



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 Fred Balke aboard as our new Speaker Chairman. Fred has already shown us how capable he is in this job by presenting John Coale, who was last month's speaker. A most interesting man with a story to tell! Keep up the good work Fred. We all look forward to great speakers.

On the Board's Agenda for this month is work on the ongoing issue of membership, both retention and recruitment. There is a always certain amount of transition of members in and out of the club for a wide variety of reasons. In order for us to maintain an active unit which offers its members lots of opportunities and activities we need to keep our membership at a reasonable level. The Club's BRT (Branch Retention Committee) is beginning work on the issue but it is incumbent on each of us to do our part. That means we are responsible for bringing in new members, friends and other associates who might enjoy the camaraderie we enjoy within the larger SIR organization or in the specific activities in which we participate.

So, in line with that, we have had a most generous offer from past Big SIR Craig Saunders. Craig has offered to award \$100 to the member who brings in the most members within the next six months, that is between April and September, 2014 with the award being given at the October 16 commitment to SIRs. *Let's see if we can exceed the record of 16 members inducted in a four month period a couple of years ago.* This is a challenge which I know we can meet and perhaps beat!

We should be proud of our Bocce Group...they are working very closely with the Auburn Recreation District in the process of building bocce courts at the Park which will be available to the public. It's a growing sport and there is a greater demand for courts by the community. We appreciate their efforts to do this extra outreach which will be of lasting value to the public and to SIR members who want courts on which to hold their events.

Are their activities which might interest YOU? We have many groups established but there is always room for more if there are members who would like to be involved. What about Bridge, Gardening, Travel, Computers, Model Airplanes, Walking, or what about more events with spouses or significant others? These are all possible activities which could be established if there is significant interest. Let your Officers know what might interest you.

In the meantime, enjoy the beginning of Springtime but let's hope for a bit more rain to fill our lakes.

- Big SIR John Rosasco

Little SIR Report

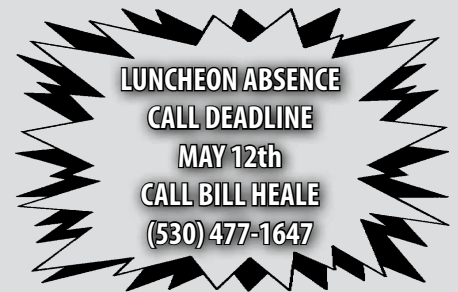
Hi All, just returned from our cruise through the Panama Canal and it was a great time. Hope all is well with everyone.

One of the luxuries we all enjoy living in this area, and the United States for that matter, is having the opportunity to go where we like, join organizations that suit our needs and participate in various groups that become part of our social life. Being a SIR and belonging to Branch 79 is an example of that.

Little is required of us to participate. In fact, the only requirement is to attend the monthly luncheon and join in the festivities with our fellow SIR brothers. **If you CANNOT attend**

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NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, May 15, 2014

Fellowship - 11:00 a.m.

Call To Order - 12:00 p.m.

Menu: *Cinco de Mayo (Mexican)*

PROGRAM

PCWA Protecting and Serving the Water Resources Important for Use by the People, Land and Ecosystems of Placer County

David Breninger serves as General Manager of the Placer County Water Agency (a County-wide independent special district). Since January 1992, he has overseen the Agency's multifaceted water resource services. Einar Maisch is a leading voice for the region's water supply reliability and the lower American River ecosystem and is negotiating a new power sale contract and most recently, negotiating a renewal of the Agency's water supply contract from PG&E.



Executive Committee Meeting

1st Thursday of the Month
8:00 a.m. at Denny's, Highway 49

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happy birthday!

MAY

Joe Argo	Ken Hansen (HLM)
Daniel Baldwin	Ken Launius
Dave Baxter	Bob Niemeyer
Ron Cardiff	Lee Livingston
John Clark	Mark Lund
Jim Coleman	Frank Nissen Jr.
Kevin Cutigni	Tony Oliveira
Chuck Fisher	Gary Oliver
Rich Gregerson	Dave Provan
Roy Guy	Frank schmidg
Mel Hagman	Jim Underhill
Doug Young	

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LITTLE SIRs REPORT... continued

then a simple easy telephone call to Attendance Chair, Bill Heale at (530) 477-1647, gives you the EXCUSED ABSENCE. If you do not call then we assume you will not be attending the luncheon. Think about the COSTS to our Branch for those lunches.

We thank you for your contributions at our Luncheon. Your fine efforts are sustaining our Branch in many ways. We ask you all to continue so that your efforts enable Branch 79 to do a little more each year.

- Little SIR Jim Mallory

Golf Report

“Whew, pant, gasp, wheeze, spit” Wow! The walk up that fairway seemed to be a bit taxing today. I wonder “why”? I suppose it could be the temperature change. Since in the space of a week or so it went from thirty-four degrees in the A.M to almost sixty. And now it is kicking the thermometer up to around eighty. “Yep boys”.. Summer has sprung and as usual in this neck of the woods it has happened in the space of a few days. What this should do to your early warning system is to alert you to your conditioning. All of us “Senior” golfers have “Junior” minds and forget that when the temperature climbs we need to be taking care of the “Ole Bod”.. Heat is our “Enemy”. And the best way to fight back is hydration. Now for the beer lovers in our group this is not a red alert to break out the coolers and fill them up with “Bud”. This really refers to making sure we carry plenty of water around with us and instead of using those bottles to adorn our carts and bags... “Drink The Water”. Usually by the time your body tells you you need a drink you have already run a quart low. So gear up dudes and don’t forget to “Sip a bit” as you play.

Would you believe that by the time this column gets to press we will have completed “five” tournaments this year? And we only have “Fifteen” to go. Our schedule was a little full at the beginning and then we added the “Grass Valley Golf League” tournaments to the list and it has become down right clustered. Remember you do not have to play in all of them. Pick and choose so you get the best bang for your bucks.

I would like to commend the other SIR branches that have hosted the tournaments so far. “Good Job Fella’s”.

It is not easy to get all the players to commit to these tournaments. Then to get them to get their checks in on a timely manner. Then get the roster made out being sure not to place some player with someone that they “Just cannot play with”. Make a deposit of said checks. Send all the names and hole assignments to the tournament course and then finally, my very favorite, on the “EVE” of the tournament.... field the phone calls that ask... “can I get in this one?” So “What say” fella’s? Give your golf chairmen a little assist when you can. Some day it could be your turn “In the box”. “Any volunteers”?

Remember, “Hit em’ long and Hit em’ straight”...

- Tony Oliveira, your humble golf chairman

79er Wine Trail

Thanks to all the 79er Wine Trail enthusiast. Sierra Knolls’ host Bob and Brenda did an outstanding job. For June we’ll be doing something a little different Michael Self and myself (no relation) will be combining our two outings, beer tasting and dinner at the Power Club in Auburn. Brewmaster Alfred Lee will be telling us what he does to produce his Pilsner, Stouts, Nut Browns, Red Ales and other hand crafted beers.

As you remember we had a Dine Out there last year. We will have all the information at our next lunch. Hope to see you there. Cheers!

- David Blitstein,
Wine Steward



ACTIVITIES

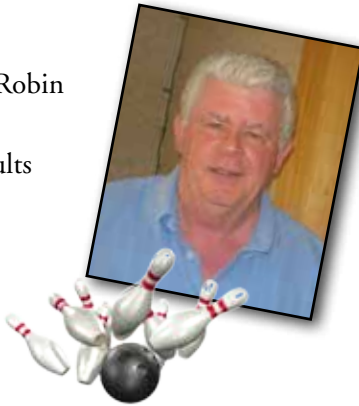
- Bicycling:** Ken Hansen (916) 663-4716
- Bocce Ball:** Pete Thompson (530) 823-7383,
Don Sherman (916) 663-2958 & Jack Meylink (530) 878-1219
- Bowling:** Fridays, 12:00 pm at Foothill Bowl.
Tom McEntee (530) 889-0605
- Dining Out:** Michel Self (916) 742-8215
- Fishing:** Dave DeRosa (916) 652-9562 or Tom Beale (530) 878-0301
- Golf:** Tony Oliveira (916) 791-7292
- 79er Wine Trail:** David Blitstein (530) 274-2100

Bowling

Branch 79 fielded six bowlers for the April Round-Robin event at Nu Generation Bowl in Yuba City.

SIR's April 28 Yuba City Nu Generation Bowl Results

	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Series
Harvey Eisley	245	193	181	619
Ken Launius	228	197	171	596
Dave Aulbach	145	147	225	517
Tom McEntee	128	154	188	470
Bob Towers	155	165	147	467
Roy Guy	185	137	143	465



Branch 79 fielded six singles and three doubles teams in the Pollock Pines State Tournament. Congratulations to Tom Triplett for his first place finish in division 1 singles event.

SIR Branch 113 April 26 Bowling Tournament Pollock Pines Singles Event

	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	HDCP Series
Tom Triplett	223	202	198	764
Bill Larson	173	246	225	731
Don Launius	156	157	217	692
Ken Launius	168	192	201	681
Lou Alvarez	193	185	159	654
Harvey Eisley	191	140	224	633

	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	HDCP Series
B. Larson / H. Eisley	417	407	376	1418
D. Launius / K. Launius	374	358	368	1382
L. Alvarez / T. Triplett	356	364	334	1312

	Singles	Doubles	Total	HDCP Total
Tom Triplett	623	518	1141	1423
Bill Larson	644	587	1231	1405
Ken Launius	561	589	1150	1390
Don Launius	530	511	1041	1365
Harvey Eisley	555	613	1168	1324
Lou Alvarez	537	536	1073	1307

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

- Tom McEntee, Bowling Chairman



Fishing Group

Hello fishing buddies! Our next meeting will be held at Sugarloaf Resort on beautiful Lake Shasta, as that is where most of the group will be. The trip starts May 5th with a return date of May 9th. There should be some great stories and pictures at the next lunch. Presentation of the "Big Fish Award" will be May 17th at the lunch.

The June 12th meeting will be at Halsey Forebay in Christian Valley. We will have a fish fry, and members are welcome to bring a guest. More information will be made available before that date, as to what to bring. Members are encouraged to supply some their fish from previous catch for the fish fry, to share with the group. Check your freezers.

Tight lines to all.

- Co Lead Hooks David DeRosa & Tom Beale

Dining Out

For more information about our May outing, call me at (916) 742-8215. See you there!



- Michel Self

MEMBERSHIP

Branch 79 welcomes new member Irv Eastman, sponsored by Jack Meylink, this month.





Sunshine Report

April was a good month for all of us. We had no SIR who passed away, and no members who were ill. The only one I know of is my SIR friend and Elk friend is Mike Callahan of Meadow Vista. He had a total replacement of his right hip on April 16 and is home as of this time. He is an inactive member at this time but I am working on him to return as soon as he is able. Feel free to call him or visit him. He would like that very much. The "thought of the day" is as follows: If you don't step forward, you're always in the same place.

- Padre Ken Newman

Treasurer's Report

March began with a balance of \$2434.39 and ended with \$2386.62 We are doing better but still 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, Treasurer

From the Editor

In this issue Big SIR John Rosasco introduces a \$100 Reward for the member who brings in most new members from April thru September, are you up to the challenge? Tony Olivera in his article "Memories are Made of Moments" writes that good friends and good memories are what the SIR's groups are made of. Dining Out and the 79er Wine Trail are joining together for beer tasting and dinner at Auburn's Power Club. Take pictures of our activities and send them to me.

Attendance Report

FIRST things FIRST, KUDOS to the member that called me on Wednesday, apologized for the late call, to say he couldn't make it, BUT, he sent his \$15.00 by way of another member. WAY-TOGO! OK, BACK TO THE REST OF THE STORY = STARTING ROSTER COUNT = 178. = Inactive members = 5. = ATTENDING COUNT = 112. == GUESTS = 2. == SPEAKER = 1. == EXCUSED = 33. == UNEXCUSED = 33, Al Archer, = Bert Baumbach, = Gary Beckes, == John Cadiente == Doc Causie, == Norm Check == John Clark, == Jack Farless, == Len Jeffries, == Bob Kendrick, == David Landry, == Lee Livingston, == Jack McClurg, == Rich Murray, == Gary Oliver, == Terry Preston, == Dave Provan, == Percy Stoddard, == Mike Stotts, == Skip Tenney, == Paul Tombaugh, == Bob Trefzger, == Darol Weber, == Bill Welch, == Lyle Westoby, == MORE THAN ONCE == Kendall Christianson, Jan, Feb, Mar. == Daniel Baldwin, Jan, Feb, Mar. == Jim Brown, Jan, Feb, Mar. == Jim Curl, Jan, Feb, Mar. == Ken Davis, Jan, Feb, Mar. == Fitz Fitzinger, Jan, Feb, Mar. == Mike Sherman, Jan, Feb, Mar. == To our guests, Harry Mayo, And Ron LeDoux, Hope you enjoyed our company and will join us, or at least come back and give us another chance! Badges NOT returned, #5, #142, & #144. One more thing, if anyone knows any of these multi/missers, have them call me or Mr. Lund. Thank You All, Please remember to call 477-1647, if you can't make-it, OR your bringing a guest, it sure helps to let the chef know how many he's cooking for.

- Bill Heale

- Jay Hansell, Editor

Memories are Made of Moments by Tony Olivera

Two weeks earlier... The sound of the garage door opener starting up was her first clue that he was getting close to home. Then shortly she could hear the muted burble of the exhaust from his old truck as he pulled up the driveway and into the garage. A moment later came the slam of the truck door shortly followed by the familiar clanking of the metal heads of his golf clubs as he dragged them out of the truck and placed them in their old leather bag against the garage wall. A few moments later the entry door from the garage opened and he entered the kitchen where she sat. "Mornin" he said, although it was nearing one O'clock in the afternoon. He was unable to give a proper greeting of the day to her at six AM when he left, so this would do just fine. "Good morning" to you too she replied. "How was your game?" "Well not too bad. I beat Max out of the putt money on the last hole when he muffed a two footer". He leaned close for a quick kiss as she handed him a cold beer from the fridge. "Would you care for some lunch?" she asked. "Maybe in a bit" he replied. "I want to try and catch the last half of the match on the golf channel". I think Bubba is in the lead today.

Then he shuffled off to the den where she knew he would plop down in his recliner, grab the remote, and crank up the volume a bit on the TV as he prepared to watch and give advice to "Bubba" as he layed out the last few holes of his tournament. That was exactly where she found him a couple of hours later. He was sitting back with his head nodding forward. And she remembered thinking he had fallen asleep again, as was his routine, after a Sunday round of golf. But from the moment she first saw him as she entered the den she knew there was something different about his appearance. Her heart froze for a couple of beats as she reached out to touch him and found that he was already a bit cool.

The next few hours and then days seemed to have flown past as she had attended to the details that were required to reach this point. Now she sat in the front pew at "Saint Anthony's" and stared at the silver urn that sat on the oak pedestal on the dais. Earlier, many of his friends had filed past and the nearby maroon cloth was filled with small mementos that they had left in their passing. "they were all so kind" she thought. He really had some good friends. They had all called and sent cards as the news of his passing went out to the community. "That" she thought, was the mark of his success. A good group of friends that they had both enjoyed over the sixty odd years that they had spent together. Their friendship and her memories would carry her on ward from this point.

Good friends and good memories are what the SIR's groups are formed of. The chance to spend a few moments in the company of friends can only be measured in the memories of those moments. Enjoy your friends and encourage them all to join in all the activities that make up the SIR's group. For only by association with our friends and family do we bring true value to ourselves.

This article is dedicated to all of our previous members that have passed.