THE BIG SIR COLUMN

Don’t forget, our November Luncheon is on the 7th and not the 14th.

Good job Mike on chairing the October BEC and Luncheon, a practice initiated by Leo Barrella, where the incoming Big SIR gets to practice running the Branch before taking full charge. He didn’t resign his position after the meetings, so I must assume he’ll stay on to run the branch next year. Trust me Mike, it gets easier each month.

I hope you’ve got your reservations in for the Ladies Day Luncheon at Round Hill Country Club in December as Nat Bitton and his committee have another great venue all set at the Round Hill Country Club. This special Christmas luncheon is always a sell out so. Get your reservations in early so you and your lady don’t miss out.

Now a quick note about the comment cards placed on the tables at lunch. Please, if you have any feedback to the BEC, good, bad or indifferent, please fill out a card at the luncheon. We review all these comments and it’s a great way to get your opinions known.

Hope to see you all at the November luncheon.

Darryl Sweetland, Big SIR

THE LITTLE SIR SEZ

Our October speaker was Seth Adams, Director of Land Conservation for Save Mount Diablo, a Contra Costa conservation organization founded in 1971. This group is responsible for creating new recreational trails such as the 30 mile Diablo Trail. His subject was of great interest to many of our Branch 8 SIRS who participate in our branch Hikers and Heads Up Walkers activities. Hopefully, his informative talk will encourage more of our SIRS to hit the trails.

We have invited a member of our branch, Tom Kerns, to speak at our November luncheon. Tom and his wife, Cathy, have hiked and backpacked for over 20 years. They have hiked in many areas around the US and parts of the world. He estimates they have backpacked over 7000 miles for weeks at a time. The title of his talk is “Backpacking as Therapy for the Body, Mind and Spirit”. Tom currently is chairman of our Branch 8 Book Exchange activity.

Mike Long, Little SIR

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Next SIR Luncheon: November 7
Concord Hilton
1970 Diamond Blvd., Concord

Greeters: Jim Rosenquist & Keith Packwood?

Executive Meeting: 9:00am
Social Hour begins: 10:15am
Luncheon starts: 11:30m

Absences & Bringing Guests
925-901-4825 or SIRBR8Hotline@hotmail.com
by Noon, Thursday before luncheon
RAMP
Recruitment, Activities, Member relations, Publicity.
RAMP is a collection of programs and services that together support the building of a successful branch.

RECRUITMENT
Where Have the Guests Gone?
Our October luncheon brought us 3 guests, that's down from 4 guests last month and 6 guests in August. In the last half of this year we've brought in 22 guests compared to 55 in the first half of the year. Let's improve the count in November as it's the last regular meeting for guests for the year. Let's take the motto, “Every member a recruiter” to heart, and end 2016 with a bang! Guests are the lifeblood of the branch.

Five of our members walked away with a bottle of wine from the Benson Cellars. The first time recipients were Roger Lamm, Steve Pierce and Ernie Davis. DeWayne Ruwe collected his second bottle and Big Sir Darryl got his FIFTH – good work all. Big Sir Darryl remains in the lead for the grand prize. Tony de Losada now has four and Stan Johnson has three. Can anyone catch Darryl? We'll see, we've only got one more month to go.

Ed Benson, Recruiting Chairman

ACTIVITY REPORT
If you go to the Drop-down menu on Branch 8 website and click “Activity Chairs- list”, you’ll see a listing of our 51 activities and events, with the names of the chairmen and their contact information. Here’s some interesting information about Branch 8 Activities:

We have 7 activities or events with new chairmen this year: Astronomy (Larry Lange), Barbecue (Phil Trapp), Cribbage (Ron Draper), Ladies Day Luncheon (Nat Bitton), Mexican Train Dominoes (Danny Rinaldi), Poker (Dan Franklin) and Wine Bargains (Jim Wamer).

Four new activities/events are on the list: Bocce Open Play (Jim Whitsett), Dine In 3 (Rich Cheney), Member Mixer (Jack Sagen) and Sirs at the Opera (David Bushnell).

New members started up 3 of the new events: Bocce Open Play (Jim Whitsett), Dine In 3 (Rich Cheney) and Sirs at the Opera (David Bushnell).

Nine of our members chair two activities: (Bob Barnes, Ron Cassano, Ken Main, Bill Phelon, Danny Rinaldi, Ron Smith, Rod Spicer, Dan Weller and Jim Whitsett).

That's pretty good evidence our activities are in good shape.

Existing members are stepping up as chairmen when the need for leadership changes occur, often by taking on chairing a second activity.

New members are thinking up interesting ways to bring more ways for us to enjoy the benefits and friendships in our branch.

We all owe a debt of thanks to the guys leading our activities and events. It's a is a great way to contribute to the on-going health of Branch 8…..and chairing an activity or event is also a lot of fun.

Phil Trapp, Activity Coordinator

SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES
This is a precis of a warning article I read in the Concord Senior Center Presidents October Bulletin: I thought it important enough to pass on to our membership. Why? The answer is in the last sentence of the bulletin.

SENIORS BEWARE:
Recently, several Seniors have experienced some anxious moments from various phone message and e-mails. The phone calls are of someone identifying themselves as being “with” the IRS, and “informing you that you are being sued” by them! They go on, to give you a telephone number to call, telling you “it is important that you call immediately!”

The IRS is normally not going to call you with this kind of information, if they want to get in touch with you it will be by US Mail. Please do not call the number given, who knows what can come of that?

Delete the message, knowing that you did not fall for the scam! You might record it and play it back for the telephone company, however, if its anything like mine...good luck with that! I did receive this message left on my home telephone, it is something that is going around, be aware, seniors are targets for this new kind of social thievery!

Concord Senior Club: OCTOBERFEST
Dinner Friday October 28th. Doors open at 4:30 PM dinner served at 5:00 PM.
Schnitzel-Potato Salad-Spätzle und Red Cabbage!! Tickets on sale Monday the 24th. @4:00PM. Wunderbar!!

Happy Halloween!
Tony de Losada, SIR Community Outreach Committee

MEMBERS RELATIONS COMMITTEE
The MRC committee met at the Oakmont Senior Assisted Living facilities in Concord, October 11th. Our purpose was:

#1. To confirm the rolling 3-Year Plan progress and Committee commitments.

#2. Implement recommend actions to the BEC findings from the 3-Year Survey responses.

#3. Submit recommendations regarding several recent membership proposals submitted to BEC.

At the time of this Hotline Article deadline, October 19th, 2016, the MRC is still in process, preparing Member Survey and Proposal responses for publication, which, because of their cumulative detail and length, are too large to be printed in the Hotline. These will be presented in in the Branch 8 Online
Website, shortly after, the November 7th, luncheon meeting. Please look for the combined BEC-MRC responses there.

Best regards to you all!

Tony de Losada, Member Relations Committee Chairman

PUBLICITY

GREAT MIX AT THE MIXER: Nothing wrong with a little publicity for a New Activity is there?

Jack Sagen, our very friendly, perennial bachelor, and bon vivant, has launched a rather fun and interesting get together a MIXER, for “The SIR Guys!!” When’s the last time you could sit around at a very nice bar, eat a lot for a little, and just “shoot the scheisse” with your friends? Next event October 25th. 2-3 pm @ Stanfords,1300 South Main Street, Walnut Creek! Come on, liven it up!

I’ll be there, hope to see you too!

Tony de Losada, Publicity and Image Chairman

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ATTENDANCE

Attendance for the October luncheon

Active Members:
- Membership Prior to Luncheon: 340
- Members Inducted: 5
- Excused Absences: -94
- Unexcused Absences: -6
- Members Attending: 245

Visitor:
- Ted Clement (with Guest Speaker)

TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 250

Guest
- Bill Cunningham
- Rick Hastings

Sponsor
- Lloyd Gunderson
- Martin Hawco

Speaker
- Seth Adams

Bill Peterson, Attendance Secretary

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

Five members rated the food as good, very good, excellent and one of the best. One thought the chicken was underdone. Another said luncheons were good.

Three members said the speaker was outstanding, great, interesting and professional, and coordinated the slide show well with the talk.

Several members would not stop talking when the Little Sir and others were making presentations.

Possibly related is a recurring complaint that the meeting drags and the attention of the group is lost when presenters are not at the podium ready to speak when the Big or Little Sir calls on them. Two hundred and fifty members SHOULD NOT have to wait for one person to prepare and move up to the podium.

Branch 8 is a very pleasant group and members. It has great activities and good luncheons and events.

The most interesting comment is that clicking on the July 2016 BEC minutes in the Branch 8 website opens the BEC minutes for Monday, July 13, 2015!

SinSiRly,
Jim Sowell

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
chances! And for your efforts, you do not have to be present to win.

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

LUNCHEON MENU FOR NOVEMBER

HOUSE SALAD
MEATLOAF
MASHED POTATOES
MIXED VEGETABLES
PUMPKIN PIE
COFFEE/ICE TEA

LUNCHEON - SPECIAL MEAL OPTION
We will do our best to provide a special meal (or no meal) to those who cannot eat the regular monthly entries 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.

NEW ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER OR E-MAIL
If you change any of the above, please notify Bob Barnes. If you need a new member’s email address (or phone number), you can also contact Bob Barnes at (925) 348-6443 or send him an email.

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.

STATE SIR HAPPENINGS
A complete archive is now on the State website

Don McGregor, Editor, Sir Happening

SUNSHINE REPORT
Since the October Hotline, the Committee has extended wishes for a rapid recovery to Tom Borman and Frank Begert. The Committee extended condolences to Phil Philpot and family.

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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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.

TREASURERS REPORT
Report for October 2016
Receipts
Monthly luncheon $6,375.00
Dues 12.50
Interest .17
Total receipts 6,387.67

Disbursements
Printing & supplies 149.10
Monthly luncheon 6,819.92
State assessment 425.00
Other 44.00
Total disbursements 7,438.02

Net loss (1,050.35)
Cash, beginning 12,883.28
Cash, ending $11,832.93

Ron, Cassano, Treasurer
ARTS, CRAFTS & HOBBIES

I hope you took a few minutes to stop by and chat with Thom Watkins. You quickly realized he was a serious and very skilled wood worker. There was a great display of photos of his woodwork and some very special pieces. Thom was giving away more tools than I’ve owned in my lifetime. I don’t even know how you use some of them. I hope he found a good home for a few of the special items. Of course there was the unique "Rocking Motorcycle". What a beautiful piece. Not something you could sit on the mantle above the fireplace, but I’m sure the kids enjoyed it. One of a kind.

A special thank you to Thom for his time and effort to haul all of his display pieces and equipment to share with us. Hopefully some of you walked away with a treasure.

Things are still looking up, but I haven’t been able to arrange anything prior to the this month’s HOTLINE deadline. I have been talking to a few members about sharing their hobbies and special skills with the membership in the coming months. Two of the 3 are new members this year and the third just last year. Hopefully, we will have one of these ready to go for the January meeting.

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, silver spoons (even the one you were born with in your mouth), baseballs, golf balls, or moth balls. Or maybe you do taxidermy, collect coins, make beer, build toothpick castles, make train cars, fly drones, have a model plane collection or something really unusual that we don't know about.

All of us old guys like to see stuff and we appreciate people who collect or have a hidden talent or special skill. SHARE it with us. I’ll even buy you a glass of wine and it makes the meeting more interesting.

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.. Thanks in advance.

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

ASTRONOMY

Currently one of the most talked about items in Astronomy is sending humans to Mars. But what is about the "Red Planet" makes it so appealing? To answer this and other questions about Mars we will be showing a DVD from the Astronomy magazine Infinite Cosmos Series entitled "Mars the Red Planet". Our meeting will be held on November 7th immediately after the Branch’s luncheon. All are welcome.

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

BARGAIN BITES

On October 25th we had a group of 56 people overwhelm Taheri’s Mediterranean Restaurant in Pleasant Hill. We were like nomads in the desert as we took over the tent outside and part of the inside of the restaurant. We originally started out with 40 people but when we explained to Owner Sean Taheri we had 16 people on the wait list, he managed to find a little more room for us.

It was a "Hot time in the Old Tent" as we enjoyed drinks or our own wine for just a $10 corkage accompanied with delicious Focaccia Bread followed by a nice green salad and then our entree choices of 1/2 Roasted Chicken, or Vegetable Lasagne or Spaghettini with shrimp, mussels & clams, or Beef Marsala. Whatever your choice, you couldn't miss. Thanks to all who attended this and other Bargain Bites events throughout the year. Your enthusiasm and support really makes it work. And a special thanks to partner Ron Maciak for setting this one up.

Bargain Bites will be dark in November and December but we will all be busy with numerous holiday functions with our families and SIR friends. In the meantime, 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. We’ll see you in January.

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.

Chairman Ron Smith  314-3066  resmith62@aol.com
Asst. Chairman Ron Maciak 357-8005
rammedical@sbcglobal.net
No report filed for the November Hotline.

Chairman: Leary Wong, 925-457-0807, kinglear3@aol.com

BOCCE BALL OPEN PLAY ©

Chairman Bob Barnes and Assistant Danny Rinaldi organized the competition at Newhall Park BB Courts in Concord. There were 24 different participants during the season (May to mid-October). This is a weekly activity on Fridays 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. It usually attracts 10-15 players.

Open play ended around October 11th this year. The Concord Bocce Federation locked the courts even though in the past years the courts have been open until the end of October. I surmise the gates were locked early, as it appears each court had maintenance performed on each end of the court (color of the play surface of the court). The City of Concord had made rules for when the courts would be available for play and those rules indicated the end of September.

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

BOCCE BALL - LEAGUE PLAY ©

Chairman Bob Barnes and Assistant Danny Rinaldi organized the team to compete in the Concord Bocce Federation league. Our team (SIR Bocce) played on the Baldwin Park BB Courts in Concord. There were 10 players (6 SIR members and 4 partners) who played on our team. Our team played on Tuesdays 8:30 – 8:30 p.m. during the May – September months.

I hope everyone enjoyed the Open and League play. I wish everyone a very good holiday season. I would like to see everyone return next year when play resumes.

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

BOCCE INDOOR WINTER LEAGUE

It's now Fall and the weather is changing! That means it's time for SIR Branch 8 members to participate in Winter League Seniors INDOOR Bocce!

The Branch 8 Team, the "SIR 8 Rollers" began play on Wednesday morning, October 26th at NorCal Courts Bocce, 360 Ferry St., Martinez.

The Team Capo is SIR Stan U'Ren.

Please NOTE: The SIR Winter League Bocce team for Branch 8 has the maximum number of players for 2016-17. If a player decides not to play in Fall 2017 then I will ask if any current Bocce Ball players would like to play. They will be asked on a first come basis from the Members who participate in Thursday and Friday Open Play Bocce.

Watch for team performance stats in the Hotline in the coming months! The season will end with playoffs in April.

Activity Chair: Jim Whitsett 925-689-5493 AFRES056789@gmail.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, jtomk01@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 September the Book Group read 'The Arms of Krupp' by William Manchester. It was a challenging book due to its length but generated a great deal of interest and discussion. Most of the group really enjoyed getting these insights into the role this one family played in the business of armaments over the decades and the part this played in many wars including the great war and the second world war. Those who didn't read it but are interested should find a copy or 2 in the Book Exchange.

We switch to fiction this month with ‘Pastoralia’ a series of short stories by George Saunders which was a 2013 National Book Award Finalist for Fiction. He imagines a near future where capitalism has run amok and consumption and the service economy rule the earth. Happy reading!

The Book Group meets the first Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. at Round Table Pizza. At present we are at the Round Table on Oak Park Blvd., Pleasant Hill. Email me at nickmaufe@gmail.com if you are interested in joining us.

Chairman: Nick Maufe

BOWLING

Bowl every Wednesday morning starting at 10 AM.

We welcome Branch 8 Tom Barnidge to the bowling league. He is a bit rusty after not bowling for several years, but will soon get accustomed to the modern bowling environment.

SIR State-Wide Tournament Schedules, Applications, and Results 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 1938 Oak Park Blvd. near Putnam and Oak Park Blvd., Pleasant Hill. (NOTICE THE CHANGE OF VENUE!!) 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 October 14, 2016 for the regular monthly session at the Dollar Clubhouse in Rossmoor... The top 3 finishers were:

1st Bushnell-Sherne 41.5 pts
2nd (tie) Myrtle-Spicer 33.5
2nd (tie) Kahl-Schulze 33.5

No slams were bid and made for the 4th straight month. Cards were very evenly distributed as indicated by the fact only 8 of the 21 hands played produced more than 1 game bid and made. Further, there were “pass outs” on 3 of the 21 boards. Another interesting fact is: the contract on 5 of the boards was identical and the results were virtually identical. One exception was a board where all E-W bids bid 3 NT with all making 5 except the Regan-Grissanti pair worked a little magic to make 6 for a top board. Another interesting board was one where 3 of the N-S pairs played 3 or 4 diamonds making 4. The Bushnell-Sherne pair saw greater potential in the hand and played the hand in 3NT making 5 for a top board and one of the highest scores for the day.

Thanks to Ernie Sherne for set-up this month. Rod Spicer will have those duties next month. Also, thanks again to Tom Hensley for securing the venue at Rossmoor.

Finally, thanks to Ken Main, Dennis Snarr and Jon Dickson for subbing.

Our next session will be November 11 at 9:00AM. Substitutes are often needed and any SIR wishing to play should contact:

Chairman: Bob Kahl, 284-8572
Ass’t Chairman: Dick Long, 274-1786
Asst Chairman: Ton Hensley, 937-0605

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No report submitted for November.
Chairman: Max Creamer  262-740
Assistant: Jerry Milano

Two tables of die-hard players made it through all of the directions to our room of the month location. The other players either got lost or they decided to give up on October bridge.

The best players this month were: Tom Hensley (3650) and Frank Klobas (2770). The scores ran from 590 to 3650 with a median score of about 1900.

All bridge players are invited to our game. We now meet at our new location of Round Table Pizza at 1938 Oak Park Blvd., Pleasant Hill, just west of Putnam. The game starts at 9:00AM. We do break for lunch about 11:30 as our necessary payment for the room. Be sure to answer Al Welch’s reminder e-mail so that we can get full tables.

Rod Spicer, Chairman, 935-5306, marod61@att.net
Al Welch, Co-Chairman, 938-4131, maynal41@hotmail.com

On Monday October 17, 2016, Couples Bridge session had four (4) tables or 8 couples.

Ben and Helen Yeraka took first place with 2910 points. Ralph and Bobbie Schweinfurth were second with 2750 points followed by Raleigh and Helen Davis with 2590 points. Les and Carole Hopkins we’re honorable mention with 2460 points.

Although we keep score, our primary goal is to have fun and socialize a bit. Mission accomplished!

Our next game will be on Monday November 21, 2016 (our normal third Monday of the month).

NOTE: AS I MENTIONED, IN NOVEMBER, WE WILL BE AT THE ROUND TABLE PIZZA RESTAURANT @ 1938 OAK PARK BLVD IN PLEASANT HILL (925 930 - 9004 ). It has a bigger back room and the more casual buffet style lunch.

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

The Car Enthusiasts once again attended the Antioch Speedway dirt track races in September. The guys and wives who attended had a blast. Dinner at Olive Garden started the evening and the races were both exciting and noisy. Sprint cars exceeded 100 MPH around the 1/8 mile circuit, hard to imagine! There were several wrecks and a rollover crash where no one was injured but made for some exciting moments. The way some of the drivers behaved it looked like a demo derby at times. This might become an annual outing.

Work is underway for two additional events. November 9 - we plan to travel to Sacramento to the California Auto Museum to view a Motorcycle exhibit. We will depart from a local parking lot and car pool to Sac at approximately 8:30 AM, arriving in Old Sac at 10:00. We will view the exhibit, then grab a lunch, leaving for home prior to the start of daily commute. There is a fee for the museum (approx. $6-8 for seniors) and lunch is NO host. A contribution for car poolers’ gas cost is suggested. Contact one of the folks mentioned below to express your wishes to join us.

The second event is a Train Ride to Reno and back with a two night stay so we can enjoy the National Auto Museum (Harrah's old collection) approximately 200 vehicles on display. We plan to spend at least a half day walking thru the collection. We will gather for a group dinner on Wednesday evening (if the costs are reasonable) or dine in groups on our own. The planning is underway and we need to see how many folks would like to take part before we arrange for train tickets, rooms at Harrah's Casino Hotel, and what a group dinner will cost. The target costs reviewed to date from the internet would make the total cost for transportation, lodging and museum admission a little over $300 per couple (less for a single participant). Once we know the number interested the costs could go down with some negotiation efforts with Amtrak and Harrah's.

Please contact Chick Lowry for expressing interest. The current target dates for the event are either Jan. 24,25,26 or Feb. 7, 8, 9, to stay away fro Valentine's Day and the Super Bowl. We'll see which dates generate the most interest.

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 October meeting, Frank May spoke about the “Connected House.” We learned about almost all the smart home Internet connected devices now available. Although many appeared to be great devices, there’s been some recent press discussion about “over hyping” the advantages of this new technology. Remotely adjusting your house’s thermostat, turning on the lights and locking/unlocking the door may not be too complicated to accomplish. But to function, these devices will each likely require a separate program and controller. It may get complicated.

Coming in November, Bob Testa will be discussing “Home Video Camera Systems”. He will be reviewing various camera options, their advantages and potential problems. SIR attendees who have video cameras in their home will be encouraged to contribute their experiences installing and using home video cameras.

We look forward to seeing you 9:15 AM, Thursday November 17, 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 November 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

DARTS AND POOL

No report was filed for the November HOTLINE.

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Asst. Chairman Al Welch. 938-4131 matnal41@hotmail.com

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

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

The October meeting kicked off with a presentation by Derek Southern: Reading and Using Histograms. As per usual, Derek’s presentation was both informative and interesting (and technical!). In the remaining minutes of the meeting, we enjoyed members Travel Portraits. There were some interesting takes on “travel portraits.”

For November, we will be building on Derek’s histogram presentation as members practice Reading and Using Histograms. In addition to Derek’s presentation on this exotic endeavor, Dave Davis is providing us with links to several educational resources that illustrate the science of histograms and what one does with “it.” Hopefully we are all successful!

Everyone is encouraged to bring up to 12 photos to share on a “clean” flash drive in .jpg format. (Reminders: 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, Mac users need to double check their flash drives, just to make sure the photos are present.)

Our host for the November 18, meeting, Jock MacKaig, 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 rphelon@juno.com 254-8338
Dave Davis, Vice Chair dav.davis@comcast.net 838-1753

CRIBBAGE

The Cribbage Group meets on the First Wednesday and the Third Tuesday of each month. There’s been a location change from Treat Blvd in Concord due to remodeling. For the rest of year, we’ll be playing at the Round Table Pizza located at 1938 Oak Park Blvd., Pleasant Hill. Hours of play are 1pm to 3pm. Please join us if you have played Cribbage or would like to learn the game.

2016 October Results

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Asst. Chairman, Dan Smith Email: dns.lns02@astound.net

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DINE IN # 1 ©

We do not meet until November 18th. Nothing new to report this month.
Chairman: Ron Cassano at roncassano@gmail.com

DINE IN # 2 ©

No article was received for the November 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 had no scheduled dinner during October. Our next event will be hosted by Bill Espey and Margaret Edwards at their home on 16 November 16, 2016.
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 ©

Twenty-four Dine Outers had an enjoyable evening at the Hick’ry Pit in Walnut Creek on October 20th. Plans are to return in 2017. No Dine Outs are planned for November or December.
Our tentative schedule for Dine Outs in the first quarter 2017 are as follows...
Thursday January 19, 2017 - Wences Restaurant, Pleasant Hill (Spicers' hosting)
Thursday February 16, 2017 - Spaghetti Factory, Concord (Allens' hosting)
Thursday March 16, 2017 - Black Angus, Pleasant Hill (Marv Kreitz hosting)
Check the hotline or the Br 8 website for more details as we get closer to these events.
Activity Chair: Ken Main (925) 945-1065
mainkenneth46@gmail.com

DINE OUT #2

WANTED Sir and Lady to host a Dine Out 2 activity,
Dine Out 2 is small, intimate dining group (4 couples & separate checks) to allow restaurant to present itself & cuisine in its best light and for guests to enjoy interesting and friendly conversation with one another. If you are interested please Contact Dine Out 2 chairman Don Atwater
Chairman Don Atwater 673-1669 datwater@pacbell.net
Ass. Chair Jerry Milano 934-3496
jerrymilano@astound.net

DINE OUT - SINGLE SIRS ©

Whether you are newly single, long term single or just single at dinner time, as a Branch 8 Sir you are invited to join us for dinner on the first Tuesday of the month. We are a congenial group of guys that enjoy this monthly gathering. A different host and a different restaurant each month. Check the Hotline and branch Webpage for updated information.

November SINGLE SIRS DINE OUT
Tuesday, November 1st Dinner 5:30 pm at Mr. Lucky’s, 2618 Pleasant Hill Road, Pleasant Hill
Contact host Clark Morehouse 825-6768
Jack Stack, Chairman (939-1842) carjack@jps.net

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 play the game. You will play along side one of the experienced members during regular play until you feel comfortable to venture out on your own.
We meet at ROUND TABLE PIZZA located at 1938 Oak Park Blvd, Pleasant Hill, Ca. Hours of play are 11:00am to 2:00pm. We usually purchase lunch around 12:30pm, socialize and continue play after lunch. We donate $5.00 each and keep score by points. High score wins. We invite you to join, have fun, and meet new friends. Please join us on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month.
Chairman: Dan Rinaldi 925-381-5486
danrinaldi944@gmail.com
Co-Chairman: Alan Schulze 925-876-7537
a_schulze@sbcglobal.net
EXPLORE AND EAT

Branch 8 Day at the Races Friday, November 4th, at 11:30 AM. Please join us in the Turf Club at Golden Gate Fields for a delicious Buffet and an afternoon of races. Cost: only $33 per person, including Turf Club Admission, Valet Parking, program, and Buffet lunch. Stop by the Expore & Eat Table, and look for a Branch 8 email with full registration details soon. Ron & Larry

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

FISHING - AREA 2

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, November 17th, 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. Chuck Vanoncini led Chuck Cornell, Joe Miscione, Ray Pixton, Tom Boltz, Pete Gates, and John Wall on a two day trip to Lake Almanor. Everybody got trout to 5 lbs. Dick Thomson, Paul Dubow, and Karl Droese got nice big cutthroat trout from Pyramid Lake in Nevada. Alex Go, Gordon Linebaugh, Lee Clark, Paul Dubow, Dick Thomson, and Carl Moyer went salmon fishing out the gate, but came home with only rock fish. Paul, Pete Gates, and Carl Moyer tried San Pablo Reservoir for catfish, and came home with nothing. Harry Sherinian and Tom Kostik caught some nice stripers trolling in the delta. Tom and Mike Corker each got a nice salmon plugging for stripers in the delta; and on earlier adventure caught black bass and small stripers. Stripers and sturgeon fishing in the delta is hot this time of year, and our local lakes have started planting trout.

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

GOLF 18 HOLES

Our “annual golf outing”, Gold Country Golf was held on September 26 and 27 at Saddle Creek Resort in Copperopolis. There were 56 in attendance, 34 that golfed and 22 that toured around. The second day play was at Greenhorn Creek. Little did we know that September 26 and 27 would be the two warmest days in September!! However we braved through it... Saddle Creek was very accommodating throughout. We occupied 13 of their 17 bungalows and felt like we had the entire resort to ourselves. It was not until our Monday night banquet that we announced that we had played a tournament that day (takes the stress and strain away from our golfers). The Ladies division winner was Margaret Batesole and the Men’s Division went to Gordon Batesole. (Got to keep it in the family.) The “Worm burner” award went to Bob Price. Each winner received a beautiful handmade, framed certificate. For those of you who missed it, you missed the golfing event of the year -Mike Anderson Metropolitan Golf Links, net 55!! There have been two others that broke 60 this year - Stan Johnson, 58 and Don Sanderson, 59 but 55! Our stats keeper, Gordon Batesole cannot remember anyone shooting a net 55. Mike, you are going down in the history book! NCGA dues for your Golf Handicap are being collected for 2017. Please send your check for $60.00 made out to: SIR BRANCH 8 GOLF and mail to: Gordon Batesole 1023 Meadow Pl, Danville, Ca. 94526
Bill Koski, Communications: 672 7650 bilikos36@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. Remember to sign up at the luncheon or contact Barry Brown (barry@bkbrown.net) or Dick Brooks (balte1@comcast.net).

Our annual club championship was held after the deadline for Hotline Articles but the results will be E-mailed to everyone and posted on the website.

Finally, I would like to send the condolences of all the 9-hole golf participants to our good friend Phil Philpot on the passing of his lovely wife Barbara. You are in our thoughts and prayers Phil.

Barry Brown, Chair: barry@bkbrown.net (925) 930 8026
Phil Philpot Asst. Chair: jr5753@outlook.com (925) 937 2260
Dick Brooks, Stats, Board Member sb8golf9holes@gmail.com
GOLF – COUPLES

On Thursday, October 13, Marshals Mario and Ali Moratorio provided 12 couples the opportunity to enjoy a great golf game before the rains. The rules for the day were ‘closest to the pin’ on Hole 3, and second shot ‘closest to the pin’ on hole 7. Competing were: Tom & Sally Trice, Roger & Mardi Lockwarra, Dean & Marilyn Steichen, Paul & Millie Hersch, Leo & Judy Barrella, Jim & Aira Regan, Gordon & Margaret Batesole, Bob & Daphne Olson, Bill Hunter & Dona Lawrentz, Larry & Holley Yarberrry, Bob & Sandy Price and Mario & Ali Moratorio. Since the official note-taking lunch paper napkin has disappeared, hopefully all the winners have been included as: Marilyn Steichen, Sandy Price, Bill Hunter (twice), Gordon Batesole (twice), Aira Regan (twice).

We missed those who were not with us, and we look forward to seeing you all again on Thursday, November 10, 2016 with Marshals Ron Maciak and Linda Gawura. We hope you all will visit the sirbr8.com website and sign up for both golf and lunch. We welcome all to play with us for Couples Golf - meaning any two people are invited - it is not limited to anyone. Golf is an important game, but the fellowship AFTER is the best part of our day!! Come and join us!!

If you have questions and would like to join this fantastic SCG, please contact: Paul Derby (derby.paul@comcast.net) or Paul Hersch (poppy3642@gmail.com). We look forward to seeing you all very soon.

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

GOLF - TRAVELING NINE HOLE

On behalf of Dick Brooks and myself I would like to thank those who participated in this year’s new activity. We learned a lot about getting around in our area to play designated 9 hole courses. I did not know there so many to choose from. We were to play McInnis in San Rafael but, unfortunately our event got scratched as the starter’s desk did not log us in to play. This was even with a confirmation of my email to the pro. Since we are getting into the holiday season we will put this event on hold until January. Keep your eye on the web page as well as your emails for event notice.

I want to extend a big thank you to Dick Brooks for stepping up and taking care of my duties as well as his. Dick helped make this activity a reasonable success. To make it better the players should step up to their commitments. A lot of work goes into negotiating start times without having to collect funds prior to play, which can be a pain.

Have a great winter and we will see you on the green.

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.


11/10/2016: Concord: Iron Horse Trail, Willows Shopping Center. Willows Shopping Center, meet at the south corner near the new Lazy Dog Restaurant. Cafe: Panera Bread Cafe. Leader: Ray Tenzer


11/24/2016 - Holiday - No Walk

12/1/2016: Martinez: Martinez Regional Shoreline. Exit i-680 N. At last offramp to Martinez. Turn left on Marina Vista. Turn right on Ferry St. And cross the RR tracks. Meet at the first parking lot on the left. Cafe: Starbucks Martinez. Leader: Stan Johnson


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Asst. Chair: Jim Kawal 925-228-8821 jjtravelnet@gmail.com
HIKERS - SIR HIKERS

Easy Hike Nov 8, 2016 Lime Ridge Walnut Creek Open Space

The hike starts at 10:00 a.m. at the Walnut Creek Bayberry Dr. Trailhead.

Hike Description: The November Easy Hike at Lime Ridge Open Space is short, but with some ups and downs. The loop uses several trails, mostly in the open. There are several trail options to return to the trailhead with fewer miles. The planned route starts on a new single track trail climbing 70' in 1/3 mile. The 3.5 mile planned route, which passes under Ygnacio, is hilly, but the grade is easy. The accumulated elevation gain is about 550'. 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 GUEST leader: Bob Simmons (for questions, contact Hike Coordinator Dave Davis)

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

Hard Hike Nov 29, 2016 Springhill Sunrise Loop

Hike Description: This is a “somewhat challenging” hike of about 5.5 miles and approximately 1,000 feet of accumulated elevation gain. The hike is a counter clock-wise loop. We start heading west briefly on Buckeye Ranch trail to join the Sunrise Trail. We stay on the Sunrise trail for a little over two miles uphill. This joins the Briones Crest trail, where we turn left and hike for about ¾ miles to the Lafayette Ridge trail. An undulating trail for about .65 miles. When we come to the Springhill trail we turn left and hike and head downhill for .7 miles and return to the trailhead.

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: Steve Moore (925) 699-0900; stevmoor@pacbell.net

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

Hiking Activity Chair: Dave Davis 925-838-1753

LADIES DAY LUNCHEON

The 2016 Holiday Ladies Day Lunch, will be held on Monday, December 12th at Roundhill Country Club, 3169 Roundhill Rd., Alamo. The cost for the lunch is $37.50 per person. You can pay by check at the sign-up tables during the October and November SIR lunches or by sending a check to Ed Dijkman, 5091 Murchio Dr. Concord, CA 94521. Please include your name & telephone number, with your guest's name, as well as food choices for each.

Detailed information and the sign-up forms can be found on the Branch 8 website: http://www.Sirbr8.com/ldl/

MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

No report filed for the November HOTLINE.

Chairman John Sewell know if you are interested - dijonsew@gmail.com. or phone 446 4394

MODEL RAILROADING

Fall has arrived! We’ll continue to take a break from our model train layout design and construction for the time being. Please stay tuned for future announcements on the direction of the group. There will be an exciting project for us to assist with in 2017! Call the Activity Chair for details.

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.cmrrainclub.org); and the San Leandro Historical Railway Society in San Leandro (www.slrhs.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 Chair.

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

Asst. Chair. Dick Grube 687-0779
dickgrube@comcast.net

MIXER

The MIXER is a no-host get-together for all members, new and active, who like getting out and meeting with other SIR members. The first meeting was at Stanford’s Restaurant and Bar on Tuesday, September 27 at 3:00 PM. Stanford’s Restaurant and Bar is located at 1300 South Main Street in Walnut Creek. Free parking is available one block away at the public garage behind Macy’s or one block north on South Main Street.
**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  
**Asst:** Ekk Keller 685-1505  
**Ass’t:** Ron Draper 939-5740

**Emails:**  
-montgall26@gmail.com  
ekkeller@astound.net  
r-draper@pacbel.net

**SIRS AT THE GAMES**

**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**

Six of us (including spouses) attended Wagner's **Tristan und Isolde.** And all enjoyed it, or at least most of it. I found Act I to be too much angry woman singing at me -- I was not surprised to find the opera was written during a period of Wagner's marital distress.

Don Giovanni, the second opera of the month, is to be performed after this November Hotline went to press. There will be no opera broadcasts in November. The next opera will be Kaija Saariaho’s new opera **L'Amour de Loin** on December 10 and 14.

**Chairman:** David Bushnell  
**Co-Chair:** Bruce Benzler  
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**SIRS IN THE KITCHEN ©**

**A Lovely Day**

Twenty-five Sirs in the Kitchen feasted on appetizers of potato skins and Thai chicken stuffed endive followed by Caesar salad, New York strip roast, twice baked potatoes, green beans almondine and Ms. Donna's chocolate mousse. A great time was had by all. On Monday, sous chef Jack, Ms. Donna and EC Ed did the prep work so Tuesday's meal was really pretty easy.

Kudos go to sous chefs Raleigh, Larry, Jack and Thom for their help in getting the meal ready. Also a great round of applause to those involved in the set up, clean up and take down activities. A clean after-event house makes for a very happy Ms. Donna.

Due to travel plans and the Thanksgiving holiday, Sirs in the Kitchen will not be meeting in November. Happy Thanksgiving everyone! Come December, we will not be doing our usual two gala dinners; I guess EC Ed is getting a bit older. Instead we'll have an open house for our Sirs in the Kitchen members and spouse/partners on December 13. Save the date and stay tuned for the time and sign-ups.
Sirs in the Kitchen is now at 52 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, E-mail Executive Chef Ed, and they’ll be sent to you.

Executive Chef: Ed Benson  

**SUMS IN RETIREMENT**

$UMS, the investment activity of SIR Area 2, is changing to the 3rd Wednesday morning in November. The date is November 16. The time remains 8 AM to 9:30 AM. The location remains the Legends Restaurant at the Diablo Creek Country Club on Port Chicago Highway, 1/4 mile north of Highway 4 in Concord. Our speaker will be Jim Carley on Reverse Mortgages and Long-term Care Insurance. Both investments have been controversies in the news in recent times. Jim will tell us about the pitfalls of these investments if they are not made with your specific needs in mind.

The Legends opens at 7:00 AM. Come early and have a leisurely breakfast with your colleagues prior.

Sums Chairman Tom Henry - tomhenry925@gmail.com

**TRAVELING SIRS ©**

Last month we had a great trip to Custer State Park in South Dakota. We had 23 people, a great tour guide, bus driver and perfect weather.

Other trip opportunities for 2017: a trip to Cuba, a cruise on the Mississippi, river cruises, Autumn in New England and Cape Cod & Martha’s Vineyard.

Please let me know if any of the above interest you. Thanks

Chairman: Larry Yarberry  

L_yarberry42@comcast.net

Asst. Chair: Robert Wells 930-0792

**WINE - BARGAIN WINES**

Since our last outings (the Captain Vineyards tour in late August and the Carquinez Straits venue late in July) we have been idle and remain so. We typically attempt to do 4 or so tastings/ratings and dinners during the year, however with the traveling of both Ed Benson and I have done during this fall we have nothing yet to announce for the rest of this year. A few options have been explored - so once we have something in place the membership will be informed. Anyone interested in obtaining information about our group are encouraged to contact either of us.

Chairman: Jim Warner, 925-935-8032

Assistant: Ed Benson, 925-943-7011

**WINE - CELLAR FILLERS ©**

November is a down month for the Cellar Fillers Wine Activity. The next meeting of CFWA will likely be in January. We will be looking for volunteers to host the meeting, so if you can handle 10 to 14 hungry and thirsty Sirs at home, let me know.

CFWA is an excellent opportunity to introduce a guest to SIR. It is open to SIR members, applicants and prospective members. Spouses and SO’s are welcome at the other 4 Branch 8 wine activities, Bargain Wines and Wine Finders I, II, and III.

We meet at 11:30 AM for a simple lunch of sandwiches and fixin’s, then taste approximately 10 wines, 5 whites and 5 reds. Occasionally we throw in a few blush wines. A report on the wines evaluated will be sent to the CFWA members shortly after the meeting, and will be available on the Branch 8 website home page. It will list the wines, their rankings, price and source. The cost of the activity varies with the wine prices and the number of attendees, but usually runs around $10.00.

If you have questions or if you would like your name to be added to the mailing list, please contact:

Jim Sowell, Chair, sowell4jim@aol.com, (925) 939-4670 or (925) 457-7746 cel

Jim Warner, Ass't Chair, jdubew@hotmail.com, (925) 935-8032

**WINE FINDERS 1,2 & 3 ©**

We Winefinders-1 all met at our hosts home in Moraga, Jack(Rose) Sagen’s “party Pad” to sample MALBEC wines, originating from anywhere on planet earth. We had first-hand knowledge that malbecs exist in Chile, but all this night’s selections did in fact originate in the Mendoza region, Argentina. Our top 3 selections were:


**SECOND** - Ron/Judy Smith’s Layer Cake, 2014, also from Safeway ($11.99).

**THIRD** - Tony/Peggy de Losada’s VINTJS, 2015, from TJ’s ($7.99).

Overall conclusions: all Malbecs sampled were good, similar in taste, and any of the 5 selections were certainly acceptable and worthy of our group’s recommendation.

The appetizers were extraordinarily tasty, enjoyed by all. Our hosts surprised us all with a wonderful Mac and Cheese entree, with an over-the-top dessert to cap the evening. Next
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In between that early life and migrating to California, I earned a degree in Developmental Psychology from the University of Sussex, met Shirley, my wife to be, and started and ended my first attempt at a career - in social work. By 1982, within 3 years of our return to the UK from that trip to the Americas, we had married and had our first of 3 girls. At that point, I

managed to land a job with Chevron in San Francisco in the relatively new business of computer programming. By 1985 we had moved to our current house in Walnut Creek and since then, we have brought up our 3 girls as true Californians, albeit with a little of the British mojo (an appreciation of football and Monty Python!).

I spent the next 30 years of my career with Chevron in a variety of positions related to IT, ending with 8 years as a Project Manager. That was enough! At 60 I retired (and joined SIRS).

Now in retirement, the 3 activities that consume most of my time are playing with my grandchildren, several outdoor activities and world travel:

- Our 3 girls have stayed or moved back into the Bay Area and we now have 7 grandchildren, all under 5, with an 8th on the way!
- I have been mountain biking since my 40s locally plus a couple of biking vacations a year (Oregon, Lake Tahoe, etc.), and the delight has not dimmed with the years. As well as biking, I do lots of local hiking and recently have returned to the enjoyment of backpacking both in California and much further afield with trips to Patagonia, Corsica and Mt. Rainier over the last 3 years.
- As you might expect coming from abroad and with many trips into mainland Europe in my youth, a desire to explore other countries and cultures comes naturally. Since retiring we have taken 1 or 2 overseas trips a year, often including the UK to visit old friends and relatives.

So how could such an active SIR be chairman of the Book Group? I have to say that I have always loved to read and in recent years as part of a book club managed to read a book a month. Now in retirement I have stoked that fire a little and get a lot of enjoyment from this second Book Group with SIRS.

Dear SIR members,

writing Your Life Stories will meet on November 22 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

ACTIVITY CHAIRMEN

NICK MAUFE

Chairman – of the Book Group

I was born in London but spent most of my pre-teens years living in Scotland, where my father, a great outdoorsman, instilled in me a love of nature and the outdoor life. So many years later, at the end of an extended (15 month) trip that culminated in northern California, Shirley

and I decided this great place was the place we wanted to put
down roots and enjoy not only an outdoor lifestyle but a more enjoyable climate than that of the UK!

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I Did My Part Wine Winners

Guest Speaker Seth Adams

Luncheon Sound Techs: Hans & Dick

Chuck Vanoncini led this group of SIRS to Lake Almanor
# Mt. Diablo Branch No. 8

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