



ROOSTER TALES

Next meeting - Thursday May 7th – 2015 – Oakhurst Country Club



BIG SIR Message
 As I mentioned last month, April showers bring May flowers. But what do May flowers bring? (answer below)
 Last month, the Area 2 Governor attended both the Branch

Executive Committee meeting and our monthly luncheon. He made a few post-visit observations. First, he was impressed with Oakhurst as our meeting place. Lots of room and excellent food. And he thought “everyone seemed to be having a good time and enjoying the experience.” Second, and this is something you’ve heard from me before, there were a couple of tables showing disrespect for the speaker by talking throughout the presentation. “That’s not a welcome SIR quality.” Third, and again this should not come as a surprise to you, he expressed concern about the number of members Branch 19 currently has. He said that we could easily accommodate 150 at our Oakhurst luncheons. He encouraged all of us to become more active in the recruitment of new members.
 Not only should we step up our efforts at recruitment, but we should participate in branch activities to the best of our abilities. Help out at the sign-in table. Help set up the sound system prior to our luncheons. Attend BEC meetings (which begin at 10 AM) and voice your opinions. Agree to serve on our various activity committees. Accept a nomination to serve on the BEC or as a Branch officer. Just like the Marines, we need a few food men to step forward.
 (Answer: Pilgrims)

The Program for May



Richard Jones
Aerial Photographer

R. J. Aerial Photo was started over 30 years ago because of my love for flying and photography. All the time I was flying, I kept seeing the beauty of California and decided I needed to capture what I could on film. I don't go out with the intention of photographing anything specific. I go flying and photograph whatever happens to be there. I have many clients including most of the fast food companies (Taco Bell, Carl's Jr., Pizza Hut, Boston Market etc.) and many real estate companies (Grubb & Ellis, CB Commercial, Cushman, Cornish & Carey, etc.). Photographing sites for them takes me all around California and Nevada. I started with a canon 35mm camera and now use both medium and digital format cameras to get the higher quality for the large pictures. My favorite camera is a medium format Pentax but I use my Canon 10.1 megapixel camera the most. Richard has been taking aerial photos for approximately 40 years. He is 73 years young and has traveled all over the world. He will present his work as an aerial photographer with stills and videos.

May Menu

Caesar Salad
Braised Beef – Served with Au Jus
Basa White Fish with Lemon Beurre Blanc Sauce
Chef’s choice Vegetarian plate
Ice Cream w/ Cookie

May Birthdays



*Louie Audas, Don Colvin ,Darryl Diamond
Jim Garcia, Gary Kaufman, Mike Kropf
Ben Miller, William Pope, John Tryon*

Financial Statement

Branch 19 Statistics

April Attendance
Members and Guests – 94

Treasurer Report

March 31, 2015

Account Balances

Petty Cash	\$ 250.00
General Account	
Unencumbered	\$4,179.48
Holiday fund	119.80
Picnic Fund	<u>240.12</u>
Total General Account	<u>\$4,539.40</u>
Custodial Accounts	
Bowling	\$621.75
Golf	<u>1,870.59</u>
Total Custodial	<u>\$2,492.34</u>
 Total Funds	 <u>\$7,281.74</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.

branch19newsletter@gmail.com

New Members to Branch 19 April 2015

Left to Right

New Member: Charles Morones
Sponsosr: Milton DeGroot
Membership Chair: Ken Peterson

Welcome SIR Charles Morones



Branch 19 Activities

Dining Out and Wine Tasting

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

- Nothing scheduled for May
- June 18 – Fiore – 5100 Clayton Rd, Concord
- July 16 - Bambino’s – 1895 Farm Bureau Rd, Concord

Hosted by Bruce and Patsy Persons
Ken Peterson (925) 439-5448
Kenneth637@comcast.net



Wine Tasting Group
 No meeting during May

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
j.barnaba@yahoo.com

SIR Branch 19 Bowling News

Our league is winding down. Only 2 weeks left for this season. We will have the winners at the luncheon, next week. Team#2 Gray Matter and #3 Just2weak, will roll off for second half winners. The Winner will roll off against Just2Weak the following week in a sweeper for first and second place in the league. We will have all the winners information at the upcoming luncheon.

Thank you everyone for another Great Bowling Season. :)

Mike Kropf

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

The Bocce Report

We're finally here. Bocce ball season starts for our 3 teams on Wednesday and Thursday nights May 6th and 7th at Baldwin Park in Concord. We were unable to add another Branch 19 team due to the low level of turnover of existing teams due to bocce's sudden popularity in the last couple of years. The Concord Bocce Federations commissioner has informed me that if there is an opening in the future, on Wednesday or Thursday night, we would have priority consideration. Our finely tuned athletes are in top bocce form and are anxious to get started. Good luck to all teams and most importantly, HAVE FUN!!!

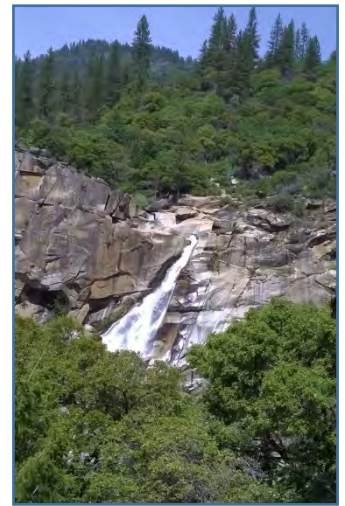
John Fernando, Bocce Capo Branch 19
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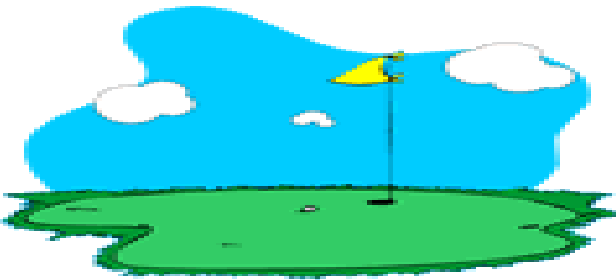
Hiking Group

The hiking group, Tom Lathrop, George Vogt, and Rich Peterson, make it to Feather Falls above Lake Oroville, recently. Beautiful, tiring, 8 mile trek, but wonderful scenery. If anyone wants to hike or take a walk, contact either George or Tom.

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



Branch 19 Golf Information



Match Play Results

We have had 9 matches played in the Match Play Championship

Boundary Oaks Bracket

Jim Garcia 1up over Larry Kolano
Milt Momita 6&5 over John Hayes

Diablo Creek Bracket

Gregg Moore 6&5 over Dave Holland
Duane Deonigi 1up over John Linster

Lone Tree Bracket

Ben Olison 1up over Rich Peterson
John Moriana 4&3 over Ron Ingersol

Oakhurst Bracket

John VanDeVeer 3&2 over Leonard Nicholas
Tom Lathrop 4&3 over Ken Peterson
Jack Duncan 2&1 over Jerry Burton.

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

The 18 Hole Golf Group
May Schedule

Weather Permitting we will be playing:

- May 5 – Brentwood 9:30
- May 12 – Deer Ridge 9:30
- May 19 – Eagle Vines 9:30
- May 26 – Brentwood 9:30

Jerry Burton, Golf Chairman
ajgolf81@yahoo.com

Remember that we have to pre-pay for Blue Rock Springs and Poppy Ridge where we play in June so please get a check to either Burce Persons ,Tom Lathrop, or Jerry Burton ASAP.

I would like to thank Bruce Persons for the great work he has done as Treasure for the Golf Group. Tom Lathrop will be taking over in May.
Jerry Burton

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.

Lucky Badge number is on the web site. Look for JM followed by your badge number. Call the hotline if you find your number and your lunch will be free.

The Calendar

Computers & Technology
Thursday, May 21st

Sums in Retirement
Wednesday, May 20th

Area 2 Fishing Group
Thursday, May 21st

Bowling
Wednesdays – 10am
Clayton Valley Bowl

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

Dining Out
Thursday, May 21st

Wine Tasting –
Next meeting in June

Area 2 Activities for May



The Area 2 Computer & Technology Group

*May 21st 9:30am – Walnut Creek Elks Club
1475 Creekside Dr. Walnut Creek*

TV Streaming Neil Schmidt

Neil Schmidt will talk about TV Streaming. He will cover the different options and methods for connecting your TV to the Internet and explain some of the free, as well as paid, things you can do with a connected TV besides streaming Netflix movies. The available devices and services are rapidly changing. Come to the meeting and find out what is currently available and where this technology is heading. A preview of Neil's talk can be found at <http://a2cat.sirinc2.org>

As always, coffee and cookies are available before and during the meeting. And, in addition, there's Barry's nifty freebies raffle. Odds of winning are better than one in ten.

There will be **no meeting in June**, we will reconvene on Thursday July 16th.

Investments / Wealth Management

The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group



Wednesday, May 27, 2015.
 Legends – Diablo Creek G.C.
 4050 Port Chicago Highway
 Breakfast available at 7am.

Our guest speaker in May will be **Jim and Sue Breedlove**, of **Breedlove Insurance** in Orinda. Sue and Jim will discuss “**Insurance for Seniors: Medicare and More**”. They will explore the types of Medicare coverage, the rules for when you can get and change your coverage, and why you might want to. The goal is to minimize your medical insurance costs. If there’s time, they also explore why a senior might want to have life insurance as well.

Jim was born and raised in Tyler, Texas and worked his way West over the years. He received a bachelor’s degree in physics from MIT and a PhD from Rice. He also has an MBA from the University of New Mexico. Jim held numerous technical positions before forming Breedlove Insurance. He specializes in Medicare and life insurance.

Sue is a native of Appleton, Wisconsin and graduated from Arizona State University. After a long career in corporate sales, Sue now specializes in health and long term care insurance.

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

www.a2sums.sirinc.org

Area 2 Fishing Group



The Legends

Diablo Creek G.C.
 Meets on the 4th Thurs
Thursday May 28
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.

Dick Thomson, Big Fish 925-944-1760
Carl Moyer 925-685-5243
Romano Gnusti, 925-376-3313

www.branch116.org/fishing

SIR Area 2 Travel Opportunities 2015 / 3

July 22-28, 2015: Baseball Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. Trip will include baseball games in New York and Boston. The Highlight will be the Baseball Hall of Fame and induction ceremonies at Cooperstown. Travelers will enjoy home pick-up, airport transfers, professional tour host, RT airfare, 6 night accommodations, all taxes and gratuities. Cost \$2,975.00. Contact **Ken Richter**, Br. 146, 698-6217.

Aug 21-Sep 12, 2015: Treasures of France a River Journey from Normandy to Provence. A 22 day river cruise aboard a deluxe river boat. The highlights include visits to D-Day Beaches of Normandy, Beaujolais, Burgundy Regions, Lyon, and other river towns. Prices range from \$6499 to \$8299 which include airfare, 22 nights accommodations, 59 meals, 17 sightseeing tours with audio headsets, all transfers, luggage handling, and beer or wine at dinner. Pre and Post trips are available. Contact **Ken Richter** Br. 149, 698-6217.

Aug 21- Sep 1, 2015: Paris & Highlights of Normandy a Seine River Cruise. 12 day cruise aboard deluxe river boat with visits to Paris, D-Day Beaches of Normandy, Vernon, Honfleur, and Rouen. Prices range from \$3699 to \$6199 including 10 night accommodations, 29 meals , 9 sightseeing tours with audio headsets and beer or wine at dinner. Two for one airfare is available plus Pre or Post trips. Contact **Ken Richter** Br.146, 689-6217.

Aug 31-Sep 12, 2015: French Waterways: Highlights of Burgundy, Beaujolais & Provence. 12 day river cruise on deluxe river boat with visits to Lyon, Avignon, Vivier, and Beaujolais-Burgundy regions. The prices range from \$3999 to \$6649. Trip includes 10 nights accommodations, 29 meals, 8 sightseeing tours with audio headsets, and beer or wine with dinner. Two for one airfare is available plus Pre & Post trips. Contact **Ken Richter** Br 146, 689-6217

Oct 10, 2015: Fleet Week on the San Francisco Belle. The Belle is a San Francisco Landmark That evokes the City's charm. There will be no better vantage point to see the Fleet Week Air Show than directly under the planes. Cost \$128.00 includes RT deluxe motor coach transportation, cruise on board the SF Belle, reserved seats on board ship, hosted buffet luncheon, music entertainment, special viewing of the Blue Angels and gratuity. Contact Ken Richter, Br 146, 689-6217

Dec 7, 2015: The Holidays are Blooming in the Valley. Your first stop will be at Hilmar Cheese Factory, where your guide will step onto your motor coach for a tour through their facility, followed by a delicious hosted buffet lunch. After lunch you will have time to shop in their large country store. Next stop will be Duarte Nursery to view their amazing Holiday Poinsettias. Their greenhouses hold one of the largest selections of Poinsettias available. You will tour the facility with time to shop before departing for home. Cost \$54.00 pp including RT motor coach, hosted lunch, tours and driver gratuity. Contact Ken Richter, Br. 146, 689-6217.

Mar 25-Apr 10, 2016: big Band Voyage Across The Atlantic Ocean. 16 day all inclusive cruise on the Crystal Symphony. Relish the blissful luxury of days at sea, highlighted by visits to Bermuda, the Azores, Barcelona, Bandol and Monte Carlo. Cruise cost from \$3665. Join SIR 146 on May 14th, 2015 at 1:30 pm for a special cruise presentation and extra savings opportunities. Contact **Ken Richter**, Br 146, 925-689-6217.