

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



# ROOSTER TALES

**Next meeting - Thursday August 3<sup>rd</sup> – 2017 – Oakhurst Country Club  
If you can't attend, call the hotline 925-338-1996**



## Big SIR Message

SIR members of Branch 19, it's August and it seems like the year is flying along. It is time to elect our new Branch Executive Committee for 2018. I am pleased to announce that we have a full slate of volunteer officers to present at our

August luncheon. We continue to have opportunities for volunteers to help to make our branch more successful. I urge everyone to step forward to participate.

We have some nice events coming up in the next months and I would like to highlight a couple for September. Our luncheon will have our Hawaiian shirt day which is always a great fun competition. Later, on Thursday, September 21, we will enjoy our annual Picnic in the Park with wives and other guests. There will be more to come as the year moves forward, stay tuned.

Let's talk membership! We need to grow our membership to meet our goals and, more importantly, to maintain the health of our branch. Sir Ken Kuhn has done a great job in cleaning up our membership data. As of the end of July, we have added 12 new members this year, a good rate, but we have lost 18. The key to our growth is to bring guests to our luncheons and activities. We have found that when our members bring guests we a huge success rate in having them become new members. If we all make it a priority to bring a guest to an upcoming function I am certain we can continue to grow as we have over the last several years.

Thanks to everyone your support and participation this year. I enjoy being a part of Branch 19 and look forward to seeing all of you at our August luncheon.

*Jack Barnaba*

Big Sir

## The Program for August

**Executive Director of Trauma and Transfer Services  
John Muir Health**

*August Menu*

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

*August Birthdays*



David Atkinson, Al Brunner, John Carl,  
 Russell Eddy, Mike Ilg, Mike Krawesky, John Millar,  
 Mike Mills, Milt Momita, Jerry Waitrovich

**Financial Statement  
 Branch 19 Statistics**

**Treasurer Report**  
 August 31, 2017

**Account Balances**

Petty Cash	\$ 250.00
General Account	
Unencumbered	\$3,338.08
Excursion Fund	117.31
Holiday fund	29.62
Picnic Fund	00.00
Total General Account	<u>\$3,485.01</u>

**Custodial Accounts**

Bowling	\$ 675.00
Golf	3,213.85
Total Custodial	<u>\$3,888.85</u>

Total Funds \$7,623.86

Darryl Diamond  
 Branch 19 Treasurer

*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)

*The Bocce Report*

Well it's getting down to the nitty gritty! Bocce regular season is almost completed come September 7, with playoffs beginning September 14th and all bocce teams are jockeying for position. With a little over a month to go, every game may become monumental for those teams aspiring to be in position for a playoff spot. Will keep you posted.

John Fernando  
 Bocce Chairman  
[jaferna@pacbell.net](mailto:jaferna@pacbell.net)

*Branch 19 Activities*

*Branch 19 Leadership*

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

*SIR Branch 19 Bowling News*



Well here it is the end of July. This first half year sure went fast. Not too much going on in the bowling world right now other than a few tournaments. Check the Sirs web site for place and date. Have a great safe and fun summer. That's it for now. Have a great day. Mike Kropf

SIR Mike Kropf

John Dorsett 925.827.2852 [jddorsett@astound.net](mailto:jddorsett@astound.net)  
 Mike Kropf 925.689.1453 [mdkropf@astound.net](mailto:mdkropf@astound.net)

*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 Ted Dobbs.

**Ted Dobbs Activity Chairman**  
**324-5047 ted\_dobbs@hotmail.com**

*Wine Tasting / Dine Around*

**SIRS Branch 19 Dine Around  
 August 2017**

*There is no Dine Around or Wine Tasting scheduled for August.*

## The Pickleball Report



### SIR PICKLEBALL!!!!!!

SIR#19 PICKLEBALL OPEN PLAY continues every Thursday morning from 10am to Noon at Concord's new Willow Pass Pickleball Courts.

Come on out and enjoy the fun and friendship of this exciting new paddle sport! It's "easier on the bones" than tennis. The court surface is smaller than a tennis court using a wiffle ball like pickleball.

Learning pickleball is a natural transition for former or current tennis players. Ping pong players can also adapt quickly to the game. Court time is FREE. Rackets are available to borrow if you need one -- also at no charge.

Even though most of us are still beginners, the more experienced players on the courts are always welcoming, inclusive, friendly, and gladly offer up some patient helpful coaching pointers for us Newbies.

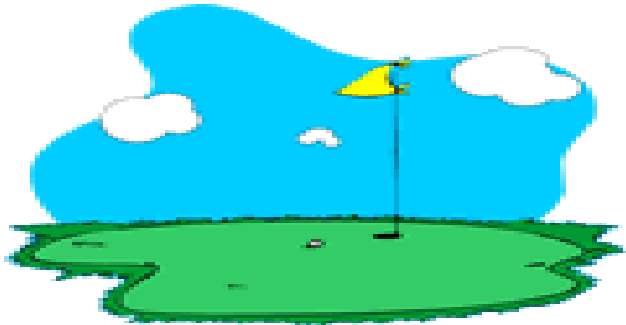
Why don't you plan to join us if you can! Bring your wife or significant other as pickleball is a great couples sport.

You can also register for FREE on the Meet Up smart phone app and let everyone know you're coming!

SIR BernieT

Any questions? Call Bernie Theobald at: [925-351-3672](tel:925-351-3672) or send email to: [bjt47@comcast.net](mailto:bjt47@comcast.net)

**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**

Match Play is moving slowly. We have two Matches to complete until we have the final 4. The Matches are Jim Garcia Vs. George Vogt and Jack Duncan Vs. Rich Peterson. I would like to have them completed by Aug.8th at Lone Tree

The 2 Man Best Ball Tournament is August 17th. If you don't have a team yet and would like to play let me know and I will give you a list of players that are available. Branch 19 only has 9 Teams that have signed up witch is very low.

**The schedule for August**

- August 1<sup>st</sup> - Delta View
- August 8<sup>th</sup> - Lone Tree
- August 15<sup>th</sup> - Poppy Ridge
- August 17<sup>th</sup> - 2 Man Best Ball at Lone Tree
- August 22<sup>nd</sup> - Lone Tree
- August 29<sup>th</sup> - Eagle Vines

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

**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, August 17<sup>th</sup>

**\$ums in Retirement**  
Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>

**Area 2 Fishing Group**  
Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup>

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

**Dining Out/Wine Tasting**  
(No meeting in August)

**D.A.T.E.**  
**Discussing Ancient Technology & Engineering**  
(No meeting in August)

# Let's Start Something New



Russ Eddy would like to see if there are any members who would like to join in starting a **Ukulele group** and /or a **Tennis group**.

Contact		
Russ Eddy	672-3540	<a href="mailto:rveddy@yahoo.com">rveddy@yahoo.com</a>
Ted Dobbs	324-5047	<a href="mailto:ted_dobbs@hotmail.com">ted_dobbs@hotmail.com</a>

*Outings*

**(There are no outings scheduled in August)**

Ted Dobbs [Ted\\_Dobbs@hotmail.com](mailto:Ted_Dobbs@hotmail.com) cell# [925-324-5047](tel:925-324-5047)

**DATE - Discussing Ancient Technology & Engineering**



Our next meeting of DATE - Discussing Ancient Technology & Engineering – will be held on Wednesday, **September 13, 2017** at Clayton Valley Bowl, Conference Room, at 1:00 P.M. following the SIR Winter Bowling League. We will **NOT** meet during the months of **JUNE, JULY** and **AUGUST** of 2017 as most folks take trips and have Vacation on their minds and **NOT** what our ancient ancestors were building and doing thousands of years ago. Heck, maybe even the ancients took vacations; like a trip to the mountains or someplace cool, or maybe check out one of the wonders of the ancient world, or simply relax at some fabulous beach. Building all those megalithic structures took a lot out of them... See you all on September 13.



*Area 2 Activities for August*



***The Area 2 Computer & Technology Group [Formerly A2CAT]***

Next Meeting on Thursday August 17, 9:30am – Walnut Creek Elks Club  
1475 Creekside Dr. Walnut Creek  
<http://a2cat.sirinc2.org/>

The Area 16 Computer and Technology Group [formerly A2CAT] announces that our next meeting will be at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge on Thursday August 17, 2017 starting at 9:30 am, but come early for coffee, goodies, and chat. Sirs from all branches and their guests are welcome and invited to attend.

Phil Goff is going to focus on getting organized and show us some of the basic functionality of Photo-Shop Elements. People often ask how to get photos off their smart phones, or how they can find photos that are currently on their computer. Well, Phil is going to help with that and more at our August 17 meeting. His presentation notes should be available on the CAT Web page ([a2cat.sirinc2.org](http://a2cat.sirinc2.org/)) several days prior to the meeting.

We look forward to seeing you around 9:15 AM, Thursday August 17, JM 20 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 our July meeting is another one of those! All SIR members and their guests (spouses included!) are welcome to attend. See you there.

**Neil Schmidt, Chairman**

*Area 2 Fishing Group*



***The Legends***  
Diablo Creek G.C.  
Meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs  
**Next Meeting on Thursday August 24, 8:30 am**  
4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord.



All SIR members and guests are welcome, and indeed encouraged, to participate in fishing trips as well as attend the monthly meetings. Next meeting will be Thursday, August 24th, at the Legend Sports Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek Golf Course at 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Meeting starts at 8:30am, come early.

**SALMON!** The local salmon fishing has been the best in years. Bob Stein and Carl Moyer scored on boats out the gate, and from Half Moon Bay. Karl Droese, Richard Bal, Ed Dijkman, Paul Dubow, and Rick Fend travelled to Alaska for their salmon, and halibut. They released several halibut over 200 lbs on a fantastic trip. Pedro Contreras and Steve Paulick went south on a long range boat for yellow tail, dorado, and grouper, filling their freezers to capacity. Closer to home, Carl Moyer caught halibut in the bay, rock fish in the ocean, and blue gill and crappie in the delta. Ernie Wong ended a solid season for shad with his fly rod with 20 more. Tom Kostik and Mike Corker worked the delta for many black bass. Dick Thomson and Karl Droese went up to Oregon for sturgeon catching many.

**Contacts: Paul Dubow (415-495-6504) Carl Moyer (925-685-5243)**



## Area 2 Investments / Wealth Management

### **The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group**

Next Meeting on Wed, Sept 27

Legends – Diablo Creek G.C.

4050 Port Chicago Highway

Breakfast available at 7am.



Want to learn more about investing? Want to meet experts in the field? Want answers to your financial questions? Come join the **\$ums in Retirement**.

**Note:** *(No meetings scheduled for August)*

<http://www.a2sums.sirinc2.org>

**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)

## Area 2 Activities and Events

**[www.area2.sirinc2.org](http://www.area2.sirinc2.org)**

This is the address of the AREA 2 Activities and Events page. It will give you the web address for all of the Area 2 activities as well as the web address for each branch in Area 2 so you can explore the individual branch activities.

## SIR Branch 19 Presents



Picnic Site #1- Concord Community Park

**Join Us for Picnic in the Concord Community Park (Off Cowell Rd)  
Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 (11am to 4pm)**

**Menu by Kinders BBQ**

- Fresh Fruit Salad
- Marinated Ball Tip
- Chicken Quarters
- BBQ Beans
- Caesar Salad
- Dinner Rolls/ Butter
- **Bring Your Own Beer, Wine or Cold Drinks**

**What:** SIR Branch 19 Picnic (**Members & Guests**)

**When:** Thursday, September 21st, 2017

**Where:** Concord Community Park (on Cowell Road)  
**Site #1** (Between Pool and Playground)

**Time:** 11am to 4pm 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.

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

Permanent picnic tables are provided at the site  
(above). Food to be served at approximately 12:30pm

\*Abundant parking is available next to site

**Note:** Jack Barnabas (Big Sir) sent out an email to Branch 19 members on Sunday July 23<sup>rd</sup> containing the picnic flyer and a sign-up sheet. Per Jack, **please get your sign-up sheets and payments in by our August luncheon if possible** so that we can get all of our planning completed.

Jack Duncan is collecting donations to use for our raffle prizes. Please touch base with him at the luncheon.

## SIR Area 2 Travel Opportunities 2017

**Aug 14-22, 2014: US & Canadian National Parks.** Explore 7 spectacular including Glacier National Park, Banff National Park, Kootenay National Park, Waterton National Park. You'll also visit Lake Louise, Emerald Lake, Silverado Silver Mine, and Spokane. Cost of \$3,250 includes RT Air, Tour Transportation, Lodging, Meals, Taxes and Gratuities. Tom Duncanson, Br.20, 831-662-8605.

**Aug 14-18, 2017: Ashland, Shakespeare Festival.** 5 day tour featuring the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, Jacksonville Belle Fiore Winery, Harry & David's Dinner Cabaret Show, Country Village, and Kitchens of Harry and David before returning to Ashland for a visit to the Oregon Cabaret Theatre. Cost of \$1,450 includes Deluxe Motor coach, 4 nights lodging, 9 meals, 3 performances and Tips. Bill Rodman, Br 38, San Jose, 408-274-4521.

**Sep 6-19, 2017: Atlantic Isles Cruise.** This 13 day luxury cruise aboard the Crystal Symphony begins and ends in Lisbon, Portugal, with several exotic ports of call in the Azores, Madeira, Canary Islands, and Morocco. Crystal distinguishes itself from other cruise lines by offering the very best in service, food, entertainment and cultural programs. All beverages are included. Prices start at \$8,095 and include deluxe stateroom, \$250 shipboard credit, RT Air, all gratuities, port charges and transfers in SF. Larry Martinson, Br. 114, San Jose, 408-238-0746 or Jim Stoner, 408-238-8458.

**Sep7-20, 2017: Prague, Germany, Switzerland, and Austria.** This itinerary offers sights that will delight your senses. Highlights include: Prague, Rothenburg, Munich, Salzburg, Hitler's Eagles Nest, Oberammergau, Kleine Scheidegg, Black Forest, Rudesheim, and the Rhine River Cruise. The deluxe tour includes RTAir, most meals, accommodations, tour manager, admission to all activities, luggage handling, and all taxes. Cost \$5,495 including air. Lee Suess, Br 96, Jackson, 209-296-2235.

**Sep 10-23, 2017: Southern Italy & Sicily.** A 14 day trip touring Palermo, Monreale, Agrigento, Valley of the Temples, Giardini, Naxos, Taormina, Catania, Matera, Alberobello, Amalfi Coast, Sorrento and Pompeii. The cost of \$4,849 pp includes Cancellation Insurance, RT airfare, all taxes, fees and surcharges. Bill Britton, Br 101/121, 925-443-9913

**Sep 28-Oct 6, 2017: Norman Rockwell New England.** Tour the backroads of the Berkshire and Adirondack Mountains as you admire the fall foliage and visit the life memories of Norman Rockwell. The tour includes Boston City Tour then ferry cross Lake Champlain to Burlington VT and into the Green Mountains. Then cross the Connecticut River in New Hampshire into the coastal town of York Beach, Maine. Price is \$3,385, John Pletsch, Br 32, San Jose, 408-274-2992 or Mike Console, 408-246-1080 or Tom Duncanson Br. 20, 831-662-8605.

**Nov 9-20, 2017: Florida's Sunshine Trail.** This 12day trip spotlights Florida's top attractions including Orlando, St Augustine, Cocoa Beach, Kennedy Space Center, West Palm Beach, Key West and Miami. Air Boat experience through the Everglades, Naples, and Fort Myers. Cost \$4,250, Mike Console, Br32, San Jose, 408-246-1080 or John Pletsch, 408-274-2992.

Send your brief trip information to Bob Spellman at [bobnjo@astound.net](mailto:bobnjo@astound.net) by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month. Only trips of at least 4 days or more in length will be listed

Please take a look at the following. It was recently released by the State Committee in an effort to bring more clarity to what it means to be a SIR.



## What is SIR?

**SIR (Sons in Retirement) is a non-profit, public benefit corporation formed for men. Our Mission is to improve the lives of our members through fun activities and events while making Friends for Life!**

**We are almost 60 years old, and our 120 plus branches include over 14,500 members. Our branches cover Northern California from Bakersfield to the Oregon border and Lake Tahoe to the Pacific Ocean.**

**Our member expectations are few. Have the free time, be a friendly, sociable guy, participate in our luncheons and activities and introduce others to SIR so they can join in the fun.**

**Membership is open to men regardless of age, race, color or religion. We are an all-volunteer organization, so our members need to help out when called upon. SIR supports no outside causes or interests. We prohibit discussions of politics and religion, soliciting or selling anything to any member.**

**Each Branch has monthly luncheon meetings where Sirs renew old friendships and establish new ones. Speakers are invited to speak on topical subjects of general interest. Most Branches have summer and winter luncheons and a BBQ where wives, partners and guests are invited.**

**Of special interest are Branch activities like golf, bowling, travel, bocce, bridge, poker, walking, hiking, computers, dining out, wine tasting and investing. Our list of activities and events is almost endless and many are coed. If there is an activity you are passionate about and your selected branch doesn't have it, we will help you start it and involve others. Come join us and be part of the fun – and, better yet, Make Friends for Life!**

06/18/17, G&M Committee