

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



# ROOSTER TALES

**Next meeting - Thursday August 4th – 2016 – Oakhurst Country Club  
If you can't attend, call the hotline 925-338-1996**



### Big SIR Message

I sincerely hope everyone is doing well. We had a good turnout for the Chicken dinner & Bingo at Oakhurst. I want to thank Oakhurst for donating free rounds of golf and Jack Duncan for doing much of the

organizing and Emceeing and acquiring the donations of bottles of wine. Congratulations to all the winners. From all accounts everybody had a roaring good time. Thanks to all the sponsors who have brought guests in to become members. We are increasing our membership and adding new activities because we believe our members make new friends through like-minded activity interests and enjoy a common interest in our luncheon speakers. Some of our older and less active members find a way to attend the luncheons religiously because of the friendships they have made in SIR. We have five more months this year, so tell your friends outside of SIR, your family, and strangers about the fun we have when participating in our SIR activities. Invite them to lunch so they can see firsthand.

I will be attending the SIR Annual Corporation meeting on August 1. I am proud to acknowledge that our branch team is being recognized as one of the branches whose growth can be attributed to the SIR President's program 'Project 2016'. I have been asked to speak about our branch and our success so far this year. More to follow.

The golfer's Match Play tournament is down to the final 4 golfers. Sir Jerry Burton will announce the results at the luncheon.

Bruce Persons

### The Program for August



### Dick Callahan

Dick Callahan is a highly respected public address announcer and civic leader. The voice of basketball at St. Mary's College in San Francisco's East Bay for 34 years, Callahan was the winner of the college's Mike Gibbons Award for long-term athletic service. He was named Honorary Alumnus in 1998 and currently serves on St. Mary's College Board of Regents. He spent 19 years announcing for the Golden Warriors in Oakland; gaining a large following and wide-spread renown for his signature "shhhhhhhhhoo-ting two" free-throw call.

The Oakland Athletics' baseball team appointed Callahan in 2004, as their public address announcer. And football in the Bay Area gained access to his silky sound 10 years ago when he became the public address announcer for the University of California's Golden Bears. His boisterous "FIRST DOWN BEARS" is a signature sound at Cal's Memorial Stadium.

*August Menu*

Chicken Cordon Bleu  
 Fish & Chips  
 Chef's choice Vegetarian plate  
 Mixed Green Salad  
 Carrot cake

*August Birthdays*



*David Atkinson, Al Brunner*

*John Carl, Sr, Mike Ilg, Mike Krawesky*

*John Millar, Mike Mills, Milt Momita*

*Jerry Waitrovich*

**Financial Statement**

**Branch 19 Statistics**

July Attendance  
 Members and Guests - 94

**Treasurer Report**

June 30, 2016

**Account Balances**

Petty Cash	\$ 250.00
General Account	
Unencumbered	\$4,552.32
Excursion Fund	20.31
Holiday fund	194.09
Picnic Fund	<u>(359.41)</u>
Total General Account	\$4,407.31

Custodial Accounts

Bowling	\$692.14
Golf	<u>2,189.14</u>
Total Custodial	<u>\$2,881.28</u>

Total Funds \$7,538.59

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.

[branch19newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:branch19newsletter@gmail.com)



*Hiking Group*

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

Tom Lathrop 689-8981 [lathrop689@aol.com](mailto:lathrop689@aol.com)

George Vogt 672-3703 [cvogtgo@att.net](mailto:cvogtgo@att.net)

*Branch 19 Activities*

*Bingo Dinner*

The Bingo dinner was a great success. 56 SIR and guests ate fried chicken, played bingo, and won prizes. Thanks to Jack Duncan for making this happen. He organized the event, arranged all the supplies, donated the wine, and called the bingo games. Way to go Jack!!



*SIR Branch 19 Bowling News*

Clayton Valley SIRS is off for the summer. Bowling starts again in September on Wednesday mornings at Clayton Valley Bowl. If you are interest in bowling with a great bunch of folks, contact Mike or John.

John Dorsett 925.827.2852 [jddorsett@astound.net](mailto:jddorsett@astound.net)  
Mike Kropf 925.689.1453 [mdkropf@astound.net](mailto: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 themJM131selves 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 Capo, Branch 19**  
**798-9978 [jaferna2003@yahoo.com](mailto:jaferna2003@yahoo.com)**

*Branch 19 Leadership*

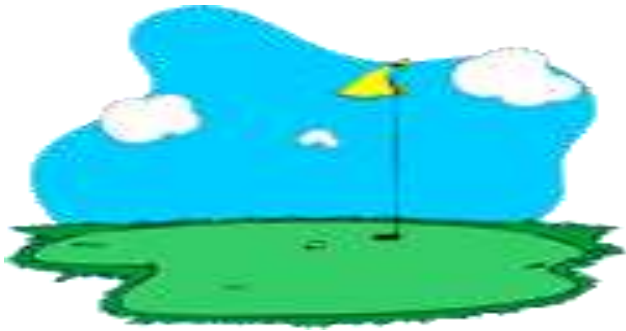
Big Sir Bruce Persons  
Little Sir John Carl Sr.  
Secretary: Richard Peterson  
Asst. Secretary: Dwayne Williams  
Treasurer: Ken Kuhn  
Asst. Treasurers: Darryl Diamond, Barry Silberman  
Activities Chair: Jack Barnaba (Director)  
Bocce Capo: John Fernando (Director)  
Golf Chairman: Jerry Burton (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](mailto:j.barnaba@yahoo.com)**

**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](mailto:smcmurdo@att.net)  
Phone 687-6271

**The 18 Hole Golf Group  
August Schedule**

Weather permitting we will be playing:

- August 2 – **Chardonay** **9:30**
- August 09 – **Lone Tree** **9:30**
- August 11 – **Lone Tree** **8:30 shotgun**  
**2 Man Better Ball**
- August 16 – **Hiddenbrooke** **9:30**
- August 23 – **Lone Tree** **9:30**
- August 24 – **Elk Horn Stockton** **8:30**  
**State Individual Qualifier**
- August 30 – **Poppy Ridge**

**Jerry Burton, Golf Chairman**  
[ajgolf24@gmail.com](mailto:ajgolf24@gmail.com)

**PICK YOUR PARTNER PICK YOUR PARTNER**

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

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



**News Release: Clayton based SIRs dominate Regional Scramble Tournament!**



Bruce Persons, Rich Peterson, Larry Kolano, Jim Garcia, Bernie Theobald, Steve Hanson, Dennis Barbieri, Rob Crabaugh, Duane Deonigi

The Clayton based Branch of the Sons in Retirement Golf Team dominated the annual SIR Area 2 Qualifying Golf Scramble Tournament held at Deer Ridge this past week. Of the twenty-four (24) 4-man competing teams from multiple branches in the East Bay the Clayton based SIR Teams placed first, second, third, fifth, sixth, seventh, and tenth place respectively. The Team members and their finishing places were:

- 1st. Place Dennis Barbieri, Bernie Theobald, Jim Garcia, Steve Hanson
- 2nd. Place Art Owens, Bruce Persons, Larry Kolano, Rich Peterson
- 3rd. Duane Deonigi, Tom Lathrop, Jeff Paccassi, Rob Crabaugh
- 5th Place John Linster, John Moriana, Roy Priest, Ron Gagliardi
- 6th. Place Bill Hockenson, Gregg Moore, Jim Martin, Eldon Harwood
- 7th Place Dave Welch, John VanDeVeer, Jerry Burton, George Vogt
- 10th Place John Millar, Mike Thompson, John Hayes, Leonard Nicholas

The top two teams above are guaranteed a spot in the SIR State Championship Tournament to be held at the NCGA Poppy Ridge Golf Club in August.

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  
August 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Sums in Retirement**  
Nothing scheduled in August

**Area 2 Fishing Group**  
Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup>

**Bowling**  
Starts in September  
Clayton Valley Bowl

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

**Dining Out**  
Nothing scheduled in August

**Wine Tasting**  
Nothing scheduled in August

*Area 2 Activities for July*



**The Area 2 Computer & Technology Group**

August 18, 9:30am – Walnut Creek Elks Club  
 1475 Creekside Dr. Walnut Creek  
**Serious Security & Identity Threats**

Fellow Computer and Technology Members,  
 Evan Corstophine will be discussing “Serious Security & Identity Threats.”  
 This is a subject of continuing importance to everyone as hackers are ceaselessly developing new threats to our Web connected devices.

Arrive earlier to chat with friends and enjoy the coffee and cookies., Thursday August 18, 2015, at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Drive. 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 this meeting is another one of those! All SIR members and their guests (spouses included!) are welcome to attend. See you there.  
 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 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs  
**Thursday August 25**  
**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.

Lee Clark caught his first halibut on a party boat in the bay. Pedro Contreras caught yellowtail and a big grouper on an 8 day trip from San Diego. Ernie Wong caught over 400 shad, mainly from the Yuba. Richard Bal, Ed Dijkman, Romano Gnusti, Pete Gates, Tom Boltz, Steve Lofton, and Karl Droese brought home salmon and halibut from Alaska. Gordon Linebaugh and grandkids caught bluegill from Round Valley Lake, and a nice trout from Almanor lake. Closer to home the fishing has been dismal. Constant wind and unruly ocean kept us all at home. I believe the salmon fishing will be superb when the ocean calms.

**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](mailto:tomhenry925@gmail.com)  
**Co-Chair:** David Sutton (Br-8) 925-686-0158, [davesutn@yahoo.com](mailto:davesutn@yahoo.com)  
[www.a2sums.sirinc.org](http://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.