



SIERRA HILLS

Branch 79 Bulletin



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

Big SIR's Report

First let me welcome a new Speaker Chairman on board. Fred Balke has agreed to serve in this position and we are very glad to have him. If you have any ideas for speakers you know of or would like to hear at luncheon please mention their names to Fred. It is hard for one person to keep coming up with names when there is a wealth of knowledge available in the membership.



All of our activity groups are rolling along very well. Weather has been good for the golfers...almost too good because, of course, we do need some rain. Ditto for the Bocce players.

Dining Out and the Beer and Wine Tasting have continued to draw good numbers of members and significant others. Bowling and Fishing are also active. Fishing Group is, however, lamenting the water situation statewide. Hopefully they will find enough water to wet their lines and launch their boats!

BRT (Branch Retention and Recruitment) Team is complete and is beginning their efforts this month. It is important that all branches maintain their levels of membership in order to be able to function well. Little Sir Jim Mallory tells me that you ALL will be hearing from the committee soon. I feel sure that they will be coming up with some good ideas to increase our membership and add to the group's numbers.

Our speakers have been good all this year...I was impressed with how well the group fared with the Trivia questions that Susan Rushton threw your way at the March luncheon. So many good answers....maybe we should mount a team for the Trivia Contest next year???? Any takers? The folks I know who have participated have enjoyed the experience and it's all in fun and for a good cause. Just an idea...let me know your thoughts on this.

Once again please remember to bring a friend to lunch...If they become a member they will begin to enjoy the fellowship which we already enjoy and we will make new acquaintances also.

- Big SIR John Rosasco

Little SIR Report

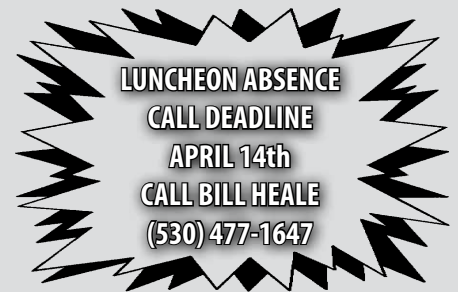
There will be SIRS Branch 79 Rosters available on the counters when you check in at the Luncheon. Be sure and check to see if your information is correct and, if not, there will be forms on the tables to correct them. Turn the forms into BIG SIR, John at the front table.



All members should bring a friend with them to our luncheons in an effort to recruit new members. Remember to call if you can't attend the luncheon. If you don't attend and we believe that you are coming, the Branch 79 gets charged for your lunch even though you don't attend. This is very IMPORTANT!! We thank all of our members for your contributions at our Luncheon. Your individual efforts are sustaining our Branch 79 in many ways. We ask that you continue so that your efforts enable our Branch 79 to do a little more each year.

- Little SIR Jim Mallory

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**NEXT MEETING:
Thursday, April 17, 2014
Fellowship - 11:00 a.m.
Call To Order - 12:00 p.m.
Menu: *Pork Chops***

Program: Author John Coale was born in San Francisco in 1954. He's spent a great deal of his life living and traveling in California. John's swept chimneys for 20 years. When he is not working he spends most of his spare time seeking canoeable waters in California. John's written two books, "Paddling the California Highlands" and "Canoeing the California Highlands: A Quiet Water Guide To Paddler's Paradise." John is also a musician and plays a many instruments. He says, "Playing music and playing in nature sets my spirit free and heals my wounds. It is alright to have a good time!"

Executive Committee Meeting
1st Thursday of the Month
8:00 a.m. at Denny's, Highway 49
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Golf Report

“RAIN, RAIN, GO AWAY, COME BACK ON A NON GOLF DAY” Well spring has sprung and “Old Ma Nature” seems to know just which day of the week that golf is being played. If she really had her stuff together it would only rain at night from around 7:30 to about 03:00. That way the drought would ease off. The courses would have time to drain. And the sun would shine for golfing. Simple right? At least the rain that has come of late has eased the courses into having lots of green grass to hit off of. About playing.... It seems that the latest “BUZZ WORDS” that the courses like to use is “”PACE OF PLAY”” and my all time favorite “” KEEP UP WITH THE GROUP IN FRONT OF YOU””. Well, these advisements seem to be a bit out of place when you consider a few of “GOLF’S” other advisements. Like.. slow down your back swing.... take your time over your putt, don’t rush it.... Take a couple of practice swings prior to your drive. Etc. Now being that Golf is supposed to be a relaxing game. A time to get away from the hustle and bustle of the work week. Does it really make sense to set a land speed record while getting around the course? And that bit about keeping up.... Well easier said and done when you happen to be placed behind a foursome of jack rabbits. Of course you could relax a little and play the game a bit slower but then you may have to play a bit of dodge ball from the group in back of you that seems to think you need to increase your pace. All in all, a few simple tricks of play can usually get you around the course in a normal set of hours. Like grabbing your club and sending your partner over to his ball while you hit. If your way is clear hit up and then start toward where your partner is hitting from. Spend five minutes or less searching for your ball. Line up your putts without a visual sighting from six angles. And my all time, very favorite, is cut back on the casual chatter on the tees and while out on the fairways.

A council meeting on where to hit the next shot is not necessary if you have played this game more than twice in your lifetime. Hit the sucker toward the short grass area that has the flagstick on it. You can always swap war stories, show each other how many scars that you have or discuss your most recent illness or surgery at the nineteenth hole or while en route to your next shot.

We have recently lost some of our players. Either to illness, age, or just because they have gone on before us. So since the very biggest part of golf is the sharing of time together with our buddies, be sure to share your smiles and handshakes with your group. As father time seems to catch up with all of us sooner or later... enjoy your outings on the course because these times are what our memories are made of. I will close this one with this sage advise... It takes longer to learn how to play golf than it does to become a brain surgeon. On the other hand you don’t get to ride around on a golf cart, drink beer, and eat hot dogs while performing brain surgery.

Below are Friday Golfers: Tony Oliveira, Harry Rhodes, Bill Heale, and Craig



Saunders. Below right, Harry Rhodes turns ninety and is still swinging at Black Oak Golf course

Hit “em” long and
Hit “em” straight.

- Tony Oliveira,
Golf Chairman

happy birthday!

APRIL

Don Ainsworth	Johnny Fragomeni
Bruce Baker	Gene Goldsmith
Jim Brown	Walt Haverland
Mike Callahan	Bill Larson
Ron Deberard	Jim Peters
Keith Dice	Larry Seeman
Don Dill (LM)	Tom Stone

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BOCCE

I thought you all ought to see what the USBF Bocce Tournament schedule is for our area! Our Sierra Hills Branch 79 Bocce Team has visited a few of these facilities just last Friday, March 28th. We’re looking for court surface’s that we feel are best suited for outdoor use. We are so excited about what we feel is the top of the line and will now research it to make our recommendation to the AD Committee at the proper time. They have invited us to work closely with them in working with the design and specific details that should be included within these courts. It’s not all work and no play; I believe several of our Bocce members of Branch 79 will be playing next Sunday up in Penn Valley and I have invited Branches 37 and 170 to please join us.

- Pete Thompson, Don Sherman, Jack Meylink: Bocce co-Chair

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: Tony Oliveira (916) 791-7292

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

Bowling

Branch # 79 had 6 members and 1 spouse participate in the March Round – Robin event in Paradise, SIR Bob Towers led the field of Branch #79 bowlers with a 676 series. Results:

	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Series
Bob Towers	246	209	221	676
Harvey Easley	236	234	170	640
Ken Launius	228	192	211	631
Michele McEntee	147	202	204	553
Roy Guy	170	177	204	551
Dave Aulbach	185	167	198	550
Tom McEntee	179	148	137	464

The Sir's Monthly Round Robin bowling is also open to all SIR's wives, girlfriends or significant others, just do not bring your wife and girlfriend to the same event. Hope to see more Branch 79 SIR brothers and guests at the April event, (04/28/2014) at Nu Generation Bowl in Yuba City 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. 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 State bowling information please visit the following link: <http://www.sirinc.org/bowling/>

- Tom McEntee, Bowling Chairman

79er Wine Trail



Thanks to all the 79er Wine Trail followers. How about that COOL BEERWERKS? What a great find thanks to Joe Argo and Cliff Bennet for turning us on to it. Thanks also to Rochelle and Steve Robello for being great hosts, it was a good time for all. May's Wine Trail (May 1, 1-3p) will take us to another award wining winery, Sierra Knolls' "Bear River Wine Tasting room" in Auburn on Highway 49. I'm sure you'll enjoy the wine and with a great indoor and outdoor venue you'll love it. Winemaker John Chase and tasting room manager Bob Krogman will be pouring our tastings and Bob just happens to be a member of the Alta Sierra SIR Branch 170 and will definitely treat us well, no tasting fee and 10% off all wines. We can bring our own picnic lunches or purchase fresh individual 8" pizza for \$8.00. I'll have all the details and maps at the next lunch. Cheers!

- David Blitstein, Wine Steward

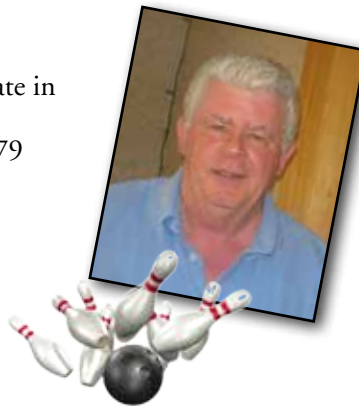
Fishing Group

Hi to all. Well we finally got some much needed rain. It will probably take a few days for the mud to settle, but good fishing is not too far off. It is time to see if the boat batteries are still good.

The Shasta Fishing Trip is scheduled for May 5th through May 9th. We have twenty members signed up, with about eight boats. It should be a fun trip. We will let you know at the May lunch.

The Roostertails fishing group here in town has a fishing swap meet scheduled for May 17th at the Auburn Grange Hall on Bell Road. This would be a good opportunity to trade or sell that gear you no longer need. The tables cost \$25.00. Contact roostertailsfishingclub.org for more information.

The fishing group meets the second Thursday of each month at Denny's on Hwy. 49. Hope to see you there.



Ralph Sutton at Englebright Lake

- Co Lead Hooks David DeRosa & Tom Beale





Dining Out

Dine out will be at "The Station", two railway cars converted to a restaurant, on Wednesday, April 23, 6:00 p.m. Happy hour 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. The Station is in Roseville at 1100 Orlando Avenue and Auburn Boulevard. The menu will feature beef, chicken or pasta or salad. Cost below \$20. Call me at (916) 742-8215. See you there!

- Michel Self

MEMBERSHIP

Branch 79 welcomes two new members this month.

Bob Niemeyer, and his wife Jane, live in Auburn. They've been married since May 2007. Bob retired from Union Pacific Railroad. His interest are dominoes, fishing, golf and social activities. Jim Harris is Bob's sponsor.

Irl "Bob" Lemmon, and his wife Diana, live in Grass Valley. They were married November 1954. Bob is a retired self-employed developer and real estate broker. His interests include bridge, dancing, hiking, walking, theater, wine making and jazz. Pete Thompson is his sponsor.



Mark Lund, Bob Niemeyer, Irl "Bob" Lemmon and Pete Thompson

Attendance Report

MARCH LUNCHEON REPORT = = Total membership = 178 = = 6 members on inactive. = = 120 members in attendance = = 3 guests = = 1 speaker = = 124 served a VERY good lunch = guest were Frank Slaton, Len Jeffery, And Irv Eastmer, we hope you enjoyed the meeting, food, and all. We hope you'll come back soon. NOW ; 31 UNEXCUSED = Randy Beneke --- Stan Cutright --- Johnny Fragomeni --- Rich Gregerson ---Walt Haverland --- Bob Kendrick --- Jim Nelson --- Gary Oliver --- Dave Provan --- Kurt Simon --- Martin Smith --- Mike Stotts --- Doug Young = = John Cadiente, Feb/Mar = = Ivan Ichtters, Feb/Mar = = Ron Markham, Feb/Mar. = = #193 Daniel Baldwin, Jan, Feb, Mar. = = #50 Michael Bane, Jan, Feb, Mar. = = #121 Jim Brown, Jan, Feb, Mar. = = #183 Kendall Christianson, Jan, Feb, Mar. = = #30 Jim Curl, Jan, Feb, Mar. = = #187 Ken Davis, Jan, Feb, Mar. = = #148 Fitz Fitzinger, Jan, Feb, Mar. = = #116 Bill LaPlante, Jan, Feb, Mar. = = #60 Mike Sherman, Jan, Feb, Mar.

Remember, bring a guest or two and just let me know so I can tell the cook how many are coming. Don't lose your badges, bring them April 17.

Welcome to the new members BOB LEMMON, and BOB NEIMEYER.

- Bill Heale

Treasurer's Report

March began with a balance of \$2102.40 and ended with \$2434.39 We are doing better but still short of 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, Treasurer



Sunshine Report

The good news is we had our first snow in Foresthill. But good things don't always last as the snow gone by eight in the evening.

More good news is our Padre, Ken Newman, will soon be able to spot the ladies with ease after his eye surgery next week.

Not so good is we have a SIR brother, Jim Nelson, who is currently in intensive care at the hospital with a cancerous Brain tumor. We will have an updated status at the April lunch.

- Steve Coffman for Padre Ken Newman