

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



ROOSTER TALES

**Next meeting - Thursday May 5th – 2015 – Oakhurst Country Club
If you can't attend, call the hotline 925-338-1996**



Big SIR Message

Welcome to May. I hope everyone is having a good time, enjoying our branch activities. May is the month of May flowers brought on by the April showers. We had a successful Campo De Bocce in

March, a successful Brew and Cue in April and a great golf activity by invitation to the Discovery Bay golf course from Branch 161. May is the month we recognize all our mothers who have sacrificed for the well-being of their children throughout their lifetime. Our BEC is working hard to ensure our members experience an enjoyable luncheon and their chosen activities during the months ahead. 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 assignment so the groups have able and qualified leaders to keep those groups and activities vibrant. To paraphrase the words of a great American, "ask not what SIR can do for you, but ask what you can do for SIR". Everyone is welcome to attend the BEC meeting that starts at 10am on the day of the luncheon. Come see how your current leadership works for you. We are having a dining and bingo night with our spouses at Oakhurst on June 8. Look for more details to follow and details at the luncheon.
Bruce Persons

The Program for May



**Chester Farrow
Longtime Scoreboard Operator Oakland A's
But that's not all**

Chester ' accomplishments also include retiring from teaching at Monte Vista High school in Danville after 32 years, where he taught TV broadcasting, video editing, live performance production, and other multimedia subjects. If that's not enough, Mr. Farrow hosted his own Rock & Roll Recital from 1999 until just recently. It was a tradition where parents and fans could come and enjoy students and celebrate displays of their talent. Chester's history as a concert promoter began during his days at Monte Vista when he brought such major acts as Journey, Greg Kihn, and Huey Lewis to the school's theater.

May Menu

Braised Beef – Served with Au Jus
Basa Whitefish with Lemon Beurre Blanc Sauce
Chef’s choice Vegetarian plate
Chef’s choice Salad and Dessert

May Birthdays



*Louie Audas, Don Colvin, Darryl Diamond
Jim Garcia, Gary Kaufmann, Mike Kropf
Ben Miller, Joe Partansky, Bill Pope
David Requa, John Tyron*

Financial Statement

Branch 19 Statistics

April Attendance
Members and Guests –99

Treasurer Report

March 31, 2016

Account Balances

Petty Cash	\$ 250.00
General Account	
Unencumbered	\$4,702.76
Holiday fund	194.09
Picnic Fund	<u>155.59</u>
Total General Account	\$5,052.44

Custodial Accounts

Bowling	\$692.08
Golf	<u>2,888.23</u>
Total Custodial	<u>\$3,580.31</u>

Total Funds \$8,882.75

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 hiked in the Walnut Creek open space and into Castle Rock park in April. We are planning the Mt Diablo water falls hike for Friday, May 6. Please let me know if you interested.

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, May 19.

Social Hour at 5:00 pm, Dinner at 6:00 pm

La Veranda Cafe

A family owned and operated Italian restaurant located in the heart of downtown Clayton

6201 Center St, Clayton, CA 925.524.0011

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

The Bocce Report

League play starts in May.

John Fernando

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

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

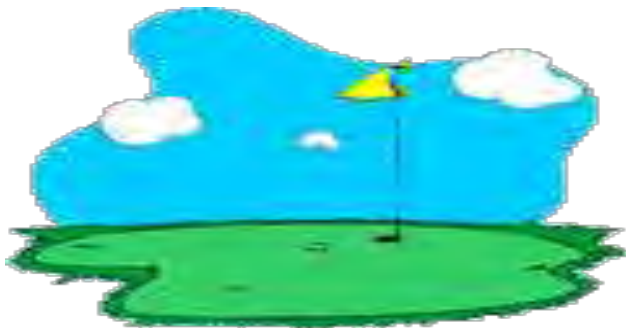
Interested in a Particular Activity?

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

Branch 19 Golf Information



The 18 Hole Golf Group May Schedule

Weather Permitting we will be playing:

- May 3 – **Poppy Ridge** 9:15
- May 10 – **Lone Tree** 9:30
- May 17 – **Eagle Vine** 9:30
- May 24 – **The Reserve** 9:15
- May 31 – **Brentwood** 9:30

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

I will need an **advanced count** for **The Reserve, Eagle Vines and Brentwood** even if you have signed the book **Please let me know Yes or No.**

I would like to challenge all of you to bring at least one Guest this summer. It's always good to meet new people.

Jerry

Gentlemen

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.

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.

**The Calendar
Computers & Technology
Thursday, May 19st**

**Sums in Retirement
Wednesday, May, 25th**

**Area 2 Fishing Group
Thursday, May 26th**

**Bowling
Wednesday mornings 10:00
Clayton Valley Bowl**

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

**Dining Out
Thursday, May 19**

**Wine Tasting
Nothing scheduled in May**

Area 2 Activities for May



The Area 2 Computer & Technology Group

May 19, 9:30am – Walnut Creek Elks Club
1475 Creekside Dr. Walnut Creek
Common Questions About Using Windows 10

Barry Brown will discuss common questions about using Windows 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 May 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 May 26
8:30 am
4050 Port Chicago Highway in
Concord.



We will be very busy this spring fishing for: catfish, striped bass, black bass, crappie, bluegill, sturgeon, crawfish, trout, crab, salmon, halibut, ling cod, and rock fish. We live in a fishermen’s paradise. And of course our spring backyard fish fry in early May is always fun. Ernie Wong led an excursion to Pyramid Lake in Nevada. The fishing for the cut throat trout was successful, and they enjoyed meals at Pedro’s home nearby. Our annual fishing gear auction in March was very well attended, and the fishermen all went away with bargain booty. Karl Droese and Dick Thomson fished with a guide in the delta for stripers catching limits to 13 lbs. Mike Corker, Terry Miller, Harry Sherinian, Carl Moyer and Tom Kostik all fished for stripers, with mixed success, but Carl caught and released a keeper sturgeon on one of the outings. Tom Boltz and Rich Fiscina both landed keeper sturgeon from Martinez, but Pete Gates and Pedro Contreras only caught shaker sturgeon fishing with Rich and Tom a week later. Jeff Sturm, Stan Wong, Mike Corker, Reggie Fromm, **George Vogt**, Gordon Linebaugh and Carl Moyer worked San Pablo Reservoir for trout with mixed success. George and Carl limited out, but other attempts resulted in only 1 to 4 fish per venture. Shadow Cliffs was even less productive, when on two tries by George Shulze, Lee Clark and Carl Moyer only one trout was boated.

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

The Cue and Brew 4x8 tables, the music, and the ambiance were awesome! For several of us the shuffle board games afterwards were fun as well. Wow.....is that shuffleboard table fast!
Across our 2-hour time slot our 16 players split into 8 random Teams. Everyone opted to keep the same Teams throughout the event. Collectively we played 19 games of eight ball. Here are the winners results:

Three game winners:

Knopf/Lathrop
Darrow/Persons
Kapus/Boyer
Peterson/Theobald

Two game winners:

Fernando/Linster
Fabsits/Stephenson
Barnaba/Vogt

One game winner:

J.Garcia/Guest



Each Team won \$2 per game per Team. Bernie will distribute the winnings at the May luncheon at Oakhurst. Three of the Teams came close to being crowned Kings of their Hill. This required three consecutive wins. They won twice in a row but were kicked off the Hill in their third attempt:

Kapus/Boyer
Peterson/Theobald
Knopf/Lathrop

Depending on your feedback about our first event, we will consider another billiard/pool event sometime later this Spring or summer.

Area 2 Investments / Wealth Management

The Area 2 Sums Investment Group

Wednesday, May 25, 2016.
 Legends – Diablo Creek G.C.
 4050 Port Chicago Highway
 Breakfast available at 7am.



At our next meeting on May 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

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.