

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



# ROOSTER TALES

**Next meeting - Thursday October 6th – 2016 – Oakhurst Country Club  
If you can't attend, call the hotline 925-338-1996**



### Big SIR Message

I want to wish everyone good health and wellbeing. The September Picnic was a rousing success. We passed last year's attendance figures. I would like to thank Jack Duncan, Jack Barnaba,

Ken Peterson for the organizational duties, and thank Yum-On-The-Run for another fantastic job of catering. The food was exceptional and the friendship was spontaneous. This month we have a Bocce event and the Golf Club Championship. Details for both events appear later in this issue. Our next major event is the Ladies Day Holiday Luncheon on Dec. 1 at Oakhurst. It's not a mandatory luncheon, but is a great opportunity to impress your spouse, girlfriend, or significant other with our ability to pull off another great event. We will begin taking signups for the event at the October luncheon. The health of a Branch is only as good as the members who keep it growing. In order for our Branch to continue to grow, each of us should commit to bringing in one new guest every year. With one new guest from each of you, we could double our branch membership in one year. But to be realistic, if we grow by 20%, our Branch will maintain its healthy membership. Our incentive program provides a free lunch to guests on their first visit, and the sponsor is awarded a free lunch at the same luncheon the new member is inducted. Thank you for all you do for the good of the Branch.

*Bruce Persons*

Big Sir

### The Program for October



### Ted Clement

#### Executive Director – Save Mount Diablo

Ted has been studying and working in the conservation field for over 25 years. He was an environmental studies major at the University of Vermont, and later received his Juris Doctor degree from Vermont Law School where he focused on land conservation law. Early on, Ted worked for the Outward Bound School and then for the Peace Corps national park program in Thailand. Then for years he worked for the Vermont Land Trust, Aquidneck Land Trust in Rhode Island, and Hawaiian Islands Land Trust – the latter two as Executive Director. He started work for Save Mount Diablo in November 2015. Ted is passionate about his family, time outdoors and working with others to create lasting public good by protecting, and connecting people to, the land which sustains us.

*October Menu*

Mixed Green Salad  
Chicken Marsala – Light Red Wine Sauce and Sliced Mushrooms  
Basa White Fish with Tarragon Beurre Blanc Sauce  
Chef's choice Vegetarian plate  
Carrot cake

*October Birthdays*



*Ron Cashion, Milton DeGroot, Dennis Ghiggeri  
Jack Jagoda, Steve McMurdo, Charles Morones  
Rich Peterson, Doug Schuster, Bill Stephenson  
Jay Verlinden, Herb Weimar, Jim Wyllie*

**Financial Statement**

**Branch 19 Statistics**

September Attendance  
Members and Guests - 104

**Treasurer Report**

August 31, 2016

**Account Balances**

Petty Cash	\$ 250.00
General Account	
Unencumbered	\$4,187.83
Excursion Fund	220.31
Holiday fund	194.09
Picnic Fund	<u>629.59</u>
Total General Account	\$5,231.82
Custodial Accounts	
Bowling	\$692.18
Golf	<u>3,059.77</u>
Total Custodial	<u>\$3,751.95</u>
Total Funds	<u>\$9,233.77</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.  
branch19newsletter@gmail.com



*Hiking Group*

For future exotic hiking adventures, contact

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*

*SIR Branch 19 Bowling News*

Clayton Valley SIRS bowl 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 the 2016 Bocce season has drawn to a close and once again fun was had by all Branch 19 teams. There were new team members joining our Wednesday and Thursday night teams. Sir Ted Dobbs and Sir John Linster joined our Wednesday night team. Sir Ron Gagliardi joined our Thursday night team, and Roy and Patty Priest joined our Thursday night coed team. Fun was had by all, and I'm sure all competitors are anxiously awaiting the start of the 2017 Bocce season. Our Thursday night team made the playoffs but were eliminated prior to the finals. Wait till next year!

Don't forget our Fall Bocce outing taking place at the new Clayton Bocce courts near Skippolini's on Thursday October 20th from 10:00 am till 12:00 noon followed by a no host lunch at several of the establishments in the town of Clayton, if so desired. Lunch is optional. Contact me or Bernie Theobald to secure your spot for yourself and or wife/mate. Cost is \$13 per couple or \$8 for a single. Please bring your check to the October luncheon next Thursday made payable to Sir Branch 19. We will also accept cash. Act fast, we are approaching maximum capacity.

**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

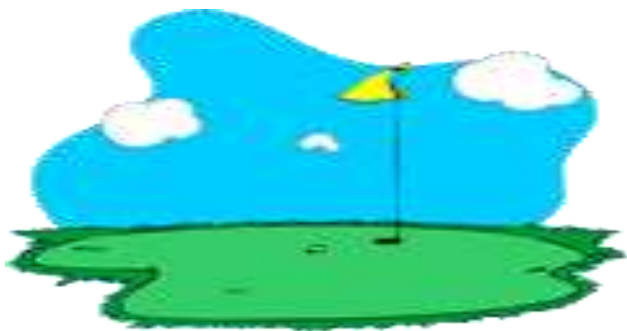
*Interested in a Particular Activity?*

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**  
**October Schedule**  
 Weather permitting we will be playing:

- October 4 – **Lone Tree Club Championship** **TBD**
- October 11 – **Lone Tree Club Championship** **TBD**
- October 18 – **Lone Tree Club Championship** **TBD**
- October 25 – **Hiddenbrooke** **9:30**

On Oct.3rd. we will start our **Club Championship**. For the new players we play 3 rounds all at Lone Tree and take the best 2. This is done in Flights with enough players we will have 4 flights The cost is \$25.00 and we need to get this in ASAP. You can send a check made out to Sir Branch 19 Golf to Tom Lathrop at 4504 Shellflower Ct. Concord Ca. 94518. This a fun Event and I would like to see Everyone Playing.

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

**Dine Around Group**  
 Meets on the third Thursday of every month.

**When:** Thursday , Oct 20<sup>th</sup>  
**Where:** Down town Clayton restaurants  
 In conjunction with the Bocce outing  
**Sign-up:** Sheet at October 6<sup>th</sup> SIR Luncheon

**Contact:** Don Weimann [Weimanns@astound.net](mailto:Weimanns@astound.net)

*Wine Tasting*



*SIRS Branch 19 Wine Tasting Group*

SIRS 19 October Lodi Wine Tasting

Hi to all wine tasters!

I'm proposing a trip to the Lodi area. Many wineries are closed Monday-Wednesday and open Friday-Sunday. Some are open Thursdays. A Friday date is best since JM113 it will less crowded. Saturday is possible, but we need to assure our group can be handled. Thursdays limit the choice of wineries.

So we need to agree on a date. Please reply with **all of the dates you can make** among the following:

Thursday Oct 6	Friday Oct 7	Saturday Oct 8
	Friday Oct 14	Saturday Oct 15
	Friday Oct 21	Saturday Oct 22
	Friday Oct 28	

A list of wineries to visit will be available, so you can drive yourself. Otherwise, we will carpool: Meet near Starbucks at the Clayton Safeway center at Kirker Pass Rd. & Clayton Rd. at 9:45. Our first winery tasting will probably 11:00.

We will probably visit 4 wineries. Bring some snacks for during the day. At about 4:00, we will go to a restaurant probably in downtown Lodi.

Please let me know the dates you prefer ASAP!

Don Weimann [Weimanns@astound.net](mailto:Weimanns@astound.net)



## **SIR BRANCH #19 PARTICIPATES IN PICKLEBALL COURTS GRAND OPENING!!**

More than 100 people, including 13 folks from our Branch, attended the Grand Opening of Concord's new pickleball courts on Saturday morning, September 19. The 14 courts are brand new and located at the Willow Pass Athletic Park on Willow Pass Road and Olivera Road.

Because a pickleball court is much smaller than a tennis court, the game is especially appealing to seniors in a doubles team playing format.

In addition to the Mayor's remarks and ribbon cutting, everyone got a chance to cycle thru a series of pickleball demos and focused newbie clinics facilitated by experienced players. The facilitators included our own Tom and Bonnie Lathrop and a dozen or so other local players and pickleball instructors. Everyone had a great time and there were plenty of paddles available!

Currently, about 22 people in our branch, including spouses, have expressed interest in learning to play pickleball as our branch's newest sporting activity.

Given the result of this growing support and enthusiasm, we are now working with the city's rec department to host a beginner's pickleball clinic within the next several weeks. In addition, as more SIR beginners and experienced players join in we will be arranging a Thursday morning SIR pickleball Open Play time slot. This will allow everyone to come on out to "meet, greet, and play" one of the fastest growing and addictive games in the country!

Stay tuned for a progress update at our October SIR luncheon.

SIR Bernie T

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**HEADS UP!!!**

**TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO SIGN-UP** for this awesome bocce event ---- for anyone who wants to play!

**FALL BOCCE OUTING** at the Downtown Clayton Courts

We already now have 22 sign-ups and growing --- including a half dozen couples! Don't miss this fun outing! Newbies are welcome!

**HURRY!!!!** Registration is limited to 40 people!

Let John Fernando or me know ASAP if you and/or you and your spouse want to play! Payment is due at our October SIR luncheon. Thanks. ----BernieT

*John Fernando* [jaferna2003@yahoo.com](mailto:jaferna2003@yahoo.com)

*Bernie Theobald* [BJT47@comcast.net](mailto:BJT47@comcast.net)



SIR Branch #19

## **FALL BOCCE OUTING**

**Ipsen Family Bocce Courts**

Main Street in Downtown Clayton

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2016**

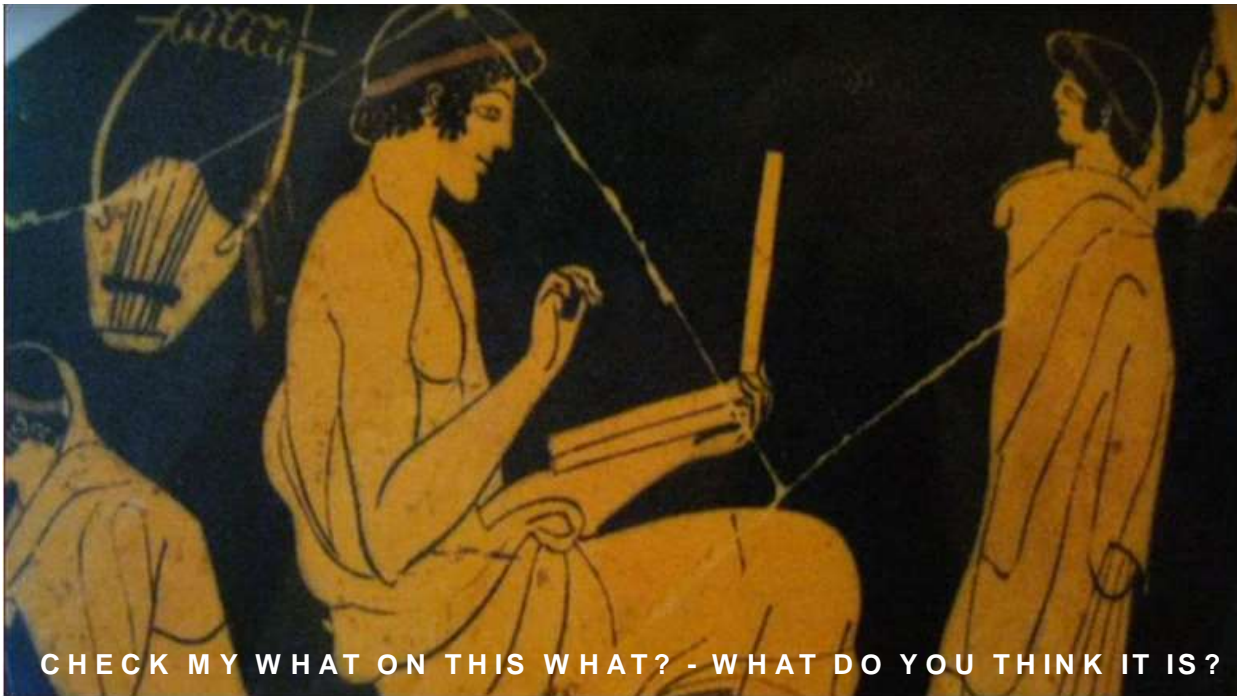
**10am to Noon**

**(Limited to 40 players!)**

**\$13 per Couple; \$8 for a single player**

Hosted by Branch 19's Bocce Committee  
with

No-Host Luncheon afterwards with  
your SIR friends at one of Clayton's  
local affordable restaurants



**CHECK MY WHAT ON THIS WHAT? - WHAT DO YOU THINK IT IS?**

Our next (or second) meeting of **DATE – Discussing Ancient Technology & Engineering** – will be held on Wednesday, **October 5, 2016** at Clayton valley Bowl conference or party room, at between 1:00 and 1:30 pm, following the SIRS Bowling League. We’ll watch and discuss an interesting video relating to the topic as well as trying our hand at figuring out what some of the OOPART (Out Of Place Artifacts) photos, might represent. I’ll even bring some show-n-tell items. I will again moderate and Little Sir John Carl will compliment me on what a great job I’m doing. The meeting will be fun and unconventional. As always, wives and girlfriends are encouraged to participate! – George Kapus

**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 October 20<sup>th</sup>

**Sums in Retirement**  
Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>

**Area 2 Fishing Group**  
Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup>

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

**Dining Out**  
Thursday, Oct 20<sup>th</sup>  
In conjunction with the Bocce  
outing

**Wine Tasting**  
TBD See Above



*Area 2 Activities for October*



***The Area 2 Computer & Technology Group***

*October 20, 9:30am – Walnut Creek Elks Club  
1475 Creekside Dr. Walnut Creek*

**<http://a2cat.sirinc2.org/>**

Meetings of the Area 2 Computer and Technology Group are held the 3rd Thursday of each month (except June and December) from 9:15 (for a 9:30 start) 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. 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 January is one of those! All SIR members and their guests (spouses included!) are welcome to attend. See you there.

Go to the website [A2cat.sirinc2.org](http://A2cat.sirinc2.org) to download or read current plus archived copies of all presentations. For the latest announcement of the upcoming meeting please read the article in Hotline.

*Area 2 Fishing Group*

***The Legends***  
 Diablo Creek G.C.  
 Meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs  
**Thursday October 27**  
**8:30 am**  
 4050 Port Chicago Highway in  
 Concord.



We will be very busy this fall fishing for: catfish, striped bass, black bass, crappie, bluegill, sturgeon, crawfish, trout, salmon, halibut, ling cod, and rock fish. We live in a fishermen’s paradise.

Paul Dubow, Karl Droese, Gordon Linebaugh, Barry Rauchle, and Jack Waddell caught some salmon to 20 lbs. up the Sacramento River on a guided trip. Lee Clark, Gordon Linebaugh, and Carl Moyer each got a salmon on a party boat out the gate. Carl Moyer and Dick Thomson released a 5 foot sturgeon when fishing for catfish in San Pablo Reservoir. It was a long and strenuous battle on the light gear. Carl and Gene Shulting caught 4 nice catfish there; and Gene and Reggie Fromm caught 5 big cats to 11 lbs. before that. **Tom Kostik** and Mike Corker caught black bass and small stripers from the Delta. Stan Wong caught trout from Boca Reservoir in Nevada.

**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 Sums Investment Group  
October 26, 2016**

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



Our presenter will be Kevin Gahagan who specializes in working with business owners, professionals, and corporate executives in providing advanced financial planning and investment strategies. He has been recognized by the *San Francisco Business Times* as one of “the Bay Area’s Top Twenty-Five Independent Wealth Advisors,” identified as a “Top Advisor” by Reuters *AdvicePoint*, and recognized by the Consumer Research Council of America as one of “America’s Top Financial Planners.”

<https://www.mosaicft.com/kevin-gahagan>

**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*

**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.