



ROOSTER TALES

Next meeting - Thursday June 4th – 2015 – Oakhurst Country Club



BIG SIR Message

I just flew in from Washington (state) and, boy, are my arms tired. Ta-ta-dum. Ta-ta-dum. Ta-ta-dum. I had a wonderful time, cool weather, cloudy skies, and no water restrictions. 'Tis the season to

nominate and elect a new Little SIR. Being a Little SIR can be a daunting responsibility. Arranging speakers for each meeting can be a tedious and, sometimes, frustrating experience. The BEC recognizes this and is discussing ways of making the Little Sir's job less demanding. Perhaps speakers could be organized by a small group of SIR members, or each BEC member could 'adopt' a month to get a speaker, or individual SIRs could refer the names of possible speakers to the Little Sir (or to the BEC). Last year, when I was Little Sir, I discovered that scheduling speakers could be very rewarding when I got to meet and greet people I had never met before. Other than scheduling speakers, the job of the Little Sir is pretty easy. All he has to do is chair the monthly BEC and luncheons when the Big Sir is absent (physically or mentally).

Remember to use your mature powers of persuasion to win friends and influence people by bringing a guest to SIR. And just where can you find these potential SIR members: your church, service clubs, fraternal organizations, company clubs, retirement organizations, any of the Contra Costa County detention facilities (okay, just testing to see if you got this far in my article). Potential members are all around us; all we have to do is invite them in.

HELP WANTED: Audio system assistance. Any volunteers to set up the sound system before our luncheons? It's not very time consuming AND you could be learning a marketable skill which could lead to employment as a Rock 'n Roll Roadie.

The Program for June



**Russ Aubry
Branch 171 Photographer**

Russ is the Branch 171 official photographer. He has a presentation of his trips to Cuba through other countries because of the travel ban from the US. Since travel to Cuba is being opened up more now his insights might be helpful for anyone who plans to go to Cuba on vacation or sightseeing. His presentation has been well received by other SIR branches.

June Menu

Mixed Green Salad
 Roasted Pork Loin with Mango Chutney
 Basa White Fish with Tarragon Beurre Blanc Sauce
 Chef's choice Vegetarian plate
 Lemon Cake

June Birthdays



Jack Duncan, Ed Rittburg, Bill Schoonover
George Lorentzen, Robert Lunghi, James Martin
Brian Mulligan, Tom Kostic

Financial Statement

Branch 19 Statistics

April Attendance
 Members and Guests – 94

Treasurer Report

April 30, 2015

Account Balances

Petty Cash	\$ 250.00
General Account	
Unencumbered	\$4,194.46
Holiday fund	119.80
Picnic Fund	<u>240.12</u>
Total General Account	<u>\$4,554.38</u>
Custodial Accounts	
Bowling	\$621.77
Golf	<u>3,156.69</u>
Total Custodial	<u>\$3,778.46</u>
 Total Funds	 <u>\$8,582.84</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 May 2015



Left to Right

Big Sir Larry Kolano,
 John Millar, sponsor Don Weimann,
 Walt Norris, sponsor Mike Kropf,
 Larry Bock, sponsor John Dorsett.

Welcome

SIR John Millar
 SIR Walt Norris
 SIR Larry Bock

Branch 19 Activities

Dining Out and Wine Tasting

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

- 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
 Next Wine Tasting will happen in July

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

League is over for this season. Everyone had a great time this year. We're all looking forward to September when the league starts up again. If you are interested in bowling with some great guys, please get in touch. We bowl on Wednesdays at Clayton Valley Bowl.

Thank you everyone

SIR Mike Kropf

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

The Bocce Report

All teams are off to a good start. Our Wednesday night team went 3-0, while new bocce rollers Sir Ron Cashion and Sir John Linster experienced their first casino. Rolling a casino is the equivalent of a grand slam in baseball, well done! Our Thursday night teams were equally successful. Our team led by George Garcia, Casey Campbell, and others went 3-0 to start off our season. The co-ed team had a buy the 1st week and didn't play. Keep up the good work!

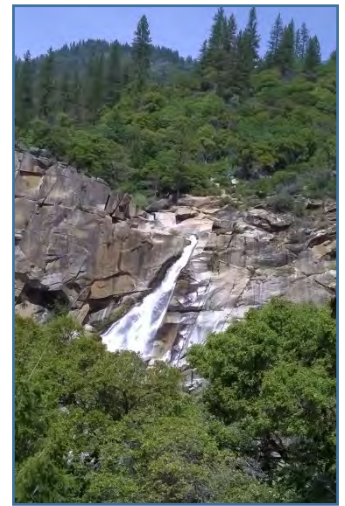
John Fernando, Bocce Capo, Branch 19
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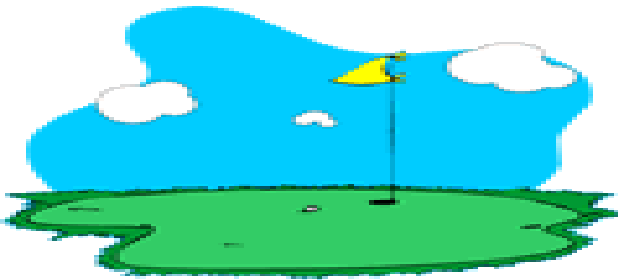
Hiking Group

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 had 4 matches played in the Match Play Championship

Jim Garcia 2 & over Ron Gagliardi

Roy Priest 4 & 2 over Bruce Persons

John Fernando 5 & 3 over Hill Hockenson

George Vogt 2 & 1 over Bill Stephenson

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
June Schedule

Weather Permitting we will be playing:

- June 2 – Blue Rock Springs 9:30
- June 9 – Lone Tree 9:30
- June 16 – Poppy Ridge 9:30
- June 23 – Lone Tree 9:30
- June 30 – Chardonnay 9:30

Jerry Burton, Golf Chairman
ajgolf81@yahoo.com

Let's all get out and play while the grass is still green because it won't be for long. It was nice being able to play all winter but we better start Praying for Rain.

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
No meeting in June

Sums in Retirement
Wednesday, June 24th

Area 2 Fishing Group
Thursday, June 25th

Bowling
League starts in September
Clayton Valley Bowl

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

Dining Out
Thursday, June 18th

Wine Tasting –
Next meeting in June

Area 2 Activities for June



The Area 2 Computer & Technology Group

*July 16th 9:30am – Walnut Creek Elks Club
1475 Creekside Dr. Walnut Creek*

No Meeting in June

The Area 2 Computer and Technology Group announces that there will be no meeting in June, our next meeting will be at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge on Thursday July 16th.at 9:30 am. Sirs and their guests are welcome and invited to attend.

Meetings of the Area 2 Computer and Technology Group are held the 3rd Thursday of each month (except June and December) from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Drive. 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.

Investments / Wealth Management



The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group

Wednesday, June 24, 2015.
Legends – Diablo Creek G.C.
4050 Port Chicago Highway
Breakfast available at 7am.

Our guest speaker in June will be Matt Weaver, of Bedell Frazier Investment Counselling LLC. Matt’s topic will be “Managing Risk Without Being Left Behind.”

Bedell Frazier is a local registered investment advisory, headquartered in Walnut Creek. The firm was founded in 1975 and is celebrated 40 years in service this May. Matt joined Bedell Frazier in 2014 as a Portfolio Manager. Prior to joining Bedell Frazier, Matt was an Investment Strategist at Wells Fargo Private Bank where he worked with clients to create allocation strategies and build portfolios to meet client investment objectives.

Matt received his bachelor’s degree in business from Belhaven University in Jackson, Mississippi. He holds professional designations of Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) and Financial Risk Manager (FRM). Matt spent 2 years teaching Operational and Investment Risk Management at the University of San Francisco.

Area 2 Fishing Group



The Legends
Diablo Creek G.C.
Meets on the 4th Thurs
Thursday June 25
8:30 am

4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord.

Aloha to Rich Fiscina who caught 12 ono (yahoo) in three charters from Hawaii, and intends to go out twice more before he ends his month vacation there. Don Mittlestead caught baby tarpon in Campeche, Mexico. Pete Gates, Dick Thomson, Ron Maciak, Paul Dubow, Mike Corker, and Carl Moyer caught 8 stripers and a catfish on a guided trip to New Hogan Reservoir, fishing in the rain. Paul Dubow watched his friends catch Marlin to 165 lbs in Florida. He also caught some delicious yellow snapper and a shark on other trips. 24 fishermen enjoyed the annual spring fish fry in Carl Moyer’s backyard. Joe Karg caught a keeper sturgeon from Martinez on a party boat. Paul King and Carl Moyer caught 3 nice trout from San Pablo Reservoir, and Carl and Ken Konzak caught 5 rainbows at Shadow Cliffs Reservoir. Harry Sherinian, Terry Miller, Mike Corker and Carl Moyer caught small stripers and sturgeon in the Delta. Tom Kostik and Mike Corker caught lots of Black Bass further up in the Delta. Ernie Wong and Ken Konzak made two trips to Pyramid Lake in Nevada. Carl Moyer fished the ocean for rockfish, and caught some on one of the few days this year when the ocean was calm. Big waves and big winds have marred the action on the ocean. The salmon catch has been very poor so far.

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 includes 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. Contact **Ken Richter**, Br 146, 925-689-6217.