THE BIG SIR COLUMN

It was gratifying to pay tribute to eleven past Big Sirs at our April luncheon. The BEC began issuing engraved gavels to Big Sir Ed Benson (2015) and Big Sir Darryl Sweetland (2016) just two years ago. Our own Leo Barrella and Erland Persson took the initiative to present engraved gavels to our past Big Sirs and recognize their leadership and contributions.

The attending past Big Sirs and recipients were: Leo Barrella (2015); Stan Johnson (2013); Derek Southern (2011); Jim Sowell (2010); Dean Steichen (2007); Ron Smith (2006); Tom Hensley (2003); Don Atwater (2001); David Perkins (2000); Frank Begert Sr. (1997); and Marvin Kreitz (1991).

Past Big Sirs Edward Myrtle (1999), Harry Hubinger (2002), and Gary Plisco (2012) were unable to attend and will receive their gavels in the future.

We often forget that this group of Big Sirs was responsible for the growth to our branch over the last two decades. I am reminded of two famous quotes on leadership: “The greatest leader is not necessarily the one who does the greatest things. He is the one that gets people to do the greatest things”- Ronald Regan and….”Leadership – do what you feel in your heart is right for you’ll be criticized anyways”- Eleanor Roosevelt.

Mike Long, BIG SIR

LITTLE SIR SEZ

The May lunch will be a two-for-one day, with a combination a Salute to Hawaii Day and an interesting presentation of the Tao House (it’s pronounced “Dow”) in Danville.

SALUTE TO HAWAII DAY

LIVE HULA DANCERS: We have a live troupe of hula dancers on stage for our pre-luncheon entertainment. They will be dancing from 10:55 to 11:20, so get into the dining room a little early and get seated to catch the show.

HAWAIIAN SHIRT DAY: This is Hawaiian shirt day, dig your favorite shirt out of the closet and wear it to the lunch. We’ll have two awards: one for the most beautiful shirt and another for the most outrageous.

EUGENE O’NEILL NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

America’s only Nobel Prize winning playwright, Eugene O’Neill, chose to live in the San Ramon Valley at the height of his writing career. He bought 158 acres in 1937 in what is now Danville and built Tao (pronounced “Dow”) House as his home and secluded retreat. Isolated from the world and within the walls of his home, O’Neill wrote his final and most memorable plays; The Iceman Cometh, Long Day’s Journey Into Night, and A Moon for the Misbegotten.

Tao House became a National Park Site and is now a highly popular park. Tom Leatherman, National Parks Service Superintendent will give us an overview of the park and its history. Gary Schaub, a member of San Ramon Branch 128, is a Tao House docent and will tell us about O’Neill’s home.

This two-for-one is a great opportunity to have some fun and learn more about one of the area’s premier attractions. Bring a guest, you won’t be sorry.

Phil Trapp, Little Sir

Absences & Bringing Guests

925-901-4826 or sirbr8attendance@outlook.com

By Noon, Thursday before the Luncheon.
**RECRUITMENT**

**Now We're Even**

In April we inducted seven new members; however we lost four for a net gain of three. Our losses revolved around health issues, and we had one death. Godspeed Sam.

We started the year with 343 members, so now we're a bit better than even with 344. It took us four months to do that. We typically lose around 34 members each year; that's about ten percent of our total membership.

The typical SIR branch loses around 15 to 16 percent so we're either healthier of luckier. I'll take either. This year through April we have lost a total of 18 members. That would convert to an annual number of 54 or slightly less than 16 percent. Hopefully what we are currently experiencing is not a new trend.

We initiated seven new members into our "I've Done My Part" Club. Congratulations to Darryl Skiles, Bob Barnes, Rob Laaback, Bud Grisanti, Dave Davis, Dan Casella and Bob McMains. Tony de Losada remains in the lead for our $75 sweepstakes award with two members; will someone please catch him?. Remember, get a bottle of wine; bring in a guest and convert him into a new member!

Ed Benson, Recruiting Chairman

**ACTIVITY REPORT**

At our recent SIR luncheon, we briefly discussed the new Activities Calendar on our Branch 8 website. The calendar can be found along the top toolbar on the right hand side.

The new Activities Calendar is a monthly view of our branch activities and specific events that have been planned for you. The calendar is "dynamic" in that you can click on an activity shown on a particular date and time. More information about that event will be displayed. You may also scroll through all of the months of 2017 to learn about upcoming events. Please check out the calendar and let me know what you think. We appreciate your feedback as we work to make it better.

Two new activities are being introduced. At the April luncheon, you heard about Geocaching. The introductory Geocaching hike is scheduled for Thursday, May 4. Read the Geocaching activity webpage for all of the details.

Also, a new wine activity called "All About Wine" will emphasize learning about and tasting wines from both domestic and international regions. This activity is an opportunity for you to find quality wines that will pair nicely with your meals. You will even judge some wines in a casual and friendly group environment. Give it a try!

These two new activities bring our SIR branch to 51 activities and 3 special events. Whether indoor or outdoor, you have lots of fun activities available to you. You may discover a rewarding activity that will provide enjoyment all summer long.

Activity Coordinator Committee Chair: Steve Schramm

**MEMBERS RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

The Member Relations Committee will have its 2nd Quarter Meeting at the End of ,1st week in June, pending Committee availability. We need something from members New and Old, sorry,, New and Not So new? Your input! The reason we organized is to be available to the membership to on questions, comments and ideas. To know what we don’t know about your satisfaction with the Branch, its operations, procedures, Activities and BEC responses. Do you have ideas? Give them to us.by "us," I mean any member you choose to speak to.

Click HERE to open the MRC web page which has a list of all twenty-four MRC members and their contact information.

They volunteered to make sure your ideas get listened to and acted upon! Talk to them and get it on our agenda to discuss, in time for our next meeting.

Branch Executive Committee, or BEC is, in total, 12 members, five of which are DIRECTORS. This month, as you can tell from our last meeting ( Big SIR Gavels?) we are continuing to recognize volunteers "who do" for the branch. At our May 8th Hawaain Shirt Contest, great guest speakers from Taos House in Danville and Hula dancing; we will honor our Directors of the past three years. These dedicated people not only come to meetings to eat their lunch, they make sure you have entertainment, excellent speakers, recognize problems, and see to it they are fixed, the Hotline is “ Hot” and the SIR Website is, in "sight!” You might want to say something (nice?) the next time you see one “scrubbing the floors “ with a Brass Badge badge on, they have you and your needs in their thinking and actions at all times!

Tony de Losada. MRC Chairman
PUBLICITY

SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Concord Senior Center through Dario Sanchez Recreation Program Director, for being there for us when we asked for help in securing “Hawaiian Hula Dancers” for our May luncheon; The answer? Seven (7) talented & lovely ladies were suddenly there, to perform for our, not so lovely however, equally, talented membership! We would have been left in the Kayak with no water to paddle in. A big “Thank you,” goes to Dario Sanchez, shown to be a good friend to Branch 8 more than once! He also reads the Hotline and knows well, that I am going to recruit him. Give in Dario, it’s just a matter of time. Thanks also go to Rosemarie Ramos who gave us her best efforts in bringing her ladies on to our Hilton stage; this could be the break they needed to be on Jimmy Kimmel’s late night show! Mahalo Rosemarie!

For Seniors who dance and Volunteer: **May 3rd is the FIRST WENDESDAY in Walnut Creek** 2 blocks of Cypress Street between Locust and Main Streets, located in the heart of downtown, this event runs every first Wednesday (through October) from 5-8PM. SIR Branch 8 will have an information booth from 5 PM to 7:30 PM. Good way to volunteer, listen to the music, dance and eat, while serving the Branch. We call it volunteer fun somebody’s, got to do it! How about you? Call any of us on the SIR COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE! Darryl Sweetland, dssweetland@att.net; Alan Fahrenkrog, afahrenkrog@sbcglobal.net; Dick Brooks, sb8golf9holes@gmail.com; Richard Cheney, richard.s.cheney@gmail.com

Tony de Losada, Publicity and Image-Senior Activities

SIR COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE:

- **MAY 3rd**: In addition to operating the SIR Branch 8 February Information table at Concord Senior Center, by Tom Mohrman and Dick Brooks: SCOC is scheduled to have a 10x10 Tent and Table at the Walnut Creek First Wednesday which is one helluva good time for those of you who like to Dine, Dance, Drink, and see the Exhibits in a safely blocked off City Street, (they serve coffee and sodas also!)

- **FOURTH OF JULY: Remember: The Fourth of July Concord Downtown Parade**: That fun loving, Cruise Loving gang of Gentlemen, Branch 8 CAR ENTHUSIASTS are appearing in the Parade with an ensemble of their most stock and tricked out, custom and restored cars! Read this at this pasted copy of the e-mail sent by SIR State Regional Director and Branch 8 member Ed Benson:

  Hi Guys,

  Anyone (including partners/spouses) participating in the 4th of July Concord Parade is invited to a world famous Benson cheeseburger, potato salad, wine, beer, soft drink or even water, at Casa Benson in WC after the parade. Let's make an impression on Concord!

  Sign up with Tony de Losada.

  Best,

  Ed*

  I hope Ed has a enough food for the Car Enthusiast Members who don’t run out of gas? What do you think Car Guys?

You old and new members, can dip your toe into the “volunteer pool” of Branch 8 activities or administration anytime, and be welcomed, even these two upcoming events, just let me know!

TONY DE LOSADA PUBLICITY AND IMAGE CHAIR COMMENT CARD CORNER

Analysis of Comment Cards from April 10, 2017 SIR Branch 8 Lunch Meeting.

There were 11 cards turned in by three unaffiliated attendees and 11 members. Three members were “Impressed”, one member was “Pleasantly Surprised”, one member was “Satisfied”, three members and one unaffiliated attendee were “A bit annoyed” and two unaffiliated attendees and three members gave no attitudes.

Food got five comments: average with dry, unflavorful chicken; good; delicious; awesome, best lunch in many years; and perfection with delicious chicken, salad, dessert and service.

The speakers also received five comments. Speakers need to be screened or vetted to ensure they are suitable. First speaker was unprepared, had trouble with visual aids, dealt with statistics and not solutions, and was so boring that many attendees left and others slept. Second speaker was more lively and interesting. Slow and inaccurate operation of the computer contributed to the poor performance. Training and rehearsal are needed.

Activity announcements were considered too long by four attendees. Geocaching was belabored by an announcement, a lecture and a movie. Members were patient and respectful, but Branch 8 wasted close to ten minutes of 250+ members time on an activity that could easily have been researched on their own time by anyone interested. So much attention to one activity was also unfair to all the other activities.

One member thinks the three screen setup is impressive.
The most interesting topic was the invocation, with one member finding it timely, thoughtful and reverent. Three thought the six references to the "Lord" were insulting to those who are non-believers, which they estimated at 25% of the membership.

SinSIRly,
Jim Sowell

ACTIVITIES AT OTHER BRANCHES

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ATTENDANCE

Attendance for the April luncheon

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TOTAL ATTENDANCE 270

Bill Peterson, Attendance Secretary

ABSENCES & BRINGING GUESTS

If you are going to be absent or bringing a guest, please e-mail or call by noon Thursday before the meeting.

E-Mail: sirbr8attendance@outlook.com
(a confirmation will be sent to you)
Phone: 925-901-4826
(calls are not automatically returned)

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 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.

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.

MAY LUNCHEON

MENU

Baby Spinach Salad
Oven Roasted Chicken with Tropical Fruit Salad
Pineapple Upside-Down Cake
Coffee / Ice Tea

INFO

Next SIR Luncheon: May 8th
Concord Hilton
1970 Diamond Blvd., Concord
Executive meeting: 9:00am
Social Hour begins: 10:15 am
Luncheon starts 11:30 AM
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 at http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/pastissues.html.

Don McGregor, Editor, Sir Happening

SUNSHINE REPORT
Since the April Hotline Report the Committee has extended wishes for a rapid recovery to Larry Lange and Dan Franklin.
Since the April Hotline Report, the Committee has extended condolences to the Sam Wilkinson 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
March 2017

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Total disbursements 10345.97
Net loss (1729.81)
Cash, beginning 14369.63
Cash, ending $12639.8

Ron Cassano, Treasurer
ARTS, CRAFTS & HOBBIES

TURTLES!! TURTLES!! TURTLES!!

I hope you had a chance to see them. Turtles everywhere. Dave Sutton took the time to wrap up, box up and haul in his wonderful turtle collection that took two tables to display. These weren't gold or silver or fancy jeweled turtles but rather turtles with a story. One was from last summer in Mitchell, South Dakota and "Woody" the extremely large chainsaw carved turtle from Walnut Creek. Then there were gifts from friends who wanted to have a "piece" in his collection. And of course there was the famous turtle from Hawaii 40 years ago that started the whole thing. The great wooden turtle carved by John Christian, M.B.E. the retiring Island Magistrate of Pitcairn Island.

Incidentally, one beautiful large turtle was made from woven hemp and her shell was formed with sea shells. A very unique piece. It was early around 9AM when a lady from the hotel kitchen staff walked by and paused to look at all the turtles. She pointed to this one and said "That is from the Philippines isn't it?"

And Dave said yes. "I know," she said, "I can tell by the woven hemp. I am from the Philippines." So his turtles are known around the world.

A special thanks to Dave Sutton for sharing his turtle collection with the Members of SIR Branch 8.

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-Chairman als2nnbrg@comcast.net 820-2758

ASTRONOMY

Don Bierey will prepare a presentation about UFO's. Below is his description"

"Ever wonder what this UFO business is all about? Come to the Astronomy meeting right after our luncheon in May. Our own SIR Don Bierey will present info on everything ufological. Get a bibliographic handout. Keep looking up!"

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

BARGAIN BITES ©

April Tower of Power

When you read this we will have already enjoyed our dinner at the Tower Grill of Danville on Tues, April 25. A little snug but the room was light and cheery with our favorite team on TV. Depending on the choices made we enjoyed Grilled Salmon, Spaghetti and Meatballs, Meatloaf and Mashed potatoes or Grilled Chicken. All served with a starter salad, French bread and veggies. Oh yes, I forgot, we are still hanging on to the $20 price. But things are getting tight. Good Food, Good Time, Good Friends

Next up is May 23. But we don't know where. So Partner Ron M and I have to get busy. Watch for the mail and flyer.

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

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ANNUAL BRANCH BBQ ©

2017 ANNUAL BBQ IS SOLD OUT
WAIT-LIST IS OPEN

WHAT: Annual Sirs in the Kitchen BBQ
WHEN: 3:00 to 6:30, June 20th
WHERE: Cowell Community Park, Concord

MENU:
- Hot & cold appetizers
- BBQ tri-tip beef, potato salad, beans, green salad, garlic bread
- Cookies for dessert
- Wine, beer, water, soft drinks

PRICE: $25 per person, all inclusive

PAYMENT IS NOW DUE FOR CONFIRMED RESERVATIONS:
- Send your check made out to Phil Trapp, 4134 Quail Run Drive, Danville, CA 94506
- Drop the check off at the BBQ table before the May lunch

Phil Trapp, BBQ Event Chairman
925-648-4056 Home
925-963-1819 Cell
prtrapp@sbcglobal.net

BIRDERs @

Hopefully the rains will have gone away. On May 15, we will be going to the Marsh Creek Trailhead in Oakley. There we will be searching for Blue Grosbeaks, Hooded Orioles, Black Chinned Hummingbirds, Swainson's Hawks, Yellow Billed Magpies, & Yellow Breasted Chats.

We will meet at our usual spot in Sun Valley Shopping Center's parking lot at 8:00 am. Don’t forget to bring sunscreen, lunch and drinks.

Ps: We never know what the weather will be or if something causes a chance in our plans. So the day before an outing, I'll send a confirmation email message.

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

BOCCE BALL OPEN PLAY ©

The 2017 Bocce Ball Open season will begin on May 5th at 8:30 am. We play on the Concord courts in Newhall Park. 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.

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

BOCCE BALL - LEAGUE PLAY ©

The 2017 Concord Bocce Ball Federation (CBF) League season will begin on April 30, 2017 at Newhall Park and Baldwin Park courts in Concord. We 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
The "Bocce Open Play II" activity will resume in May. Again this year, the event is weekly at 9:30 AM at Baldwin Park (Concord) and will run through mid-October.

Please join members of the Pleasant Hill and Concord Senior Centers for a morning of Bocce! We play “pickup” Bocce games every Thursday morning at 9:30 at Baldwin Park in Concord. (Rain cancels). The courts are located across the street from the Concord Senior Center. It’s a FUN group!! "Bocce Open Play 2" participants enjoy an exciting morning of good conversation and social interaction coupled with a chance to display their Bocce 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! Meet new friends!! 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](mailto:AFRES056789@gmail.com)

**BOCCE INDOOR WINTER LEAGUE**

The Winter League Seniors INDOOR Bocce Season has now ended.

The Branch 8 Team, the "SIR 8 Rollers" began play in October at NorCal Courts Bocce, 360 Ferry St., Martinez.

According to Capo SIR Stan U'Ren, the team was made up of ‘mostly rookies’ – SIRs Dave Allen, Tom Anders, Jim Rosenquist, Ernie Davis, Jerry White, and Hal Tatro. “Our team competed in a very competitive division,” said Stan but the players from other teams coached us and were very friendly.”

Thanks to a number of forfeits, the “Rollers” made it to the playoffs! We were promptly "put out to pasture" says Stan.

This was a fun activity and plans are to enter another team next season!

**Chair:** Jim Whitsett  
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**BOOK EXCHANGE**

If you read it and liked it, bring it!

‘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’. However, we have recently been inundated with books. Some generous members are bringing boxes of books to donate...not individual books. The net result is that instead of the collection growing at a box or two of books per meeting, we are growing at 4-6 boxes. This is creating a storage issue for us so we are spending a large amount of time to weed through our collection to reduce down the number of boxes.

In the future, if any member has a large number of books to donate, it would help us if they brought only a dozen or so per meeting, so that we can assimilate them more easily.

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

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[ray.dewit@yahoo.com](mailto:ray.dewit@yahoo.com)

**BOOK GROUP**

In April the Book Group read Anton Myrer’s ‘Once an Eagle’. I don't think that we realized when we selected this book just how long it is (1300+ pages) and several of the group were unable to finish it. However, it seemed to be well received.

This month's book is ‘White Trash: The 400-Year Untold History of Class in America' by Nancy Isenberg. This book explains the unsavory fine points of our national identity by probing and then exposing the not so well hidden loose ends that tie the bottom half of America's social hierarchy to the top half. It reveals that there is much much more to race and class than what we see at eye level. We learn here that the colonists who came to the Americas were very much a mixed bag.

The Book Group meets the first Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. at Round Table Pizza on Oak Park Blvd. in Pleasant Hill. Email me at [nickmaufe@gmail.com](mailto:nickmaufe@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining us.
BOWLING ©

**BOWLING Report for May 2017**

**Winter Leagues**

Branch 19 SIR League - Branch 19 (Concord) sponsors a SIR league at Clayton Valley Bowl. The league ends on May 3rd, when the first half winning team with Branch 8 bowlers Tom Barnidge and Dan Weller will face off with the second half winners to determine the 2016-2017 SIR league championship.

**Carson City Tournament**

Tom Barnidge and Dan Weller bowled with over 250 SIRs and guests at the Carson City tournament held on April 10 – 13. Neither bowler did very well, but they enjoyed a great time with their new friends from all over the state.

**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 1938 Oak Park Blvd. near Putnam and Oak Park Blvd. in Pleasant Hill. 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,** 925-935-5306, marod61@att.net

**BRIDGE ♠️♥️♣️♦️ DUPLICATE – ONE**

The Duplicate Bridge I Group met on April 14 at Round Hill Pizza in Pleasant Hill.

Top three finishers for the February session were:

1st Hubinger-Woolf 35.5 pts
2nd Kahl-Schulze 35
3rd Bushnell-Sherne 32.5

No slams were bid and made and top scores for a hand were earned by the Hubinger-Woolf and Main-Spicer teams when they bid 4hearts vulnerable, making 6 , for scores of 680. The Main-Spicer team also had the top defensive score of 200 when they set a 4 heart vulnerable contract by 2.

The host, Bud Grisanti set up board no. 20 to match one of the challenging “advanced player” hands published in a popular bridge column. That article is shown on our web page. Click on http://www.sirbr8.com/duplicate-bridge-group-1/ to see the entire article.

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

**BRIDGE ♠️♥️♣️♦️ DUPLICATE – TWO**

No article was received by press time.

**Chairman:** Max Creamer  262-740  
**Assistant:** Jerry Milano
Due to a late start we played four hands per round in order to finish on time. We finished with several low scores. The best players this month were: Dan Smith (4730); Raleigh Davis (3310); and Jim Sowell (2860). The scores ran from 320 to 4730 with the median score being about 1700.

All members are invited to our game. We meet on the first Thursday of the month at Round Table Pizza, 1938 Oak Park Blvd. in Pleasant Hill. The game starts at 9:00AM. Bring a thermos of coffee if you want to. Please answer Al Welch's email early so that we can try to fill the tables.

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Al Welch, Co-Chair, 925-938-4131, blackpool68@gmail.com
David Bushnell, Co-Chair, 925-838-3914, dbushn@swbell.net

On April 17, 2017, the Couples Bridge session had five tables for ten couples.

Raleigh and Helen Davis took first place with 4,360 points;
Ben and Helen Yeraka were second with 3,310 points
Rod and Mary Ann Spicer were third with 3,190 points.

Our next session will be on at 1:00 pm on Monday, May 15, 2017 (our normal 3rd Monday of each month) at the Mary’s Pizza on Oak Grove, Walnut Creek.

We always welcome new players, so if you are interested in joining us, please contact Ray de Wit (ray.dewit@yahoo.com) or Ken Main (mainkenneth46@gmail.com).

Car Enthusiasts have rescheduled the planned Stock Car races from April to a date in May due to member scheduling problems. The track selection has changed location and new costs will be provided when available. An E-Mail notice will be sent out to activity members and the general SIR's population when details are available.

The scheduled May outing to attend the 19th Diablo Valley Mustang Assoc. Car Show will take place May 6th at the Martinez Cobra Experience, 777 Arnold Drive, 10:30 AM to around 2 PM. There will be a group breakfast at a local Martinez restaurant prior to the show. Bill Koski is coordinating this activity event for us and more details regarding times and transportation will be forthcoming. Please contact him for details, 925-672-7650.

Activity members had discussed staging a car show once again at the May monthly luncheon but will delay the event due to the Hula demonstration and Hawaiian shirt contest also planned for the same date. Too many opportunities to participate in at a single luncheon could present a problem for SIR's wanting to participate in both events.

Car Enthusiasts are still looking at a group participation in the Ladies Day Luncheon in June. This year may be an individual participation activity as confirmations to attend have been limited.

SIR's at the Games have approached us again to coordinate a car racing event at the Sonoma Racing facility later this year. We will be discussing requirements to "make it happen" at our next monthly meeting.

If interested in joining the Car Enthusiasts Activity, please contact any of the folks listed below. We meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 1 PM in the Round Table Pizza meeting room, Oak Park Blvd. Pleasant Hill. Come a few minutes early to get your food and drink ordered prior to meeting. meetings usually last about 1 hour. Next meeting May 2nd.
At our April meeting, Barry Brown’s subject was “Putting Together Your Own Desktop Computer.” He demonstrated how one can save money and get precisely what one wants by personally configuring one’s own desktop, as opposed to buying online or from the big box stores. A copy of Barry’s notes can be downloaded by going to: http://a2cat.sirinc2.org/

Following the break, we held our famous (infamous?) CAT raffle, courtesy of Barry Brown. And, of course, one lucky winner walked away with the ubiquitous LED flashlight!

This month, Frank May will be delivering us More Windows 10 Tips & Tricks. There’s always something new and interesting to learn about Windows, and Frank is going to cover some of those things that we may find useful. A copy of Frank’s notes should be available about a week before the meeting at: http://a2cat.sirinc2.org/

We look forward to seeing you 9:15 AM, Thursday May 18, 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 May 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. There’s been a location change from Treat Blvd in Concord due to remodeling. We’ll be playing at the Round Table Pizza located at 1938 Oak Park Blvd. in Pleasant Hill. Hours of play are 1pm to 3pm. Please join us if you have played Cribbage or would like to learn the game.

Status update regarding the treat blvd remodeling project: they say ANOTHER 2-MONTHS to finish the project. I have reserved the pleasant hill location to the end of May. At that time we will vote to stay in pleasant hill or go back to concord.

**2017 April Results**

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Chairman, Ron Draper  
Asst. Chairman, Dan Smith  

**Digital Photography**

The subject for the April meeting was Street Photography (including signs). Assignment Chair, Dave Davis, provided links to several resources that illustrated some of the ways one can photograph “streets.” As usual, the photo results presented by the attending members covered a wide range of unique takes on what exactly was a “street” photograph.

The assignment subject for May is Domestic Animal photography. I guess that means primarily dogs and cats, but there are a lot of other domesticated animals that can qualify, so use your imagination. As usual, Dave has already provided us with some direction for our efforts.

Everyone is encouraged to bring up to 12 jpg photos to share on a “clean” flash drive. Please be prepared to discuss how you created your photos, including meta data info. If you want a specific order of presentation, renaming your photos 01,02, 03, etc., should do the trick. Be sure to use only the numbers, nothing else in the file name.

Our host for the May 19, meeting, Jock MacKai, will be sending out reminders & directions and looking for attendance confirmations a week or so before the gathering.

The 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 are welcome, from the point and shooters to sophisticated mirrorless & DSLR users. We even entertain phone photos!

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Dave Davis: Vice Chair: dav.davis@comcast.net  838-1753
DINE IN # 1 ©
No article received at press time.

Chairman: Ron Cassano: roncassano@gmail.com

DINE IN # 2 ©
No article was received by press time.

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954-7600

Co-Chair: Bob Price 937-6814
sprice8126@yahoo.com

DINE IN # 3 ©
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Chairman, Rich Cheney richard.s.cheney@gmail.com
Asst. Jeff Foster, 219-9141
jeff-foster@twin-bridge.com

DINE OUT # 1

For our May Let's Dine Out 1, Ken and Maureen Main are hosting a family-style dinner at Chef Chao's in Moraga on Thursday May 18th, 2017. We are returning to this venue again to enjoy lots of great Chinese food.

- WHEN: Thursday May 18, 2017 (5:00 pm social, 6:00 pm dinner)
- WHERE: Chef Chao’s is at 343 Rheem Blvd, Moraga (across the street from the Rheem theater).
- THE PRICE: $20.00 per person, includes tax & tip. Cocktail items are available separately and can include: Imported Beer @ $5.00, Domestic Beer @ $4.00, House Chardonnay or House Red @ $5.25.
- CONTACT: Ken and Maureen Main (925) 945-1065 (H), (925) 876-1420 (M) or email: mainkenneth46@gmail.com by FRIDAY MAY 12, 2017. Make check payable to Ken Main and mail to 23 Green Oaks Court, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

NO DINE OUT 1 IS PLANNED FOR JUNE; HOWEVER, MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE VERY POPULAR BRUNCH @ CROW CANYON COUNTRY CLUB ON SUNDAY JULY 23rd. MORE TO FOLLOW...

Activity Chair, Ken Main
Assist Chairs - Don Allen and Jim Ripley

DINE OUT #2 ©

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Ass. Chair Jerry Milano 934-3496
jerrymilano@astound.net
DINE OUT - SINGLE SIRS ©

May SINGLE SIRS DINE OUT

Tuesday, May 2nd, Dinner 5:30 pm, Social 5:00 pm at La Tapatia Mexican Restaurant 1802 Willow Pass Ed. Concord.

Last month, our host Frank Kilarr introduced us to Japanese food at the Kansai Restaurant in Concord. Yes chop sticks were available as well as a forks for those of us less nimble. It was good food and good time for all.

This month it is our chairman’s turn to select the restaurant and he has picked one of his favorites. The Mexican restaurant La Tapatia. On Willow Pass in Concord. We are looking forward to a Cinco de Mayo atmosphere and the specials that are offered on Tuesday night. We look forward to our branch Sirs, single at dinner time, joining us at our monthly gatherings.

Glenn Gilman Chairman
798-5155 glenngfam@sbcglobal.net

Don Atwater, Asst. Chairman
673-1660 datwater@pacbell.net

DOMINOES

Wanted: New Players for Dominoes

Have you wanted to learn how to play dominoes? 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

MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

Mexican Train meets the 2nd Tuesday and 3rd Wednesday at 11:00 A.M. at Round Table Pizza 1938 Oak Park Blvd. Pleasant Hill 94523

Mexican Train, a popular Domino game, welcomes newbies and experienced players. Like in golf, the low score wins. Enthusiasm when playing is obvious and we are now achieving 12 or 13 rounds per meeting. We play the second Tuesday and third Wednesday of the month, so whether you are able to play one or the other or both days you are urged to attend.

Results of the April 19th game:
13 Rounds – Stu Harris 140. Dan Rinaldi 193, Xon Atwater 254. Bill Peterson 235, Terry Norton 411, Larry Mersman 410, Jerry Ward 413, Clark Morehouse 448

Results for April 11th game:
13 Rounds – Stu Harris 231; Jerry Ward 350; Terry Norton 376; Dan Rinaldi 409; Larry Mersmann 491; Bill Peterson 498; Don Atwater 597

Website link - http://www.sirbr8.com/mexican-train/

Chairman Dan Rinaldi 825-0519 danrinaldi944@gmail.com
Asst, Chairman Terry Norton 798-6023 nortont@sbcglobal.net

EXPLORE AND EAT ©

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AREA 2 FISHING NEWS FOR MAY 2017

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, May 25th, 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.

Once again, our salmon season appears to be a bust. On opening day, April 1, almost everybody fishing from San Francisco, or Half moon bay got nothing. Carl Moyer fished with two friends from Moss Landing, and got a nice salmon each, but that was unusual. The season as it is now calls for a closure for us from April 30 to May 15, with changed length requirements. Meanwhile Ernie Wong and Don Mittlesteadt have done very well at Pyramid Lake in Nevada, fly fishing from their ladders. Terry Miller, Harry Sherinian, and Carl Moyer caught some nice trout from San Pablo Reservoir between the rain storms. Joe Miscione and son Keith fished bass lake for 7 very nice trout. Mike Corker, Paul Dubow, and Carl Moyer fished for stripers in the delta for almost naught, but Mike did get some black bass on another outing. Rich Fiscina, Terry Miller, and Tom Boltz did not catch a keeper sturgeon. But Sal Constanza got some nice stripers from New Hogan Reservoir. Hal Tatro caught some nice trout to 4 pounds from Pardee Reservoir.

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

GEOCACHING

Interested in finding out about the new outdoor game that has 3 million people in 180 countries looking for real hidden objects?

With or without a smartphone, we are ready to show you how much fun this great new SIR outdoor activity can be. It's also a great way to engage and entertain your grandchildren!

Get a taste of geocaching in May by trying one of our 2 different flavors:

1. Try our "Taste of Geocaching Walk" along the Contra Costa Canal Trail in Walnut Creek near the Starbucks located in the Countrywood Shopping Center. While you enjoy your favorite beverage, you will learn about geocaching and then find some geocaches on the nearby Trail. A walk is scheduled for May 3, 2017 @ 10:00 AM. Please send an email to SIR Howard Walter, hwalterz@gmail.com, to RSVP for the May 3rd walk or to request a different date and time.

2. Come on our "Taste of Geocaching Hike" at the Shell Ridge Open Space in Walnut Creek on Thursday May 4 leaving at 9:30 AM. Meet at the Sutherland Drive Trailhead at 9:15 AM to learn about geocaching. We will be walking about 2 miles over easy terrain, finding 8 geocaches and visiting a special kind of geocache where you will learn about the geology of Shell Ridge. The adventure will last about 2 hours with an optional lunch after the hike. Please send an email to SIR Howard Walter, hwalterz@gmail.com, if you plan on attending.

Enough information will be provided for you to find the geocaches so you don’t need a smartphone or geocaching app. However, if you have a smartphone or GPS handheld and want to get a head start, instructions can be found on the link below.

Click here to learn more about geocaching and Branch 8’s geocaching activity.

Chairman: Howard Walter 787-7828 hwalterz@gmail.com
Asst. Chair: Nick Maufe 719-2504 nickmaufe@gmail.com

GOLF 18 HOLES

18 Hole Golf May 2017

Playing golf is getting to be very difficult, unless you are a Duck, or as the case of Boundary Oak, Goose. But fear not, better days are coming. Our Golf Committee meeting was held on April 19 with notable changes made. Gordon Batesole who has been our statistician, scorekeeper, records keeper, in other words the backbone of 18 Hole Golf has decided to pass the duties on. We will surely miss you at the Committee Meetings. In his place will be Buddy May. Which brings another change, Buddy will no longer be our Treasurer. That task will move to Dave Green. But wait, it's not finished yet. Jim Regan has stepped down and in his stead will be Mike Boltz as Assistant Treasurer.

GOLD COUNTRY GOLF a 2 day event held at Saddle Creek, Copperopolis Ca., an activity you don’t want to miss. This is open to all Branch 8 members not just members of the various Golf Activities... For further information contact Darryl Sweetland 925 672 4967 or Bill Koski 925 672 7650. May 22, 4 Man Best Ball Scramble-Boundary Oak. Sign up and play golf!! Weather is guaranteed to be better by then.

Bill Koski, Communications: 672 7650 billkos36@comcast.net
GOLF 9 HOLES

Since last month’s Hotline we have only had a couple of Wednesday’s where golf was feasible but our members did turn out with great enthusiasm! On April 5th, we had 28 players turn out for a wonderful day of golf. I am sure this rain will stop and many days of golf are in our future but it is depressing to look out and see rain clouds on Wednesday morning!

The plans for the 30th annual DAI are close to complete and it looks as if we will have a great turn out. If you haven’t signed up please get in touch with Phil Philpot ASAP and reserve your spot.

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 April 13, 2017, the weather once again did not cooperate for Sir Couples Golf. However, this loyal and enthusiastic group including marshals Leo and Judy Barrella, Roger and Mardi Lockwara, Bob and Daphne Olson, Paul and Sue Derby, Ron Maciak and Linda Gawura, Larry and Holley Yarberry, Paul and Millie Hersch, Dean and Marilyn Steichen and Margaret Batesole gathered at Rocco's Pizza at 11:30 that Thursday morning specifically to enjoy lunch together. This is the kind of participation that keeps this group growing and 'funning' after Don Atwater first had us meet over six years ago. I am not sure if all the 'groups' that Don has started over the years have continued to grow as SCG, but we are very grateful that he began our group with three couples so long ago. Today we have 21 active couples on our roster. The second Thursday of each month is simply a reason for us all to get together, and we do enjoy golf, too.

Once again, what a joy it is to belong to a group who finds the time to support not only SIR but also our little corner of the SIR opportunities. Marshals for our May 11 outing are Bill Hunter and Dona Lawrentz. For those of you who have missed these outings because of the weather or travel, this would be the perfect opportunity to get to see dear friends once again. Mark your calendars, and look forward to an email from our marshals giving more specific details.

Thanks again to our chairman Paul Derby and Asst. chairman Paul Hersch for keeping us posted with updates and activities. We look forward to seeing all of you on Thursday, May 11, 2017.

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Asst. Chair: Paul Hersch poppy3642@gmail.com

GOLF - TRAVELING NINE HOLE

No article received at press time.

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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.


5/11/2017: Alamo: Stone Valley Rd. Iron Horse. Exit I-680 on Stone Valley Rd. across Danville Blvd. Meet at the south end of the Alamo Plaza Parking lot north of Stone Valley Road. NOTE the first few rows of parking are now reserved. BUT, there is parking to the west of the reserved area and to the north of the area, across from the yogurt shop and Safeway. Cafe: Cherubini's Coffee House. Leader: Dan Weller

5/25/2017: Walnut Creek: C.C. Canal Heather Farm. Meet at the Heather Farm parking lot at the far North end of San Carlos Dr. Cafe: Sweet Affair Bakery. Leader: Dave Morse


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Asst. Chair: Jim Kawal  925-228-8821  jim752kawal@gmail.com

HIKERS – SIR HIKERS ©

May 9, 2017 Ygnacio Canal Arbolado Park Easy Hike

Hike Description: This is an Easy Hike out and back of about 3 ½ miles. From the trailhead at Arbolado Park we take the Ygnacio Canal trail north pass thru the tunnel at Ygnacio Rd. and continue approximately another ¾ of a mile to a junction where the trail splits. Approximate Distance 3 ½ miles total. The trail is mostly flat with minor elevation gain. Bring Water, Sunscreen, and good walking or hiking shoes. No need for trekking poles. For a trail map see the SIR Hiker web page at http://www.sirbr8.com/hikers/.

10: a.m. departure from Arbolado Park. Directions: Take Ygnacio Valley Rd east, turn right at Oak Grove Rd. Turn left at Arbolado Dr. at the fourth stop sign Take the second entrance to the Park opposite from Sutton Dr. There are Restrooms available at the park.

Optional lunch: Rocco’s in Encina Grande shopping center (next to Whole Foods).

Hike Leader: Hans Pable:  925-672-2564; hpable10@gmail.com

May 30, 2017 Mitchell Canyon Hard Hike

Hike Description: This is a MODERATE – HARD 6-mile hike led by special guest Seth Adams, Land Conservation Director for Save Mount Diablo. Hiking up Mitchell Canyon from Clayton, we’ll visit White Canyon and the Soto Ranch, Save Mount Diablo’s second ever acquisition and overlooking Walnut Creek’s Northgate Area.

The hike is 6 miles long and has about 1000 feet of elevation change.

The hike leaves the Mitchell Canyon trail head at 10:00 a.m. Boots and poles are recommended, along with hats and water. Restrooms are at the trailhead.

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: Phil Trapp 963-1819; prtrapp@sbcglobal.net

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

LADIES DAY LUNCHEON ©

Hello Fellow Sirs,

On June 12th our Ladies Day Lunch will be returning to the Contra Costa Country Club, for the 1st time in two years. We will meet for a social hour at 10:30 a.m., with no host cocktails. There is a lovely terrace with beautiful vistas of the golf course and beyond. Lunch will be served at 11:30 with entertainment and lots of door prizes. You can complete the attached lunch applications: one is for couples, (or singles); the other to book the entire table.

A word of caution, in December we had a record 310 people, we are limited to 240 guests in June so booking early may be prudent. The committee, our wives & I are all looking forward to see you there.

Cheers, Chairman: Nat Bitton  925-798-2064 windmillnb@comcast.net
MODEL RAILROADING

We’ve changed the location of our model train layout! Design and construction of the HO layout will begin soon. 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! Watch the Hotline 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.cmstrainclub.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 Chair.

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

MIXER

No article was received for the May Hotline. Check our website for current information.

PICKLE BALL

No article received at press time.

For information, please call:
Chairman: Tom Trice (510) 853 9744
tstrice@yahoo.com

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
Ass’t: Ron Draper  939-5740  r-draper@pacbel.net

SIRS AT THE GAMES

The SF Giants and Oakland A’s have begun their 2017 seasons, and SIRs will be part of the action.

SIRs at the Games has arranged for our group to see the San Francisco Giants take on the Colorado Rockies on Wednesday, June 28 at 12:45 pm at AT&T Park. This afternoon game will be a perfect opportunity to take family and friends as your grandkids will be on summer vacation.

Our seats are in View Level, Section 319, Rows 16-18. These seats are behind home plate, and provide a great view of the stadium and the SF Bay. The ticket price is only $35. Hurry! There are only 10 tickets remaining for this game.

We are also checking into an Oakland A’s game for later this summer.

Please contact Steve Schramm for ticket availability and more information. Steve may be reached at sschramm01@gmail.com or by phone 925-222-0801.
SIRS AT THE OPERA
No article received at press time.

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Asst Chair: Bruce Benzler – E-mail: bruce.benzler@mac.com 708-4490

SIRS IN THE KITCHEN @

Change in Meeting Date
Due to the travel commitments of Executive Chef Ed and Ms Donna, the May meeting will be held at 11:00, Tuesday, May 30. If you arrive on May 16, the door will be locked and the dogs will bark at you.

In April, we met on the 18th, and even with the unsettled weather some of us were able to eat outside. It was a treat, and the first al fresco setting of 2017. We enjoyed rack of lamb and tri tip. Chef Ed was surprised that so many of the guys chose the lamb – only two chose the beef. The meat was accompanied by asparagus, roast creamer potatoes, mixed green salad and dinner rolls. Sous chefs pressed into duty included Jack S., Ron M., Al R., Ken R., Raleigh D., Tony deL. and Thom W.

We had an appetizer of Ms Donna's chicken liver pate. Homemade ice cream filled the dessert menu. It was lovingly prepared by Jim S. Al R., Thom W., and Roger L. Of course there were the usual beverage options of beer, wine, Coke and even some water. By 2:15 the clean up crew had done its usual exemplary job and cleaned Casa Benson to Ms Donna's exacting standards. The new floor survived its first test.

Ms Donna and I just returned from our semi annual trip to Maui, and that's put me into the mood for Hawaiian food. Remember, we have to move out meeting date to May 30. We'll be having a luau with huli huli chicken, kalua pork or maybe ribs, coconut rice, some form of Asian coleslaw, Hawaiian sweet rolls and some sort of dessert. The appetizers will include seared ahi and Spam musubi. It will be a terrific luau, but we'll have to do it without the emu ceremony.

Sirs in the Kitchen is now at 54 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. Should any Sirs want our recipes, email Executive Chef Ed, and they'll be sent to you.

SUMS IN RETIREMENT

Our next meeting is Wed May 24 at 8 AM at the Legends Restaurant in the Diablo Creek Country Club - Port Chicago Highway, ¼ mile north of Highway 4 in Concord.

The presenter will be Zack McDowel of the Better Business Bureau. He will speak on unscrupulous investment schemes and how to detect, avoid and report them. Many of us have experienced the cost jumps in healthcare, for which we were not fully prepared. Thus we are vulnerable to fraudulent plans that offer exceptional returns.

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

Chair: tomhenry925@gmail.com
Co-chair Dave Sutton - davesutn@comcast.net

TRAVELING SIRS ©

Our October 15 day Panama Canal cruise has several Branch 8 members signed up. The cruise leaves San Francisco October 20 and ends is Ft. Lauderdale November 5. There are several stops for sightseeing along the way and return airline from Ft. Lauderdale is included. If you want to spend additional time in Ft. Lauderdale can be arranged. Next year we are looking at Cuba, River cruises and a train trip. Let me know your interests.

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WINE - CELLAR FILLERS ©

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

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Ass. Chair Jim Warner, jdubew@hotmail.com, (925) 935-8032
WINE – BARGAIN WINES

It has been over a month since our group enjoyed an evening of wine tasting at Total Wines & More with dinner following at The Back Forty. We enjoyed and of course rated the wines sampled. Our group was pretty tough on many of the selections offered.

Most just left their cars and walked to the buffet style dinner served in the private room upstairs feasting on brisket, pork ribs, bbq chicken and all the fixins served.

As far as upcoming venues, both Chairman Jim Warner and Assist. Chairman Ed Benson have been busy vacationing and not yet able to pin down one of the outings that has been discussed.

Tune in for an announcement soon.

Chairman: Jim Warner, 925-935-8032
Assistant: Ed Benson, 925-943-7011

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WINE FINDERS 2 ©

We held our tasting of Red Blends. The Cassanos took first with a Bogle Essential Red from Total Wine and there was a tie for second with a Souverain Red Blend and Kirkland Meritage. All wines were quite drinkable and priced between $6 and $11. Who says you have to pay a lot for decent wines. The appetizers that accompanied the wines, as usual were over the top.

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WINE FINDERS 3 ©

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WRITING YOUR LIFE STORY

Writing Your Life Stories will meet on May 23 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.

Chair: Dick Brewer 925-933-0876 revrpb@aol.com
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B.S., Economics
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Career was mostly in Bank Management.
Asst. Treasurer, Sir Branch 8
Banking experience is helpful in treasury knowledge

Erland Persson

Leadership Positions: Branch Secretary; Assistant Chairman Walkers

Personal History
Locations Lived: I was born at an early age in Chicago, Illinois. A year later, our family moved to a suburb named Midlothian, Illinois. Moved to California and lived in Oakland, Lafayette, Pleasant Hill, and Walnut Creek.

Schools attended: After graduation from Bremen Community High School, I attended Principia College in Elsah, Illinois and graduating with a BS in Physics. I then attended the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and graduated with a BSE in Mechanical Engineering. While working as an engineer, I attended San Francisco State University and graduated with an MBA in Management.


Employment Positions: Refinery Engineer at Standard Oil Co. of California. Senior Mechanical Engineer at Kaiser Engineers. Senior Mechanical Engineer at Fluor Utah Engineers. Manager of Plant Engineering at East Bay Municipal Utility District. Senior Mechanical Engineer at Kennedy/Jenks Engineers. Vice President at Security By Design.

Hobbies and Interests: Golf. Volunteer ushering at several local theaters.

MEMBERSHIP DATA FOR APRIL 2017

**BEC Approval:** 4/11/2017

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**Obituary Report**

Name: Sam Wilkinson  
Deceased: 3/24/2017  
Member: 8/10/2009  
Occupation: File Maintenance  
Company: Safeway  
Interests: Baseball, Book Group, Chess, Computers, Cribbage, Dominoes, Horse Races, Investments, Plays & Musicals

**SIR Anniversaries - May 2017**

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**NEW MEMBERS**
PHOTO GALLERY

Former Big SIRs Stand after Receiving Their Commemorative Gavels

New Inductees and Their Sponsors

April Luncheon Speakers

Inductee Sponsors Showing Off Their Free Bottles of Wine

Dave Sutton and His Turtles

The Turtle King

Carl Moyer is Proud of His Trout

Ernie Wong caught this nice Lahonton Cutthroat trout
# Mt. Diablo Branch No. 8

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Monday June 12th 2017

RESERVATION FORM for COUPLES and SINGLES Single sirs and couples please PRINT your name or names below, as you want them to appear on your nametag.

Name____________________________________ SIR MD#__________

Salmon/Chicken/Vegetarian (CIRCLE ONE)

MAIL RESERVATIONS WITH CHECKS (PAYABLE TO SIRS BRANCH #8) TO: Ed Dijkman, 5091 Murchio Dr. Concord, CA 94521.

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