

Big Sir's Notes

Stu Somerville

It is hard to believe the year is almost over with Thanksgiving and Christmas just around the corner. It has been a very good year for our branch. We have a lot of new members and have expanded the activities we offer. New members, with the help of their sponsors, are encouraged to get involved with activities and with the many committees we offer.

For me, the year is just about over. It has been a very rewarding experience and one I have thoroughly enjoyed. The BEC and the committee chairmen along with the members who volunteer to help them are really what makes the branch work. I cannot praise or thank our chairmen and members enough for all the help and support they have given me.

As usual we will be producing a member directory at the end of the year. To help with the task, we are asking members to provide changes to their listing e.g. address, telephone, email, etc. as soon as possible to avoid the rush. Send your changes to our Membership Chairman **Dale Hertweck** at sahertweck@yahoo.com.

Photography Group

The photography group will have its first meeting on November 18th at 7:00pm at the home of **Rich Ahlf**.

Please contact **Rich** at 925-672 2514 or by e-mail (richandshirley@sbcglobal.net) if you intend on being there.



Little Sir's Corner

Dennis Hallett

Our November – Veterans Day-speaker will be **Allan Cruz**, Col USMC (Ret). He will speak about his experiences in the Marine Corps and in particular his deployments on active duty in Vietnam and the Middle East.

From time to time, it has been observed that members leave the room before the speaker has finished his or her presentation. This is disruptive to the speaker as well as the remaining audience. It is suggested that if a member knows he must leave early, he should leave before the speaker begins the presentation rather than during the presentation.

As 2010 draws closer we are requesting members to volunteer to fill vacant Committee Chairman Positions. Currently we are aware of the following vacancies:

- 1) Membership
- 2) Sir Happenings
- 3) Veterans

If you wish to volunteer to become a 2010 Chairman, please contact **Dennis Hallett**.

Many thanks,
Dennis

CRABBY OLD MAN

When an old man died in the geriatric ward of a nursing home in North Platte, Nebraska , it was believed that he had left nothing of any value.

Later, when the nurses were going through his meager possessions, they found this poem...

Its quality and content so impressed the staff that copies were made and distributed to every nurse in the hospital.

One nurse took her copy to Missouri.

The old man's sole bequest to posterity has since appeared in the Christmas edition of the News Magazine of the



Duplicate Bridge George Zunich

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

In October, Sir **Bob Donahue** hosted 3 tables of duplicate bridge at his home.

In a close match, the results were as follows: **Fred Kovar** and **George Zunich** tied for 1st place with 27.5 points. **Fred Bolton** was in 3rd^d place with 25.5 points. **Carl Johnson** and **Bill Rees** tied for 4th place with 25.0 points.

The next match will be held on Monday Nov. 16th at the home of **Jim Todhunter**.

Contact **George Zunich** 376-4439 for information. We welcome interested members.



Party Bridge

Fred Bolton

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

We played two tables of party bridge at the home of **Fred Bolton**.

First place went to **Fred Bolton** with 6480 points and second to **Bob Yolland** with 5500 points.

Our next game will be at the home of **Carl Johnson** on Monday, November 2nd.



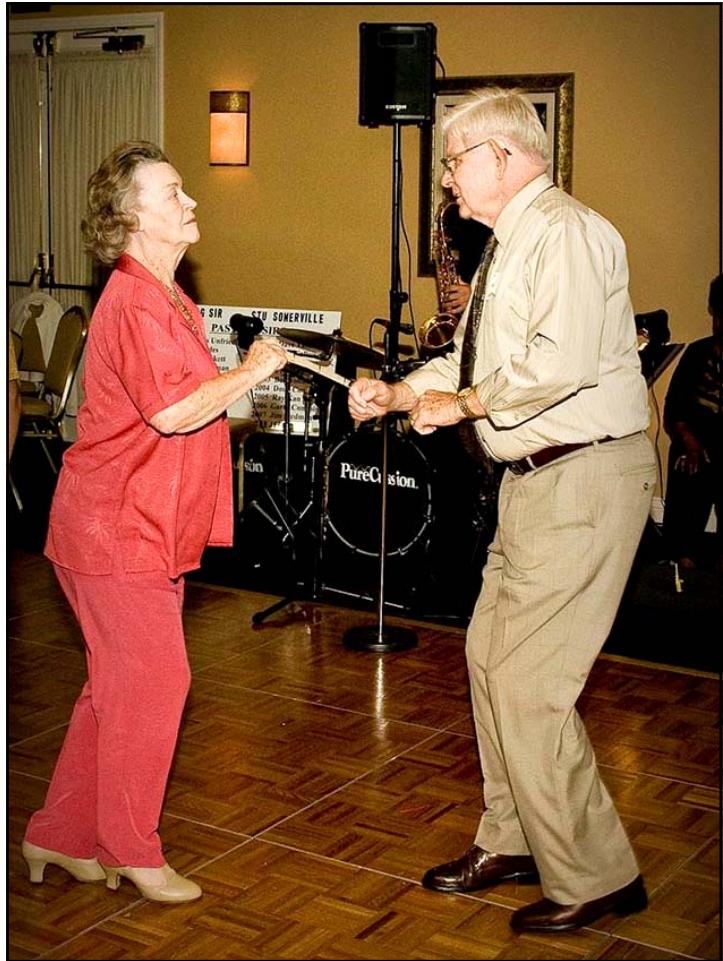
Couples Duplicate Bridge Lo McCarley

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

Eight couples had a great time playing duplicate bridge on October 21st. **Lo and Sue McCarley** hosted the gala affair. **Carl and Anne Johnson** took first place with 39 points. **Bob and Janet Yolland** took second (35 points), **Lynn and Dasha Freeman** (34 points) placed third, and **Bill and Margaret Rees** tied with **Lo and Sue McCarley** for fourth place with 32 points. **Bill and Margaret Rees** will host the next meeting on Wednesday, November 15th.

Couples Duplicate Bridge Too Dick DeVoe

Three tables of couples duplicate too bridge were hosted by **Joe and Josie Barry** in October. Everyone was still smarting from the solid trouncing inflicted by **Ken and Elaine Richter** the month before. Ouch! It was a different story this time. Only 1 1/2 points separated the top four teams, with **Lynn and Dasha Freeman** tying with subs **Stu and Margot Somerville** for 1st place, **Dick/Christy DeVoe** came in 3rd, and the hosts got 4th. So, what about those last month's winners? Well, let's just say they're still wondering how it all went terribly wrong!



Ruth and Jim Adams doing the CHA-CHA-CHA

St. Louis Association for Mental Health. A slide presentation has also been made based on his simple, but eloquent, poem.

And this little old man, with nothing left to give to the world, is now the author of this 'anonymous' poem winging its way across the Internet...

COUPLES GOLF TERRY MARCHIONE

Our couples golf group had its first outing on 9/23 at Deer Ridge in Brentwood. Despite the warm (hot) weather, a great time was had by all. We had 10 couples participate and everyone managed to hang in there for the 18 holes. The competition was fierce with **Ray and Tippy Weisz** walking away with the top prize. **Dick and Judy Richmond** were a close second. **Dennis and Ann Hallett** edged out **Lew and Carla Thompson** for third place on a scorecard playoff.

Following golf, **Ray and Tippy** hosted the group at their home for wine and a light dinner. I'm sure they were beginning to wonder if everyone was ever going to leave.

Our next golf date is October 28 and is currently scheduled for Shadow Lakes. We have 16 couples on our roster at present and are getting close to the maximum number of couples we can handle efficiently.

If you are interested in the group get in touch with **Terry** at 472-8850 or terrymarchione@yahoo.com



Dick Kincaide introduced by Vince Rettew

Crabby Old Man

What do you see nurses? What do you see?
What are you thinking when you're looking at me?
A crabby old man, not very wise,
Uncertain of habit, with faraway eyes?
Who dribbles his food and makes no reply.
When you say in a loud voice 'I do wish you'd try.'
Who seems not to notice the things that you do.
And forever is losing a sock or a shoe?

Gala Ladies Day Luncheon

Thursday, December 10, 2009

No. of tickets _____ at \$30 each.

Enclosed \$ _____

Names:

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Choose from the following entrees:

Tournedos of Beef _____

Chicken Piccata _____

Special requirements _____

Make Check payable to Sir 146 and mail to **Steve Dawkins**, 117 Alegra Lane, Walnut Creek, CA. 94598
We are accepting reservations until December 1. 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 the full payment and list your companions and their entrée choice on an attached sheet. Our entertainment will be "**House Blend**", a vocal quartet who performs its own unique renditions of jazz, gospel, classical, ballad and country.

Table Pool

Bill Weinberg



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

Haven't played in years? Come join us. We usually have three or four pool games going. We also have SIR members from other branches joining us. Check out our group picture on the back cover.

Garden Club Chuck Bobinecz



1st Thursday at 9:30 am at the Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church, 1801 Lacassie Ave., in the Room 203, unless otherwise announced.

The speaker for our November meeting is a master gardener, Sir **Steve Dawkins**. The topic is plant pathology. As gardeners, this topic discusses what we have to deal with at times about plant diseases and how to handle them. As a special treat, **Steve** will narrate a projected disk on the recent TV feature of his back yard mums.

For Our December meeting, Sir **Jack Calloway** will speak on something we all have in our homes – house plants. How many plants I have killed with neglect or over kindness?

Garden tip of the month: Want winter color in the house? Try forcing bulbs. What does forcing bulbs mean? Many varieties of bulbs need a chill factor to produce flowering because the flower has already formed from the previous year's growth. Go to web site www.bulb.com and click on "public" and then "pot and vase".

MONTEREY MASHERS 2010 SAVE THE DATES

MARCH 21 (Sunday), 22 (Monday), 23 (Tuesday)
BEST WESTERN INN, three nights - March 21, 22, 23 (Sun, Mon, Tues nights)

Golf at Rancho Canada Golf Course - Monday, March 22

Traditional hors d'oeuvres at the Inn - Monday evening, March 22

Golf at Laguna Seca Golf Course - Tuesday, March 23

Awards banquet at Laguna Seca - Tuesday evening, March 23

See the December issue of SIRCALL for details

Questions? Call Lew Thompson at 925 686 6880

Who, resisting or not, lets you do as you will,
With bathing and feeding the long day to fill?
Is that what you're thinking? Is that what you see?
Then open your eyes, nurse you're not looking at me.
I'll tell you who I am as I sit here so still.
As I do at your bidding as I eat at your will.
I'm a small child of ten with a father and mother,
Brothers and sisters who love one another.
A young boy of Sixteen with wings on his feet.

Poker Club #1 Frank McNamee



Poker Club #1 met on October 14th at the home of **Frank McNamee** and two old neighbors who lived two houses apart for twenty five years learned something about winning poker as **Ron Binder** and **Frank McNamee** led the way to the winners circle as the luckiest players. **Bob White** came in as a distant third. Our next meeting will be on November 11th at the **Dan O'Sullivan** residence.

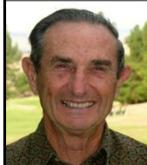
Poker Club #4 Chuck Bobinecz



Sir **Garth Cummings** is hosting our next poker session on October 26 now that he is out of Africa. Sir **Pete Gates** will be our host for November.

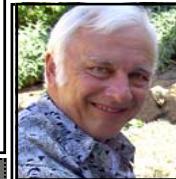
Last month in poker # 4 the word "limp in" was defined. Poker players have a jargon all their own such as "big slick", "burn", "draw dead", "fish", "kicker", "muck", "rake", "trips", and many more.

Poker Club #2 Al Zamolo



Al Zamolo hosted our Sept. meeting and as usual **Ken Kratz** continued his winning ways. Some lost a little and some won a little. No big events to report. **Bob Royster** will host our Oct. session.

Poker Club #3 Siegfried Kalteis



We have decided to shift our game to the fourth Monday of the month.

Some of the players want to participate in the couples golf which conflicted with our previous date. All our regulars were OK with the change. Our September game was a hard fought battle, no clear winners but therefore also no huge losers. But we had fun.

Area 2 Computers and Technology Group



PHIL GOFF, Chairman, 831-3692,
philgoff@yahoo.com

DICK CURRY, Asst. Chairman, 376-5541,
racorinda@pacbell.net

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 (just off South Main.)

Check out our website at <http://sir-web.org/computer>

Area 2 computer and technology group announces the following topics for their next meeting on Thursday, November 19th:

Making better pictures with your Point and Shoot (or other) camera

Derek Southern will explain how we can make better pictures with our 'simple' point and shoot digital cameras. It is said that education is the way to better pictures, rather than bigger and more expensive cameras, so how much better can we make our pictures (memories). We'll see how to avoid the 3 Big Bs (Boring, Blurry and Bad) in our pictures because with a few simple hints your pictures can improve a lot.

With the holiday season approaching we can make better pictures of our families and friends, and even our landscapes will be improved. There are times to turn your flash off, and other times you should turn it on, but the choices may be different than what you expect. Come with your questions and an open mind and improve your picture making abilities.

Phil Goff will give some hints about purchasing a net-book computer, and in the remaining time **Dick Curry** will give us the benefit of his knowledge and experience in a Q&A session.

SIR HAPPENINGS Newsletter

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



Pool sharks
Martin Lyle,
Jerry White (Branch 8)
and our leader
Bill Weinberg



Sunshine

Otto Wilson
Phone: 825-1943
E-mail: ottowilson@astound.net



Sir **Reginald Fromm** is recovering from a knee replacement.

Sir **Barney Meade** is home recovering from an operation. His recovery is slow but he is somewhat better.

It is sad to report that **Dorothy Satterthwaite**, wife of Sir **Chris** passed away. Memorial services are pending. **Chris** is not doing well and is being taken care of by his Son and Daughter-in-Law.

Fay Hungerford, wife of Sir **Dan** recently had a bad fall. She is home under doctor's care.

Sir Bob Schroder After a week Bob has been moved from intensive care to the next level because of good progress. Details are not available at this time.

Regrets to the family of Sir **Merrill Hinrichs** who passed away October 15th. Services are pending.

Luncheon Attendance Bob Lyman

SIR Luncheon is the 2nd Thursday of every month at The Clubhouse at Boundary Oak.



Please call me (925-825-6386) or email me, rlyman@aol.com, 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 and phone number. 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 \$25.00 made payable to SIR146 is requested for payment of your lunch on luncheon day. Thanks.

Regular members missing 3 consecutive meetings without notifying their attendance chairman, giving a valid reason, or attending less than 6 meetings in the last 12 months will result in a letter notifying them of pending membership termination. Certification of another branch meeting will be considered as credit to the attendance record.

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.

Luncheon Menu for November 12, 2009:

Cranberry Salad

Juicy Turkey and House-made Gravy

OR

Mahi Mahi and Chive Buerre Blanc

Butternut Squash, Smashed Potatoes, Roasted Root Vegetables

Pumpkin Pie

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 SIR 146. It is voluntary and please do not feel obligated, as a new member, to sit at this table.

Membership Dale Hertweck



Branch 146 Statistics:

Active Members 262 (including 7 HLMs),
Applicant List 1.

September Luncheon Attendance:

Members 152, Guests and Visitors 9, Speaker 1, for a total of 162.

Status Changes:

None

Inducted:

Richard Kincaide, Walter Schmidt , Steven Jacobs and Clifford Melikian

Resigned:

Bill Ennis, Badge # 117

Transferred:

none

SIR 146-YEAR TO DATE TREASURER'S REPORT As of SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

BEGINNING BANK BALANCE-1/1/09 \$2,296.31

ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIPTS 7,925.06

ADMINISTRATIVE DISBURSEMENTS 3,389.30

NET ADMINISTRATIVE \$4,535.76

ACTIVITIES RECEIPTS 60,941.18

ACTIVITIES DISBURSEMENTS 61,398.89

NET ACTIVITIES (\$457.71)

ENDING BANK BALANCE-9/30/09 \$6,374.36

Please pay for the monthly lunch with a \$25 CHECK.

Explore and Dine



John Pearl

In September, Explore and Dine traveled to Oakland to visit the Pardee House, built in 1868 by **Enoch Pardee**, and the former residence of his son **George Pardee** and his family. **George** was the governor of California during the aftermath of the 1906 San Francisco Earthquake, and apparently did a good job of managing the State's response. He was also instrumental in starting the East Bay Municipal Utility District, which includes Pardee Dam and Pardee Reservoir, and served as its president until 1941. **Mrs. Pardee** was an artist and a collector par excellence, and the house is chock-a-block with her many collections that range from glassware to a whole room full of candlesticks.

Our guide was a member of the extended Pardee family, and spent time during his youth in the house. The house was added on to several times, and the two remaining sisters who were his daughters arranged for a trust to take over the property after they died. The house is well maintained and made for a great tour. We wandered down to Max's near the 12th Street BART station for lunch.

On October 29th, we will visit the Chabot Space and Science Center in Oakland. There will be no Explore and Dine during November and December.

Bocce Ball Martin Lyle

2nd and 4th Mondays at 9am, April through November, at Concord Bocce Courts in Newhall Park, Concord, near the corner of Turtle Creek and Ayers Roads.



The weather has moderated somewhat, so it is not so warm. Bocce is a good activity to start your week, so why not come out for some fun. No reservations needed.

Martin Lyle 925-687-4893

mvlyle@yahoo.com



Sir Honoree **Bob Wheaton** is receiving a certificate from Area Governor **Dean Steichen**. He turned 90 October 11th. **Bob** is in his 26th year as a Sir. He joined after retiring from a 36 year career with Dow Chemical primarily in Ion Exchange Chemical Research. Congratulations **Bob**!

MEMBER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION JACK CALLOWAY

I am sure that you are familiar with the phrase, "A few good men". So far this year we are down six members. We need your help in bringing guests to the luncheons so that they can see what we are all about and hopefully join our branch.

Thanks to all of you who filled out the member survey at the September luncheon. We are now analyzing the information so that a report can be prepared for the Branch Executive Committee. If anyone else is interested in completing a survey, please contact me.

Dreaming that soon now a lover he'll meet.
A groom soon at Twenty my heart gives a leap.
Remembering, the vows that I promised to keep.
At Twenty-Five, now I have young of my own.
Who need me to guide and a secure happy home.
A man of Thirty, my young now grown fast,
Bound to each other with ties that should last.
At Forty, my young sons have grown and are gone,
But my woman's beside me to see I don't mourn.
At Fifty, once more, babies play 'round my knee,
Again, we know children, my loved one and me.

Travel Opportunities

Bob Spellman



Dec 9, 2009 Beach Blanket Babylon. A musical comedy performance with new ideas and costumes that will keep you laughing and applauding for more! Cost includes dinner with wine at Firenze by Night restaurant located around the corner from Club Fugazi, round trip deluxe motor coach, entrance to performance and all tips and gratuities. Cost \$132.00 per person. Contact **Bob Hagler** Branch #8 934-7620.

Feb 10, 2010 The Four Aces at the Robert and Margrit Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts, UC Davis. The Four Aces have been internationally acclaimed as a group who has not only produced some of the most beautiful vocal renderings ever, but for being superb showmen as well. Cost \$76.00 per person which includes Motor coach transportation and performance ticket.
Contact **Ken Richter** 689-6217

Mar 10-17, 2010 Cruise the Caribbean. Experience a 7 night cruise aboard the luxurious MS Silver Cloud, of Silversea Cruises. Along the way visit an exciting array of ports. Bridgetown, Barbados, Castries, St.Lucia, St George's, Grenada, Kingstown, St Vincent & the Grenadines, St. John's Antigua, Spanish Town, Virgin Gorda and San Juan Puerto, Rico. Cost is \$2970 for Vista Suite normally \$6595 and \$3570 for Veranda Suite normally \$8195. This price is all inclusive; meals, drinks, gratuities, complimentary in-suite dining, port taxes and fees, baggage handling, and round trip to and from airport. Contact **Bob Spellman** 934-8428. Note: We encourage you to sign up as soon as possible as available space is filling up fast.

Jun 10-20, 2010 Oberammergau & The Rhine River Valley. The Passion Play at Oberammergau in Munich PLUS an 8 day cruise of 4 countries from Basal to Amsterdam aboard the MV Viking Sun. Included features are: round trip air, tickets to the Passion Play and overnight accommodations in Munich. The Rhine Cruise includes: all meals, cocktail reception, six guided tours, all transfers and driver tips. Cost \$4,925 to \$5855 Contact **Bob Hagler** 934-7620

The quarterly State *SIR HAPPENINGS* web site at <http://www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings/> offers additional SIR travel options.

ROMEO

(Retired Old Men Eating Out)

Malcolm Hendry



The Romeo group meets on the third Thursday of the month at 6:30PM at select restaurants in the East Bay. We experience delightful dining while getting to better know our fellow Sirs and their guests, in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

On November 19, we will be dining at "Salvatore Ristorante" in downtown Walnut Creek. Here is authentic Sicilian and Northern Italian specialties with the scent of fresh cut herbs, seafood just pulled from the ocean and sauces prepared with classic ingredients that reveal the essential energy of this restaurant's cuisine. Rated 4 1/2 stars on yelp.com, there is free parking at the First Republic Bank at the corner of Broadway and Civic Drive.

Location: 1627 North Broadway, Walnut Creek

Web Site: www.salvatoreristorante.com

Phone: 925-932-2828

Please let me know by Tuesday, November 17th, that you will join us.

Your suggestions are welcome for future restaurants to visit.



Cliff Melikian introduced by Tom Morgan

Dark days are upon me, my wife is now dead.

I look at the future shudder with dread.

For my young are all rearing young of their own.

And I think of the years and the love that I've known.

I'm now an old man. and nature is cruel.

'Tis jest to make old age look like a fool.

The body, it crumbles, grace and vigor depart.

There is now a stone where I once had a heart.

But inside this old carcass a young guy still dwells,

And now and again my battered heart swells.

I remember the joys, I remember the pain.

Away Golf Jim Baldridge

The results of the Away Golf event that **Bob Mehus** arranged at Roddy Ranch in Antioch on September 24 are in. Long hitting **Dennis Hallett** took 1st place with a net 64 and **Bill Cammerer** came in 2nd with a net 68.

Larry Sheerin won closest to the pin.

Ray Kan arranged the October event at Blue Rock Springs Vallejo to be played on Thursday 10/15. We will report the results of that tournament in the December SIR Call.

Coming up next **Dave Steinberg** and **Ron Plachy** will represent our branch on November 3rd at the SIR State Individual Golf Championship at Poppy Hills Monterey. That event will include players from SIR branches all over northern California. We will report the results in the December SIR Call. Remember that the Poppy Hills event includes a day of open play for those golfers who are not in the State Tournament but just want to play a round at Poppy Hills. Contact

Dick Richmond or **Ron Plachy** for details.

Due to a crowded calendar, holidays and travel we have not scheduled branch away events in November and December. As alternatives consider Tuesday Golf (**Tom Gorman**), our Nine Hole Group (**Jim Hanck**), the Couples Golf Group (**Ray Weisz**) or the following Mexico trip... The last State SIR event this year is in Nueva Vallarta Mexico Nov 11 through Nov 18. This is a seven night all inclusive package at the Paradise Village Beach Resort. The event will be played over three days at the El Tigre Golf Course. Prices start at \$1640 per person for a non-golfer, up to \$2180 per person double occupancy. Entry forms and details are at sirstategolf.com. Questions: **Jim Baldridge** 925-689-9232.



Tuesday Golf Ray Weisz



September 15: First Flight: First Place **Ed Malboeuf 71**, Second Place **Jack Calloway 71**, Third Place **David Steinberg 72**. Second Flight: First Place **Ken Richter 69**, Second Place **Dan O'Sullivan 70**, Third Place **Joe Barry 71**. Third Flight: First Place **Sal Costanza 67**, Second Place **Doug Cook 70**, Third Place **Ray Weisz 71**. Closest to the pin **Frank Rockwell # 2** **Chuck Schreiber # 12**.

September 22: First Flight: First Place **Jack Calloway 73**, Second Place **Lew Thompson 74**, Third Place **Bob White 75**. Second Flight: First Place **Bob Yolland 70**, Second Place **Joe Suta 74**, Third place **Dan O'Sullivan 75**. Third Flight: First Place **Doug Cook 61**, Second Place **Dick Richmond 63**, Third Place **Ray Weisz 67**. Closest to the pin **Doug Cook # 2** **Ray Spears # 12**.

September 29: First Flight: First Place **Russ Bliese 69**, Second Place **Ed Malboeuf 71**, **Ron Binder 71**. Second Flight: First Place **Joe Suta 67**, Second Place **Jeff Baily 70**, Third Place **Bill Cammerer 71**. Third Flight: First Place **Doug Cook 66**, Second Place **Al Zamolo 70**, Third Place **Sal Costanza 70**. Closest to the pin **Ray Spears # 2** **Russ Bliese #12**.

October 6: We played the Calippee Reserve Golf Course in Pleasanton. The format was Four Man Team 2 Best Ball. We had 39 players with everyone having a good time. I did hear some discussions that the course was hard. We paid four team places to the following winners.

First Place Team **David Steinberg, Jeff Baily, Dennis Hallett, and Cal Tucker** each receiving \$18.00.

Second Place **Ed Malboeuf, Bob Mehus, John Demos, and Don Del Bene** each receiving \$12.00.

Third Place **Jim Burk, Bill Cammerer, Ken Richter, and Don Nunn** each receiving \$8.00.

Fourth Place **Ron Binder, Joe Hims, and Ray Kan** each receiving \$6.00.

Closest to the pin # 6 **Joe Hims** \$5.00 and #13 **Dennis Hallett** \$5.00.

Don't forget that your 2010 dues should be received by December 1, 2009.

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.

Cooking

Dave Johnson

1st Monday at various members' homes.



The September meeting of The Group was our annual wine bottling party, held at the home of **Bob** and **Jo Spellman**. There was less spillage than usual and no food fight, this year. **Bob** and **Jo** did a tremendous job of pampering us with hors d'oeuvres, sautéed mushrooms, a luscious potato-cheese casserole, green salad, 3-bean salad, a nicely grilled flank steak, and a chocolate-mint ice cream pie. The entire event was a roaring success—even for those who were somewhat anesthetized.

In October, the "Executive Committee" met at **Charlie's**. Other members were either out of town or couldn't make bail. **Charlie** dazzled us with an excellent green salad, a mild side-dish of warm pasta and cheese, and his special pot roast with carrots. Dessert was a delicious cheesecake, which **Charlie** claimed to have made "from scratch."

Next meeting will be our November Date Night, at Zio Fraedo's, when we'll all try to act Italian, for the evening.

Fishing

Paul Dubow

4th Thursday at 8:30 am. at Diablo Creek
Golf Course
(Legends Grill). North Port Chicago Hwy



Eight members of the Area 2 SIR Fishing Club, including **Tom Boltz** and **Paul Dubow** of Branch 146, journeyed to Lake Davis and had a grand time, catching over 200 trout in two days, with the largest one at 21 inches. All but a few were released. **Harry Sherinian** had a similar adventure. He fished at Rock Creek Lake, a private lake, and caught a substantial number of large trout fly fishing from a float tube. Then he took his grandchildren to **Joe Miscione's** fishing hole on the banks of the Sacramento River and helped them catch and release small stripers until they were worn out. **Harry** did not even try to fish because he was so busy with the grandkids and he recommends this fun pursuit to every grandfather. **Joe** was not displeased about **Harry's** commanding of his favorite fishing spot because he had a good time fishing out of Pillar Point with his son **Keith** and **Roger Miller**, **Roger Borgerson**, **Carl Moyer**, and **Carl's** daughter **Leah**. Everyone came home with lots of rockfish and ling cod, but **Keith** also came home with a large grin, as he landed a ling cod that weighed in excess of twenty pounds. On several other trips to the ocean, **Carl Moyer** caught nice limits of rockfish and ling cod, but **Terry Miller** didn't believe him because when he went out with **Carl**, the catch was substantially diminished. In fact, not all of us fared as well as the aforementioned fishing athletes. On a trip to the normally productive Montezuma Slough, **Carl Moyer**, **Harry Sherinian**, **Terry Miller**, **Tom Boltz**, **Bob Olson**, and **Karl Droeze** managed to hide from the perpetual wind for awhile, but only one decent stripers was caught, landed by Grandpa **Harry**. **Joe Peterson** and **Craig Walton** fished the Sacramento but were also bested by the wind and **Carl Moyer**, **Terry Miller**, and **Joe Peterson** had the same result on three other Delta ventures. But the camaraderie was great. And, finally, **Carl Moyer** and **Paul Dubow** decided to do some halibut fishing in the bay, but they wound up in different parking lots. Since **Carl** had the boat, he fished and **Paul** went home. **Carl** did hook two halibut, but could not land them and he retreated homeward after the wind came up in mid morning.

We will be very busy this winter with delta fishing for striped bass and sturgeon, trout fishing in our local lakes, and party boat trips for sturgeon, stripers, and crab/rockfish combos. Those who rarely or never have fished are invited. If you haven't been fishing for awhile, but might like to test drive an adventure, come on down to our next meeting. It will be on Thursday, November 19, at the Legend Sports Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek Golf Course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. The meeting starts at 8:30 am, but come earlier for breakfast. Our guest speaker will be **Bill Adelman**, who will be sharing his Delta experiences. For further information, call **Paul Dubow** at 415-495-6504.



Walter Schmidt introduced by James Meehan

And I'm loving and living life over again.
I think of the years, all too few gone too fast.
And accept the stark fact that nothing can last.
So open your eyes, people, open and see.
Not a crabby old man. Look closer . . . it's me.

Remember this poem when you next meet an older person who you might brush aside without looking at the young soul within.

We will all, one day, be there, too!

Thanks Bill Hoban....ed

FALL CANDY SALES

It is time to order your See's candy for the holiday season. The price is \$12.50 for a one pound box certificate. You can pick any type of candy you like. Soft centers, nuts and chewies etc. There is no limit to the amount you can order. Make your check payable to "Sir Branch 146" and send it to **Mitch Mitchell**, 5350 Lightwood Drive, Concord, CA 94521.

Please include a stamped self addressed #10 envelope (this is the long envelope).

The deadline for me to receive your order is Nov. 14, 2009. Your certificates will be mailed to you shortly thereafter.

Name _____

Address _____

City and Zip _____

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



New member, Steve Jacobs is introduced by Bill Holly

Two guys were roaring down a country road on a motorcycle when the driver slowed up and pulled over. His leather jacket had a broken zipper, and he told his friend, "I can't drive anymore with the air hitting me in the chest like that." "Just put the jacket on backwards," his friend advised. They continued down the road, but around the next bend, they lost control and wiped out. **Ron** came upon the accident and then ran to call the police. They asked him, "Are they showing any signs of life?" "Well," **Ron** explained, "the driver was until I turned his head around the right way!"



Walkers John Lewis



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

Planned By **Tom Morgan**

Nov. 6th Canal Trail West from Heather Farms Park
Meet: At Lafayette Community Center
Walk: Follow St. Mary's Rd toward Walnut Creek
Paved, Level, Some shade
Coffee: Deli Delight Kaiser Shadelands

Nov. 13th Lafayette Trail St. Mary's Dr Lafayette
Meet: At Lafayette Community Center
Walk: Follow St. Mary's Rd toward Walnut Creek
Paved, Level, Some Shade
Coffee: Terzetto Cuisine Moraga

Nov. 20th San Miguel Park East Ygnacio & San Carlos
Meet: Ygnacio Plaza by Sweet Affair
Coffee: Sweet Affair Ygnacio Plaza

Nov. 27th No Walk

MEMBER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION **JACK CALLOWAY**

SURVEY Thanks to the 120 members who completed the Member Survey. A high level of satisfaction was expressed with fellowship at the luncheons and our numerous activities mentioned most often. There were a number of good suggestions for new activities, speaker topics, recruitment and ways to improve the branch. This information has been given to the Branch Executive Committee for their guidance and future action. Remember to "Be a friend-bring a friend" to our next luncheon so they can see our great branch and join in the fun.

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SIR 146 Pool group - Left to right, **Hugh Ferguson, Joe Fuchs, John Pearl, Don Tubb, Otto Wilson, Leon Schultz, Ron DeGolia, Sig Kalteis, Branch 8 guest, Martin Lyle, Bill Weinberg.**