



SIERRA HILLS

Branch 79 Bulletin

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

Big SIR Report - Tom Stone

I'm a native Californian. I graduated from Cal St. University at Long Beach and went to work for Arthur Young & CO. In the early 70s I moved to Los Gatos and worked in Silicon Valley for nearly 40 years. Mia and I have 2 children in their early 40's, and 4 grandchildren. In 1995 we purchased property along the Bear River in Colfax. In 2007 I retired and moved to the house we just finished building. Before getting into golf, I was very active in kayaking and rafting rivers and downhill skiing. I joined SIR's almost 4 years ago, and have been active in SIR holding positions including Assistant Golf Chairman, Assistant Secretary, Secretary and Little Sir.



OK Guys – here we go for 2015. Ken Hansen asked me what I wanted to do as Big SIR during my term, and my response was to: 1. build membership 2. expand our activities 3. be more inclusive, and I suppose last but not least have a lot of fun for all of us doing all the above. I actually got started with some of my objectives as Little SIR because I was in charge of the Christmas luncheon. I had a ball and I hope you all did too. Little SIR David Blitstein and our wives were a great help in putting it all together as well as John Rosasco's wife Toni. I got to expand some of our ideas of what a Christmas luncheon was all about – more inclusion. That is why I wanted a "singles table". Looks like it was quite a success.

How are we going to build membership? I have a lot of ideas that I will expand on at our next luncheon.

As far as activities go I am all ears on this subject. New member, Milo Schauer has already suggested a trap shooting activity. Hopefully, there is a lot of interest and we start getting together and murdering some inanimate clay pigeons.

All in all I am looking forward to this new year as your Big SIR.

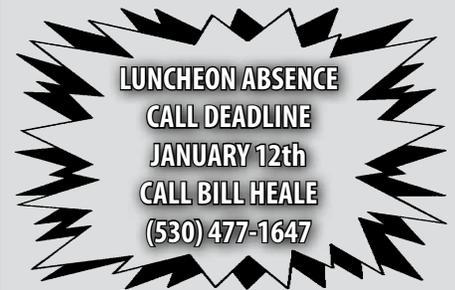
Little SIR Report - David Blitstien

Hello fellow SIR member, as the new LITTLE SIR this has been quite a ride for me, from new member in 2011, to guest speaker in 2012, to Wine Steward in 2013-2014 and now LITTLE SIR in 2015, WOW what fun! I hope that I will serve you well.

Now for the Christmas party, if you missed it this year I hope that you'll be there next year because it was fantastic! Yes, BIG SIR elect Tom Stone did a great job in coordinating the event, it was the biggest turn we've had. There were couple photos, champagne, mimosas and cranberry cocktails upon arrival, it was Happy Hour at 11am!! The raffle prizes were taken up a couple notches with champagne, chocolates and of course poinsettias it was great. I had the privilege of announcing the raffle, it was fun seeing the members with their wives and seeing the ladies win the prizes. A special thank go out to Bill Heal and Terry Doan at the front desk and all their contributions as well as Mia Stone and Marilyn Blitstein at the champagne station. As always thanks to Jim Chapman from the ELKS for helping as well as Rex and Tom the bartenders, and of course Scotty the Chef and his team for the delicious lunch menu.



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NEXT LUNCHEON:
Thursday, January 15, 2014
Fellowship - 11:00 a.m.
Call To Order - 12:00 p.m.
Menu: *Chef's Choice*

PROGRAM:

Sonja Vargas-Conklin

Our speaker this month will be Sonja Vargas-Conklin, Market Coordinator for the CALSTAR Air Ambulance Service. She supervises the Auburn office and performs public outreach education on the CALSTAR mission. CALSTAR is a non-profit air ambulance service serving northern and central California. It provides life saving medical intervention and rapid transmission to victims of trauma or illness. Since 1983 CALSTAR has provided transport to over 70,000 patients. They are staffed 24 hours a day, with a pilot and two Registered Critical Care nurses, to respond to accidents or other emergencies.



Sonja grew up in Placer County and her son and daughter graduated from her alma mater, Colfax High School.

happy birthday!

JANUARY

Dave Aulbach	Jack Meylink
Michael Bane	Tom Parks
Bob Berzanski	Allen Pierce
Philip Cece	Craig Saunders
Robert Flack	Michael Self
Dale Haskin	Jim Still
Ray Mahlberg	Gearly Tiffany
Tom McEntee	John Wong

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SIR INFORMATION

Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday, February 5, 2015
7:45 a.m. at Denny's, Auburn Ravine
Road (I-80/Foresthill Exit)

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www.branch79sirsinc.org

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SIR Happenings visit
sirinc.org/sirhappenings

Golf Report - Phil Bolander, Golf Chairman

Attention all Sir Golfers! The final deadline for you to pay your NCGA dues is the 14th of Jan. You have already missed the first deadline and so the rate has jumped up ten bucks to \$46.00. This is still a great rate to keep your NCGA membership current. So if you are one of the guys that need to re-up let your golf chairman know and "get 'er done."

(Tony Oliveira filling in for Phil this month)



We are still out there playing on the frozen tundra...



Friday Golf - Bill Heale

DECEMBER GOLF REPORT = Was a washout, WET, WET, AND WET. The 26th was wet also but a few of us tried to remember how to play, Oh well, January is off to a better start ! Hope to see ya'll out there soon.

Membership - Craig Saunders

Happy New Year to all and now we again commence a new year of recruiting and sustaining the lifeblood of our fantastic branch. Our goal last year was to bring in 10% growth (18) new members and we succeeded in adding 28. Congratulations to all that participated in the recruiting and the end of year contest. While our numbers ended the year at 185 strong (182 Active and 3 In-Active), we lost 22 of our brother Sirs to demographics, family requirements, ill health and passing. That meant a Net Gain of 6 ! Our Branch sustained growth but only at the minimum level when counting our losses versus new members gained. We have traditionally supported the State SIR objective of growth equal to 10% of our beginning strength (2014) level i.e. 180=18 member goal. Our Branch Executive Committee has pursued a 20% gain (36) as its objective each year. Last year we fell a little short.



In hindsight, the 20% is/was a good objective number. Now it appears a Net Gain approach better supports our Survivability and Growth goals. That said lets look towards a Net Gain of 12 for this coming years membership increase. GOAL is to end the year 12 members higher than 185...197.

This goal is every members responsibility. Lets get moving with a big increase in the 1st Quarter of the year!

Attendance Report - Bill Heale, Attendance

WOW! FANTASTIC, AWESOME TURNOUT, And if I may say so myself, a good time was had by ALL. 169 total lunches served. I'd like to thank all my helpers, Santa and the Elves, Craig Saunders, Ken Hansen, Dennis Beverage, David Blitstein and the ever concise Tom Stone on all the details, and the wives, thank you all.

Treasurer's Report - Terry Doan, Treasurer

December began with a balance of \$6,227.85 and ended with \$3701.90. *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.*

ACTIVITIES

- Bicycling:** Ken Hansen (916) 663-4716
Bocce Ball: Pete Thompson (530) 823-7383,
 Don Sherman (916) 663-2958 & Jack Meylink (530) 878-1219
Bowling: Fridays, 12:00 pm at Foothill Bowl.
 Tom McEntee: (530) 889-0605
Dining Out: Michel Self (916) 742-8215
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
Travel: Phil Bolander (530) 745-9874

Bowling - Tom McEntee, Bowling Chairman

Round-Robin Bowling for 2014 Completed:
 SIR Harvey Easley led the branch 79 contingent of 6 bowlers at Nu Generation Bowl on 12/22/14, with a commendable performance, shooting a 639 series. Of the nine 2014 Round-Robin events Harvey participated in he placed first in 7 and second in the other two among the branch 79 bowlers. His ability to adjust to the various lane conditions is reflected in his scoring ability. Over the 9 events he bowled 27 games with an average of 211 per game, that is an outstanding accomplishment.

SIR's Yuba City Nu Generation Bowl Results 12/22/14:

	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Series
Harvey Easley	214	217	199	630
Ken Launius	213	162	182	557
Lou Alvarez	206	151	192	549
Dave Aulbach	178	170	146	494
Tom McEntee	160	144	152	456
Bob Towers	148	121	132	401

Wishing all a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

For our Round-Robin Bowling Schedule go to our branch web site:
www.branch79sirsinc.org

79er Wine Trail - Bob Lemmon, Wine Steward

I am your new Wine Steward for 2015. I have lived in Placer & Nevada Co. since 1982. My association with wine has been a venture into home wine maker for the past 14 years, making 25 cases to 50 cases per year. This has been a family venture. As a result I have come in contact with many of the major commercial Winemakers in the area.

I plan on continuing the work done by Dave Blitstien, it will be a very hard act to follow, but I will try. My major efforts will be to continue to visit local winery's monthly, tasting wines & go on winery tours. However I plan to expand that horizon in various ways this year, for example: Scheduling a wine Festival for our group which will include, music, dancing, luncheon & grape stomping, etc. should be fun. I would also like to try to include an outing on wine & food pairing. This will be hard to pull off, wish me luck. It is my goal to have four monthly visits planned in advance.



Fishing Group

David DeRosa & Tom Beale
 Co Lead Hooks



Hello Fisher Folks. Here we are at the start of a new year. Lakes are about 1/3 of what they need to be, so let's pray for more rain and snow.

The Group has a tentative plan to return to Sugarloaf Resort at Lake Shasta the 2nd week of May, (11th through 15th) for a week of fun fishing and good food. Also, during the year several day trips to local lakes is in the planning stages. Each club meeting we will have a small raffle prize of some useful fishing items.

Fishing Group meets the second Thursday of each month at Denny's at the top of Auburn Ravine Rd., near I-80. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Any member wishing to try fishing with the group please see Tom or Dave about a 1-day or 2-day fishing license and we will take you out on one of our boats.

Tight Lines to All.

Dining Out - Michael Self

This month is at Strings in Auburn on Wednesday January 21 at 6:00 p.m. Individual checks are OK and we can order from the menu. Reservations have been made for 25 people



Proposed Activity

Milo Schauer

I am a member of the Auburn Trapshooting Club. The club is open for shooting Thursdays from 2 pm to 8 pm. The cost for shooting is \$6 per person for 25 shots and \$5 for members. If you are interested please call me at (541) 580-7747 or email me at eureka05@charter.net.

On January 16th at 1:00pm we will visit "Lone Buffalo" for tasting & tour. On February 26th we will visit "Wise Villa & Bistro" 1:00 to 3:00pm Typically there is a \$5 - \$7 tasting fee which will be reimbursed, if wine is purchased. Please come & join us. There will be a sign-up sheets & directions on our planned excursions in the back of the Elks Club, prior to our monthly SIRs luncheons.

