

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