

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



ROOSTER TALES

**Next meeting - Thursday April 7th – 2015 – Oakhurst Country Club
If you can't attend, call the hotline 925-338-1996**



Big SIR Message

We are in the throes of a wet Spring and we welcome Mother Nature's help in alleviating our 5-year drought. April is the month of Taxes, Earth Day, and Arbor Day. We had a very

successful Day Trip in March to Campo De Bocce in Livermore. Twenty-four SIR, including newbies and seasoned bocce veterans, competed in this indoor competitive event. Afterwards, everyone enjoyed a delicious three course pasta feed in the bocce facilities integrated Italian Restaurant. This event was organized and coordinated by SIR Bernie Theobald, and SIR John Fernando. Thanks for a great event to both. Look for details from SIR Bernie Theobald on our billiards and beer outing on April 21. Our BEC is working hard to ensure our members experience enjoyable luncheons and activities. SIR Al Brunner has given notice that he will not be the Dine Out Chairman next year, and SIR Jack Barnaba will not seek reappointment on the BEC as Director and will not be the Activities Chairman next year. Our Nominating committee is actively searching out our membership for able members to serve in these capacities. When asked, we expect you to accept the positions so those groups have able and qualified leaders to keep the groups and activities vibrant. Ask not what SIR can do for you, but ask what you can do for SIR. All are welcome to attend the BEC meetings held at 10am on the day of the luncheon. Come see how the leadership works for you.
Bruce Persons, Big SIR

The Program for April



**Jan Spieth
Community Education
Mount Diablo Bee Keepers Association**

Mount Diablo Beekeepers Association (MDBA) is dedicated to educating groups in our community about honeybees and the historic art of beekeeping. Jan is one of a number of volunteers who visit schools, scout troops, garden clubs, and other interested groups to foster a better understanding of bees and their role in the local ecosystem.

<i>April Menu</i>
Chicken Picatta Basa Whitefish with Dill Cream Sauce Chef's choice Vegetarian plate Chef's choice Salad and Dessert

April Birthdays



Larry Bock, Bill Boyer, Silver De Torres
Eldon Harwood, John Hresko, Jeff Lezer
George Kapus, Bill McGuire, Gordon Monroe
Ben Olison, Roy Priest, John Rubiales, Bernie Theobald

Financial Statement	
Branch 19 Statistics	
March Attendance	
Members and Guests –94	
Treasurer Report	
February 29, 2016	
Account Balances	
Petty Cash	\$ 250.00
General Account	
Unencumbered	\$4,514.19
Holiday fund	194.09
Picnic Fund	<u>155.59</u>
Total General Account	\$4,863.87
Custodial Accounts	
Bowling	\$692.06
Golf	<u>1,164.17</u>
Total Custodial	<u>\$1,856.23</u>
Total Funds	<u>\$6,970.10</u>
Ken Kuhn	

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.
branch19newsletter@gmail.com



Hiking Group

We hope to restart the hiking group, weather permitting, in April. A good day for many of us is Thursday. Please let us know if you are interested, and the type of hike you would like.

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

Branch 19 Activities

Dine Around

SIR Branch 19 Dine Around
 Meets on the third Thursday of every month.

Thursday, April 21.
 Social Hour at 5:00 pm, Dinner at 6:00 pm

Plearn Thai Palace

Well-rated Thai restaurant with moderate prices
 Menu: http://www.plearnthaipalace.com/dinner_menu

1510 N. Main Street, Walnut Creek 937-7999

Contact Al Brunner to reserve
 925.687.0594
albloryb@astound.net

SIR Branch 19 Bowling News

Clayton Valley SIRS bowls on Wednesday mornings at Clayton Valley Bowl. If you are interest in bowling with a great bunch of folks, contact Mike or John.

SIR Mike Kropf
 Mr. Have A Nice Day 😊

John Dorsett 925.827.2852 jddorsett@astound.net
 Mike Kropf 925.689.1453 mdkropf@astound.net

Branch 19 Leadership

Big Sir Bruce Persons
 Little Sir John Carl Sr.
 Secretary: Richard Peterson
 Asst. Secretary: Dwayne Williams
 Treasurer: Ken Kuhn
 Asst. Treasurers: Darryl Diamond, Barry Silberman
 Activities Chair: Jack Barnaba (Director)
 Bocce Capo: John Fernando (Director)
 Golf Chairman: Jerry Burton (Director)
 Sunshine Chair: Jack Duncan (Director)
 Attendance Chair: Ron Cashion (Director)
 Speaker committee: John Wolfe (Director)
 Bowling: John Dorsett, Mike Kropf
 Chaplin: George Vogt
 Hiking: Tom Lathrop
 Nomination Committee: Ken Peterson, John Fernando, Ron Cashion
 Newsletter Editor: Ken Kuhn
 Membership Chair: Ken Peterson
 Public Relations: Bernie Theobald
 Roster Chairman: Ken Peterson
 RAMP Chairman: John Carl Sr.
 Webmaster: Mike Mills

The Bocce Report

Had a great trip to Campo Di Bocce in March. League play starts in April.

John Fernando

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

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

***What a great outing!!
Indoors. At a terrific facility. With a great lunch.***



SIR Branch #19 just hosted a pre-season Bocce Tournament for our members at Campo di Bocce in Livermore. Twenty-four guys, including newbies and seasoned bocce veterans, competed in this indoor competitive event held before the bocce season starts this spring. Afterwards, everyone enjoyed a delicious three course pasta feed in the bocce facilities integrated Italian Restaurant. Our Branch's Bocce Chair, John Fernando, created the tournament rules. Four six-person teams were led by their respective Captains: Dennis Barbieri John Fernando, Jim Garcia, and Tom Lathrop. The tournament ladder had two tiers. Barbieri's team won the overall event in a tight second match against Garcia's team. Fernando's and Lathrop's teams competed in the conciliation game.



Team Barbieri 1st Place



Team Garcia 2nd Place



Team Fernando Had the most fun



Team Lathrop 3rd Place

SIRS Branch 19 Wine Tasting Group



When: Next meeting will be in May

Publicity Lets tell folks about Branch 19 Publicity

Our SIR Branch #19 New Member Publicity efforts continue to grow! As part of SIR’s state level RAMP program you have probably already seen the recent news releases about our Branch’s 2015 golf program awards and our recent Haight Asbury day trip. These releases appeared in popular several community newspapers including the Concord Pioneer, the Diablo Gazette, and the Antioch Herald.

In partnership with the local In Shape Health Club in Concord we also had a Display Table at their facility recently to also attract new Branch #19 members. A special thanks goes out to our Branch members that dedicated several hours of their time to help with this innovative “on the ground” In Shape SIR #19 Publicity effort:

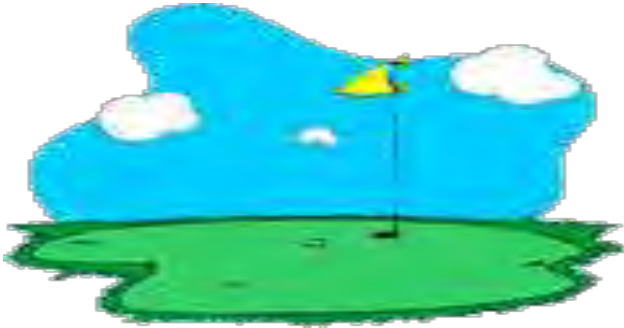


SIR Recruiting at IN Shape

Bernie Theobald, George Vogt, Ted Dobbs, John Millar, Bill Stephenson

Another shout of thanks goes out to Jack Barnaba and Jerry Burton, who have been able to secure permission to post our new SIR Branch #19 New Member Flyers on the wall boards at several of the area’s most popular golfing venues: Oakhurst Country Club, Lone Tree Golf Course, and Brentwood Golf Club. More postings are expected to take place in additional community locations real soon!

Branch 19 Golf Information



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
April Schedule
Weather Permitting we will be playing:

- Apr 5 – **Shadow Lakes** 9:30
- Apr 12 – **Lone Tree** 8:30
- Apr 19 – **Chardonnay** 10:00
- Apr 26 – **Lone Tree** 9:30

Jerry Burton, Golf Chairman
ajgolf81@yahoo.com

Match Play 2016

We will be starting Match Play on May 10 at Lone Tree. So if you are interested in playing this year the fees are \$25.00 and we can start signing up as of today. If you have any Questions on the format I will be happy to help.

The Calendar
Computers & Technology
Thursday, April 21st

Sums in Retirement
Wednesday, April, 27th

Area 2 Fishing Group
Thursday, April 28th

Bowling
Wednesday mornings 10:00
Clayton Valley Bowl

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

Dining Out
Thursday, April 21

Wine Tasting
Nothing scheduled in April

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 we still have to pay for your meal and you will be charged.

So, if you can't attend, call.
(925) 338-1996.

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 somewhere in this issue. Look for JM followed by your badge number. Call the hotline before the luncheon if you find your number and your lunch will be free.

Area 2 Activities for April



The Area 2 Computer & Technology Group

April 21, 9:30am – Walnut Creek Elks Club
 1475 Creekside Dr. Walnut Creek
The Basics of Photo Organizing and Editing

Derek Southern will open by discussing the basics of photo organizing & editing. He will review specific photo-editors and discuss the “work-flow” involved in organizing photo files. Derek will also “eulogize” Picasa; unless, of course, it’s been reJM116surrected by Google! Barry Brown will follow with some answers to the most common questions he is getting about Windows 10! He has at least 10 FAQs to discuss, so this could be called “10 on 10!” Bring your questions along too.

Check the CAT Web page about a week before the next meeting to download a copy of the presentations: <http://a2cat.sirinc2.org> .

Some members arrive at 9:00 AM to enjoy coffee and chat before the presentation. We ask for a donation of \$5 to cover the cost of the hall rental, coffee and cookies -- but some months are free, so come and see if our April meeting is another one of those! All SIR members and their guests (spouses included!) are welcome to attend. See you there.

Area 2 Fishing Group

The Legends
 Diablo Creek G.C.
 Meets on the 4th Thurs
Thursday April 28
8:30 am
 4050 Port Chicago Highway in
 Concord.



We will be very busy this spring with: delta fishing for catfish, striped bass, sturgeon, and trout in local lakes. Salmon and Rock fishing on the ocean start soon, and the crab fishing finally opened with excellent results when the ocean calmed. We live in a fishermen’s paradise.

Trout are our main winter prey. Reggie Fromm, Ernie Wong, Carl Moyer, Jeff Strum, Gordon Linebaugh, Terry Miller, Rich Fiscina, Harry Sherinian and Lee Clark all enjoyed the wonderful flavor of these tasty critters from San Pablo Reservoir, Romano Gnusti continued his great year with a 6 pound trout, and Carl actually broke the Shadow Cliffs jinx with a pretty 3 pounder, fishing with Ray Pixton. Joe Karg caught a keeper sturgeon. He was on a party boat with 15 fishermen, and got the only fish. Raliegth Davis went after crab on a party boat from Emeryville and brought home ten big ones. Mike Corker and Tom Kostik fished for black and striped bass catching a few. Striper fishing will improve very soon. Well, all this rain killed the trout bite for a bit due to muddy water, and made the delta kinda dangerous with big trees floating down. We used the respite to prepare our gear for the great fishing ahead. Come join us!

Paul Dubow, Big Fish, (415-925-6054),
Carl Moyer Branch 8 Coordinator (925-685-5243)
Barry Rauchle, Treasurer/Secretary, (925-400-3729)

Branch 19 Outings

What: **SIR 8-Ball Afternoon Outing**

Where: **Cue and Brew Billiard Parlor**

1029 Arnold Drive, Martinez, CA 94553

Directions: Rte. 4 West to Morello Ave; then take a right on Morello. Go about two hundred yards or so and then take a left onto Arnold. The Cue and Brew is just past Home Depot in the center of the Walmart Shopping Center. Plenty of free parking is available.

When: **Thursday, April 21, 2016**

Time: **2pm – 4pm**

Cost: **\$8 per member** (just the guys; not a co-ed event) – Reservations and advanced payment is required.

Food and Beverages: BYOF (bring your own food) and there is a no-host bar. Cue and Brew does not have food service but there are several take-out eateries nearby (Wingstop, McDonald's, Chinese Noodle Restaurant and a Sushi Take-Out place. Mountain Mike's Pizza is down the street about ¼ mile). Feel free to bring in your own food if you like. Do not bring in your own drinks. Drinks should be purchased at the Cue and Brew, which has a full selection of beverages with reasonable prices.

NOTE: Any alcoholic drinks should be consumed in moderation. SIR is not responsible for any result or occurrence otherwise.

To register contact Bernie Theobald at: bjt47@comcast.net A Sign-Up Sheet will also be at our April lunch meeting at Oakhurst.

We have reserved four 4X8 pool tables at Cue and Brew for this event. 16 attendees max; 2-man Teams will be randomly selected upon arrival. Based on attendance a simple 8-Ball tournament will be facilitated. Net remaining monies to be shared with the individual game and tournament winners. All attendees must play in the day's tournament.

Regards,
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Area 2 Investments / Wealth Management

The Area 2 Sums Investment Group

Wednesday, April 27, 2016.
 Legends – Diablo Creek G.C.
 4050 Port Chicago Highway
 Breakfast available at 7am.



At our next meeting on April 27 our guest speaker will be Scott Horton of JP King advisors; the topic will be “A 2016 Market Update and Outlook”. J.P. King Advisors is a boutique investment advisory firm serving Bay Area clients for 35 years. They employ an institutional approach to money management emphasizing diversification and low costs.

Tom Henry (Br-174) 925-284-5724

David Sutton (Br-8) 925-686-0158

www.a2sums.sirinc.org

SIR Area 2 Travel Opportunities 2016

May 3-5, 2016: Vatican Splendors exhibit at the Reagan Presidential Library. The Vatican exhibit only travels every other year so don’t miss the opportunity to experience 2,000 years of Vatican art and history. You will also visit the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library. Cost \$591.00 including RT motor coach, 2 night stay at the Pepper Tree in Santa Barbara, baggage handling, 6 meals, guided tours of the Library, and Santa Barbara Mission, with a visit to Solvang, and drivers gratuity. Contact **Ken Richter**, Br. 146, 925-689-6217

Sep 13-26, 2016: Essence of the Elbe: Berlin to Prague. 13 day river cruise tour aboard the M/S River Allegro, a privately owned 90 passenger ship exclusively for American Travelers. Ports of call include Prague, Dresden, Meissen, Torgau, Wittenberg, Magdeburg and Berlin. Trip includes 2 night hotel stay in Prague and 3 nights in Berlin, 29 meals, 10 exclusive tours with headsets, transfers, port charges, gratuities for local guides, motor coach drivers and a dedicated Program Director. Cost \$3595 to \$4195 depending on Cabin. Contact **Ken Richter**, Br. 146, 925-689-6217.

Sep 28-Oct 3, 2016: Custer State Park. Feel the thunder of pre-historic beasts as they rumble by during this fall tradition in the beautiful Black Hills. This one of a kind program also includes the Buffalo Roundup Art Festival, a buffalo steak dinner, a ride on the famous 1880 train, Rushmore, Crazy Horse and much More. Cost \$1565 or \$2065 with air. Contact Larry Yarberry, Br. 8, 925-890-9245.