

*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 (October 7th), 2021 – Oakhurst Country Club
If you can't attend, please call the hotline 925-338-1996

Big SIR Message



October is the month of many events that established the United States as we know it today. October 12, 1492, Christopher Columbus first made land fall in the “New World”: October 7, 1765, nine colonies convened in New York to protest the “British Stamp Act” the first direct tax by the British on the American colonies and the first public act in the battle for independence: October 13, 1775, the US Navy was created in response to the war needs; October 19, 1781, as a band played “The World Turned Upside Down”, 7,000 British troops surrendered to George Washington ending the revolutionary war: October 13, 1792, George Washington laid the corner stone of the “White House”: and (just for nostalgia) October 3, 1863, an Abraham Lincoln proclamation designated the last Thursday in November as “Thanksgiving”.

October was also the dawn for much of our modern-day lifestyle conveniences. October 21, 1879, Thomas Edison tested the first electric light bulb: October 24, 1861, the first transcontinental telegram was sent from San Francisco to Washington DC: October 21, 1915, the first transatlantic radio message was sent from Virginia to Paris: October 6, 1927, the first “talkie”, The Jazz Singer, opened in New York: and October 30, 1938, the “War of the Worlds” was broadcast panicking millions of Americans, maybe the beginning of the of the current “misinformation” age?

The annual Branch 19 SIR Picnic on September 16th was an immense success, thank you to all that worked and all who attended. The desserts wars fantastic as well as the food from Kinders. Our next event is lunch at Oakhurst on October 7th. Lunch will be outside, weather permitting. **Remember: if you plan to attend you need to call into the hotline at (925) 338-1996 by October 4th to reserve your seat at a table.** I hope to see you all there so we can begin to get back to some form of normalcy.

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

October Menu

Mixed Green Salad
Chicken Marsala- Light Red Wine Sauce and Sliced Mushrooms
Basa White Fish with Tarragon Beurre Blanc Sauce
Vegetarian - Chef's Choice
Carrot Cake

October Birthdays

Mel Boksenbaum	Doug Schuster
Tom Chatham	Keith Thompson
Dennis Ghiggeri	Dennis Wasco
Jack Jagoda	Herb Weimar
Charles Morones	James Wyllie
Richard Peterson	

Financial Statement Branch 19 Statistics

Treasurer Report August 31st, 2021

Account Balances	
Petty Cash	\$250.00
General Account	
Unencumbered	\$2,134.18
Excursion Fund	\$0.00
Holiday fund	\$0.00
Picnic Fund	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total General Account	\$2,134.18
Custodial Accounts	
Bowling	\$401.07
Golf	<u>\$2,208.49</u>
Total Custodial	\$2,609.56
Total Funds	\$4,993.74

Darryl Diamond (Branch 19 Treasurer)

New Sir Members

Welcome to Branch 19

No new members in September

October Anniversaries

First Name	Last Name	Joined Sir	YR SIR
Bill	Boyer	10/03/13	8
Thomas	Ruppert	10/01/15	6
Paul	Ferry	10/06/16	5
Keith	Thompson	10/06/17	4
Bill	Turman	10/05/17	4
Dave	Zamperini	10/05/17	4
William	Clark	10/04/18	3

Covid 19 Luncheon Requirements

- Prior to the luncheon, sign the waiver form previously emailed to the Sir membership and return it along with a copy of your **COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card** to Ken Kuhn at kakuhn01@gmail.com
- Or
- Sign a waiver form and present your vaccination card when you sign in for lunch. **Note, if you already signed a waiver form for another Branch activity, such as golf, you do not need to sign another one.**

Branch 19 Leadership

Big Sir: Dave Requa
Little Sir: Jay Gordon
Secretary: Joe Gillis
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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: TBD
Publicity: TBD
Recruitment: TBD
RAMP Chairman: John Linster, Rich Peterson, Bill Ogden
Wine Tasting / Dining Out: Don Weimann
Webmaster: Mike Mills (Director)

Interested in a Particular Activity?

SIR offers numerous local or overnight outings through the Regional Activity Coordinator that are available to our members. We post available outings as they are announced for your consideration. The benefit of an outing or traveling with SIR is that it provides you with a wonderful opportunity to learn about our Branch members or meet and become friends with SIR members from other branches.

Have an idea for a Day Trip for Branch 19 members? Please let Little SIR John Linster know about your idea so he can assist you in organizing the event.

Little SIR John Linster – RAMP Chairman
jlinster44@outlook.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.

Monthly Luncheon Requirements

You must call (925-338-1996) or email SIRBranch19@gmail.com by Sunday prior to the luncheon...

If you will not be attending the luncheon

- Meals are ordered for all Branch 19 members unless we are notified that you will not be attending.
- If you do not attend and have not notified us by the Sunday prior to the luncheon, you **will be charged** for the meal. This is necessary as Branch 19 does not have available funds to spend on uneaten meals.
- If you have told us you will not be attending but show up, **no meal** will be provided for you and a seat is not guaranteed.

To change your meal choice (Meat, Fish, Vegetarian)

- Meals are ordered based upon your preference that we have on record. **If you do not call / or email (see phone #, email above), then no changes will be made.**

If you are bringing a guest

- Meals and place settings are not guaranteed for guests

The Calendar

Computers & Technology – November 18th

\$ums in Retirement – Wednesday, October 27th

Area 2 Fishing Group – Thursday, October 28th

Golf- (See below)

Wine Tasting – TBD

Dine Around – October 21st

Branch 19 Activities

Branch 19 Golf Information

The 18 Hole Golf Group



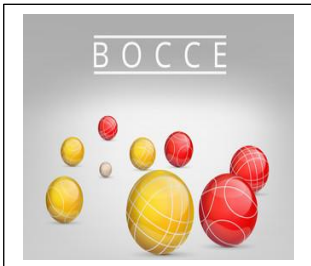
The first three weeks of October we will be playing our Club Championship (Best two out of three rounds). If you would like to participate all you need to do is give Tom Lathrop a check for \$25.00.

You are more than welcome to play and NOT participate also.

Oct. 5 th	Lone Tree	10:20am
Oct. 12 th	Lone Tree	10:20am
Oct. 19 th	Lone Tree	10:20am
Oct. 21 st	Hiddenbrooke	9:30am (Thursday)
Oct. 26 th	Blue Rock Springs	9:30am
Oct. 19 th	Lone Tree	10:20am

Jerry Burton, Golf Chairman ajgolf24@gmail.com

The Bocce Report



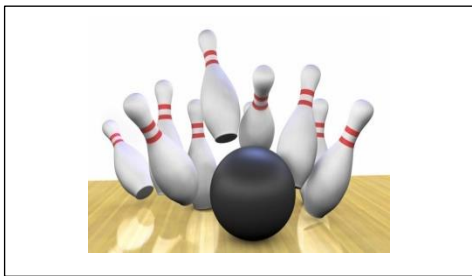
The Wednesday bocce ball league completed the regular season on September 25, 2021. It was a competitive season, with the Wednesday night team just missing the playoffs on the last night.

The Thursday bocce team, undaunted, lived up to their name this season. They had a great time, learned a lot about bocce, and a lot about each other. Starting with a few experienced players and a few rookies, they got better and better as the season progressed but were unable to make the playoffs. JM23 So as the bocce season comes to an end, the Undaunted look forward to great things in the future. Enjoy retirement and make friends for life. Bocce is a great way to do that.

If you are interested in playing next season let either Ken Kuhn (kakuhn01@gmail.com) or Tom Lathrop know (email below).

Tom Lathrop- Bocce Chairman
lathrop689@aol.com

SIR Branch 19 Bowling News



Hello Bowlers,

There is no new update at this time. We shall have more games in next month.

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

SIR Dine Around

SIRS Branch 19 Dine Around Thursday, October 21st, 2021



Rocco's Ristorante Pizzeria
[2909 Ygnacio Valley Rd](https://www.ygnaciovalleyrd.com)
Concord, CA 94520
(925) 947-6105

Overview

We try in Dine Around to eat at local (and sometime ethnic) restaurants. This month we will go to a restaurant, Rocco's, that Branch 19 went to about 10 years ago. Pizza is a specialty, but pasta, risotto, sandwiches, and large salads are available, and other Italian choices..

When: Thursday, October 21st Happy Hour 5:30-6:00 Dinner 6:00 pm

Website: For a background of this restaurant, see roccospizzeria.com

Full Menu: [yelp.com/menu/roccos-ristorante-pizzeria-walnut-creek-2](https://www.yelp.com/menu/roccos-ristorante-pizzeria-walnut-creek-2)

Directions: [Rocco's is located along Ygnacio Valley Road near Oak Grove Road in the shopping center housing Whole Foods and across from the large Safeway store.](#)



Contact for Sign-Up:

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

Area 16 Activities



The Area 16 Computer & Technology Group

Next Meeting: November 18th
<https://sirinc2.org/a16cat/>

There will not be a SIR Area 16 Computer & Technology (CAT) Group Zoom meeting in October. The next CAT meeting will be on Thursday, November 18th.

The November presentation by Alan Baker will be "Two-Factor Authentication: Beyond Text Messages."

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, October 28th at 8:30am



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 at the Legends restaurant at the Diablo Creek golf course on Port Chicago Highway and Highway 4 on Thursday, October 28th at 8:30am.

Drought has stopped all our inland fishing because the lakes and streams are so low, but luckily we have an ocean nearby and it has saved the day. Rich Fiscina caught a huge 35 pound salmon on his boat. Harry Sherinian caught a nice one on Ron Lew's boat, and a few of us caught the red meat on Party Boats. Rock fishing has been terrific. Brion Beetz chartered the Sea Wolf boat for 19 of us, and we loaded it with rock cod and ling cod. Stan Wong, Pedro Contreras, Steve Paulick, and Ben LaSala got on a long range boat from San Diego and caught yellowfin tuna over 100 lbs, and smaller yellowtail. Tom Kostik went up north to the Klamath river where he fished for salmon, catching 3. He also got some black bass from the delta, but said it was slow.

Carl Moyer

Area 16 Investments / Wealth Management

The Area 2 \$ums Investment Group
Next Meeting (October 27th)



We will again join Branch 128's (San Ramon) Investment Group for their 4th Wed, October 27, Zoom meeting at 1:30 PM.

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

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

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

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 this 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

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