



SIERRA HILLS

Branch 79 Newsletter



HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS: PBS Don Dill, PBS Ken Hansen, PBS Craig Saunders

Big SIR - David Blitstien

Well Guys, February rain came in like a lion and left like a lamb, but looks like early to mid March will be wet and will bring some serious moisture, it was nice having some spring weather. The snow pack is looking good but we can always use more and it's coming!

We continue to enjoy the great meals from Chef Scott and his team, feel free to recognize the servers in the tip basket set at the serving line. Don't forget to get your tickets for the opportunity drawing and donate to the tubes on the tables, remember we have no dues so please donate it's what keeps our Branch strong. Bring your friends and neighbors and even relatives to our luncheon to see what we're all about what, it's all good fun and fellowship.

Every 1st Thursday of the month is our BEC (Branch Executive Committee) meeting you're invited, this is an open meeting, you don't need to be an Officer or a Director to attend everyone is welcome, our next meeting is April 7th, if you'd like to see what goes on behind the scenes, it starts at 7:45 am at the Denny's at 1800 Auburn Ravine, welcome, watch, particele and have breakfast with your fellow SIR.

The search for the next Little SIR goes on, if you want be a part of this great organization please let one of our committee members know. The members are Terry Doan at the front desk collecting the lunch money, Jim Peters who is one our advisers, Stan Bishop who runs the Learn and Lunch activity and Don Bull who runs the Vet Activity and of course you can tell the Little SIR Jack or Big SIR David.

Little SIR - Jack Meylink

March, from the Latin *Martius* the first month of the Roman calendar. It is named for Mars, the god of war and guardian of agriculture. Evidently this is the time of year to start a war or tend your crops. Great Britain and its colonies continued to celebrate the start of the new year on March 25th until 1792. Now, Spring officially begins on March 20th in the northern hemisphere. Although March is one of seven months with 31 days, it is actually the seventh longest month due to daylight savings time taking away an hour on March 13th when we spring forward.

As I write this the early spring weather we have been experiencing has finally given way to some still much needed rain. Temporarily bad news for the golfers and bocce players, it should help to keep the courses greener and hopefully will extend the boating and fishing opportunities this year.



I look forward to seeing you all at our lunch on the 3rd Thursday but you might want to look in your closet for a green shirt as our lunch this month falls on St Patrick's day. Does the Elks lodge have green beer?

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BIG SIR
David Blitstein



LITTLE SIR
Jack Meylink

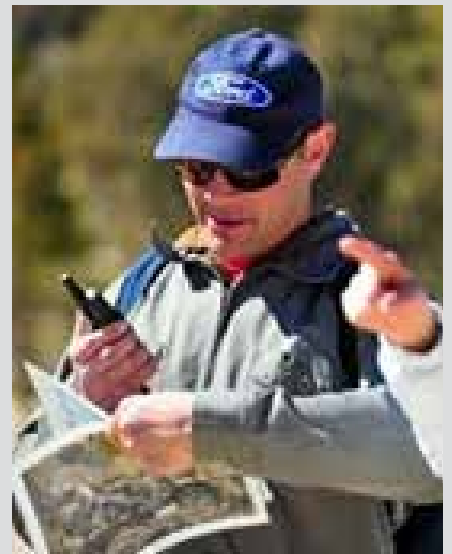


MEMBERSHIP
Craig Saunders

**LUNCHEON ABSENCE
CALL DEADLINE
MARCH 14th
CALL BILL HEALE
(530) 477-1647**

NEXT LUNCHEON:
Thursday, March 17, 2016
Fellowship - 11:00 a.m.
Call To Order - 12:00 p.m.
Menu: Chef's Choice

Program: Doug Arioli, Lt. Colonel USAF. He is a Global Hawk pilot and an air and space integration instructor. Doug's presentation is on Beale's reconnaissance mission.



Membership - Craig Saunders

March 1: Since I lost my Explorer Scout Merit Badge for weather predictions, I'm happy to say no rain is in the area and who knows what will occur! March 5: It rained, 6". Wolf Creek runs thru my my lower yard is now 100 yards acrossusually 10+ yards. Our membership is growing and as usual in the 1st Quarter of the year we will sustain some losses/changes as we go. This month we are bringing in 3 new members and losing a few to In-Active Status due to Medical issues. That sort of means a status quo strength level maintenance. BUT, be proud of your new member growth!. Our brother Sir members continue to bring in new members for the year. Please continue, your efforts are the lifeblood of our existence....

Speaking of fun times---thank you to all the Branch 79 members that have attended our Dining Out Activities for the last two (2) months. Northridge Restaurant near Lake of the Pines had 26 attendees partaking in fine food and libations. The atmosphere had a BUZZ all around the room. Thanks to all that attended. Our next Dining out is MEL'S in Auburn. See Article later in this Newsletter.

At the February luncheon David Blitstein presented Ken Launius an award for his service in the Korean war. Harvey Easley received the award from Ken's brother Don Launius who is a member of SIR in and



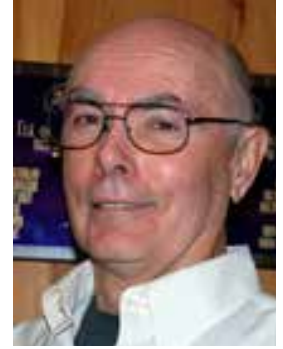
HUGH MECUM, and his wife Judy, reside in Meadow Vista. He retired in 2009 from Northrup-Grumman/ USAF as a Technical writer and Explosive Ordinance Demolitions (EOD) for conventional demolitions. Hugh enjoys Baseball Day, Books, Bocce, Dining Out, Gardening, Historical Events, Jazz Sacramento and Travel. Herb Grounds sponsored Hugh.



asked David if he would present the award to Ken. 65 years ago Ken was an Airman 1st class in the Air Force in the Korean War. The Consul General, Dong-Man Han, on behalf of the Korean Government, wanted Ken to have it for his service. Ken is part of the Bowling group.



MIKE BRINK, and his wife Debbie, reside in Auburn. He retired in 2012 from Kubota Tractor Corp. where he was a Manager. Mike enjoys Baseball Day, Crab Feed, Dining Out, Football Day, Golf, Hiking and walking to Wine Tastings. Sponsored by Bob Huntington.



PAUL REYNOLDS, and his wife Terry, reside in Grass Valley. He retired in 2012 from Trucking/ Restaurant Industries in Houston, Texas. Paul enjoys Bowling, Fishing, Golf, RVs and Travel. Paul was voted in as a new member in January 2016. David Blitstein is his sponsor.



Friday Golf - Craig Saunders

The great Duffer is trying to sub for Sir Bill Heale who is on an extended "Terrain walk" checking out Golf courses with lakes that contain "floating Balls". He hopes his ball retriever is long enough to reach.....all that money!!

Black Oak G.C.-2-12-2016: CTP #4 Dydynski 12' 1"; CTP #7 Argo 4' 1/4"; CTP #8 Argo&Doan Tie "0" \$5 each winner. Black Oak G.C.- 2-26-2016: CTP #4 Livingston 3' 8 1/2"; CTP #6 Dydynski 11 3/4"; CTP #8 Hansen 3' 10"; Most Putts 9th Green-6 Ties with 3 each. Winner Reg Murray. Tie breaker was least # of putts holes 1 thru 4...he had 5 total.

Remember....Keep it in the short grass!!

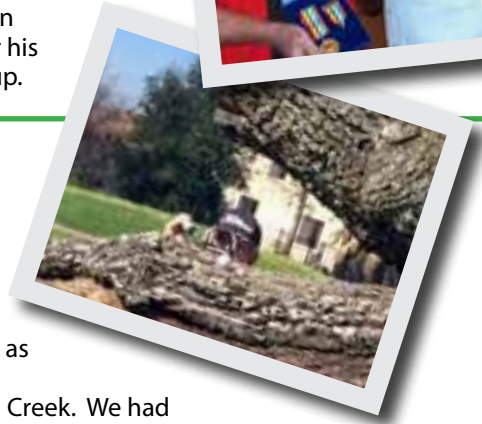
Tournament Golf

Phil Bolander

Joe Argo is so good. His drive landed on top of this downed oak on hole #6 at Morgan creek. Had to use his putter as a pool cue to hit it. did not go far.

Our 1st tourn. was a success at Morgan Creek. We had 56 players. The only good finish for 79 was 3rd pl in flight #1 with Saunders,Livingston,Smith & Kosinski. Bob Bells was closest on hole #12. Congrats to all.

Due to a schedule problem with Empire we had to cancel and move to Auburn Valley with a 9:00 am shotgun, cart and range balls included. The cost will be \$42.00 and the format will be individual golf and flighted. Our friends at Alta Sierra have invited us to play with their group at Canyon Oaks in Chico and Servillano in Corning on Mar 30 - 31. 5 of us are going and it should be a lot of fun. Let you know how it was on the next report. It is nice to have better communication between branches and to be able to do different things. If you think it's hard to meet other people, try picking up the wrong ball on the course.



Bowling - Tom McEntee



On the Tournament Trail: This first SIR tournament for 2016 was held in Stockton at Pacific Avenue Bowl on January 19, 2016. Although we had limited participation from branch 79, two of our bowlers cashed. SIR David Aulbach placed third in the "A" division singles event and his better half Melodee Aulbach placed fourth in "B" division singles. Our other branch 79 team of SIR Bob Towers and his better half, Betty, placed out of the money. However, all had a good time.

SIR BI-Monthly Round-Robin Results: SIR Harvey Easley led the six-bowler contingent from Branch 79 at the February 22, 2016 Round-Robin event at Nu Generation Bowl in Yuba City California.

SIR's Yuba City Nu Generation Bowl Results:

	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Series
Harvey Easley	247	211	192	650
Bill Larson	203	227	203	633
Roy Guy	188	194	223	605
Ken Launius	203	187	167	557
Dave Aulbach	172	173	201	546
Tom McEntee	155	193	182	530



Our next round-robin event will be held at AMF Rocklin Bowl on Sierra Meadows Drive on March 21, 2016. Bowling starts at 12 noon.

Major Bowling Achievement: On February 22, 2016, SIR Lou Alvarez, bowling in the Foothills City League rolled a PERFECT 300 game. Congratulations Lou, well done!

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.

Travel - Phil Bolander

Hello adventurers. My wife and I attended a travel seminar at the Elks Lodge in Carmichael last month. With all of the venues that were presented and after a survey was taken the most popular tour was a New Years trip to Nashville. This is a short 5 day trip and staying at the Opreyland hotel which is a fantastic hotel. There are 5000 rooms with lots of restaurants and shops beautiful florals and Christmas decorations.



79er Wine Trail - Bob Lemmon

1. On Thursday February 25th, 20 of our brave SIR & spouses visited "Beerwerks" in Cool. A fun time was had by all. Our Lunch was "Sushi" (raw fish), you turn up your noses but it was sensational, would go again in a heart beat. My Beer was Blondie Ale & was it good. We all missed you.

2. Thursday March 24th, 1--3pm, we will be visiting Solune Winery & Vineyard, off Highway 174 in Colfax. This is the home of Master Winemaker & PHD Chemist, Jacque Merser. This will be primarily wine tasting, weather permitting on their lawn patio, beautiful setting. Location: Off Highway 174, Colfax, 16303 Jewett Ln GV 95945
Phone (530) 271 0990

3. This will probably be the best offering of SIR wine group this year, so perk up & take notice. We will be visiting Pescatore Winery & Vineyard on Thursday April 14th, from 12:00 to 2:00pm in Newcastle. Dave Wagner the Winemaker will give a presentation on Food & Wine Pairing, we will be sampling. He will pair 8 wines with 6 foods. You can probably consider this a lunch, lots of food & wine. There will be a \$15 charge per person. I have to give him an accurate head count on Monday April 11 so he can secure food & setup the patio area. Therefore I need every one that will be attending to have "Skin in the Game" by having their \$15 to me on Monday the 11th or sooner. Location 7055 Ridge Rd Newcastle 95658, Phone (916) 663 1422.

Fishing Group

David DeRosa & Tom Beale



Fishing Group - David DeRosa and Tom Beale Hello Fisher Folks. Well, the month of February sure was a bust for much needed rain. The water wizards are already lowering our lakes to provide room for snow melt when we do not have much snow. .. Go figure...

Our spring trip to Shasta is in the works. We have 29 members signed up. It should be a great trip. If you have not already paid Chuck Mierkey, please do so as soon as possible. Chuck has made all the reservations and would appreciate payment.

Some of our members had a great trip to Comanche Lake February 23rd through 25th. Some nice fish were caught. I have not seen any pictures, but word is out a few 3 - 4 pound fish were caught.

Arrangements for guest speakers are in the works. It is possible we will get Jerry "Bechhold for Bechhold and Sons, manufacturer of lures and flashers. They are from Foresthill, CA.

Fishing club meets the second Thursday of each month at Denny's just off I80 at the Auburn Ravine/Foresthill exit. Please plan to attend. Please mark your calendars. Tight Lines to All.

ACTIVITY CALENDAR

SIR Luncheon: Elks Club, Thursday, March 17, 11:00 am

Dining Out: Mel's Diner, Wednesday, March 23, 5:30 pm

79er Wind Trail: Solune Winery & Vineyard,
Thursday, March 24, 1-3 pm

Bocce Ball: Auburn Recreation Park,
Wednesday & Friday, 10 am

Bowling: Rocklin Bowl, Friday, 12:30 pm

Fishing Group: 2nd Thursday each month,
8:00 am, Denny's, Auburn Ravine Rd.

Golf: Black Oak Golf Course, Friday 7:30 am

happy birthday!

MARCH: Al Archer, John Baker, Michael Barham, Ken Barnes, Ken Bezner, Buck Boggs, Bill Clark, Terry Doan, John Feuz, Michael Hanson, Lynn Hartford, Ron Herr, Gary Ingebretson, Mac Jenness, Monty Montgomery, Terry Nelson, Jim Peltier, Sparky Robinson, Will Rogers and Ralph Sutton

Treasurer's Report

Terry Doan

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.

Membership

Craig Saunders

Active: 198

Inactive: 3

Pending: 0

FEBRUARY LUNCH - Bill Heale

Members: 128 / Guests 2 / Visitors 1

Dining Out

Craig Saunders

Dining Out is at Mel's Diner in North Auburn, Ca., 1730 Grass Valley Highway, 95603. It starts at 5:30 pm arrival (or earlier), Dinner at 6PM and it's at It is going to be fun. Classic Car show before dinner and fine food all in one place! Sign up at our luncheon on March 17th. Come early/sign up early I foresee a big turnout.

STATEWIDE NEWSLETTER
SIR HAPPENINGS

To read the latest edition of SIR appenings visit
sirinc.org/sirhappenings
Learn about what is happening in the SIR state organization and at other SIR Branches.

SIR INFORMATION

Executive Committee Meeting
First Thursday of each month
7:45 a.m. at Denny's, Auburn Ravine Road (I-80/Foresthill Exit)
Branch 79 Newsletter
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Branch 79 Web site
www.sir79.org



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Photographer: Lynn Hartford	(530) 320-8730
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Webmaster: Milo Schauer	(541) 580-7747
Wine Steward: Bob Lemmon	(530) 477-8507
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Don Sherman	(916) 663-2958
Bowling: Tom McEntee	(530) 889-0605
Classic Cars: Gary Beckes	(919) 789-0347
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Dining Out: Craig Saunders	(530) 268-9668
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Vet's Affairs: Don Bull	(530) 999-1076
79er Wine Trail: Bob Lemmon	(530) 477-8507

DECLARATIONS

Luncheon Attendance: When a member is unable to attend the Thursday meeting he should notify the Attendance Chairman no later than the 3rd Monday prior to the Thursday luncheon.

Attendance Rule: Regular members missing three (3) consecutive meetings without notifying the Attendance Chairman and giving a valid reason or attending less than six (6) meetings within the past twelve (12) months, shall be notified of pending termination. Certification of attendance at another Branch Meeting is considered a credit. Excused meetings cannot be included to achieve the minimum attendance requirement. (Rule 100)

Prospective Members: Must attend a Luncheon and be introduced by a sponsor to the general membership prior to being accepted as a new member of the branch. (Rule 67).

Non-Responsibility Clause: All travel activities arranged for or by Sons In Retirement, Inc. and its Branches are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate. Sons In Retirement, Inc. and its Branches do not assume responsibility for the well being or safety of the participants or passengers, or their property, in any matters pertaining to said travel and other activities. (Rule 345)