series. The first presentation, by **Dennis Lowe**, will address "Personal Finance Software & Apps". His presentation will explore various personal finance options, advantages/disadvantages as well as security issues. The second presentation, by **Phil Goff**, will be on "Internet Money (Bitcoin)". Phil will talk about how this new type of money, which bypasses the typical bank controlled process, works. Bitcoin is a market value controlled money so individuals may invest in it as well as use it buy things. There are articles in the news almost every day about Bitcoin and Phil will take the mystery out this new "fangled" money.

Following these two presentations, time permitting, there will be an informal "Sharing Tips & Tricks" segment where individuals will be asked to share some of their computer, smartphone, tablet, etc. tips with the group.

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

**Phil Goff and Derek Southern**

Co-chairs

## Area 2 Fishing News

### *Area 2 Fishing Group*

*Meets Thursday March 27th 8:30am*

*The Legends Diablo Creek G.C.-  
4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord.*



The March meeting will include our annual fishing gear silent auction!

SO MANY GOODIES!!!! Meanwhile, the sturgeon bite is very good, lots of fish, a few keepers, and a lot of near keepers

We have hope for the recent opening of San Pablo Reservoir, but it is poor after a rain, and we are finally getting just enough rain to muddy it. The lack of rain is going to make this a very challenging year for fishing. home, The trout fishing can best be described as dismal. However, we will be very busy this spring with Delta fishing for bass, catfish, sturgeon, trout in mountains and local lakes. "Let's Go Fishing".

**Dick Thomson**, Big Fish (925-944-1760)

**Carl Moyer**, Branch 8 Coordinator, (925-685-5243) or **Romano Gnusti**, Treasurer/Secretary, (925-376-3313.)

**I'll rise, but I won't SHINE!**





## Branch 19 and SIR Area 2 Travel Activities

### Day Trips

#### **Rosie the Riveter** **WWII Home Front**



Visitor Center1  
1414 Harbour Way South,  
Richmond, CA  
For Tours & Programs  
Visitor Center Information  
(located behind the historic  
Ford Assembly Building)  
Phone: (510) 232-5050  
[www.nps.gov/rori](http://www.nps.gov/rori)

#### **Tour of Jelly Belly Factory in Fairfield**



A mid week date To Be Determined in April.  
Co-ed - Optional lunch after tour  
Step into our factory and smell the aroma of  
chocolate, peach, cinnamon, pineapple, or  
whatever is being cooked up that day. A visit  
to our candy making factory in Fairfield,  
California, located about 45 minutes from Concord/Walnut  
Creek. During the 40-minute walking tour, Jelly Belly tour  
guides will show you a real working factory where we cook up  
over 150 different sweet treats. Learn the secrets to how we  
create the legendary Jelly Belly jelly bean, and discover why it  
takes more than a week to make a single bean.

*A "unique and sweet experience."*

#### **March 21st - SIR Day at the Races**

The horses are running at Golden Gate Field and the  
race track dedicates March 21st to the Sons in  
Retirement. It's a very popular day trip as well as a  
good value. The cost of \$29.00 pp includes  
admission, reserve parking, daily race program, great  
buffet lunch, tax and tips. Put your group together and  
join your fellow SIR for a fun day at the races. You  
might even win some money.

Contact **Bob Spellman** (Br 146) 934-9428.

### Wine Tasting Group



**When: Friday, March 14**  
9:45 am to about 5 pm.

#### **Activity:**

This will be the second annual visit to a  
wine area for SIR and spouses or  
significant others. Last year, we had a  
great time visiting Lodi. Singles are  
encouraged to come.

- Drive informally in cars to Clarksburg, which is on  
the Sacramento River between Sacramento and  
Rio Vista. This area produces surprisingly  
interesting wines.
- We will visit Bogle Vineyard & Winery, a maker of  
excellent value-priced wines.
- Then we will go to The Old Sugar Mill, now  
converted to house 10 winery tasting rooms. We will  
taste at the most interesting of these wineries.
- Finally, we will dine together at a restaurant to be  
determined.

Contact if interested or want information

**Don Weimann**  
(925) 672-7711

[weimanns@astound.net](mailto:weimanns@astound.net)

### Dining Out

#### **Thursday March 20th.** **ELEPHANT BAR RESTAURANT**



Dining Out  
Signups  
will be available at  
the March 6th  
Meeting  
Contact either  
**Ken Peterson** or  
**Al Brunner**

<[kenneth637@comcast.net](mailto:kenneth637@comcast.net)>

(925) 439-5448 or **Al Brunner** (925) 687-0594

## Branch 19 Golf Information

### *The 18 Hole Golf Group March Schedule*

**March 4th** - Deer Ridge - 9:00am

**March 11th** - Lone Tree - 9:30am

**March 18th** - Boundary Oak - **7:45am**

**March 25th** - Lone Tree - 9:30am

### **Signups for the 2014 Match Play Tournament**

have been completed, with 34 entries to date. For those that have not signed up, spots are still available, but you must sign up with **Bruce Persons** (including payment of \$25) on or before the March 6th meeting at Oakhurst C.C.

As in the past, 4 Brackets (flights) will be made up after the meeting and published.

### *“Atta Boy Award”*



The state SIR organization has approximately 5000 official NCGA golfers. Of the 5000, only **17** have been known to *officially shoot their age*.

They earn the SIR State *Feather in Your Cap* award. Branch 19 is proudly represented by **Duane Deonigi** who is a member of the elite 17 that have accomplished this feat on a regulation golf course. (3 times) The latest was February 25th at Lone Tree G.C. (gross 77)

Contact - Jerry Burton, Chairman  
[AJgolf@astound.net](mailto:AJgolf@astound.net)

### *Nine Hole Golf Group*

Every Monday at approximately 9am, alternating at the following courses, **Buchanan Fields** and **Diablo Hills**

Contact: **Steve McMurdo:**  
<[smcmurdo@att.net](mailto:smcmurdo@att.net)>

## Area 2 Activities

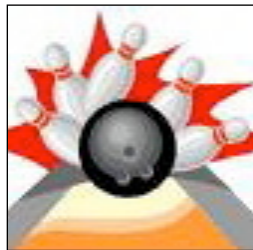
### *2014 Bocce Report*

Tentative Branch 19 teams are forming, including a co-ed team(s) The matches are held at the beautiful Baldwin Park, at 2750 Parkside Circle, Concord. The Matches begin at 6:30pm on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. For information concerning entry fees, team lineups and approximate starting date, contact.

**John Fernando, Capo**  
798-9978

[jaferna2003@yahoo.com](mailto:jaferna2003@yahoo.com)

### *SIR Branch 19 Bowling News*



For a SIR Branch 19 bowling update, contact.

**John Carl** 827-2444

**Mike Kropf** 689-1453

Complete bowling information will be featured in the April issue of Rooster Tales

### *Invite a Guest - New Members Welcome*



**Bill Stephenson, Editor**  
Home Phone: 680-0234  
(leave message) or

e-mail:  
[branch19newsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:branch19newsletter@yahoo.com)



**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. December  
Ladies Day is exempted.

**No Lucky Badge Number in this  
Month's Newsletter**

If you find your Badge Number  
(preceded by JM) somewhere in  
future newsletters, you could be a  
winner of a free lunch. However, you  
must call the Hotline 969-7753 in  
advance of the meeting in order to  
qualify for the free lunch.

**March 2014 Calendar**

**Computers & Technology**

Next Regular Meeting  
March 20th  
Walnut Creek Elks Club

**Sums in Retirement**

March 26th  
The Legends at Diablo Creek G.C.

**Area 2 Fishing Group**

Thursday - March 28th  
The Legends Diablo Creek G.C.

**Bowling**

Clayton Valley Bowl & Diablo Lanes

**Golf**

Every Monday (Nine Hole) and  
Tuesday (18 Hole)- (See pg. 5)

**Dining Out** - 3rd Thursday

**Wine Tasting** - 2nd Friday  
March 14th (See pg.4)



1645 Beckner Court  
Concord, CA 94521

**Return Service Requested**



**Next Meeting - Thursday - March 6th, 2014 - Noon -Oakhurst Country Club, Clayton, CA**