

*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 (Date To Be Determined) – Oakhurst Country Club

Big SIR Message



It's May already and a very important month in the development of the United States of America. May 14, 1607, the first European settlement in America established at Jamestown. May 25, 1787, the first Constitutional Convention was held in Philadelphia. May 14, 1804, Lewis and Clark departed St. Louis. May 13, 1846, the Mexican war began that resulted in the annexation of much of the southwest United States. May 24, 1844, the first official telegraph message was sent. May 20, 1862, President Lincoln signed the Homestead Act (my Great Grandfather homesteaded our Mendocino ranch in 1872). May 10, 1889 (also my birthday in 1947) the transcendental railway golden spike was driven in Promontory Point Utah. May 5, 1961, Alan Shepard was the first American in space, no telling where the United States may head in the future.

The Branch 19 world is starting to open. Golf is in "full swing". Fishing has "cast off" (no puns intended). The Bocce season starts June 9th. Bowling is anticipating a start in May. All these activities are of course subject to appropriate Covid-19 rules being in place. Also, save the date **Thursday September 16**, the City of Concord has reserved space (thanks to SIR Jack Barnaba) for us at the Concord Community Park on Cowell Road for our annual picnic, details to follow later in the year.

Important reopening information: State SIR has published branch reopening protocols for insurance purposes. Beginning May 1, participants in all Branch 19 activities either inside or outside will be required to sign a waiver regarding contracting Covid-19. All participants in an indoor activity will be required to have proof of vaccination or a negative Covid-19 test within 3 days prior to the event. These requirements apply to spouses and guests.

Finally, Golf has done it again by recruiting John Martin as a new Branch 19 member. John is also interested in Bowling, Dining Out, Hiking and Wine Tasting. Be sure to welcome John when you have the opportunity.

Branch 19 Big Sir - Dave Requa - (dave@requa.org)

May Birthdays

Louie	Audas	Roger	Moseley
Donald	Colvin	Frank	O'Rourke
Darryl	Diamond	David	Requa
Gary	Kaufmann	Walter	Rogers
Mike	Kropf		

May Anniversaries

First Name	Last Name	Joined Sir	YR SIR
Dean	Lucas	05/09/98	23
Mike	Ilg	05/05/11	10
Roger	Mills	05/05/11	10
Dennis	Ghiggeri	05/03/12	9
Tim	Delony	05/01/14	7
John	Millar	05/07/15	6
Walter	Norris	05/07/15	6
Richard	Balovich	05/05/16	5
Joe	Gillis	05/05/16	5
Larry	Cooper Sr.	05/02/19	2
Herb	Forthuber	05/02/19	2
Bob	Stabler	05/02/19	2

New Sir Members

Welcome to Branch 19

John Martin

The Calendar

Computers & Technology – Thursday, May 20th

Sums in Retirement – Wednesday, May 26th

Area 2 Fishing Group – Thursday, May 27th

Golf- (See below)

Wine Tasting - TBD

Dine Around – TBD

D.A.A.T.E. (Discussing Ancient Alien Technology & Engineering) - TBD

Financial Statement Branch 19 Statistics

Treasurer Report March 31st, 2021

Account Balances

Petty Cash	\$250.00
General Account	
Unencumbered	\$2,905.10
Excursion Fund	\$0.00
Holiday fund	\$0.00
Picnic Fund	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total General Account	\$2,905.10

Custodial Accounts

Bowling	\$401.07
Golf	<u>\$1,221.44</u>
Total Custodial	\$1,622.51

Total Funds **\$4,777.61**

Darryl Diamond (Branch 19 Treasurer)

GET SET TO VOLUNTEER FOR 2021

Fellow SIR members,

We need volunteers to continue the success of Branch 19. Please be prepared to step up and help lead our branch next year. We continue to grow and enjoy activities through the active participation of our membership. Let us know how you can be engaged. It continues to be a great way to make more friends.

Jack Barnaba - Nominating Chair

Branch 19 Leadership

Big Sir: Dave Requa

Little Sir: Jay Gordon

Secretary: Joe Gillis

Asst. Secretary: John Carl

Treasurer: Darryl Diamond

Asst. Treasurers: Barry Silberman, Ken Kuhn

Activities Chair: John Linster

Bocce Capo: Tom Lathrop (Director)

Golf Chairman: Jerry Burton (Director)

Sunshine Chair: Jay Gordon

Attendance Chair: Martin Fennell (Director), Jay Gordon

Speaker Committee: John Linster, Rich Peterson, Bill Ogden

Bowling: Gary Kaufmann, Mike Kropf

Chaplin: TBD

Day Trips: TBD

Nomination Committee: Jack Barnaba, Larry Kolano, Ken Kuhn

Newsletter Editor: Rich Balovich (Director)

Membership Chair: Ken Kuhn

DATE Chair: George Kapus (Director)

Publicity: George Kapus

Recruitment: TBD

RAMP Chairman: John Linster, Rich Peterson, Bill Ogden

Wine Tasting / Dining Out: Don Weimann

Webmaster: Mike Mills (Director)

SIR Picnic In The Park



Heads Up !!
The SIR Picnic in the Park is
tentatively scheduled for
Thurs, September 16
at Concord Community Park
(More Info Later)

Branch 19 Activities

Branch 19 Golf Information

The 18 Hole Golf Group



May 4	Paradise Valley	9:30am
May 11	Lone Tree	10:30am
May 18	Franklin Canyon	9:30am
May 25	Lone Tree	10:30am
May 27	The Reserve	9:30am

Jerry Burton, Golf Chairman ajgolf24@gmail.com

The Bocce Report



IMPORTANT NOTE
The upcoming Bocce Season will begin on June 9th. More information to follow.

Tom Lathrop- Bocce Chairman
lathrop689@aol.com

SIR Branch 19 Bowling News



Great to be back bowling, our league is ten full 4-man teams and we bowl one team per pair of lanes and everyone wears a mask.

There is a three way tie for first place, and we shall be bowling through till the end of July. Some good scores by all with our President of the league leading the pack Gary Kaufmann with a 233 average!

Hope everyone has had their vaccines as the CDC says we can all go outside if we are fully vaccinated without a mask now!

Until next month, have a Nice Day!

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

Area 16 Activities



The Area 16 Computer & Technology Group

Next Meeting Thursday, May 20th
<https://sirinc2.org/a16cat/>

The next Zoom SIR Area 16 Computer & Technology (CAT) Group meeting will be Thursday, May 20th starting at 9:30 AM. Our guest speaker will be Chuck Joyce from Branch 8. Chuck was an editor in San Francisco television. He started his career as a film editor at KRON (then, a NBC affiliate). He ended his career 43 years later as a digital video editor at KGO (owned by ABC and Disney).

Chuck will introduce you to a creative production tool called “Chroma Key”. Your tv weather man stands in front of a blue or green screen. Then, electronically, the technical crew can place ANYTHING behind him. Voila! Now you can set up a green screen in your home and use these images in your own productions.

To attend the Zoom meeting, individuals need to sign-up for the CAT’s mailing list by sending an email to SIRArea2CAT@gmail.com. A few days before the meeting, a Zoom web link that is needed to connect will be sent to members on the mailing list.

Neil Schmidt, Chairman

Area 16 Fishing Group



Regularly meets on the 4th Thursday of the month
Next Meeting: Thursday May27th, at 8:30am
Via Zoom



All SIR members and guests are welcome, and indeed encouraged, to participate in fishing trips as well as attend the monthly meetings. Contacts are Ron Lew 925-550-4166 and Carl Moyer 925-685-5243. Next meeting will be through ZOOM on Thursday, May 27th, at 8:30am.

Salmon by Monterrey has started with limited success, the trout are biting, and the halibut in the bay are beginning to feed. Salmon season out the gate may start June 16th, but there is still some discussion about that. Alan Blavins, Carl Moyer, Bob Hilacker, and Romano Gnusti fished San Pablo Reservoir for trout. Romano landed a nice 6 and a half pound brute. Phil Scomonelli has been catching halibut FROM THE SHORE, at Point Pinole pier. Stan Wong, Bob Stein, Carl Moyer, and Lee Clark took a party boat trip on the bay for halibut. . Lee caught one! Phil Scimonelli and wife caught stripers on another trip. Live bait is now available, and halibut fishing should be red hot very soon. Further upriver, Karl Droese, Stan Wong, Dick Thomson, Pete Gates, Gordon Linebaugh, Ken Fischer, Mark Bittner, Alan Grabenstein, and Brion Beetz had a successful day fishing the Delta for stripers on guided trips. Busy Brion got out to the Farallon Islands to nab some lings and rock fish. Yum! Tom Kostik upon the delta caught stripers, catfish and small sturgeon. Because our activity happens outdoors, we have been able to pursue our passion, observing all the COVID limitations. We have meetings and discussions via computer. *(Fishing photos below)*

Carl Moyer

Area 16 Investments / Wealth Management

The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group Next Meeting (May 26th)



Dave Sutton (davesutn@comcast.net) To: you + 13 more [Details](#)

For your May bulletins:

We will again join Branch 128's (San Ramon) Investment Group for their 4th Wed, May 26, Zoom meeting at 1:30 PM.

The topic will be announced. Zoom instructions will be sent out later to those on the email list. Contact Dave Sutton to be included.

Please submit any ideas you have for future meetings to: Michael Levine (michael.levine@sbcglobal.net) **regarding meeting topics you want covered in the future.**

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

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

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