

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



ROOSTER TALES

**Next meeting - Thursday July 7th – 2016 – Oakhurst Country Club
If you can't attend, call the hotline 925-338-1996**



Big SIR Message

Half of 2016 is past us, and we did really well in growing our branch with new members. We must continue to invite guests and convert them to members so we can overcome the inevitable attrition.

The 4th of July celebration always instills in me a sense of pride that we live in a country where “we the people” can decide how we want to live in peace. Our forefathers created this Republic in a response to an oppressive government, in favor of the right to self-government. We thank all veterans for being there when our country needed them.

We have our SIR Dinner & Bingo night coming up on July 20 at the Oakhurst Country Club. Be sure to get your money to Ken Kuhn so you can be included, no money will be accepted at the door. There will be prizes. Details to follow in this newsletter.

Remember, It's not what can your Branch do for you, but what you can do for your Branch. Get involved, help out, and enjoy the experience.

Bruce Persons

The Program for July



Guy Bjerke Director of Community Reuse Planning City of Concord.

He's responsible for overseeing the implementation of the Reuse Area Plan for the redevelopment of the former Concord Naval Weapons Station. During his career he was the Manager, Bay Area Region for the Western States Petroleum Association; the Economic Development Director for the City of Antioch; CEO of the Homebuilders Association of Northern California (now Building Industry Association of the Bay Area); and a staff member for the Concord Chamber of Commerce and the California State Senate. He has over 30 years' experience in Bay Area issues through his governmental affairs work for the business community and the building industry. Guy earned a BA in Government from CSU, Sacramento. He is a former Mayor and Council member for the City of Concord and a Past President of the Rotary Club of Concord.

July Menu

Grilled Tri Tip
Blackened Catfish with Dijon Cream Sauce
Chef's choice Vegetarian plate
Caesar Salad
Cheesecake

July Birthdays



Larry Kolano
Francis Dobbs, Joe Milani
Dave Holland, John Moriana

Financial Statement

Branch 19 Statistics

June Attendance
Members and Guests - 99

Treasurer Report

May 31, 2016

Account Balances

Petty Cash	\$ 250.00
General Account	
Unencumbered	\$4,483.74
Excursion Fund	20.31
Holiday fund	194.09
Picnic Fund	<u>155.59</u>
Total General Account	\$4,853.73
Custodial Accounts	
Bowling	\$692.12
Golf	<u>2,174.52</u>
Total Custodial	<u>\$2866.64</u>
Total Funds	<u>\$7,970.37</u>

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 the Mt Diablo water falls hike in May. We're planning othJM14er hikes as the summer progresses. Please let me know if you interested.

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

Branch 19 Activities

Announcements

Bingo Dinner

There has been a lot of interest in the Bingo Dinner so **we got a bigger room**. If you want to play bingo and eat fried chicken, the flyer is here in the Rooster Tales and on the website. Fill out the form and send us a check and you're in.

Jack Duncan jckduncan99@gmail.com
Ken Kuhn kakuhn01@gmail.com

Annual Picnic

The date for the picnic is September 15. The flyer is here in the Rooster Tales and on the web site. We're looking for donations for the raffle.

Jack Duncan jckduncan99@gmail.com

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

Well we're nearing the halfway point of the bocce season and our Branch19 teams are jockeying for position for those coveted playoff spots in September. All 3 of our teams are enjoying themselves and I'd like to welcome Ted Dobbs, Roy and Patty Priest, and Ron Gagliardi as new members to our teams. Please check our Branch 19 website and view the recently added photos of our athletes in action.

John Fernando
 Bocce Chairman
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
- Day Trips: Bernie Theobald
- 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?

SIR 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 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 Dinner and Bingo

July 20, Oakhurst Country Club

5:00 – 6:00 cash bar bar will stay open until 9:00

6:00 – 6:45 Dinner - Fried Chicken, Corn on the cob, Mashed Potatos, Apple pie

6:45 – 9:00 or until the prizes and prize money runs out

\$30 per person includes one card; extra card \$5.

Payment in advance

Open to all Branch 19 and their guests

Regular bingo, criss cross, 4 corners, black out

Prizes: Cash, Wine, 2 Oakhurst golf passes, and more

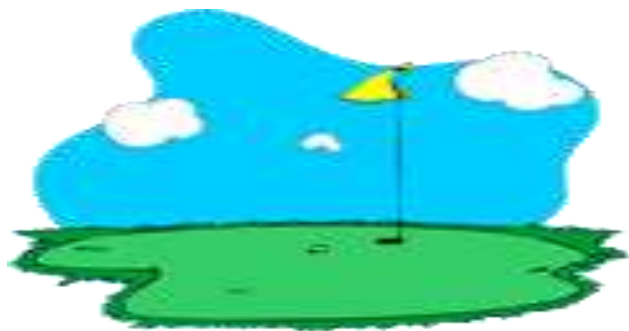


Contact: Jack Duncan jckduncan99@gmail.com
 Ken Kuhn kakuhn01@gmail.com

Sign up and send in to	
Ken Kuhn 535 Mt Davidson Ct Clayton, CA 94517	
Name _____	\$ _____
Guest _____	\$ _____
Total _____	\$ _____



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
July Schedule
Weather permitting we will be playing:

- July 5 – **Chardonnay 9:30**
- July 12 – **Lone Tree 9:30**
- July 19 – **Diablo Creek 10:00**
- July 26 – **Lone Tree 9:30**

Jerry Burton, Golf Chairman
ajgolf24@gmail.com

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**FOR THE THIRD ANNUAL AREA 2 TWO MAN
BETTER BALL TOURNAMENT HOSTED BY SIR
BRANCH 19
DATE THURSDAY August 11th. 2016**

The flyer and entry form are shown below

Again, I challenge all of you to bring at least one
Guest this summer.

Jerry

Save the Date
PICK YOUR PARTNER

**FOR THE THIRD ANNUAL AREA 2 TWO MAN BETTER BALL TOURNAMENT
HOSTED BY SIR BRANCH 19
DATE THURSDAY August 11th. 2016**

PLACE LONE TREE GOLF COURSE IN ANTIOCH SHOTGUN START AT 8:30AM.

**ENTRY FEE \$50.00 PER PLAYER .THIS INCLUDES CART, TOKEN FOR RANGE
BALLS AND PRIZE MONEY**

Open to all Retired Men over 55 with a NCGA index.

**August 1ST. INDEX WILL BE USED,
FLIGHTS BASED ON COMBINING TEAM HANDICAP
SIR AND NCGA RULES WILL APPLY**

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO SIR BRANCH 19 GOLF
PLEASE ONE CHECK PER TEAM PLEASE SEND TEAM CHECK TO**

**Jerry Burton 1909 Hurtt's Dr. CONCORD CA.94521
E-mail ajgolf24@gmail.com Phone# 925-682-9797**

DEADLINE FOR CHECKS IS NO LATER THAN July 20th

**PAY OUTS AND FLIGHTS TO BE BASED ON THE AMOUNT OF PLAYERS.
CLOSEST TO THE HOLE ON #5 AND #11.**

**You may also purchase a lunch ticket which is a Hamburger Buffett
for \$10.00 in advance or on the day of the event**

SIR Branch 19
Pick your Partner
Entry Form
August 11, 2016

Your Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____
E-Mail _____
NCGA# _____
Branch # _____

Partner's Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____
E-Mail _____
NCGA# _____
Branch # _____

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SIR Branch 19 Presents



**Join Us for a Picnic in the Concord Community Park
Thursday, September 15th, 2016 1PM-5PM**

Menu by "Yum on the Run" Catering

- Fresh Cut Fruit Display
- Slow Cooked Beef Brisket
- BBQ Chicken
- Baked Beans
- Potato Salad
- Apple Pecan Gorgonzola Salad
- An assortment of Garlic Bread Sticks, Rolls, and Fresh Baked Breads.
- Beverage Station with Ice Tea and Ice Water •
Bring Your Own Beer, Wine or Soft Drinks

Call the Hotline (925) 338-1996
(Leave Message) for additional information

What: SIR Branch 19 Picnic (Members & Guests)

When: Thursday, September 15th, 2016

Where: Concord Community Park
(on Cowell Road)

Site #1 (Between Pool and Playground)

Time: 1pm to 5pm or come early, site available all day. Price **\$23 per person**

Other: For your comfort bring folding chair(s), or a spread to sit on in the shade. The complete catered menu is shown on the left.

Permanent picnic tables are provided at the site. See attached reservation form. Food to be served at approximately 2pm.

Abundant parking is available

Return with Payment

SIR Branch 19 Picnic -Thursday September 15th - Concord Community Park

Will Attend () Will Not Attend ()

Name _____ Badge # _____ Spouse/Guest Name _____

\$23 Per Person for Catered Buffet Picnic Lunch Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Make Checks Payable to SIR Branch 19 Mail this reservation form to:

**Darryl Diamond
457 La Corso Circle
Walnut Creek, CA 94598**

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
July 21st**

Sums in Retirement
Nothing scheduled in July

Area 2 Fishing Group
Thursday, July 28th

Bowling
Wednesday mornings 10:00
Clayton Valley Bowl

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

Dining Out
Nothing scheduled in July

Wine Tasting
Nothing scheduled in July

Area 2 Activities for July



The Area 2 Computer & Technology Group

*July 21, 9:30am – Walnut Creek Elks Club
1475 Creekside Dr. Walnut Creek*

Fellow Computer and Technology Members,
Please join us for a fun and informative meetings to discuss applications for Computers and Technology. We meet on the third Thursday of each month (no meetings in June and December) at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge and have free coffee and cookies at the meetings ([Location Map](#)). We normally ask for a donation of \$5 to cover the hall rental and miscellaneous costs but periodically wave the request.

We are a volunteer organization with no connection to any commercial products or services. At each meeting we have a presentation on a topic regarding computer or consumer technology usage. We cover everything from antivirus programs, ways to back up your data, digital photography, genealogy research, smart phones and many other topics. It's a great way to meet new friends and learn something to enrich your life.

No reservation is necessary so just show up. You'll be glad you came

Area 2 Fishing Group

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



We will be very busy this summer 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.

Eight of us, led by Chuck Vanoncini, enjoyed a trip to Lake Almanor for a great time,. Ernie Wong and others are catching many shad on the Yuba, Ernie and Don Mittlestaed did very well at Pyramid Lake with flies. Brad Hatcher got Mackinaws at Lake Tahoe. Lee Clark and Ralieg Davis got salmon on the ocean. Mike Coric and Tom Kostik released many bass on the Delta. Stan Wong and Carl Moyer caught delicious rock fish from the ocean. Local trout won't bite, many tried. Spring winds are a problem.

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

Area 2 Investments / Wealth Management

The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group

Not meeting during July and August.

Legends – Diablo Creek G.C.
4050 Port Chicago Highway
Breakfast available at 7am.



We'll be taking a break and **not meeting in July and August.** Watch this space for info about our meeting on September 28.

Chair: Tom Henry (Br-174) 925-284-5724 tomhenry925@gmail.com
Co-Chair: David Sutton (Br-8) 925-686-0158, davesutn@yahoo.com
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.

Oct 8, 2016: Fleet Week (Blue Angels) Join us on the San Francisco Belle Paddle wheeler the crown jewel of San Francisco Bay. There is no better vantage point to see the Air Show then on the SF Belle. Cost is \$141.00 including RT Motorcoach, cruise aboard the Belle, reserved seating, hosted Hot Buffet Lunch with Beverage, music entertainment, special viewing of Blue Angel Show, and driver gratuity. Contact **Milt Smith** Br. 146, 925-280-0328 or **John George** 408-600-4635.