



# SIERRA HILLS

## Branch 79 Bulletin

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

### Big Sir's Report

As years end approaches I look back on years prior. It is a pleasure to see the many faces of friends and fellow SIR brothers I've met in meetings, luncheons and Activity events all of which occurred while we pursued friendship and fellowship in Sons In Retirement.

I appreciate all the people that stepped up to help Branch 79 and myself over this past year and before. Teamwork has always been a cornerstone in good organizations and that coupled with the Volunteerism attitude helped us strive to make our commitment to having FUN be attainable.

Thank you all very much and I wish you all the best. May Sierra Hills Branch 79 continue to grow, prosper and our "BUZZ" get louder each month!!

- Big Sir Craig Saunders

### Little Sir Report

Christmas is almost upon us and all plans have been made for the Annual SIR's Christmas luncheon on December 19th at the Auburn Elks Club. Over 130 tickets have been sold and more are available if you haven't gotten yours yet. Contact SIR Bill Heale at 530 477-1647 to purchase tickets. The lunch menu is Filet of Beef or Salmon and all the assorted supporting menu items that the Chef provides. The cost is \$18 per person. It's always an enjoyable event and allows our wives to get acquainted with each other as we do each month.

As you probably all know I will be taking over as Big Sir in January and I am looking forward to the year ahead. I am anxious to hear from all of you with ideas for new events and activities. We have a great group of gentlemen who have agreed to serve as officers and Activity Chairmen and they will provide leadership for Branch 79 throughout 2014. If you have any ideas or suggestions about our activities for the coming year let me know or contact one of the other Board Members.

Don't forget Dining Out in January at Maria's Mexican Restaurant in Grass Valley on January 22nd. Contact Michael Self to attend.

My very Best Wishes to all of you and your families for a Holiday Season filled with happiness and good spirits.

- Little Sir John Rosasco

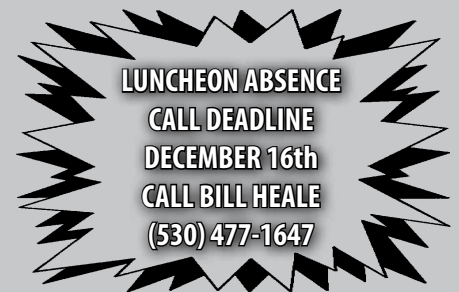


John Rosasco receiving his 2014 Big Sir Badge from 2013 Big Sir, Craig Saunders.



2014 Branch 79 Officers: (Left to right) Harvey Eisley, Director; Kent MacDonald, Secretary; Terry Doan, Treasurer; Tom Stone, Asst. Secretary; Jim Mallery, Little Sir and John Rosasco, Big Sir.

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LUNCHEON ABSENCE

CALL DEADLINE

DECEMBER 16th

CALL BILL HEALE

(530) 477-1647

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, December 19, 2013

Fellowship - 11:00 a.m.

Call To Order - 12:00 p.m.

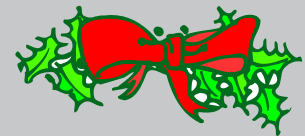
Menu:

*Christmas Lunch*

*Roast Beef and Salmon*

*Tickets are still available.*

*\$18 per person. Email Bill Heale at mrputtmrscurl@att.net or phone him at (530) 477-1647 to let him know you are coming to the lunch. Tickets can be purchased the day of the lunch.*



Executive Committee Meeting:

1st Thursday of the Month

Time - 8:00 a.m.

at Denny's on Highway 49

Bulletin

sir79bulletin@gmail.com

Branch 79 Web site

www.sirbranch79.com



New members: Ken Bezne, Sponsor BS Craig Saunders, Jim Peltier, Sponsor Don Ainsworth, Rich Gregerson, Sponsor Mark Lund, Darol Weber, Sponsor Bill Huggins, Jim Nelson, Sponsor John Clark.

## Membership Report

We've come a long way in our goal to achieve a vibrant and fun Sierra Hills Branch 79. Our members continue to work towards an increase in new members to join our family of brothers intent on having fun while participating in a myriad of social and athletic activities. I commend all of you for your outstanding effort over the last year. It has been a challenge...

Our 2013 goal was 18 new members thereby attaining the State SIR goal of 10% increase. We exceeded that level by 62%, recruiting 29 new members as of the end of November 2013(180 total) with additional pending review and BEC approval.

Keep up the great work you are doing in recruiting new members for 2014. Lets reach 200 members by years end.

- Craig Saunders

### OFFICERS

#### SIR STATE OFFICERS

President:	Richard Dettmer
Vice President:	Maynard Rodland
Secretary:	Richard F. DeVoe
Asst. Secretary:	Ronald Flagel
Treasurer:	Michael Berry
Asst. Treasurer:	James D. Long
Region 9 Director:	Gale E. Jeffers
Area 33 Governor	Don Dill

#### BRANCH 79 OFFICERS

Big Sir:	Craig Saunders	(530) 268-9668
Little Sir:	John Rosasco	(530) 888-8036
Secretary:	Tom Stone	(530) 637-4393
Assistant Secretary:	Kent MacDonald	(530) 745-0324
Treasurer:	Terry Doan	(530) 878-2742
Director:	Ken Hansen PBS	(916) 663-4716
Director:	Ken Newman PBS	(530) 885-5576
Director:	Harvey Easley	(530) 823-5988
Director:	Bob Huntington	(530) 886-8426
Director:	Earl Montgomery PBS	(530) 878-8809
Consiglieri:	Dennis Beverage PBS	(530) 887-8401
Consiglieri:	Jim Peters	(530) 745-0245
Consiglieri:	Tony Oliveira PBS	(530) 878-7109

#### BRANCH 79 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Attendance:	Bill Heale	(530) 477-1647
Bocce:	Pete Thompson	(530) 823-7383
	Don Sherman	(916) 663-2958
Bowling:	Tom McEntee	(530) 889-0605
Bulletin:	Jay Hansell	(530) 878-7350
Bulletin Assistant:	Tony Oliveira	(530) 878-7109
Chaplain:	Ken Newman	(530) 885-5576
Clothing:	Jay Stanley	(530) 899-9876
Computers:	Thomas Rios	(530) 615-6848
Database & Web:	Thomas Rios	(530) 615-6848
Fishing:	Dave DeRosa	(916) 652-9562
	Tom Beale	(530) 878-0301
Golf:	Phil Bolander	(530) 745-9874
	Tom Stone	(530) 637-4393
Greeter:	Doug Young	(530) 889-8324
Greeter Assistant:	Tom Parks	(530) 823-0605
Opportunity Draw:	Harvey Easley	(530) 823-0605
Program:	Bill Welch	(530) 823-6120
Sunshine:	Ken Newman	(530) 885-5576
Wine Steward:	David Blitstein	(530) 685-9576

## 79er Wine Trail

There's a new SIR activity starting in January, its the 79er Wine Trail. David Blitstein the Wine Steward will be coordinating and helping host wine and beer tasting at our local wineries and breweries. Sign-ups for the 79er Wine Trail will be at the SIR luncheon prior to each tasting. You'll get a map to the winery or brewery with pricing and date and time when you sign up.

The first winery that we'll be visiting is SOLUNE WINE GROWERS in Grass valley, the winemaker is Jacques Mercier, who is a great winemaker as well as being an international wine judge. They have a picnic area where we can bring a lunch and purchase a glass or bottle of wine to go with your picnic lunch. You can also purchase wine to take home. I'm a wine club member and get discounts on tasting and purchases.

The second outing, in February, is to KNEE DEEP BREWERY near the Auburn airport, they have a great selection of beers. They also have a list of gourmet food trucks that we'll be able to choose from and purchase lunches or small bites, if we want. I'll have all the details at the sign-up.

If you are member of a local wine club please let me know so I can arrange a tour of their winery or brewery operation. I know that there are a lot of hidden wineries and breweries, so let's seek them out and enjoy the fruit of the Foothills!

- Cheers, David

## Sunshine Report

Good news for the Christmas Season. I contacted Art Wells about his recent knee operation. The surgeon has given him the okay to resume his busy schedule. Padre Ken Newman is recovering nicely from his August knee surgery. He's returned to his home, so give both these wounded brothers a call.

- Steve Coffman, PBS for padre Ken Newman

### DECLARATIONS

- SIR Branch Standing Rules, Rule 438, Non-Responsibility Clause:** All activities arranged for or by, or sponsored by, Sons In Retirement, Incorporated, and its Branches, are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate. Sons In Retirement, Incorporated, and its Branches do not assume any responsibility for the well being or safety of participants or their property, in any matters pertaining to said activities.
  - CHECKS FOR TRIPS** (3 nights or less) must be made payable to the Branch conducting the Trip.
  - CHECKS FOR TOURS** (in excess of 3 nights) must be made payable to the Travel Agency involved.
- SIR Branch Standing Rules, Article 8, Required Attendance, Rule 100: A member who misses three (3) consecutive meetings without notifying his Attendance Committee Chairman giving a valid reason, or who attends less than six (6) meetings within the last twelve (12) months, shall be notified by the prescribed form of the pending termination of his membership.



## Fishing Group

It is just too cold for fishing. I don't know of any member going ice fishing! There are crabbing and fishing trips on the coast that some of our members have talked about, but all the foothill lakes are not being fished due to the weather.

At our next meeting in January, we will take a count of the members who are planning to join us on our annual Shasta trip, which will occur from May 5-9. No December meeting, so our next meeting will be held on January 2, 2014 at Denny's Restaurant in the Bel Air Shopping Center on Grass Valley Highway. We meet at 8:00 a.m.

- Co Lead Hooks David DeRosa & Tom Beale

## Bowling

Five members of Branch 79 traveled to the November Round-Robin bowling event in Paradise, see the results below.

SIR's Paradise Tall Pines Bowl Results

<u>Doubles</u>	<u>Game 1</u>	<u>Game 2</u>	<u>Game 3</u>	<u>Series</u>
Bob Towers	121	167	154	442
Roy Guy	215	146	150	511
Harvey Eisley	166	226	144	536
Tom McEntee	189	203	203	595
Bill Larson	176	231	226	633



Branch 79 Bowling Trivia: Branch 79 has five members that have been inducted into the Mother lode USBC Bowling Association Hall of Fame. Their names appear in the USBC Hall of Fame records at the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame located in Arlington, Texas.

Harvey Eisley	2002	Kenneth Launius	2003
Tom McEntee	2005	Robert Towers	2012
Roy Guy	2012		

The Sir's Monthly Round Robin bowling is also open to all SIR's wives, girl friends or significant others. Hope to see more Branch 79 SIR brothers and guests at the November event, (11/25/13) at Tall Pines Bowl in Paradise California. All seniors are welcome to join the SIRS at Foothill bowl on Fridays. Be there at 12 PM for an afternoon of informal and friendly competition.

- Bowling Chairman Tom McEntee



2013 Branch 79 Bocce Ball Team, Penn Valley

## December Birthdays

Lou Alvarez	George Freuler, Jr.
Russ Anderson	Chuck Mierkey
Bob Bells	Don Morrison
Randy Beneke	Rich Murray
Dave Dunlap	Bob Towers
Jerry Hamilton	

*The latest edition of  
SIR Happenings  
is on the SIR website:  
<http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/>*

President Dettmer's front page article reviews all the dramatic changes that are occurring in SIR. Check the Travel Page for some exciting trips. I hope you enjoy reading our latest edition.

- Don MacGregor  
Editor, SIR Happenings

## RV Activity & Travel

**RV:** All SIR are welcome to participate in any of our activities. Branch 79 welcomes all SIR to join with them on their RV outings. At present they have members from branches 29, 40, 49, 98, 112 and 143. For more information about the "Roamin' Wheels" contact Dick Ciccarelli of Branch 98 at [winnie36g@netzero.net](mailto:winnie36g@netzero.net). **TRAVEL:** West Coast Swing train tour and cruise September, 2011. Alaska cruise, May 16-23, 2011.

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# Golf Report



Phil Bolander presenting Tom Stone a picture of the SIRGEO cup trophy that Tom won on Nov. 18th. The trophy was made by Phil using an athletic jock strap filled with plastic golf balls in the pouch to represent the SIRGEO CUP.



2013 Golf Chair Br79 Phil Bolander receiving Certificate of Appreciation from the BEC

## Friday Golf Report

SIR Branch 79 Friday Fun. Good turnout, great weather. Sixty Eight contributors, and 28 winners. A \$160 payout. Nov 1: Tony Oliveira, Bill Heal, Bob Parsons, Dave Dunlap, Norn Bennett, Bob Huntington, Don Dill, Joe Dydynkii and Reg Norman. Nov 8: Mel Hagman, Ed Smith, Al Wood and Don Morrison. Nov 15: Don Dill, David Blitstine, Roger Evers and Bon Jenson. Nov 22: Reg Murry, Phil Bolander, Joe Dudynski. Bob Bells, Phil Knight, Al Wood, Ken Hanson, Jim Mallery and Don Dill. Nov 29: Terry Dan and Earl Montgomery.

Thanks Guys - Remember, It's only a Game! and darn it I'll try again next week.

- Bill Heale

## Attendance Report

November: Active Members 180; Inactive Members 5; Excused Members 39; Unexcused Members 23; Total Attending 118; Guests 2; Speaker 1. AWOL: #135 B Baker, #193 D Baldwin 2 mo, #50 D Bane 2 mo, #154 D Baumbach 2 mo, #35 D Baxter, #121 J Brown, #32 N Check, #183 K Christianson 2 mo, #187 K Davic 2 mo, #149 J Farless, #130 jJ Feuz, #146 C Fisher, #148 G Fitzlinger 2 mo, #80 J Greenlee, #116 B LaPlante 2 mo, #164 Jack Meylink, #113 Will Michaud 2 mo, #67 G Oliver 2 mo, #127 D Provan 2 mo, #101 F Schmidig, #159 M Scotts, #5 L Westoby 2 mo, #171 E. Zelinger. Eleven members no call two months. Where are you AWOL guys? You are only a phone call away, we hope!

- Bill Heale



Area 33 Governor Don Dill SIR State President presents Dettmer Certificate of Appreciation to Craig Saunders

## Treasurer Report

November began with a balance of \$3,691.40 and ended with a balance of \$4838.44. The money you put in the tube on your table at the luncheon helps cover our expenses.

- Terry Doan

## ACTIVITIES

**Dining Out:** No dining out November and December due to holidays. Michel Self (916) 742-8215.

**Bocce Ball:** Pete Thompson (530) 823-7383 or Don Sherman (916) 663-2958.

**Bicycling:** Ken Hansen (916) 663-4716.

**Bowling:** Fridays, 12:00 pm at Foothill Bowl. Tom McEntee (530) 889-0605.

**Clothing:** Jay Stanley ((901) 889-9876.

**Computers:** Thomas Rios, see at luncheon or call (530) 615-6848.

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

**Walking Group:** Tomas Rios (530) 615-6848.

**Golf:** Phil Bolander (530) 745-9874 & Tom Stone (530) 637-4393.

## 2014 MENU

January	Chicken Fried Steak	July	BBQ Ribs & Chicken
February	Salisbury Steak	August	Roast Pork Loin
March	Corned Beef & Cabbage	September	Fried Chicken
April	Pork Chops	October	Sauerbraten & Sausage
May	Mexican/Cinco de Mayo	November	Turkey & Trimmings
June	Slow Cooked Brisket	December	Roast Beef & Salmon