



## Big Sir's Notes

### Pete Gates

Congratulations to **Chuck Bobinecz** for being appointed an Honorary Life Member (HLM) of Branch 146 and SIR. The purpose of the HLM award is to recognize exceptional and extraordinary service by a member to SIR. A Certificate and HLM pin were presented to **Chuck** by State SIR President, **Bob Mannell**, assisted by our Honorees Chairman, **Bob Yolland**. Thanks again, **Chuck**, for your dedication and service to our Branch.

In his remarks to the membership, **President Mannell** mentioned that he had attended meetings of many of the 145 SIR Branches and he believes that Branch 146 is among the top 4 or 5 in the state; something we can all take pride in. He went on to say that a common problem encountered by the Branches is getting people to come forward and take leadership roles. He encouraged everyone to consider volunteering to help in some way or to say "yes" if asked.

Communication to and by our members is extremely important to the success of the Branch. Emails are a very efficient way of getting information out. Several years back, **Jeff Baily** created our email list and he has been using it effectively to communicate matters of importance. Secretary **Terry Marchione** has created a fully capable back-up list. To clarify roles, **Jeff** has accepted the title of **Branch e-Communications Chair** and will be the primary focal point for mass membership emails. The Secretary's list will be our insurance against any outage which may occur with the primary system.

We negotiated a special menu for the December Ladies Day. It will cost a few dollars more but hey....nothing is too good for our ladies. Right? Look for the sign-up form in this SirCall for our gala December event!

Remember, November is the last chance this year to "Be a Friend, Bring a Friend."

## Little Sir's Corner

### Jim Burk



At our luncheon on **NOVEMBER 10** we will honor our veterans, past and current, as we hear from **CARLA GOULART** representing **Sentinels of Freedom**, a San Ramon based non-profit set up to provide support for veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. This organization was founded in 2002 by **MIKE CONKLIN**, a former real estate developer who now works full time as the group's chairman and chief executive officer. As it was written in the March 2011 "Diablo Magazine," Conklin's commitment to the cause of helping veterans has some personal history. His oldest son, Kris, 30, enlisted in the Army Rangers in 1998. Curt, 28, signed up two years later, and the youngest son, Case enlisted in 2002. Mike sees the work of the Sentinels of Freedom as a necessary gesture to brave, dedicated veterans who have made enormous sacrifices for their country. The nonprofit foundation has helped find housing, jobs, vehicles modified for disabilities, and other assistance for more than 65 severely wounded military members in 16 states.

Finally, save the date of **December 8, 2011** and have your wife or significant other join you for our traditional **Holiday/Christmas Luncheon**. We will be entertained by the Monte Vista High School choral group as they help to get us in the Christmas and Holiday spirit. We have arranged for The Clubhouse at Boundary Oak to provide us with a special luncheon meal for your enjoyment. [See Invitation elsewhere in this issue for your reservation purposes.]

## BOOK CORNER

### KEN RICHTER

Jan Mar May July Sept Nov

The next time the BOOK CORNER will be open is at the November SIR Luncheon. The Corner can always use more books to be shared with other SIRs. New Author: **Noah Boyd** has written only two books. The Bricklayer and Agent X. **Noah Boyd** brings his FBI experience to his books. The pace is frantic, the action is unique and the drama intense. A must read.



## Duplicate Bridge Doug Eisner



*Our match is held each month on the Monday after the SIR luncheon at various homes.  
Bring your lunch*

We played 4 tables of duplicate bridge on Oct 17 at the home of **Fred Kovar**. The first place prize was won by **Carl Johnson** whose 47.0 pt clearly out-classed the field. However, second place was more competitive and **Doug Eisner**, 43.0 pt, barely edged out **Jim Todhunter**'s 42.5 pt. Fourth place was taken by **John Demos** with 39.0 pt.

Our next game will be hosted by **Bill Snyder** on Monday, Nov 14.

**Dick DeVoe** is leading the start-up of a second men's duplicate bridge group. Any bridge players interested in playing with this group are encouraged to contact **Dick** directly. For now, **Dick** has arranged for members of our branch to join the duplicate bridge game hosted by SIR Branch 8 on the 4th Monday of each month at Carl's Junior Restaurant in the Nob Hill Shopping Center in Walnut Creek.

## Couples Duplicate Bridge Too Joe Barry

Couples Duplicate Bridge Too met at **Joe and Josie Barry's** home on Tuesday October 11th. As usual, a fun time was had by all. **Terry and Sharon Marchione** walked away with first place with a total of 25 points followed by the **Barry's** with 23 points. **Doug and Patti Eisner** who were gracious enough to take the place of traveling **Ken and Elaine Richter** and came in a close third. **Dick and Christy DeVoe** will host the November bridge and it was of some note that they finished back in the pack as they have been on a tear as late. The home court advantage will be theirs next month.

## Couples Duplicate Bridge Lo McCarley

*Meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month  
starting at 7:00 pm at participants' homes.  
Couples play as partners.*



**Bill and Margaret Rees** hosted eight couples of duplicate bridge on October 19th. **Carl and Anne Johnson** had 42.5 points for first place. **Lynn and Dasha Freeman** and **Bob and Janet Yolland** tied for second and third place with 37 points and **Jim Brown** and **Jill Reiner** were fourth with 32 points.

**Lo and Sue McCarley** will host the next bridge game on November 16th.

**Jim Brown** for **Lo McCarley**

## COUPLES PARTY BRIDGE

Dave Pierce

**Dick and Christy DeVoe** hosted three tables on October 4, bringing together six friendly, non-competitive couples- at least on the surface. However, when the awards are about to be announced, there is that gamut of emotions from great anticipation to barely hidden distress and resignation. In the past, couples bridge events have been relatively "fair and balanced". No longer.

**Terry and Sharon Marchione** in recent months have taken their bridge skills to a new level, taking 1st prize this night and in another group a week later. **John and Linda Boyan** took 2nd, while **Dick and Christy's** 3rd place proved beyond doubt that luck is an integral part of the game. So we are now left with that burning question and no apparent answer- who will step up to this not-so-subtle 1st place challenge?



## Party Bridge Fred Bolton

*1st Monday at 10 am at various  
members' homes. Contact  
**Fred Bolton** for details.  
Bring a lunch*



We played three tables of bridge at the home of **Bill Snyder** on Oct. 3. First place went to **Fred Bolton** with 5380 points, second to **Fred Kovar** with 4820 and third to **Bill Rees** with 4700. Our next game will be at the home of **Dick DeVoe** on Nov. 7



## Luncheon Attendance **Bob Mehus**



SIR Luncheon is the 2nd Thursday of every month at CourseCo Restaurant at Boundary Oak Golf Club. The price of our luncheons is \$24 with a no-host bar.

**Please email [nolunchbranch146@gmail.com](mailto:nolunchbranch146@gmail.com), or call Bob Mehus at 510-549-2221 by Friday NOON prior to the luncheon if, for any reason, you are unable to attend.** If no one answers, leave your name, badge number, phone number and a short message. Please be sure you call!!!

Remember that our luncheon will be called to order at 11:45am, so please allow enough time to arrive on schedule. A check for **\$24.00** made payable to SIR146 is requested for payment of your lunch on Luncheon Day. Thanks.

A member who misses three (3) consecutive meetings without notifying the Attendance Chairman, giving a valid reason or who attends less than five (5) meetings/luncheons within the last twelve (12) months, excluding May and December (Ladies Day Luncheons), shall be notified by the prescribed form, of termination of his membership.

### SIR bringing a Guest

Please call by Friday, noon prior to the luncheon and leave your name and badge number and the name of your guest. Please spell the last name of your guest.

### Salad

#### Mixed Green Salad

Roasted Winter Vegetables, Blue Cheese, Citrus Vinaigrette

### Entrees

#### Chicken "Saltimbocca"

Breast of Chicken with Black Forest Ham Rich Tomato Sauce and Provolone Cheese

Rice pilaf and Seasonal Vegetable

Or

#### Honey Balsamic Glazed Farm Raised Salmon

Rice Pilaf & Seasonal Vegetables

### Dessert

#### Traditional Cheese Cake

#### Special Luncheon Requirements

If you require a vegetarian meal or any special meal, please call and make a request. Your request will remain in effect until you cancel it through the Luncheon Chairman. If for medical reasons, you cannot eat lunch, please notify me and your request will remain in effect until you cancel it through your Luncheon Chairman.

#### New Members and/or Sponsors

There will be a dedicated luncheon table set for any new members and their sponsors who would like to sit together to share their conversations as new members of SIR146. It is voluntary and please do not feel obligated, as a new member, to sit at this table.



## Poker Club #1 Frank McNamee



Poker Club #1 met at **Bill Cammerer's** House on Wednesday Oct. 19th and it proved to be an early Halloween Day for Trick or Treaters **John Lewis, Bob White** and guest **Rich Hanford**. **Don Martin** managed to pick up a little of what they dropped. The contributors were **Frank McNamee, Bill Cammerer** and **Bob Frankland**. Our next meeting will be on November 9th at the residence of **John Lewis**.



## Poker Club #2 Al Zamolo



**Jim Stedman** hosted our September session and proceeded to be the big winner along with **Ron Binder**.

**Al Zamolo** hosted our October session and **Ron Binder** continued to be the big winner. We tried thinking of new games to play in order to slow down **Ron's** win streak, but we were not successful.

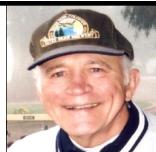
Our November games will be hosted by **Ron Binder** on Monday, November 28th wherever he will be.

## Poker Club #3 Siegfried Kalteis



We had a full table of seven in October. That includes a new player, **James Passaglia**. He won quite a bit, I hope he was just lucky and is not that good of a poker player! Various other players also won, I was not one of them. I will get them next time!  
**Sig Kalteis**

## Poker Group #4 Chuck Bobinecz



Our poker group is getting pretty sophisticated. We are now starting to issue sun glasses and hooded sweatshirts at the door but we have to check in our I-pods.

Our next session on November 28<sup>th</sup> will be hosted by sir **Pete Gates**

## POKER GROUP #5 Bill Roberts



Three of our regular players were AWOL for our October game but we were fortunate to have **Rich Hanford** and **Steve Sprague** fill in. **Steve** managed to hold his own but **Rich** ended up underwater.

**Skip Thomas** and **Charlie Koeber** walked off with most of the winnings. Both got off to strong starts and did not fade after the dinner break.

Our regular date is the Wednesday prior to the SIR luncheon and the regular players are **Spellman, Thomas, Merritt, Richter, Koeber, Marchione, Rockwell** and **Roberts**.

## MEMBER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

### Jack Calloway

We had three new members join in October. They are **Pierre Mebane** sponsored by **Chuck Eichten**, **Ken Donnelly** sponsored by **Jim Stedman** and **Wiley Gilvin** sponsored by **Bill Hansen**. There will be two free lunch drawings in November. One will be for members who sponsored a new member between July and November. The other will be for members who brought a guest to a Luncheon in 2011, but the guest did not join the Branch. While this has been a good year for new members, the number of luncheon guests has dropped off the past several months. Because we continuously need to replace lost members, please bring a guest to the next luncheon.

The Sponsors Honor Roll, which recognizes Branch members who have sponsored five or more new members, was increased by eight at the October Luncheon. The new additions are **Jack Calloway, Joe Fuchs, Pete Gates, Bill Hansen, Dale Haukland, Fred Kovar, Jim Stedman** and **Bob Yolland**. The framed pictures are on display in the registration area at the monthly luncheons.

Thanks to all our members who completed the Member Survey at the October Luncheon. The information will be summarized and a report made at the November Board Meeting.



## Travel Opportunities

Bob Spellman



### Dec 7, 2011 Christmas Show Extravaganza.

**Finocchio's Style.** You will be talking about this show for months. Finocchio's was a nightclub in San Francisco with men performing with all the glitter, sophistication and glamour of women. It was a favorite tourist spot from the 1930's to 1990's. In 1999 Finocchio's closed its doors, but many of the cast members are still performing and will showcase their talents at this show. Enjoy this fabulous show and a fun filled afternoon. Cost \$81.00 includes, delicious luncheon, motorcoach transportation, and glass of wine. Contact **Ken Richter** @ 689-6217. Payment must be received by 10/25/11.

**May 19-Jun 3, 2012 Romance of the Rhine & Mosel.** Cruise aboard a private Grand Circle river ship starting in Basel, Switzerland ending in Antwerp, Belgium. The ship will make stops at Strasbourg, France, Speyer, Baden-Baden, Boppard, Koblenz, Cochem, Bernkastel, Trier, Bonn, Germany, Nijmegen, Kinderdijk and Antwerp. The price starts at \$3895 to \$5295 plus air. The trip includes, 12 exclusive guided sightseeing tours plus personal headsets, Captains welcome dinner, 42 meals with complimentary wine with dinner. Contact **Ken Richter**, 689-6217. Pre and post trips are also available to Lucerne, Switzerland and Bruges, Belgium. Rooms will be available on a first come first serve basis.



## Table Pool

Bill Weinberg

1st and 3rd Monday at 11:30 am.  
at Masse's 2721 N. Main, Walnut Creek)



We usually have three or four pool games going when we meet on the 1st & 3rd Mondays at 11:30 am at Masse's - 2721 North Main in Walnut Creek. The cost is \$5.00 for as long as you want to play. We also have SIR members from other branches joining us and we usually play about 2 hours but not everyone stays for the final curtain. Haven't played in years? Come join us. All SIRs in our area are welcome.

## Membership Steve Sprague



### Branch 146 Statistics:

Active Members: 271 including seven Honorary Life Members.

Applicant List: Two.

Inactive Members: Nine.

### August Luncheon Attendance:

Members: 182

Guests: 2, Visitors: 1, Speakers: 2

Total Attendance: 187

### Status Changes:

Inducted: **Ken Donnelly**, Badge 6

**Pierre Mebane**, Badge 228

**Wiley Gilvin**, Badge 277

Moved to Inactive List: None

Resigned or Transferred: **John Humphrey** and **Bill Schmeh** have resigned.

Deceased: None

There were no changes to the Inactive Roster.

## Non-Responsibility Declaration

**Rule 345:** All activities arranged for or by Sons In Retirement, Inc. and its branches are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate. Sons In Retirement, Inc. and its branches do not assume any responsibility for the well being or safety of the participants or their property, in any matters pertaining to said activities.



## Sunshine

**Walt Busenius**

**945-0715**

[Busenius@astound.net](mailto:Busenius@astound.net)



We keep the Sirs listed below in our thoughts and prayers. We extend our very best wishes for continued healing and look forward to their returning to good health:

***Sir Reggie Fromm***

***Sir Joe Schild***

***Sir Vern Bendsen***

***Sir Charles Kiser***

***Sir Bob Frankland***

***Sir Rod Sharretts***

***Sir Rob Van Luchene***

***Sir Ron Pascoe***

***Sir Lee Vincent***

***Sir Al Meier***

***Sir Larry Sheerin***

Please try to contact a Sir on this list to offer support and encouragement during their illness. They will be glad to hear from you.

If you are aware of a sick Sir, please let me know by phone or e-mail, as shown above, so that our Sir membership can be advised.



## ROMEO

**(Retired Old Men Eating Out)**

**Malcolm Hendry**



The ROMEO group meets on the third Thursday of the month at 6:30PM. We select eclectic restaurants recommended by you, as well as, those favorably reviewed by the media.

Come join us and experience a great dinner, while learning more about your fellow SIR and male guests, in a relaxed and friendly surrounding.

**"Toscana Ristorante"**

Concord's renovated Todos Santos Plaza has attracted several new restaurants, and Toscana is one of the best. The menu features Italian-California selections from a chef who graduated from the School of Italian Food Art in Rome. A list of reasonably priced Italian and domestic wines compliment the delicious entrees. With 25 years in the restaurant business, they provide quality cuisine in a friendly atmosphere to enjoy it.

Location: 2151 Salvio St., Concord, Ca

Web Site: [www.toscanaofconcord.net](http://www.toscanaofconcord.net) (menu, directions, background)

Phone: 925-521-9010

Please let me know no later than Tuesday, November 15th, that you will join us.

You suggestions are welcomed.



## CHRISTMAS CANDY SALE

It's time to order your See's Candy for the 2011 Christmas season! These candy certificates make great gifts for your wife, children, grandchildren, housekeepers, gardeners, hair dressers, neighbors, friends, or even yourself.

The price this year is \$13.70 for a one pound box certificate. That's almost \$3 lower than the retail price so it's a great deal! And there's even no limit to the number of certificates you may order! The certificates are redeemable at any See's facility and the recipient may choose any type of candy he or she wishes, including soft centers, nuts, chewies, etc.

Please make your check payable to "SIRs Branch 146". Mail your check and a stamped # 10 self- addressed envelope (the long one) to:

Douglas Eisner  
909 Osceola Ct  
Walnut Creek, CA 94598

I must receive your order by December 10, 2011. I will mail your certificates to you shortly thereafter.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City and Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the cost of \_\_\_\_\_ one pound certificates.



## Tuesday Golf Ray Weisz

The Weekly Winners are:



September 20, 2011

White First Flight: 1<sup>st</sup> **Terry Marchione 67**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Chuck Schreiber 72**. White Second Flight: **John Alexander 64**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Dennis Hallett 72**. Gold Tee Flight 1: 1<sup>st</sup> **Ken Kratz 69**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Bill Hansen 71**. Gold Tee Flight 2: 1<sup>st</sup> **Ralph Fowler 71**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Dean Merritt 72**. Closest to the pin Hole #2 **Don Tubb**, Hole # 12 **Ray Weisz**.

September 27, 2011

White First Flight: 1<sup>st</sup> **Dave Steinberg 68**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Pete McNeill 68**. White Second Flight: 1<sup>st</sup> **Walt Busenius 71**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Corrie Orange 71**. Gold Tee Flight 1: 1<sup>st</sup> **Bill Cammerer 63**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Jim Kohl 67**. Gold Tee Flight 2: 1<sup>st</sup> **Bob Spellman 67**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Ernie Dickson 71**. Closest to the pin Hole #2 **Bob Spellman**, Hole# 12 **Fred Bolton**.

Our first annual Championship was completed, The match play Winners were.

First Flight: **Jim Burk**. Second Flight: **Bill Schultz**. Third Flight: **Ray Kan**. Fourth Flight: **Al Zamolo**. A plaque was purchased by the Golf Committee to Honor the Winners. The winners names have been engraved, and the plaque is on display in the Pro Shop at Boundary Oak.

October 4, 2011

White First Flight: 1<sup>st</sup> **Dennis Hallett 72**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Terry Marchione 73**, 3<sup>rd</sup> **Steve Siljestrom**. Gold Tee Flight 1: 1<sup>st</sup> **Russ Bliese 69**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Ray Kan 69**. Gold Tee Flight 2: 1<sup>st</sup> **Ernie Dickson 73**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Al Zamolo 73**. Closest to the pin Hole #2 **Russ Bliese** Hole # 12 **Terry Marchione**.

October 11, 2011

Our Tuesday Golf was at Shadow Lakes. This was a scramble starting at 9:00 A.M. All the members enjoyed the scramble start time, which allowed for more social time after golf.

Silver Tees First Flight: 1<sup>st</sup> **Joe Fuchs 67**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Pete McNeill 68**. Silver Tees Second Flight: 1<sup>st</sup> **John Alexander 72**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Chuck Campbell 73**. Jade Tees Flight 1: 1<sup>st</sup> **Ken Kratz 66**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Ron Plachy 69**. Jade Tees Flight 2: 1<sup>st</sup> **Jim Baldridge 64**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Ben Gleason 68**. Closest to the pin Hole # 7 **Bob White**, Hole # 11 **Ray Spears**.

Walkers  
John Lewis



Every Friday at 9:30 am at various locales. Call **John** or just show up. Rain cancels any walk.

Walks – October 2011  
Planned by **Bill Powell**

Walks – November, 2011 Planned by **Martin Lyle**

Nov. 4 TASSAJARA TRAIL, SYCAMORE VLY RD. DANVILLE

Meet: Take 680 South Sycamore Valley, East To Camino Tassajara Parking on right

Walk: East along side Camino Tassajara Paved Level Some Shade

Coffee: Pascal French Oven 155-B Railroad Ave

Nov. 11 OAK PARK NORTH OAK PARK BLVD.

Meet: Oak Park Shopping Center Between Putnam & Keats

Walk: West on Oak Park Blvd. To Three Blocks to North on CC Canal Paved Level Some Shade

Coffee: Starbucks Contra Costa Ctr. P.H.

Nov. 18 PLEASANT HILL NORTH MORELLO & TAYLOR

Meet: At Shopping Center Parking

Walk: North along Contra Costa Canal Paved Level Some Shade

Coffee: Panera Bakery in Willows Center

Nov. 25 Thanksgiving, No Walk.

## Couples Golf John Harrington



**Dick and Judy Richmond** hosted our September golf outing at Lake Chabot golf Course. The only thing higher than our golf scores appears to have been the temperature. Our group survived the heat and our winners of the event were: 1st Place **Ray and Tippy Weisz** and 2d place **Ron and Anne Plachy**. Closest to the Pin: Men-**Bob Mehus** and Women-**Alicia Baily**. Our next tournament will be at Napa GC at Kennedy Park hosted by **Jim and Judy Baldridge**.

## Area 2 Computers and Technology Group



The Area 2 Computer and Technology Group invites all Sirs and their guests to our next meeting on Thursday, November 17th at 9am.

**Phil Goff** will present information on online services for backing up and storing computer data. Commonly known as “the cloud,” companies such as Mozy, Carbonite and others will backup your data to their servers for a nominal charge. However, there is an increasing amount of free storage available in sites such as Google Docs, Microsoft’s Skydrive and others that enable you to backup and share data with others for free.

Since November 17 will be our last meeting of 2011, we also want to have some fun and prepare for the Holiday season. **Phil** will show you a list of ideas and ways to make online purchases for Christmas. It’s fun and with a little advance planning, your Christmas shopping will be easy. Also, we will have a free raffle of some interesting prizes for computer users.

After this presentation **Dick Curry** will lead a Q&A to address current computer issues and questions. So please join us for a fun and informative session. As always there will be coffee and cookies available before and during the meeting.

Meetings of the Area 2 Computer and Technology Group are held the 3rd Thursday of each month (except June and December) from 9:00 to 11:00 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. See you there.

Thank you for supporting your Area 2 Computer and Technology Group.

**Derek Southern and Phil Goff**, co-chairs

## SIR Happenings Newsletter

SIR Happenings is the statewide SIR Newsletter. Just go to [www.sirinc.org](http://www.sirinc.org) and click on SIR Happenings to read the current issue. You may enjoy reading about the activities of other SIR branches.

## Area 2 \$ums Investment Group

The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group will meet on November 16, 2011 at 8:00 AM at the Diablo Creek Golf course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. **Remember that our November meeting is on the 3rd Wednesday instead of the 4th Wednesday to avoid the Thanksgiving holiday time.**

Our speaker will be Steve Gelfand from the office of Merrill Lynch in San Francisco. Steve’s presentation will discuss **“Emerging Markets and Globalization: Beyond the Hype.”** In summary form he will review what’s positive and exciting about Emerging Markets (EM) and yet be sensible and honest about the challenges that confront these markets and countries.

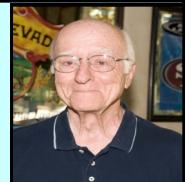
Steve has over 32 years of experience in the world of Finance and Advisory positions for a variety of Clients in the industrial part of the spectrum including Mattel Electronics and the Disney Channel. He brings a thoughtful and measured approach to wealth management. Utilizing the insight gained through study and experience, Steve questions the traditional models of wealth management that are popular on Wall Street. He strives to provide stability and peace of mind in a world that is ever more uncertain

The timeliness of this talk is one all will enjoy. The restaurant at the course opens at 7:00 AM for those would like to enjoy breakfast with your colleagues.

Co-Chairmen: **Allen Espenmiller** (Br-174) 925-376-3977  
**George Schulze** (Br-8) 925-429-1756 **Leary Wong** (Br-8) 925-457-0807

**Ken Nakashima** (Br-171) 925-376-0421

## Bocce Ball Martin Lyle



*2nd and 4th Mondays at 8:30am., May through October, at Concord Bocce Courts in Newhall Park, Concord, near the corner of Turtle Creek and Ayers Roads*

November starts our winter hibernation, so our next meet will be in May, 2012. We have had good turn outs and are looking forward to a fun time next year. Watch this space for information about the first meet, and we are hoping for some new players along with the regulars at that time.

**Gala Ladies Day Luncheon  
Thursday, December 8, 2011**

Number of Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ \$29.00 each

Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Names:**

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**Mixed Green Salad**

**Choose from the following entrees:**

**Grilled Bistro Fillet with Classic Béarnaise Cream**

**Scalloped Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables**

**OR**

**Pan Seared Alaskan Halibut with Pancetta  
and Leek Cream Sauce**

**Wild Rice Pilaf and Seasonal Vegetables**

**Traditional Cheese Cake**

**Special Requirements \_\_\_\_\_**

**Make checks payable to Steve Dawkins, 117 Alegra Lane, Walnut Creek, CA 94598**

**Reservations accepted until December 1st. All reservations and payments in full must be received by December 1st. There will be no tickets sold at the door.**

**If ordering for a group or for a full table of 10, send in full payment and list your companions and their entrée choice on an attached sheet.**



## FISHING REPORT PAUL DUBOW



We began the month by eating, not fishing. Members of the fishing group were invited to the annual Branch 8 Sirs in the Kitchen outing in return for contributing various delicacies stored in our freezers. 18 members of our group joined 24 others to devour 40 lbs of fish. Turning to our regular task of angling, this month proved to be the best salmon month in the past three years. **Rich Bal, Ed Dijkman, and Joe Karg** limited out fishing outside of the Golden Gate. **Carl Moyer, Jack Waddell, Karl Droeze, and Paul Dubow** journeyed to the Sacramento River near Chico and limited out by noon. The largest fish were a 33 pounder caught by **Carl** and a 24 pounder caught by **Paul**. But the highlight of the trip was a 60 lb sturgeon which **Carl** caught and released. **Carl Moyer and Mario Moratorio** set a club record by limiting out on sturgeon (one keeper each) in just three hours while fishing in Suisun Bay off Pittsburg. They spread the word and so ten of us, **Terry Miller** and son, **Pete Gates, Mike Corker, George Schulze, Rich Bennett, Ron Yates, Mario Moratorio, Joe Miscione, Carl Moyer, and Tom Boltz** hurried out to the fishing grounds a few days later in five boats. But the fish proved to be elusive and not a single bite was to be had. Undeterred, four anglers tried the spot again and the results were somewhat better. **Harry Sherinian** landed a keeper sturgeon and **Carl Moyer and Steve Greytak** each caught a legal stripers. But **Terry Miller** was skunked. In the trout area, **Carl Moyer, Steve Greytak, and Terry Miller** opened the season at Shadow Cliffs and came away with no trout and two catfish. **Craig Walton and Paul Dubow** did much better at Lake Davis, catching and releasing 16 trout, including a 19 incher landed by **Paul**.

We are now in the process of planning our 2012 calendar but, in the meantime, we have sturgeon outings planned for Suisun Bay, trout outings scheduled at Shadow Cliffs, and black bass trips set forth the Delta.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, November 17, at the Legend Sports Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek Golf Course at 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. The meeting starts at 8:30 am but breakfast is available one half hour earlier. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Mac User Group

The SIR Mac User Group meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at the Thurman Casey Library on Oak Grove Road from 3 to 5 PM. We will **not** be meeting in October.

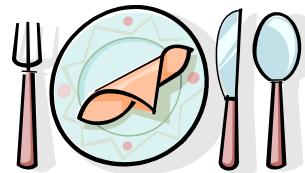
The leaders are **Jeff Baily, Max Burchett, and Verner Laursen**.

From time to time we email suggestions to the people on our list. We are there to answer your Mac questions and we usually have a tutorial on a program that you have on your Mac computer.

We welcome new attendees, particularly new Mac users. If you have a Mac and cannot attend, have a Mac question or would like to be on our email list, please contact one our leaders. We are here to help you.

Jeff

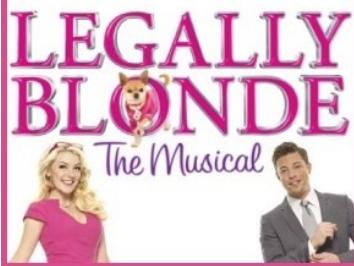
## Couples Dining Out ...Bill Holly



The October Couples Dining Out was held on Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at Bravo Italian Bistro located at 1050 Contra Costa Blvd. in Pleasant Hill. Twelve couples attended the event hosted by **Bill Holly**. Many thanks to **Bill and Lynette** for hosting this delightful outing.

The Couples Dining Out group generally meets on the third Tuesday of each month at a local restaurant in the East Bay area. It gives everyone the opportunity to try out many of the fine restaurants in our area in the company of fellow SIR members and their spouses.

If you are interested in joining this group and/or hosting a future event, please contact **Don Tubb** at [fpilot@aol.com](mailto:fpilot@aol.com)



**COMING!  
FEBRUARY 23  
SIR 146  
THEATRE  
PARTY**

**This "Girl Won't Take No for an Answer!"**

An award-winning Broadway musical sensation is on tap for the first SIR 146 Theatre Party of the New Year. It's *Legally Blonde* – the wild story of a Harvard Law School gal who discovers the true power behind being legally blonde. If that sounds fascinating – it is!

Based on the hit movie of the same name starring Reese Witherspoon, *Legally Blonde* is scheduled for the SIR 146 Theatre Party for Thursday, February 23 at 8:00 p.m. at the Lesher Center for the Arts in Walnut Creek, produced by the Diablo Theatre Company.

When Delta Nu's president, Elle Woods, gets dumped, she decides to get "serious" to win her boyfriend back. Watch out! This gal is tough! She scored 179 on the Law School Admission Test – out of a possible score of 180!

This feel good musical comedy premiered in San Francisco, and then went on to become a Broadway hit, including ten Tony Award nominations.

A limited number of discounted orchestra seats at \$29.00 are available for SIR members and friends for *Legally Blonde*'s February 23 performance at 8:00 p.m. An early response is recommended. Questions? Call **Gary** at (925) 938-5454.

Send check for \$29.00 per ticket, payable to "SIR 146" to **Gary Schaub**, 1758 Candelero Court, Walnut Creek 94598. Deadline for reservations is January 13.

*Tickets will be distributed in the lobby of Lesher Center, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek on at 7:30 p.m. on February 23. Paid parking is available is available in the adjacent city garage.*

Some of Those Attending the October 13 SIR Theatre Party at Town Hall Theatre in Lafayette for "Picasso at the Lapin Agile"



**Tom & Shirley Thomson and Steve & Sally Sprague**



**Fred Kovar and Daughter Karen and Jim and Caroline Jackson**

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