



# SIR BRANCH 171

## August 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, **August 1** Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Church Hall

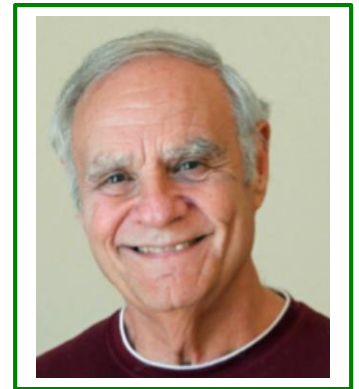
1700 School St., Moraga  
Social time begins at 11  
Meeting begins at 11:30

#### **BIG SIR MESSAGE: BARRY LESKIN**

My Fellow SIR 171 Members,

A reminder that the election for members of the SIR Branch 2019 Branch Executive Committee (BEC) officers and directors will be held at our August 1 meeting. Please review the election details and procedures, the list of members on the BEC slate, and the names of those members continuing on the Board in the "2019 Elections" article on page 2 of this newsletter.

I am happy to write that Graig Crossley is doing well from his recent medical procedure, but has submitted his resignation as Little SIR in order to focus on his health. Thus, Rick Fend was named at the July BEC meeting to complete the role as Little SIR for 2018. The succession plan slate for 2019 is in the "2019 Elections" article within the newsletter.



The BEC continues to be concerned about the number of meeting sign outs and no shows at our luncheon meetings. The past three months we have had 63%, 63%, and 65% of our members attend, an average of 95 members per meeting. Way below the 75% average we had the prior six months. This is costing all of us money since we have a luncheon commitment with our vendor based on prior attendance percentages. Our assumption is that early and extended summer travel may be the main cause of the decreased lunch attendance. I ask again to contact me with suggestions and ideas in this area.

The SirPremes will entertain us at lunch on August 1. Little SIR Rick Fend is identifying speakers for the remainder of the year. Please contact him if you have any speaker suggestions. And, in advance, let me thank our greeters for the August meeting, Tom Marnane and Tom Roberts.

Barry Leskin, Big SIR

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#### **LITTLE SIR MESSAGE: RICK FEND**

The speaker at our August 1 meeting will be **Dave Winnacker – Fire Chief, Moraga-Orinda Fire District (MOFD)**.

Chief Winnacker will discuss MOFD's current fire safety and community risk reduction efforts and his fire service career.



Chief Winnacker is the sixth fire chief in the history of the MOFD and was chosen unanimously in November 2017 by the District board members. He joined the District from the Alameda County Fire Department, where he was Division Chief of Special Operations.

He is a 23-year Marine Corps veteran, and a reservist since 2001, and has worked in fire service for 13 years. He was raised in Berkeley and graduated from UC Santa Barbara.



Rick Fend, Little SIR

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## **2019 Elections**

The following 2019 Branch Executive Committee (BEC) nominees will be voted on at the August General Meeting:

Big SIR:	Barry Leskin *
Little SIR:	Rick Fend *
Directors (3-year terms):	Chris Lyne **
	Gary Yancey **

- \* Due to Graig Crossley's resignation as 2018 Little SIR, Rick Fend was named at the July BEC meeting as Little SIR for the remainder of 2018. Rick is on the slate to continue in the Little SIR role for 2019 and current Big Sir Barry Leskin, pending Board approval by the BEC, is on the slate for 2019.
- \*\* Chris Lyne and Gary Yancey were named as Directors at a BEC meeting earlier this year to complete a one year term. They are currently on the Board and are included on the BEC slate for a three year term 2019 - 2021.

Additional nominations for the BEC will be taken from the floor at the August 1 meeting. All nominees from the floor must signify their agreement to accept the office if elected.

Voting will be by voice or show of hands for non-contested positions. Contested positions, if any, will be by secret ballot.

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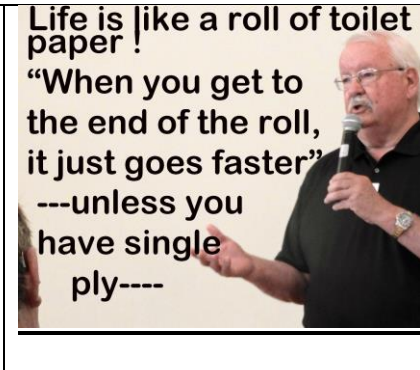
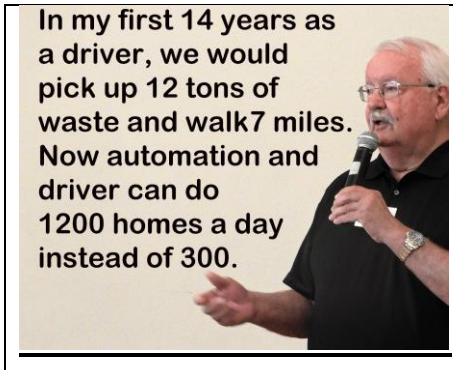
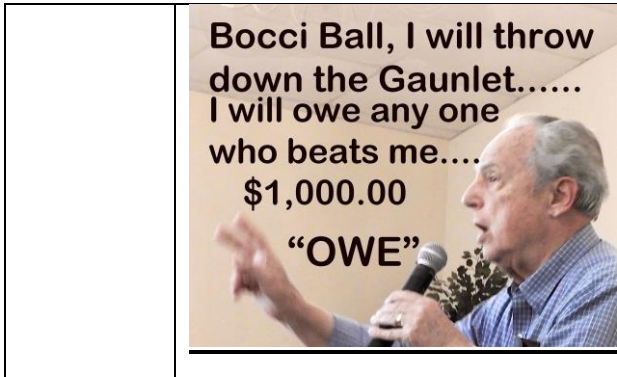
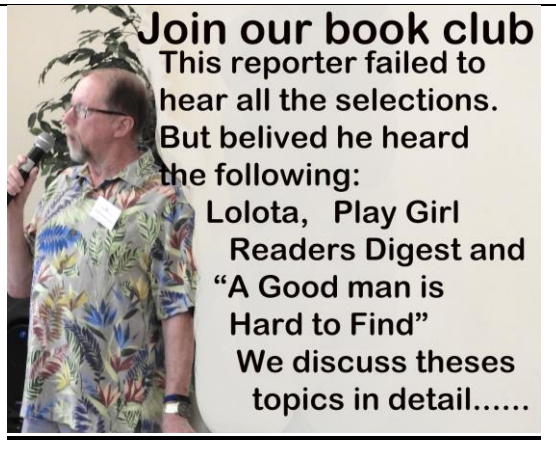
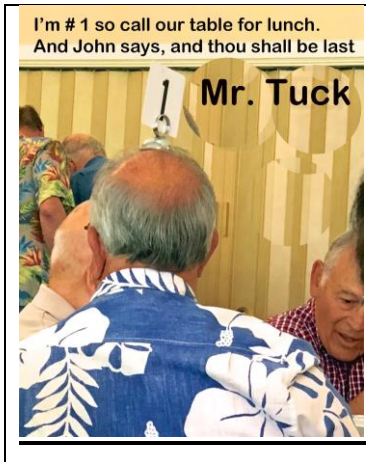
The following officers are incumbents, and will continue in their roles unless contested by a floor nomination:

Secretary:	Mike Donovan
Asst. Secretary	Al Donner
Treasurer:	Bob Krompholz
Asst. Treasurer	Hal D'Ambrogia

BEC members who will continue in their positions for 2019 are:

Directors (2 <sup>nd</sup> year of three year term):	Eric Cho
	Tom Westhoff
Directors (3 <sup>rd</sup> year of three year term):	Stew Chalem
	Tim Freeman
	John Schick

Ralph Blumenthal, as the immediate past Big SIR, will serve as a Director for an additional 1-year term in 2019.



## JULY LUNCHEON

### AUGUST LUNCHEON MENU

Roast Beef; Mashed Potatoes; Fresh Vegetable Medley  
Green Salad; Fruit Salad; Dessert

### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS TO SIRs

**IAN BAIRD – ROY CUNEO – AL DESSAYER – WARREN EHRHARDT – PHILLIP EYRING**

**KEN FORMAN – BOB FRAZER – RICHARD HADDOCK – JOHN HAFFNER – TOM KEELE – JAMES KLINE**

**RICHARD LAUFENBERG – TOM LEMMER – TOM MARNANE – ROBERT MEADOWCROFT**

**DON MERSEN – LARRY MONIN – JOSEPH MUSCAT – KENNETH RUSSI – JOHN SCHICK – MITCH TARKOFF**

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 contact 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](mailto: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.*

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## BRANCH REPORTS

### ATTENDANCE REPORT: FRANCIS WONG

There were 102 attendees at the last meeting, which included 97 members, one speaker, and four guests. There were 12 no-shows and 40 excused sign-outs. 65% of our membership attended. Our guarantee was 118, which was 16 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.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT: Bob Krompholz**

**June 2018**

Beginning	8,237
Receipts	2,525
Disbursements	(2,782)
Ending	7,980

Please contact Bob if you would like additional details.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT: STEW CHALEM  
JOHN SCHICK**

**ACTIVE**

Prior Month:	150
Inductees	None
From Inactive:	None
Deductions	(1) Ray Sandberg (#162), Resigned, Moved
<b>Total, This Month:</b>	<b><u>149</u></b>

**INACTIVE**

Prior Month:	31
Additions:	None
Deductions	(1) Ray Lundgren (#99), Deceased
<b>Total, This Month:</b>	<b><u>30</u></b>

**APPLICATIONS AWAITING INDUCTION (This Meeting)**

None

**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.

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**SUNSHINE REPORT: MONTE LOGAN**

**Branch 171**

**SIR Graig Crossley** is recovering at home from his heart bypass surgery. We wish him the best.

**SIR Milt Bruzzone** suffered from heart attack and was in hospital until 6/10. We wish him the best.

**SIR Jerry Borrmann** is recovering from a heart problem. We wish him the best.

**SIR Ray Lundgren** - It is sad to report the passing of SIR Ray Lundgren on June 2nd. Ray joined Branch 171 in 1999 and became inactive in Feb. 2017. Ray was the sponsor of other SIR's, including John Schick.

Ray Lundgren's obituary is available in the East Bay Times via the following link (*cut and paste into your browser*) – <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/eastbaytimes/obituary.aspx?page=lifestory&pid=189414848>

A celebration of life will be held Saturday August 18th. Contact family members for details. Memorial donations may be made to Sveadal Memorial fund - 1019 Pinehurst Court Millbrae, CA 94030

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**Branch 174**

Good News. No serious illnesses reported.

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••• 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.

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**KNOW YOUR SIRs**

No bios this month

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**Know Your SIR is edited by Dave Humm [dmh2@silcon.com](mailto: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.

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**BRANCH 171 NEWSLETTER:** Editor **STAN HOLCENBERG.** The deadline for receipt of Newsletter material by the Editor is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. E-mail to [sir171-news@comcast.net](mailto:sir171-news@comcast.net) 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/](http://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 [jlsabo2@comcast.net](mailto:jlsabo2@comcast.net) or [HappeningsEditor@gmail.com](mailto:HappeningsEditor@gmail.com)

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## BRANCH ACTIVITIES (BRANCHES 171 & 174)

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

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

**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.

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**APPLE USERS ACTIVITY: DICK MACY (Br. 171)**  
**JOE TRACY (BR. 174)**



Meetings will now be held on a quarterly basis and after major announcements.

The group focuses on Apple/Mac computers, iPads, & iPhones. Meetings will be held quarterly and include a roundtable on products, applications, rumors, issues, problems, and Q & A. In addition there will be special ad hoc meetings after major product announcements and possibly after developer conferences.

Meetings are held in the conference room at the CC County Supervisor office at 3338 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette. The quarterly meetings are held at 10:00am on the fourth Monday of January, April, July, and October and will conclude by 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 scheduled will be held on Monday, July 23.**

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**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](mailto:GECBlue@aol.com)) for details and further information.

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**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 SIRpremes are in need of new blood!**

This activity has been in existence for a number of years; however, recently, we have lost many of our members. We are a barbershop octet that sings songs in four-part harmony. Notwithstanding, there is great interest by those remaining in our group to continue this very enjoyable and rewarding activity. All parts are open, but another tenor would be delightful. So, if you are with Branch 171 or Branch 174 and have any interest or any questions regarding our group, please give Brad Dewey (Branch 171) at 376-3349 or Ron Leiker (Branch 174) at 376-3884 a call for information.

The group meets every Tuesday at 3:00 pm at Brad Dewey’s. Contact Brad Dewey, Sam Zorich, or Ron Leiker for additional information.

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**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. **BIG HIKER walks are scheduled periodically.**

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**BOCCE BALL:** (OPEN) Br. 171  
ED PROTIVA (Br. 174)



**BOCCE SEASON IS OPEN FOR THE SEASON.**

**171 DOES NOT HAVE A CHAIRPERSON TO SHARE THIS VERY IMPORTANT ACTIVITY WITH THE 174 CHAIRPERSON. CONTACT SAM ZORICH IF YOU CAN TAKE OVER THE 171 CHAIRPERSON ROLE OR CAN BE AVAILABLE TO FILL IN THE ROLE FOR SOME OPEN DATES.**

**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY:** (OPEN) Br. 171  
**NEIL SCHMIDT** (Area - Br 116)



The Area 16 Computer and Technology Group meetings are fun and informative where we discuss applications for computers and technology. At each meeting we have a presentation on a topic covering everything from antivirus programs, ways to back up your data, digital photography, genealogy research, smart phones and many other topics. It's a great way to learn about new technology and to also get answers to your computer questions or problems.

Our **next meeting at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge will be on Thursday, August 16, 2018** starting at 9:30 am. Come early for coffee, goodies, and chat. The August presentation topic will be "Smartphone Photography" by Neil Schmidt. Smartphone photography has become so popular that smartphones now account for 85% of all photos taken worldwide. Neil will discuss interesting techniques for creatively using today's modern smartphone camera, as well as techniques for editing, organizing, protecting and sharing your photos.

We ask for a donation of \$5 to cover the cost of the hall rental, coffee and cookies. All SIR members and their guests (spouses included!) are welcome to attend. See you there...

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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](mailto:sir.area2.cat@gmail.com)

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**COUPLES DINING OUT** **SAM ZORICH** (Br. 171)



Nine couples dined at the Dead Fish Restaurant in July in a private room arranged by Phil and Gretchen Arth. A good time was had by all. Our next dinner will be on September 20th hosted by Russ and Annette Aubry.

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.

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**DOMINOES**      **TOM WESTHOFF** (BR 171)

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

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**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. Meeting are held on the last Thursday of each month 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.

**Activities Scheduled for July and August:** Several SF Bay and Ocean trips on private boats and six packs for salmon, stripers and halibut; a rock cod/ling cod trip on a party boat; several striper/black bass outings in the Delta. kokanee fishing at Stampede reservoir; salmon fishing with a guide on the Feather River; trout and catfish trips to San Pablo Reservoir; and our annual backyard picnic.

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



Summer time is a great time for golf, but many of our members are traveling or fighting health issues so turnout has been fairly low recently. Our club championship is also moving along slowly with most 2nd round matches complete and one 3rd round winner moving on to the semi-finals...stay tuned! Last year's champion, Tuck Coop from branch 171, is offering lessons and advice to anyone, even though he's already been ousted from the competition this year. The price is simply having to listen to him tout his prowess on the course and describe (over and over again) the room he is planning to add on in order to house his trophy collection.

August outings include Chardonnay in Napa on 8/6, Hiddenbrook in Vallejo on 8/13, The Reserve @ Spanos in Stockton on 8/20, and Lake Chabot in Oakland on 8/27.

The SIR 171/174 golf website ( [www.sirlamorindagolf.com](http://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.

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



The group focuses on highly popular and educational tours. The Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Port Chicago National Memorial, Computer History Museum, and Oakland Aviation Museum are some of the sites that have been included in the past. Please inform Jim or Ken if you have requests or suggestions.

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



**The group is not meeting during the summer.** The next meeting will be on **Wednesday, September 26** 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.

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\$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.

**BTW, we ask that everyone donate \$2 each month to cover expenses.** We pay the restaurant \$40 each time in lieu of tips and rent. If everyone pays, we break even with 20 attendees. But not everyone pays and we're going in the hole. Please remember the donation box.

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

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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



**We usually meet on the Friday following the Branch 171 monthly 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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**TRAVEL:** ERIC CHO (Br 171)  
JOE TRACY Br 174)  
TOM MOLINARI (Area 16)



Trips currently scheduled for 2018:

- Aug 6 – 12, 2018 --- Yellowstone, A Wildlife Safari
- Aug 7 – 18, 2018 --- Alaska Land / Crusie Tour
- Aug 22 – 30, 2018 --- Colors of Provence River Cruise Tour
- Sept 3 – 13, 2018 --- Alaska Inside Passage
- Sept 8, 2018 --- Colorado Train Trip
- Sept 13 – 23 --- Alaska Inside Passage
- Sept 17 – 25, 2018 --- The Big E
- Sept 20 – 27, 2018 --- Islands of New England
- Oct 21 – 31, 2018 --- Crystal Mozart River Cruise
- Oct 24 – Nov 2, 2018 --- Tastes and Sounds of the South
- Nov 5 – 13, 2018 --- Branson, MO – Bentenville, ARK and Beyond
- Dec 30, 2018 – Jan 3, 2019 --- Tucson New Years with Tucson (two tours)
- Jan 30 – Feb 15, 2019 --- Princess Panama Canal Cruise
- Feb 15 – Mar 2, 2019 --- Cruise from San Francisco to Ft. Lauderdale
- April 24 – 28, 2019 --- San Antonio Spring Fiesta
- July 25 – Aug 3, 2019 --- Alpine Swiss Villages
- Aug 23 – Sept 9, 2019 --- Pacific Princess Cruise Iceland and Norway
- Sept 7 – 22, 2019 --- Taste of Bordeaux

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

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**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.

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**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.

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## Activity Calendar -- August 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		Every Tuesday			Every Friday
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 -- July date				
Dominoes				Every Thursday of month	
Fishing				4th Thursday of month	
Golf	Aug 6, 13, 20, 27				
Historical Adventures	Aug. 13 (full)				
Investment Group	Off for the summer. Next meeting Sept. 26				
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			