



SIERRA HILLS

Branch 79 Newsletter



HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS: Don Dill - Joe Dydynski - Bill Heale - Craig Saunders

Big SIR - Jack Meylink

I want to start this month by thanking you all for another good turnout at our monthly luncheon and for the great support you continue to make to the tubes on the tables. We had another good month of voluntary donations to keep our Branch running and it is much appreciated. Keep it up - Please.

Before our last monthly luncheon meeting, a couple of us worked with the Elks to try to raise and balance the sound level of the PA system at the Elks lodge. I think there was some improvement but still not where we want to be. We are looking into obtaining a new lapel-mounted microphone for the monthly speaker and hope this will help.

On the survey just completed, a great number of you requested everyone should just shut up while the speakers were talking. I agree this alone would go a long way to solve the sound problems and is the least we can do to show some courtesy for those who volunteer their time to speak at our luncheon. Along the same lines, we realize the size of the screen at the lodge is a little too small for presentations, considering the number of people and size of the hall. We are working with the Elks to try and get the older and larger pull-down screen functioning in an effort to make presentations visible to all.

I mentioned we had a count of all the activities you had checked off on the back of your applications and read through a few of those at our last lunch. One I want to single out is Poker. Eight people checked this on the applications. On the survey at last month's luncheon, six people again mentioned they would like to see this happen. We need one person to come forward to help us get this started. We have someone from another Branch with a Poker activity who is willing to come work with us to start this up. So, please, let me or one of the other officers know if you are interested.

I'm going to publish the results of the collection of data from your applications with this Newsletter and ask, if you are interested in one of the activities we do not currently have, contact myself or one of the other officers and we will do what we can to work with you to start a new Activity in our Branch. Please note: we had 18 people interested in woodworking, 20 in gardening, 15 in a baseball day, and 11 in horse-shoes. If there is still an interest, we can contact other Branches that may have these activities and ask for some input and help in starting a new activity in Branch 79, or perhaps join with another Branch. You can always contact me via email at jackmeylink@yahoo.com or call me at 530-305-9112. Leave a message if I don't answer and I will call you back

Little SIR - Don Bull

Last month I spoke about activities being the bedrock that underlies all SIR Branches. Based on the interests expressed by members, there is an interest in books or a book swap. So, beginning at our April lunch meeting, SIR Branch 79 will begin a book swap. We will try to make this Activity as easy as possible. I will start out by bringing about 20 books or so to our lunch, a mixture of hardbacks and softcovers. Anyone can exchange books they have one for one: one hardback for one hardback or one softback for another softback. It is hoped the books you bring are in good condition with reasonable use. No missing pages, or a large amount of writing in the books, and dust covers where possible. No names (Honor system) will be taken but rather you will be asked to only provide the number of books you exchanged to see if this is a worthwhile activity. I will store books not selected at our lunch and return those at the next meeting. If a book is not selected after a few meetings, it will be donated to a worthy organization. The only other question you will be asked is what authors you would prefer to read, so exchange members have an idea what another SIR like. The first batch of books I will bring is a mixture of authors, including David Baldacci, Vince Flynn, James Paterson, James Lee Burke, and Robert Parker, among others. I do not have all titles by these authors and may wish to read other books they wrote and a LOT of other authors. Bring any book you want to exchange.

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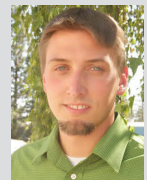
MEMBERSHIP
Mike Brink

**LUNCHEON ABSENCE
CALL DEADLINE
Monday, April 17, 2017
CALL BILL HEALE
(530) 477-1647**

**NEXT LUNCHEON:
Thursday, April 20, 2017
Fellowship - 11:00 a.m.
Call To Order - 12:00 p.m.
Menu: *Deep-fried Pork Chops***

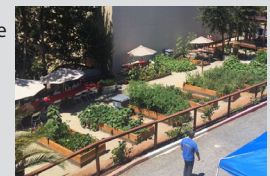
April Program

Brandon Davis, Sales Manager at California Solar Electric, got his start in the solar industry in 2010. Since joining California Solar in 2011, he has designed over 1 MW of solar systems. Brandon is passionate about helping people make the financially sound and environmentally conscious decision to go solar. When Brandon isn't busy nerding out about innovations in the solar industry, he enjoys paddle boarding, hiking and swimming in Nevada County's beautiful lakes and rivers.



May Program

Tom Eberlein, a member of SIR Branch 79, is going to tell us about Auburn's Armed Forces Pavilion and Garden, an oasis next to the State Theater. This is a place of peace and reflection, a subtle but inspired addition to downtown. The garden project involved generous donations from local businesses plus the time, sweat and good cheer donated by veterans and non-veteran volunteers.



NOTE: Beginning immediately, Craig Saunders will screen incoming telephone calls to his home. If he doesn't answer, please leave a message to receive a call-back as soon as possible.

79er Wine Trail - Bob Lemmon

Hi Wine Trail followers: March was a HUGE success at Cool Beerwerks. We had 25 guys and gals at this event. The food was great; the Beer was even better and Rochelle worked her tail off serving us. Thanks to Joe Argo for helping coordinate the event.



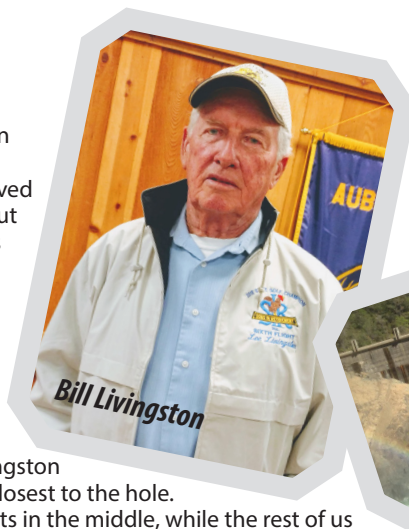
This month's event will be on Wednesday, April 25th, at Pescatore Vineyard and Winery between 12 and 2 pm. The address is 7055 Ridge Road, Newcastle, where we will have food paired with the wine. Winemaker Dave Wegner and his wife Patty will be serving a variety of specialties, such as BBQ pizza, tuna ceviche, sausage, and more, with seven of their award-winning wines. Pescatore Winery has been on the 79er Wine Trail for the last couple of years and is always a great event. Thanks to Bob Lemmon for turning us on to this Diamond in the Foothills. The price is \$15.00 per person, I'll have the sign-up sheet and collect the money at the Luncheon on April 20th. Come join the fun and fellowship.

Tournament Golf - Terry Doan

Greetings to all you 79er worm burners. As was mentioned at our last luncheon, SIR Lee Livingston won First Place at Laguna Seca in Monterey at the SIR State finals. This was in October 2016; he received his jacket in March 2017. It took some prodding but he finally got his due. Congrats Lee. Winner looks good on you!

Our first tournament of the year was at Morgan Creek in Roseville. We were fortunate to have good weather and the course was in fine shape, plus the shorter tees made the round more enjoyable. Unfortunately, a team from Branch 37 sandbagged their way to first place but the Branch 79 team of Dill, Dunlap, Bolander and Livingston took second place. Mr. Dunlap also took first for closest to the hole. I call him Mr. Boring because Mr. Dunlap always hits in the middle, while the rest of us play military golf: Right - Left - Right - Left. In any case, nice going, Dave.

Our next adventure is at Empire Ranch on April 17th. It is straight golf with an 8:30 am start time. Form your own foursomes. The cost is \$47 and this will be flighted. The number of flights will be determined by the amount of entries. There will also be two closest to the hole. We are hoping for a little more prize money but that depends on the entries. Also, let's not forget the team qualifier at Dark Horse in June 12th. If you want to qualify for the state, your team must consist of an A - B - C - D player and it will be a scramble format. It's time to start thinking about your teams. We have four already.



Friday Golf - Terry Doan

Well, fellow duffers, looks like we're getting a little break from Rainy Fridays. We got a couple of days -in, on March 17th 34 players showed up for Fun and these Big Prizes! CTP #3 Dennis Beverage at 2'5" for \$4.00; CTP #4 Jim McCrary at 5' for \$4.00; CTP #7 Craig Saunders at 4' for \$4.00 (extra); Chip-in FOG #4 Tony Oliveira for \$5.00; Birdie #4 Phil Bolander and Dave Blitstein for \$4.00 each.

March 31st we had 30 brave souls (it was a little chilly): CTP #2 on 3rd shot FOG Don Dill at 19' for \$5.00; CTP #3 on 5th shot FOG Don Dill at 2' 5" for \$5.00; CTP #4 Don Dill at 6' 7" for \$5.00; CTP any shot Don Morrison at 1' 7" for \$5.00. We have officially named Friday, March 31st, as The Don's Day!

Dining Out - Craig Saunders

Each Dining Out is really fun and has always been well attended. We try and place 28 to 40 people into each venue. So far our high has been 79, our low was 24. Let's keep having fun at our area restaurants. Our March 8th dinner was at The Club Car and more than 60 attendees enjoyed an amazing array of delicious meals. We packed the place and the loft was an experience for those dining there.

On Wednesday, April 12th, Dining Out is at Strings Italian Cafe from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. String's is located at 2501 Bell Road, Auburn, CA 95603, across from Target and near Bank of America. Plenty of parking and easy entrance to a fine restaurant. Table will be set up near the buffet table. Menu offerings and special menu will be provided.

Wednesday, May 10th, our Dining Out is at Milo's in Meadow Vista. Dinner is 5:30 to 7:30 PM. The full special menu will be available at the upcoming SIR luncheon on April 20th. I've eaten there and enjoyed my meals each time. Please sign up early at my email address (wolfcreekplace@yahoo.com) as I believe this will fill very quickly. I will send out a reminder with other information once the menu and pricing is set. Looking forward to seeing you there!



Hiking - Don Dill and Bob Veerkamp

On Tuesday, March 28th, Branch 79 Hikers took full advantage of a break in the weather and, once again, realized why we are so lucky to live in the Sierra foothills. Five miles round-trip up to Clementine Dam/Lake; and the water is pouring over the spillway at rates that you will only see this year. Clark's Hole, a traditional swimming hole for Auburn youth is at depths of ten to twenty feet and getting cleaned out like it hasn't in years. Wildflowers were minimal but the hills are alive with red-bud shrubs and I expect more wildflowers to come next week. If you haven't taken a walk in our spring-time wonderland, do it now! Attendees were, Don Dill, Bob & Kit Veerkamp with dog Sadie, Dan Sutkaitis, Mike Self, and Peaches, Gene Goldsmith.

Our next hike will take place near the end of April and be announced at our April 20th luncheon

Bowling - Tom McEntee

March SIR Round Robin at Tall Pines Bowl, Paradise, CA: The March 2017 event found the usual suspects making the long trek to Paradise, California, to endure the monthly exercise in futility, commonly referred to as bowling. Our scores were not earth-shattering; but were good enough for all six bowlers to earn some cash. In the high average division, SIR Tom McEntee placed second in the scratch series category with a 575 series. In the handicap game category, SIR Harvey Easley placed first with a 271; SIR Bob Towers placed fourth with a 231 game. In the handicap series category, SIR Joe Caruso placed first with a 695 and SIR Kenneth Launius placed second with a 645 series. The low average division found SIR Roy Guy in first place in the handicap game category with a 262.

SIR Paradise Tall Pines Bowling Results March 20:

	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Series
Harvey Easley	210	156	233	599
Tom McEntee	202	200	173	575
Ken Launius	167	200	161	528
Joe Caruso	148	203	176	527
Roy Guy	157	142	206	505
Bob Towers	151	186	143	480



Upcoming tournament at Grass Valley Tuesday and Wednesday, April 25 and 26. Grass Valley is new this year.

Our bowling group currently bowls at Rocklin Bowl each Friday 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.

Who will be the next Bowling activity chair; any volunteers?

Bocce Ball - Dan Sutkaitis

There is going to be a Regional 9 Bocce Ball Tournament which includes SIR Branches 37, 79, 98 and 107. The tournament will start in May and go on for four months, playing at each Branch home site. The winning Branch will receive a trophy and keep it until the next year's tournament. We have a new starting time of 9:00 AM, Wednesday and Friday at ARD Park. Everyone is welcome to come and bring your spouse and friends.

Cooking Group - Bob Lemmon

We will have had our April cooking venture by the time this Newsletter is published. Sorry about that. Please contact a member of our Cooking Group for details on how it went. Wish you were there.

Fishing Group

David DeRosa & Tom Beale



Hello Fisher Folks. This time next month we will be at Shasta Lake, May 8th through 12th. There are about 27 members participating in this adventure. Assignments of cabins and cooking crews will be forthcoming by email. Good luck to all members attending.

The June 8th meeting will be held at Halsey Fore bay in Christian Valley at 11:00 a.m. for our annual fish fry. Fishing Group members and their ladies, all are welcome. Emails will be sent out informing members of side dish, salads and desserts needed to accompany the fish that will be provided by our Fishing Group members.

April 29th is the opening day for stream and river trout fishing. The Truckee River is expected to be at full flow through summer. With melt of our snow pack, we have expectations of lower rivers equally flowing. Good luck to all you stream guys, even the fluff chucks. Hahaha.

As an added bit of information, Lake Tahoe is 4 feet above natural rim.

There will be no Fishing Group meeting in May as most of our members will be fishing at Shasta. The usual meeting place for the Fishing Group is Denny's Restaurant at the Foresthill exit off I-80 at 8:00 am. All those interested in fishing are more than welcome to attend. Hope to see you there.



ACTIVITY CALENDAR

SIR Luncheon: Elks Lodge, April 20th, Thursday, 11:00 am, Guest Speaker Brandon Davis

Bocce Ball: Auburn Recreation Department Park, Wednesday and Friday, 9:00 am.

Bowling: Rocklin Bowl, each Friday, 12:30 pm.

Cooking Group: April 13th, Thursday, 10:00 am, Bob Lemmon's home for home-made ravioli ????

Dining Out: April 12th, Wednesday, 5:30 pm, String's Italian Cafe, 2501 Bell Road, Auburn, CA.

Fishing Group: Meeting 2nd Thursday each month, 8:00 am, Denny's Restaurant, I-80 @ Foresthill exit.

Friday Golf: Black Oak Golf Course, every Friday, 7:30 am (weather permitting).

Hiking: date, location and starting time to be announced.

Tournament Golf: Empire Ranch, Monday, April 17th, 8:30 am., straight golf.

79er Wine Trail: Tuesday, April 25th, 12 noon to 2 pm, Pescatore Winery and Vineyard.

happy birthday!

Don Ainsworth, Bruce Baker, Mark Bell, Larry Bower, Mike Brink, Ron Deberard, Bob Dermenjian, Keith Dice, Don Dill, Tom Gavron, Gene Goldsmith, Jim Peters, and John Stanley.

Lunch Report

Bill Heale

Members 124 / Guests 2 / Visitors 2
Excused absence 32 / Unexcused absence 49.
Please, let me know if you are not going to make the luncheon on Thursday, April 20th. You don't need a reason or excuse; "I can't make it" will do nicely. And, you don't have to wait for the Call Deadline on Monday, April 17th, to report. Call (530) 477-1647 any time. Thank you.

Membership

Mike brink

Craig Saunders recently distributed a membership survey to luncheon attendees. There was a very good survey return rate with a variety of comments and suggestions. Thanks to all the members who took the time to respond. Now the challenge is how to implement your suggestions. The BEC meets every first Thursday of the month at The Black Bear Diner, 13365 Lincoln Way in Auburn at 7:30 am. Please join us for coffee or breakfast and share your thoughts. The more members that get involved to help our branch, the stronger we will become.

SIR Area 33 Governor Bob Hagle presented this **Super Senior certificate** to **Paul Tombaugh** at the March 2017 Luncheon. Any SIR active member, upon attaining the age of 95, is entitled to be awarded the Super Senior Sir Certificate. Congratulations Tom!

New Members in March

Tom Ebert and his wife Connie reside in Auburn. Tom is a retired Equipment Maintenance Manager from Cypress Semiconductor. He lists some of his interests as Fishing, Gardening, Hiking, Model Railroad, Veterans Affairs and Kayaking.

James "Jimmer" Gorrie Jr. and his wife Terri reside in Colfax. Jimmer is a retired glazier foreman from the third largest glass company in the U.S. He lists some of his interests as Antique Cars, Bowling, Cooking, Fishing, Golf and Travel. He has indicated his willingness to help with the Golf, Bowling and Sunshine groups.

**STATEWIDE NEWSLETTER
SIR HAPPENINGS**

To read the latest edition visit
www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings
It covers SIR state organizations and other SIR branches.
Region 9 Director. Mark Stuart
Area 33 Governor, Bob Hegle

**SIR BRANCH 79
INFORMATION**

Executive Committee Meeting
First Thursday of each month
7:45 a.m. at Black Bear Diner
Lincoln Way in Auburn
(I-80 at Foresthill Exit)
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Classic Cars: Gary Beckes	(919) 789-0347
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Dining Out: Craig Saunders	(530) 268-9668
Fishing: Dave DeRosa	(916) 652-9562
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Friday Golf: Bill Heale	(530) 477-1647
Tournament Golf: Phil Bolander	(530) 745-9874
Learn & Lunch: Stan Bishop	(530) 823-8016
Men's Cooking: Bob Lemmon	(530) 477-8507
Travel: To Be Announced	
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)