



# SIERRA HILLS

## Branch 79 Bulletin

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

### Big SIR's Report

After a good January I am looking forward to the activities occurring this month—both at the Luncheon and at the various activity groups. Our February luncheon speaker is Steve Haverberg, a Branch 79. Dining Out in January was great....Mexican food at Maria's in Grass Valley. Good attendance good food and Margaritas. Watch the announcement for next month's site. Our Bocce Ball Group has been very involved lately...SIR Pete Thompson has been involved with other Branches in the Region arranging group tournaments. Additionally he and his group are working with Auburn Recreation District to build some Bocce courts in the Auburn area. That would encourage growth of this ever popular sport. Golf, Fishing and Bowling are moving along as usual with good attendance at all events. Feel free to attend any activity and see if it is something that would interest you.

Travel is an enjoyable part of the lifestyle of retired folks. The SIR organization has sponsored travel activities over the years which are open to SIR members. Trips for 2014 are; March a Mexican Riviera Cruise; May: a Mississippi River Cruise and a trip to the Dalmatian Coast and Greece; September: Nantucket, Martha's Vineyard and Cape Cod; and November: Spain. Details about all these trips are in the SIR State newsletter - [www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings](http://www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings).

The first Wine Tasting was scheduled for January 29th and we will be interested to hear how that went and learn what is planned for the future.. Remember, there is a lot going on... Something for almost everyone so bring a friend or neighbor who might be interested to either a luncheon or a group activity and let them experience some of the fun too!

*Membership growth is the key to a viable club and YOU are the person responsible for generating that growth.*

- Big SIR John Rosasco

### Little SIR Report

It seems like we just started 2014, and already we are in the month of February. Have no fear though, Christmas is less than 350 days away, and have already got Super Bowl out of the way. The weather has been good, but you would think it was spring. It does look like we are going to get some needed rain however. Possibly before our Luncheon. I am sure that we all are looking forward to a great year with Branch 79 SIRs.

I hope you all enjoyed our speaker last month, Celia McAdams, Executive Director Placer County Transportation Planning. She gave us some great information about Placer County and Placer County's future.

Our speaker chairman, Bill Welch, has done a good job of locating speakers for us but finds that he must resign for reasons of health. We are looking for a member to step up and be our Program Chairman for this year. Until he does, I will be trying to locate additional speakers for our luncheons. If anyone knows of someone that would come to Branch 79 Luncheon and share their experiences with us, please let me know.

- Little SIR Jim Mallery

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CALL DEADLINE  
FEBRUARY 17th  
CALL BILL HEALE  
(530) 477-1647**

**NEXT MEETING:**

**Thursday, February 20, 2014**

Fellowship - 11:00 a.m.

Call To Order - 12:00 p.m.

**Menu: Salisbury Steak**

**Speaker:** The February speaker is SIR Steve Haverberg. Steve was Vice President of Roscoe Moss Company from 1984 to 2013. He is a Registered Geologist, Hydrogeologist, working with dirt, rocks, and water. In 1993 Steve became involved with several new gold mines in Nevada. The mines were targeting "microscopic" gold deposits. Their problem was, in order to excavate the mine, they had to dewater the formation. Plus, many mines needed a water supply to process their ore. Steve soon learned, "Every mine has a water problem: too much or not enough". Steve is going to tell us of the successes and tribulation of working in the mining industry in the western United States, Chile, Peru, Bolivia, southern Africa (South Africa, Namibia, Botswana, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Kenya, Democratic Republic of the Congo), Australia, and Mongolia.

**Executive Committee Meeting**

1st Thursday of the Month

8:00 a.m. at Denny's, Highway 49

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# happy birthday!

## FEBRUARY

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## Golf Report

“TAAA..DAAA... Here it is February already and the start of our 2014 Golf schedule. First out of the chute is a date at Morgan creek on the 24th. It will be a four man scramble with the groups being picked by computer. The start time is 0800 and the tariff is \$40.00.. I don't suppose weather will play a big factor in this one but we can always hope it will rain like heck since we have not had much of the drippy stuff in Jan. Have you ever noticed that there is a fine line between our hobby and mental illness? A fellow golfer once asked about my handicap and I replied that I don't really have a handicap, it's more like a permanent disability. These thoughts have crossed my mind as I have stood on the fourth tee box at Black Oak and watched the ducks and geese scramble for cover after my tee shot pushed an eight foot geyser up into the air right in the middle of their group. Well we do what we do in an effort to better our score and to compete with our fellow man. Don't we?

Well back to the future games that are listed on the 2014 schedule. We will be playing at most of the courses that we have ventured out on in the past. Some will present more of a challenge than others. But most of the challenges will be in the listed formats. The goal here is to include a fun outing with some twisted golf. Perhaps you are thinking that some of the twists come from twisted minds and you would not be far off there.

So to conclude, questions can be asked of your golf chairman about the schedule and the formats, especially if you really don't want any answers. Remember, “Hit “em” long and hit “em” straight...

- Tony Oliveira



Right to left (facing the group)... Joe Dydyński, Bob Huntington, Jay Stanley, Tony Oliveira.... This was our entry team in the last state scramble tournament for SIR

## FRIDAY GOLF

WOW, How about our weather, couldn't be better, (for golf) pretty good turn-out 153 for a winter month, also a few winners who haven't won in a while, McDevitt, Morrison, Mallery, Bennett, & Ferral 1/3/14 = #2- par shooters - Terry Doan. = #4 ctp Leroy McDevitt. = #6 ctp Bennett. == 1/10/14 == Sorry I had to miss this week, But I know that Don Morrison won some-thing. == 1/17/14 == #4 CTP Jeff Lambert, #5 CTP Steve Jolley had a chip-in for a winner. == 1/24/14 == #4 CTP Bob Berzanski, Low Gross, Don Dill - 41. & Low Net went to Jim Mallery, == 1/31/14 == #4 CTP Matt Ferral, #7 CTP Cliff Bennett, Hi Gross 72 Craig Saunders, Hi Net 59 Craig Saunders. Good Shoot'n Guys hope we all had SOME fun. I did I almost shot par on #4 , if only they would move that darn lake !

- Bill Heale

## Sunshine Report



It has been a busy time during the past few weeks. I enjoyed our great SIR Branch 79 trip to the Brewery in Auburn. The beer was excellent but my wife insisted she drive to our next destination. Our Padre, Ken Newman, will be at the February lunch to present one of his lively stories for your enjoyment. I have no reports of illness in our branch. Please let Ken or me know if anyone needs a call, card or visit.

- Steve Coffman, PBS for padre Ken Newman

## ACTIVITIES

**Dining Out:** Sierra Grill Smokehouse - 2515 Grass Valley Hwy, Auburn - Menu: Steak, Chicken, & Pork BBQ combo and Salmon Incl. Dinner Salad & either baked beans or mashed potatoes. Soft drinks. 14.95 + tip, indiv. checks, happy hour 2-6 - Michel Self (916) 742-8215

**Bocce Ball:** Pete Thompson (530) 823-7383, Don Sherman (916) 663-2958 & Jack Meylink 530-878-1219

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

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

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

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

**Golf:** Tony Olivera (916) 791-7292

**79er Wine Trail:** March 6 Lone Buffalo Winery in Auburn, David Blitstein (530) 274-2100

## Bowling

Monthly Round Robin Paradise 01/27/2014  
Branch # 79 had 3 members participate in the January round – robin event in Paradise, SIR Bob Towers led the field of Branch #79 bowlers with a 592 series.  
SIR's Paradise Tall Pines Bowl Results 1/27/2014:

	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Series
Bob Towers	181	201	210	592
Roy Guy	188	135	197	520
Dave Aulbach	163	189	203	555

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. Also, you can attempt to separate your SIR brothers from their money by competing in the skins contest, Little money, lots of fun! For all SIR bowling information please visit the following link:<http://www.sirinc.org/bowling/>

- **Bowling Chairman Tom McEntee**



## 79er Wine Trail

To all you 79er's who attended the February Wine Trail at Knee Deep Brewery, thanks for your support, I hope you had a good time. Well that makes 2 outings for us and 2 rain days, I don't no how long I can pull this off. Thanks to Jerry (the CEO), Jeremy (the brew master), Jeb (our tour guide) and Kelly (the event coordinator), they were very gracious to have us, they have a unique operation and some of the best beers on the market. The gourmet food truck "Cruzin Fusin" was fantastic, with a great menu also.

The March outing will be on the 6th (that's the 1st Thursday) to Lone Buffalo Winery in Auburn hosted by Jill and Phil Maddux (and if you're lucky you'll even see a buffalo), they offer Rhone-style estate wines. Lone Buffalo Winery has been written up in the Sacramento Bee as wine of the week by wine expert Mike Dunne and also listed in Style magazine as "Favorite Local Winery" 2010, 2011, 2012. So again, if the weather is nice, we can bring a picnic lunch or our own snacks to sit



## Fishing Group

Fishing has been tough this last month, with no water. We are now getting some rain, so it should help the fishing.

There have been several in the group fishing at Englebright Lake. Bob Cummings and I were up there fishing in his kayak a few weeks ago. Three other boats from our group were there, also. It was a challenging fishing day, but we did manage to catch 4 trout. With no water being released from Folsom, we took the kayak up the gorge in front of Folsom Dam--beautiful sights, but no fish!

At our last meeting, we were still planning our trip to Shasta--May 5-9. Twenty-two members have signed up. Hope there's water. In June we are planning a fish fry at the Fore Bay at Christian Valley. The members are going to have to catch some fish if we are going to feed the wives.

If you are interested in joining us, we meet at Denny's on Hwy. 49 at 8AM on the second Thursday of the month.



- **Co Lead Hooks David DeRosa & Tom Beale**

outside, plus if it turns cold or rainy they have covered area (which is their crush pad for the grapes) with heaters, I'll have the sign-up sheet and all the details at the next lunch.

- **David Blitstein: Wine Steward**





On the left, Mark Lund welcomes new SIR Jeff Lambert. Jeff and his wife Robin reside in Grass Valley. Jeff is a retired carpenter and enjoys golf, fishing, camping and boat repair. He looks forward to participating in many of our activities. His sponsor, Craig Saunders. On the right, Big SIR Craig Saunders presents certificates of appreciation to (Left to Right) Don Sherman and Pete Thompson-Co-Chairs Bocce; Tom Beale and David DeRosa-Co-Chairs for Fishing and Thomas McEntee Bowling Activity Chair.

# MEMBERSHIP



## Hole in One by Don Dill

One fine Friday in Nov. of last year five of us were playing at Black Oak and a thrill of a life time occurred! The five-some consisted of Bob Jensen, Bob Berzanski, Dave Dunlap ( a new comer to SIR golf), Don Dill and Reggie Murray. Reggie has become a friend and coach to many SIR golfers as he knows this game with over sixty years of expert playing and professional training. See! In the US Air Force you can defend our country while playing golf all over the world. Reggie's hottest new SIR Protégé is Dave Dunlap, a struggling 15 Handicapper and beginning last fall things began to change! Gone were the Shanks and the Yipps and his drive became longer and straighter. Regg's student kicking our butt!

It was on hole seven at Black Oak, a 189 yards from the whites; all of us except Dave had hit; Dave's swing was relaxed and he "finished high" just like Regg wanted him to! When I saw Dave's ball land just over the trap on the right side of the green and kick towards the flag I knew it had a chance to go in. Bob Berzanski in a cart rushed ahead to find no ball over the back, and no ball on the green and as we approached the green, Bob Berzanski asked Dave to come to the hole. Bang the thrill of a lifetime occurred for Dave Dunlap, the realization that there in the cup was his ball and he had just hit a hole in one. Now Friday Golf for SIR is

## Attendance Report

January 16, 2014: 186 total membership. 5 Inactive. Members in attendance, 117. Excused members, 34. Unexcused, 30. Guests, 3. Speaker, 1. Lyle, please bring your badge to next luncheon, Thank you. UNEXCUSED, D. Baldwin, Michael Bane, Dave Baxter, Jim Brown, Doc Causie, Kendall Christianson, John Clark, Bill Clark, Jim Curl, Ken Davis, Fitz Fitzinger, Jr Greenlee, Walt Haverland, Dave Irwin, David Landry, Bill LaPlante, Jack McClurg, Will Michaud, Terry Peterich, Terry Preston, Will Rogers, Mike Sherman, Kurt Slmon, Tom Stella, Geary Tiffany, Paul Tombaugh, Bob Tutton, Jim Underhill, Bill Watson, Darol Weber, Bill Welch. REMEMBER, Call me if you cant make attend, or if you know you are bringing a guest, helps to let the chef know HOW MANY he's feeding.

- Bill Heale

## Treasurer Report

January began with a balance of \$1985.75 and ended with \$1754.65 That is \$1245.75 short of the \$3000.00 cash balance our branch is required to have. **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.**

- Terry Doan

meant to be a casual 9 holes of fun and camaraderie and I hope it will never change, there is plenty of time for serious golf in our monthly tournaments. But, I think the spirit of 79 is Friday Golf with Harry the Driller, Tony O in his knickers, and countless more we having fun. I have witnessed at least three or four holes in one at Black Oak over the last ten years, from Dave Baxter, Tom Stone and now Dave Dunlap; oh, and there was the time Kenny Newman actually manufactured a hole-in-one for Norman Rothenberg, but that was in Las Vegas (and what goes on in Vegas stays in Vegas).





January Luncheon & 79er Wine Trail tours of SoLune Winery & Knee Deep Brewery

