Congratulations to our new Officers who were sworn in for 2017: Big SIR Mike Long, Little SIR Phil Trapp and Barry Brown, Dan Weller, and Steve Schramm as Directors. We’re all looking forward to these new officers and their new ideas in keeping Branch 8 as one of the top Branches in Sirdom. I would also like to thank the outgoing Directors Ed Benson, Rob Laaback and Jerry Milano for their contributions in making Branch 8 so successful. Thank you gentlemen, greatly appreciated.

Now, a chance to toot our own horn again. Last month at the State SIR Annual Meeting the State President, Don Dill, presented 12 Branches a “Presidents Certificate for Success” award of which Branch 8 was one. The award was based on the Branches success and implementation of the RAMP program. Gentlemen, thank you all as it takes a team effort to make this program work and you are all a part of this success.

Now a reminder, please mark your calendars. The November Luncheon has been moved from The 2nd Monday, our regular day, to the 1st Monday. The November Luncheon will now be on November 7th.

See you at the September Luncheon.

Darryl Sweetland, Big SIR

According to our August luncheon speaker, Dr. Patrick Arbore, we are doing the right thing as active members of SIRS. Establishing continuing relationships with others is a healthy way to our mental health and aging process. He was enlightened by our organization and wondered why more retirees are not aware of SIRS…..and so are we!

We think you all should enjoy our September 12th speaker, Gary Larsen. We are approaching the fifteenth anniversary date of the World Trade Center attack in New York. Mr. Larsen retired from the Berkeley Police Department after 30 years and then joined the American Red Cross. He spent six months at the Manhattan epicenter working safety and security. The Red Cross served over fifteen thousand meals a day to the workers in that area. We look forward on hearing about his work and experience.

Mike Long, Little SIR
RAMP
Recruitment, Activities, Member relations, Publicity.
RAMP is a collection of programs and services that together support the building of a successful branch.

RECRUITMENT
Keep 'em coming
Our August luncheon brought us six guests, and that's a really good effort for the middle of summer. Keep up the good work up guys. So far this year we have inducted 41 new members, and that's the good news. Unfortunately, and largely due to unpreventable causes we've lost 27 giving us a net gain of 14 for the year. That's a lot of work to only grow the branch by a bit over four percent, and I think it justifies our continued focus on bringing in first time guests.

Several of us will be manning a Branch 8 information booth at the August 28 Farmers’ Market. Stop by and say hello while you are picking up some excellent produce.

Four of our members walked away with a bottle of wine from the Benson Cellars. The first time recipients were Alan Reichard, Raleigh Davis and Rich Knowles. Jim Regan collected his second bottle; good work Jim. Our Big Sir remains in the lead for the grand prize with four. Can anyone catch him? We'll see...

Let's go get 'em!

Ed Benson, Recruiting Chairman

ACTIVITY REPORT
NEW MEMBER MIXER EVENT
Did you know that SIR's mission statement was recently revised by the State Board? It reads: "The Mission of SIR is to improve the lives of our members though fun activities and events – while making friends for life."

The importance of “making friends for life” was one of the key messages from Dr. Patrick Arbore, our stellar August lunch speaker. In keeping with Dr. Arbore’s message, we will kick-off the Member Mixer, a new event at our September lunch meeting The Member Mixer is an informal afternoon meeting with just one goal: make it easy to get to your fellow members. Jack Sagen has agreed to be the Interim Chairman. You’ll get where and when information from him during our September 13th meeting. Stay tuned!

Making friends and staying connected with them through our Activities and Events is so very critical to the physical and mental health of us seniors. I hope to see you at our first Mixer Event.

Phillip R. Trapp
925-648-4056 Home
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E-Mail, prtrapp@sbcglobal.net

MEMBERS RELATIONS COMMITTEE

- The Branch Survey implementation has begun. Some changes are being made now, others gradually. Everything will be will be reported to the you, the general membership, via direct BEC announcements in, Hotline, Website and in e-mail Blast.
- Continuing my previous column statement (April Hotline) explaining the (9) objectives required of your Member Relations Committee to perform on behalf the membership, the following tenet is:

# 4: Specifying Sponsors Active Role With The Sponsored:
- An "Active Sponsor," is critical in maintaining and adding to the overall vitality of the branch. An "Active Sponsor" can be considered as: one who guides the new member all through his first 6 months. The Active Sponsors efforts can, and do, greatly influence the average age, cultural, social, and intellectual mix of the branch, all of which are essential parts of the healthy vitality we enjoy. Sadly, not all branches are as fortunate as ours, for one thing, I believe our branch management and volunteers rank amongst the top 2% of all SIR branches.
- Active Sponsorship is encouraged, recognized and rewarded, continually. Sponsorship is where it all starts; it is important to understand new membership is considered, not so much to grow a bigger branch, as it is to replace our branch membership losses, while always maintaining a manageable number of members.

Sponsoring and volunteering to keep the branch alive and well is vital to the wellbeing of our branch!

Tony de Losada, Member Relations Committee Chairman
PUBLICITY

SIR Community Outreach Committee Activities.

- SIR Community Outreach Committee members will work an Information Booth at the Walnut Creek Farmers Market August 28th! Last one this year. Michael Long, Ed Benson, Lloyd Lindsay Young and I will be there for you. Lloyd, not even inducted until September Luncheon, and volunteering already?? Our kind of guy!
- Each time your SCOC reaches out, more men and women learn what this great “Make Friends for Life” social group is about! We received two applications for membership the last time out: Lloyd Lindsay Young is one the other is Tom Anders, also a September inductee, welcome!
- WALNUT CREEK SENIOR CENTER: Has invited Branch 8 to a Fall Mixer. More to come on this later from Lorna Mendoza, WC Senior Administrator.

Tony de Losada, Chairman

COMMENT CARD CORNER

Analysis of Comment Cards from August Luncheon

There were 12 cards turned in by 14 members and one unidentified attendee. One member was “Impressed”, one member was “Impressed” and “Pleasantly Surprised”, one member was “Impressed” and “A bit annoyed”, one member was “Satisfied”, and the unidentified attendee was “A bit annoyed”. Six members gave no attitudes.

Food was the main topic with six comments. The meal was good to exceptionally good. Servings were just the right size. Veggies were overcooked. Service was excellent, but nine people at each table is too crowded.

Two appreciated that the invocation was short and not religious.

Three, including two past Big Sirs, felt that the advertisement of Oakmont was a violation of the rule against supporting or promoting other entities. (Note: Distribution of brochures and edible favors from Oakmont at the luncheon seems a clear violation of SIR Rule 13 a, b, and c. Suggest a review of the proposed activity with a view to reconciling its benefits and disadvantages.)

The speaker was valuable and should do a follow-up.

The business part of the lunch was less “Rah, Rah” sales and more interesting information, with the moderator exercising better control. Unfortunately, the golf presentation was too long. In another view, new member introductions were great.

The most interesting comment was to have spaghetti more often, or at least once.

SinSIRly,
Jim Sowell

TREASURERS REPORT

July 2016

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Cash, beginning 17464.33
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Ron Cassano, Treasurer
FREE LUNCH DRAWING FOR BRINGING GUESTS

As an incentive to bring in new candidates for membership, a drawing for a free lunch will be held in January and in July for members who bring guests to meetings during the previous six months. You can use the SIR cards available at the check-in table to invite guests.

For each new guest sponsored during the six month period, a member will have an entry in the drawing. Bring one new guest, have one chance. Bring 3 new guests, have 3 chances! And for your efforts, you do not have to be present to win.

NEED A RIDE?
Those Sirs who do not have transportation and would like a ride to the monthly luncheon are invited to call: Scott Graff 925-552-6097, scottkgraff@gmail.com

RED DOT BADGES
They belong to our new members; don’t forget to say “Hi” and introduce yourself. So let’s make them feel at home and let them feel they can talk about your SIR activities and ask them to join you.

LEGAL NOTICE
This notice is available in the Roster and on the web site.

LUNCHEON MENU FOR SEPTEMBER

Caesar Salad
Beef Lasagna
Mixed Vegetables
Carrot Cake
Coffee / Ice Tea

SPECIAL MEAL OPTION
We will do our best to provide a special meal (or no meal) to those who cannot eat the regular monthly entrées served at the luncheons. This is not intended to be a choice made each month simply as an alternative to the regular menu but to accommodate a member’s needs on a permanent basis or for a temporary situation. Please call to discuss your particular requirements.

ATTENDANCE
Attendance for the August luncheon

Active Members:
Membership Prior to Luncheon 337
Members Inducted 4
Excused Absences - 86
Unexcused Absences - 17
Members Attending 238

Others:
Visitors - Guests - Speakers 7
Others Attending 7

TOTAL ATTENDANCE 245

Guest Sponsor
Tom Anders Phil Trapp
John Brooks Darryl Sweetland
Stuart Harris Steve Pierce
Spencer Nakao DeWanyne Ruwe
Rick Oldenkamp Bob McMains
Lloyd Young Rob Laaback

Speaker
Patrick Arbore, Ed.D.

Bill Peterson, Attendance Secretary
STATE SIR HAPPENINGS
A complete archive is now on the State website at http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/pastissues.html.

Don MacGregor, Editor, SIR Happening

E-MAIL FOR ABSENCES & TO CONFIRM GUESTS
Emails sent to sirbr8hotline@hotmail.com for excused absences will be confirmed with a ‘Reply’ it was received. Messages sent to personal email accounts will not be answered.

If a ‘Reply’ confirming receipt of the email is not received, it is the member’s responsibility to follow up and ensure it was sent to the correct address. Either resend the email or call the attendance number at 925-901-4826 by Thursday noon prior to the meeting.

Please note: calls to the telephone number will not be automatically returned since the greeting message confirms the correct number was reached.

Please bring a guest, but if you want to be sure your guest has a place to sit and gets a meal, you need to do the following:

Call the Attendance Secretary, Bill Peterson, on the attendance hotline: 925-901-4826 or by e-mail SIRBR8Hotline@hotmail.com on Thursday before the meeting, then Bill can adjust his count for the caterer.

Bill Peterson, Attendance Secretary

SUNSHINE REPORT
Since the August Hotline Report, the Committee has extended wishes for a rapid recovery to Herb Hellsten and to Ekk Keller. The committee did not extend condolences to anyone since the last Hotline report.

Sunshine Committee: br8sunshine@yahoo.com
Terry Norton 925-798-6023
Larry Mersmann 925-935-9124

HOTLINE INPUT and WEB EDITORS
IMPORTANT – SINGLE HOTLINE EMAIL ADDRESS: Hotline@sirinc3.org.

Send your articles and photos BEFORE the 20th of the month. Include meeting information and dates for the following month to keep your group properly informed about meetings, deadlines and upcoming events. Late reports may not be included in the Hotline.

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Derek Southern derek.southern@gmail.com

Asst. Website Editor
Bill Hunter wkhbill@pacbell.net

Please be brief, we will attempt to keep the articles worded as you wish them to be presented. Please place the Chairman and other contact information at the bottom. While formatting and type style is left to the discretion of the Hotline Editors, we will try to preserve your format “bolds” and underline. Please avoid complex boxes and having the whole article in “bold” or ALL UPPER CASE LETTERS. For sending text, a word document or just typing into the Email message works just fine. Please avoid copying and pasting text from websites as this can require retyping before it can be used.

To be sure your article is not missed, please put “hotline” “activity” and “month” into the Subject of your submittal Email Example: Hotline Activity - Poker for October.

We, your Editors and Webmasters, are here to serve you, and we need your very important input. For the Website, send input anytime, but expect some possible delay before input is added.

ACTIVITIES AT OTHER BRANCHES

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ARTS, CRAFTS & HOBBIES

HOLD YOUR HAT!

Things are beginning to look up. I have been talking to three members about sharing their hobbies and special skills with the membership in the coming months. Two of the three are new members this year and the third just last year. Since I will be gone for the September meeting the first show will be in October.

The first of these amazing talents is Thom Watkins who was just inducted in April of this year. You' ll see Thom all over the place as he is already involved in a lot of activities. He graciously agreed to gather some of his finest woodworking pieces and have them ready for display at the October meeting. There will be another flyer coming out as we get closer to the meeting to remind you to stop by and say hello and see Thom's beautiful work. And you will find him a very enjoyable and engaging man. A real asset to the branch.

I know there are at least 100 of you out there who have a special talent or an interesting hobby or you collect things. Don't be bashful! Share it with us. We all would really like to see your special art work, carving, sculpture, wood turning, fishing lures, match book covers, travel memorabilia, photographs or something really unusual that we don't know about.

If you have a hobby, special interest collection, art of any form or a special skill, please consider sharing it with your fellow SIR. All it takes is an hour before our monthly meeting and we'll help you get things set up and taken down. In the process you may find a new friend who has your same interest and of course your fellow SIR will appreciate your time and effort. Give me a call or send an e-mail.

Ron Smith, Chairman  resmith62@aol.com  925-314-3066
Al Steunenberg, Co-Chair  als2nnbrg@comcast.net  820-2758

ASTRONOMY

When we look at the sky we can see many stars. But often we overlook the main star in our lives: The Sun. Last month Marni Berendsen gave a fascinating talk on the total eclipse of that star. This month we will continue to examine the Sun by seeing a DVD entitled “Secrets of the Sun” prepared by Astronomy magazine Infinite Cosmos dvd series. Our meeting will be held immediately following our luncheon on Monday, September 12th. All are welcome.

Larry Lange, Chairman  254-6281  rlange@pacbell.net
Leary Wong, Asst. Chair  930-7024  kinglear3@aol.com

BOCCE BALL OPEN PLAY ©

The 2016 Bocce Ball Open season is in session. We begin play at 8:30 am and play on the Bocce courts in Newhall Park, Concord. Newhall Park is located on Turtle Creek Rd. between Treat Blvd. and Ayers Rd. Play is open to all SIR members and partners. You do not require any knowledge of the game as we will show you how to play and explain the rules that govern the game of Bocce Ball. We provide all the equipment (Bocce Balls and score boards). I organize whoever comes to play into teams. If you have any questions, please call the Activity Chairman.

This is the status as of August 19. We now have 24 Members who have participated. The total includes several new members from this year and one couple.

Top % => 15 Games

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Notes:
1. We only play until 10:30 am and as a result some games may end early.
2. Whoever is ahead at 10:30 wins the game.

Chairman: Bob Barnes 686-0106  sb8msec@hotmail.com
Assistant Chairman: Danny Rinaldi: 825-0519  dmrinaldi@astound.net
So far this year we have won 14 and lost 25. We are struggling with our throws and sometimes shake our heads at the close roll of the Bocce Ball near the Palino.

The 2016 Concord Bocce Ball Federation (CBF) League season began on May 2, 2015 at Newhall Park and Baldwin Park courts in Concord. We (SIR Bocce team name) play on the Baldwin Park courts which are located off Beach St. (near Port Chicago Highway and Bonifacio St.) Play is limited to 10 SIR members and/or partners and we have the requisite number. You do not require any knowledge of the game as we will show you how to play and explain the rules that govern the game of Bocce Ball. The CBF League provides all the equipment. If you have any questions, please call me (Activity Chairman).

Chairman: Bob Barnes 686-0106  sb8msec@hotmail.com
Assistant Chairman: Danny Rinaldi: 825-0519  dmrinaldi@astound.net

Please join members of the Pleasant Hill and Concord Senior Centers for a fun morning of Bocce! We play “pick-up” Bocce games every Thursday morning at 9:30 at Baldwin Park in Concord. The courts are located across the street from the Concord Senior Center. It's a FUN group!!

“Bocce Open Play 2” participants enjoy a fun morning of good conversation and social interaction coupled with a chance to display their Bocce game skills. At the end of the day, we don’t care about who wins or loses, but look back at having had a good time!

Coming Events: Fall/Winter INDOOR Bocce will be resuming in late October at Nor-Cal Courts in Martinez! Sign-ups will be taken at the September Luncheon for a SIR Branch 8 Team!!

We welcome all SIR member players (and spouses/partners); prior Bocce experience is not required. If anyone is interested (or for more information), please contact the Activity Chair:

Chairman: Jim Whitsett  689-5493  AFRES056789@gmail.com

On August 23, just four days after the cutoff for the Hotline, a group of 55 Bargain Biters met at Rocco's Pizzeria in Walnut Creek. This neighborhood spot has been a favorite of locals for 17 years and still going strong. This was a sold out event with a few late comers on the wait list. I always hate to see that because everybody should get to go.

It was a lively evening with the TV's glowing with local ballgames and more highlights of the Olympics. Fifty-five people in one room made me turn my hearing aids off. And what did we eat-- Pizza? NO! We feasted on a little Bruschetta, Caesar Salad and a choice of Eggplant or Chicken Parmesan, Lasagna or Calamari con Linguini. The most popular-- Lasagna. Nobody left hungry.

Bargain Bites will be traveling in September so there will be no activity that month. However, my partner in Bites, Ron Maciak, will be setting up our October 25 venue. He has a couple of places in mind.

We will continue to try to find good local restaurants that can provide us with a nice meal for $20 with tax and tip included. The Bargain Bites Boys are continually on the lookout for restaurants that fit our needs. Since we can't get everywhere, your input is vital. Please keep it coming.

If you would like to be placed on the e-mail list, just send a note to resmith62@aol.com and say "Place me on the Bargain Bites List". You will receive personal e-mails in advance of the Hotline. Again, thanks for your interest and wonderful support. It makes the effort worthwhile.

Ron Smith, Chairman  resmith62@aol.com  925-314-3066
Al Steunenberg, Co-Chair  als2nnbrg@comcast.net  820-2758
Fall Birding Season is coming soon. We will begin our field trips on Monday September 19 by going to Hawk Hill to see raptors in migration. We might see 50+ raptors per hour (Sharp Shinned, Coopers, Red Shoulders, Red Tails, Kestrels & Merlins). The Observatory staff and volunteers will be on site. If they aren't too busy one of them might give us a brief introduction to their mission and trick of their trade. You can see the raptors from the parking lot, but the best views of the birds, SF and the top of the hill (a short moderately steep climb). Let's plan on spending 1 hour on the hill.

www.ggro.org

Chairman: Leary Wong 925 457 0807  Kinglear3@aol.com

BOOK EXCHANGE

If you read it and liked it, bring it!

We encourage and want you to bring books to share. Our mantra is..."IF YOU READ A BOOK THAT YOU REALLY LIKED AND WANT TO SHARE IT, BRING IT TO THE NEXT SIR LUNCHEON AND DONATE TO OUR COLLECTION'.

We have marked some of the boxes with red tape indicating "NEW BOOKS" which we place at the end of the table of our Book Exchange boxes. Just drop any new books or books from the collection you are returning in these marked boxes. That way everyone knows what is NEW.

Lastly, we are in need of a new Assistant Chairman for the Book Exchange. Stan Orlik needs to give up his position with us and we need a replacement. Anyone interested, please send an email to Tom Kerns.

As always, if you have any questions or suggestions contact any member of the book exchange team:

Chairman: Tom Kerns. jitomk01@aol.com (925-376-8840).
Assistant Chair: Stan Orlik, stanner1@sbcglobal.net
Assistant Chair: Alan Curtis, alancurtis@sbcglobal.net
Assistant Chair: Rob Laabak, rlaabak@yahoo.com

BOOK GROUP

In July the Book Group read 'Red Notice' by Bill Browder, an autobiographical description of his time as an investment banker in the period immediately after the breakup of the Soviet Union in the 90s. This was the most gripping non-fiction book ever with plenty of intrigue and close calls as Browder survives but at least one of those who worked with him did not. Lots of shifts of locations, characters and focus. What a book/life! It was much enjoyed by the group and sparked several areas of conversation from Hitler to Isis! Recommended!

This month we are reading 'Stone Song: A Novel of the Life of Crazy Horse' which transports readers to a vision of Native American life in the struggle to survive multiple threats in the mid 1880s.

The Book Group meets the first Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. at Round Table Pizza on Treat Blvd. Email me at nickmaufe@gmail.com if you are interested in joining us.

Chairman: Nick Maufe

BOWLING

Reno Tournament
The annual Reno tournament was a great success. There were over 300 SIR bowlers and guests who bowled in Singles, Doubles, and Team competitions. It is always a great experience to bowl in the 84-lane National Bowling Stadium.

Winter Leagues
Branch 19 SIR League - Branch 19 (Concord) sponsors a SIR league at Clayton Valley Bowl. There are eight four-person teams. Ladies are welcome. We bowl every Wednesday morning starting at 10 AM.

The SIR 2016-2017 season will start September 7th. Contact Dan Weller if you are interested in joining this fun activity. We are hoping to expand to ten or twelve four-person teams this season.

SIR State-Wide Tournament Schedules, Applications, and Results Are On Line:
To access the SIR State bowling information, open the state bowling web site at http://sirinc.org/bowling. You can find tournament schedules, applications, and results on the site.
Upcoming SIR Bowling Tournaments:

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ACTIVITY CHAIRMAN: Dan Weller 925-935-5510 dweller@astound.net
ASSISTANT CHAIR: Jim Erickson 925-939-7925 jim@jterickson.com

BASIC BRIDGE

The Basic Bridge format is open to players of many levels. Each table will have a coach. For beginning players there will be a review discussion after the hand has been played. The more advanced players have non-competitive, free play. All players are invited to ask questions and offer friendly advice on mistakes at any time.

The sessions are co-ed. Basic Bridge is held on the first Thursday of the month from 1:30 – 3:30 PM at Round Table Pizza located on Treat Blvd. near Oak Grove Road. Come early for lunch as that is our payment for use of the room.

Call Rod Spicer, 935-5306, to be added to our reminder list.

Rod Spicer, Chairman, 935-5306, marod61@att.net
Al Hudgens, Co-Chairman, 246-7846

BRIDGE ♠♥♣♦ DUPLICATE – ONE

Duplicate Bridge I met on August 12, 2016 for the regular monthly session at Round table Pizza on treat Blvd. This is the 3rd location that we have used in as many months and it looks like we will need to move again in September or October. The top 3 finishers were:

1st (tie) Busnell-Sherne 21.5 points
1st (tie) Grisanti-Regan 21.5
3rd Myrtle-Spicer 20.5

Again, this month, no slams were bid and made and the one overly optimistic team that tried a 6 heart slam managed to go down 3. There were several hands with weak 2 opening possibilities and in at least one case the weak 2 opener (in spades) kept the opposition from finding an easy 4 heart game. The top score on a board was earned by the Bushnell –Sherne team when they set by 4 a doubled vulnerable 5 club contract for a score of 1100.

Thanks to George Schulze in assisting Jim Regan with the set-up this month. George will have those duties next month.

Also, thanks to Ken main, Jai Yee and Sandy Reburn for subbing.

Our next session will be September 9 at 9:00AM. Be aware that we may have to change our venue again next month. Watch for a notice as to where it will be.

Substitutes are often needed and any SIR wishing to play should contact:

Bob Kahl, Chairman 284-8572
Dick Long, Asst Chairman 274-1786
Ton Hensley, Asst Chairman 937-0605

BRIDGE ♠♥♣♦ DUPLICATE – TWO

Nothing new submitted by press time.
Chairman: Max Creamer  262-740
Assistant: Jerry Milano

BRIDGE ♠♥♣♦ RUBBER

We hit our typical number of players this month which was 13! A ringer showed up and took the high score. We will have a game in September, however, October, November, December is up for grabs. Round Table will be closing for remodel in mid-September for 2-4 months.

The top players this month were: Tom Hensley (6660); Ernesto Tong (4140); and George Schulze (3440). The scores ran from 1600 to 6660 and the median score was about 2600.
We play on the first Thursday of the month and will start at 9:00AM. We meet at Round Table Pizza on Treat Blvd. near Oak Grove Road. Answer Al Welch’s e-mail early so we can get a table count. Try to arrive by 8:45AM so we can start on time. Watch for our last minute e-mails that will advise you of the construction schedule and a possible temporary venue change.

Rod Spicer, Chairman, 935-5306, marod61@att.net
Al Welch, Co-Chairman, 938-4131, maynal41@hotmail.com
David Bushnell, Co-Chairman, 838-3914, dbushn@swbell.net

**COUPLES BRIDGE**

On August 15, 2016, the Couples Bridge session had five (5) tables or 10 couples.

Ray and Sue de Wit tied with Ben and Helen Yeraka for first place with ‘exactly’ 3490 points each. Ernie Sherne and Margaret Kozak were third with 3050 points. Rod and Mary Ann Spicer were honorable mention (or fourth) with 2730 points.

On next game is planned for Monday September 19th. However, we are not sure if our normal meeting place (Round Table Pizza) will be available, due to a planned remodel. So, we may have to cancel or find a different location for September. We will keep you informed.

The goal of couples bridge is to have fun, socialize and enjoy an afternoon of Party-style bridge. We normally meet on the third Monday of the month with play starting at 1:00 pm. We always welcome new players, so if you wish to join us, contact Ken Main or Les Hopkins by phone or email.

Ken Main - Activity Chair (925) 945-1065, email: mainkenneth46@gmail.com
Les Hopkins - Assistant Chair (925) 673-1536 email: jles4golf@comcast.net

**CAR ENTHUSIASTS**

Car Enthusiasts repeated the Pleasant Hill “American Iron” Car show as it was a memorable event last year. We even went to the same restaurant “Jacks” for a brunch dine out prior to the show review. Ten enthusiasts had a good meal, then walked the show on Crescent Drive. the selection of vehicles pretty much covered everything. antique vehicles, muscle car classics, hot rods and some nicely restored stockers. Our own Bob McMains had his 1962 Studebaker Gran Turismo Hawk on display for the locals to review. I noticed many folks stop by and look it over carefully.

The group is looking forward to another visit to the Antioch Speedway in September. We have not decided which Saturday night works well for the group’s schedule, but we will have an outing as soon as we we settle on a date. Watch for an E-Mail blast from Dave Perkins if you are interested in attending. Scheduling events in mid to end of summer is difficult as all are busy with retirement.

The group is putting together a train ride and overnight trip to Reno to visit either a car or truck museum (both are available there) and will get the travel dates and costs out for consideration prior to the event. Currently we are anticipating going in January or February, 2017, so you will have adequate time to sign up.

Our next Monthly meeting will be held September 6th at the Round Table Pizza, Oak Grove and Treat Blvd, Concord, at 1PM. Arrive 15 to 20 minutes early to pre-order lunch.

If you have an interest in joining Car Enthusiasts please contact any of the individuals noted below:

**Activity Chair** - Chick Lowry - clowry2845@aol.com

**Assistant Chairs**

Tom Mohrman - mustangtpm@gmail.com
Bill Koski - billkos36@comcast.net
Bob McMains - stude35@mac.com

**COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY**

At the August meeting, Evan Corstophine went over some of the “Serious Security & ID Threats” that we face with our Web enabled devices. Very informative and concerning. Some of us will be “adjusting” our behaviors in the future.

In September, we will hear from Glen Coleman on how to use computer based notebooks. He will review One Note, EverNote and other computer based notebook tools. Glen is the owner and founder of Coleman IT Group, based in Walnut Creek, which provides IT support and management services to individual and small professional bay area businesses. Checkout their web site at: http://colemanitg.com/
We look forward to seeing you 9:15 AM, Thursday September 15, 2015, at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Drive. We ask for a donation of $5 to cover the cost of the hall rental, coffee and cookies -- but some months are free, so come and see if our September meeting is another one of those! All SIR members and their guests (spouses included!) are welcome to attend. See you there.

Bill Phelon  rphelon@juno.com  254-8338

Cribbage
The Cribbage Group meets on the First Wednesday and the Third Tuesday of each month at Round Table Pizza located at 2960 Treat Blvd, Concord. Hours of play are 1pm to 3pm. Please join us if you have played Cribbage or would like to learn the game.

2016 August Results

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Chairman: Ron Draper r-draper@pacbell.net
Asst. Chair: Herb Hellsten

Digital Photography
The assignment for August was Food Photography. With Internet guidance from our Assignment Chair, Dave Davis, we began our journey into “food photography.” The results ran the gamut from the weird, to surprising, to fantastic. All in all, an interesting photographic challenge.

The subject for our September meeting is Seascape Photography. Assignment chair, Dave, suggests it includes anything involving salt water. That would include the SF Bay, the Great Salt Lake, Pacific/Atlantic oceans, the Med, etc. What it does not include is table salt and fish aquariums. The photos gotta have a “-scape” to them.

Everyone is encouraged to bring up to 12 photos to share on a “clean” flash drive in jpg format. (Photoshop users; please avoid bringing photos with pse, psd or pdd extensions - they are invisible unless the host has Photoshop Elements up and running. And, again, Mac users need to double check their flash drives, just to make sure the photos are present.)

Our host for the September 16, meeting, Steve Moore, will be sending out reminders & directions and looking for attendance confirmations a couple of weeks before the gathering.

Digital Photography Group meetings begin at 10:00 AM on the third Friday of the month. Coffee, tea and snacks are provided, for which we ask a $2 donation. All levels of photographer, from point and shooter to sophisticated DSLR users are welcome.

Bill Phelon, Chair  rpheon@juno.com  254-8338
Dave Davis, Vice Chair  dav.davis@comcast.net  838-1753

Dominoes
Wanted: New Players for Dominos
Have you wanted to learn how to play dominos? Here’s your opportunity. We are looking for members who would like to learn the game. The thought is to set up a table with beginners and one or two current domino players to show you how to play the game.

We meet at ROUND TABLE PIZZA located at 2960 Treat Blvd, Concord Calif. Hours of play are 11:00am to 2:00pm.

We usually purchase coffee or lunch. We donate $5.00 each and we keep score by points. 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place take home the money. We'd love some new players and always have fun. Please join us on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month.

Chairman: Danny Rinaldi 825-0519 danrinaldi944@gmail.com

Mexican Train Dominos
We meet at 10am to 1pm on the second Tuesday (except June) and third Wednesday of every month at Round Table Pizza, corner Treat and Oak Grove. Please let Chairman John Sewell know if you are interested - dijonsew@gmail.com, or phone 446 4394
EXPLORE AND EAT

No Explore & Eat events were submitted.

*Chairman: Ron Woods - 930-9194 shepwoods@comcast.net
Asst. Chair: Larry McEwen: 939-3216: elmwoodeux@comcast.net

AREA 2 FISHING

FISHING NEWS FOR SEPTEMBER 2016

All SIR members and guests are welcome, and indeed encouraged, to participate in fishing trips as well as attend the monthly meetings. Next meeting will be Thursday, September 22nd, at the Legend Sports Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek Golf Course at 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Meeting starts at 8:30am, come early.

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

Lee Clark interrupted an Alaskan cruise to fish from Ketchikan catching some delicious pink salmon. Ernie Wong, Stan Wong and Carl Moyer got ocean rockfish closer to home.

Karl Droese joined Dick Medel, Mike Simenstead and Donn Mall in Baja for lots of marlin catching, including some giants. Ernie Wong ended his summer shad season with 59 more on his last two trips. Mike Corker caught black bass in the delta, and was joined by Terry Miller, Pete Gates, Joe Miscione, Harry Sherinian, and Tom Kostik for many, many small stripers on another venture..

Contacts are Paul Dubow (415-495-6504) and Carl Moyer (925-685-5243.)

GOLF 18 HOLES

18 Hole Golf September 2016

MEET YOUR CLUB CHAMPIONS FOR 2016. After 2 days of play Kevin Roberts is our Low Gross Champion with scores of 79 and 87 (total 166)and Dwane Mcglothin our Low Net Champion with scores of 90 (net 66) and 89 (net 65) for a net total of 131. Congratulations guys. To break 80 in SIR Golf is also an accomplishment. Well Kevin did just that on the first day, he shot 79.

Our next Branch 8 Tournament will be held on September 19. This is a Four Man Team Stableford. There will be more information coming as the date gets closer.

Branch 8 Gold Country Golf, September 25-27. For those of you who didn’t sign up you will be missing a great event. You may have noticed an additional stat on the Recent Results page. This is the 10 best players for their age. This is courtesy of our statistician Gordon Batesole (Gordon keeps on developing interesting factoids)

The age of the 10 Best Players range from a “kid” of 77.8 to a “real senior” of 91.8. Quite a range.

There is yet another golf course closer. The last day of play for Roddy Ranch was Friday August 12. Shadow Lakes was closed but is now open on a limited basis. We are due to play Shadow Lakes on Tue

Bill Koski, Communications: 672 7650 billkos36@comcast.net

GOLF 9 HOLES

We continue to have a great turnout of our regular golfers every week plus guests and potential new Branch 8 members.

We are in the planning stage for our annual “Club Championship” which will be held on October 26th at DHGC. As in the past, we will set up four-man teams to compete on a low gross and low net based on team member handicaps and individual players playing for low gross and low net awards. All players are invited to participate and teams will be made up by the tournament committee based on individual players past performance playing DHGC in 2016. This has been very successful in the past in creating evenly matched teams competing for the honor of receiving the accolades of all the other players plus a handsome certificate to show their prowess!

Everyone who is interested please sign up at the September luncheon or contact Barry Brown or Dick Brooks to get your name on the list.
With 27 golfers participating, Sir Couples Golf (SCG) might have made a new participation record! Even with the hot weather, fourteen couples (Yarberry, Barrella, Hunter-Lawrentz, Hopkins, Gawura (Ron was on sick leave), Lockwara, Steichen, Hersch, Moratorio, Price, Olson, Collins, Hughes & Tutton and Batesole) began a shotgun start at Diablo Hills. Marshals Gordon and Margaret Batesole explained that prizes would be granted for the lowest total putts per individual!

Tied for first with only 12 putts were Marilyn Steichen and Bill Hunter. Donna Lawrentz came in second with 13 putts.

There were 2 birdies and 23 pars and too many “Bogy’s” to count. No matter the scores, this SCG always enjoys the game and especially the lunch afterwards at the Greenery.

Assistant Chairperson, Paul Hersch, announced that the "NINE HOLE TRAVEL GROUP" plays on the fourth Thursday of each month at different locations, AND they are inviting anyone to join (you do not have to be a ‘Couple’ and both ladies and men are included.) Check with Paul Hersch for the particulars.

SCG plays on the second Thursday of the month, and marshals for September will be Larry and Holly Yarberry. Please sign up on the Sir Branch 8 website, and any two players can make up a ‘couple.’

We look forward to seeing you all on September 8, and we missed all who were not there today.

Special thanks to Ali and Mario Moratorio for supplying ‘gently used golf balls to all who did not win the putting prizes. We look forward to seeing you all in September!!

Chairman: Paul Derby derby.paul@comcast.net or
Asst. Chair: Paul Hersch poppy3642@gmail.com.

### TRAVELING NINE HOLE GOLF

August 29th Traveling 9 Golf have a dozen players headed for Monarch Bay Golf course. Monarch is at the edge of the bay and adjacent to Haywards 18-hole course. This could be a possible venue for the 2017 DAI.

September we are headed for Fremont Golf Course. This is a challenging layout bringing satisfaction to all of our players (beginners to advanced). Fremont is passionate about providing quality golf to the public on a large scale. Facilities include a progressive pro shop with club and power cart rentals, practice area, grass tees, private short game area and A snack bar.

Chair: Phil Philpot: jr5753@outlook.com (925) 937 2260
Co Chair: Dick Brooks: balte1@comcast.net (925) 228-6959

### HEADS UP WALKERS ®

One-hour walks start at 9:30 AM and usually are on flat surfaces. Most walks are “out and back” which means you walk for 30 minutes at your own pace, then turn around and walk 30 minutes back to the starting point. At 10:30 AM, we leave the trail for coffee, refreshments and spirited conversation. Spouses and dogs welcome.


9/8/2016: Walnut Creek: Arbolado Park, Ygnacio Canal. Take Ygnacio Valley Rd. to Oak Grove Rd. Then south past W.C. library to Arbolado Dr., left to Arbolado Park, meet at the upper parking lot near tennis courts. Cafe: Bagel Street Cafe. Leader: Ernesto Tong


9/22/2016: Walnut Creek: C. C. Canal Heather Farms C. C. Canal. meet at the Heather Farms parking lot at the far North end of San Carlos Dr. Cafe: Sweet Affair Bakery. Leader: Jim Erickson

9/29/2016: Moraga: Moraga SMC. Meet at the staging area on St. Mary’s Road approx. 1/10th mile north of the entrance to St. Mary’s College. Cafe: Starbucks Moraga. Leader: Jim Kawal


Chairman: Dan Weller 925-935-5510 dweller@astound.net
Asst. Chair: Erland Persson 925-932-5328 erland.p@comcast.net
Asst. Chair: Jim Kawal 925-228-8821 jjtravelnet@gmail.com
Easy Hike Sep 13, 2016 Point Pinole Regional Shoreline

The hike starts at 10:00 a.m. at the parking lot at the park entrance.

Hike Description: The September Easy Hike at Point Pinole Regional Shoreline is a gem of a hike. There are several trails through the ‘woods’ part of the park. Most of the park is in the open. Depending on how the group feels, we could hike as much as 5 miles. There are several trail options to return to the parking lot with fewer miles. The park is relatively flat, the most elevation gain is about 50 feet. There are great views to be had’

For more details, including directions, car-pooling, what to bring, map, pictures, and optional lunch see the SIR Hiker web page at http://www.sirbr8.com/hikers/.

Hike leader: Martin Hawco (925) 689-4251; not4u2bee@gmail.com

Hike Coordinator: Dave Davis (925)838-1753 home; dav.davis@comcast.net

Hard Hike Sep 27, 2016 Briones Reservoir Bear Creek Trail

ONE WAY SHUTTLE HIKE

Hike Description: This is a 5.5 mile hike on mostly a single track trail with approximately 600 feet in elevation largely gained during the first 2 miles. The hike is almost entirely on Bear Creek Trail running along the south shore of Briones Reservoir. Great views along this partially shaded route.

For more details, including how the shuttle will work, directions, car-pooling, what to bring, map, pictures, and optional lunch see the SIR Hiker web page http://www.sirbr8.com/hikers/.

Hike leader: Tom Kerns (925)202-5922; jtomk01@aol.com
Hike Coordinator: Dave Davis (925)838-1753; dav.davis@comcast.net
Hiking Activity Chair: Dave Davis 925-838-1753 dav.davis@comcast.net

DINE IN # 1 ©

The Kargs hosted our dinner on July 15. We dined al-fresco. The weather was fabulous. Joe Karg grilled a terrific beef tenderloin with Portobello mushrooms. We started with Pisco sours to get the evening going. Watermelon salad by the Lunns, gourmet green beans a la Benson, warm berry compote with vanilla ice cream done by Judy Smith. Appetizers by Cassano, and Deness. We had a special guest Dan Franklin(one of the original members). Wine flowed and fellowship abounded. Next dinner is Sept 16.

Anyone one wanting to start Dine In #4, contact me and I will get you started. Ron Cassano at roncassano@gmail.com

DINE IN # 2 ©

No article was received for the September Hotline
Co-Chair: Ed Cohn; gitano2@att.net, 954-7600
Co-Chair: Bob Price 937-6814 sprice8126@yahoo.com

DINE IN # 3 ©

Dine In 3 will hold its next dinner at Nat Bitton’s home on 14 September at 1800. The entire group of six couples have signed up to attend and bring their assigned dishes to share with their fellow diners.

Chairman, Rich Cheney, 925-289-1265, richard.s.cheney@gmail.com

Asst. Chairman, Jeff Foster, (973) 219-9141, jeff-foster@twin-bridge.com
DINE OUT # 1 ©

For our fall dining out event we will be at one of our favorite prime rib restaurants “The Brass Door” in San Ramon on Thursday September 22 2016.

ALL Sirs (couples, singles & guests) are invited to join us on for an evening of social and dining enjoyment. Your host and hostess for the evening will be Jim and Christine Ripley.

WHERE: 2154 San Ramon Valley Blvd, San Ramon, CA 94583, (925) 837 2501

We have reserved the east room that can hold up to 40 people.

WHEN: Thursday September 22, 2016

TIME: Social Hour (no host bar) @ 5:00 pm, Dinner @ 6:00 pm

MENU: Choice of: 1) Senior cut of prime rib (8 oz.) 2) Fresh pacific salmon Or 3) Chicken breast parmigiana. Dinners include: a California salad spring mix, crumbled blue cheese, candied walnuts, dried cranberries and honey balsamic vinaigrette), appropriate starch and vegetable, ice cream dessert, coffee or tea.

PRICE: $39.00/per person (includes sales tax and gratuity). Make checks payable to: Jim Ripley 202 Harrington Court Alamo, CA 94507. (Please indicate Dinner Choice)

RSVP Early (No later than Sept 17, 2016) to: Jim or Christine Ripley: 925 891-4007 (home) 630-750-7250 (Cell) Email: jimrip99@aol.com

Activity Chair: Ken Main (925) 945-1065 mainkenneth46@gmail.com

DINE OUT #2

Dine Out 2 is small group dining to allow restaurant to present itself & cuisine in its best light and for guests to enjoy interesting and friendly conversation with one another. Hosts select restaurant, date, time and handle the reservation. Guests cover their own tab, enjoy selecting their own meal, participate in friendly conversations, enjoy the evening and its memories. Contact chairman Don or Jerry to participate.

Chairman Don Atwater 673-1669 datwater@pacbell.net
Ass. Chair Jerry Milano 934-3496 jerrymilano@astound.net

POKER

Players wanted. Come join us for poker!

We now have 10 groups: playing days are shown in the table below.

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Our groups meet either from noon to 3:00 PM or 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Group members rotate as hosting. We play 5¢ – 10¢ – 25¢ with no wild cards and a three raise max. It’s an inexpensive way to spend an afternoon with a great group of guys!

Chair: Dan Franklin 310-4900 montgall26@gmail.com
Asst: Ekk Keller 685-1505 ekkeller@astound.net

DARTS AND POOL

No article was received for the September Hotline

Chairman: Bill Cooke, 691-9325 bwcooke@yahoo.com
Asst. Chairman Al Welch. 938-4131 matnal41@hotmail.com
MODEL RAILROADING

Summer has arrived and it’s time to take a break from our model train layout design and construction! Instead, members of the Model Railroading Activity are encouraged to visit one or several of the many existing Train Club layouts in the Bay Area. Over the next few months, please consider visiting: The Golden State Model Railroad Museum in Point Richmond (www.gsmrm.org); the Carquinez Model Railroad Society in Crockett (www.cmrstrainclub.org); and the San Leandro Historical Railway Society in San Leandro (www.slhrs.org). Please check websites for open house events.

If you would like to be added to the Model Railroading e-mail list, please advise the Activity Chairman.

Chairman: Jim Whitsett 689-5493  AFRES056789@gmail.com
Asst. Chair. Dick Grube 687-0779  dickgrube@comcast.net

SINGLE SIRS DINE OUT ©

We are a group of Sirs who like to get out of the house once in a while and share a good meal and some lively conversation. Each month, one of us acts as a host, chooses a restaurant in the area and arranges for a table for the group, usually about twelve. There are a wide variety of places where we dine from Italian, American, Mexican, Chinese or whatever. Of course, the prices have to be reasonable. Some of us may even share a bottle of wine.

Black Angus is where we will dine Tuesday, September 6th. Social Time starts at 5 p.m with dinner at 5:30 p.m. SIR Marv Kreitz is in charge this month.

Host Marv Kreitz 935-7739  marru46@sbcglobal
Chairman Jack Stack 9391842  carjacket@jps.net

SIRS AT THE GAMES

SF GIANTS TICKETS!

It is not too late to join our SIR group for a San Francisco Giants baseball game on the evening of Wednesday, September 28. We have 4 tickets remaining at $50 each in Section 202, Club Level. Please contact Steve Schramm (see contact information below) if you are interested.

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL?

Sirs at the Games is pleased to offer an opportunity to see the California Golden Bears against the rival Washington Huskies on Saturday, November 5, time TBD. This matchup could be critical to the Bears’ chances for a postseason playoff or bowl game.

We need a SIR group of at least 20 members and guests to qualify for the group ticket price discount. Here are the details:

Date: Saturday, November 5, Time TBD
Opponent: Washington Huskies
Location: Memorial Stadium in Berkeley
Seating: Section JJ, Rows 50-51, southwest corner of stadium
Cost: $55 per seat

Please contact Dennis Reschke to request your number of tickets. His email is "dwreschke@yahoo.com".

Payments should be made by check to Sirs at the Games. Send your check by Friday, August 5 to:

Steve Schramm
Sirs at the Games Co-Chair
2307 Heritage Hills Drive
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

Feel free to contact Dennis or Steve if you have any questions about this event. We look forward to having your family and friends join us at the game. Go Bears!

Please remember that your family and friends are welcome to attend all games with our SIRS group. See you at the games in 2016!
SIRS IN THE GARDEN

Looking for a new Co-Chairman for this popular activity. I will still be involved as a willing and active member. Tom Mohrman as Senior Co-Chair will remain, this means you will have plenty of help. The activity comes pre-loaded with great guys, and all we have to do is call a meeting to introduce you, as the SIR volunteer who would like to “feel the sun on his back” and wants to enjoy Garden Tours and Garden! Nothing to add but your own vision and that of the seven sometimes, nine members. Now is the time to call a meeting with help from me, the former Chair, who would be happy, to get you started! Let me know.

Tony de Losada-925-945-1730 or Tom Mohrman 1-516-242-1635

SIRS AT THE OPERA

Breaking news - New member Bruce Benzler has agreed to help with our activity as assistant chairman.

The MET has announced their schedule for the 2016/2017 broadcast season. The first date is the live Saturday Matinee; the second is the Wednesday evening repeat. A highlight is the US premier of L’Amour de Loin by the modern Finnish composer Kaija Saariaho. Check your French dictionary - it doesn't mean love of the loin.

October 8 and 12: Tristan und Isolde (Richard Wagner)
October 22 and 26: Don Giovanni (Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart)

December 10 and 14: L’Amour de Loin (Kaija Saariaho)
January 7 and 11: Nabucco (Giuseppe Verdi)
January 21 and 25: Romeo et Juliette (Charles Gounod)
February 25 and 29: Rusalka (Antonin Dvorak)
March 11 and 15: La Traviata (Giuseppe Verdi)
March 25 and 29: Idomeneo (Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart)
April 22 and 26: Eugene Onegin (Pyotr Tchaikovsky)
May 13 and 17: Der Rosenkavalier (Richard Strauss)

Chairs: David Bushnell  dbushn@swbell.net
Co-Chair: Bruce Benzler  bruce.benzler@mac.com

TRAVELING SIRS

We now have 24 signed up for our trip to Custer State Park and The Buffalo Round-up on Sept 28- October 3 There will be a pre-trip meeting at Denny's Restaurant from 10 am to 11 am on Sept 13.

Denny's is located at 1313 Willow Pass Rd. Concord. Please call me if you cannot attend Larry Yarberry 925 890-9245.

Starting to look at a Panama Canal cruise and River Cruises.

Hope to have more info, soon

Chairman: Larry Yarberry. l.yarberry42@comcast.net
925 890-9245

Asst. Chair: Robert Wells 930-0792

SIRS IN THE KITCHEN

A Trip to the South

On August 16, 24 Sirs in the Kitchen arrived at Casa Benson to take a trip to the south as the menu for the day was definitely southern. The event started with Sous Chef Jack S's seared padron peppers with sourdough to sop up the cooking oil and spices – wonderful. Also served as a starter was EC Ed's mixed olive tapenade on toasted baguette slices.

The meal continued with pulled pork lovingly prepared by EC Ed with assists from Sous Chefs Thom, Jack S. and Ron M. The pulled pork was then placed on a hamburger bun and topped with spicy coleslaw and a slice of bacon. Man, good eats! The rest of the meal featured Ms Karen Cassano's potato salad prepared by the Monday Sous Chef team of Jack, Ron and John F. A heirloom tomato salad was prepared by Thom.

As a special treat, Ms Donna prepared nectarine cobbler that was accompanied by homemade ice cream from Jim S. Roger, Thom and Ron. That really capped off the meal.
Of course it all would not have been possible without the yeoman work of our set up, clean up and take down crew. They left the house in the same condition as it was prior to the event, so we can meet again in September.

And speaking of September, save the date of September 20 for our eighth annual fish fry with our area fishing group. The menu hasn’t been completely set yet, but it will include Fisherman Carl’s fried rockfish and Raleigh’s halibut prepared in his secret sauce. Hopefully, the fishermen can come up with another variety of fish or two to challenge the Sirs in the Kitchen cooks. This event is one of the highlights of the year.

Sirs in the Kitchen is now at 51 members. If you want to join, drop Executive Chef Ed an email (ebensonbwa@aol.com), call him (925-943-7011) or catch him at the monthly meeting. So far, we’ve always had room for anyone who was able to attend, and our typical luncheon turns out 25 to 30, or so. You don’t have to be an experienced cook (our members have all levels of cooking ability) or have a kitchen and dining area large enough to accommodate all of us. The usual shared cost for the luncheon and wine is $20, and that’s the best deal in town.

Should any Sirs want our recipes, email Executive Chef Ed, and they’ll be sent to you.

Executive Chef: Ed Benson  ebensonbwa@aol.com

SUMS IN RETIREMENT
The Area 2 $UMS Investment Group will meet on Wednesday September 28 at Legends Restaurant at the Diablo Creek Golf Course. The course is located just north of Hwy 4 on Port Chicago Hwy. We meet at 8:00 AM and finish at 9:30.

This month we will have a video presentation of Warren Buffett on his investment methods. We will follow the presentation with a discussion of ‘value-investing’ and how his methods can be used by smaller investors who wish to own individual company equities and not mutual funds.

The Legends opens at 7:00 AM. Come early and have a leisurely breakfast with your colleagues prior to the meeting. Bring a prospective member.

$UMS Chair: Tom Henry Branch 174  tom925@icloud.com
Co-Chair: Dave Sutton Branch 8  davesutn@comcast.net

WRITING YOUR LIFE STORY
Writing Your Life Stories will reconvene from our summer break on September 24 and we welcome new members. We write short stories about events in our lives that are of interest to us and perhaps will be to our progeny. Meeting as a group and sharing stories (always voluntary) triggers our memories and keeps us inspired.

We meet on the fourth Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. at Vintage Kensington Place (in the second floor Game Room), located on Geary Road near North Main in Walnut Creek, just off I-680.

You will receive a syllabus to guide you in writing your own life stories.

Chairman: Dick Brewer  925-933-0876  revrpb@aol.com

CELLAR FILLERS WINE®
September is a down month for the Cellar Fillers. Check back in October for the latest information.

Call or email with questions.

Jim Sowell, Chair, sowell4jim@aol.com, (925) 939-4670 or (925) 457-7746
WINE FINDERS 1 ©
Chair: Bob Price: 937-6814
sprice8126@yahoo.com

WINE FINDERS 2 ©
Chair: Ron Cassano, 925-944-1238

WINE FINDERS 3©
Chair
Larry McEwen 939-3216; elmwoodeux@comcast.net

Wine Finders 1, 2, and 3 got together for our summer fling at Jack Sagan’s. We sipped and ate and socialized. Jack provided a great meal which was rounded out by appetizers contributed by all.

BARGAIN WINES

No article was received for the September Hotline

For anyone interested in joining us or just simply have a question about our group, contact
Jim Warner, 935-8032 or
Ed Benson 943-7011.

WOODWORKERS TOY SHOP

In my status update in last month’s Hotline, I discussed my letter to the Consumer Products Safety Commission (CPSC) requesting some guideline information. I ended with the statement, “More to follow...when we know.” Well, we now know more. I received a response from the CPSC with some very specific criteria that we must follow in order to avoid the project-killing “independent third-party testing” requirement.

I shared the response with the BEC at the August 8th meeting. I e-mailed the full text of the response to those members that have expressed interest in the toy-making project. I want to solicit their input in a brainstorming meeting; subject, “Can we / Should we Pursue the Project? With that thought in mind, I asked those members to provide me with their available days and times so that we may set a meeting date. Stay Tuned.

NOTE: If anyone else is interested in making sawdust with us, please let me know; you will be most welcomed into our young and upcoming group.

Our Motto: Life Is Wood

Chairman: Thom Watkins thomwat831@gmail.com
Phone: 415-330-3780

The Reno National Bowling Stadium Welcomes 300 SIR Bowlers
ACTIVITY CHAIRMEN BIOGRAPHIES

DAN FRANKLIN
Poker Chairman

Born at Kansas City Mo.
Spent 43 years in the paper industry. Changed companies in 1970 and moved from Chicago to San Francisco, to join Blake Moffett and Towne, a 100 year old company. Retired as Vice President Unisource Corp.

Schooling--- left school in 8th grade to join the US Navy in 1942 at age 16. Served in the Navy on Landing Craft. Delivering troops to the beach head. Participated in the D-Day invasion at Omaha Beach, Normandy France on June 6th 1944. Received the French Legion of honor medal, their highest honor.

Been playing poker since my teen years, especially during my stint in the Navy, during WW2.

Activity Branch---- Co Chairman Explore and Eat-----Assistant chairman Poker committee

DAVID PLATTER
18 Hole Golf Chairman

Locations lived.

Schools—University of Kansas, Bradley Master Program, Merrill School of Economics. United States Air Force. Captain.


Summer and School Jobs:
Sold private postal labels, Warehouse Labor, Commercial Ovens Bakery, Milk Truck delivery, Gas Station, Professional Rodeo, Horse Trainer, Encyclopedia Salesman, Camp Counselor, Professional Baseball, Dick Jockey, News Reporter, Journalist.

Hobbies. Writing Books, Music Compositions, Local School Coaching.

Old Hobbies. Mountain climbing USA and Europe. Skeet and Trap shooting, Tennis, Senior Baseball.

Married 1956, four children, eight grandchildren

First game of golf was when I joined SIR Branch 8
## Membership Data for September 2016

**BEC Approval:** 8/8/2016

**Applicants Inducted:** 4

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**Birthday Report**

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**New Members**

**Name:** Don Flynn  
**Partner:** Reina Flynn  
**Email:** flynn1934@aol.com  
**Residence:** Walnut Creek  
**Occupation:** Director  
**Company:** Santa Clara County  
**Interests:** Travel,  

**Name:** Terry Harris  
**Partner:** Joann Harris  
**Email:** terryrfd@yahoo.com  
**Residence:** Concord  
**Occupation:** Fire Marshall  
**Company:** Richmond  
**Interests:** Fishing, Poker, Digital Photography  

**Name:** Rich Rosin  
**Email:** rosin.r@sbcglobal.net  
**Residence:** Walnut Creek  
**College:** Boston University  
**Occupation:** Accountant  
**Company:** CBRE  
**Interests:** Golf – 9 Hole, Walkers, Explore & Eat, Single SIRs Dine Out, Bocce Ball, Dine Out  

**Name:** Paul Rowan  
**Email:** pauljrowan@outlook.com  
**Residence:** Walnut Creek  
**College:** Lafayette College  
**Occupation:** Actor  
**Company:** self  
**Interests:** Sports, Hikers, Stage Shows, Dine Out, BBQ, Book Reviews, Genealogy, Explore & Eat
PHOTO GALLERY

SIR Hikers In Benicia August 9

Introduction of the 2017 Branch Officers

“Do Your Part” Achievers Collect Their Wine

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