



SIR BRANCH 171 August 2017

<http://branch171.sirinc2.org/>

A Non-Profit Public Benefit Corporation for Retired Men Devoted to the
Promotion of Independence and Dignity of Retirement



Our next meeting will be Wednesday, **August 2** Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Church Hall

1700 School St., Moraga
Social time begins at 11
Meeting begins at 11:30

LADIES DAY & GUEST SUMMER BBQ Wednesday, August 2

Same time and place as our monthly
meetings. Luncheon at 11:30 and
socializing beforehand.

Regular club meeting, but less business and
more socializing, plus a fantastic program !!

BIG SIR MESSAGE: RALPH BLUMENTHAL, ralphblu@comcast.net 925-254-6935

The **LADIES' DAY & GUESTS BARBEQUE** is coming up. I hope you are all looking forward to the event on August. 2. I know I am! Great food, a chance to meet and talk with members' spouses and friends—what more could you ask for on a beautiful warm August day? For this particular occasion, we will have an abbreviated business meeting and will focus on relaxing, enjoying each other's company, eating great food prepared by Humberto, and hearing a fantastic and very interesting talk.

Barry has lined up an excellent speaker for us -- Jane Kreiler, California Outreach Coordinator for the State Board, who is considered the "Senior Scam Stopper" in the state. Jane will discuss many different types of scams we seniors are exposed to on almost a daily basis. It seems like every time we answer the phone or scan our email, someone is trying to scam us, whether it's someone telling you something is wrong with your computer or the IRS is going to sue you unless you immediately call a certain number. Jane will educate us on this area.



And wasn't Will Travis interesting last month when he talked about the challenges of climate change? Reminded me of that old Kevin Costner movie "Water World" where the whole world is finally under water. We hope it won't come to that, but Mr. Travis certainly painted a grim but very interesting and revealing picture.

And don't forget we will be *electing our new officers and directors for 2018*. The slate is included in the Announcements section of this newsletter. [All bases are covered, except for the very important Little SIR position.](#) This position is vital to our future, is a fun job and easy to do (even I have done it), so please consider this position!! Contact me with your interest.

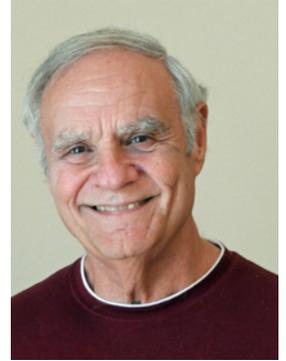
I will see you all in August — Remember.. great food, great camaraderie, great speaker and...it's all good!

Ralph Blumenthal, Big SIR

LITTLE SIR MESSAGE: BARRY LESKIN, barryleskin@gmail.com 925-254-5500

Reminder that the speaker at the August 2 meeting Summer BBQ meeting will be **Jane Kreidler**, Outreach Coordinator for the Contractor State License Board, who is considered the "**Senior Scam Stopper**" in the State. Jane will discuss the type of scams affecting seniors: Medicare, Social Security, Home Repair, Mail Fraud, Insurance Fraud, Financial Abuse, Contracting, etc.

Seniors control 70% of the US wealth and are priority targets of scammers. Accumulated research about scams affecting seniors, and how to prevent it, will be shared.



Barry Leskin, Little SIR

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Barbecue – Wednesday, August 2

You have all received a lot of communication on this event, which has resulted in a tremendous number of signups. There is still time to sign up a spouse or guest, so if you are interested, please send an email to SIR171-news@comcast.net) with the following information:

Your Name
Your Badge Number
Name of spouse or guest

PLEASE NOTE: Members do not need to sign up.

TABLE RESERVATIONS: An etiquette reminder for the event. With so many guests you most likely will not be seated at your "normal" table. Thus, seats at tables at the luncheon meeting may only be held or "reserved" when a paid luncheon ticket is placed on the table in front of the seat.

Election Time

The following 2018 Branch Executive Committee (BEC) nominees will be voted on in the August General Meeting:

Big SIR:	Barry Leskin
Little SIR:	Open
Secretary:	Mike Donovan
Asst. Secretary	Al Donner
Treasurer:	Bob Krompholz
Asst. Treasurer	Hal D'Ambrogia
Directors (3-year terms):	Eric Cho; Tom Westhoff

BEC members who will continue in their positions for 2018 are:

Directors (2nd year of three year term): Stew Chalem; Tim Freeman; John Schick

As per Branch regulations, Ralph Blumenthal, as immediate past Big SIR, will serve as a Director for a 1-year term in 2018.

SIRPremes in Action

If you missed the concert last month, or just want to hear the performance over and over, click the following link, or cut-an-paste and insert in your internet browser -- <https://youtu.be/5Wajb1tyOAU>

New Member

A warm welcome to the new member **Tom Keele**, who was inducted at the meeting by Eric Cho. Tom was raised in Oregon and currently lives in Moraga. He attended the University of Oregon and was a coach on the UC football staff. Has been married to Nancy for 67 years, has three daughters, seven grandchildren, 15 great gand-children, and one great great.

Please introduce yourself Tom, welcome him to the group, help him find a seat at a table, and answer any questions he might have.



Left to Right

Eric Cho
Membership Chairman
Stew Chalem
Tom Keele
Big SIR Ralph

Featured Photo of the Month

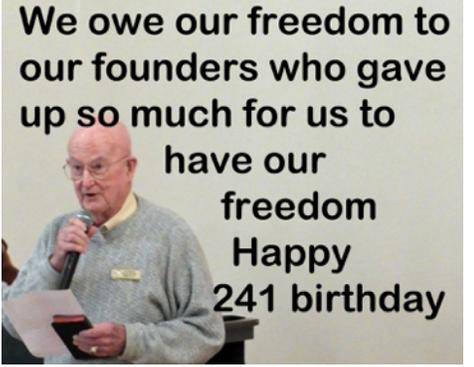
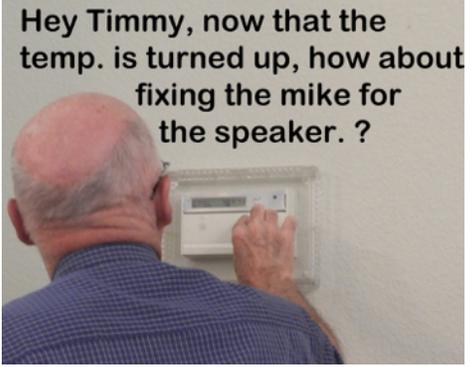


SIRs Walking Group on a
Tuesday Stroll on Mulholland
Ridge

Leader Al Donner welcomes
all to show up at the big
parking lot across the street by
9 am any Tuesday

Please send in a photo that you would like to have considered for inclusion in the new Photos of the Month section of the newsletter. These should typically come from one of the SIR activities, but do not need to if there is another picture of a member or members that would be great to share in the newsletter. Send your choice to (sir171-news@comcast.net or sholcenb@comcast.net) by the 10th of each month for consideration. Please include a description of the photo. Cell phones work great, and also simplify emailing the photo.

<p>Greeters: welcome the buckaroo & cowboy</p> 	<p>John, welcome back !</p> 	<p>Aug. Ladies/guest BBQ for \$20.00. Out side cooking & inside no reserve seat sitting. Got it ?</p>  <p>SIR's pay \$25.00</p>
--	--	--

<p>We owe our freedom to our founders who gave up so much for us to have our freedom</p>  <p>Happy 241 birthday</p>	<p>Guest from SIR 8 Concord, heard you ran a great club and came to learn from your organization. You have great spirit and fun.</p> 	<p>Hey Timmy, now that the temp. is turned up, how about fixing the mike for the speaker. ?</p> 
--	---	---

<p>I don't recommend buying waterfront property 50 years from now with projected sea level increasing</p> 	<p>Proof of Global Warming Caused by human behavior</p>  <p>16th Century 1900 1950 1970 1980 1990 2011</p>	<p>Thanks for the gift card I will use it to buy batteries for your mike !</p> 
---	---	---

AUGUST LUNCHEON

AUGUST LUNCHEON MENU

BBQ Chicken; Polish Sausage; Bratwurst;
Potato Salad; Green Salad; Fruit Salad; Corn Cobettes; Dessert

HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAYS TO SIRs

★ Ian Baird ★ Jorge Berindoague ★ Roy Cuneo ★ Al Dessayer ★ Warren Ehrhardt ★ Phil Eyring ★
★ Ken Forman ★ Bob Frazer ★ Richard Haddock ★ John Haffner ★ Tom Keele ★ James Kline ★
★ Rich Laufenberg ★ Tom Lemmer ★ Tom Marnane ★ Robert Meadowcroft ★ Don Merson ★ Larry Monin ★
★ Joseph Muscat ★ Laurence Muth ★ David Ohlson ★ John Schick ★ Mitch Tarkoff ★ Will Tissue ★

One of the above members with a birthday in August will win a free lunch if he attends the August meeting. Members whose birth month is in August, and who do not see their name in the above list, should call the Big SIR prior to the meeting to ensure that their names are included in the drawing. **NOTE:** Members 90 years of age or more will receive a free lunch on their birth month each year, but they must notify the Big SIR prior to the meeting. Big SIR Ralph Blementhal can be reached at ralphblu@comcast.net or 925-254-6935.

BRANCH REPORTS

ATTENDANCE REPORT: FRANCIS WONG

There were 114 attendees at the July meeting, which included 109 members, one guest, two visitors, one inductee, and one speaker. The attendees included one inactive member returning to active status. 68% of our membership attended. There were only four no-shows, which is better than normal – keep up the good work! However, since there were 45 sign-outs, in addition to seven no-shows, and we missed our guarantee of 120, which costs us money.

Many of the excused absences and no-shows have not met the requirement to attend six of every twelve meetings, as per the policy below. All of us need to be attentive of this requirement so we meet our minimums as well as adhere to the requirement of the club. And please call the hotline if you will be unable to attend a meeting.

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THE SIR REQUIREMENT TO ATTEND SIX LUNCHEONS OF THE LAST TWELVE.

PLEASE CALL THE SIR 171 "HOT LINE" at [925-377-5880](tel:925-377-5880) BEFORE 1:00PM ON THE SATURDAY BEFORE THE MEETING IF YOU WILL NOT BE ATTENDING THE MEETING OR IF YOU ARE BRINGING A GUEST. It is not necessary to call the HOT LINE if you have placed your name on the "Absence Notification" sheet at a prior meeting. **Failure to follow this procedure will subject the missing member to the \$20 no show charge.** Leave messages as soon as you can if the absence is due to a medical reason. **Please note: If you are requesting a SIR membership status change, contact Stew Chalem, Membership Chair ([377-0698](tel:377-0698)) rather than calling the SIR 171 HOT LINE.**

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: STEW CHALEM, stewart@chalem.com 377-0698
TOM LENZ thomaslenz8288@comcast.net 278-1717
JOHN SCHICK jschick@att.net 376-9412

ACTIVE

Prior Month: 159
Inductees 1 Tom Keele (#151), Sponsor: Eric Cho (#28)
From Inactive: 1 John Burgess (#111)
Deductions None
July Total: 161

INACTIVE

Prior Month: 38
Additions: None
Deductions (1) John Burgess (#111, returned to active)
(1) Dave Schlegel (email no longer valid, can't contact)
(1) Tom Hayes (email no longer valid, can't contact)
July Total: 35

APPLICATIONS AWAITING INDUCTION

Tom Keele, Sponsor: Eric Cho (#28)

APPLICANT LIST

None

Membership Application Forms are always available at the desk at the meetings, or from Stew Chalem.

ROSTER CORRECTIONS: STEW CHALEM stewart@chalem.com 377-0698

NOTE: Please contact Stew Chalem whenever your personal information changes (i.e. email address, home address, and/or phone number) or whenever you wish a membership status change (i.e. to request inactive status or to resign). Stew will in turn update the master Roster.

SUNSHINE REPORT: MONTE LOGAN MonteGryFx@aol.com 376-0264

Branch 171

Our thoughts & prayers are with **SIR Frank McElhinney** with his treatment for a serious illness.

Many of you have asked about our former **SIR Doug Mann**. I talked to him. He sounded upbeat even though he is undergoing treatment for a serious illness. We miss him! He was our former chaplain at SIR's.

It is good to report that **SIR Frank Comprelli** is on his way to recovery from major heart surgery last month.

Branch 174

Good news. No serious illnesses reported.

••Please try to contact SIR's with illnesses to offer your support and encouragement and keep them in our thoughts and prayers. A friendly call is welcome. Cards and letters are always appreciated. If you are aware of an ill SIR, please let Monte Logan know by e-mail or phone.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bob Krompholz krompholz@comcast.net 528-9937

Please contact Bob Krompholz if you would like to receive the latest financial report.

KNOW YOUR SIRs

GEORGE BARRON

George Barron is a 32-year resident of Moraga. George attended grammar school in Oakland, high school in Berkeley (St. Mary's) and college in San Francisco (USF). After law school (UCLA), and enjoying the great John Wooden basketball teams there, he was in the Army, achieving the rank of Captain.

He began his legal career with the Oakland/Walnut Creek firm now named Donahue Fitzgerald LLP, spending over 40 years there, mainly as a partner and then of counsel. As a lawyer George handled a large variety of matters, including a 4-month jury trial on a contract indemnification issue. (While the TV series Bull is entertaining, Bull's direct contact with jurors during trials would probably get his attorney disbarred.) He specialized in employment law, handling over 2000 matters, ranging from defending companies in class action lawsuits, to arbitrations against Unions, to OSHA and Labor Commissioner claims, to counseling individuals on employment contract and rights issues and occasionally representing them on wrongful termination and discrimination claims.

George enjoys humor in its many forms, and keeping up with financial issues so that he can be his own investment advisor (and hopefully not have a fool for a client). Among his highlights have been getting to have a long conversation with the then 95 year old John Wooden in his home, and having several conversations with the man of uncommon common sense - John Madden.

George's wife Trudy taught kindergarten in Orinda for many years, and his daughter Kelly attended Moraga schools, and now works and lives in San Diego with her husband and young daughter.

ED BEATSON

Ed is a 35-year Moraga resident having lived at the Moraga Country Club and now at Sanders Ranch. He is a third generation Californian, born as a War Baby in San Francisco and attending grammar school in the Sunset District and Petaluma before graduating from high school in San Bernardino. After high school, Ed attended the University of San Francisco for two years before transferring to UC Berkeley and receiving a degree in Economics in 1964.

In September 1964 he began a corporate accounting career at General Electric, Nuclear Products Division in San Jose, California, followed by 13 years at the Bechtel Group beginning in 1966. Assignments at Bechtel included San Francisco Home Office Accounting, Norwalk (Los Angeles) Controllers Division, Mexico City Accounting Manager and Internal Audit (domestic and international project sites).

While at Bechtel Ed married Jeanie Lepori in 1969 and received an MBA from the University of San Francisco in 1972. After leaving Bechtel Ed worked at Bank of America in San Francisco for 7 years in several financial positions, the last being as a Vice President in Credit Card Operations. Then followed being Controller for Sleepy Hollow Investment Company, a commercial real estate enterprise, headquartered in Dublin, California before retiring in 2003 after four years of private consulting.

In retirement Ed is active at Santa Maria Church, Orinda, as a member of the choir and finance council, in addition to being a long time member of a Saturday Morning Scripture Fellowship Group and Men's Club at St. Monica Church, Moraga. Other activities include Moraga Kiwanis, volunteer AARP Tax Preparation Counselor, serving low income people, and most recently the SIRS Walking Group. Additional interests are sports, travel, music, theatre and reading.

Know Your SIR is edited by Dave Humm dmh2@silcon.com 376-5895. We would like to have all of our members, who wish to do so, be included in this directory. Please write down the salient points of your life (1/2 page) and provide it to Dave (via e-mail if possible). It will then be written up in a future newsletter. Dave has copies of all past "Know Your SIR" reports. Access to them is available via e-mail; or a hard copy can be had for the cost of printing.

SIR 171 MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

No articles about members this month

When you see an article about a SIR 171 member, please send to Stan Holcenberg at sholcenb@comcast.net. The deadline for the receipt of information for each newsletter is the 15th of the month. Thanks

BRANCH 171 NEWSLETTER: Editor **STAN HOLCENBERG** sholcenb@comcast.net, 3954 Campolindo Drive, Moraga, CA 94556. The deadline for receipt of Newsletter material by the Editor is the 15th of the month. E-mail is preferred.

Also enjoy reading SIR Happenings, our State Newsletter, and find out about all the fun things that are going on throughout our organization. You can find the most recent edition of SIR Happenings on our SIR State website -- click on the following link, or cut and paste the link into your browser to view -- www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings/
Some very interesting articles highlighting news of interest from other SIR branches including several of our branches in Area 2.

BRANCH ACTIVITIES (BRANCHES 171 & 174)

ACTIVITY LIST

Apple Users Activity	Astronomy
Barbershop Harmony	Big Hikers
Bocce Ball	Book Club
Bowling	Bridge
Computers and Technology	Couples Dining Out
Dominoes	Fishing
Golf	Historical Adventures
Investment Group	Pinochle
Poker	Stamp Club
Senior Strollers	Table Pool
Tennis	Travel
Walking	Wine Tasting

ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN: SAM ZORICH (BR. 171) sam.zorich@gmail.com 376-7799



The Activity Chairman's role is to keep in close contact with each of the chairmen of the branch activities in order to understand what they are doing and how things are going, to determine if they are planning any special activities that they want to communicate to the rest of the Branch, and to determine if there is anything special that requires assistance. Also, the Chair keeps in communication with the other branches in the area to determine if there are additional activity announcements that should be made to our branch.

The Chair is always looking for suggestions for additional activities (e.g. Chess, Cooking, Current Events Discussions, etc etc), and is the focal point to communicate with if you would like to chair any of the open activity groups.

APPLE USERS ACTIVITY: DICK MACY (Br. 171) m.hobie@comcast.net 376-1180
JOE TRACY (BR. 174) jotracy@comcast.net 954-7801



The meetings focus on Apple/Mac computers, iPads, & iPhones. Each meeting includes a discussion of recent Apple/Mac announcements and releases; a roundtable discussion of applications, general rumors, issues, and problems members may be having; and a few formal topics.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 24.

Meetings are held in the conference room at the CC County Supervisor office at 3338 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette, on the **fourth Monday of each month at 10:00 AM to noon**. The location is the fire station building across the street from El Charro restaurant. Enter left side door at top of steps. Novices and advanced users are welcomed. Come and be a part of the group.

ASTRONOMY: GEORGE COBB (Br. 174) gecblue@aol.com 200-7749
BILL HUNTER (Br. 8) 254=6281



We meet the **second Monday of each month** in the Tilden Room at the Concord Hilton Hotel on Diamond Boulevard. Our meetings commence at 1:30. Please join us for an entertaining meeting. All are welcome. Call or e-mail George (GECBlue@aol.com) for details and further information.

BARBERSHOP HARMONY: BRAD DEWEY (Br. 171) ebdewey@att.net 376-3349
RON LEIKER (Br. 174) leikerinda@comcast.net 376-3884



The SIRpremes are a barbershop octet, composed of members from both 171 and 174, that sing songs in four-part harmony. By having two people on each part, the problems caused by absences are greatly reduced – obviously. The group's self-determined purpose has been to periodically add a little variety to the monthly luncheon meetings of Branches 171 and 174, plus the Christmas luncheon with the ladies.

The group meets every Tuesday at 3:00 pm at Brad Dewey's. Contact Brad Dewey, Sam Zorich (376-7799), or Ron Leiker for additional information.

BIG HIKERS: AL DONNER (Br. 171) aajdonner@gmail.com 376-1594



One of three SIRS walking groups, the Big Hikers aims to engage SIRS who want some longer and stronger routes than our two around-town walking groups. The "**Big Hikers**" offer opportunities to do some hikes more than 3 miles in length and sometimes do a little more elevation. They can be further afield, Mt. Diablo or other regional parks, such as Vasco Caves. The Big Hikers operate on a varied schedule, trying to do a couple hikes each month. They go to interesting places as the spirit moves us. Contact Al Donner (aajdonner@gmail.com) to get the on the Big Hikers notice list. If you want a slower pace, try either the WALKING or the SENIOR STROLLERS group.

BOCCE BALL: LAURI LEHTIN (Br. 171) LT46CHC@comcast.net 254-7723
ED PROTIVA (Br. 174) edprotiva1@comcast.net 254-1631



Bocce is played every Tuesday and Friday throughout the spring and the summer. The group meets at 10 am, just beyond the bandstand at the Moraga Commons, located at the corner of Moraga Road & St Mary's Rd (next to the bandstand). The cost is all of \$2; the game is really easy to learn and is great fun, including a lot of good chat. You can be a part of this great group of guys, and can play on either or both days.

The Bocce game consists of 4 players on each court, creating 2 teams of 2 members each. Each team has one player at each end of the court. It is quite easy to learn.

BOOK CLUB: BOB KROMPHOLZ (Br 171 chair) krompholz@comcast.net 528-9937
AL DESSAYER (Br 171 co-chair) dessayer@pacbell.net 376-7430



The group develops a twelve month calendar of agreed upon book selections with each member hosting a book review where we will discuss his book. An attempt is made to vary the selections to include the latest best sellers as well as some classics and non fiction.

Each member selects a book he has read or would like to read and suggests it to other members, who will then read the book and be ready for discussion at subsequent meetings. This is a great way not only to diversify your reading enjoyment, but also to discuss your comments and ideas with other intelligent, curious, cerebral fellows like yourself.

Book reviews are usually scheduled on the last Wednesday of the month @ 7-8pm. There are currently 12 members of the club. Contact Bob or Al if you are interested in joining.

BOWLING - AREA 2: LLOYD WEST (Br. 19) 228-9037



Area 2 Tournament and league bowling is held at Clayton Valley Bowl every Wednesday. Be there at 9:30 am. More members are welcome. Call for more information.

BRIDGE: GREG TCHERKOYAN (Br. 171) gresta2@sbcglobal.net 838-0361
STEWART KNUDSEN (Br. 174) svknudsen619@aol.com 376-4919



We meet at the Moraga Hacienda on the **second and fourth Tuesdays of each month**. Please arrive by 9:50 am. Play starts promptly at **10:00 am**. Bring \$5 and a bag lunch. Call Greg or Stu for further information.

COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY: DEREK SOUTHERN (Br. 8) Derek.southern@gmail.com 253-1646
NEIL SCHMIDT (Br 116; Area 2 CAT Chairman) np_schmidt@pacbell.net



The Area 16 Computer and Technology Group [formerly A2CAT] announces that our next meeting will be at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge on Thursday August 17, 2017 starting at 9:30 am, but come early for coffee, goodies, and chat. Sirs from all branches and their guests are welcome and invited to attend.

Phil Goff is going to focus on getting organized and show us some of the basic functionality of PhotoShop Elements. People often ask how to get photos off their smart phones, or how can they find photos that are currently on their computer. Well, Phil is going to help with that and more at our August

17 meeting. His presentation notes should be available on the CAT Web page (a2cat.sirinc2.org) several days prior to the meeting.

We look forward to seeing you around 9:15 AM, Thursday August 17, 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 July meeting is another one of those! All SIR members and their guests (spouses included!) are welcome to attend. See you there.

Meetings commence at 9:15 AM on the third Thursday of the month 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 July meeting is another one of those! All SIR members and their guests (spouses included!) are welcome to attend. See you there.

Information about the group, including current and past presentations, is available on the SIR Area 2 Computes and Technology website -- <http://a2cat.sirinc2.org/>

COUPLES DINING OUT SAM ZORICH sam.zorich@gmail.com 376-7799



The group dines out every other month at a fine location in the East Bay. Planning for the venue rotates among the various members of the group.

The group met July 19th at Uncle Yu's in Lafayette. There were nine couples in attendance. The September get-together will be coordinated by Sam Zorich, and will be held on the 13th or 20th.

DOMINOES TOM WESTHOFF (BR 171) 376-2609 westhoff40@comcast.net



The SIR 171 Domino group meets every Thursday at Moraga Royale from 1:00pm – 3:00pm. Contact Tom for further information.

FISHING: KARL DROESE (Br. 171) kdroese@comcast.net 376-0468 PAUL DUBAW (Area 2)



All SIR members and guests are welcome and encouraged to participate in fishing trips as well as attend the monthly meetings. Next meeting will be Thursday, August 24th, at the Legends Sports Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek Golf Course at 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord, starting at 8:30am.

Whether you fly fish, spin fish, troll or bait fish there will be events of interest. If you are new to fishing or are interested in trying a different type of fishing we have experienced and knowledgeable members happy to share their expertise, and even their equipment. With nearly 100 events scheduled throughout the year, some type of fishing is available almost every week.

July Fishing Activity: Karl Droese (Br.171) and Dick Thomson (Br.8) fished the Columbia River near Woodland Washington along with 2 others for 3 days, catching and releasing a total of 99 sturgeon. Gary Yancey, Rick Fend and Karl Droese (Br. 171); Richard Bal and Ed Dijkman (Br. 8); Paul Dubow (Br. 146) and 6 others traveled to Gustavus Alaska for 5 days, bringing home 136 coho salmon and over 40 halibut. Several oversize halibut (up to 300 lbs) were released. Locally, the salmon bite outside the Gate turned on with members landing nice sized kings. In addition members caught halibut in the Bay, rockfish in the ocean, black bass, bluegill and crappie in the Delta, and shad in the rivers.

Activities scheduled for August and September: Several salmon and rockfish trips out the Gate; sturgeon/striper and black bass outings in the Delta; a kokanee trip to Lake Berryessa; trout and catfishing at San Pablo Reservoir; salmon fishing on the Sacramento River; our annual summer backyard picnic; and our annual SIR's in the kitchen fish fry.

GOLF – 18 HOLES: GENE BELL (Br. 171) gdbell1@comcast.net 284-1786
BILL WADSWORTH (Br. 174) wadsy1@aol.com 925-963-0442



The SIR 171/174 golf website (www.sirlamorindagolf.com) includes the membership application, a list of current members, the 2017 schedule, the results of prior events, and other pertinent information for members and prospective members.

HISTORICAL ADVENTURES: (Open)



The highly interesting Historical Adventure tours activity needs a new chairman. Ted Westphal ran this activity for many years and did a fabulous job identifying and coordination trips in the Bay Area. **Please contact our Activity Chair, Sam Zorich** (sam.zorich@gmail.com 376-7799) **if you would like to chair this activity.**

INVESTMENT GROUP: TOM HENRY (Br. 174) tomhenry925@icloud.com 254-5724
DAVID SUTTON (Br-8) davesutn@comcasst.net 686-0158



NO MEETING IN JULY OR AUGUST

NOTE: Meetings are normally on the 4th Wed - except when they aren't! The upcoming dates are: June 28 and Sep 27. **No meetings in July, August and December.** October and November are on 3rd Weds: Oct 18 (due to a golf tournament at the club) and Nov 15 due to Thanksgiving.

\$ums, the investment activity of SIR Area 2, *normally* meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month (check \$SUMS website below to verify). The time is 8:00AM to 9:30PM. The location in the Legends Restaurant at the Diablo Creek Country Club on Port Chicago Highway 1/4 mile North of Highway 4. The Legends opens at 7 AM. Come early and have a leisurely breakfast with your colleagues prior to the meeting.

Information about the group, including past and current presentations, is available on the \$UMS website -- <http://a2sums.sirinc2.org/>

PINOCHLE: BILL KORN (Br. 171) blairkorn@comcast.net 376-1643



The Sirs pinochle game is held **every Wednesday morning at 9:30** at the Moraga Royale on the corner of Country Club Drive and Moraga Road. We play in a comfortable private room and many of us stay there for a delightful lunch, at a very minimal cost. The Wednesday game is moved back to Tuesday on the Sirs meeting day. We hope you can attend as we have a good time. If you don't know pinochle we will teach you, as it is not difficult. We hope to see some new players in the near future.

POKER: DICK MEDEL (Br. 174) 376-5568 & BILL WIEGMANN (Br. 174) bigwieg@comcast.net 376-6088



Our low-stakes poker group meets the **fourth Wednesday of each month from 12:30 to 4:30pm**. We meet at various locations. To join us please contact Dick or Bill for information.

SENIOR STROLLERS: JIM COUNTRYMAN jcountry@comcast.net 631-1766



Meets every **Wednesday** at 9 AM for an easy walk of less than a mile around/near the Moraga Center, generally with a stop for coffee at some point along the way. Contact Jim to get on the mailing list the starting point (which varies).

If you want a longer walk, try the WALKING group. For an even longer walk, with some

elevation, try the BIG HIKERS group.

STAMP GROUP: LARRY BEANS (Br. 171) larrybeans@comcast.net 376-7306



We meet on the Friday following Branch 171 lunch meeting at 9:30 am. The group meets at Larry Beans' home at 20 Carr Drive in Moraga. Please call Larry for more information, or if you would like to attend.

TABLE POOL: AREA #2: BILL WEINBERG 682-0962



We usually have three or four pool games going when we meet each **Monday at 11:30 am** at Masse's – 2721 North Main in Walnut Creek. The cost is \$5.00 for as long as you want to play. We also have SIR members from other branches joining us and we usually play about 2 hours but not everyone stays for the final curtain. Haven't played in years? Come join us. All SIRs are welcome.

TENNIS: JIM COUNTRYMAN (Br. 171) jcountry@comcast.net 631-1766
RALPH THORNICROFT (Br. 174) grtincal@aol.com 376-8140



The Tennis Group plays at St. Mary's College **every Tuesday and Thursday. Times vary between 8:00am and 8:30am, depending on the weather.** Players are at varying skill levels, mostly around the 3.0 range. Members' wives are invited to join us, so let them know they are welcome. Call Jim or Ralph for information.

TRAVEL: Eric Cho Br 171) eric411cho@gmail.com 377-801
BOB SPELLMAN (Area 2 Chmn.) bobjo@astound.net 934-8428



Trips currently scheduled for 2017 & 2018:

- Oct. 7. Fleet Week – San Francisco Belle
- Oct. 20 – Nov. 5. Panama Canal cruise
- Oct. 27. Panama Canal cruise
- April 11 – 21, 2018. Tulip time on the Rhine
- May 23, 2018. Ultimate Africa.

Check the SIR Area 2 website for the details, cost, and contact information for these trips. Cut and paste the following link into your internet browser -- <http://www.area2.sirinc2.org/Travel.pdf> If you have trip information you would like to post on the area website (four days or more), send information to Bob Spellman (bobjo@astound.net) by the 25th of each month.



WALKING: AL DONNER (Br. 171) ajdonner@gmail.com 376-1594
LYLE DECK (Br. 174) lgdeck@aol.com 254-3829

If you feel left out of something good, come join the group. Just show up across from the Serbian Church by 9 am any Tuesday and you are good to go. No initiation fees, hazing or other sophomoric rituals, just walking and talking and coffee after. The group walks for about three miles.

And if you want a slower pace, try the SENIOR STROLLERS group. If you want to try a faster pace, try the BIG HIKERS group.

WINE TASTING: GENE BELL (Br. 171) gdbell1@comcast.net 284-1786
JON LEUTENEKER (Br. 174) jonleuteneker@comcast.net 376-7035



There are now two wine tasting groups. Both are couples events and normally held in-home starting about 7:00 p.m. with a cost per person averaging about \$15. Jon Leuteneker is chairman of the group that meets on the **second Tuesday of each month** - this group has a full roster. Gene Bell is chairman of the group that meets on the **third Tuesday of each month** - membership in this group may still open.

Club Meeting & Activity Calendar

JULY 2017				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	Aug 1	2	3	4
	Barber Shop	Bowling	Dominos	Bocce
	Bocce	Pinochle	Tennis	Stamps
	Tennis	Senior Strollers		
	Walking	SIR 171 MEETING		
7	8	9	10	11
Table Pool	Barber Shop	Bowling	Dominos	Bocce
	Bocce	Pinochle	Tennis	
	Bridge	Senior Strollers		
	Tennis			
	Walking			
	Wine Tasting 1			
14	15	16	17	18
Astronomy	Barber Shop	Bowling	Computers & Tech.	Bocce
Table Pool	Bocce	Pinochle	Dominos	
	Tennis	Senior Strollers	Tennis	
	Walking			
	Wine Tasting 2			
21	22	23	24	25
Table Pool	Barber Shop	Bowling	Dominos	Bocce
	Bocce	Investmtns (NO MTG)	Fishing	
	Bridge	Pinochle	Tennis	
	Tennis	Poker		
	Walking	Senior Strollers		
28	29	30	31	
Apple User Group	Barber Shop	Bowling	Dominos	
Bridge	Bocce	Pinochle	Tennis	
Table Pool	Tennis	Senior Strollers		
	Walking			

SIR ORGANIZATION 2017 (05/24/2017)

STATE PRESIDENT
REGION 6 DIRECTOR
AREA 2 GOVERNOR

JERRY STRAIN
ED BENSON
BILL HOLLY

SIR Inc. Website: <http://www.ririnc.org>
Area 2 Website: <http://area2.sirinc2.org/>
Branch 171 Website: <http://branch171.sirinc2.org>

BRANCH 171

SIR Hotline – 377-5880

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OFFICERS

BIG SIR	RALPH BLUMENTHAL	254-6935
LITTLE SIR	BARRY LESKIN	254-5500
SECRETARY	MIKE DONOVAN	376-0387
ASST. SEC.	AL DONNER	376-1474
TREASURER	BOB KROMPHOLZ	528-9937
ASST. TREAS.	HAL D'AMBROGIA	284-1723

DIRECTORS

STEW CHALEM	377-0698
TIM FREEMAN	283-5945
STAN HOLCENBERG	283-5466
TOM MARNANE	376-6312
JOHN SCHICK	376-9412
JIM SCALA	283-2753
MITCH TARKOFF	254-7359

PAST BIG SIRs

1994 BILL TEUTSCHEL	1995 DAN REGO
1996 JOHN DAHL	1997 RAY HORTON
1998 ELLIS LANGLEY	1999 CHARLIE DINES
2000 JIM SWEENEY	2001 CLAY SEALY
2002 DENNIS BROSSART	2003 BILL MUESER
2004 GENE BELL	2005 TOM KELLY
2006 DAN FLOWER	2007 BILL SUMNER
2008 FRED GEORGE	2009 JIM GIBNEY
2010 DICK MACY	2011 PHIL ARTH
2012 KARL DROESE	2013 JOHN HAFFNER
2014 SAM ZORICH	2015 TIM FREEMAN
2016 TOM MARNANE	

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

RAY HORTON CLAY SEALY TED WESTPHAL

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

ATTENDANCE & BADGES	FRANCIS WONG	376-0967
	KEN NAKASHIMA	376-0421
AUDIO/VISUAL	TIM FREEMAN	283-5945
	STAN HOLCENBERG	283-5466
BAR MGMT	(OPEN)	
BRANCH AUDIT	BOB MEADOWCRAFT	631-0194
	KEN FISCHER	518-3104
CHAPLAIN	TOM MARNANE	376-6312
GREETER	TOM LENZ	278-1717
HISTORIAN	TOM MARNANE	376-0716
KNOW YOUR SIR	DAVE HUMM	376-5895
LADIES DAY	JOHN HAFFNER	376-9064
MEMBERSHIP & INDUCTIONS	STEW CHALEM	377-0698
	TOM LENZ	278-1717
	JOHN SCHICK	376-9412
NEWSLETTER	STAN HOLCENBERG	283-5466
NOMINATIONS	JOHN HAFFNER	376-9064
	SAM ZORICH	377-7799
	PHIL ARTH	376-3784
PHOTOGRAPHER	RUSS AUBRY	510-644-2692
PIANIST	FRANK GRANNIS	284-2724
PUBLICITY	TOM LENZ	278-1717
RECRUITING	AL DONNER	376-1594
	TIM FREEMAN	283-5945
	BARRY LESKIN	254-5500
	MITCH TARKOFF	254-7359
SUNSHINE	MONTE LOGAN	376-0264
WEBMASTER	TOM LEMMER	683-1066

ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN – Branch 171: SAM ZORICH 376-7799

ACTIVITY

BRANCH 171 COORDINATOR

BRANCH 174 COORDINATOR

AREA 2 CHAIRMAN

APPLE USERS	DICK MACY 376-1180	JOE TRACY 954-7801	
ASTRONOMY	OPEN	GEORGE COBB 200-7749	BILL HUNTER 254-6281
BARBER SHOP HARMONY	BRAD DEWEY 376-3349	RON LEIKER 376-2845	
BOCCE BALL	LAURI LEHTIN 254-7723	ED PROTIVA 254-1631	
BOOK CLUB	BOB KROMPHOLZ / AL DESSAYER 528-9937 / 376-7430		
BOWLING	OPEN		LLOYD WEST 228-9037
BRIDGE	GREG TCHERKOYAN 838-0361	STU KNUDSEN 376-4919	ROD SPICER 935-5306
COUPLES DINING OUT	SAM ZORICH 376-7799		
COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY	OPEN	DICK CURRY 376-5541	DEREK SOUTHERN 253-1646
DOMINOES	TOM WESTHOFF 276-2609		NEIL SCHMIDT
FISHING	KARL DROESE 376-0468		PAUL DUBOW
GOLF – 18 HOLES	GENE BELL 284-1786	BILL WADSWORTH 963-0442	RAY WEISZ 240-0425
HIST. ADV. & VETS	OPEN		
INVESTMENT	OPEN	TOM HENRY 254-5724	DAVID SUTTON 686-0158
PINOCHLE	BILL KORN 376-1643		
POKER	OPEN	DICK MEDEL/BILL WIEGMAN 376-5568/376-6088	
SENIOR STROLLERS	JIM COUNTRYMAN 631-1766		
STAMPS	LARRY BEANS 376-7306		
TABLE POOL	OPEN		BILL WEINBERG 682-0962
TENNIS	JIM COUNTRYMAN 631-1766	RALPH THORNICROFT 376-8140	
TRAVEL	ERIC CHO 377-1801		BOB SPELLMAN 934-8428
WALKERS & BIG HIKERS	AL DONNER 376-1594	LYLE DECK 254-3829	
WINE TASTING	GENE BELL 284-1786	JON LEUTENEKER 376-7035	

BOLD – INDICATES ACTIVITY CHAIRMAN