



ROOSTER TALES

Next meeting - Thursday February 5th – 2015 – Oakhurst Country Club



BIG SIR Message

Welcome to February: the month of Valentine’s Day and birthdays for George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. Membership Chair, Sir Ken Peterson, says that our membership roster remains steady at around 130. Treasurer, Sir Ken Kuhn, reports that we remain financially solvent. Our branch is doing quite well, but there

is always room for improvement. Some members have been negligent in calling the HOTLINE when unable to attend our monthly meetings. It is important to call the HOTLINE so that our lunch counts are accurate and we are not charged for uneaten meals. The HOTLINE number is 925-338-1996.

It has been reported to the BEC that several members have not been attending the required number of luncheons to retain their membership in SIR. These members will be notified by the Membership Chair.

We rely on volunteerism. Our branch has need of two specific positions that need filling. Sir Bill Stephenson is retiring as our official photographer. So we need a member (or members) to step forward and replace Bill as photographer. Dining Out Chair, Sir Ken Peterson, has indicated that he would like to step down. If you are a supporter of Dining Out, please volunteer to lead the group. These positions need not be the responsibility of one member; the duties can be shared by several members. If you are interested in serving in either of these positions, talk to me at the next meeting.

I’d like to thank Sir Jack Duncan for volunteering to be the new Sunshine Chair, replacing Little Sir Bruce Persons, who has done an excellent job.

The Program for February



SIR Mike Mills

Mike has had three careers. He was in the Air Force for 10 years (67-77) living in California, Hawaii and Texas. He was in the tech industry (computer hardware and software) from 77-01 living in Texas and then the San Francisco Bay Area. And finally he dabbled in motorsports (sports car racing). He essentially retired in 2001 but did not realize it until 2009. This is where he verified the old adage "How do you make a small fortune racing? Start with a large one."

The Topics for Today

- Implementing new technologies to benefit SIR Branch 19.
- Phone system with voice mail recording, text translation and emailing at no cost to the branch.
- Comprehensive web site with dynamic calendar including specialized interest filters. Experimenting with web based newsletter publishing.
- Full demo of the site.
- Automating meeting check-in with fingerprint check-in option; and more.

February Menu

- Salad
- Roasted Pork Loin with mushroom sauce
- Basa White Fish with Tarragon Buerre Blanc Sauce
- Chef’s choice Vegetarian plate
- Lemon Cake

What We Want To Do

Membership and Attendance

Bring a friend to lunch! We have a goal to maintain and increase our membership and we put out the welcome mat for guests and friends of SIR Branch 19 at our Oakhurst C.C. luncheons. A two for one lunch, one time only, is a good way to introduce a guest to the SIR experience and the wide variety of activities in which SIR members participate. We all benefit when new people join SIR. Make it a point to bring a guest.

February Birthdays



Tim Delony, Ed Dibetta, Art Fabsits

Tony Tonti, Jim Willey, George Fulmore, Ron Gagliardi

Stephen Gee, Kalman Horvath, Ron Ingersol, Roger Mills

Kevin Mullaney, Jim Randall, Fred Sorrenti, Bill Stiles

Financial Statement

Branch 19 Statistics

January Attendance
Members and Guests – 107

Treasurer Report

December 31, 2014

Account Balances

Petty Cash	\$250.00
General Account	
Unencumbered	\$4,342.32
Holiday fund	119.80
Picnic Fund	<u>240.12</u>
Total General Account	<u>\$4,702.24</u>
Custodial Accounts	
Bowling	\$621.69
Golf	<u>2,455.40</u>
Total Custodial	<u>\$3,077.09</u>
 Total Funds	 <u>\$8,029.33</u>

Ken Kuhn
Branch 19 Treasurer

Our Focus

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're disappointed, please tell us.

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

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New Members to Branch 19 January 2015



From Left to Right

Ken Peterson

Kenneth Konzak, new member

George Vogt

Tony Fiorica, new member

George Vogt sponsored both new members. Thanks George

Welcome SIR Kenneth and SIR Tony.

Branch 19 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, start one and share the activity with other interested members. The various Branches of Area 2 have approximately 70 active groups participating in a wide variety of activities.

If you need info regarding an activity, how to find one, or how to start one, contact Jack Barnaba.
Jack Barnaba Activity Chairman 672-0947
jbarnaba@yahoo.com

Dining Out and Wine Tasting

Dining Out Group
 Meets on the third Thursday of every month. .

- **February, 19– La Veranda – Clayton**
- **March, 19 – Tahoe Joe’s – Pleasant Hill**
- **April, 16 – The Elephant Bar – Concord**
- **May, 21 – Lucille’s BBQ – Sun Valley, Concord**

Ken Peterson (925) 439-5448
Kenneth637@comcast.net

Wine Tasting Group
 Friday, February 20th at 7:00 pm

Theme: Sauvignon Blanc

Sauvignon Blanc grapes are grown in many places in the world, most notably in France, New Zealand, and the United states. Many other countries produce in smaller amounts.

Bring:

- Bring a bottle of sauvignon blanc wine (\$10 or more) and experiment with a different region or winery
- An appetizer to share. This should complement our white wines.

Where:
 Steve & Bev McMurdo
 4855 Geneva Ave, Concord
 (925) 687-6271

Please let Don Weimann know if you are attending. 925-672-7711
weimanns@astound.net

SIR Branch 19 Bowling News

Well here it is, January 2015 already! Where did the time go? Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday. During November we had our Branch 19 Bowling Tournament. There were 88 bowlers from 21 different SIR Branches here to bowl at Clayton Valley Bowl. Our own members of Branch 19 won their fair share of the prize fund: **Roy Priest, John Ramsey, John Dorsett, Gary Kaufmann, Milt Momita, Mike Hooper, Mike Kropf (that’s me), and John Carl** who took first place in all three events he entered. **Doug Schuster** and I would like to thank **Jim Wyllie, John Carl and Gary Kaufmann** for volunteering their time. A special thanks to **Darlene Kropf** for all her work to keep everything going and make this tournament a success. **Mike Kropf**

Mike Kropf 689-1453 mdkropf@astound.net
John Carl 827-2444 johncarl45@msn.com

The Bocce Report

The 2015 Bocce season will soon be underway. I will be at the welcoming table for the February luncheon at Oakhurst and will be taking names of those interested in joining one of our teams (space available) or starting a new team. Bocce is becoming very popular. As an example, over at the Clayton Bocce courts, there is a waiting list of a couple hundred names, hopefully we can get another team in over at Baldwin Park in Concord if there is enough interest. Act fast and don't be left out of the fun!

John Fernando, Bocce Capo Branch 19
798-9978 jaferna2003@yahoo.com

Hiking Group

The SIR Branch 19 hiking group will be hiking the Falls loop on Mt Diablo on Thursday, January 29, 2015. We will try to do at least two hikes each month. Let me know if you are interested.

Tom Lathrop 689-8981 lathrop689@aol.com
George Vogt 672-3703 cvogtgo@att.net



Know your Fellow SIR - Nelson Luke



I'm a Buckeye from Ohio where I was born in 1932. After finishing school I joined the Navy to see the world and was sent to San Diego for my boot training. My assignments were 18 months on Guam and the rest of my 4 year hitch was in San Francisco at the Military Sea Transport Headquarters at Fort Mason, (how lucky can you be)! After leaving the service as a Second Class Petty Officer, I attended City College and College of San Mateo where I majored in accounting and computer programming. I spent 39 years at PG&E as an accountant/programmer, retiring in 1995. I'm married to my wonderful wife Hilda. We have been married for 36 years and have two adult boys and a girl. We are very proud of all of them. The boys

both earned their Master Degrees and our daughter is a school teacher. We have six grandchildren. My wife and I both like hiking and skiing and are members of "The Nature Friends", an international organization that started in Vienna, Austria with houses all over Europe where you can stay. My wife and I stayed in several of them on our vacations. We love to travel and have been over the world.

Nelson Luke

Branch 19 Golf Information



**The 18 Hole Golf Group
February Schedule**

Weather Permitting we will be playing:

- Feb 3 – Brentwood 9:30
- Feb 10 – Lone Tree 9:30
- Feb 17 – Deer Ridge 9:30
- Feb 24 – Lone Tree 9:30

The weather has been in our favor for playing but we still need the rain as long as it is from Wednesday to Sunday. We need to work on **speeding up the pace of play**. Starting to get complaints.

Jerry Burton, Golf Chairman
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
Phone 687-6271

Pay Attention to This

About Monthly Attendance

Please call the Hotline Number if you cannot attend.

(925) 338-1996

Call on or before five (5) days in advance of the monthly luncheon if you cannot attend.

That means call by Saturday at the latest.

Lunches are ordered for all members who have not called. If you don't show up the club is obligated to pay for the meal and you will be charged.

If you can't attend, call the Hotline.

(925) 338-1996.

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
Thursday, February 19th

\$ums in Retirement
Wednesday, February 25

Area 2 Fishing Group
Thursday, February 26nd

Bowling
Wednesdays – 10am

Golf
Mondays (Nine Hole) and
Tuesdays (18 Hole) (See above)

Dining Out
Thursday, February 19

Wine Tasting –
Friday February 20 – 7: 00 pm

Area 2 Activities for February

Investments / Wealth Management



The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group

Wednesday, February 25, 2015.
Legends – Diablo Creek G.C.
4050 Port Chicago Highway
Breakfast available at 7am.

The \$ums Investment Group meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Meetings are open to all Area 2 SIR members and their guests. There will be an interesting speaker from the investment community for each meeting. Meetings are free and enjoyable. Come join and learn to be a better investor.

Co-Chairmen: Gary Moore (BR 174) 925 254-8742
David Sutton (BR 8) 925 686-0158
Leary Wong (BR 8) 925 457-0807



The Area 2 Computer & Technology Group

February 19th 9:00am – Walnut Creek Elks Club
1475 Creekside Dr. Walnut Creek

Lies, Lies, and Damn Lies and DNA Solutions

The Computer & Technology Group (CAT) has in the past had presentations on techniques for developing genealogical family history through library research. In February, we will take these research efforts to another level through ancestry DNA testing. With DNA testing, you can get personalized details about your ethnic origins. Discover more about your story with advanced DNA science from the experts in family history. The presenter, Jeffrey Vaillant, is a professional genealogist, past president of the California Genealogical Society and a member of numerous Genealogical Societies throughout California and other North American States. Some months we ask for \$5 to cover the cost of the hall rental, coffee and cookies, other months are free.

Area 2 Fishing Group



The Legends
Diablo Creek G.C.
Meets on the 4th Thurs
Thursday Feb 26th
8:30 am
4050 Port Chicago Highway in
Concord.

The Area 2 Sir Fishing Club is made up of a hardy and energetic group of men who meet once a month, on the 4th Thursday, to plan fishing trips and tell fish stories. We also have guest speakers from all aspects of sport fishing to inform and teach us the various methods of fishing and sportsmen like behavior. The club has all types of fishermen from hard core fly fishermen to bait dunkers. About half have boats. We fish the ocean, bay, delta, local lakes, and the high sierra. It's a group of great guys with a common interest that enjoy each other's company.

All SIR members and guests are encouraged to attend.

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Carl Moyer 925-685-5243
Romano Gnusti, 925-376-3313