



SIR BRANCH 171

October 2019

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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, Oct. 2 Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Church Hall

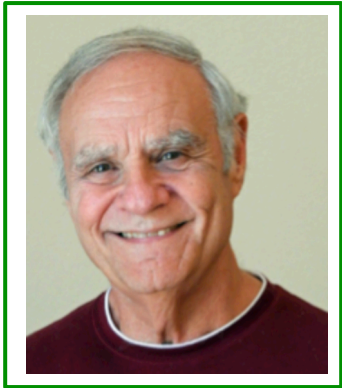
1700 School St., Moraga
Social time begins at 11
Meeting begins at 11:30

The annual SIR Branch 171/174 LADIES DAY HOLIDAY LUNCHEON
will be held on Wednesday, December 18
The sign-up form is on the last page of this newsletter and also attached
to this newsletter mailing. PLEASE SIGN UP NOW

BIG SIR MESSAGE: BARRY LESKIN

My Fellow SIR 171 members,

Great news!! Graig Crossley will be our Little SIR for 2020. Graig is looking forward to partnering with 2020 Big Sir Rick Fend, who filled in for him as Little SIR the latter half of 2018. Both Rick's and Graig's terms will be in January 2020



Mark December 18 on the calendar. That is the date for our yearly Ladies Day Holiday Luncheon with Branch 174. The luncheon will again be at the Saint Mary's College Soda Center with the Devil Mountain Chorus providing the festive holiday entertainment. Ed Beatson is our focal point for the luncheon. An informational sign-up sheet is included with this newsletter mailing, so take a look at it and sign up.

A great speaker last month from the Lindsay Wildlife Experience. And what a bird that joined us. And for all you Berkeley guys, and the rest of you, we will have another excellent speaker this month – Jim Knowlton, UC Berkeley Director of Athletics. As with other college institutions, budgets are always a challenge, and athletic departments are affected. Jim will likely cover Cal's financial situation for 2020 and implications for athletic programs. I am pretty sure the recent successes of the football program will be mentioned. And what a bio he has!! Read about Jim and the talk in Little SIR Rick's column.

We have been writing to you for a few months about the Branch's own challenging financial situation. Our balance continues to decline, primarily due to reduced meeting attendance and the catering commitment we have. The BEC reviews this topic monthly, which has included input we have received from some of you, and is nearing a recommendation to strengthen our Branch financial situation. We will report the results to you soon. Our Treasurer Bob Krompholz is leading this effort.

Last month we communicated that Dave Humm was leaving the "Know Your SIR" chair that he had filled for ten years. We asked for a new chair and Rich Bellows has accepted. Thank you Rich.

See you on October 2.

Barry Leskin, Big SIR

LITTLE SIR MESSAGE: RICK FEND

October 2 Program

The speaker at the October 2 meeting will be the University of California at Berkeley Athletic Director, **Jim Knowlton**. Besides giving an update on the athletic program, we know Jim will be so proud to share how the football program is doing.

Editor note – as of this writing, the Cal Bears are the ONLY undefeated team in the Pac 12.



*Rick Fend,
Little SIR*

Jim Knowlton, who became Director of Athletics at Cal on May 21, 2018, has established himself as a dynamic leader and accomplished administrator through service in intercollegiate athletics and the U.S. Army. At Cal he becomes the school's 24th director of athletics and oversees an athletics program that sponsors 30 sports and supports more than 850 student-athletes.

Prior to Cal, he served as Athletic Director at the Air Force for three years, and previously spent seven years overseeing the athletic department at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI), where he was named the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) Athletic Director of the Year. In addition to his tenure at Air Force and RPI, Jim is a former student-athlete and one-time faculty member at Army West Point, where also served as both a deputy director of athletics and interim athletic director at Army from 2003-06.

Outside of collegiate athletics, Jim taught in the civil and mechanical engineering department at Army West Point, and held several leadership positions over more than two decades in the U.S. Army, including head of a battalion of 750 men and women while stationed at Ft. Carson, Colo., before deploying to Iraq. He retired from the Army in 2008 as a colonel with 26 years of service.

Jim received his bachelor's degree in engineering in 1982 from Army West Point, where he was a four-year letter-winner and captain of the varsity ice hockey team. He received a master's degree in civil engineering from Cornell University and returned to Army West Point in 1992 to teach. He is a registered professional engineer in the state of Virginia. He and his wife, Corey, have five sons: Jimmy, Patrick, Christopher, Mark and Shawn.



ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEWS

New Member

A warm welcome to new member, Mike Rijavic, who was inducted by Tim Freeman at the last meeting. Mike is a local guy, having gone to Miramonte High School. He has three sons and a grand-daughter, and lives in Moraga.

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



Ladies Day Holiday Luncheon

The annual Ladies Day Holiday Luncheon will be held at the Saint Mary's College Soda Center on Wednesday, December 18. Luncheon details and the signup form are contained on the last page of this newsletter. The form is also contained as a separate attachment in this newsletter mailing. Ed Beatson is the contact for questions and for sign-ups. Give your signup form and checks to Ed at the next meeting or mail to him as per the address on the form. Please note on the form that there is a request for parking passes.

Newsletter Editor Needed During December

Looking ahead to December, the Newsletter Editor (Stan Holcenberg) will be out of the country most of the month and will not be able to get a comprehensive January newsletter out in a timely manner. Please let Stan know (sir171-news@comcast.net) if you can assist that month. A step by step guide and training will be provided. If you have word processing skills, you qualify. Thanks in advance.

Featured Photos of the Month



The Walking group up to unusual shenanigans. They walked past the Commons & ended up at the Dessayer residence where Al's wife lured the group in with abundant doughnuts & free coffee to celebrate the day, which was SIR Al Dessayer's birthday. Nobody turned down the free provender!



The Big Hikers walking group did a very nice hike in Briones Park. From the top of this ridge they could see both the Sincich Lagoon (only natural year-round lake in the Bay Area) and Mt Diablo.

Photos and text provided by Al Donner

We welcome photos from all groups. Send to sir171-news@comcast.net by the 10th of the month.

SEPT. MEETING PHOTOS & COMMENTARY – by club photographer Russ Aubry (with intended typos)



Greeters need to work on making our guest feel happy!



Yes we are official taste testers



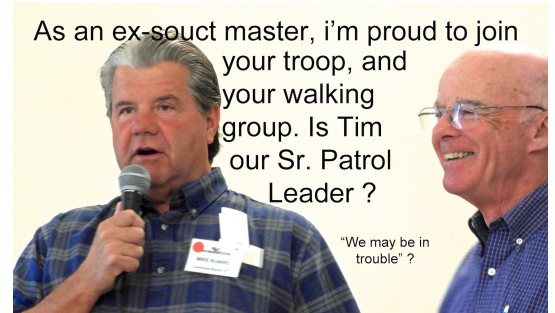
Holding court and posing



They dared me to change hair styles @#



This doesn't taste like draft beer



As an ex-souct master, i'm proud to join your troop, and your walking group. Is Tim our Sr. Patrol Leader?

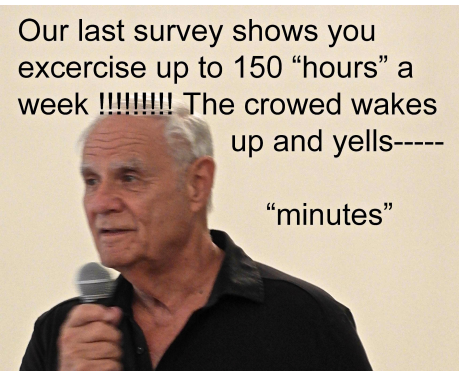
"We may be in trouble"?



Another great meal



Please consider ride share with other members to attend our meetings.



Our last survey shows you excercise up to 150 "hours" a week !!!!!!!!! The crowd wakes up and yells----

"minutes"



Rafter. Please do not use posin to kill mice. It will harm wild life

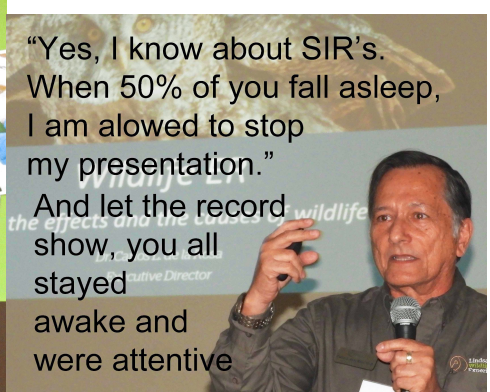


- Lindsay Wildlife Experience**
Staffed by 42 employees and more than 500 volunteers
- Licensed Veterinarians
 - Registered Vet Techs & Care Providers
 - Animal Trainers
 - Program Interpreters
 - Animal Husbandry Experts



"Yes, I know about SIR's. When 50% of you fall asleep, I am allowed to stop my presentation."

And let the record show, you all stayed awake and were attentive



OCTOBER LUNCHEON

LUNCHEON MENU

Polish Sausage; Bratwurst w/Peppers & Onions; Baked Beans; Herb Roasted Potatoes
Green Salad; Seasonal Fresh Fruit Salad; Dessert

OCTOBER SIRS BIRTHDAYS

GRAIG CROSSLEY -- HAL D'AMBROGIA -- MIKE DONOVAN -- KEN FISCHER -- AL FOLEY

STAN HOLCENBERG -- CHRIS LYNE -- JERRY MEYERS -- HERB MONTGOMERY -- SAM ZORICH

One of the above members with a birthday in October will win a free lunch if he attends the October meeting. Members whose birth month is in October, 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.

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 of \$25 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. Calls need to be made by 1:00pm the Saturday prior to the meeting. 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 105 attendees at the last meeting, which included 101 members, the speaker, a visitor, and two guests (including one walk-in). There were 12 no-shows 20 excused sign-outs, and 12 AR members that did not attend. There was one inductee.

70% of our membership attended, which includes the 12 AR members.

Members, if not on AR (Attendance Relief) status, need to call the SIR 171 hotline at [925-377-5880](tel:925-377-5880) before 1:00pm on the Saturday before the meeting if they will not be attending the meeting or will be 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: "Attendance Relief" (AR) status members need not call to be excused for lunch attendance. However, should an AR status member desire to or is able to occasionally attend a monthly lunch, he must call in to the branch hot line the Saturday preceding the lunch.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: ED DRASIN (Chair)
 JOHN SCHICK (Assistant Chair)

MEMBERSHIP	
Prior Month:	146
Inductees	1 Mike Rijavec #66
Deductions	(2) Fred Lezak #100- resigned; Dudley Braun #32 - resigned
Total, This Month:	145
APPROVALS TODAY	
	Mike Rijavec #66, sponsor Tim Freeman #139
APPLICANTS AWAITING INDUCTION	
	None
APPLICANT LIST	
	None
NOTES: There is no longer an Inactive Status or Roster. All members are shown under "Membership"; the term "Active" is dropped. Addition to AR -- Bill Cooper #3	

Membership Application Forms are available at the desk at the meetings, from Ed Drasin, or on the Club website (<http://www.sirinc2.org/branch171/>). For the website, select "Application: from within the "Members" selection"

ROSTER CORRECTIONS: John Schick.

NOTE: Please contact John Schick 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 status change or to resign). John Schick will in turn update the Master Roster.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bob KROMPHOLZ

August 2019

Beginning	4,738
Receipts	2,470
Disbursements	(2,739)
Ending	4,469

Sept 2019

Beginning	4,469
Receipts	2,965
Disbursements	(2,660)
Ending	4,774

Please contact Bob if you would like additional details. *Note: Bob will be traveling from Sept. 21 – Oct. 11*

WELLNESS REPORT: ERIC CHO

Branch 171

There is no news to report this month. I wish and hope that everyone stays healthy!



Eric reminds us that Wellness is staying active, both physically and socially.

Branch 174

SIR Larry Fox passed away on August 16.

No other reports this month

•••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 inform Eric Cho by e-mail or phone.

KNOW YOUR SIRs

Jorge Escobar

Jorge and his family have lived in Orinda for the past thirty-three years, and before that eight years in Lafayette. He is married to his wife of forty-four years, Nadia, and has two grown kids, Marco and Fabiana, who also live in the East Bay with their families. Jorge and Nadia have three grandchildren from their son Marco, twins Sophia and Olivia, and their brother, Luca.

Jorge was born and raised in Mexico City. He completed his business degree and a CPA charter in Mexico. His wife, Nadia, is from Milan, Italy. Her family came to the Bay Area in 1966 and her father was one of the founding partners and chef at the North Beach Restaurant in the City. Nadia and Jorge got married in San Francisco and moved to Mexico City for three years. Then, Jorge was offered a position by a local bank in the Bay Area and came here with his family in 1978.

He retired in May 2019 after a forty-eight-year career in international banking and investment management, traveling extensively to three continents – The Americas, Europe and Asia. His career started with Bank of America in Mexico, followed by ten years with Crocker Bank in San Francisco and its successor, Wells Fargo Bank. He then returned to Bank of America for sixteen years and his final assignment for the past thirteen was with UBS Financial Services, both in the Bay Area.

As an avid hiker, he belongs to the Orinda Hiking Club and the Sierra Club, and completed a tour around Mont Blanc through Switzerland, Italy and France. He pursues a passion for international affairs and history with memberships in the Commonwealth Club of San Francisco and the World Affairs Council, as well as taking courses with Arizona State University and DVC. Other interests include bocce ball, poker, computers and technology and investments.

Michael Gibbs

Michael was born and raised in Hollywood, California. He received a BS in Biochemistry from UCLA and an MD from Loyola University of Chicago. He completed a Neurology residency and fellowship at USC. While at USC, he met his future wife who coincidentally had attended UCLA the same time as Michael. They moved to Northern California in 1987 as a compromise, with Michael wanting out of Los Angeles and his wife wanting to stay in California. Michael spent most of his career at Kaiser in Walnut Creek until changing to working part time at Highland Hospital.

They have one son who works and lives in San Francisco. Michael used to run near daily though now mostly walks and works out at the gym. He likes to read and to travel. The instructions for this biographic sketch said to possibly include something unique, like canoeing down the Amazon, so he said he did do a boat ride on a tributary of the Amazon. However, passing a kidney stone into the Nile in Upper Egypt was probably a more unique experience. Plus that same trip led to winning a camera from a contest to name the town in a photo. Michael recognized that place as a town on the Nile he boated past while passing the kidney stone. A memorable experience!

Know Your SIR is edited by Rich Bellows. Rich captures bios from new members and they are published in a future newsletter. If you have been a member for awhile, did not have your bio published, and wish to have it published, please contact Rich. Please write down the salient points of your life (1/2 page).

BRANCH 171 NEWSLETTER: Editor **STAN HOLCENBERG.** The deadline for receipt of Newsletter material by the Editor is the 15th of the month. E-mail to sir171-news@comcast.net is prefer.

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 jlsabo2@comcast.net or HappeningsEditor@gmail.com

BRANCH ACTIVITIES (BRANCHES 171 & 174)

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

Apple Users Activity	Astronomy
Barbershop Harmony	Bocce Ball
Book Club	Bowling
Bridge – Social	Bridge – ACBL Duplicate
Computers & Technology	Couples Dining Out
Dominos	Fishing
Golf – 18 Holes	Golf – 9 Holer
Historical Adventures	Investment Group
Pinochle	Poker
Stamp Club	Table Pool
Tennis	Travel
Walking – Original Group	Walking – Senior Strollers
Walking – Big Hikers	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: STAN HOLCENBERG (Br. 171)
JOE TRACY (BR. 174)



Meetings are held bi-monthly on the 4th Monday of odd number months from 10:00 a.m. to noon. The September meeting held today focused on the recent iPhone, iPad, and other announcements, as well as planning tips for the release of the Catalina OSX system. The next meeting will be held on November 18.

The meetings are held in the conference room of the Contra Costa County District 2 Supervisor's Office at 3338 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette, adjacent to the fire station and across from El Charro restaurant. Enter through the left side door at top of steps.

The meetings focus on Apple/Mac computers, iPhones, iPads, and other Apple devices. Meetings include a roundtable on products, applications, rumors, issues, problems, and Q & A. Special discussions will occur after major product announcements and developer conferences.

Novices and advanced users are welcomed. Come and be a part of the group.

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)
RICK AVATERO (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.

The group meets every Tuesday at 3:00 pm at Brad Dewey's. Contact Brad Dewey, Sam Zorich, or Rick Avatero for additional information.

BOCCE BALL: STEVE PATTON Br. 171
ED PROTIVA (Br. 174)



Bocce is played every Tuesday and Friday thru 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.

*THE LAST DAY OF BOCCE FOR THE YEAR WILL BE ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29.
ON THAT DAY THERE WILL BE AN END-OF-SEASON BOCCE GATHERING AT 10:00AM
AT CAMPO DE BOCCE IN LIVERMORE WITH GAMES & A LUNCHEON.
TWO HOURS OF BOCCE FOLLOWED BY A PASTA LUNCH. \$35/PERSON.
CONTACT STEVE PATTON TO SIGN-UP.
Steven_patton@hotmail.com or 510-409-2916*

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 -- SOCIAL: **JOHN SCHICK** (Br. 171)



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 for further information

BRIDGE – ACBL DUPLICATE (OPEN) Br. 171

TOM HENRY (Br. 174 & Area 16)



Area 16 duplicate bridge is held on the 1st Tuesday of each month at the Contra Costa Bridge Center, 3039 Willow Pass Rd, Concord. Guests of SIR members are welcomed. The next gathering will be on October 1. Registration is at 9:15am; lesson at 9:30am; game at 10:00am and finishes by 2:00pm.

This activity is fully sanctioned by the American Contract Bridge League and, as such, ACBL Master Points will be awarded to the top three pairs

COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY: (OPEN) Br. 171
Dick Curry Br. 174
NEIL SCHMIDT (Area - Br 116)



The Area 16 Computer and Technology Group meetings are fun and informative where the group discusses applications for computers and technology. At each meeting there is 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.

Meetings of the Area 16 Computer and Technology Group are held the 3rd Thursday of each month (except June and December) from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge, 1475

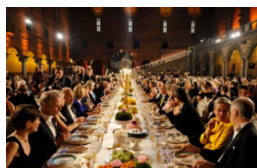
Creekside Drive.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 17. The presentation topic will be on "Organizing Your Photos" by Neil Schmidt. What do you do with all your photos? Most of us have a large collection of old slides and prints and, with today's smartphones, we now have a massive collection of new digital images. Neil will explore several different techniques for managing your entire photo collection.

Members usually arrive around 9:15 to enjoy coffee and a chat with friends and new acquaintances before the presentation. Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned user, the group tries to offer something for everyone. They ask for a donation of \$5 to cover the cost of the hall rental, coffee and pastries.

Information about the group, including current and past presentations, is available on the SIR Area 2 Computes and Technology website -- <https://sirinc2.org/a16cat/> 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)



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.

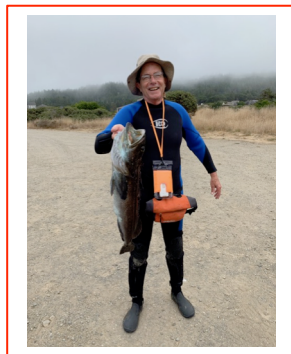
The last gathering was held on September 18 at Amoroma Restaurant in Moraga. Karl Droese was in charge. The next gathering will be in November (host, date, and venue TBD).

Contact Sam if you are interested in joining 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 Westhoff 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, October 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. You can order breakfast and have it served in the meeting room.

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.

September Results: Ken Fischer caught this nice 30 inch Ling Cod and several other rockfish from his Kayak on the ocean near Sea Ranch. Elsewhere the best local halibut season in memory is finally winding down and the future of this fishery looks great. Four members fished from piers in the lower Bay for a mixed bag of stripers, rays, sharks, smelt and even a guitarfish. Five others caught catfish at San Pablo Reservoir. Another five caught ling cod and rockfish from the ocean. Two members caught stripers and black bass in the Delta while two others traveled to Alaska for salmon and halibut. A guided fly fishing trip in Oregon was productive for another fisherman. Many members attended our annual joint fish fry with Branch 8 Sirs in the Kitchen at State President Ed Benson's home. The salmon and striper fall river runs have started and the outlook is promising.

Activities Scheduled for October and November: Fly fishing; spin fishing, jigging and trolling for Lahontan cutthroat trout at Pyramid Lake NV; four days at Lake Almanor and Eagle Lake for rainbow and brown trout; five trips out the Gate for salmon and rockfish; several striper/black bass/sturgeon outings on the Delta; several trout fishing trips to local lakes; ocean crabbing with traps; and a fish fry at a members house.

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



The 2019 champion golfer of the year is Gordon Steele. After two full 18 hole matches where he and Steve Wright tied, Gordon finally prevailed at Franklin Canyon. Recently at Franklin Canyon, four of the members scored a number for 18 holes that matched or bettered their age...a great achievement. Congratulations to Bob Heaney for his 75, Al McDonald for his 83, Don Kavanagh for his 77, and Ron Leiker for shooting an 82! There is currently a 2-man team championship going on with the winners having their names engraved on the Mark Niemela Memorial Trophy.

October outings include Hiddenbrooke in Vallejo on 10/7 and Boundary Oak on 10/21. Check out our website at www.sirlamorindagolf.com and join us for the camaraderie.”

Check out our website at www.sirlamorindagolf.com and join the fun group.

The SIR 171/174 golf website includes the membership application, a list of current members, the 2019 schedule, the results of prior events, and other pertinent information for members and prospective members.

GOLF – 9 – HOLER: TIM FREEMAN (BR. 171)



For those that don't want to play 18 holes, or want to play a shorter course on occasions, there is a 9 hole group that meets each Friday morning at Diablo Hills Golf Course in Walnut Creek. Tim Freeman coordinates this and sends out a note to all members on his interested party list each week, a few days before the game, to see who is interested in playing. Lunch follows at the Diablo Hills clubhouse. Contact Tim (timfre@comcast.net) if you would like to be added to the interested party list.

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



[Central Sanitary Water Treatment Tour](#)

The Historical Adventures Committee has arranged for a tour of the Central Sanitary Water Treatment Facility in Martinez on [Wednesday, September 25 at 10:30](#). There is no cost. This should be a very interesting hour and half given the complicated nature of water treatment today compared to the past. Contact Ken Fischer at keninmoraga@gmail.com

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 for additional adventures.

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



\$UMS in Retirement meets next on [Wed October 16 at 8 AM](#) at the Legends Restaurant at Diablo Creek Golf Course on Port Chicago Highway, Concord, just north of Hwy 4. **NOTE:** This is the third Wednesday of the month – not the usual. The presenter will be Justin Dodson of J.P. King Advisors.

shutterstock · 104489462 The Legends opens at 7 AM. Come early and have a leisurely breakfast with your colleagues prior to the meeting. Ladies are welcome.

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.

If you regularly have breakfast at Legends, ask the cashier for a Legends card. Once you're signed up, you get \$5 off your bill every time you get up to \$100.

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



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.

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.

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: (OPEN) (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: (OPEN) Br 171
 JOE TRACY Br 174)
TOM MOLINARI (Area 16), stmolinari@sbcglobal.net



The quarterly **State SIR Happenings** travel web page at <http://www.sirinc.org/Travel.pdf> offers additional SIR travel options. There are upcoming tours to:

Be sure to check these tours out !!

Contact Tom Molinari to add trips to the list (*contact information is contained in the link above*).

WALKING: *There are three walking groups. There is a group for each of us based on our needs and abilities*

WALKING – ORIGINAL GROUP

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

WALKING -- SENIOR STROLLERS: (OPEN) (Br 171) Al Donner oversees the activity.



Meets **every Wednesday at 9:15 AM** for a casual slower-paced, shorter distance, level-land, sidewalk group of walkers. No plans ahead. Just meet in front of SiSi's at 9:15 every Wednesday morning to walk and then have coffee.

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

WALKING -- 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.**

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

Activity Calendar -- October 2019

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Apple Users Activity	Nov. 25				
Astronomy	2nd Monday of month				
Barbershop Harmony		Every Tuesday of month			
Bocce Ball		Each Tuesday Last Day of Season -- Oct. 29			Each Friday
Book Club			Last Wednesday of month		
Bowling			Every Wednesday of month		
Bridge		2nd & 4th Tuesday of month			
Bridge - ACBL Duplicate		First Tuesday of month			
Computers and Technology				Oct. 17	
Couples Dining Out	November (date TBD)				
Dominoes				Every Thursday of month	
Fishing				4th Thursday of month	
Golf	Oct. 7 & 21				
Golf - 9 Holvers					Each Friday
Historical Adventures	Sept. 25				
Investment Group			Oct. 16		
Poker			4th Wednesday of month		
Stamp & Coin Club					First Friday after Club Meeting
Table Pool	Every Month of month				
Tennis		Every Tuesday of month		Every Thursday of month	
Travel	No meetings scheduled. Only trips. See newsletter section				
Walking - Original Group		Every Tuesday of month			
Walking -- Senior Strollers			Every Wednesday of month		
Walking -- Big Hikers	As scheduled				
Wine Tasting		2nd & 3rd Tuesday of month			

