

*A Non-Profit Organization for Retired Men Devoted to the Promotion of Independence and Dignity of Retirement
Our mission is to improve the lives of our members through fun activities and events while making friends for life*



ROOSTER TALES

**Next meeting - Thursday September 5th – 2019 – Oakhurst Country Club
If you can't attend, call the hotline 925-338-1996**

Big SIR Message



September has been on the tips of poet's and song writer's pens for hundreds of years. Take for example a song by Jones/Schmidt, "Try to remember a kind of September when life was

slow and oh so mellow. Try to remember the kind of September when grass was green and grain was yellow....." Then there's a great Poem by Emily Dickinson-

September's Baccalaureate

A combination is
Of Crickets - Crows- and Retrospects
And a dissembling Breeze

That hints without assuming -
An Innuendo sear
That makes the Heart put up its Fun
And turn Philosopher

As SIR members, whether we choose to wax nostalgic, or pontificate on the essence of our lives, we have been gifted with great opportunities.to do so! Our upcoming Picnic in the Park on September 19th is an event that shouldn't be missed.

Also a reminder that our September Luncheon is Wild Hawaiian Shirt Day (no grass skirts please!) Be wild, frivolous and zany! Even the Honeysuckle turns yellow!!

In Friendship, John

Big Sir – John Carl Sr.
johncarl145@msn.com

The Program for September



Rich Knowles

Rich was a member of the 2011-2012 Contra Costa County Civil Grand Jury. He has been active in the California Grand Jurors' Association ever since. Rich has also been a member of SIR Branch 8 for a bit more than 3 years. For the 20 years prior to his retirement he worked at the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco as a programmer and manager in IT. Prior to that he prepared expert witness testimony in various types of legal proceedings, including the economic justification for building new power plants and (separately) comparing solar electric generating plants to conventional power plants (this is in the late 70s and early 80s).

Rich will be talking about the Civil Grand Jury System in California. This system is set up by county and is the watchdog over local government. He will briefly describe what the system is, how it works, and what kind of reports get published, and he will discuss how you can be involved in the system – by volunteering to be a juror, by bringing issues to your local grand jury's attention, and by reading grand jury reports (all of which are published on the internet).

September Menu

Caesar Salad
Roasted Pork Loin with Red Wine Demi Glaze
Sole White Fish with Lemon Beurre Blanc Sauce
Vegetarian - Chef's Choice
Hawaiian

September Birthdays

Frank	Carini
Duane	Deonigi
Steve	Hanson
Barry	Silberman
Frank	Singer

Financial Statement Branch 19 Statistics

Treasurer Report July 31st, 2019

Account Balances

Petty Cash	\$250.00
General Account	
Unencumbered	\$4,206.45
Excursion Fund	67.31
Holiday fund	14.55
Picnic Fund	0.00
Total General Account	\$4,288.31

Custodial Accounts

Bowling	\$490.19
Golf	2,467.03
Total Custodial	\$2,957.22

Total Funds **\$7,495.53**

Darryl Diamond (Branch 19 Treasurer)

New Sir Members

Welcome to Branch 19

(There are no new members
in September)

*If you know someone (friend,
relative, etc.), that would
enjoy meeting new people
and participating in SIR
activities, please ask them to
call the SIR Hotline:*

925-338-1996

*Please ask them to leave
their name and phone
number, and a Branch 19
SIR will contact them
regarding membership.*

September Anniversaries

First Name	Last Name	Joined Sir	YR SIR
Duane	Deonigi	09/06/01	18
Nelson	Luke	09/01/05	14
Robert	Hillaker	09/07/17	2
Timothy	Patterson	09/07/17	2
Timothy	Seitz	09/07/17	2

Branch 19 Leadership

Big Sir: John Carl Sr.
Little Sir: Dave Requa
Secretary: Joe Gillis
Asst. Secretary: Rich Peterson
Treasurer: Darryl Diamond
Asst. Treasurers: Barry Silberman, Ken Kuhn
Activities Chair: Ted Dobbs (Director)
Bocce Capo: John Fernando (Director)
Golf Chairman: Jerry Burton (Director)
Sunshine Chair: George Vogt
Attendance Chair: Martin Fennell (Director)
Speaker Committee: John Wolfe (Director)
Bowling: Gary Kaufmann, Mike Kropf
Chaplin: George Vogt (Director)
Hiking: Tom Lathrop, George Vogt
Day Trips: Ted Dobbs
Nomination Committee: Jack Barnaba, Larry Kolano, Ken Kuhn
Newsletter Editor: Rich Balovich
Membership Chair: Ken Kuhn
Publicity & DATE Chair: George Kapus
Recruitment Chair: George Vogt
RAMP Chairman: Dave Requa
Wine Tasting: Don Weimann
Webmaster: Mike Mills (Director)

Interested in a Particular Activity?

SIR offers numerous activities that are available to our members. If you are interested in joining a group that is not offered in your Branch activity list, start one and share the activity with other interested members. Please bring a card and write on it what you "like to do" or "an interest you have which you might like to share with others." I will have a bin on the central table labeled "IDEAS" in which to place the card. We hope to find other activities which we can share with others. Help make SIRS an organization for each of us and all of us. For info on how to find, or start an activity contact :

Ted Dobbs, Activity Chair
 925-324-5047 ted_dobbs@hotmail.com

Membership Attendance is required by the By Laws:

Rule 100: A member who misses three (3) consecutive meetings without notifying the committee chair person (or calling the Hotline) giving valid reason or who attends less than six (6) meetings within the last twelve (12) months, shall be notified by the prescribed form, of termination of his membership. December Ladies Day is exempted.

Lucky Badge number is somewhere in this issue. Look for the letters JM followed by your badge number. Call the hotline before the luncheon if you find your number and your lunch will be free.

About Monthly Attendance

Please call the Hotline Number if you cannot attend. (925) 338-1996

Call on or before five (5) days in advance of the monthly luncheon if you cannot attend.

That means call by Saturday at the latest.

Lunches are ordered for all members who have not called. If you don't show we still have to pay for your meal and you will be charged.

So, if you can't attend, call. **(925) 338-1996.**

The Calendar

Computers & Technology
 Thursday, September 19th

\$ums in Retirement
 Wednesday, September 25th

Area 2 Fishing Group
 Thursday, September 26th

Golf
 Mondays (Nine Hole) and Tuesdays (18 Hole) (See below)

Wine Tasting
 (Friday September 27th)

Dine Around
 (Next Dine Around in October)

D.A.T.E.
Discussing Ancient Technology & Engineering
 (Wednesday, September 11th)

Branch 19 Activities

SIR California Magic Club – Dinner and Show



- SIR Branch 19 night out for dinner and Magic
- 514 Main Street, Martinez
- **Thursday, October 17th, 2019**
- Arrival time: 7:15pm / Finishes at 10:30pm
- Quality meal and magic show included for one low price (\$75 per person)
- **Sign-up sheets will be available at the upcoming SIRs luncheons to make your reservation(s). Advance payment is required**
- Space is available for only 40 people

<https://www.calmagic.com/>



**THE TIME HAS COME TO COMMIT --
MAGIC SHOW (YES) FOR \$150? (The fee is for
2 including a show and dinner.)**

Time is running out and we need to confirm attendance and buy tickets. It would be great if we are able to buy out the theater with just Branch 19!!!

Please confirm your spot on the roster for the show October 17th, Thursday by committing on the sign-up sheet and sending your \$150 to the following:

**Ted Dobbs
16 Santa Ana Place,
Walnut Creek, CA 94598-4111**

Please make the check out to SIR Branch 19 in the amount of \$150.

Any questions please call 925-324-5047 Ted's mobile.

SIR Branch 19 Presents



Picnic Site #1- Concord Community Park

Join Us for a Picnic in the Concord Community Park (Off Cowell)
Thursday, September 19 th, 2019 11am to 4pm

Tentative Menu by Kinders BBQ

- Fresh Fruit Salad
- Marinated Ball Tip
- Chicken Quarters
- BBQ Beans
- Caesar Salad
- Dinner Rolls/ Butter
- Bring Your Own Beer, Wine or Cold Drinks

Call the Hotline (925) 338-1996
(Leave Message) for additional information

- * Desserts By Attendees
- * Abundant parking is available next to site

What: SIR Branch 19 Picnic (Members & Guests)

When: Thursday, September 19th, 2019

Where: Concord Community Park
(on Cowell Road)

Site #1 (Between Pool and Playground)

Time: 11am to 4pm or come early, site available all day. **Price \$25** per person.

Other: For your comfort bring folding chair(s), or a spread to sit on in the shade. The complete catered menu is shown on the left.

Permanent picnic tables are provided at the site. Food to be served at approximately 12:30pm. See reservation form below.

Return Reservation with Payment

SIR Branch 19 Annual Picnic

Concord Community Park

Thursday September 19th, 2019

Name _____ Badge # _____ Spouse/Guest Name _____

\$25 Per Person for Catered Buffet Picnic Lunch

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Make Checks Payable to **SIR Branch 19**

Mail to: **Darryl Diamond 457 La Corso Circle Walnut Creek, CA 94598**

Sign-up sheets will be available at the September Luncheon

Hiking Group



For information regarding future exotic hiking adventures, contact:

Tom Lathrop 689-8981 lathrop689@aol.com
George Vogt 672-3703 cvogtgo@att.net

The Bocce Report



With the close of the Concord Bocce Federation season approaching, I'd like to thank Sir John Hayes, Sir Ken Kuhn, Sir Ron Gagliardi, and Sir Tom Lathrop for all they have done to coordinate,

implement, and manage their Sirs Branch 19 teams. Fun was had by all, and one of our teams, Tom Lathrop's JM 93 Wednesday night team, is in the running for a playoff spot at the end of the regular season. Let's wish them luck in getting to the playoffs and if they make it, wishing them luck in the playoff competition. Visit our Sirs website for pictures.

John Fernando - Bocce Chairman
jaferna@pacbell.net

SIR Branch 19 Bowling News



Please Note:

Further Bowling information will be posted after the SIR state meeting on September 17th.

SIR Mike Kropf mdkropf@astound.net
Gary Kaufmann gkaufmann813@gmail.com

Branch 19 Golf Information

The 18 Hole Golf Group



Nine Hole Golf Group
Every Monday at approximately 9am, alternating at the following courses, **Buchanan** and **Diablo Hills**.

Contact: **Steve McMurdo**
smcmurdo@att.net Phone 687-6271

September -18 Hole Golf Schedule

We will be playing the Club Championship on Oct. 8, 15 and 22. The buy in is \$25.00 (Send a check to Tom Lathrop before the first game).

Sept 3 Lone Tree 9:30
Sept 10 Hiddenbrooke 9:30
Sept 17 Lone Tree 9:30
Sept 19 Sir Picnic
Sept 2 Chardonnay 9:30
Sept 26 Micke Grove 9:30 (Thursday)

Jerry Burton, Golf Chairman ajgolf24@gmail.com

SIRS Branch 19 Wine Tasting Group Meeting Friday, September 27^h, 2019



Please let Rich Peterson know if you are attending
(925) 672-7711 / goldbear@astound.net

Meeting Details

When: Friday, Sept 27th at 7:00 pm

Theme: Rose Wine

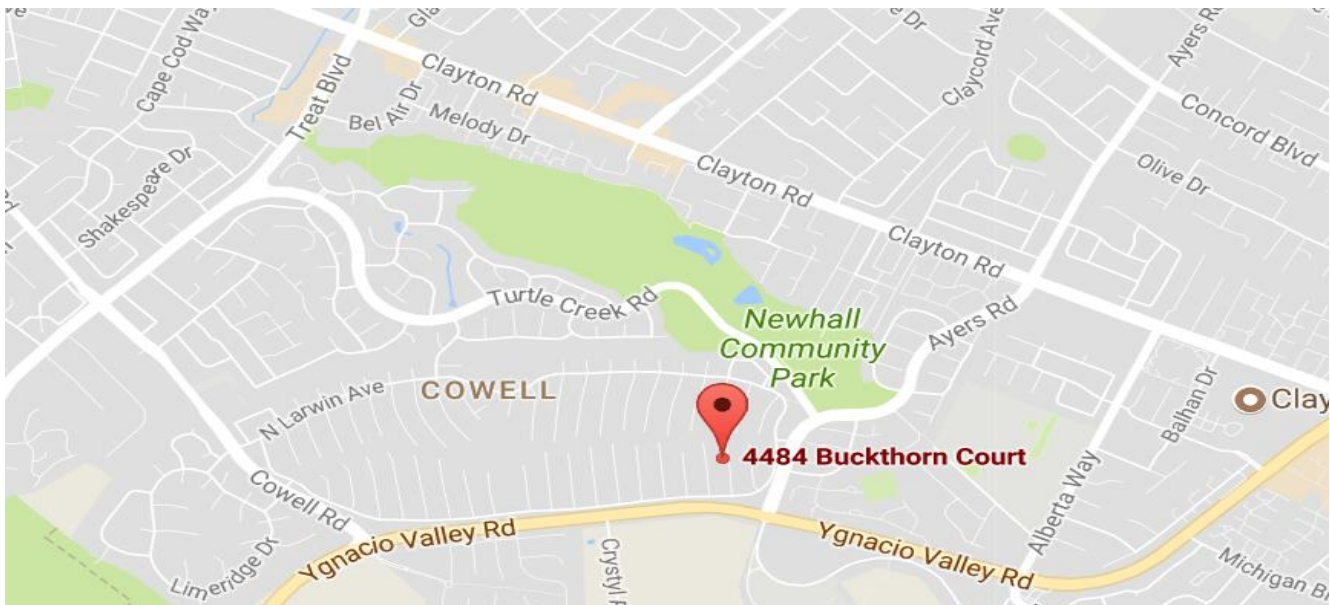
Rose wines are produced from many different red varietal grapes with some skin contact required. Rose is most popular in warmer weather countries like Spain, Italy, and southern France. Many other countries, USA included, produce good rose wines. In general, rose wines are relatively inexpensive. Early on In the USA, roses like white zinfandel were very sweet but quite popular. Now, with palates expanding, most roses are dry or have just a hint of sweetness.

Bring:

A bottle of any rose wine (at least at \$10 from any country).
Hot or cold appetizers to share as we taste.

Where:

Rich & Barbara Petersons' House
4484 Buckthorn Court, Concord
(925) 827-9375



Don Weinman Don Weimann (925) 672-7711 weimanns@astound.net

DATE - Discussing Ancient Technology & Engineering



Our next meeting of **DAATE**, **Discussing Ancient Alien Technology and Engineering** will take place on **Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 1:00 PM**, following Wednesday morning Bowling League, in the Clayton Valley Bowl Conference Room, and we will watch and discuss the following video: **ALIENS ON THE MOON – The Truth Exposed**, as seen on the SYFY Channel.

Alright, here’s the scoop: according to some people in the know, this is supposed to be a controversial documentary which examines some very compelling evidence - including never-before-aired NASA footage – that suggests that our very own **MOON**, the one we get to see almost every night, is being used as a base of operation by a mysterious race of alien beings (sort of illegal extraterrestrials); perhaps even more than just one race. You’ll get to see exclusive interviews with experts and astronauts who have walked on the aforementioned lunar surface, that may shed some light on the undeniable possibility that there is in fact an alien Lunar presence. You will also get to see some dramatic 3D flybys of possible (alien) staging areas on the lunar surface, derived from actual NASA data, as well as footage of a purported E.I. (extraterrestrial individual) recovered during a secret US-Soviet (Ah, and you thought they were our enemies) mission to the Moon, way back in the 1970s.

So, get a burger and a shake at the snack bar, because this space ride will take about 66 minutes and we’ll hang around a bit afterward and discuss the video, and whatever else will be on your mind regarding the Moon, Aliens, life in general, and even afterlife. See you there and bring your two-cents’ worth.

George Kapus and John Carl, Space Cadets at your service!



Area 2 Activities for September



The Area 2 Computer & Technology Group

*Next Meeting on Thursday, September 19th at 9:30am – Walnut Creek Elks Lodge
1475 Creekside Dr. Walnut Creek*

<http://a2cat.sirinc2.org/>

The next meeting of the SIR Area 16 Computer and Technology Group will be at the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge (1475 Creekside Dr., WC) on Thursday, September 19, 2019 starting at 9:30 am. SIR from all branches and their guests, including spouses, are welcome and invited to attend. Plan to come a little early and for coffee, goodies and to chat.

The presentation topic for the September meeting will be “Organizing Your Photos” With today’s digital cameras and smartphones, it is easy to become overwhelmed and disorganized with a massive photo collection. Neil Schmidt will look at new ways to organize all your photos whether you only have a few photos or lots of them. In addition, he will also explore scanning options for digitizing your old photos so you can digitally combine your old and new photos. He will then compare some of the top-rated PC photo organizing software as well as some excellent photo organizing cloud systems. There are many ways to organize your photos – Which method is best for you?

This presentation will be, and past presentations are available, on the CAT Web page (a2cat.sirinc2.org). Note that we ask for a \$5 donation to cover the cost of the hall rental, coffee and cookies. We look forward to seeing you on September 19th.

Neil Schmidt, Chairman

Area 2 Fishing Group



The Legends
Diablo Creek G.C.

Regularly meets on the 4th Thursday of the month
Next Meeting on September 26th, 8:30 am
4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord.

AREA 2 FISHING NEWS FOR February



All SIR members and guests are welcome, and indeed encouraged, to participate in fishing trips as well as attend the monthly meetings. Next meeting will be Thursday, September 26th in the Legend Sports Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek Golf Course at 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord. Meeting starts at 8:30am, come early.

Salmon is winding down, but too many of us caught them to list here. Halibut in the bay is remarkably still going strong, and this has been a spectacular year for that, again too many caught them to list. The bay is chock full of smaller halibut, and the future looks magnificent. Pete Gates, Harry Sherinian, and Chuck Vanoncini fished lower Sac on a drift boat. Ron Lew fished the bay with Mike Corker, Brion Beetz, Ken Fisher, and Mario Moritorio for halibut, rockfish, and sharks. Mike Corker, Tom Kostic, and Harry Sherinian got stripers and black bass in the delta. Harry, Karl Dorese, Terry Miller, Ken Konzak, Paul Dubow, and Stan Wong went to Stampede Reservoir for Kokonee and did very well.

Contacts: Harry Sherinaian 510-207-7067 / Carl Moyer (925-685-5243)

Area 2 Investments / Wealth Management

The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group

Next Meeting on Wed, September 25th

Legends – Diablo Creek G.C.

4050 Port Chicago Highway

Breakfast available at 7am.



\$UMS in Retirement meets next on Wed, September 25th at 8 AM at the Legends Restaurant at Diablo Creek Golf Course on Port Chicago Highway, Concord, just north of Hwy 4.

The presenter will be Greg Vogel of GKV Capital. His topic is finding special situations during highly uncertain times.

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

\$SUMS Chair: Tom Henry (Br-174) 925-284-5724 tomhenry925@gmail.com

Co-Chair: David Sutton (Br-8) 925-686-0158, davesutn@yahoo.com

Area 2 Activities and Events

www.area2.sirinc2.org

This is the address of the AREA 2 Activities and Events page. It will give you the web address for all of the Area 2 activities as well as the web address for each branch in Area 2 so you can explore the individual branch activities.

SIR Area 2 Travel Opportunities 2019

Send your brief trip information to Bob Spellman at bobjo@astound.net by the 25th of the month. Only trips of at least 4 days or more in length will be listed.

The following was released by the State Committee in an effort to bring more clarity to what it means to be a SIR:



What is SIR?

SIR (Sons in Retirement) is a non-profit, public benefit corporation formed for men. Our Mission is to improve the lives of our members through fun activities and events while making Friends for Life!

We are almost 60 years old, and our 120 plus branches include over 14,500 members. Our branches cover Northern California from Bakersfield to the Oregon border and Lake Tahoe to the Pacific Ocean.

Our member expectations are few. Have the free time, be a friendly, sociable guy, participate in our luncheons and activities and introduce others to SIR so they can join in the fun.

Membership is open to men regardless of age, race, color or religion. We are an all-volunteer organization, so our members need to help out when called upon. SIR supports no outside causes or interests. We prohibit discussions of politics and religion, soliciting or selling anything to any member.

Each Branch has monthly luncheon meetings where Sirs renew old friendships and establish new ones. Speakers are invited to speak on topical subjects of general interest. Most Branches have summer and winter luncheons and a BBQ where wives, partners and guests are invited.

Of special interest are Branch activities like golf, bowling, travel, bocce, bridge, poker, walking, hiking, computers, dining out, wine tasting and investing. Our list of activities and events is almost endless and many are coed. If there is an activity you are passionate about and your selected branch doesn't have it, we will help you start it and involve others. Come join us and be part of the fun – and, better yet, Make Friends for Life!

06/18/17, G&M Committee