



SIERRA HILLS

Branch 79 Newsletter



HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS: PBS Don Dill, PBS Ken Hansen, & PBS James Musci

Big SIR Report - Tom Stone

No report this month.

Little SIR Report - David Blitstien

Editor: David's report is a combined Big SIR/Little SIR report this month.

Gentleman of Branch 79, do we have something going or what? This is teamwork, we are at plus 10 members for the year, keep up the good work in recruiting. The word coming from the State is RAMP which is an acronym for; Recruitment; which is what we are doing, we are in the top percent of all the Branches, Activities; which we are, we have 7+ clubs to join and get out and have some fun, Member Relations; making sure new and old members know about what activities are available and then find their interest to guide them and Publicity; share the knowledge of how great our Branch 79 really is and spreading the word.

We would like to also submit a name to replace Area Governor Craig Saunders. This is a very important position and we've been very fortunate to have Sir Craig Saunders, the new Governor will only serve 1 year which is new for this year. Anyone interested in this position please let contact Craig or Little Sir David.

As in every time this year, you the membership will be voting on the 2016 Branch Executive Committee, they are David Blitstein-Big Sir, Jack Meylink-Little Sir, Ron Markham-Secretary, Terry Doan-Treasurer. Hope you're all there to vote.

In the passing of HLM Kenny (The Padre) Newman, our branch is entitled to have another Honorary Life Member and that will be announced at our luncheon.

We also want to thank Rem Scherzinger for coming to discuss and answer what the NID water district is doing and how they plan on making sure we have enough water in our area and secure it for years to come.

Van Howd Studio Tour - Stan Bishop

Thanks to all who came for the Van Howd Studio tour on July 26. All who attended enjoyed the time at the studio. I had no idea how the lost wax castings of the sculptures were made and the labor intensive processes that are involved in making such amazing pieces of art. We also got a more thorough history and background of Doug Van Howd and the painstaking research process he goes through even before the art is created. From filming the wildlife in its natural habitat so the behavior subtleties and little nuances of life can be presented in a masterful sculpture or painting, to such things as getting to know the person and family of his human subjects to better present the true essence of the person, showed what an amazing process an artist goes through to get it right. The tour was very educational and to have an artist of this caliber right here in our own back yard is truly a hidden gem that makes Auburn such a wonderful place to live.



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**NEXT LUNCHEON
Thursday, August 20, 2015
Fellowship - 11:00 a.m.
Call To Order - 12:00 p.m.
Menu: *Chef's Choice***

PROGRAM

Lt. Col. Jim Barrilleaux is 1 out of 1000 people in the world that has been a U-2 pilot. He was the assistant chief pilot for ER-2s in the Flight Crew Branch of NASA's Dryden Flight Research Center, Edwards, CA. The ER-2s-civilian variants of the military U-2S reconnaissance aircraft-are part of NASA. Barrilleaux joined NASA in 1986 as a U-2/ER-2 pilot with NASA's Airborne Science program at Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, CA. He flew both the U-2C (until 1989) and the ER-2 on a wide variety of missions both domestic and international. Barrilleaux served for 20 years in the U.S. Air Force before he joined NASA. He retired from the Air Force as a lieutenant colonel in 1986. On active duty, he flew the U-2, F-4 Phantom, the T-38, T-37, and the T-33. His decorations included two Distinguished Flying Crosses, 12 Air Medals, two Meritorious Service Medals, and other Air Force and Vietnam awards. He has accumulated more than 5,800 hours of flying time over a period of 33 years and was the oldest active U-2/ER-2 pilot.



Jim Barrilleaux



happy birthday!

AUGUST

Dennis Beverage	Bill McPeak
Stan Bishop	Jim Musci
Dave Blitstein	Paul Rosenthal
Norm Check	Kent Stafford
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SIR INFORMATION

Executive Committee Meeting

First Thursday of each month
7:45 a.m. at Denny's, Auburn Ravine Road (I-80/Foresthill Exit)

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Golf Report - Phil Bolander, Chairman

Well, hello again to all Sir golfers. Here we are in August already and what a busy month this will be.

August 7th will be gone by the time this comes out but I'm sure that the 9 & Dine at Black Oak was a huge success with awards to all even if it was lunch by Norm. On Aug 10th 2 teams will venture to Poppy Ridge in Livermore for the state team championship. The teams are: Lou Alvarez, Mac Jenness, Jim McCrary, and Bob Bells. Also: Terry Doan, Joe Argo, Phil Bolander and Tom Parks. Way to go 79er group. Then on Aug 17th the state individual qualifying event will be at Canyon Oaks in Chico with 14 of us going. The winners of their flights will go to Poppy Hills in Monterey.

And now the big one of the year. It's like the masters but not as rewarding except for out of town circle of players. August 24th at Diamond Oaks in Roseville will be our club championship with Net & Gross trophies awarded. \$45.00 is the cost with 9 am start time. Let's get signed up early for this so we can notify the course of how many will participate. Call Phil Bolander, 530 745 9874 or Ken Hansen, 916 622 2757 or see us on FRIday morning. at Black Oak

On a sad note we have learned that the city of Rocklin has closed Rocklin Golf club to build homes. I personally liked the course as well as most others. We now have another course as of this writing. It will be at Auburn Valley on Sept 21 with 8 am shotgun start. The cost will be \$38.00 including cart & range balls. At least it's local for those who like to sleep in. A big thank you to Ken Hansen.

And now for the quote of the day: The reason the pro tells you to keep your head down is so you don't see him laughing.

Happy hunting for those little white orbs.

79er Wine Trail - Bob Lemmon, Wine Steward

August will yet again bring a unique wine experience to our SIRs wine group. We will be out in the vineyard of Smith's Winery, on the lawn, under big shade trees sampling their award winning wines. As rumor has it, we will also be munching on Hors D'oeuvres. Since we are in the Winery area itself we will also have an opportunity to do some barrel tasting. This is a special arrangement just for SIRs, therefore they will be charging \$5.00 per person to cover their extra preparations, for we will have the whole area to ourselves. Sounds reasonable. This fee will not be recovered with purchase of wines.

The date is Wednesday August 19th from 1 to 3 pm. at Smiths Winery Located at 13577 Dog Bar Road, Grass Valley 95845, Owner Christina & Gary 273 7032 (phone not at winery). Dog Bar Rd parallels Hwy 49 (to the east) a good road to take over would be Alta Sierra Dr (at lights). It dead ends onto Dog Bar Rd. Turn left. If all else fails call Bob Lemmon 530 320 4842



September will allow SIRs Wine Group to do sampling of Beer in Cool Ca. "CoolBeerwerks, Brewery & Taphouse" 5020 Elinghouse Dr, Cool Ca 95614

Beer Sampling will be Thursday September 10th from 1 to 3 pm. Sign up at our SIR luncheon on Thursday August 20th.

See you there.



ACTIVITIES

Bicycling: Ken Hansen (916) 663-4716

Bocce Ball: Pete Thompson (530) 823-7383, Don Sherman (916) 663-2958, Jack Meylink (530) 878-1219, George Frueler 530.885.4452 & Len Jeffrey 530.367.2059

Bowling: Tom McEntee (530) 889-0605 - Fridays 12:00 pm at the Rocklin Bowl

Dining Out: David Blitstien (530) 274-2100

Fishing: Dave DeRosa (916) 652-9562 or Tom Beale (530) 878-0301

Golf: Phil Bolander (530) 745-9874

79er Wine Trail: Bob Lemmon (530) 477-8507

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Classic Cars: Gary Beckes (916) 789-0347



Dining Out - David Blitstien

This month's Dine Out will be on the 26th, we'll be returning to Strings Italian Café, 2501 Bell Rd. Auburn, 5:30p social, 6p dinner. We can order off the menu and have separate checks. Sign ups will be at our next Luncheon. Hope to see you there. Cheers!

Bocce Ball - Pete Thompson, Don Sherman, & Jack Meylink, co chairs

Thought you all might enjoy seeing these pictures that were taken when our Branch 79 Bocce Team of four played a team that Paul Petruzzelli put together at the Sun City facility in Elk Grove. They have 2 Bocce Courts there that are right across the street where Paul and Alice live. We had a great time, played three games, and had a very nice luncheon at the Sun City Club House. Enjoy the pictures, and take note that THEY have Bocce Shirts also!

I hope this helps you to get excited about Bocce and interested in playing some of our other branches right here in our Region 9. To date, we have played two of these SIR STATE BOCCCE QUALIFYING GAMES and have earned 17 qualifying points. Our next game will be played up in Penn Valley August the 5th with SIR Branch 37.

Last week, July 30th, the ARD Board of Directors AWARDED the lowest Bidder, PJR Corp. from Rancho Cordova, the contract to build these 4 Bocce Courts at their 123 Recreation Drive address here in Auburn at the Bid price of over \$94, thousand dollars. The estimated date for the completion of basic concrete structure with the 3mm Synthetic Turf court surface and required details of the courts should be sometime around October 2015. ARD will be doing most of the finishing details for shade structures, benches, scoreboards, etc. once the contractor has completed the Contract.

By the way, there is a group in our Area 33 that is forming a New SIR Branch 55; this will make the 6th branch in Area 33. Watch for their indoctrination coming soon.



Fishing Group



David DeRosa & Tom Beale
Co Lead Hooks

Hello Fisher Folks: Well here we are in the middle of summer with some very warm weather already behind us and more on the way. Local lakes have been very busy with pleasure boating, as Folsom Lake has a 5 mph speed limit and pleasure boaters are having to use the local lakes alternatively. If you go out to fish, you need to plan to be off the water before the boat traffic picks up.

There has not been much word of catching fish around the area. Salmon catching has been pretty slow as well. We will look toward some cooler weather in the fall for some better reports. At our last meeting we had a DVD review of past trips as well as our last fish fry when the ladies joined in on the fun. Thanks to all of you that provided the pictures.

Fishing group meets the second Thursday of each month at Denny's on Auburn Ravine Rd., just off I-80.

Tight Lines to All!

Friday Golf

Bill Heale

OK, This is our **JULY GOLF REPORT**, ready or not, here comes **7/3/15** - C.T.P. # 4 - **Don Dill** 8'6" \$6.00 --- C.T.P. #7 - **Don Ainsworth** 11'4" \$6.00 + + + + **7/10/15** - C.T.P.#1 any shot F.O.G. **Lane Tribe** 11" \$5.00 --- C.T.P. #3 - any shot F.O.G. **Ed Smith** 3" \$ 5.00 --- C.T.P. #4 any shot F.O.G. **Bob Jensen** 1' 9" \$5.00 --- Most putts --- TIE, **Bob Huntington & Mac McDevitt** \$5,00 EACH --- Fewest putts, **Reg Murray** 12 \$5.00 + + + **7/17/15** - C.T.P. any shot f.o.g. #3 **Terry Doan** 3' 2" \$5.00 --- C.T.P. #4 **Bob Jensen** 6' 2" \$5.00 --- C.T.P. #6 5th shot f.o.g. - **Ed Smith** 4' 4" \$5.00 - + -- **7/24/15** -- - C.T.P. #2 3rd shot f.o.g. **Ken Hanson** 3' 3" \$6.00 -- C.T.P. #4 **Larry Seeman** 10' 5" \$6.00 - - C.T.P. #6 5th shot f.o.g. **Bob Jensen** 3' 3" \$6.00 - = + + + + = **7/31/15** --- C.T.P. #3 5th shot f.o.g. TIE, **Norm Bennett, & Jim McCrary** both **CHIPED IN**, \$6.00 Each --- C.T.P. #4 **Ed Smith** 8" \$6.00 --- C.T.P. #6 5th shot F.O.G. **Dennis Beverage** 3' 4" --- C.T.P. # 7 2nd shot f.o.g. **Larry Seeman** 3' 9" \$6.00 **Happy to see some new winners and of course the old ones too, Have fun guys.**

Membership - Craig Saunders

As we move into the latter part of our Summer we do so with great excitement from our last 6 months of recruiting new members. Twenty-Five (25) since February!! As I said at the last luncheon, you all are commended and should be PROUD of your accomplishments. We, as a Branch of SIR are in the top percentile of growth of all 134 branches in the State. YOU, have created this by your desire to excel...Now that we are here we must not forget our goal of 12 NET+ for the end of year. Today it 10 NET+! Please continue your recruiting and lets be the Best in State SIR.



Paul Rosenthal and his wife Joan reside in Auburn. He retired as a jeweler in 2003. He enjoys computers, digital photo's, dining outs, football day, golf, hiking, investments, pickle ball, pool, travel and veterans events. Sponsored by Bob Lemon.



Keith Wiggins and his wife Linda reside in Pilot Hill. He retired as chief of plant operations for Cal-Fire in 2014. Keith enjoys baseball day, biking, brewing, fishing, hikes, horseshoes, recreational vehicles, woodworking, archery, kayaking and guitar. His sponsor is Ron Deberard.



Robert "Bob" Barbeiro and his wife Ramona reside in Auburn. He retired in 2010 from the Auburn Journal as a Manager. Rob enjoys Bocce and Wine tasting which we all know is synonymous to Bocce and other Bowling sports. His Sponsor is Herb Grounds.



Vincent "Vince" DeWitt and his wife Sharon reside in Auburn, CA. He retired as a salesman with Hines Horticultural, Inc. in 2007. He enjoys Bocce, a variety of card games such as Basic Bridge, Gin Rummy, Pinochle and Dinner Dances, Gardening, Investments and Travel. His Sponsor is Pete Thompson.



Attendance Report - Bill Heale, Attendance Chairman

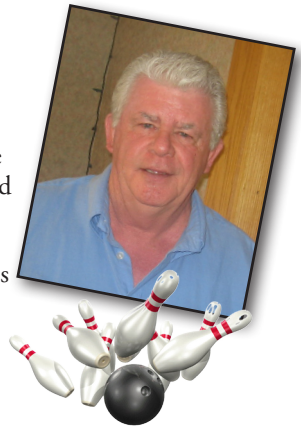
WOW ! Another winner in the food department, and a very enlightened speaker from N.I.D. Thank You. We had a pretty good turn out for a travel month. Roster member count stands at **192**, with **4** Inactive, **1** Visitor, and **2** Guests. Members present **116**, Members excused **43**, Members unexcused **33**, #51 Russ Anderson, #170 Allen Akins, #154 Bert Baumbach, #187 Jim Broderick, #77 Bob Bugay, #93 Steve Coffman, #130 John Fuez, #160 Grant Finch, #146 Chuck Fisher, #17 Robert Flack, #107 Steve Haverberg, #193 Ed Hoekstra, #116 Butch Holzworth, #74 Ivan Ichtters, #174 Dave Irwin, #35 Ray Mahlberg, #69 Bob Neimeyer, #66 Stan Pettit, #8 Allen Pierce, #127 Dave Provan, #13 Jim Robertson, #101 Frank Schmidig, #14 Don Sherman, #64 Dwayne Starling, #125 Tom Stella, #124 Jim Still, #159 Mike Stotts, #184 Larry Swafford, #139 E. T. call home !, #24 Paul Tombaugh, #68 Bill Watson. **1 badge short #12 Harry Mayo**. Hope to see you all come August.

Treasurer's Report - Terry Doan, Treasurer

July began with a balance of \$3572.17 and ended with \$3372.20. **The money you put in the tube on your table at the luncheon helps cover our branches expenses. A minimum contribution of \$3.00 per person is suggested.**

Bowling - Tom McEntee, Bowling Chairman

Paradise Ridge SIRs 20thT Annual Bowling Tournament June 16 & 17 2015 presented by branches 52, 135 and 82. Sir Harvey Eisley led our small group of bowlers at the Paradise Ridge SIRs 21ST Annual Bowling Tournament finishing second in A division all events, fourth in singles and fifth with doubles partner SIR Kenneth Launius in the doubles event. SIR Tom McEntee finished eighth in all events and third with his doubles partner Michele McEntee in the doubles event.



<u>SINGLES EVENT</u>	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Series
Harvey Eisley	197	186	243	626
Ken Launius	190	170	141	501
Michele McEntee	133	151	141	425
Tom McEntee	174	158	158	490

<u>DOUBLES EVENT</u>	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Doubles Total
Harvey Eisley	203	192	197	1142
Ken Launius	148	205	197	
Michele McEntee	169	185	159	1067
Tom McEntee	174	222	158	

<u>ALLEVENTS</u>	Singles	Doubles	Scratch	Handicap
Harvey Eisley	626	592	1218	1417
Ken Launius	501	550	1051	1247
Michele McEntee	425	513	938	1322
Tom McEntee	490	554	1044	1422

Branch 79 fielded three bowlers for the July 27th 2015 Round-Robin event at Tall Pines Bowl in Paradise.

	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Series
Ken Launius	159	213	164	536
Tom McEntee	141	164	160	465
Roy Guy	156	141	164	461

Our bowling group currently bowls at Rocklin Bowl on Fridays at 12:30 PM. This is a non-USBC sanctioned event and is open to all seniors. There are several ways to earn a few bucks without going into hock to play. It is a great way to spend the afternoon and meet some new people.

For all SIR State bowling information please visit the following link: <http://www.sirinc.org/bowling/>

Kenneth Dean Newman "Padre" June 1, 1934 - June 30, 2015

As most all of us know, the last part of June, we lost another special member of our group, beloved Padre, Mr. Ken Newman. How do we say goodbye to those members that go on before us? Do we mourn their loss with grief and tears? Most certainly we do. But after this phase passes what comes next? I think that what come next and for always is "remembrance". We begin to remember what these special people meant to us and the many ways that they touched our lives. The times that they caused us to laugh or maybe the times that we may have cried with them over one of life's tragedies. So for our brother, "Kenny," I feel that this is the phase that a lot of our members are in now. I have heard numerous tales about Kenny and they all seem to start the same way, "You remember when", and the tale begins. This part of our memories are what special people trigger in our lives. And Ken was definitely one of those special kind of people. He touched everyone that he came in contact with and those folks will always have that special moment to remember him by. So as we say "good bye for now" to our brother and friend "Ken," let us all recall one of the moments that he touched our lives and this way we can keep him in the present.

Tony Oliveira, Golf Chairman, Retired



Raising of the Putters ceremony at Black Oak honoring Kenny



Recently when asked to address the Annual meeting of SIR, I attempted to explain why SIR is the best men's organization in the country. It is not the Activities, they get you in the door, but it is the people you have the opportunity to meet and make Friends for Life! Where else are you going to meet a guy who faked a hole-in-one, not so he, Kenny, would look good, but his playing partner could end his golf career and move on to the next world with a smile on his face.

Ken Newman was Big SIR of Branch 79 in 2004, Governor shortly afterwards, received a HLM from Br-79 and ended up reaching the heart and soul of most of our members each month with the "Thought of the Day". During the last months of his life he called me and thanked me for talking him into being Area 33's Governor; at the time he served he was pissed at me but as he neared the end of his life he realized how great it was to make SIR a better place.

What other organization can give you Jimmy Pierce, George Eddy, Harry Rhodes and Kenny Newman? I can go on forever; so take time to learn the guy sitting next to you because he just might be the next Ken Newman. Time for a Bud, it's almost noon...

Don Dill

I remember a dear friend, a brother SIR, Kenny Newman, who passed away in June of this year. He was the man who accepted my chaplain's job and the duties of the sunshine position for SIR Branch 79. I wasn't sure he knew how to give a "proper" invocation for our luncheons so I provided him with ten (10) of my scripted prayers. I was wrong; Kenny soon became known as Padre Newman. He did know how to do a meaningful prayer.

He stood out as a true, caring brother in performing the duties of the sunshine chairman. He made a point to visit and call our members who were sick or just needed a friend to talk with.

I filled in for our friend, Kenny Newman, during his bouts of illness and a knee replacement operation. I did alright with the invocations at our luncheons but I never could master his "word of the Padre" that he was best known for.

He would provide me with the stories and coach me on presentation but it never had the same impact as when he told the stories.

Our branch has lost a caring, compassionate man with a great sense of humor and willingness to help others. We will remember always Padre Kenny Newman.

Steve Coffman