



SIR BRANCH 171

April 2018

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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, **April 4** Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Church Hall

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

BIG SIR MESSAGE: BARRY LESKIN

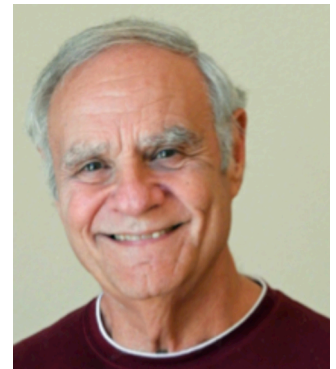
My Fellow SIR 171 Members,

Hope you enjoyed our March speaker, Moraga Police Chief Jon King. Chief King provided a lot of useful information, including an update on their preparation and plans to address the types of horrible situations, should they occur here, that have occurred elsewhere.

We are looking forward to another excellent speaker and topic at the April meeting. See Little SIR Graig's report on the "Technology Best Practices" talk that will be given by Grant Stubblefield. Also, the Sirpremes will entertain us at the meeting.

Our July lunch meeting date on July 4. We have confirmed with the Serbian Church and with our caterer that we can meet the day prior, on Tuesday, July 3.

Please update your calendars.



A lot of things are happening at our Branch level:

Welcome to our two new members that were inducted at the March meeting, Steve Kinsey and Gary Lansman.

We currently have 150 members in Branch 171. We have lost four members, and Steve and Gary as our two new members. Keep those recruiting hats on! Also, John Schick is currently reviewing our Branch Regulations. He has shared a draft with BEC members for review and will firm changes at our April BEC meeting.

Thank you Ed Beatson and George Adranly. Ed and George will be the 171 co-chairs, and will join with the 174 chair to plan our Ladies Day Holiday Luncheon. John Haffner will focus on skills transfer to Ed and George. Thank you John for your years of leadership for the event.

Tim Freeman is putting together a Greeter List for the year. Thank you Tim for keeping this excellent tradition going. And thank you Tom Marnane for identifying individuals that are interested in taking on a leadership role in various areas of the club's operations.

And outside the Branch:

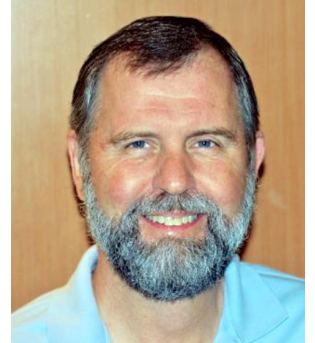
Jonathan Korfhage, Branch 146 Little Sir, is planning a District Dinner Dance with a DJ in early October or possibly Valentine's Day next year. Please let Jonathan know (korf26@gmail.com) if you are interested in attending the Dinner Dance.

Our new SIRs State President, Derek Southern, will have an annual Big SIR meeting March 26 at Rossmoor. I will share outcomes from our meeting at the April luncheon.

Barry Leskin, Big SIR

LITTLE SIR MESSAGE: GRAIG CROSSLEY

Our speaker on April 4 will be Grant Stubblefield, owner of Neighborhood Computers in Moraga. Grant is an experienced Information Technology administrator and will speak on the following topic:



“Technology Best Practices 2018”

Want an insight into the world of technology solutions? Want to know how to keep your computer running smooth, efficient, and secure? How about managing all of those pesky passwords you need to remember? And which updates do you really need to perform on your Mac or PC? Grant Stubblefield of Neighborhood Computers will host an open forum and discussion about the best IT practices for your home or office computer regarding security, backup, and syncing. Come join and learn with us!

Additional information on Grant:

Grant Stubblefield has been a long-time community member, local volunteer and has been working in technology for over 15 years. A graduate of Saint Mary's College with a degree in Business, he heavily supports his community both personally and professionally. His expertise is working with small businesses with their unique workflows, specialized networks, and security requirements. His company, Neighborhood Computers, supports modern home owners as well as small companies ranging from 10-100 employees in the greater Bay Area and beyond.

May Meeting

Want to start planning for our May 2 meeting. The speaker will be the recently appointed Moraga-Orinda Fire Department Chief Dave Winnacker. Line up a guest or two to come to hear the Fire Chief and learn more about our SIRs group

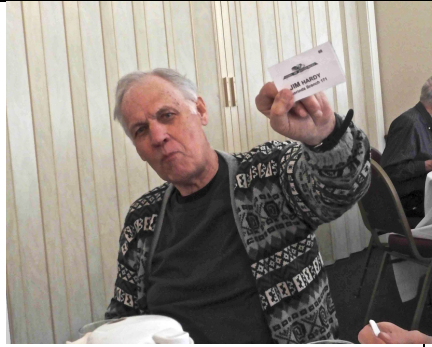
Graig Crossley, Little SIR



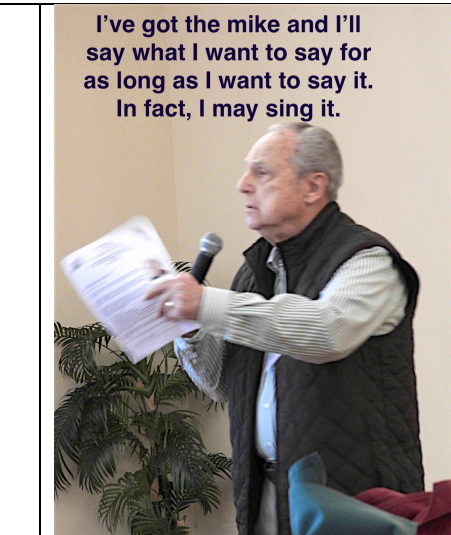
MARCH MEETING PHOTOS- by club photographer Russ Aubry



Guest Steve Patton found out about us in the newspaper



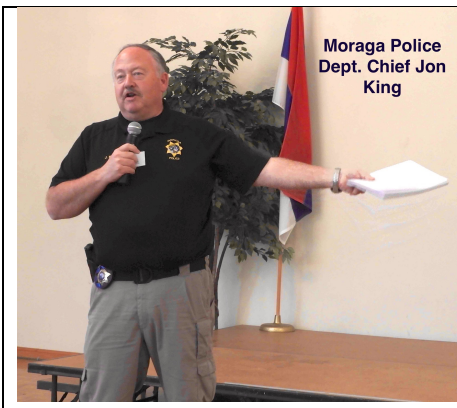
Big SIR Barry with new inductee Gary Lansmann, endorser Larry Beans, & Membership Chair Stew Chalem



I've got the mike and I'll say what I want to say for as long as I want to say it. In fact, I may sing it.



I'm 90 and I have a girl friend !!



Moraga Police Dept. Chief Jon King



Sorry Graig, you still need to pay that ticket !!

APRIL LUNCHEON

APRIL LUNCHEON MENU

Meat Loaf; Vegetable Medley; Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Green Salad; Fruit Salad; Dessert

APRIL BIRTHDAYS TO SIRs

BILLAUSFAHL -- LARRY BEANS -- CHARLES BLAY -- STEW CHALEM -- ERIC CHO

CLAY CLAASSEN -- JAMES COUNTRYMAN -- KARL DROESE -- TIM FREEMAN

PETER HANELT -- RICHARD JAMES -- BARRY LESKIN -- CLARK VILAS

One of the above members with a birthday in April will win a free lunch if he attends the April meeting. Members whose birth month is in April, 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 Barry Leskin can be reached at barryleskin@gmail.com.

GUESTS AND NEW MEMBERS

\$15 Luncheon fee for first time guest

The first time a guest attends a meeting the lunch fee is \$15. The regular luncheon fee will be charged for subsequent visits as a guest.

If you are inviting a guest don't forget to call the hotline at 925-377-5880. Provide the name of your guest and let us know if he is a first time guest.

BRANCH REPORTS

ATTENDANCE REPORT: FRANCIS WONG

There were 115 attendees at the October meeting, which included 109 members, two guests, three visitors (from other branches), and one speaker. Also, there were two inductees. There were 13 no-shows, one make-up, and 28 excused sign-outs. 73% of our membership attended. Our guarantee was 118, which was three over our actual attendance.

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. **FAILURE TO CALL THE HOTLINE TO SIGN OUT WILL RESULT IN A \$25 CHARGE.**

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. **FAILURE TO FOLLOW THIS PROCEDURE WILL SUBJECT THE MISSING member to the \$25 no show charge.** It is not necessary to call the HOT LINE if you have placed your name on the "Absence Notification" sheet at a prior meeting. Leave a message 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
JOHN SCHICK**

ACTIVE

Prior Month: **152**

Inductees **1 Gary Lansman (#14), Sponsor, Larry Beans (#83)
1 Steve Kinsey (#16), Sponsor, Ed Beatson (#45)**

From Inactive: **None**

Deductions **(1) George Berindoague (#44), To Inactive
(1) Fred Lezak (#100), To Inactive
(1) Dan Baker (#79), Resigned, Medical
(1) Bryant King (#9), Resigned, Medical**

Total, This Month: **150**

INACTIVE

Prior Month: **29**

Additions: **1 George Berindoague (#44), Living in Tennessee for a few months
1 Fred Lezak (#100), Personal. Expects to return to active in about six months**

Deductions **(1) Doug Mann, Deceased**

Total, This Month: **30**

INDUCTED AT MARCH MEETING

**Gary Lansman (#14), Sponsor, Larry Beans (#83)
Steve Kinsey (#16), Sponsor, Ed Beatson (#45)**

APPLICANT LIST

None

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

ROSTER CORRECTIONS: STEW CHALEM

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.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bob Krompholz

February 2018

Beginning	7,026
Receipts	4,046
Disbursements	2,720
Ending	8,352

Please contact Bob if you would like additional details.

KNOW YOUR SIRs

Gary Lansman

Gary grew up in Manhattan Beach in Southern California and was an avid surfer and sailor. While there, a mutual friend introduced him to Carol who would later become his wife. He served in the US Navy during the Vietnam Conflict. For his education, Gary graduated from California State University with a Bachelor's degree in Mathematics, and then received his MBA from Pepperdine University.

In 1982, Gary moved to Moraga from London where he was an IT manager for Bank of America's merchant bank. He continued to work for the bank in several capacities in the Bay Area until 1997 when he left to start a consulting practice in the financial services industry. His work for clients brought him great satisfaction until retiring in 2017.

Gary's wife, Carol, also worked in the financial services industry for a local investment advisor until retiring. They have 2 daughters: Samantha teaches Spanish in the Acalanes High School District; Leslie is pursuing a law school professorship at the University of Queen Mary, London.

Gary and Carol still enjoy beach-oriented activities. Since his retirement, Gary has joined a hiking group and has taken up nature journaling. Also, they both are loyal fans of the Warriors.

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.

SUNSHINE REPORT: MONTE LOGAN

Branch 171

It is sad to report the passing of **SIR Douglass Mann** on February 13th. Doug was 87, he joined SIR's in 2003 and went inactive February 2015. He formerly served as the SIR's Chaplain ending in 2010. His funeral service was held at the Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church on March 10th. The following is SIR Doug Mann's obituary from the March 14th Bay Area News Group.

Douglass J. Mann

May 29, 1930 ~ Feb. 13, 2018 Resident of Orinda

Douglass J. Mann passed peacefully on February 13th surrounded by his wife, Stephanie, and their three children, Lyn, Susan and Stephen. Doug served in the [US Air Force](#) and later graduated from UC Berkeley. He joined Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corp. as Purchasing Manager and retired in 1987. He also was an instructor for Dale Carnegie and went on to work for Karrass Seminars, teaching Effective Negotiating. As a member of Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church, he became a Deacon and served on the building committee for the new sanctuary. He was an avid golfer and loved working in his rose garden. Doug is survived by his wife, three children, eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Memorial Services will be held at Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church on Saturday March 10, 2018 at 2PM.

It is sad to report the passing of **SIR Richard Homrighausen, MD** on February 20th. He became a Br. 171 member in '05 and went inactive due to poor health in May, 2017. He was 91. The following is his obituary from the March 14th Bay Area News Group.

Richard Homrighausen, MD

February 16, 1927 - February 20, 2018 Resident of Lafayette, CA

Richard Homrighausen died peacefully at his home in Lafayette. Born in Freeport, Illinois, he spent much of his childhood in Princeton, New Jersey. After serving in the [Army](#) in Germany, he went to [Princeton University](#) and then studied medicine at Cornell. He married Jean Grantham, and they moved to California where they settled in Moraga and raised three sons, Mark, Eric, and Paul. Richard went into private practice in Orinda in 1955 and retired in 1993. He also worked at the student health services of the University of California in Berkeley and St. Mary's College in Moraga.

In his free time, Richard enjoyed a number of sports, including running marathons and going car-camping and backpacking with his family. He also enjoyed playing his guitar and, in retirement, took up gardening and walking his succession of Shelties. Richard was preceded in death by his son, Eric, and daughter-in-law, Judy. He is survived by his partner, Nancy Bowers, his sons Mark (Janet), Paul (Francoise), his "fourth son" Alex Nagappan, and his grandchildren Brandon (Breanna), Jonathan (Michelle) and Nicolette. A private memorial will be held and Richard's ashes will be interred at Oakmont Cemetery in Lafayette. Donations in his memory may be made to St. Mary's College Scholarships (stmarys-ca.edu).

SIR John Mossman is home from the hospital recovering from a surgical procedure.

SIR Mack Riddle had broken his leg. We were happy to see him at our last SIR's meeting. He is doing well in recovery!

SIR Ed Drasin had broken his foot skiing. We were also happy to see him at our last SIR's meeting. He is doing well in recovery.

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.

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. Send comments and article to HappeningsEditor@gmail.com

BRANCH ACTIVITIES (BRANCHES 171 & 174)

ACTIVITY LIST *(items in blue are informational; items in red have updated information)*

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| 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)



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)
JOE TRACY (BR. 174)



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

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 the left side door at top of steps. Novices and advanced users are welcomed. Come and be a part of the group. **The next meeting will be on Monday, March 26.**

ASTRONOMY: (OPEN) Br. 171
GEORGE COBB (Br. 174)
BILL HUNTER (Area 16 - Br. 8)



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)
RON LEIKER (Br. 174)



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, or Ron Leiker for additional information.

BIG HIKERS: AL DONNER (Br. 171)



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 (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: (OPEN) Br. 171
ED PROTIVA (Br. 174)



BOCCE SEASON HAS CLOSED FOR THE SEASON. WILL RE-CONVENE ON MAY 8.

171 DOES NOT HAVE A CHAIRPERSON FOR THIS VERY IMPORTANT ACTIVITY. THERE ARE DATES, TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS, THAT NEED TO BE COVERED. IN THE PAST 171 HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TUESDAY GAMES AND 174 FOR THE FRIDAY GAMES. CONTACT SAM ZORICH IF YOU CAN TAKE OVER THE 171 CHAIRPERSON ROLE OR CAN FILL IN FOR SOME OF THE OPEN DATES.

When in season, Bocce is played every Tuesday and Friday. 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 co-chair)
AL DESSAYER (Br 171 co-chair)



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:

(OPEN) Br. 171
AREA 2: MIKE CROFF (Area)



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: JOHN SCHICK (Br. 171)
JUAN KELLY (Br. 174)



The group meets 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 John or Stu for further information.

COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY: (OPEN) Br. 171
DEREK SOUTHERN (Area - Br. 8)
NEIL SCHMIDT (Area - Br 116)



The Area 16 Computer and Technology Group announces that our next meeting will be at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge on **Thursday April 19, 2018** 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.

The topic for the April CAT meeting will be "Computer & Technology Information 'Potpourri'". How do you keep abreast of advances in technology? Our CAT meetings provide some information about new and interesting technology but there are numerous other sources available. The April CAT meeting will look at some of these supplemental sources and members will also be encouraged to contribute their favorite sources as well (Hint: One great source is on our new CAT web site). In addition, some articles such as "What Google and Facebook Knows About You" and "Highest Rated and Free Antivirus Software" will be discussed. Come to the meeting to learn and contribute.

We look forward to seeing you 9:15 AM, March 15, 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 March 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 Computers and Technology website -- <http://a2cat.sirinc2.org/> Make sure you are on the CAT mailing list by sending an e-mail request to: sir.area2.cat@gmail.com

COUPLES DINING OUT SAM ZORICH (Br. 171)



Nine couples attended our March dinner at the Bellevue Club in Oakland hosted by David and Paula Byrens. Bill Bondy will arrange our May dinner at the Moraga Country Club. We welcome Phil and Gretchen Arth to our group.

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.

DOMINOES TOM WESTHOFF (BR 171)



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) HARRY SHERINIAN (Area 16)



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, April 26th**, at the Legends Sports Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek Golf Course at 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord, starting at 8:30am.

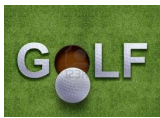
Whether you fly fish, spin fish, troll or bait fish there will be events of interest. If you are new to fishing or are interested in trying a different type of fishing we have experienced and knowledgeable members happy to share their expertise, and even their equipment. With over 100 events scheduled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

type of fishing is available almost every week.

March Results: 11 members were successful in catching trout at our local lakes although the strong bite of last month has slowed. Others caught several striped bass and sturgeon on the Delta. We held our annual shopping trip to Bass Pro Shop and Fishermen's Warehouse with a side trip to a sausage factory.

Activities Scheduled for April and May: Multiple sturgeon/striper/black bass trips to the Delta, Sacramento River and New Hogan Reservoir; Several one day outings to Shadow Cliffs, Del Valle, San Pablo Reservoir, Lake McSwain, and Los Vaqueros Reservoir; Kokanee/rainbow trout trips to Collins Lake and Pardee Reservoir; Longer trips will include 4 days at Lake Almanor for rainbow and brown trout - and three days at Pyramid Lake NV for cutthroat trout; One of our members will host a fish fry at his home in May.

**GOLF – 18 HOLES: GENE BELL (Br. 171)
BILL WADSWORTH (Br. 174)**



We had a nice turnout for both our regularly scheduled events at Boundary Oak and Metropolitan in March. Thus far we've been fortunate to skirt the very welcome rains we've experienced recently.

Our club treasurer, Steve Wright, has been ably organizing informal "Every Monday" challenges. Steve arranges outings at some new, farther away courses for us during our "off" Mondays. For example, we've been to Peacock Gap in Marin County and Napa Municipal Golf Course near the Napa airport. He has us heading to Rooster Run in Petaluma in April.

Our regular events in April are at Chardonnay in Napa on the 2nd, Rancho Solano in Fairfield on the 9th, and Deer Ridge in Brentwood on the 23rd. Please let us know if you want to join us. We just have a good time together and don't care about your skill level.

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: JIM KLINE (Br 171 co-chair)
KEN FISCHER (Br 171 co-chair)**



The **Oakland Aviation Museum** tour will be on May 30. \$7 fee for seniors. See various aircraft including the Solent flying boat, Norden bombsight, various engines, etc. To sign up contact Ken Fischer

INVESTMENT GROUP: (OPEN) Br. 171
TOM HENRY (Br. 174)
DAVID SUTTON (Br-8)



Our next meeting is **Wed March 28** at 8 AM at the Legends Restaurant at the Diablo Creek Country Club - Port Chicago Highway, 1/4 mile north of Highway 4 in Concord.

The presenter will be Scott Horton of J.P. King Advisors. Scott will update us on his thinking about the possibility of a 'summer rally' for stocks in the coming months.

Our subsequent meeting will be on **Wed April 25**. We do not have a speaker tentatively lined up, and won't have a commitment until after April 1. Stay tuned. \$UMS attendees will be notified by email.

\$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)



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: OPEN) Br. 171
DICK MEDEL (Br. 174) & BILL WIEGMANN (Br. 174)**



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 (Br 171)



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 and COIN GROUP: LARRY BEANS (Br. 171) STAMPS
BRUCE BERMAN (BR 171) COINS**



We usually 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 questions and a possible change of meeting schedule.

**TABLE POOL: (OPEN) Br. 171
AREA 16: BILL WEINBERG**



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)
RALPH THORNICROFT (Br. 174)



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)
JOE TRACY Br 174)
TOM MOLINARI (Area 16)



Trips currently scheduled for 2018:

- Apr 28, 2018: Sir Day at the Races
- Apr 11-21, 2018: Tulip Time on the Rhine.
- May 24, 2018: Sacramento Lunch and River Cruise
- July 19, 2018: Follow the Seagull San Francisco 49 Mile Scenic Tour.
- Sep 8-15, 2018: Colorado Train Trip

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, send the information to Tom Molinari by the 25th of the month. Only trips of at least 4 days or more in length will be listed



WALKING: AL DONNER (Br. 171)
LYLE DECK (Br. 174)

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)
JON LEUTENEKER (Br. 174)



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. _____

Activity Calendar -- April 2018

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Apple Users Activity	4th Monday of month				
Astronomy	2nd Monday of month				
Barbershop Harmony		Every Tuesday of month			
Big Hikers	As scheduled				
Bocce Ball	No play now. Resumes May 8				
Book Club			Last Wednesday of month		
Bowling			Every Wednesday of month		
Bridge		2nd & 4th Tuesday of month			
Computers and Technology				3rd Thursday of month	
Couples Dining Out	To Be Schedule -- May date				
Dominoes				Every Thursday of month	
Fishing				3rd Thursday of month	
Golf	Apr 2, 9, & 23				
Historical Adventures	30-May				
Investment Group	March 28 / April 25				
Pinochle			Each Wednesday of month		
Poker			4th Wednesday of month		
Stamp & Coin Club					First Friday after Club Meeting
Senior Strollers			Every Wednesday of month		
Table Pool	Every Month of month				
Tennis		Every Tuesday of month		Every Thursday of month	
Travel	No meetings scheduled. Only trips				
Walking		Every Tuesday of month			
Wine Tasting		2nd & 3rd Tuesday of month			