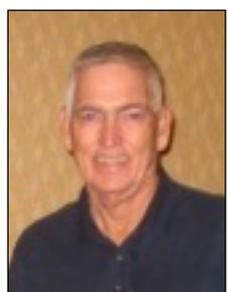


A Non Profit Organization for Retired Men Devoted to the Promotion of Independence and Dignity of Retirement.



# ROOSTER TALES

**Next Meeting - Thursday - November 6th - 2014 - Oakhurst Country Club**



Tom Lathrop

## Year End Message from the Big Sir

This will be our last meeting of the year and the last newsletter for 2014. I would like to thank **Bill Stephenson** for being the *Rooster Tales* editor for the past eight years. From reading the other branch newsletters, Bill's is one of the best! He has done a great job. Please thank him for his contributions when you see him. We are still looking for volunteers to assist with the

publication next year.

I will not be at the November meeting, but I would like to thank the Branch 19 Officers and Board members for their support and a memorable year. We had to move from Concord to Clayton in the Spring, which resulted in the resignation of a number of members. Fortunately, we were able to bring in enough new members, so our membership stayed fairly steady. I also want to thank the members for their support and would ask that everyone continue to volunteer to help out whenever possible. Your participation is the key to a successful branch.

At our November meeting, we recognize our military veterans in honor of Veteran's Day. Please feel free to wear your uniforms or any of your military items.

The Holiday luncheon will be on December 4, 2014. We will have a special meal and entertainment and games. Your wives and friends are invited to attend. This has always been a fun event, so I hope you will all attend.

I look forward to another good year in 2015, and wish your new Big Sir, Larry Kolano, the best of luck. The incoming Little Sir, Bruce Persons, will have the task of finding our luncheon speakers. If you have any ideas or suggestions for Bruce, please let him know. I know he will appreciate your suggestions. *Tom Lathrop*

## The Program for November

### John Peter Hagen "PLAY AWAY PLEASE"

The Tale of the sale of golf's greatest icon the *St. Andrews Old Course* starters box

My love affair with St Andrews and the Old Course began in 1964, and to this day, St Andrews remains one of my favorite places to visit and the Old Course is still among my favorite places in the world to play golf. Once you get there, meet the wonderful people and play golf, you understand what it is - one of the most beautiful places in the world. In this book, John transports you to the magical lands through the eyes of golf's greatest icon - the Old Course Starter's Box - and gives a revealing portrait of the icon's sale, the town and a 'wee' bit of history and lore. Bob Jones often said that if a golfer is to be remembered, he must win the Open Championship at St Andrews. This book is a way of remembering the honesty and integrity the game of golf represents - and stirring the passion in every golfer to make the pilgrimage to St Andrews.

*Jack Nicklaus, Open Champion on the Old Course 1970 and 1978*

## The November Menu

Starter - Soup

Entree - Turkey or Blackened Catfish (Fish List)

Dessert Cheesecake

Rolls, Coffee and Water on tables

**Pledge of Allegiance**  
Will be led by all Veterans

## 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 C.C. luncheons.

### Celebration of November & December Birthdays



**November -**  
*John Fernando*  
*Ken Kuhn*  
*Bruce Persons*  
*Alex Poulos*

*Richard Small Lloyd West*

**December** *Jack Barnaba Casey Campbell*

*Mike Hooper Joe Lettieri Jacky Luke Gregg Moore*

*John Ramsey Charles Rogers Pat Rotell*

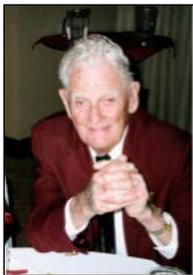
**October Winner**

*Ye Ole Editor*



**Bill Stephenson, Editor**  
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*In Memoriam*  
**John M. Roebuck**  
1918 - 2014



**Branch 19**  
member since  
1992



**John receives the SIR**  
Honorary Life Member  
Award



**Past Big Sir**

## Financial Statement

**Branch 19 Statistics**  
**October Attendance**  
**Members and Guests - 101**  
**September 30, 2014**

### Account Balances

Petty Cash \$250.00

### General Account

Unencumbered \$4,124.15  
Holiday Fund 625.40  
Picnic Fund 65.00  
Total General Account \$5,275.88

### Custodial Accounts

Bowling 608.19  
Golf 771.11  
Total Custodial \$1,379.30  
**Total Funds \$6,443.85**

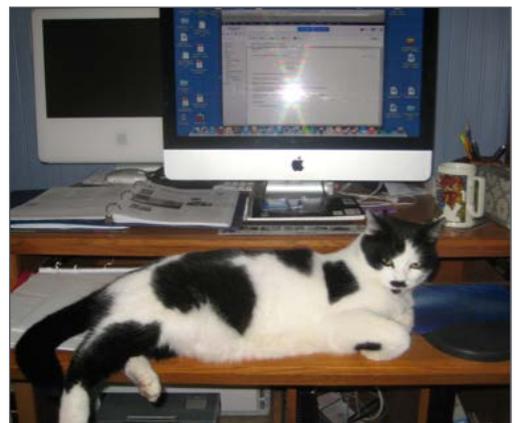
**Treasurer Report**  
**Ken Kuhn, Branch 19 Treasurer**



This is my final and 100th issue of *Rooster Tales*, the Branch 19 newsletter. Shown above are the 100 CDs of each month and the trusty iMac that performs the magic, Shown below is my *Keyboard Kat* "Charlie"

Many thanks to those that have contributed to the *Rooster Tales* over the years

*Bill Stephenson, Editor 30*



## Area 2 and Branch 19 Activities for November



The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group  
The \$ums Investment Group will not have a meeting in November, but will hold its annual planning meeting on **December 3, 2014**.

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

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**

## Area 2 Fishing Group



*The Legends  
Diablo Creek G.C.-  
Meets Thursday,  
November 20th  
8:30am  
4050 Port Chicago  
Highway in Concord.*

The year has been a disappointment for salmon. We will be very busy this winter with: delta fishing for bass, catfish, bluegill, crappie, striped bass, and sturgeon; trout in mountain and local lakes; and rockfish and crab from the ocean. We live in a fishermen's paradise. The fishing group joined the Branch 8 SIR in the kitchen bunch for our annual fish extravaganza. Nearly 50 of us enjoyed the hospitality of **Ed Benson** for an incredible food orgy.

**Dick Thomson**, Big Fish (925)-944-1760 **Carl Moyer** (Br. 8 Coordinator) (925)-685-5243 or

### *The Area 2 Computer & Technology Group November 20th - Walnut Creek Elks Club, 1475 Creekside Dr. Walnut Creek*



**Chuck Joyce**, a Branch 8 member has volunteered to give us a presentation about editing video. He provides the following information:

I spent my 45 year career editing video for local and network television. I worked for KRON-TV for 3/4 of my career and the last 7 years at KGO-tv. I started out editing film for newscasts; progressed with the technology to video tape and then to non-linear (computer editing). Because of

these advances in technology, anyone can edit network quality television programming on their home computer. I did.

I will play a brief montage of easy projects I have edited over the years on my home computer. These are basic projects for the beginner. All they need is an editing application (many are free) for PC or MAC; a digital camera or cell phone with camera; and an application to burn DVDs. Voila!

If there is time following the presentation, there will be a Q&A with the gurus, and possibly 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.

We **do not** meet in December so our next announcement will be for January 2015 - *Happy New Year!!*

**Neil Schmidt and Derek Southern** - Co-Chairs



< *Computer & Technology meeting*

### *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.

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

## 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.

### The Dining Out & Wine Tasting

#### Dining Out Group

Tentative restaurant locations have been selected for January through May of 2015. The following restaurants have been mentioned depending on availability.

- **January - Spaghetti Factory - Concord**
- **February - La Veranda - Clayton**
- **March - Tahoe Joe's - Pleasant Hill**
- **April - The Elephant Bar - Concord**
- **May - Lucille's BBQ - Sun Valley, Concord**

**Ken Peterson** (925) 439-5448

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

#### Wine Tasting Group

The host schedule for the Wine Tasting Group will be finalized at the January meeting by

Wine Tasting Chairman -

**Don Weimann**

<[weimanns@astound.net](mailto:weimanns@astound.net)> (925) 672-7711

### November is the Veterans Day Celebration



**The Annual Veterans Day Celebration.**  
To all Branch 19 service veterans, please remember to wear and display your Service Memorabilia

### The Bocce Report for 2015

Sign up for the 2015 Bocce Season will begin after the first of the year. Teams will be formed at the time. Looking forward to another successful season.

**John Fernando**, Bocce Capo, Branch 19

### SIR Branch 19 Bowling News

Up to date review of the Bowling season and Tournament results will be announced in January.

**Sir Mike Kropf and Sir John Carl**

**NEW**

### Interested in a Hiking Group?

The SIR Branch 19 Hiking Group has started Wednesday hikes. This week we hiked about 5 miles in the Lime Ridge Open Space above Boundary Oaks Golf Course. This past Wednesday we hiked the Black Diamond Mines Road into the Black Diamond Mine Regional Park. This was a 7 to 8 mile round trip. For future hikes, everyone is welcome. I will put out an email to the members who showed interest earlier this year. **Tom Lathrop** (top and **George Vogt** "Charter Members" of the Branch 19 Hiking Group.

## Branch 19 Golf Information

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

**November 4th** - Diablo Creek - 10am  
**November 11th** - Lone Tree - 9:30am  
**November 18th** - Chardonnay (Napa) 9am  
**November 25th** - Lone Tree - 9:30am  
**December 2nd** Boundary Oak - 7:45am

**Senior Advantage Membership** for 2015 will be available at the Lone Tree Pro Shop during the month of December. Early signup entitles you to one Free Round at Lone Tree.

**Jerry Burton**, Branch 19 Golf Chairman  
For additional 18 hole golf information contact

**Jerry Burton**, Golf Chairman  
<[ajgolf81@yahoo.com](mailto:ajgolf81@yahoo.com)>



### *Nine Hole Golf Group*

Every Monday at approximately 9am, alternating at the following courses, **Buchanan** and **Diablo Hills** Contact: **Steve McMurdo** -

<[smcmurdo@att.net](mailto:smcmurdo@att.net)>  
Phone 687-6271

## New Members to Branch 19 - 2014



*New Members induction: (Left to Right)*

**Ken Peterson**, Membership Chairman, **George Vogt** (Sponsor)  
**Tim Delony**, **Dennis Wood**, **Jay Verlinden**, and  
**Dean Lucas** (Sponsor)



**George Vogt** (left) sponsors another new member for Branch 19  
**John Linster**

*George has been the Branch's top new member recruiter over this past year.*

**Editor's Note** - The following is a message from INFOSYS  
By now your Branch has elected Officers for 2015 and they have begun their preparation for assuming their new roles. These leaders need member help and cooperation to make things run smoothly. Help is also available from State Officers, like your Area Governor and Regional Director as well as from the SIR Leaders Guide pamphlet and other documents. I would like to remind members, Branch Officers and State Officers that INFOSYS is here to help. The State Website, [sirinc.org](http://sirinc.org), provides valuable information about SIR and a link to Members Information. The Members Information page links to a wide array of documents, examples and ideas to assist members, but most directly, Branch Officers and State Officers. The Members Information page (linked from the [www.sirinc.org](http://www.sirinc.org) main page) is where you will find this treasure trove of materials. I encourage you to spend some time browsing these two webpages ([sirinc.org](http://sirinc.org) and the Members Information page). I am sure you will find a lot of interesting and useful information there.

If you are interested in helping to keep this information current and meaningful, contact **Dean Steichen**, SIR INFOSYS Chairman,

## Past Holiday Luncheons



*Sign up early and enjoy this year's Holiday Luncheon on Thursday December 4th*

**About Monthly Attendance**

Please make sure to cooperate, and call the Hotline Number

**(925) 338-1996**

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 Newsletter**

**The Calendar**

**Computers & Technology**  
Next Meeting -November 20th  
Walnut Creek Elks Club

**Sums in Retirement**

*No November Meeting*  
Next: Wednesday, December 3rd  
The Legends at Diablo Creek G.C.

**Area 2 Fishing Group**

Thursday, November 20th  
The Legends at Diablo Creek G.C.

**Bowling**

Wednesdays - 10am  
Clayton Valley Bowl & Diablo Lanes

**Golf**

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

**Dining Out -**

Next Event in January

**Wine Tasting - TBD**  
scheduled in advance.

*Next Issue of Rooster Tales in January 2015*

