



SIERRA HILLS

Branch 79 Bulletin

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

Big SIR's Report

Our February meeting was successful on several fronts—notably, the speaker was our very own Branch 79 member Steve Haverberg. And, you the membership came through to help us on our way to financial stability. Steve told us about the problems related to deep well drilling and dewatering other sites. Most interesting and something most of us knew nothing about. Your contributions to the tubes is helping to solve our financial deficit problem. Keep up the donations and we shall be in good shape in a few months!

Little Sir Jim Mallery is still handling the Speaker Chairmanship very well but we would like to find a replacement for him and allow him to be more involved with his other assigned tasks. Remember that this whole SIR activity is one composed of volunteers. We don't need a few people doing a lot of work each. we need lots of folks doing a little bit each and the job will be done successfully and most easily.

Volunteer members are needed. Our song leader, John Fragomeni, has moved to Washington so we need a new song leader. Our web site is languishing without being updated as Thomas Rios is on a period of Inactivity due to a work obligation. Who has some web savy and can keep it up to date? The Padre is back part time but would like assistance with his duties as Sunshine Chair. It is an important position to fill because our member should be aware that we are concerned about their health and welfare when they are under the weather. Contact Padre Newman or me if you would be able to help here.

Once again, Dining Out was very successful. Dinner at Sierra Grill was attended by 20+ members and spouses and seemed to be enjoyed by all. I understand, too that the Wine Tasting and the Beer Tasting have both been very well attended and enjoyed by all. Wine Steward Blitstein will have signups available at the Luncheon for the next outing as will Dining Out Chairman Mike Self.

Our membership number fluctuates around the 180 mark with new members coming in and others leaving for various reasons. We need to keep bringing guests and introducing them to our Group so that we will have sufficient membership numbers to support our activities and enough members to continue to bring in new ideas and new spirit. In closing I have confidence that we will continue to grow and be the great chapter that we are and have always been.

- Big SIR John Rosasco

Little SIR Report

Well, believe it or not, we are already starting a new month. Luckily, we made it through St. Patrick's Day. The official "1st Day of Spring" is on the day of the SIRS Branch 79 Luncheon, March 20th. We had the Branch Executive Committee meeting on March 6th, and it was a very good and successful meeting with all the Branch Officers and Committee Chairmen present.

Good food and good speakers are key components of keeping an organization like ours healthy and growing. We have had a great start this year with interesting speakers and another one on the way this month. We have several speakers lined up for the luncheons, but if anyone has a suggestion for speakers, please let us know.

- Little SIR Jim Mallery

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NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, March 20, 2014

Fellowship - 11:00 a.m.

Call To Order - 12:00 p.m.

Menu: *Corned Beef & Cabbage*

Speaker: Susan Rushton is a lifetime English major, a writer, an editor, and a teacher. Since 2000, she has produced and hosted two monthly half-hour programs on Auburn Community Television. Since 1999, she has presented Silver Screen Classic Movies the first Saturday of the month at the Auburn Library. In 1994, she won the Artie Award from the Arts Council of Placer County for promoting the Literary Arts. From 1995 to 1999 she was Charter Commissioner on the Auburn Arts Commission created by the City of Auburn to promote art in public places. She has written an opinion column for the Auburn Journal Newspaper since 1987. She and her husband, Don, moved to Auburn in 1985 and they plan never to leave.

Executive Committee Meeting

1st Thursday of the Month

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

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happy birthday!

MARCH

Al Archer	Ron Herr
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Bill Clark	Nevada Joe Maskaly
Terry Doan	Jack McClurg
Jack Farless	Monty Montgomery
John Feuz	Terry Montgom
Michael Hanson	Ralph Sutton
Lynn Hartford	Ernie Tenderich

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Golf Report

FORE! Now that word, when heard on the golf course, usually means that a ninety mile an hour golf ball is headed your way. And it is time for you and the rest of your group to go into your avoidance dances.

I am not sure just where some of your moves come from but sometimes they are fun to watch. More often than not that ninety mile an hour ball lands to darn close to a fellow golfer without the benefit of the magic "FORE" word. So even if later at the coroners inquest you can say "I never thought I could hit it that far" give out with a little respect for your fellow golfer out there and yell out if you think it could even be close. Now on to another thought or two about the subject of golf. Have you ever noticed how golf appeals to the idiot in us as well as the child? Just how childlike golfers become is proven by their frequent inability to be able to count past "five". If you think the game of golf is difficult you must remember that it was invented by the same people that think "music" comes out of a bagpipe. As for hitting the ball. I find that it is not really very difficult to keep the ball in the fairway as long as you are not too picky about just which fairway. Another way to control your shots is to "Never" have more than 300 separate thoughts in your mind during your backswing. This last thought comes to mind when I think about the dreaded "Bunkers" and I go back to an old thought that was passed on by an elderly golfer. "When you find yourself in a hole the first thing you should do is stop digging". That always comes to mind when I see the sheets of sand coming out minus the ball.

Now on to the upcoming events of play that are listed on your 2014 schedule. Our next outing is to be held at Empire Ranch golf course. It is slated to be a two man, one best ball competition. Larry Root of branch 120 is the host and the tab is \$46.00... I would say "let's hope the weather cooperates" if I did not think we really need the rain but we do. So let's just say "let it rain", just not on March 24th. As for the weather... I would like to commend all of the SIR's that came out to play in the special "Courtney" tournament held at Black Oak golf course. There was a great showing out there and our group did themselves proud. Thanks guys. Remember, "Hit em' long and hit em' straight."

- Tony Oliveira

FRIDAY GOLF

February: 2/7/14 rain - 2/14/14 -- matt ferral ctp #4 - David Blitstien ctp #7 2nd shot - Bob Berzanski, fewest putts 15 -- and Terry Doan with a birdy on #8 with low score of 43 == 2/28/14. Rain rain go away (on Fridays only). Coming on March 21 we'll have a shot-gun start day. Also Norm said he would for \$5.00 buy and fix hamburgers, chips and a drink. What do you think? I'll have a sign in sheet in club house next Friday, weather permitting of course!

- Bill Heale

BOCCE

Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned player, join us on Wednesday at 10 am each week for Bocce at the Flower Farm. This is open for all and not limited to SIRS, we typically have 6-12 players each week and since they have two courts the more the merrier. In addition to this weekly Wednesday play we are in the process of establishing some games with other SIRS branches in Area 33. Your Bocce committee has also been working with Auburn Recreation District (ARD) to gain approval for construction of 4 new courts at Recreation Park in Auburn. We expect final approval by the end of this month.

- Pete Thompson, Don Sherman, and Jack Meylink



ACTIVITIES

Dining Out: Michel Self (916) 742-8215

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

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

79er Wine Trail: David Blitstein (530) 274-2100

Bowling

SIR's Bi-Monthly Round-Robin Results. Branch 79 fielded four bowlers for the February Round-Robin event at Nu Generation Bowl in Yuba City on February 23.

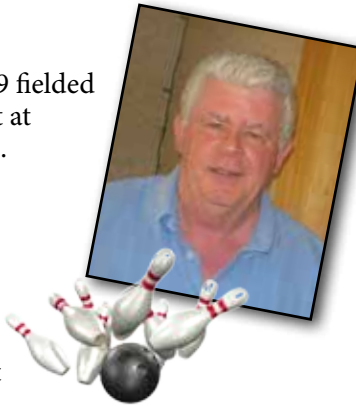
	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Series
Harvey Easley	188	213	170	571
Tom McEntee	234	126	155	515
Roy Guy	165	181	143	489
Bob Towers	139	160	136	435

Come and join us at Foothill Bowl every Friday at noon for an afternoon of fun and mild exercise.

For additional information, see the branch web site for the 2014 SIR's State Tournament schedule and the Round-Robin Paradise and Yuba City schedule.

Bowling Chairman Tom McEntee / moetoe444@sbcglobal.net

- **Bowling Chairman Tom McEntee**



79er Wine Trail

Thanks to all who decided to venture out to Lone Buffalo Winery, what a great facility and super host Jill and Phil Maddux (did anyone see the buffalo?), it was a large metal sculpture on the hill near their house, and thanks to Ken and Penny Hanson and Kent and Erika MacDonald for bringing the cheese and crackers.

April's Wine Trail (the 3rd) will take us to a little micro brewery in Cool, "COOL BEERWERKS", the owner Rochelle

Robello and Brew Master Steve Robello are making some fine hand crafted beers and will be able to serve beer sample flights. Also with a restaurant there they are able to provide a menu that has beer bites, bar favorites, salads, sandwiches and other specials. The bonus about this outing is that they also serve WINE!!!! COOL BEERWERKS is easy to get to, about 6 miles



Fishing Group

First, there was no water. Now, with the well-needed rain, the water is muddy. If we could only get out! The rain will surely help the fishing this spring.

Our annual trip to Shasta Lake, May 5-9, is looking better and better with more water in the lake. As of now, we have 23 members signed up.

At our February meeting, our guest speaker, Gary Ferguson, the Harbor Freight District Manager, informed us of the history of the company, which was very interesting, and even had gifts for each of our members.



Guest speaker, Gary Ferguson

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

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

from the Elks Lodge and about a 15 minute drive. Their address is 5020 Ellinghouse Dr. Ste H, Cool, 530/885-5866. I'll have a sign-up sheet, map and all the details at the next luncheon.

- **David Blitstein
Wine Steward**





Dining Out

This month we are dining out at Auburn's Lou Labontes. Join us Wednesday March 26, at 6 pm for prime rib cooked especially for us. Normally prime rib is offered only on Saturday and Sunday. The cost, under \$20 includes a soft drink and soup or salad. Pasta and fish is available. Separate checks are ok, no mandatory tip. Happy hour 2-6 but there is a \$10 corkage fee (sorry David). They are serving us in their private dining room. To get there take Hwy 80 east, take Bowman exit, head west on frontage road.

Email Michael Self at "miguelfself@gmail.com or call 916-742-8215 (P.S. The editor says the prime rib is to die for).

Attendance Report

FEBRUARY: Roster count is 180 members, 118 members attending, with 4 guests, 29 excused, 6 inactive, 122 lunches served, now 33 UNEXCUSED, Daniel Baldwin Jan, Feb, =, Michael Bane Jan, Feb, = Bert Baumbach, = Dave Baxter Jan, Feb, = Jim Brown Jan, Feb, = John Cadiente, = Kendall Christianson Jan, Feb, = Jim Curl, Jan. Feb, = Kevin Cutigini, = Ken Davis, Jan, Feb, = Jack Farless, = John Feuz, = Fitz Fitzinger Jan, Feb, = Bill Higgins, = Ivan Ichters, = Dave Irwin Jan, Feb, = Jeff Lambert, = Bill LaPlante Jan, Feb, = Lee Livingston, = Ron Markham, = Mike McCarty, = Will Machaud Jan, Feb, = Chuck Mierkey, = Jim Nelson, = Ernie Perry, = Terry Peterich Jan, Feb. = Paul Petruzzelli (I Know) Jim Pitts, = Dave Provan, = Will Rogers, = Michael Self, = Mike Sherman Jan, Feb. = Larry Swafford. REMEMBER IF YOU CANT MAKE YOUR LUNCH DATE OR IF YOU ARE BRINGING A GUEST, PLEASE CALL 530-477-1647.

- Bill Heale

Treasurer's Report

February began with a balance of 1754.65 and ended with \$2102.20 That is \$897.78 short of the \$3000.00 cash balance our branch is required to have. Please feed the money tubes on your table at the luncheon. Your donation helps cover our branches expenses. A minimum donation of \$3.00 per person is suggested

- Terry Doan, Treasurer

Sunshine Report

Well the months of February and March have not been too good for your Brother SIRs. We have lost Brother Charlie Michaelis and Brother Dave Baxter. A memorial service will be held March 15th, a Saturday, at 1200, at the Auburn First Assembly of God church. The address is 4200 Grass Valley Highway. The wife of Brother Joe Dydinski (PBS) passed away. As we hear of health problems, death's, or what ever, we contact the Brother or family and make every effort to visit them and send them "get well card's" and "sympathy card's" .

I want to send a great big "thank you" to PBS Steve Coffman for stepping in and filling my shoes as Chaplain and Sunshine chairman. He has excelled at this job. Thank You Steve. Due to my health I could use an assistant, or if anyone would like to step in and take over the job I would be more than happy to show you the ropes. Please let myself or the Big Sir know if you would be willing to help. Thank you so very much.

- Padre Ken Newman

Brother Charlie Michaelis (left) with Brother Karl Simon at our February lunch.

MEMBERSHIP

Returning Member Al Graber and his wife Helen live in Foresthill. They were married in January 1951. Al retired in 1984 from the San Juan Unified School District . Al a returning member lies to play bridge. His sponsor is Tom Stella. Welcome back Al!



(Left to right) Jim Mallory, Tom Stella and returning member, Al Graber.

Branch 79 is losing their Choral Leader. Our choral leader for many years past, John Fragomeni and his wife Bonnie are relocating to Washington state later this month. John has long been our leader of song for Branch 79's rendition of "God Bless America". Both Bonnie and he have been involved in community choral groups in the Greater Auburn area and will be missed by many singers in our area. We wish them both well and to continue in "good voice and song" for many years to come. Bon Voyage and safe journey to you both.

