



SIERRA HILLS

Branch 79 Newsletter



HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS: Don Dill - Joe Dydynski - Ken Hansen - Craig Saunders

Big SIR - David Blitstien

July starts the second half of the year with plenty of HEAT. All you guys playing outdoor activities please stay hydrated; it should start cooling in a couple of months! Thanks to Chef Scot and his team for putting together the great BBQ lunch last month. All GUYS keep up the great work in bringing those guest in, and donating to the Table Tubes.

As Big SIR, we are obligated to elect the a new State President every year. This year we met in Sacramento: 95-plus Big SIRs, Past Big SIRs and State Officers were there. It was very interesting to see the process work at that level. There were 22 Branches, as well as our Branch 79, recognized with a Certificate of Success by President Dill as having RAMP (Recruiting, Activities, Membership Relations and Publicity) in place. That means we're active in all those phases to help keep our Branch 79 strong. We all know this is a voluntary organization and, in doing so, all of you know I have said we need to fill a couple of key positions, Treasure Director SIR Terry Doan and Membership Director SIR Craig Saunders have done a great job for the past several years, NOW is the time that we need your help. These guys will be leaving their positions on January 1, but will help in the transition starting now! Please come see me, Terry or Craig regarding the time it takes to do these positions and be a part of our Branch Executive Committee.

Starting this month we will start a new program of placing Red Dots or Stars on badges of new members and members who have been with us less then six months. This will help us to know right away to get acquainted and to make each new SIR part of our Friends for Life.

"The mission of SIR is to improve the lives of our members through fun activities and lunches, while making friends for life"

Little SIR - Jack Meylink

Thoughts on August from your Little SIR: The month of Sextilis (or six) was renamed to August in 8 BC by Augustus Caesar. He chose this month for his namesake because it was the month of several of his great triumphs, including the conquest of Egypt. Sextilis had been previously moved from the sixth month to the eighth month when January and February were added about 700 BC. I had a hard time finding any significant holidays in August but I think of special note to our mens organization is that August 28th is Go Topless Day, an annual event held to support the right of women to go topless in public. It is scheduled on the Sunday nearest Womens Equality Day (August 26th).

Of note astronomically this month is the Presieds Meteor shower that should peak August 12-13 and is forecasted to be a significant show this year.

For our SIR group, be sure to come to our lunch this month and hear from Kahl Muscott, director of ARD (Auburn Recreation District). Attendance at our lunches has been down a little the last couple months probably due to summer travels but we want to see you all there. Speaking of ARD, we will be having a SIR Region 9 Bocce tournament at the Recreation Park on the 16th. Come on out and support your Branch 79 team. Wine tasting this month will be at Montoliva Winery on the 25th and Dining Out on August 31 at Casa Las Katirinas in Alta Sierra.

These activities along with Bowling and Golf should be enough to keep us out of trouble this month.

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MEMBERSHIP
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**LUNCHEON ABSENCE
CALL DEADLINE
August 15th
CALL BILL HEALE
(530) 477-1647**

**NEXT LUNCHEON:
Thursday, August 18, 2016
Fellowship - 11:00 a.m.
Call To Order - 12:00 p.m.
Menu: Roasted Pork Loin**

August Program: Kahl Muscott of Auburn Area Recreation and Park District. ARD serves 43,000 residents and its boundary spreads over 100 square miles. In his time away from work, Kahl enjoys fly fishing, exercising and spending time with his family, usually at a swim meet. His topic will be ARD 101, features a little about ARD, special districts and upcoming projects.



September Program: Bill George on the history of the Transcontinental Railroad. Bill has been fascinated with culture, history and travel for many years. He was a television journalist, before transitioning to public relations. In 2010, he formed Nimbus Films to tell the story of the building of the first transcontinental railroad over the Sierra Nevada.



Membership - Craig Saunders

Membership is a state of being as defined by my Webster's New World Dictionary of the American Language (College Edition), dated 1960, page 917..being a "member" of an organization, association, society, community or party. Since I had not opened up this red-colored book in ages, it took me a while to dust it off and pry it open. Amazing the print was still readable ... through old coffee stains and other unknown liquid markings from cram sessions.

Point is our membership needs help. More people. We began this year at Plus 15 in January 2016. We've lost numbers through moves, family priorities, personal health issues and passings. Your Branch Executive Committee (BEC) elected three new members at our meeting on August 4th. That brought our Branch 79 to 201 Active Members. Unfortunately, we lost one Active member that same day. **Today, as of this reading, we have 200 Active members.** Our three new members will be hailed in at our August 18, 2016, luncheon. Remember our goal is Plus 12 by year end.

That means 212 Active members. Keep up the strong recruiting!



John "Jack" Crawford resides in Auburn, CA. Jack retired from the Health Department in the State of Nevada in 2015. He enjoys Dancing, Dining Out, Historical Interest, Theater and Travel. His sponsor is SIR Keith (Andy) Anderson.

Tournament Golf - Phil Bolander

Hello fellow heat strokers. Hope everyone is well after that last heat wave and drinking lots of water and other liquids. Well, we had our tournament on Monday, August 1st, at Whitney Oaks. What a nice course and the people were great to deal with. There were only 14 teams of two persons with alternate-shot format. This was the first and LAST annual FORMAT. Needless to say, it was somewhat confusing but we muddled through. Mr. Hansen and Mr. Bolander took second place and Mr. Doan got closest to the hole for Branch 79. Our next event is everyone's favorite, Nine & Dine at Black Oak, Friday, August 19th, 8 am shot. Cost is \$25.00, cart not included. It is straight golf and everyone is invited. Women, wives, girlfriends. There will be various incentives throughout the day, as well as some surprises, and lunch afterward. By the time you are reading this, it will be too late to sign-up and the results will be posted ASAP. Looking ahead to Sept. 26th at Empire Ranch Monday, 8:30 am, shot.. Cost is \$42.00 with a Nassau format. That is, 9 – 9 – 18.

Let's not forget that we need a golf chair for next year so please consider this. Have a nice round.

Friday Golf - Bill Heale

Hi guys, glad to get back to playing. First things first, or as they say on TV "BREAKING NEWS." This reporter is following the man who has claimed ownership of the seventh hole, following his second Hole-In-One there; he's working out the details with Norm. I played a round with him a while back and he chipped in twice from off the green, front and back 9 on 7, (I think he wants to take it home with him!)

Plus, he has another One-Shot on #4! FANTASTIC WORK Mr. T, KEEP IT UP.

July carry-over - On the 8th, we had a little in-house tourney. C.T.P. on all 9 holes paid 2 places: #1, E. Smith & Dydynski, #2, Dunlap & Morrison, #3, Ferral & Dill, #4, Dill & Montgomery, #5, Elvers & Stanley, #6, Dunlap & Peters, #7, Heale & Dydynski, #8, Jensen & Ferral, #9, Jensen & Stanley. On the 15th, sorry, didn't write names. On the 22nd, CTP #2 E. Smith, #4 Tom Stone, #5, CTP #5, Jim McCrary. On the 29th, CTP #2 Edwin Smith, #4, Dave Dunlap, #5 Don Morrison. Remember - Fix a divot and/or a ball mark on the green.



Activity Calendar

- SIR Luncheon: Elks Club: August 18th, Thursday, 11:00 am Special Guest Speaker Kahl Muscott of ARD.
- Dining Out - August 31st, Wednesday 5:30 pm, Casa Las Katrinas at 10100 Alta Sierra Drive, Grass Valley.
- 79er Wine Trail: August 25th, Thursday, Montoliva Winery at 1:00 pm at 15629 Mount Olive Road, Chicago Park
- September 22, Thursday, Crooked Lane Brewery at noon on the corner of Highway 49 & Palm, Auburn.
- Bocce Ball: Auburn Recreation Park - Wednesday & Friday 10 am
- Tournament Golf: August 19th, Friday, Nine & Dine at Black Oak at 8:00 am.
- Monday, September 26 at Empire Ranch.
- Bowling: Rocklin Bowl – Friday 12:30 pm
- Fishing Group: Second Thursday of each month at 8:00 am in Denny's just off I-80 at the Foresthill Exit.
- Golf: Black Oak Golf Course – Friday 7:30 am
- Travel: Presentation on August 23rd at Lake of the Pines.
- Classic Cars: Roamin' Angels Car Show at the Grass Vally Fair Grounds on September 9,10,11.

Dining Out - Craig Saunders

Family-owned and well-established Mexican Restaurant with a "taste of Mexico in Alta Sierra". You will enjoy this month's Dining Out ... that is, Wednesday, August 31, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Location is Alta Sierra turn-off (light) off Highway 49 North towards Grass Valley. Address is 10100 Alta Sierra Drive, Grass Valley, Ca.95949. Check-out the web site at Google or Facebook: Casa Las Katarinas. Many standard dishes and entrees; Chef Delia's Signature dishes; Chef's House Favorites and Vegetarian Selections. Ample parking lot, handicap access and easy entrance. I look forward to seeing you there.

Classic Cars - Gary Beckes

The Roamin' Angels Car Show is going to be at the Grass Vally Fair Grounds on September 9,10,11. They have a lot of classic cars and this year will include classic trailers. We have an RV spot up there for the three days as it is a lot of fun.

If you want to stop by and visit, just give me a call on my cell phone (916) 742-2563. Come on up and enjoy the car show and, if you do stop by, bring a chair to sit in and what you want to drink. You can visit us at our campsite or inside by our car. It cost \$ 5.00 to park in the parking lot. Not sure how much to get in to see cars as we paid for the whole thing to stay there for 3 days. Go to Roamin' Angels Car Show web-site and they will tell you.

Travel - Phil Bolander

Hello fellow travelers. Five couples were on the Alaska cruise out of San Francisco in July. Weather was great; seas were smooth; food was excellent. Saw whales, dolphins, bald eagles, icebergs and enough beverages to go along with some good entertainment. Craig and I were interesting subjects of Tony Pace, the headliner at one show. This had a lot of people enjoying our participation, although we weren't expecting this to happen, which only added to the amusement.

Our next venue is at Lake of the Pines on August 23rd, from 1 to 2:30 pm. Various tours will be presented covering the rest of 2016 and 2017. This will be hosted by Terry Eberhardt of Lake of the Pines, in conjunction with myself. If you wish to attend, please let me know ASAP so that the names will be at the gate for entry on that day. Of course, there is no obligation to purchase but something might peak your interest. I am hoping to have several couples join us in Nashville for New Year's. This is a fun trip with great accommodations at the Opryland Hotel and a dinner on the General Jackson paddle-wheel boat for New Year's, as well as a lot of other side trips. The price includes home pickup and air so come one, come all.

**Fishing Group**

David DeRosa & Tom Beale



Hello Fisher Folks: Boy, with all this really hot weather of late, the fish are going deep now. I went to Scott's Flat twice in the last couple of weeks and got skunked. All of the fish on the fish finder were 40 plus feet deep. It must be time to put the down riggers to use.

Some of our members went to Loon, Ice House and Union Valley Lakes, but I have not heard any reports of significant catch. The water in our local lakes is holding well. Scott's Flat and Rollins are full, but have a lot of pleasure boats (i.e. water skiers and handle-bar boats) activity. You need to go early and get off the water by 10 or 11 am, Folsom Lake is below 410 ft elevation, so all the slips are on the ground, and the speed limit on the lake is 10 mph. Lake Spaulding at Emigrant Gap is all but empty. The launch ramp is out of the water. P G & E drained the lake.

Even with Salmon Season being open there are no reports of Striper or Salmon catches in abundance.

Fishing Group meets at 8:00 am the second Thursday of each month at Denny's just off I-80 at the Foresthill Exit. Hope to see you there.



Bob Huntington caught these trout first day out in May. A happy camper. Partner was Dennis Beverage. A fun trip.

happy birthday!

Dennis Beverage, Stan Bishop, Dave Blitstein, Joe Caruso, Norm Check, Steve Cotterll, Don Goode, Mike McCarty, Paul Rosenthal, Kent Stafford, Wil Thomas, Bruce Thorson, and Bob Tutton.

Treasurer's Report

Terry Doan

Beginning balance: \$3,021.58
 Ending balance: \$2,889.96
 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.

Lunch Report

Bill Beale

Wow and Wow is all I can say about our BBQ'ed ribs and chicken at lunch! The 55 no-shows really missed out Big Time. The 55 is a record I hope we Never Break! 55, Gosh.

Okay, roster shows 202 with 4 inactive. The count on unexcused absence is 28.

Thank you, Gentlemen, for the calls and e-mails. We also had 4 guests and 1 visitor, 118 paid, 3 badges are still out and about. Boy, one of these months I would like to call the Elks Lodge and tell them: Hey, put on an extra frying pan, I only had 5 call-ins and we have 200 Brothers coming to lunch! Wouldn't that be something?

Remember: Please call (530) 477-1547 or e-mail me (williambeale@comcast.net) before our next luncheon and let me know if you are NOT going to be with us. Thank You. P.S. Two members came in late. I don't know you! Maybe you're on the 'No Show' list.

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
sir79newsletter@gmail.com
Branch 79 Web site
www.sir79.org

BRANCH 79 OFFICERS

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 Chaplin: Karl Simon (530) 320-7588
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 Database: Bob Huntington (530) 886-8426
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BRANCH 79 ACTIVITY CHAIRMEN

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 Bocce Ball: Pete Thompson (530) 823-7383
 Don Sherman (916) 663-2958
 Bowling: Tom McEntee (530) 889-0605
 Classic Cars: Gary Beckes (919) 789-0347
 Computer: Milo Schauer (541) 580-7747
 Dining Out: Craig Saunders (530) 268-9668
 Fishing: Dave DeRosa (916) 652-9562
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 Travel: Phil Bolander (530) 745-9874
 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).

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