

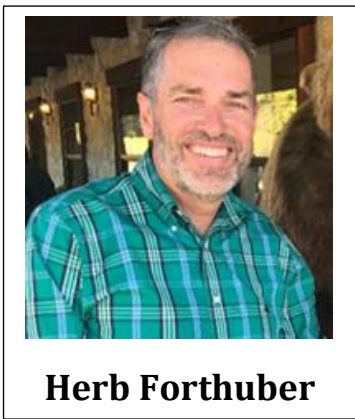
*A Non-Profit Organization for Retired Men Devoted to the Promotion of Independence and Dignity of Retirement
Our mission is to improve the lives of our members through fun activities and events while making friends for life*



ROOSTER TALES

**Next Luncheon - Thursday, August 4th
The Greenery Sports Bar and Grill**

Big Sir Message



Jay Gordon, our current Big Sir, will be out on medical leave beginning in early August and continuing for the next few months. I, as Little Sir, have agreed to temporarily replace Jay as the Branch 19 Big Sir during this period.

Taking over the management of Branch 19 is a big task and I will need all of your support during Jay’s recovery to ensure that things go smoothly.

Thanks ahead of time for all of your help over the next few months.

So, here we go for my first Big SIR message as Big SIR pro-tem. First, let’s all wish Jay a rapid recovery from his upcoming surgery on August 3rd. Jay, all the best for a fantastic outcome!

Now let’s get into some news about Branch 19. First and most importantly, our fellow SIR Roger Mosley has agreed to be the new Little Sir for 2023. Welcome aboard Roger, we are truly grateful to have a SIR of your caliber joining our leadership team. Roger has done an incredible job on organizing our various day trips and outings. We are all looking forward to you bringing some new leadership ideas to Branch 19.

I am personally looking forward to seeing all members at our next luncheon on August 4. We have a very interesting speaker set up, it will be CCWD president Ernesto Avila, who will review a number of issues affecting all of us regarding water use and water conservation during these unprecedented drought times.

Again, please join me in wishing Jay Gordon a rapid recovery.

*Herb Forthuber
(Big SIR pro-tem)*

July Speaker – Ernesto A. Avila



Ernesto A. Avila

Chair of the Finance, Operations and Engineering Committees for the Contra Costa Water District (CCWD)

*(Originally appointed in 2016;
serving through 2024)*

Ernesto A. Avila, P.E., was appointed in March 2016 to represent Division 3, which includes eastern Concord, Clayton, and part of Walnut Creek and Pleasant Hill. He began serving as President in May 2022, having previously served as Vice President since December 2020. Mr. Avila currently serves as the Chair of the Finance and Operations & Engineering Committees.

Mr. Avila has over 32 years of professional experience in planning, environmental compliance, regulation, design, and construction of water and wastewater works and municipal facilities. He is currently Principal/ Vice-President of a private engineering firm.

As a member of the Board, Mr. Avila brings his dedication to the community, passion for water issues, and his experience in the private and public sectors.

For the community, Mr. Avila has volunteered for many citizen-based committees/organizations including the Walnut Creek Transportation Commission, the Concord Planning Commission, the John Muir/Mount Diablo Community Health Fund, the Knights of Columbus and the St. Francis of Assisi School Board. While working full time, he has made volunteering in the community a priority, representing his neighbors and family on important issues that affect their everyday life.

Mr. Avila is passionate about water issues in his professional life, working on a variety of issues statewide during his career. Among several relevant positions, he served as Director of Engineering at CCWD before moving on to become General Manager of Monterey Peninsula Water Management District. He also served as Executive Director for the California Urban Water Agencies and Program Director for the Multi-State Salinity Coalition. He has experience on water projects of all shapes and sizes, including water treatment plant improvements, dam retrofits, and watershed management and habitat conservation projects.

Mr. Avila lives in Clayton and is a licensed civil engineer with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Santa Clara University and a master's degree in Business Administration from St. Mary's College of California.

Sir Herb Forthuber (Little Sir)

August (Buffet) Menu

Spaghetti w/Italian Sausage
 Chicken and Broccoli Fettuccine
 Alfredo
 Penne Pasta prima Vera
 Garlic Bread
 Caesar Salad



New Sir Members – Congrats !!



Chuck Walls



Claes Elfving

August Birthdays



John	Carl Sr.	Mike	Scott
Mike	Krawesky	Jerry	Waitrovic
John	Millar	Dave	Zamperini
Milton	Momita		

August Anniversaries

First Name	Last Name	Joined Sir	YR SIR
Dennis	Barbieri	08/05/10	12
Gary	Kaufmann	08/05/10	12

**Financial Statement
 (Branch 19 Statistics)**

Treasurer Report
 June 30th, 2022

Account Balances

Petty Cash	\$250.00
General Account	
Unencumbered	\$1,378.71
Excursion Fund	00.00
Holiday fund	00.00
Picnic Fund	<u>00.00</u>
Total General Acct.	\$1,378.71
Custodial Account	
Bowling	\$449.86
Golf	<u>\$2,012.74</u>
Total Custodial	\$2,462.60
Total Funds	\$4,091.31

Sir Dennis Barbieri

The Calendar

Sums in Retirement – Wed, August 24th

Area 2 Fishing Group – Thursday, August 25th

Golf – (See below)

Wine Tasting – (No Wine Tasting in August)

Dine Around – (No Dine Around in August)



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<https://sir.ourproshop.com/>



(Note: Hats are again available on the website)

CC County Covid Updates



Covid 19 updates for Contra Costa County are available at the following link:

<https://coronavirus.cchealth.org/>



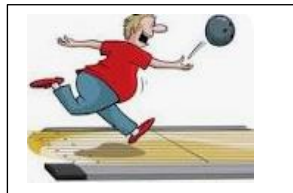
Please feel free to bring a guest to the SIR luncheons

(Guests will receive a free lunch !!!)

If bringing a guest please follow the Guest Requirements specified in the monthly SIR luncheon email notification which is sent to all SIR Branch 19 members



Message from the Activities Chairman



Roger Moseley



By now each of you have received emails outlining possible activities for Day Trips in the Bay Area. (See Below). For those of you who have replied, thanks for doing so. If you haven't yet had a chance to look it over, please take a few minutes to do so and let me know your preferences. We'd really like to get something on the books for later this year and would appreciate your help identifying the ones you'd most likely enjoy.

Also, we're announcing a new agreement with Branch 8 in Walnut Creek allowing Branch 19 members to participate in some of their activities. (See Attached Announcement) This will be a great opportunity to expand the activities available to our members and increase the opportunities for greater participation at both Branches. To participate in any of these activities will be simple and begins with you letting me know your interests.

For both Day Trips and New Activities, please contact me at 925-381-5843 or r_moseley@sbcglobal.net

Hoping you're all having a great summer,

Roger

Potential Day Trips

1. Anchor Steam Brewing, San Francisco <https://raiseanchor.anchorbrewing.com>
2. Rosie the Riveter WWII Home Front National Park, Richmond <https://www.nps.gov/rori/index.htm>
3. Blackhawk Museum, Danville <https://blackhawkmuseum.org>
4. California State Railroad Museum, Sacramento <https://www.californiarailroad.museum>
5. California Auto Museum, Sacramento <https://www.calautomuseum.org>
6. Black Diamond Mines, Pittsburgh <https://www.ebparks.org/parks/black-diamond>
7. Duarte Poinsettias, Hughson <https://www.duartepoinsettias.com>
8. Jelly Belly Factory, Fairfield <https://www.jellybelly.com/>
9. Anheuser-Busch Factory, Fairfield <https://www.anheuser-busch.com/about/breweries-and-tours/fairfield-ca/>
10. Oakland Museum of California, Oakland <https://museumca.org>
11. Oracle Park Tour, San Francisco <https://giantsenterprises.com/tours/>
12. Walking Tour of Chinatown, San Francisco <https://www.sftourismtips.com/free-walking-tours.html>
13. The San Francisco Cable Car Museum, San Francisco <http://www.cablecarmuseum.org>
14. Mitchell Canyon Visitor Center, Clayton <https://www.mdia.org/mitchell-canyon-visitor-center>

Opportunities to be a SIR Volunteer

Fellow SIRs, we need volunteers to step up in 2023 to keep building on our restart of the branch this year.

We desperately need some volunteers to step up in 2023 to keep building on our restart of the branch this year. Great thanks to our BEC for building some momentum. Ours is a 100% volunteer organization. As someone who has participated in branch leadership over the last 10+ years, I can assure you the time commitment is not significant and the opportunity to help our group is great. New volunteers with new perspectives are what help us to be successful. We need our newer members to step up. Here are some areas we can use your help:

Little Sir - This role leads to the Big Sir role in the following year.

Assistant Secretary – This is a Back-up position to our Secretary which may occur once or twice a year at BEC meetings.

RAMP members - These roles work with the Little Sir to help grow our branch, Dennis Wasco and Roger Mosley have stepped in to take on two of these roles. Their results have been excellent.

Webmaster - Our branch needs to identify someone with a basic website background who is willing to provide monthly updates to our local website www.sirinc2.org/branch19 (One-two hours per month).

If you have any interest in volunteering or wanting to learn more about these positions, please talk to, call, or email the following Sirs to learn more:

Jay Gordon (Big Sir) – (636-328-7575), jbird7271@gmail.com

Herb Forthuber (Little Sir) – (707-319-2271), herbforthuber@yahoo.com

Jack Barnaba (Executive Nominating Committee Chair) – (925-672-0947), j.barnaba@yahoo.com



SIR Branch 19 plans to have a booth at Oktoberfest in downtown Clayton this year. It will take place on October 1st and 2nd. This is a great opportunity to enlist new members and we will need volunteers to man the booth, so please put it on your calendar. We will be signing up volunteers at the September Lunch.

NOTE: We have not yet verified that we will be allotted a space, but we are preparing to be there.

Sir Dennis Wasco dennis.wasco@sbcglobal.net

SIR Branch 19 Presents



Picnic Site #1- Concord Community Park

Join Us for a Picnic in the Concord Community Park (Off Cowell)
Thursday, September 15th, 2022 11am to 4pm

Tentative Menu by Kinders BBQ

- Fresh Fruit Salad
- Marinated Ball Tip
- Chicken Quarters, Sausage Links
- 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 15th, 2022

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 \$28 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

Please bring items for the Raffle

SIR Branch 19 Annual Picnic Thursday September 15th, 2022 Concord Community Park

Name _____ Badge # _____ Spouse/Guest Name _____

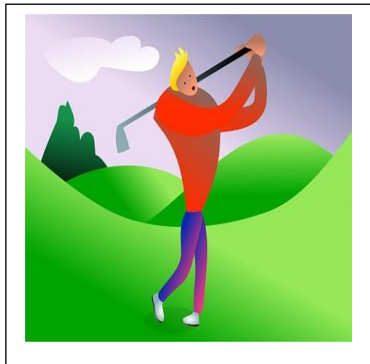
\$28 Per Person for Catered Buffet Picnic Lunch Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Make Checks Payable to **SIR Branch 19**

Mail to: Dennis Barbieri 502 Hamburg Circle Clayton, CA 94517

Please send your reservation to Dennis Barbieri by August 15th or bring it to the August luncheon

Branch 19 Golf Information



18 Hole Golf WINNERS !!

Chardonnay (June 28th)
Flight A: Duane Deonigi
Flight B: Martin Fennell

Lone Tree (July 5th)
Flight A: Ben Olison
Flight B: Terry Betts

Napa Kennedy (July 12th)
Flight A: Bill Hockenson
Flight B: Mike Scott

Hiddenbrook (July 19th)
Flight A: Martin Fennell
Flight B: Rich Peterson

Nine Hole Golf Group
(Buchanan Golf Course)

For Information
Call Martin Fennell
925-212-9243
Martinfennell54@gmail.com

SIR Jerry Burton (Golf
Chairman) ajgolf24@gmail.com
(925) 682-9797

18 Hole Golf Schedule

Aug 2 nd	Poppy Ridge	10:00am
Aug 9 th	Lone Tree	10:00am
Aug 16 th	Franklin Canyon	9:30am
Aug 23 rd	Lone Tree	10:00am
Aug 30 th	Cypress Lakes	9:30am

Please look over the schedule and your calendar and let me know what courses you will be playing

19 Hole Golf - Match Play Final

The final Match for Match Play will be between Larry Kolano and Jerry Burton but will most likely be delayed to sometime in August.

Sir Jerry Burton (Golf Chair)

Golf - Golden Year Championship

For only \$10.00, SIR Branch 19 Golfers enjoy a competition that starts on April 1st and ends October 31st. Each round played, the golfer earns points based on what place they finish. The points are tallied all season. At the end of the season the top point earners, 25% of all golfers, are invited to play the final Championship round during the last week in October. The victor of that final round is crowned the Golden Year Champion for SIR Branch 19 Golfers. The runner-up golfers are awarded a cash prize based on the place they finish. **The Golden Year Champion** is awarded the largest **Cash Prize**, a **Monogrammed, Golden Polo Shirt**, and the chance to keep the **Perpetual Trophy** until it is passed on to the next year's champion.

Past Champions:

- 2021 Bill Hockenson
- 2020 Corona Virus
- 2019 Bill Hockenson
- 2018 Duane Deonigi
- 2017 Rob Crabaugh



Sir Bill Hockenson - billhockenson@gmail.com

Greetings SIR Golfers,

The results are in for Lone Tree this Tuesday and SIR Mike Scott earned the most Golden Year points by posting a net 69. He tallied 7 points; 6 for First Place and 1 Bonus Point for shooting 3 below net par. If he'd shot a 68 net he'd have earned 3 Bonus Points. Lone Tree was kind to SIR Dennis Wasco who shot a Net 70 and earned 6 Golden Year Points; 5 Points for Second Place and 1 Point for shooting 2 below net par.

The Leader Board is congested on top with SIRS Ackers, Forthuber and Peterson leading the field. Three others are within 2 points of the leaders. Rancho Solano is our next outing on Thursday, July 28, 2022.

Swing Freely,

Lone Tree 7/26/2022					
Net Score	Place Finished	Name	Place Points	Bonus Points	Total Points
		**note a name in red with strike through is not in GY Competition but played			
69	1	Scott	6	1	7
70	2	Wasco	5	1	6
73	3	Audas, Martin	4	0	4
74	4	Lathrop, Fernando , Betts	3	0	3
75	5	Scudero, Fennell	2	0	2
76	6	Peterson, Krawesky	1	0	1
77	7	Olison, Kolano	1	0	1
78	8	Barbieri	1	0	1
80	9	Forthuber, Gorden	1	0	1
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Sir Bill Hockenson

Final SIR State Event at Blue Rock Springs Golf Course

PLAY ONE DAY OR BOTH,

DAY 1 - \$ 60, DAY 2 - \$60, BOTH DAYS - \$120

2022 SIR Fall Golf Classic

**MEMBER & GUEST TOURNAMENT
LADIES - NO HANDICAP REQUIRED!**

**Blue Rock Springs West
Blue Rock Springs East
Vallejo, CA**

Wednesday & Thursday

September 14th & 15th

"PLAY ONE OR BOTH DAYS"

**8:00AM shotgun start both
days**

**Entry fee includes green fee, cart, range
balls & prize fund both days**

**Have a non-golfing spouse?
Check out all the nearby
activities [Click Here!](#)**

Applications at www.sirgolf.org

**Your Hosts: Jim Gurke, John
Harrison, Pete Morelli, Mark Stuart**

**SIR members and men guests must
have an established NCGA index.**

Men's Program

Day 1 – 4 Men's Team - 2
Best Ball (net) Play with a
foursome of your choice
or we place you on a
team

Day 2 – Men's Scramble
Play with a foursome of
your choice or we will
place you on a team

Closest to pin contests on
both days! Front & Back
nines.

Women's Program

Day 1 – 4 Women Team - 2
Best Ball (net) Play with a
foursome of your choice or
we will place you on a team

Day 2 – Women's Scramble
Play with a foursome of your
choice or we will place you
on a team

Closest to pin contests on
both days! Front & Back nines.

Note: Web links above are not active. Please use the following web links:

Activities: <https://www.visitnapavalley.com/> Applications: <https://www.sirgolf.org/>

The Bocce Report



The Branch 19 Bocce Ball Team is playing hard and doing well so far.

Sir Dennis Barbieri

Note: Sir Dennis Barbieri is filling in for Sir Tom Lathrop for the next 4 weeks.

SIR Tom Lathrop (Bocce Chairman)
lathrop689@aol.com

SIR Branch 19 Bowling News



We are in the short summer senior league.

Please stay tuned regarding information about the SIR bowling league.

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

Social Ties Boost Survival by 50 Percent

WHO KNEW? BEING A SIR MEMBER PUTS YOU AHEAD IN THE GAME!

A meta-study covering more than 300,000 participants across all ages reveals that adults get a 50 percent boost in longevity if they have a solid social network

<https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/relationships-boost-survival/>



Activities at Other SIR Branches

Area 2 - Fishing Group



The Legends
 Diablo Creek Golf Course
 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord.

Regularly meets on the 4th Thursday of the month
Next Meeting on August 25th, 8:30 am
 4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord.



SIR members and guests are welcome, and indeed encouraged, to participate in fishing trips as well as attend the monthly meetings. Contacts are Bob Lively 925-383-5193 and Carl Moyer 925-685-5243. Next meeting will be at the Legends restaurant at the Diablo Creek golf course on Port Chicago Highway and Highway 4 on Thursday, August 25th at 8:30am.

The blustery winds of summer limit our piscatorial pursuits, often keeping us doing yard work. Very sad! Nonetheless, we few, we brave, boldly go forth. Brion Beetz, Bob Stein, Ken Bellinder, Harry Sherinian, Steve Dyer, Stan Wong, and Carl Moyer all got rock fish and ling cod from the salty sea. Stan, Carl, Brion, Harry, and Ken also caught Salmon there. Ernie Wong, our Shad fly fisherman extraordinaire has caught and released 141 silvery aerialists. Stan Wong, Gordon Linebaugh, and Carl Moyer got trout from San Pablo Reservoir, Gordon landed some THUNDER trout! Ken Kostik and Harry Sherinian plied the delta for black bass. Stan Wong went several times to Stampede Reservoir near Reno for limits of larger kokanee salmon. Paul Dubow, Phil Scimonelli, Carl Moyer, George Vogt, and Brion Beetz all got halibut in the bay. We have high hopes for more salmon on our prescheduled party boat ventures in a calmer future.

Contacts: *Bob Lively (925) 383-5193 / Carl Moyer (925)-685-5243*



Brion Beetz and Carl Moyer were delighted with these ling cod (The big one was 21 lbs)

SIR Branch 128 - Investments / Wealth Management

\$ums Investment Group
 Next Meeting (August 24th)



We will again join Branch 128's (San Ramon) Investment Group Zoom meeting on Wed, August 24 at 1:30 PM.

(Topic to be announced)

Email Dave Sutton to be included.

Chair - Tom Henry - Branch 174 - tomhenry925@gmail.com

Co-chair Dave Sutton - Branch 8 - davesutn@comcast.net

SIR State Travel Adventures



Time to see some more stuff...

Travel seems to be building up all around the globe, particularly with smaller groups as considerable savings can be had. Here are three trips organized by Sir Branches where there is space available. For details, please use the email address or phone number listed for the organizer of each trip below.

Some good news, the state SIR board has reinstated the foreign travel insurance. Travelers will need to pay \$27pp to offset the cost.

Milt Smith. State Travel Chair 925-285-2897c

Discover the Magical Rhine and Moselle Rivers Sept. 12-15, 2022 with Bill Britton from SIR 101. 14 Days 25 meals.

Amsterdam, night River Cruise, Cologne, Moselle River, Cochem, Wine Tasting, Koblenz, Rudesheim, Siegfried's Music Museum, Mannheim, Speyer, Strasbourg, Lucerne, Zurich. Prices range from \$5,999 - \$9,199pp depending on cabin. Includes round trip air from San Francisco.

CONTACT Bill Britton 925-443-9913 bill.britton@comcast.net

Autumn Colors trip to East Coast

Visit Manchester, Vermont; Burlington, Vermont; North Conway, New Hampshire; Bar Harbor, Maine; Acadia National Park; Portsmouth, New Hampshire.



October 13 - 22, 2023 Price: \$4,330 double occupancy

Air Fare to be added in December 2022

Deposit of \$500 per person to hold reservation

Highlights: 2 nights stay in Boston. Tour of city, free time on own.

- Scenic drives along the Mohawk Trail and Kancamagus Highway.
- Professional local tour guide for entire trip.
- 9 nights of First-Class Hotel accommodations.
- 14 meals including a regional lobster feast.
- This trip will fill up fast, so sign up early.

Call Bill Stires at 209-988-5445 or email at bstires46@gmail.com to receive brochure.



Scenic Ireland

Trip through Ireland and Northern Ireland



April 14-27, 2023

Price: \$5,395 Double Occupancy Single \$6,195

\$500.00 Deposit to hold your place.

Final payment due on December 15, 2022

This is a small group Departure limited to 24 passengers.

Sign up early to reserve your spot on this exciting trip.

Highlights: 12 nights in First Class Hotels Accommodations
1 night in Limerick, 1 night in Clifden, 1 in Sligo, 2 nights in
Belfast in Northern Ireland, 2 nights in Dublin, 1 night in
Waterford, 1 night in Kinsale, 2 nights in Killarney, 1 night
in Limerick.

18 meals. Includes gratuities on tour for Tour Manager
& Bus Driver

Visit Cliffs of Moher, local farms, an Abbey, Giant's
Causeway, Titanic Experience, Hillsborough Castle, Belfast's
'Connell Street, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Trinity
College, House of Waterford Crystal, Blarney Castle and the
Kissing Stone, Garnish Island, Ring of Kerry, Dingle
Peninsula, and much, much more.

Leisure time to explore most of the towns and villages.

Branch 19 Leadership

Big Sir: Jay Gordon

Little Sir: Herb Forthhuber

Secretary: Mel Boksenbaum

Asst. Secretary: TBD

Treasurer: Dennis Barbieri

Asst. Treasurer: Ken Kuhn

RAMP Chair: Herb Forthhuber

Recruiting Chair: TBD

Activities Chair: Roger Moseley

Member Relations Chair: TBD

Publicity & Image Chair: Dennis Wasco

Golf Chair: Jerry Burton (Director)

Bowling: Gary Kaufmann, Mike Kropf

Bocce Capo: Tom Lathrop

Wine Tasting / Dining Out: Don Weimann

Sunshine Chair: TBD

Attendance Chair: Martin Fennell

Speaker Committee: Herb Forthhuber , Rich Peterson, Bill Ogden

Chaplin: John Carl

Bulletin Editor: Rich Balovich (Director)

Membership Chair: Bill Hockenson

Asst. Membership Chair: TBD

DATE Chair: TBD

Webmaster: TBD

Exec. Nomination Committee: (Chair) Jack Barnaba, Tom Lathrop, Jerry Burton

Branch Audit Committee Chair: TBD