

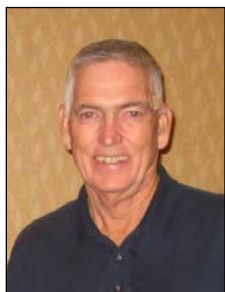
A Non Profit Organization for Retired Men Devoted to the Promotion of Independence and Dignity of Retirement.



ROOSTER TALES

Next Meeting - Thursday June 5th, 2014 - Oakhurst Country Club

The June Program



Tom Lathrop

June Message from the Big Sir

First, I would like to thank **Jack Barnaba** and our other Oakhurst members for inviting the SIR golf group to play at Oakhurst C.C. last Tuesday. Everyone agreed that the course severely tested their golf skills, but all agreed it was a lot of fun and would like to play again. It was a perfect day for golf, and the Bar did well afterwards.

We are in the planning stages for the Branch 19 picnic for September. If you would like to help, or if you have any ideas for additional games or activities, please contact your picnic committee of **Ken Peterson, George Garcia** or **Bill Stephenson**. The picnic has been a great success the past few years, so I encourage everyone to attend. More news on the date, time, place etc. to follow.

Lastly, I just want to remind everyone, that the success of our branch is based on recruiting your friends and neighbors to join us. Remember, the guest eats for free when they attend their first lunch, and the member gets a free lunch if the guest joins.

Tom Lathrop



The John Marsh Historic Trust is dedicated to the restoration of the stone house of Dr. John Marsh, an early resident of



California and the Contra Costa region. Built of native stone near a pretty creek, the house served as a residence for Marsh's family for several years in the late 1800's. After being sold by the family the house took on a new life. It sheltered several prominent citizens of Contra Costa County and later survived earthquakes, droughts, floods, and an invasion of 1960s Flower Children. Twenty years ago, the state of California took control of the property and promised to care for the house and the surrounding property. But the house has suffered from age and is in dire need of repairs and restoration. **Rick Lemyer**, our June speaker, will tell us more of the history of John Marsh, his stone house and give us an update on the Trust's efforts to restore the house.

Larry Kolano, Little Sir

Pledge of Allegiance



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

The June Menu

Starter

Caesar Salad with Dressing

Plated Entree

Roasted Pork Loin

or

Basa White Fish with

Terragon Beurre Blanc Sauce

Dessert

Cheese cake

Coffee and Water on Tables

What We Want To Do

Membership and Attendance

Remind all your SIR friends the importance of bringing guests for a visit and possible membership in our SIR organization Branch19. (a \$10 lunch price, one time only) is a good deal to introduce a guest to a great experience and possibly participating in the variety of activities offered. We have a goal to increase membership and we will put out the welcome mat for the guests at our Oakhurst luncheons.

Celebration of June Birthdays



Jack Duncan
Thomas Kostik
George Lorentzen

Robert Lunghi James Martin Brian Mulligan
Edwin Rittburg Bill Schoonover

May Winner
Gary Kaufmann

Committee Assignments

Activities - Jack Barnaba, **Membership** - Ken Peterson,
Arrangements/Hotline - Ron Cashion, **Golf (18)** - Jerry Burton,
Golf (9) Steve McMurdo, **Bowling** - John Carl & Mike Kropf,
Bocce - John Fernando **Dining Out** - Ken Peterson/Al Brunner,
Wine Tasting - Don Weimann, **Travel** - Al Brunner,
Website - Mike Mills **Newsletter** - Bill Stephenson

We welcome those members who may have an interest in helping out on any of our committees. For information:

Contact Big Sir **Tom Lathrop** at 689-8981 or
e-mail: <branch19newsletter@yahoo.com>

In Memoriam

George H. Crouse

1928 - 2014

Member of SIR Branch 19 since 2008

*World War II and Korean veteran,
retired from Avon Refinery after 36 years*

Financial Statement

Branch 19 Statistics

May Attendance

Members and Guests - 98

April 2014

Account Balances

Petty Cash \$250.00

General Account

Unencumbered \$3,570.87

Holiday Fund 625.40

Picnic Fund

Total General Account \$4,457.27

Custodial Accounts

Bowling 608.07

Golf \$1,213.81

Total Custodial \$1,821.88

Total Funds \$6,529.15

Treasurer Report

Ken Kuhn, Branch 19 Treasurer

SIR PRICING AT THE OAKHURST BAR

The following are the Happy Hour Bar prices for the SIR meetings.

Beer

Domestic Beer Bottles \$ 3

Imported Beer Bottles 4

Wine

William Hill Chardonnay 5

William Hill Cabernet 5

Murphy Goode Sav. Blanc 5

Carmel Road Pinot Noir 5

BV Merlot 5

Liquor

Bloody Mary (well special) 6

Well Drink 5

Premium Call 8

Super Premium 9

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

Hotline - 969-7753 (leave message)

Area 2 and Branch 19 Activities for May



The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group

Wednesday June 25th, 8:00am
The Legends - Diablo Creek G.C.
4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord.

Our guest speakers will **Jim King** and **Scott Horton**, of J.P. King Advisors, Inc. Their topic will be “**State of the Markets: Positioning your Portfolio for Lower Returns Ahead.**” Jim and Scott will discuss why it’s unlikely that returns in various markets will continue their recent trends indefinitely, and how investors can prepare themselves for the relatively low returns in the years ahead.

Jim King, CFP, is the President of J.P. King Advisors, Inc., which he founded in 1981. The firm serves approximately 210 client families and advises on about \$330 million of investment assets. He holds B.A. and M.B.A. degrees from Stanford University, and has been a Certified Financial Planner since 1984. He was named one of the “Best Financial Advisors in America” by WORTH magazine from 1996-2002.

Scott Horton, CFP®, is a Principal with J.P. King Advisors, Inc., having joined the firm in 2008 after 12 years with Fidelity Investments, where he personally advised over 500 client families with over \$1 Billion of investment assets. He holds a B.S. degree in Managerial Economics from U.C. Davis and a M.S. in Finance from Golden Gate University.

Breakfast available at 7am. Plan to attend this meeting and bring a prospective SIR.

Co-Chairmen: **Gary Moore** (Br. 174) 925 254-8742

David Sutton (Br-8) 925- 686-0158 **Leary Wong** (Br-8) 925 457-0807
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The Area 2 Computer & Technology Group

NO CAT MEETING IN JUNE

*Next scheduled meeting
July 17th, at 9:30am.*

*Walnut Creek Elks Club,
1475 Creekside Dr. Walnut Creek*

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 Group

Meets Thursday, June 26th, 8:30am

The Legends Diablo Creek G.C.-

*4050 Port Chicago
Highway in Concord.*



All SIR members and guests are welcome and, indeed, encouraged to participate in fishing trips as well as attend the monthly meetings. We will be very busy this spring with: delta fishing for bass, catfish, and sturgeon; trout in mountain and local lakes, salmon from the ocean, and halibut in the bay. Trout have been the main catch. We live in a fishermen’s paradise

Dick Thomson, Big Fish (925)-944-1760 **Carl Moyer** (Br. 8 Coordinator) (925)-685-5243 or **Romano Gnusti**, Treasurer/Secretary, (925)-376-3313

Wine Tasting Group



When: The wine tasting group will schedule an event for either July or August.

Don Weimann

<weimanns@astound.net>

Wine tasting information will be available at the June meeting.

The Dining Out Group

Thursday July 17th

No Dinner Scheduled for June 19th

5pm Social Hour - 6pm Dinner

Ken Peterson (925) 439-5448

<kenneth637@comcast.net>

Check It Out ...

Our new Webmaster, Sir **Mike Mills**, has up dated and upgraded the Branch 19 Website with a new look. Go to <www.sirinc.org> and click on the “Branch Website” link and select Branch 19 Concord/Clayton.

Branch 19 and SIR Area 2 Activities

Interested in a Particular Activity?

The SIR organization offers numerous activities that are easily available to the members. If you are interested in joining a group that is not offered in your Branch activity list maybe you might consider starting and sharing the activity with other interested members. The various Branches of Area 2 have approximately 70 active groups participating in the wide variety of activities. If you need information regarding *any* activity of interest, contact **Jack Barnaba** at 672-0947 for a followup or information concerning the activity.

Know Your Fellow Sir



Tim Delony

My name is **Tim Delony**, and I am pleased to have recently joined SIR. I was born in Birmingham, Alabama in 1948, but we moved to Pensacola, Florida when I was 16 years old, and I consider Pensacola to be my hometown. I went to college at Virginia Tech and graduated with a degree in

Chemical Engineering in 1970. However, I was drafted when I graduated, and spent 18 months in the service. It was the Army that sent me to the Bay Area; and, like so many others, when I was discharged I never moved back home.

After leaving the service, I worked as an Engineer at Bio-Rad Laboratories, a biotechnology company located in Hercules. I retired from Bio-Rad in December of 2013 after a 40 year career designing instrumentation used for life-science research.

I have a lovely wife Tracy, and between us we have a "blended family" of two daughters and two sons, and we are blessed with a beautiful one year-old granddaughter. Tracy and I live in "The Crossings" development in Concord. I enjoy hiking, flying radio control model airplanes, traveling, and playing bocce (we have been on a neighborhood bocce team for 10+ years). My favorite hobby, however, is my 1956 Triumph TR3 sports car. Maybe you'll see me driving around the area sometime?

Tim Delony

2014 Bocce Report

The SIR Bocce federation is now in full swing.

Notice the finely tuned athletes honing up their bocce skills



Jim Garcia

John Fernando, Capo - jaferna2003@yahoo.com



Nine Hole Golf Group

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

The nine hole group is enlarging, so letting Steve know in advance of playing ... is important. To Contact:

Steve McMurdo:

smcmurdo@att.net or 687-6271



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

E-mail:

branch19newsletter@yahoo.com

Branch 19 Golf Information

The 18 Hole Golf Group June Schedule

June 3rd - Shadow Lakes - 9:00am

June 10th - Lone Tree - 9:30am

June 17th - Paradise Valley - 9:00am

June 24th - Lone Tree - 9:30am

May Match Play Madness Results

Oakhurst Bracket

Weimann vs Kolano, winner to play **Boyer**

Lone Tree Bracket

Nicholas vs Willey

Tilden Bracket

Cashion vs R.Peterson

Cashion Winner 2up

Franklin Canyon Bracket

Hockenson vs Vogt, winner to play **Deonigi**

Oakhurst Golf Outing - May 27



I would also like to thank **Jack Barnaba** for arranging the golf outing at Oakhurst C.C. And to **Ricky Fowler (aka John Fernando)** for joining the fun on the Oakhurst links.

Jerry Burton, Golf Chairman

Activities Review

SIR Branch 19 Bowling News



The SIR League team winners are the **“8” Balls**. Second place went to the **Silver Foxes**.

Final individual awards are as follows:

High Average - **John Dorsett** - 224

Most Improved - **Ron Gagliardi** - 17.95 pins

High Game Scratch - **Gary Kaufmann** - 300

High Handicap Game - **Doug Schuster** - 311

High Scratch series - **Ralph Dorsey** - 800

Handicap High Series - **Jacky Luke** - 792

Winner of the Sweeper - **John Fernando** - 1st Place

Great Year! Everyone is looking forward to the new season in September! Thank you bowlers, have a great, safe summer!

Sir **Mike Kropf** <mdkropf@astound.net>



The “8 Balls”

Jim Wyllie, Jacky Luke, Dan Weller, Mike Hooper



The Silver Foxes

Rick Small, Gary Kaufmann, Jack Jagoda, Bob Lunghi

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!

Thank you 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 j.m) somewhere in a future newsletter, 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.

June 2014 Calendar

Computers & Technology

No June Meeting

Next Meeting - Thursday, July 17th
Walnut Creek Elks Club

\$ums in Retirement

Wednesday, June 25th

The Legends at Diablo Creek G.C.

Area 2 Fishing Group

Thursday, June 26th

The Legends at Diablo Creek G.C.

Bowling

Wednesdays - Beginning in the Fall

Clayton Valley Bowl & Diablo Lanes

Golf

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

Dining Out - 3rd Thursday(Page 4)

Wine Tasting - July 11th
scheduled in advance.



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Concord, CA 94521

Return Service Requested



Next Meeting - Thursday - June 5th, 2014 - Noon -Oakhurst Country Club, Clayton, CA