

*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 - Thursday, September 5th
The Elks Lodge - 200 Marina Blvd, Pittsburg

Big Sir Message



Roger Moseley

As you will recall from my July 15th message, State SIR has proposed several significant changes to our organization to address declining membership. The proposed changes included changing our name and logo, converting to a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, and allowing women as members.

The proposed changes have drawn a wide and deeply felt reaction throughout the SIR branches. Many voices have been raised opposing the changes, while others have spoken in support of them. Many of you have let me know your thoughts and like the comments we've heard from other branches, yours fall both in the pro and con category.

The State Board reaction has been to call a timeout to further assess not only the proposed changes, but others that may be beneficial to SIR. The August Annual meeting has been postponed to September 27th, and other than voting on those nominated for office in 2025, no other votes will be taken.

Instead, an effort will be made to gather more input, especially from the Branches, via a newly formed Advisory Committee of Branch Big SIRS and State Leadership to identify other opportunities to reverse the downward membership trend and to further evaluate the current proposed changes, with the goal of voting on all at the 2025 Annual meeting next August.

To better reach new members, State SIR will begin marketing statewide, beginning with an advertisement in the NCGA magazine, finding better ways to use the Internet to market SIR, and utilizing social media to attract new members.

In a further effort to improve communication between State SIR and the branches, all Big and Little SIRS have been invited to attend the Annual Meeting on September 27th.

We will continue to keep you abreast of developments as they occur and will seek your input to any proposed changes.

Finally, due primarily to health issues, our current President, Dale Decker, is stepping down and Rich Carlston, Branch 8 Big SIR, has been named President to finish Dale's term. Rich has been nominated to be President for 2025 as well.

Roger Moseley (Big Sir)

Lunch Menu

HOMESTYLE

- Garden Salad + 2 Dressings
- Meatloaf + Gravy
- Fried Chicken + Gravy
- Mashed Potatoes + Veggie
- French Bread + Butter
- Dessert



September Birthdays



Duane	Deonigi	John	Martin Jo
Peter	Dunn	Barry	Silberman
Keith	Groves	Scott	Wood
Steve	Hanson		

New Sir Members (August)



Jim Reilly

September Anniversaries

First Name	Last Name	Joined Sir	YR SIR
Duane	Deonigi	09/06/01	23
Nelson	Luke	09/01/05	19
Robert	Hillaker	09/07/17	7
Timothy	Patterson	09/07/17	7
Gary	King	09/15/19	5
Robert	Nagata	09/05/19	5
Walter	Rogers	09/05/19	5
Don	Ruddell	09/01/22	2
Craig	Chin	09/07/23	1

Financial Statement

Treasurer Report

July 31st, 2024

Account Balances

Petty Cash	\$250.00
General Account	
Unencumbered	\$8,894.36
Excursion Fund	00.00
Holiday fund	00.00
Picnic Fund	-1,005.23
Total General Acct.	\$7,889.13
Custodial Account	
Bowling	\$596.59
Golf	<u>\$2,130.53</u>
Total Custodial	\$2,727.12
Total Funds	\$10,866.25

Sir Dennis Barbieri

SIR Calendar

- Sir Luncheon** – Thursday, September 5th
- Hiking** – No hike scheduled for September
- \$ums in Retirement** – Wednesday, September 25th
- Area 2 Fishing Group** – Wednesday, September 25th
- Golf, Bocce, Bowling** – (See below)
- Wine Tasting** – Friday, August 30th
- Dine Around** – Thursday, September 26th
- SIR Picnic** – Thursday, September 19th

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) 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

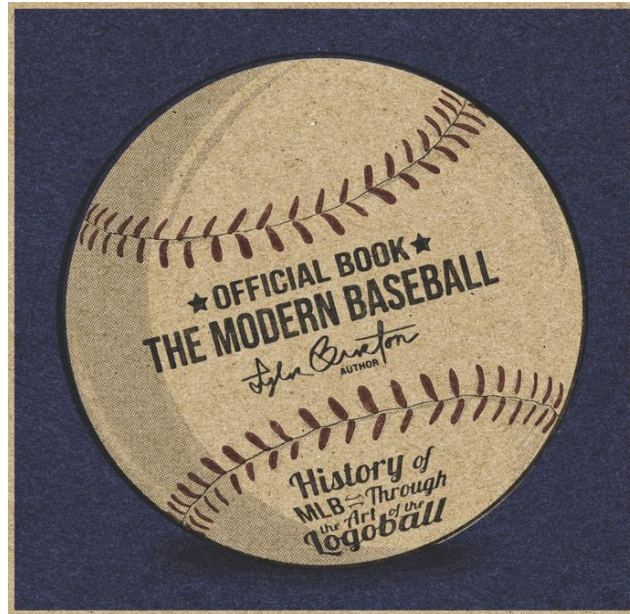
If bringing a guest, please follow the Guest Requirements specified in the monthly SIR luncheon email notification which is sent to all SIR Branch 19 members.



September Speaker – Tyler Burton



Tyler Burton



Our September Speaker is Tyler Burton. If the last name looks familiar it is. He is the grandson of Sir Jerry Burton who is our Branch 19 Golf Chairman.

Tyler Burton has the following accomplishments under his belt:

- Author of “The Modern Baseball”; a history of MLB told through art.
- Owner of one of the largest privately owned commemorative baseball collections

Tyler’s presentation will be about how he found his group of friends in the Right Field Bleachers. He then began collecting baseballs which led to designing a banner in right field and designing a book.

The book “The Modern Baseball” is the culmination of years of Tyler’s research and dedication in finding every logoball ever produced for an MLB event and more. “I was a fan of baseball since birth, as my family were avid A’s fans. In 2013, I began sitting in the Oakland Right Field Bleachers, just one year before I began collecting logoballs. With a newfound group of misfits and an eye for the art of logoballs, my love for the game grew. With years of knowledge and a young son I eventually want to share my collection with, I eternalized my database of facts and balls into this book.



Picnic Site #1- Concord Community Park

Join Us for SIR Branch 19 Annual Picnic (Members & Guests)

Thursday, September 19th – Activities start at 11:00

Provided:

Lunch at noon by Kinders BBQ

- Fruit Salad
- Potato Salad
- Marinated Ball Tip
- Chicken
- Sausage
- Baked Beans
- Rolls & Butter

Plates, silverware & napkins
 Bottled water
 To-Go containers for leftovers
 Picnic tables with tablecloths

Activities:

- ❖ Arrive early & sit in the shade to visit with Friends.
- ❖ Enter the single elimination “Ladder Ball” tournament Starting at 11:00 and running through lunch until completed. The winning pair will win dinner for 2 at a local restaurant.
- ❖ **It is preferable to sign up when you arrive at the picnic with your spouse**, or look for a partner at the picnic and then sign up.
- ❖ Lunch will be served at about 12:30
- ❖ After lunch, the “Raffle Drawing” will be held for the prizes. One ticket will be given to the provider for each prize provided.
- ❖ Stay as long as you wish. The park is reserved from sunrise until sunset.

Please Bring:

- Desert to share
- Beer, wine or cold drinks
- A prize or two for “Raffle Drawing”
- Folding chairs or spread to sit in shade

Price \$25 per person

Sir Branch 19 Annual Picnic - Thursday September 19th - at Concord Community Park

Name _____ Badge # _____ Spouse/Guest Name _____

Entering “Ladder Ball” Tournament?

Team Members: name 1: _____ name 2: _____

\$25 Per Person for Catered Buffet Picnic Lunch - **Amount Enclosed \$** _____

(Make Checks Payable to: **Sir Branch 19**)

Bring check to August luncheon, or **mail check by August 20th** to:
Dennis Barbieri - 502 Hamburg Circle - Clayton, Ca, 94517

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 ickmaufe@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, 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 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.

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@pacbell.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 or call him at 925-937-2035. Games are usually scheduled for 1-4 pm on the 4th 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

COMEDY CORNER



Branch 19 Activities

Hiking Group – Alhambra Creek



SIR Don Ruddell



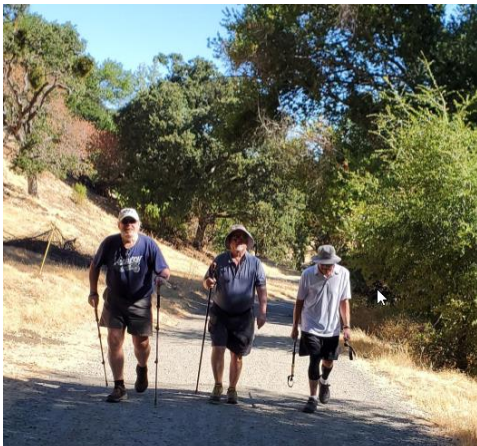
Five of us Sir's enjoyed a 3.3 mile out-and-back hike along Alhambra Creek in Martinez at Briones Regional Park on Wednesday, August 21st. Perhaps a little more uphill than expected with a 280 ft. elevation gain/loss but I didn't hear anyone complaining. It was a beautiful day and we got out half an hour earlier than usual so the temps were not extreme.

Besides myself, those on the hike included Martin Fennell, Lee Boner, Rich Peterson and new to the hiking group (and Branch 19), John Masschelin. Nice to have you along, John! After the hike, we all enjoyed lunch at Mona's Burgers in Pleasant Hill..... Good times!!!

Save-the-Date: Wednesday, October 16, 9:30am, Location TBA

NOTE: Hiking Coordinator Don Ruddell will be out of the country most of the month of September so we will resume our hikes in October. No hike scheduled for September this year.

Sir Don Ruddell druddeldds@gmail.com (925) 787-7585



SIR Branch 19 Wine Tasting Group Meeting

Theme:

Red Wines from Argentina

**Friday, August 30th, 2024
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:

*Lee and Lisa Boner's House
4435 Willowood Court, Concord*



To attend - contact Lee and Lisa Boner:

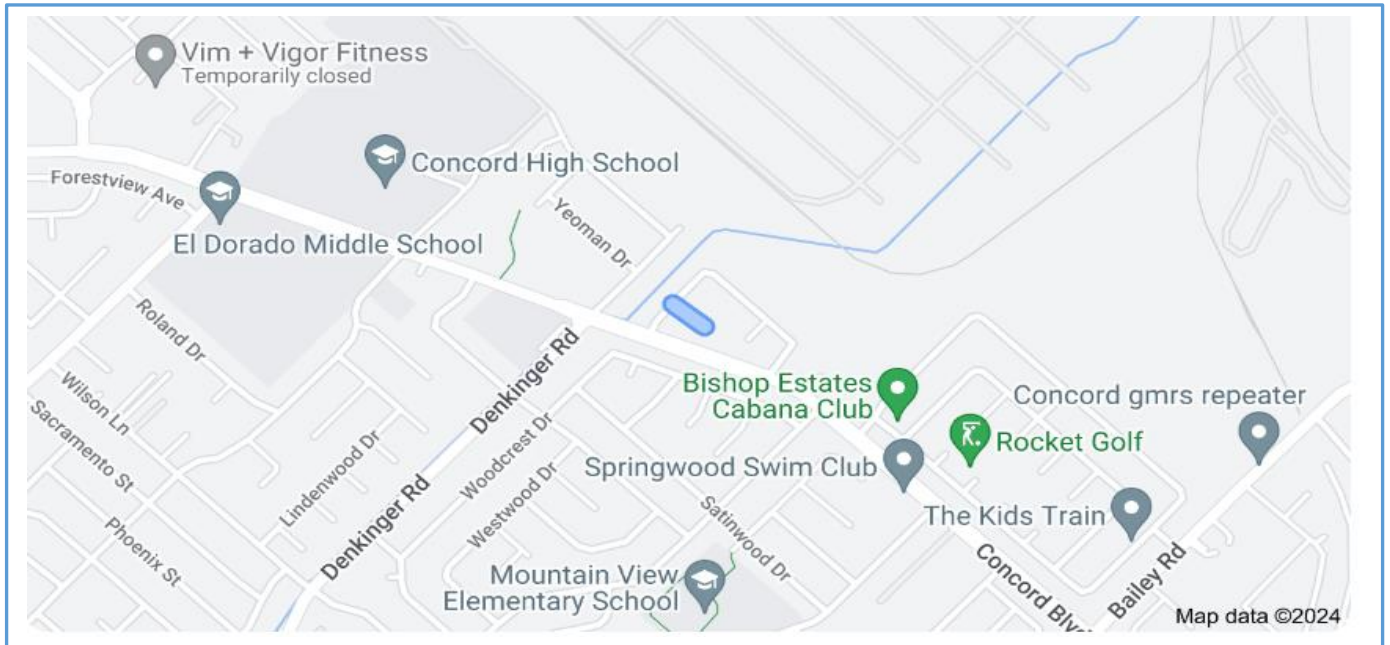
<mailto:coffeeguy1953@yahoo.com>

(925) 440-4332



Directions:

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



SIR Branch 19 Dine Around - Coordinators



SIR Branch 19 Dine Around Coordinators 2024/2025



We are looking for people to be Dining Out Coordinators. If you would be interested in volunteering for any of the Dining Out Dates in **RED** below, please contact Roger Moseley: 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 Three weeks prior to the dinner, notify Rich Balovich at r.balovich@aol.com regarding the chosen restaurant and date. Rich will then create the Dining Out Flyer with the coordinator's email address and phone number and send it to the SIR Branch 19 membership. (**The deadline for Sirs to respond will be 1 week prior to the event**). 4) The coordinator will then make the reservation based on the number of responses they receive.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Coordinator</u>
May 16, 2024	Roger & Nancy Moseley
June 18, 2024	Rich & Carmen Balovich
July 16, 2024	Neal & Debbie Powell
August 22, 2024	Martin & Lori Fennell
September 26, 2024	Jerry and Audrey Burton
October 24, 2024	Jack & Michelle Barnaba
January 16, 2025	Barry & Bobbi Silberman
February 20, 2025	Chuck & Karen Morones
March 20, 2025	_____
April 17, 2025	_____

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

- Fiore' Restaurant** - 5100 Clayton Rd, Concord / (925) 969-1887
- Spicy Joi Banh Mi X Lao Street Food** - 1687 Willow Pass Rd, Concord / (925) 787-7508
- The Old Spaghetti Factory** - 1955 Mount Diablo Street, Concord / (925) 672-7711
- Nepalese and Indian Restaurant** - 2118 Willow Pass Rd, Concord / (925) 825-3277
- La Veranda Café** - Center St., Clayton / (925) 524-0011
- Sichuan House** - Countrywood Shop Ctr, 2064 Treat Blvd, Walnut Creek / (925) 933-3278
- DVino's Pizza & Pasta** - 2221 Morello Avenue, Pleasant Hill / (925) 689-6666
- Aung Burma** - 2051 Salvio Street, Concord / (925) 332-7957
- La Veranda** - 6201 Center St, Clayton / (925) 524-0011
- Lazy Dog Restaurant & Bar** - 1961 Diamond Blvd, Concord / (925) 849-1221
- Lima Peruvian Restaurant** - 2151 Salvio St suite I / (925) 309-7774
- Jack's Restaurant** - 60 Crescent Dr Suite A, Pleasant Hill / (925) 849-6195

SIR Branch 19 Dine Around – Thurs, Sept 26th – 4:30pm

Guadalajara Grill



Orders Required by 5:00pm

Great Mexican Cuisine

Location: 5446 Ygnacio Valley Rd

When: **Thursday, Sept 26th (Happy Hour 4:30-5:00 pm - Dinner 5:00 pm)**

Website and Menu: [Guadalajara Grill \(hotplatehotplate.com\)](http://hotplatehotplate.com) (925) 672-4430

**Order from the menu - Each couple will receive a separate check
(NOTE: An automatic 20% tip will be included)**



**To register, please contact: Jerry and Audrey Burton
<mailto:ajgolf24@gmail.com> or call (925) 827-1909**
Please provide number of people attending & (Please RSVP by Friday, Sept 20th)
Please ask for the (Sirs Dinner Party) at the restaurant

Dine Around (Follow Up) –

On Thursday, July 22nd Martin & Lori Fennell hosted Dining Out at La Veranda Restaurant in Clayton. It was a big crowd and everyone had a great time. Below are some pics taken by Deb Powell.



Sir Rich Balovich

SIR Travel Opportunities

SIR Branch 146 (Walnut Creek/Contra Costa Branch) is collaborating to offer SIR Travel opportunities to other SIR branches. So, we will be following up with Branch 19 members to determine interest in this activity. Be on the lookout in the near future for more information regarding this great opportunity.

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*

Activities Chair

RAMP Members: *These roles work with little Sir to help grow our branch*

Dining Out Coordinators: *This is a role which coordinates one monthly dining out activity*

Branch 19 Golf Information



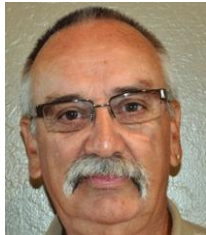
Nine Hole Golf Group

(Buchanan Golf Course)

For Information contact *Martin Fennell*

925-212-9243

Martinfennell54@gmail.com



Sir Jerry Burton
(Golf Chair)

ajgolf24@gmail.com

Cell: (925) 682-9797

Home: (925) 827-1909

18 Hole Golf Schedule

We have a 9:30 first T-time for all courses

Sept 3 Hiddenbrooke

Sept 10 Swenson Park

Sept 12 Cypress Lakes (Thursday)

Sept 17 Lone Tree

Sept 24 Paradise Valley



The Bocce Report



Bocce information will be provided later in the season.

lathrop689@aol.com

SIR Branch 19 Bowling News



Clayton Valley Wednesday Senior League for the 2024-2025 Season starts on, September 4, 2024.

We will hold our meeting before we bowl and we start bowling at 10am.

SIR Mike Kropf mdkropf@astound.net

Gary Kaufmann gkaufmann813@gmail.com

Activities at Other SIR Branches

Area16 - SIR Branch 128 - Investments / Wealth Management

\$ums Investment Group
Next Meeting (Date: Sept 25th)



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

Chair - Tom Henry - Branch 174 - tomhenry925@gmail.com
 Co-chair Dave Sutton - Branch 8 - davesutn@comcast.net

Area 2 - Fishing Group



The Legends
Diablo Creek Golf Course
4050 Port Chicago Highway in Concord
Next Meeting Date: Thurs, Sept 26th



SIR members and guests are welcome, and indeed encouraged, to participate in fishing trips as well as attend the monthly meetings. Contacts are Phil Scimonelli 661-917-8060 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, September 26th at 8:30am. Come early.

Salmon season in California remains closed, so we target halibut, striped bass, rockfish, and lingcod. Brion Beetz and Tom Chapman went all the way to Alaska for halibut, ling cod and rock fish. Many, many of us stayed home and fished for the same group in the bay and ocean. Rich Fiscina went to Florida for snapper and grouper. Ben LaSala and Steve Paulick caught trout in lake Berryessa. Mike Corker and Tom Kostik caught black bass in the delta. Phil Scimonelli watched his wife outfish him at the Antioch Pier catching stripers. Bob Lively went to Alaska and actually caught some salmon.



Brion Beetz & Tom Chapman went to Alaska for these halibut, ling cod, and rock fish.

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

State Sir Happenings

Below is a link to "The Happenings" which is produced by the State SIR organization. It contains information from State SIR and contains many of the SIR Newsletters from SIR Branches throughout California. If you have an interest in knowing what's going on with State SIR or other SIR branches, please click on the link below.

[Click here to download your personal copy of Happenings](#)

PLEASE Donate to the Concord Food 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!!!!

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/>



Branch 19 Leadership

Big Sir: Roger Moseley

Little Sir: Jim Cala

Secretary: Mel Boksenbaum

Asst. Secretary: TBD

Treasurer: Dennis Barbieri

Asst. Treasurer: Joe Gillis

Membership Chair: Bill Hockenson

Assist. Membership Chair: Miles Nikaido

Webmaster: Larry Long

Golf Chair: Jerry Burton

Exec Nomination Committee

(Chair): Jerry Burton

Audit Committee Chair: Bill Clark

Bowling: Gary Kaufmann, Mike Kropf

Publicity & Image Chair: Dennis Wasco

Bocce Capo: Tom Lathrop

Attendance Chair: Martin Fennell

Speaker Committee: Jim Cala

Chaplin: John Carl

Bulletin Editor: Rich Balovich (Director)

Webmaster: Larry Long

Activities Chair: Vacant