

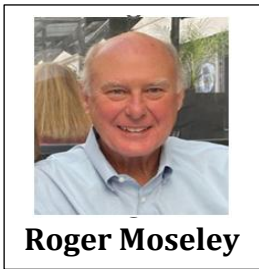
*A Non-Profit Organization for Retired Men Devoted to the Promotion of Independence and Dignity of Retirement  
Our mission is to improve the lives of our members through fun activities and events while making friends for life*



# ROOSTER TALES

**SIR Luncheon: Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**  
*The Elks Lodge - 200 Marina Blvd, Pittsburg*

## Big Sir Message



In 1872 Julia Ward Howe called for women to join in support of disarmament and asked for 2 June 1872, to be established as a "Mother's Day for Peace". However, Howe's day was not for honoring mothers, but for organizing pacifist mothers against war.

Mother's Day was first celebrated in 1908, when Ann Reeves Jarvis held the first Mother's Day service of worship at Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton, West Virginia. Parallel to Jarvis's efforts, Julia Ward Howe, an activist and the author of the famous "Battle Hymn of the Republic," made a significant contribution through her "Mother's Day Proclamation." Written in 1870, Howe's proclamation called upon mothers to unite in promoting global peace, highlighting the profound influence that mothers could wield in the pursuit of societal harmony and justice.

Following Ann Reeves Jarvis's passing, her daughter, Anna Jarvis, embarked on a mission to commemorate her mother's achievements and the invaluable role of mothers in society. Her efforts were rooted in the desire to fulfill her mother's dream of establishing a day dedicated to recognizing the sacrifices and contributions of mothers. The establishment of Mother's Day on the second Sunday in May, following President Woodrow Wilson's proclamation in 1914, marked the achievement of Jarvis's goal to nationally recognize the importance of mothers and acknowledged the universal impact of mothers on the fabric of society.

Together, Ann Reeves Jarvis and Julia Ward Howe's contributions formed the cornerstone of Mother's Day, reflecting a movement that transcends the simple celebration of maternal bonds to encompass a broader vision of peace, unity, and social change. Their legacies remind us of the profound societal impact of mothers and the importance of acknowledging and honoring their contributions not just one day a year, but every day.

On May 6, 2026 we will recognize and thank the Mothers in our lives for all they do to make our lives special. Of course, there are many women in our lives, though they may not be mothers, who play an important role in our lives, and we recognize them as well.

To All, Happy Mother's Day

**Lunch Menu**



Spring Mix Salad + Balsamic Vin + Ranch  
 Tri-tip  
 Champagne Chicken  
 Baby Creamer Potato Roasted In Herbs  
 Green Beans with Roasted Almonds  
 Dinner Rolls + Butter  
 Dessert

**New Sir Members**

**No New Members  
 In April**

**May Birthdays**



Louie Audas	Kirk Polson
Gary Kaufmann	David Requa
Mike Kropf	Walter Rogers
Roger Moseley	James Townsend

**May Anniversaries**

First Name	Last Name	Joined Sir	YR SIR
Richard	Balovich	05/05/16	10
Joe	Gillis	05/05/16	10
John	Martin Jo	05/01/21	5
Rich	Enea	05/04/23	3
Phil	Matthews	05/23/23	3

**SIR Calendar**

**Sir Luncheon** – Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>  
**Hiking** – No future hikes planned for now  
**Sums in Retirement** – Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>  
**Area 2 Fishing Group** – Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>  
**Golf, Bocce, Bowling** – (See below)  
**Wine Tasting** – Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>  
**Dine Around** – Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Financial Statement**

**Treasurer Report**

March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026

**Account Balances**

Petty Cash	\$250.00
<b>General Account</b>	
Unencumbered	\$10,473.95
Excursion Fund	00.00
Holiday fund	00.00
Picnic Fund	00.00
<b>Total General Acct.</b>	<b>\$10,473.95</b>
<b>Custodial Account</b>	
Bowling	\$629.77
Golf	\$1,679.96
<b>Total Custodial</b>	<b>\$2,309.73</b>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$13,033.68</b>



## Sir Luncheon Policy

**Branch 19 must pay for lunches that are initially reserved and then cancelled. In order to avoid financial loss, the following policy has been enacted by the Branch 19 Branch Executive Committee:**

1. Luncheon cancellation is required by 5pm on the Friday prior to the luncheon.
2. If not cancelled the luncheon cost will be invoiced at the next luncheon.

## Member attendance at BEC meetings

**Anyone is welcome to attend the Branch 19 Executive Meetings  
These meetings are held typically beginning at 9:30am  
on the morning of the monthly luncheon**

If you would like to voice an issue related to SIR, or just wish to attend a Branch 19 Executive Committee meeting please email **Roger Moseley** ([rogermoseley855@gmail.com](mailto:rogermoseley855@gmail.com)) to reserve your place in the meeting room.



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*(Note: Hats are again available on the website)*

## Bring a Guest

**Please feel free to bring a guest to the SIR luncheons**

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.



## **Special Mother's Day Luncheon Guests**

### **Sir Branch 19 - Mother's Day Luncheon Wednesday, May 6th**

#### **Please Note:**

*The annual **Mother's Day Luncheon** will be on **Wednesday** instead of the typical **Thursday** this year  
(To make a reservation please refer to the **Mother's Day Flyer** which was issued previously)*



**Lunch will be free for Wives, Spouses & Partners**

**Special Guests: The Swingin Blue Star Singers  
-YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS-**



*The Swingin' Blue Stars is a group of talented singers from the East SF Bay Area. They perform close harmony, swing style music made popular by 1940's and 50's female vocal groups such as the Andrews Sisters. They sing and dance to "people-pleasing" music, mixing saucy and romantic WWII tunes as well as popular songs from the 1960's and 70's.*

## Sir Mike McKay (1943 – 2026)



Mike McKay, lovingly known as “Papa Mike,” passed away on April 5, 2026, at the age of 83, just days after celebrating his birthday.

Born March 30, 1943, in San Francisco, California, to Owen and Mary Elizabeth “Betty” McKay, Mike spent his early days in the Excelsior neighborhood. He graduated from Balboa High School in 1960 and always held a deep love for San Francisco.

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He dedicated more than 30 years of his life to the construction trade and was a proud member of the local Laborers Union. Mike took great pride in all his projects, from the Transbay Tube to various high-rise buildings across San Francisco, and he loved pointing them out to everyone. If you drive over the Bay Bridge, you will see those buildings he was so proud of.

He later met and married the love of his life, Ana Noemi Castillo, in 1973. Together, they dedicated their lives to their family, their faith, and their community in Concord, where they settled in 1977. Mike was an active and devoted member of St. Agnes Catholic Church and the De La Salle High School community, where he first began as a parent volunteer. He later became involved with St. Bonaventure Catholic Church, where he devoted over 20 years of service to the Knights of Columbus and Sons in Retirement (SIR). Mike welcomed fellow SIR members at luncheons and helped plan the annual SIR barbecue each fall.

He also enjoyed organizing and working on fundraisers, planning holiday parties, collecting toys for children in need, selling raffle tickets, raising funds, organizing crab feeds, and gathering food throughout the community for distribution to local food pantries and churches—always willing to do anything he could to help his beloved community.

Michael was known for his loving kindness, talkative nature, joyful spirit, and boundless energy. He had a deep love and devotion to his family, which was apparent to all who knew him. Along with a life of service, retirement brought his greatest source of love, pride, and joy—his grandchildren. He loved bowling and was an avid fan of Bay Area sports teams, especially the San Francisco 49ers and San Francisco Giants.

He found happiness in life’s simple moments: being silly with his grandchildren, scratching off a lottery ticket, enjoying a good snack, watching his team win, grilling a steak, sharing coffee with friends, and spending time with family.

## New Branch 19 Shared Activities

### Great news for SIR Branch 19 members!

Branch 8 in Walnut Creek is inviting Branch 19 members to selected activities including:

#### 1. **Pickleball**

Played on Thursday mornings at 8:30 at Willow Pass Community Park in Concord. Ladies are welcome. To sign up, contact Nick Maufe at [nickmaufe@gmail.com](mailto:nickmaufe@gmail.com) or go to <https://www.sirbr8.com/pickleball/> for more information.

#### 2. **Pinochle**

Meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at Rocco's Restaurant in Walnut Creek at Encina Grande Shopping Center. Meet for lunch at noon with cards from 1:00 to 3:00. Ladies are welcome. To participate contact Stan Johnson at [stan.johnson88@gmail.com](mailto:stan.johnson88@gmail.com), or visit their website at <https://www.sirbr8.com/pinochle/>.

#### 3. **Science & Astronomy**

Consists of a daily email called "Sigma Xi SmartBrief". It contains links to half a dozen science articles from English language scientific journals around the world. It covers a broad selection of topics in science, engineering, medicine, and astronomy. To learn more, contact David Bushnell at [dbushn@swbell.net](mailto:dbushn@swbell.net) or go to <https://www.sirbr8.com/sir-science-online/> for more information.

#### 4. **Opera/Ballet**

The Opera and Ballet activity, consists of sending out advance information and published reviews of live Met Opera performances and Bolshoi Ballet that are transmitted by Fandango in HD to our local Century theaters. To see what's coming, please go to <https://www.sirbr8.com/opera/> or contact David Bushnell at [dbushn@swbell.net](mailto:dbushn@swbell.net).

#### 5. **Internet Games**

*Internet Cribbage* is played each month in a tournament format as a two-person game, one on one. *Mexican Train Dominoes* is also played online with all players connected by Zoom. To sign up, contact Don Atwater at [datwater@pachell.net](mailto:datwater@pachell.net) or go to <https://www.sirbr8.com/internet-games/>.

#### 6. **Poker**

SIR Branch 146 in Walnut Creek has invited Branch 19 members to join in their Poker Group #4! If you would like to play, please contact Pete Gates at [petegates10@gmail.com](mailto:petegates10@gmail.com) or call him at 925-937-2035. Games are usually scheduled for 1-4 pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month. Hosting is rotated between members' homes. The host provides light snacks and beverages. Buy-in is \$10 and stakes are nickel, dime, and quarter with a limit of three raises. Dealer antes a nickel per player.

We are excited to offer these new activities to our Branch 19 members and want to thank the Walnut Creek Branch for inviting us to join. If you are interested in joining any of these groups, please contact them directly thru the Activity Chairs mentioned above or thru their respective websites.

When signing up, please provide your **name, branch (19), and email address.**

*Roger Moseley (Big Sir)*

# COMEDY CORNER



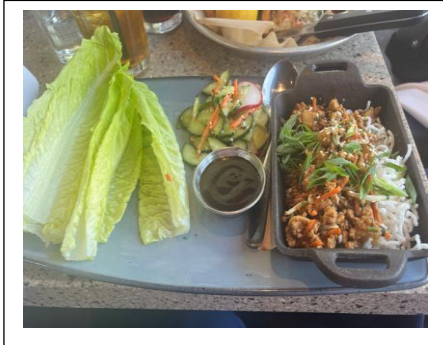
"It's a pacemaker for your heart. Plus, you can download apps for your liver, kidneys, lungs, and pancreas!"



# Branch 19 Activities

## April Dining Out (Follow Up)

Sir Rich Balovich & wife Carmen hosted the Sir April 16<sup>th</sup> Dining Out Event at Lazy Dog Restaurant in Concord. Thanks to Deb & Neil Powell for the pics.



## April Luncheon Follow Up



Irene Lo – CC Health Plan

**SIR Branch 19 Dine Around – Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> - 5:30pm**



***The Old Spaghetti Factory (Italian Restaurant)***

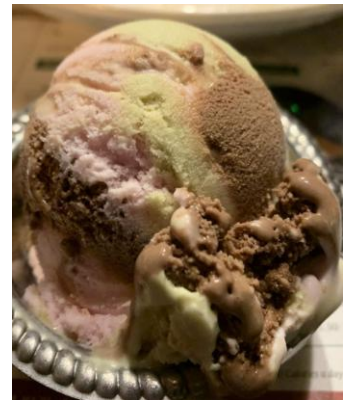
*The Old Spaghetti Factory has been proudly serving Deliciously affordable 3 course meals since 1969. Family owned and operated we're committed to exceptional service. We invite your family to join ours for a memorable dining experience*

**Location:** 1955 Mt. Diablo, Concord

**When:** **Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> (Happy Hour 5:30-6:00 pm - Dinner 6:00 pm)**

**Website and Menu:** [Concord, CA – Old Spaghetti Factory](#) (925) 687-5030

***Order from the menu - Each couple will receive a separate check***



**To register, please contact Don & Ruth Weimann**  
**[rdw8143@gmail.com](mailto:rdw8143@gmail.com) or call (925) 672-7711**

***Please provide number of people attending & (Please RSVP by Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>)***  
***Please ask for the (Sirs Dinner Party) at the restaurant***

## **SIR Branch Dining Out Coordinators**



### SIR Branch 19 Dine Around Coordinators (2026)



We are looking for people to be Dining Out Coordinators. If you would be interested in volunteering for any vacant future Dining Out Dates (see below), please contact Roger Moseley at [rogermoseley855@gmail.com](mailto:rogermoseley855@gmail.com)

**Dining Out Coordinators are required to:**

- 1) **Pick a restaurant.**
- 2) **Verify that the restaurant will honor separate Dinner checks.**
- 3) **At least four weeks prior to the dinner, notify Rich Balovich at [r.balovich@aol.com](mailto:r.balovich@aol.com) Regarding the restaurant you've chosen and the dinner date.**
- 4) **Rich will then create the Dining Out flyer, send it to you to verify the information. Once verified please email Rich Balovich @ [r.balovich@aol.com](mailto:r.balovich@aol.com) and he will email the flyer to the SIR Branch 19 membership. (The deadline for Branch 19 members to respond will be 1 week prior to the event).**
- 5) **The coordinator will then make the reservation based on the number of membership responses they receive.**

**Date**

January 15  
February 19  
March 19  
April 16  
May 21  
June 18  
July 16  
August 20  
September 17  
October 15

**Coordinator**

Barry & Bobbi Silberman  
Chuck & Karen Morones  
Roger & Nancy Moseley  
Rich & Carmen Balovich  
Don & Ruth Weimann  

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Jerry & Audrey Burton  
Martin & Lori Fennell  
Neil & Deb Powell  
Jack & Michelle Barnaba

**Dine Around Venues that Branch 19 has used in the past:**

**Fiore' Restaurant (925) 969-1887**  
**Spicy Joi Banh Mi X Lao Street Food (925)787-7508**  
**The Old Spaghetti Factory (925) 672-7711**  
**Nepalese and Indian Restaurant (925) 825-3277**  
**La Veranda Café (925) 524-0011**  
**Sichuan House (925) 933-3278**  
**DeVino's Pizza & Pasta (925) 689-6666**  
**Ming's Chinese Restaurant (925) 934-9393**

**Lazy Dog Restaurant & Bar (925) 849-1221**  
**Jack's Restaurant (925) 849-6195**  
**Guadalajara Grill (925) 672-4430**  
**DJ Bistro (925) 825-3277**  
**Rocco's Pizzeria (925) 947-6105**  
**La Pinata (925) 609-9119**  
**Back 40 Texas BBQ (925) 935-1440**  
**Outback Steakhouse (925) 687-2225**

# SIR Branch 19 Wine Tasting Group Meeting

**Theme:**

*Cabernet Sauvignon from the Livermore Valley*

**Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>  
Meeting Time 6:00PM**



**Bring:**

- One bottle of wine
- Hot or cold appetizers that are a compliment to the wine you bring to share as we taste

**Where:**

*Rick and Valerie Amador's House  
3230 Stonegate Drive, Alamo*

**To attend - contact Rick & Valerie Amador:**

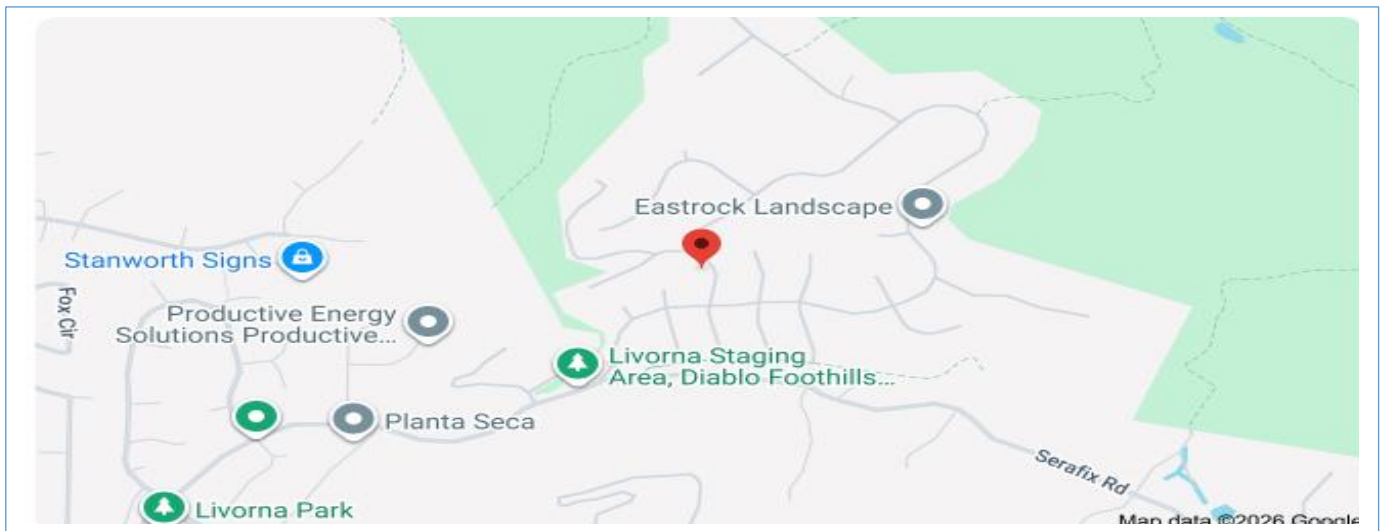
<mailto:rickamador@comcast.net>  
(925) 899-1098



**Directions:**

*The house location is noted by the red indicator on the map below:*

**Note:** All wines will be poured blind to compare tastes and flavors to keep things interesting. All participants will grade and discuss their favorite wines.



## SIR Branch 19 Wine Tasting - Coordinators



### SIR Branch 19 Wine Tasting Coordinators (2026)



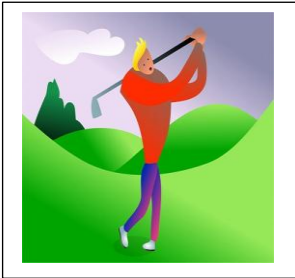
We are looking for people to be **Wine Tasting Coordinators**. If you would be interested in volunteering for any future Wine Tasting Dates please contact Roger Moseley: [rogermoseley855@gmail.com](mailto:rogermoseley855@gmail.com)

**Wine Tasting Coordinators are required to:**

- 1) *Host a group of Sirs / spouses etc.*
- 2) *Decide the date & time you want to host from the vacancies in the Coordinator list below.*
- 3) *Decide that you will host from either your home or someone else's home.*
- 4) *Decide what wine / beer you want to taste along with a side dish for everyone to bring.*
- 5) **At least 3 weeks prior to the wine tasting**, notify Rich Balovich at [r.balovich@aol.com](mailto:r.balovich@aol.com) regarding the information in items #2, 3, & 4 above
- 6) Rich will then create the Wine Tasting Flyer and send it to you for review.
- 7) **Once you have reviewed the information on the flyer, email Rich Balovich at [r.balovich@aol.com](mailto:r.balovich@aol.com) with your comments.** Rich will then incorporate any revisions and send the flyer to the SIR Branch 19 membership. **(The deadline for Sirs to respond will be 1 day prior to the event).**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Coordinators</u>
January 23	Roger Moseley
February	_____
March	_____
April 24	Rich & Barbara Peterson
May 15	Rick & Valerie Amador
June 26	Don & Ruth Weimann
July	Neil & Deb Powell
August	Phil & Diane Mathews
September	_____
October	Martin & Lori Fennell
November	Barry & Bobbi Silberman

## Branch 19 Golf Information



**Nine Hole Golf Group**

**NOTE:**  
9 Hole Golf has been suspended  
due to lack of a new location



**Sir John Ackers**  
(Golf Chair)

[johnackers94521@gmail.com](mailto:johnackers94521@gmail.com)  
Cell: (925) 250-9085

**18 Hole Golf Schedule**

(Tee Time 9:30am)

May 7 Lone Tree  
May 12 Shadow Lakes  
May 14 Poppy Ridge (Thurs)  
May 19 Hiddenbrooke  
May 26 Open



### The Bocce Report



*Tom Lathrop*

The bocce season Typically starts in April for the concord bocce league.

*Play continues through  
September with the playoffs.*

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

### SIR Branch 19 Bowling News



*Gary Kaufman*

The winter bowling league ends on May 6th. A summer trios league will start on May 13th. If interested in the summer trios, contact Gary Kaufmann at <mailto:gkaufmann813@gmail.com>

*Gary Kaufmann [gkaufmann813@gmail.com](mailto:gkaufmann813@gmail.com)*

## Ways to Serve Your Branch

*The following is a list of available Branch 19 positions  
If you are interested in any of these volunteer positions please email  
Roger Moseley: [rogermoseley855@gmail.com](mailto:rogermoseley855@gmail.com)*

**Activities Chair**

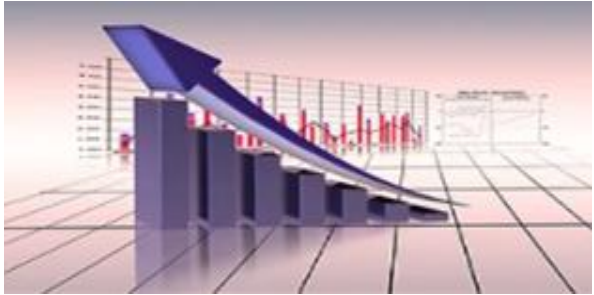
**Ramp Members:** Work with the little Sir to help grow our branch

**Dining Out / Wine Tasting Coordinators:**  
Volunteers that coordinate one monthly Dining Out or Wine Tasting activity

## Activities at Other SIR Branches

### Area16 - SIR Branch 128 - Investments / Wealth Management

**\$ums Investment Group**  
*Next Meeting (Wed, May 27<sup>th</sup>)*



As usual we will Zoom with SIR Branch 128 (San Ramon) on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 1:30 PM. Email Dave Sutton to be included or to learn the topic.

Chair - Tom Henry - Branch 174 - [tomhenry925@gmail.com](mailto:tomhenry925@gmail.com)  
Co-chair Dave Sutton - Branch 8 - [davesutn@comcast.net](mailto:davesutn@comcast.net)

## Area 2 - Fishing Group



***The Legends***  
*Diablo Creek Golf Course*  
*4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord*  
**Next Meeting Date: Thursday May 28<sup>th</sup>**



SIR members and guests are welcome, and indeed encouraged, to participate in fishing trips as well as attend the monthly meetings. Contacts are Pedro Contreras, 925-837-4847; and Carl Moyer, 925-685-5243. Next meeting will be at the Legends restaurant at the Diablo Creek golf course at Port Chicago Highway and Highway 4 on Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am. Come early.

Matt Richards, Dennis Lee, Carl Moyer, Gordon Linebaugh, and Bob Lively caught some quality trout at San Pablo Reservoir. The rainbow and lightning trout were between 2 and 6 pounds, and delicious. Geno Calhau, Bob Lively, Brion Beetz, Carl Moyer, Dennis Lee, and Nick Jabuka got out upon the ocean blue for rockfish and ling cod. Tom Klostik and Dave Paulson landed some stripers in the delta. And many of us fished in the bay for stripers and halibut. Many stripers a few halibut. Doug Dukes and Brion Beetz harvested butts in the 20-pound class. And last and not least Carl Moyer and Matt Richards tried for salmon from Moss Landing in the early season. Six hours not a bite. The early salmon bite was not!!



Dennis Lee and Carl Moyer are proud of these trout from San Pablo Reservoir

**PLEASE Donate to the Concord Fod Bank**



**Food Drive**

**PLEASE BRING A NON-PERISHABLE  
FOOD DONATION TO THE NEXT  
LUNCHEON**

Please bring non-perishable food *in jars, cans, and sealed packets (No Glass please)*. We recommend sauces, soups, beans, vegetables, honey, peanut butter, candy, boxed juices, long-life milk, coconut cream and fish in oil. *(Please do not bring food with expired "use by" dates)*. **Sir Jerry Burton will collect the donated food and take it to the Concord Food Bank.**

Thanks for your help, it will make a big difference in someone's life!!!!

**LUNCHEON INVITATION CARDS**

Have you given them out to any prospective new SIR members? Keep them in your wallet so you have them ready for any new prospects. The best way to get new members is by YOUR personal contact. If you need any more cards, please contact Dennis Wasco (<mailto:dennis.wasco@sbcglobal.net>).

**Branch 19 Quick Response or QR code**



At the left is our new Quick Response or QR Code. Click on it with your smart phone and you'll be taken directly to our Branch 19 website, [sirinc2.org/Branch19](https://sirinc2.org/Branch19). Once there you'll find an introductory video of SIR and an online Member Application that when completed will be transmitted electronically directly to our Membership Chair, SIR Miles Nikaido. Both these features should help in our new member recruitment efforts.

**2026 Branch 19 Leadership**

**Big Sir:** Roger Moseley  
**Little Sir:** TBD  
**Secretary:** Mel Boksenbaum  
**Asst. Secretary:** Ken Konzak  
**Treasurer:** Joe Gillis  
**Asst. Treasurer:** Terry Scudero  
**Membership Chair:** Miles Nikaido  
**Assist. Membership Chair:** Bill Hockenson  
**Webmaster:** Larry Long  
**Golf Chair:** John Ackers

**Audit Committee Chair:** Bill Clark  
**Bowling:** Gary Kaufmann  
**Publicity & Image Chair:** Dennis Wasco  
**Bocce Capo:** Tom Lathrop  
**Attendance Chair:** Martin Fennell  
**Speaker Committee:** TBD  
**Chaplin:** John Carl  
**Bulletin Editor:** Rich Balovich (Director)  
**Activities Chair:** Vacant  
**Nominating Committee (Chair):** TBD