

*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, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – Oakhurst Country Club**  
**You must email [SIRbranch19@gmail.com](mailto:SIRbranch19@gmail.com) (which is preferable),**  
**or call the hotline (925)-338-1996 by Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> to reserve your lunch !!!**



## Big SIR Message

We begin 2022 with several of the same social issues we had throughout 2021: global pandemic, high costs of food and gasoline, desperate people out of work and out of money, and the threat of environmental wildfires and drought. However, we are blessed with so many things to be positive about also. SIR is an engaged social group for retired men, making *Friends for Life*. More and more younger retirement-aged men with flexible schedules are looking for in-person **social activities** that are recreational and keep us all physically fit, mentally alert and living longer lives.

In 2022 our Br#19 is focused on growing our local SIR membership by **recruiting senior men** who want to have choices of activities. Men that will volunteer to help organize SIR-sponsored events that comply with 2022 California directives and health protocols. SIR is the best kept secret in northern California. We will use **local publicity** to promote our SIR image in the community. We will also ask you to be more involved during 2022 and provide us with your valuable feedback. Tell everyone you know the SIR story, spread the word. We are NOT a group of old guys sitting on the porch fermenting our brain and waiting to die!! Be a friendly and sociable guy, participate and please volunteer your time. Recruit and invite guests to our monthly luncheons, to play golf or engage in other activities. Encourage them to join the SIR organization to share in the fun. Their wives will love for you to get their husbands out of the house, involved in new activities and making new *Friends for Life*.

Jay Gordon (Branch 19 Big Sir)  
[jbird7271@gmail.com](mailto:jbird7271@gmail.com)

## Luncheon Requirements

**You must email [SIRbranch19@gmail.com](mailto:SIRbranch19@gmail.com) (which is preferable), or call the hotline (925)-338-1996 before Wednesday, December 29<sup>th</sup> to reserve your lunch for the January Luncheon **OTHERWISE THERE WILL BE NO MEAL AVAILABLE FOR YOU AT THE LUNCHEON.****

**SPECIAL NOTE: Per Contra Costa County and State SIR requirements, masks will be required at the January luncheon, which may be removed when eating or drinking.**

**Your Covid 19 vaccination card and a signed waiver form are also required if not previously provided.**

Please include the following when making your reservation:

- (Your name) and preference (meat, fish, or veg)
- If bringing a guest (guest name) and preference (meat, fish, or veg)
- Call the Hot Line (925-338-1996) with information about your guest.

## Guest Speaker for January



The Speaker for our January luncheon is Jacklyn Hopkins who has a personal story to tell about the many benefits people are provided through the 'California Donate Life Registry'. Anyone can be a potential organ donor regardless of age, ethnicity or medical history. We will learn what is required to make yourself a donor and why we should all do it.

### January Menu

**Salad** – caprese  
(rolls and butter)

**Meat** - roasted chicken breast mushroom Alfredo

**Fish** - pan seared salmon

**Veggie** - mushroom spinach risotto

**Dessert** - fudge brownie

### New Sir Members

*(There are no new members in December)*

*If you know someone (friend, relative, etc.), that would enjoy meeting new people and participating in SIR activities, please ask them to introduce themselves by calling 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.*

### January Birthdays



Myron Allen	Robert Hillaker
Dennis Barbieri	Richard Leong
Kendal Castleman	Nelson Luke
Homer Colvin H	Walter Norris
Marlow Earle	Mike Thompson
John Hayes	Donald Weimann

### January Anniversaries

First Name	Last Name	Joined Sir	YR SIR
James	Willey	01/06/00	21
Richard	Small	01/04/07	14
Kenneth	Kuhn	01/06/11	10
Steve	Hanson	01/05/12	9
William	Hockenson	01/02/14	7
Thomas	Kostik	01/02/14	7
James	Martin Ja	01/02/14	7
Michael	Mills M	01/02/14	7
Kenneth	Konzak	01/08/15	6
Robert	Crabaugh	01/07/16	5
Richard	Leong	01/07/16	5
David	Requa	01/07/16	5
Kenneth	Bellendir	01/05/18	3
Jay	Gordon	01/05/18	3
Bob	Finch	01/03/19	2
Neil	Powell	01/03/19	2
Tom (Duke)	Chatham	01/08/20	1

### Financial Statement Branch 19 Statistics

**Treasurer Report**  
November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Account Balances**

Petty Cash	\$250.00
<b>General Account</b>	
Unencumbered	\$4,592.29
Excursion Fund	00.00
Holiday fund	00.00
Picnic Fund	00.00
<b>Total General Account</b>	<b>\$4,592.29</b>
 Custodial Accounts	
Bowling	\$401.07
Golf	<u>\$1,417.16</u>
<b>Total Custodial</b>	<b>\$1,818.23</b>
 <b>Total Funds</b>	 <b>\$6,660.52</b>

Darryl Diamond (Branch 19 Treasurer)

### The Calendar

**Computers & Technology** – TBD

**Sums in Retirement** – Wed, January 26<sup>th</sup>

**Area 2 Fishing Group** – Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup>

**Golf**- (See below)

**Wine Tasting** – TBD

**Dine Around** – Thursday, January 20<sup>th</sup>

## *Sir in the Spotlight*



***Sir Ben Olison***

We invite you here to become even better acquainted with a Branch 19 SIR named Ben Olison. You may have known Ben for several years after he was sponsored by SIR Don Weiman in 2015. He is a successful member of our golf group, showing us around the links with a 9 handicap and a big smile. He and his wife Lynn live in Concord and he has served as an officer of his church, volunteering time and expertise with the buildings/grounds issues.

Ben and Lynn are proud parents of 4 (2 boys and 2 girls), grandparents (3 boys, 3 girls) and also great-grandparents to three more new members of their family. Many of his family members live here locally, but some others live in a favorite destination for Ben's travels – Las Vegas. They also travel to Palm Springs and Hawaii to play golf, relax and enjoying retirement from AIG Insurance where he had been an Insurance Claim manager. Lynn and Ben enjoy other activities such as dog-walking and hiking in various National Parks, entertaining friends and relatives at home, and sometimes flying to new heights when parasailing or zip-lining while on vacation. He is also a gardener, a volunteer, and an on-going resource at their church.

Ben has had several brushes with fame and success. He is a member of three Halls of Fame earned during his noteworthy athletic background. At University of Kansas he was a world record-holder in the sprint medley relay, and school records in the 100-yard dash, 220-yard 440 while attending KU. He also was awarded as a permanent member of the HOF's at East Bakersfield High School and Bakersfield College. In 1968 the Olympic Committee started using the metric system for all events and the old records are now stored in the athletic library. Ben is still considered one the fastest guys to ever come out of KU.

Ben has met several famous persons including Rafer Johnson, Don Newcombe, Jim Ryan, and George W. Bush. Today he enjoys the fellowship of his SIR friends at Branch #19. He tells us that he joined SIR after meeting the friendly men of Branch #19 at his first luncheon and later at LoneTree golf course during a weekly tournament.



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## Covid 19 Update



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

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

## Branch 19 Activities

### New Activities Chairman



**Roger Moseley**

We are looking at implementing a number of new activities in 2022 to further enhance the benefits of SIR membership to both current and new members. Activities will include social, physical, and intellectual activities that members can enjoy at their choosing.

But we need your help. At January's luncheon, our new Activities Chairman, Roger Moseley, will distribute a survey form for each member to complete, indicating their interest in a number of different activities. Based on the survey results, activities will be prioritized for implementation.

Please plan to attend the January luncheon to hear more about our plans.

## Branch 19 Golf Information



**Nine Hole Golf Group  
(Buchanan Golf Course)**  
**Contact:** George Vogt: (925) 672-3703

**January -18 Hole Golf Schedule**

Jan. 4	Lone Tree	10:20
Jan. 11	Brentwood	9:30
Jan. 18	Lone Tree	10:20
Jan. 25	Diablo Creek	9:36

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

### 18 Hole Golf WINNERS !!

**Lone Tree (Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>)**

Flight A: Ron Ingersol  
 Flight B: Tom Lathrop  
 Flight C: John Ackers  
 Flight D: Terry Scudero

**Chardonnay (Nov 30<sup>th</sup>)**

Flight A: Ron Ingersol  
 Flight B: Roger Moseley  
 Flight C: Terry Scudero

**Lone Tree (Dec 7<sup>th</sup>)**

Flight A: Ron Ingersol  
 Flight B: Dwayne Williams  
 Flight C: Joe Gillis

## The Bocce Report



Another bocce season has come to an end and all Branch 19 team members enjoyed participating. Some teams made it to the playoffs, so congrats to them and their capos. It's time for our bocce athletes to take time to rest and gear up for next years' bocce competition.

We start up again in May and have openings if anyone is interested See you all next season and look for pics on our Sirs Branch 19 website.

SIR Tom Lathrop (Bocce Chairman)  
[lathrop689@aol.com](mailto:lathrop689@aol.com)

## SIR Branch 19 Bowling News



Sixteen Weeks and Next Wednesday is our position round which will be the end of the first half of bowling already! Four Teams are in the running for first place and all 40 of us are watching the high scores!

Merry Christmas &  
 Happy, Healthy, Safe 2022

SIR Mike Kropf [mdkropf@astound.net](mailto:mdkropf@astound.net)  
 Gary Kaufmann [gkaufmann813@gmail.com](mailto:gkaufmann813@gmail.com)

**SIRS Branch 19 Dine Around  
Thursday, Jan 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022**



**Sichuan House**  
Countrywood Shopping Center  
2064 Treat Blvd,  
Walnut Creek, CA 94598  
(925) 933-3278

**Overview**

Sichuan House specializes in Authentic Sichuan Chinese Cuisine with unique and delicious dishes using the finest ingredients. **Both spicy and non-spicy dishes are offered.** In short, excellent Chinese food is offered. Sir.Branch 19 Dine Around ate here in 2019 with all liking it.

See the Yelp website for 311 peoples' reviews (4 of 5) of this restaurant:

<https://www.yelp.com/biz/sichuan-house-walnut-creek>

**When**

Thursday, Jan 20<sup>th</sup> Happy Hour 5:30-6:00 Dinner 6:00 pm

**Website:** <http://sichuanhouse.squarespace.com/>

**Menu:** <http://sichuanhouse.squarespace.com/menu>  
[www.yelp.com/biz\\_photos/sichuan-house-walnut-creek](http://www.yelp.com/biz_photos/sichuan-house-walnut-creek)

**Map**

Sichuan House is located in the Countrywood Shopping Center at the corner of Treat Blvd. & Bancroft Road. Treat is closest to it. Parking is directly in front of the restaurant.



**Contact for Sign-Up**

Don Weimann (925) 672-7711 [weimanns@astound.net](mailto:weimanns@astound.net)

# Area 16 Activities



## The Area 16 Computer & Technology Group

Next Meeting (TBD)  
CAT website: <https://sirinc2.org/a16cat/>

### Next Meeting: No meeting scheduled

We are always looking for interesting technical presentations. Send ideas to the email address below...

*Note that you need to be on the Computer & Technology mailing list to receive the necessary Zoom weblink to attend the meeting. Send your request to join our mailing list to: [sirarea16cat@gmail.com](mailto:sirarea16cat@gmail.com)*

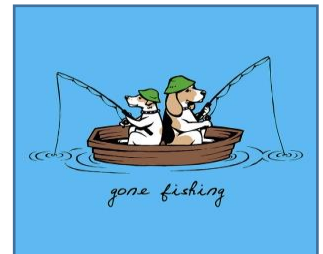
Neil Schmidt, Chairman

# Area 16 Fishing Group



## The Legends Diablo Creek G.C.

Regularly meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month  
**Next Meeting on January 28<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am**  
4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord.



All 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, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am.

Now is the time to put the woes of 2021 behind us. I wish you all calm water, light winds, and good friends in 2022. Boats are out crabbing using new rules that seem to be working. Bob Stein, Gordon Linebaugh, Lee Clark, Brion Beetz, Carl Moyer, Stan Wong and others are returning with limits of the tasty crustaceans. Stan Wong, Harry Sherinian, Tom Kostik, and Mike Corker worked the delta for some slow striped bass fishing. Stan Wong, Brion Beetz, Ken Belinder, and Carl Moyer caught Rock Cod and Ling Cod from the ocean blue. Stan Wong caught some salmon from shore.

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

## Area 16 Investments / Wealth Management

### The Area 16 \$ums Investment Group

Next Meeting on Wed, January 26<sup>th</sup>

Zoom At 1:30pm



We will again join Branch 128's (San Ramon) Investment Group for their Zoom meeting – back to our normal schedule - on Wed January 26 at 1:30 PM.

- Is it good to Buy on Dips? — if so, how do you identify what is dipping and what to Buy?
- Is it good to Buy low and Sell high? -- if so, how do you identify what is now low but will eventually be higher?
- What is a Value Stock? -- how do you identify what is a Value Stock?
- Participants should try to identify examples of each for our discussion and
- indicate why they have selected that company as an example.

A Zoom invitation will be sent out later for those on the email list. Email Dave Sutton to be included.

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

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

### Branch 19 Leadership

**Big Sir:** Jay Gordon

**Little Sir:** Herb Forthhuber

**Secretary:** Joe Gillis

**Asst. Secretary:** TBD

**Treasurer:** Bill Boyer

**Asst. Treasurer:** Barry Silberman

**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 (Director)

**Wine Tasting / Dining Out:** Don Weimann

**Sunshine Chair:** TBD

**Attendance Chair:** Martin Fennell (Director)

**Speaker Committee:** Herb Forthhuber , Rich Peterson, Bill Ogden

**Chaplin:** John Carl

**Bulletin Editor:** Rich Balovich (Director)

**Membership Chair:** Ken Kuhn

**Asst. Membership Chair:** Bill Hockenson

**DATE Chair:** TBD

**Webmaster:** Mike Mills (Director)

**Exec. Nomination Committee: (Chair)** Jack Barnaba, Larry Kolano, Ken Kuhn

**Branch Audit Committee Chair:** TBD