

## Big Sir's Notes

Jim Burk

At our luncheon meeting on November 8 we will be honoring our members who have served their country in one of the branches of the armed services.

**Charles Koeber**, our new Veteran's chair has been working with long-time chair **Lynn Freeman** to present an appropriate tribute. Little Sir **Terry Marchione** has secured a speaker who has served in Iraq and Afghanistan and this promises to be both informational and educational.

In addition, we have another Senior Sir award to present as well as several 20 year Service awards. Of further significance on the recognition front, we will be paying tribute to our past Big Sirs and thanking them for their leadership and personal investment in our branch. Finally, we will be inducting our new leadership team of officers for 2013.

Also, looking forward, **Terry Marchione** and his negotiating team have reached agreement with CourseCo for the continued use of The Clubhouse at Boundary Oak for our monthly luncheons in 2013. I have received positive feedback from several of our members regarding the quality and presentation of the food over the past couple of months as a result of the new senior chef at Boundary Oak, Arturo Ponce. We will continue to work with the food & beverage manager to have that be a continuing trend.

**Ben Gleason**, chair of Member Relations, has completed his summarization of the recent survey of Branch Satisfaction and has presented the results to the Branch Executive Committee (BEC). Those results will be sent out to the general membership via e-mail shortly. He is also putting together a small sub-committee at my request to review the results and come back to the BEC with their



recommendations regarding appropriate actions to be taken in response to the suggestions we received.

Please continue to think about prospects for membership in our branch and invite them to our luncheon on November 8. Remember to inform **Bob Mehus**, Attendance Luncheon chair, if you will be bringing a guest that day.

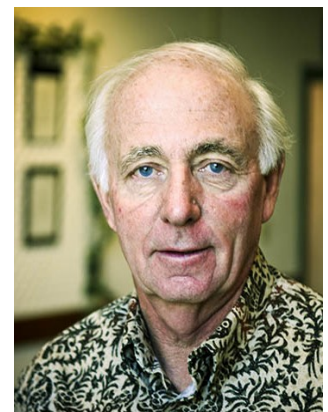
## November Luncheon Speaker

Lt Col Eric Boettcher  
on our troops'  
performances in Iraq

## Little Sir's Corner

Terry Marchione

Civil Affairs Officer  
Lieutenant Colonel Boettcher recently returned from Mosul, Iraq with his second Bronze Star Medal. As the Chief of Operations for the Mosul Reconstruction Operations Center, Lieutenant Colonel Boettcher assisted the local Mosul government with its rebuilding efforts and provided humanitarian assistance to the Iraqi populace. He has completed five active duty tours (twice to Iraq) while supporting the Global War on Terror. Lieutenant Colonel Boettcher's purpose in founding Patriot Presentations is to let anyone who is interested know some of the truly outstanding performances our nation's service members have executed while deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.





## Luncheon Attendance

Bob Mehus

SIR Luncheon is the 2nd Thursday of every month at "The Clubhouse" Restaurant at Boundary Oak Golf Club. The price of our luncheons is \$24 with

a no-host bar.

If, for any reason, you are unable to attend, please email [nolunchbranch146@gmail.com](mailto:nolunchbranch146@gmail.com) or, if you don't have a computer, call **Bob Mehus** at 510-549-2221 by Friday noon prior to the luncheon. If no one answers, leave your name, badge number, phone number and a short message. Please be sure you email or call prior to Friday noon. The noon deadline has to be rigidly enforced as that's the limit that the restaurant puts on us. Members failing to give this notice may be asked to reimburse the branch for the full payment.

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. A member who misses three (3) consecutive meetings without notifying the attendance chairman, giving a valid reason, or attends less than five (5) meetings/luncheons within the last twelve (12) months, excluding May and December (ladies day luncheons), may be notified in writing of the pending termination of his membership.

Sir bringing a Guest:

Please call by Friday noon prior to the luncheon leaving your name, badge number and your guest's name. 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, so please do not feel obligated as a new member to sit at this table.



## Membership

Steve Sprague

### Branch 146 Statistics:

As of our Executive Committee meeting on October 11th, we have 268 active members including seven Honorary Life Members. This is a decrease of three from our September membership total.

Our Applicant List: One.

Our Inactive Members: 14

### October Luncheon Attendance:

Members: 193

Guests: 1, Speakers: 1.

Total attendance: 195

### Inducted:

We have no new members this month.

### Resigned:

**Chuck Sesata**

### Deceased:

**George Bjornsen**

**Ron Gerke**

### Changes to the Inactive Roster:

Our inactive roster remains unchanged at 14 members.



## Couples Party Bridge

Dave Pierce

**Dick and Christy DeVoe** hosted three tables of Couples Party Bridge on Oct. 2. **Doug and Patti Eisner** showed no mercy in their quest for 1st place with 4170 points. **John and Linda Boyan's** 2430 points gathered up 2nd place. **Terry and Sharon Marchione** slipped into

3rd with 1910 points. The rest of the group maintained that they played brilliantly with the poor cards they were dealt. Awwwww...

## 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 for a gala evening of duplicate bridge on October 17th. The group thanked **Daphne Merritt** for subbing for **Vince Rettew** as **Margot Somerville's** partner. The group also thanked **George Zurich** and **Anne Johnson** for scoring. **Carl and Anne Johnson** took first place with 47 points with a winning margin of 11 points. **Lynn and Dasha Freeman** came in second with 36 points, **Bill and Margaret Rees** took third with 32 points, and **Lo and Sue McCarley** with 30 came in fourth place. **George Zurich** and **Susi Cherry** will host the next bridge on November 14<sup>th</sup> on the second Thursday. The third Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, is too close to Thanksgiving.

## Couples Duplicate Bridge

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Jim Adams

The Couples Duplicate Bridge 2 Group was hosted by **Dick and Christy DeVoe** Oct. 9, the night of the "must-win" for the Giants and A's. The hosts won by a walk-off 3.5 points, which in this group elicits comments like "It must have been a setup!" Of course, rejoinders quickly follow, like "Show me a good loser and I'll show you a loser". The other five couples were bunched within 2.5 points of one another. **Lynn and Dasha Freeman**, no strangers to the top three, slid into 2nd. **Dave and Joan Pierce** stole 3rd. Everyone was a winner that evening, since the Giants and A's also won!



## Party Bridge

Fred Bolton

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



We played three table of bridge at the home of **Bob Burley** on Oct. 1. First place went to **Carl Johnson** with 4890 points, second to **Jim Stedman** with 4560 and third to **Bob Burley** with 4180. Our next game will be on Nov.5, location to be announced.



Photo by Ken Kratz

**Sandy and Bill Hansen** dancing as the band plays a popular Glen Miller waltz.

### SIR 2013 Luncheons

Incoming Big Sir **Terry Marchione** and the BEC are pleased to announce that a new contract with Courseco for the 2013 luncheons has been negotiated. The result is a \$1 increase to \$25 for the lunch. The pricing for beverages will remain at \$4 for house wine, \$3 for domestic beer, \$4 for imported beer and \$1.50 for soft drinks.

The \$25 for the lunch is comprised of the following:

\$19.24 for the plated lunch

\$3.85 service charge

\$1.91 tax

Thus the food portion of the \$25 has increased only \$0.60 over the previous amount.

Your negotiating committee consisted of **Terry Marchione, Jim Burk** and **Doug Eisner**. Also a special thanks to **Bill Holly** for his research.

If you have questions regarding the new agreement you are invited to attend the November 8 meeting of the BEC. The meeting starts at 9:00 am.





## GOLF

Ray Weisz

Golf is one of our most popular activities with over 100 registered golfers. We are fortunate to have a large assortment of venues and formats:

We play Tuesdays at Boundary Oak. Players are randomly paired and starting tee times are posted on our web site, [www.sir146.com](http://www.sir146.com). In addition to regular stroke play, we have many Tuesday tournaments specifically set up for our players. There is a 9-holes group that plays at Diablo Hills. They play every Thursday except the second Thursday of the month, which is the luncheon date.

For those with golf playing partners, there is Couples Golf offered on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month, April through October.

Like playing other courses? On the first Thursday of each month (From May through October) we offer Away Golf.

Do you enjoy competing against other SIR players from different branches? We have several different formats throughout the year.

Since we have so much going on, we have found it necessary to publish a weekly Golf email (GEM) outlining upcoming events and results from past events. All of our golfers should be receiving GEMS. If you'd like to be added to the distribution list (non-golfers are welcome too), please let us know by emailing your request to [sir146golf@gmail.com](mailto:sir146golf@gmail.com)



Photo by Jeff Bailly

Little Sir-elect **Doug Eisner** and Sir **Fred Kovar** enjoying a glass of wine at the recent luncheon.



Photo by Ken Kratz

Golfers **Bill Cammerer, Don Del Bene, Jim Burk** and **Ron Binder** celebrate their victories in the September 25th Branch 146 Match Play Championship by Flights.

## Member Relations

Ben Gleason

We hope and expect that SIR Branch 146 is meeting or exceeding your expectations for social activities, recreation and friendship and that the facilities and operation of the branch are efficient and user-friendly.

We encourage your suggestions, criticism and requests. Also, let us know if there is something that you especially like that we could do more of. Please contact me with any of the above.

Email- [bgleason@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bgleason@sbcglobal.net)

Cell phone - 925 330-0680



## Book Corner

Ken Richter

Winter is just around the corner and there will be more time for reading. The Book Corner will be open for the last time this year at the November SIR luncheon. New books are always welcome.

Help is needed. If you can store a box or two of books for the November luncheon please let me

know at [KERichter@astound.net](mailto:KERichter@astound.net). I will be out of town.





## THE CLUBHOUSE

AT BOUNDARY OAK

### SIRS 146 Luncheon

November 7, 2012

#### Salad

Golden Beet Salad

Citrus Segments and Dijon Vinaigrette

#### Entrees

Chicken Piccata

Yukon Gold Mashed Potatoes, Sautéed Spinach and White Wine, Caper Sauce

Or

Pan Seared Halibut

Rice Pilaf & Seasonal Vegetables

Citrus White Wine Butter Sauce and Blood Orange Compote

#### Dessert

Red Wine Poached Pear

Vanilla Crème Anglaise



Photo by Jeff Baily

Sirs **Jack Hockel** and **Kirby Narcisse** working on their laptops at the recent SIR MUG meeting at the Ygnacio Valley Library. Notice **Jack's** iPhone. All things Apple are eligible for discussion at the free wheeling meetings.

*Why do Americans choose from just two people to run for president and 50 for Miss America?*

*I asked God for a bike, but I know God doesn't work that way. So I stole a bike and asked for forgiveness.*

#### **Cooking II**

Bob Yolland

Sir **Bill Roberts** hosted luncheon for the Cooking 2 group on Monday the 8th of October.

We started with 6 kinds of sliced cheeses and various crackers and chips.

The main courses were orzo veggie pasta and grilled pork tenderloin with bourbon peach barbecue sauce outstandingly prepared by our gracious host.

Sir **Bruce Borgman** joined our group for the first time and we also invited Sir **Ron Pascoe** to sit in on our party time. Various wines were tasted and sampled to accompany our feast.

The next luncheon will be our wine bottling at Sir **Bob Yolland's** home on Monday November 12.





Photo by Ken Kratz



**Ron and Anne Plachy** relaxing between dances.



## Walkers

John Lewis



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

November Walks planned by  
Pablo Chavez

November 2: Iron Horse Trail

Meet: Alamo Plaza near Old Yellow Wood  
parking

Walk: Iron Horse Trail south paved level some  
shade

Coffee: Yellow Wood Alamo Square Plaza

November 9: Heather Farm

Meet: Walden Park, Walnut Creek

Walk: East along Contra Costa Canal. Paved level  
some shade

Coffee: Panera [Bread] Countrywood Shopping  
Center

November 16: Alamo Life Church, Danville Blvd.  
Alamo

Meet: South on 680 Right on Livorna Rd. Right  
on Danville Blvd. Left at church access across  
from Sunnybrook Rd.

Walk: South on Ironhorse Trail

Coffee: La Scala, Civic and Locust, Walnut Creek

November 23: Cardinet Trail Clayton Rd.

Meet: Clayton Library

Walk: Northwest from parking on first bridge  
along trail by golf course. Not paved Not level  
Some shade.

Coffee: Deli Delight Shadelands office parking.

November 30: Arbolado Park

Meet: At Arolado Park parking.

Walk: Trail towards Boundary Oak Golf Course

Coffee: Panera Bread, Countrywood Shopping  
Center.



Photo by Lo McCarley

Sir **Ralph Fowler** leads the walking group on a  
chilly Friday morning in October.



## Wine Tasting

Bill Holly

Spouses and significant  
others are always invited to  
attend. Thirty-one people  
attended the October SIR  
wine tasting at the home of  
**Garth and Shirley  
Cummings. Pete Gates**

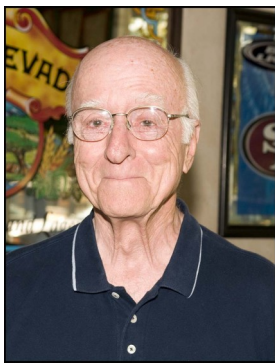
won the prize for guessing six out of the eight  
white wine varietals tasted, which was a new  
record. **Lo McCarley** and **Al Munayer** each  
guessed three out of the seven red wine  
varietals. The appetizers, the wine, and the  
pleasant weather made this another successful  
event. Mark your calendar for the next SIR wine  
tasting on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013.

*Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit;  
Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.*



Photo by Ken Kratz

Sir **Chuck Bobinecz** ready for some fine dining at the October Branch 146 luncheon.



## Bocce Ball

Martin Lyle

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

It's November and that means its time for bocce ball players to start hibernation until we have our next meet in spring. We had a good year & look forward to new players joining us. Watch this space for our schedule.

*The last thing I want to do is hurt you.  
But it's still on the list.*

Photo by Ken Kratz



Dinner-dance chair **Vince and Bonnie Rettew** with friends **Rita and Dick Kincaide**.



## Fishing Report

Paul Dubow

The salmon season has reluctantly come to an end, but we finished it with a bang. **Pete Gates** and **Paul Dubow** of Branch 146 journeyed to the Feather River near Oroville along with **Jack Waddell**, **Barry Rauchle**, **Karl Droese**, and **Carl Moyer** to close out the river fishing. Their boat entered the water at 6:10 am and at 10:10, they had to depart because they had caught their limit. The fish ran from 15 to 28 lbs and, although the fish were darker on the outside, the meat was still firm and proved to be tasty. Meanwhile, on the ocean, **Carl Moyer** landed a 26 lb salmon while fishing with **Glen Renk** and **Paul Corbitt**. On other fronts, **Joe Miscione** and his son **Keith** caught some nice stripers on trips to Montezuma Slough near Suisun City. However, a 12 person outing to Montezuma had to be aborted because heavy winds made both fishing and boating dreadful. We were forced to retreat to a local restaurant to enjoy a hearty breakfast. The ocean winds were kinder and **John O'Brien**, **Terry Miller**, and **Carl Moyer** limited out on rock cod and ling cod. **Terry** and **Carl** also caught some small sturgeon on Suisun Bay near Pittsburg.

We will be very busy this fall with delta fishing for bass, catfish, and sturgeon and we are looking forward to the reopening of the local lakes, such as San Pablo and Shadow Cliffs, to resume trout fishing.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, November 15, at the Legend Sports Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek Golf Course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. The meeting starts at 8:30am but come earlier for breakfast. For further information, contact **Pete Gates**, our Big Fish (925-937-2035), secretary treasurer **Tom Boltz** (925-825-5695) or branch fishing chair **Paul Dubow** (415-495-6504).

*When tempted to fight fire with fire, remember that the Fire Department usually uses water.*



Photo by Bob Spellman



## Travel Opportunities

Bob Spellman



**Dec 5, 2012: Christmas Show Extravaganza.** This extravaganza features Joni Morris and the After Midnight Band. Joni will

delight you with songs of the season that will put you in the holiday mood. This holiday performance would even make the "Grinch" smile. Come and enjoy a delicious luncheon and a fabulous show. Price is \$97 and includes round trip transportation, Christmas show and hosted lunch. Contact **Ken Richter**, 689-6217.

**Apr 14-22, 2013: Tulip Time Cruise.** Discover the beauty & history of the Dutch and Belgium waterways in springtime. Cruise ports include, Amsterdam, Arnhem, Antwerp, Bruges, Middelburg, and Rotterdam. Prices range from \$3225 to \$5080 and include airfare, complimentary beverages, many guided tours, tips and gratuities.

Contact **Jim Lunn** Br 8, 551-3329 for more information.

**Jun 1-9, 2013: Memphis Blues to the New Orleans Jazz on the American Queen.** A 7 night cruise on board the American Queen down the Mississippi with a pre-cruise stay in Memphis and an optional 2 day post trip in New Orleans. Cruise features RT motor coach to airport, RT airfare, all meals including wine and beer with dinner, daily lectures, nightly entertainment, shore tours, port charges, transfers, and baggage handling.

Prices start at \$3658 to \$6486 depending on accommodations.

Contact **Bob Spellman**, 934-8428.

**Aug 28-Sep 7, 2013: SIR 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Alaska Golden Age Cruise.** Save the date for a celebration! We will leave out of San Francisco and visit the ports of Juneau, Skagway, Tracy Arm Fjord, Ketchikan, Victoria and return to San Francisco on the Grand Princess. The cost of the cruise is from \$1579 to \$3300 depending on accommodations and includes: Gratuities on the ship, ship board credit, cocktail party, hospitality suite, transportation by motor coach to and from the pier, wine, gifts and an Alaska Salmon bake excursion.

Contact **Bob Spellman**, 934-8428.

## Mac User Group (MUG)



Jeff Bailly



Max Burchett



Verner Laursen

At our October 8th meeting we talked about iCloud and a free piece of software that you can download from the App Store. The program is called Found and it will install on your tool bar. When you open this program you can search for a file on your hard drive and it will allow you to open the file from the program. It also shows you where the file resides.

Great for finding that file you need and can't remember where you saved it.



Photo by Jeff Bailly

New Sir **Dennis Kaump** and BEC member **Chuck Campbell** meet and converse at the October luncheon.



## New Luncheon Activity

Dave Obara

"Old time sing-a-long" at the piano during the social hour at the November luncheon.

**Dave** has the music sheets. You're invited to join in.



Vern	Bendsen
John	Boyan
Cliff	Perkins
Don	Rhoads
Jim	Saavedra
Al	Altmann
Sig	Kalteis
Dan	Schlatter
Frank	Lucas
Ed	Chase
Ed	Walker
Hugh	Ferguson
Ralph	Fowler
Jim	Brown
Dan	Holland
Pete	McNeill
Bob	Madge
Ron	Louis
John	Demos
Lew	Thompson
John	Aaro
Denny	O'Loughin
Rollie	Nordeen

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## 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 branches.

Hotshot pilot appears to take it under the Golden Gate Bridge, viewed during the SIR outing last month.



Photo by Bob Spellman

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## 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 in the East Bay recommended by you, as well as those favorably reviewed in the media. Come join us and experience dining in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere with your fellow Sirs and other male guests.

### "Incontro Ristorante"

This Italian restaurant is located in the heart of Danville and prides itself on diverse cuisines from all of the regions of Italy and their desire for authenticity in the menu selections.

They have done a great job of presenting the Italian motif with a portal that transports you to a time and place that captures the best of Italian dining. A full bar with a large selection of fine wines are featured, and separate checks for your convenience.

Location: 455 Hartz Ave., Danville

Web Site: [www.incontrodanville.com](http://www.incontrodanville.com)

Phone: 925-820-2349

Please let me know by Tuesday, November 13, that you will attend. Your recommendations for restaurants are welcomed. Mal.



## Duplicate Bridge

Doug Eisner

Our match is held each month on the Monday after the SIR luncheon at various homes. We played 4 tables of duplicate bridge at **Bob Donahue's** home on Oct 15. As usual, it was a hard fought game but **Carl Johnson** really brought his "A" game and his 43.5 pts. nearly lapped the field for first place. The second place score of 39.0 pts. was well behind the winning score and was remarkable only because it resulted in a rare three-way between **Fred Bolton**, **Jim Todhunter**, and **Doug Eisner**. Our next game will be held at **Fred Kovar's** house on Nov 19.



## Area 2 Computers and Technology Group

**Phil Goff and Derek  
Southern** Co-chairs



Derek Southern

The Area 2 Computer and Technology Group invites all Sirs and their guests to our next meeting at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge on Thursday, November 15th at 9am.

**Phil Goff** will show you how to store and share pictures, videos, data files, etc in the Cloud for free. Most of us have more than one computer type device (desktop, laptop, tablet, smartphone, etc.) and we want to be able to access our most important files from all of our devices. Also, we want to share many of the pictures, etc with our family members. This is most easily accomplished by using the Cloud.

Cloud storage and retrieval has become easier than ever and Phil will show you how it works. Best of all, he will show you how to get a lot of space for free. The top services are Picasa Web, Dropbox, Google Drive, Skydrive and Amazon Cloud. If you aren't using one or more of these services, you are missing one of the most powerful features of the internet.

Also, since we are approaching the Christmas season, **Phil** will do an overview of the most popular electronic gadgets on the market. Each year there are more electronic devices sold as Christmas presents than the year before, and this year will likely follow that trend. It promises to be a fun review and discussion.

Time permitting, **Dick Curry** will then lead a Q&A discussion to address current computer issues that you identify. So please bring your questions and 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.

## Sunshine

**Walt Busenius**  
945-0715

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



Please keep the following Sirs in your thoughts and prayers as we hope for continual healing and recovery to good health:

**Dan O'Sullivan**  
**Darrel Parcher**  
**Bill Knapp**  
**Ron Pascoe**  
**Steve Snow**  
**Howard Nemir**  
**Bill Hartman**  
**Rod Sharretts**  
**Charlie Kiser**  
**Jim Helmick**  
**Bob Van Luchene**  
**Jim Locker**

Please try to contact a sick Sir to offer support and encouragement during his illness. A friendly call is always welcomed. If you are aware of a sick Sir, please let me know by phone or e-mail, as shown above, so that the Sir membership can be advised.

## Poker Club 4

**Chuck Bobinecz**

The 60<sup>th</sup> session of poker group #4 will meet on November 26th at the home of Sir **Frank Rockwell**. As usual, we meet on the fourth Friday of the month unless announced otherwise. Our host for October, Sir **Rich Hanford**, was a good host and I think the only winner.

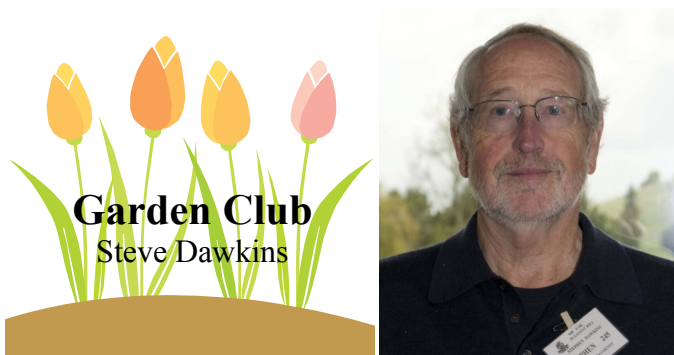




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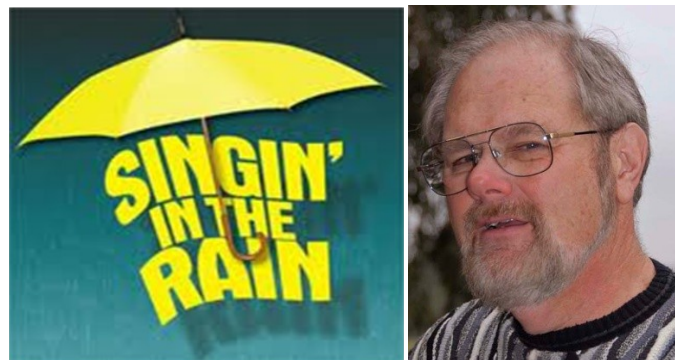


**Ron Binder** dancing with **Kaaren Havlan** at the October branch dinner dance.



The rainy season is upon us, the days are shorter and the weather is cooler. About the only profusion of color you can expect this time of year is in chrysanthemums and sasanqua camellias. You can take your bulbs out of the refrigerator and start planting. They look best planted in bunches. As far as maintenance, apply dormant spray to fruit trees, fertilize your acid loving plants like azaleas and camellias with a 0-10-10 mix to promote strong bloom and adjust your watering. I just turn my sprinklers off unless we get an extended period of no rain. Put a log on your fire, sit back and enjoy the fall color as the trees turn.

*I want to die peacefully in my sleep, like my grandfather, not screaming and yelling like the passengers in his car.*



## Theatre

Gary Schaub

When you think about “favorite musicals,” the delightful *Singin’ in the Rain* has got to be right up there in the top three! The stage musical, based on the famous MGM movie musical is the choice for SIR’s next theatre party.

SIR Branch 146 has latched onto a limited number of group discounted seats for the Friday, February 15 performance of the musical by the Diablo Theatre Company at the Leshner Center for the Arts in Walnut Creek. Performance begins at 8:00 p.m. Seating is limited, so order early!

While Gene Kelly, Donald O’Connor and Debbie Reynolds won’t be on stage that night, you can expect a bubbly evening of great song and dance with such popular and memorable songs as “You Are My Lucky Star,” “All I Do Is Dream of You” “Make ‘Em Laugh,” and, of course, the musical’s title song. And – they promise it will rain on stage!

A limited number of reduced price tickets for *Singin’ in the Rain* have been reserved for SIR members and guests.

Reservations will be accepted until January 9, or until our allocation is exhausted.

Tickets are \$35 each, and be reserved through Sir **Gary Schaub**, 1758 Candelero Court, Walnut Creek 94598. Checks are payable to SIR 146.

Questions? Call **Gary** at (925) 938-5454. Tickets will be distributed at the door of Leshner Center (1601 Civic Drive at Locust Street) at 7:30 p.m. on February 15. Parking available in adjacent city garage.

*Change is inevitable,  
except from a vending machine*



# THE CLUBHOUSE

AT BOUNDARY OAK

## Gala Ladies Day Luncheon

Thursday, December 13, 2012

Number of Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ at \$27.00 each

Check enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Names:

Sirs without partners also most welcome.

_____	Entree	_____
_____	Entree	_____
_____	Entree	_____
_____	Entree	_____

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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.

### Salad

#### Mixed Green Salad

Roasted Winter Vegetables, Blue Cheese and Citrus Vinaigrette

### Entrees

#### Slow Roasted Prime Rib

Baked Potato, Seasonal Vegetables, Horseradish Cream and Au jus

Or

#### Pan Seared Alaskan Salmon

Confetti Rice Pilaf, Braised Winter Greens and Gravy Sauce

### Dessert

#### Flourless Chocolate Cake

Eggnog Crème Anglaise

Make check payable to SIR 146 and send to **Steve Dawkins**, 117 Alegra Lane, Walnut Creek, CA 94598 All reservations and payments in full must be received by December 1st. There will be no tickets sold at the door.





## 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 11:30am at Masse's 2721 North Main in Walnut Creek. The cost is \$5 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 2 are welcome.

## Area 2 \$ums Investment Group

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The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group will meet on Wednesday November 28, 2012, 8:00 am at the Diablo Creek Golf course, 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Note: We usually have our November meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in November to avoid the Thanksgiving holiday but the November 2012 calendar is such that if we did the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday that would be the day before Thanksgiving, so we are moving to the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday the 28<sup>th</sup>. No meeting in December.

We will not feature a speaker for this meeting. Instead your chairmen will host a members only review and future planning seminar for all hands to discuss what type of subjects and speakers you would like to have

for the 2013 year. So put your thinking caps on and bring forth your ideas for our future meetings. If any of you have a particular good investment story about how well your investments may have done in 2012, please let us know if you would like to share this news with your colleagues. The Legends restaurant opens at 7:00 AM so plan to have a leisurely breakfast along with your fellow members. I might be able to bring my famous Aunt Mary's coffee cake to have with your coffee afterwards. Let's have a large turn out so we get suggestions that can further enhance the quality of subjects covered.

*Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars but check when you say the paint is wet?*



**Jeff and Alicia Bailly** jitterbugging at the Br146 dance at Zio Fraedo's restaurant in Pleasant Hill.

*Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.*

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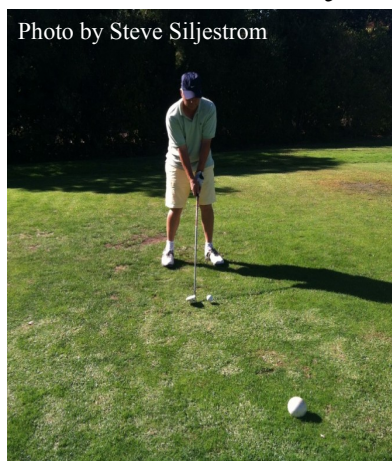
### Aim

### Fire!

Different styles...same results 200+ yds  
On the 14th at Boundary Oak G.C.



Steve Dawkins



Jack Baldassari



Steve Siljestrom