



SIERRA HILLS

Branch 79 Bulletin

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

Big SIR's Report

A change has been made in the Branch 79 Officer lineup. Because of family needs Little SIR Jim Mallory has had to resign. My heartiest thanks to him for time served and the good job done! Tom Stone has agreed to take the position for the rest of this club year and will stand for election for 2015. We welcome him and thank him for making the move from Assistant Secretary to Little Sir. He will be a great addition to the fine Board lineup.

Our membership numbers have continued to stay stable...but just barely. We have had two or three new members in per month and lose two or three. We need some additional members as there are some on the books who will soon need to be dropped for non-attendance over a long period of time. If you enjoy SIR activities, probably your friends and acquaintances will too.

Don't forget Dining Out this month will be held jointly with the Wine Tasting Group at Powers Inn Restaurant. Details will be found in this bulletin.

- **Big SIR John Rosasco**

Little SIR Report

I can't believe it is June already and it is time for another SIRS Bulletin. Another great month in May and many great activities were participated in by many members. If you haven't tried the activities offered by SIR, you should jump in and try some of them, they are fantastic. In May, the Dine Out was at Lorenzos Mexican Restaurant in Loomis, and we all had a great time and a great meal. Great choice and job setting it up Michael.

This will be my last report as your Little Sir. Tom Stone has come forward and is taking my place as Little Sir for the rest of this term, and will be Big Sir next year. It has been my honor, and a pleasure to serve on the Branch 79 Board, and I know that Tom Stone will be an asset to the Branch 79 Board. Thank you all for your support and comments these last six months.

- **Little SIR Jim Mallory**

Being a SIR: What it means to me and my family

By Ken Hansen, Honorary Lifetime Member.

In recent Bulletins I've read testimony describing what SIR has meant to some of our members. I'd like to briefly relate what SIR has meant to me and my family.

My dad was a SIR in Monte Rio. He enjoyed it, but wasn't too active, until he got sick, had both legs amputated: then he wanted to get active, but it was really too late to do much. So I learned a lesson from my dad: do it while you can and do it as well as you can - for as long as you can.

Eleven years ago, Penni sent me out to Black Oak on a Friday, bless her heart: she paid for 10 rounds of golf. I met a bunch of old fellas who immediately became my best friends and fellow commiserators when golf sucked.

My philosophy has been (pretty much everything in life I've done) to jump in, get involved, try to make it better. I've enjoyed doing the bulletin, clothing chairman, Little SIR, Big SIR, golf chairman, branch and Area 33, and then being an elder statesman on the BEC. I really enjoy the lunches, the dining outs, bocce and golf.

I kind of wish more guys felt how I do about SIR. I think it is a great organization and feel a great kinship with my fellow SIR. Sure, the minimum is to attend 6 lunches a year. But why would anybody want to just do the minimum. I encourage more of you to allow yourself the opportunity to get involved. It will enrich your lives in ways you might not even imagine.

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NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Fellowship - 11:00 a.m.

Call To Order - 12:00 p.m.

Menu: *Slow Cooked Brisket*

PROGRAM

Speaker Ted Robinson,

retired U.S. Navy Commander

Our June speaker is Commander Ted Robinson, U.S. Navy retired. During WW II Ted was a PT Boat Commander who took part in the rescue of JFK. Later Ted became JFK's tent mate. Three days after the war ended with Japan, Ted as captain of an LST (Landing Ship Tank), took the LST into Yokosuka Navy Base, the world's largest Navy Base. It was the first American ship taken into a Japanese base.



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Executive Committee Meeting

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

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happy birthday!

JUNE

Bob Cummings	John Sahlberg
Bob Diaz	Don Sherman
Bob Espinosa	Kurt Simon
Carl Horn	Martin Smith
Reg Murray	Jay Stanley
Ken Newman (LM)	Tom Stella
Jim Pitts	Darol Weber
John Rosasco	Howard Willey

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Brewmaster and winemaker Alfred Lee (center) in front of Tapzilla

Golf Report

ATTENTION ALL SIR GOLFERS! I want to report that golf attire at Black Oak has reached an all new high. Recently while starting my morning routine at Black Oak's driving range I happened to observe a group on the number one tee box getting ready to head out. I think what really drew my attention was one particular player in the group. He had on a old pair of "overalls"... you know the ones with the bib and the double straps. His undershirt was a normal, faded blue "tee" that had enough holes in it that it must have been used by the F.B.I to cover a target dummy. The rear left hand pocket sported a faded blue hankie with faded writing on it... I did look to his feet expecting to see 8 inch high top work boots but he did have on golf shoes. An old faded "Yankee's" ball cap topped off the picture. I also looked to the cart path expecting to see an old "John Deer" tractor sporting his clubs but alas it was a normal cart.

Now I am not saying that as a golfer you have to dress in the latest fashions that are touted in all of the golf magazines. Nor would I expect anybody to necessarily come out to play in bright neon colors as I have a habit of doing on occasion. But to arrive at the course dressed like you just stepped out of the front gate of Woodstock, complete with the faded tie dyed "T" shirt and holes accenting the knees and backside of forty year old Levi's leaves one to wonder just who dressed this dude this morning.... Of course I get that question a lot too as I tend to find myself at the other end of the spectrum as I march forth to the first tee.

Now I said all of that to say this... I am really proud of all the current "SIR" golfers in regards to their golf attire. You guys have really done a great job in that department. Showing all the rest of those golfers out there that just because we play up in the hills we don't have to dress for the course like we just came down from them. After all.... golf is a gentleman's game. Phase two.... By press time, we will probably have played game one in the series toward the State scramble championship tournament. I hope several of the teams that competed at Black Oak on the 6th of June made the cut and will be moving onto the second round at Rancho Solano in August. With the selection of players that we have from our surrounding area, we should be able to send several teams onward.

I will close this one with another couple of observations that were overheard in the clubhouse last week. A lady was speaking to her partner and stated..."Men are really strange". "How so the other lady responded?". "They'll gladly walk thirty-six holes of golf but won't get up to get a beer at home....secondly... If you can keep a smile on your face throughout the whole round while others curse and lose their heads.... you must be the caddie.

Remember, "Hit em' long and Hit em' straight" ...

- Tony Oliveira, your humble golf chairman



79er Wine Trail

Hello to all the 79'er Wine Trail Followers, as noted in the last newsletter we'll be going to the Power's Club Brewery (195 Harrison St, Auburn) for beer tasting at 4 PM on June 25 with our Dining Out group to follow. Brewmaster and winemaker Alfred Lee will be there to explain about his goals of making over 100 quality hand crafted beers and entering them into the Guinness book of records as a WORLD RECORD!!! We'll be able to sample the beers for \$1.50 and then purchase your favorite for approximately \$5.00. Alfred will introduce us to his tapper creation called "TAPZILLA", it's a sight to behold !!!! Alfred also makes wine!! So for the wine lovers, we'll have a choice of 7 different varietal's for the rest of us. This event is a 1 of a kind so put this on your calendar and don't miss it. Sign up at the next lunch.

For our July outing (1 week later) the 79er Wine Trail will be traveling to one of the most premiered wineries in our area on July 3, between 1-3 PM at Mt VERNON WINERY and TASTING ROOM (10850 Mt Vernon Rd, Auburn). Winemaker Ryan Taylor and Owner Lynda Taylor will be there to tell us about their award winning wines. There will be no tasting fee and 20% off all wines(because I'm a wine club member). As in the past we'll be able bring appetizers and a picnic lunch to eat on the patio overlooking their vineyard after the tasting. As always I will have all the details and directions a the next lunch.

- 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



Fishing Group

Our last meeting was held at Sugarloaf Resort on beautiful Lake Shasta. Twenty group members successfully caught fish all four days. Many caught fish over two pounds, and some even caught fish over three pounds. Jim Pitts came in with the largest, over 3.5 pounds. He will be receiving the "Big Fish Award" at our next SIR luncheon.

The June 12th meeting will be held at Halsey Forebay in Christian Valley. We will fry several of the fish caught at Shasta. Fishing Group members are welcome to bring a spouse or guest. David and Tom be contacting each member to get an accurate count for the fry. Information will be sent by email as the day gets closer.

Our July 10 meeting will be back at Dennys on Hwy. 49 at 8am. Dennis Beverage will show all members how to use a 7 function multi-tester, and each member will take one home. Hope to see you there.

- Co Lead Hooks
David DeRosa & Tom Beale

Bowling

The May 2014 round-robin event rescheduled do to Memorial Day, it will be held on the first Monday in June. Below are the Branch 79 results from the May 19, 2014 State Tournament in Yuba City:



	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	HDCP Series
Doubles Event				
Dave Aulbach/Tom McEntee	348	354	410	1478
Ken Launius / Harvey Eisley	377	385	421	1429
Bob Parsons / Ken Parsons	325	347	392	1412
Roy Guy / Bob Towers	341	319	347	1313

	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	HDCP Series
Team Event				
Dave Aulbach	224	189	160	774
Tom McEntee	144	107	165	581
Roy Guy	141	148	136	608
Bob Towers	159	176	164	622
Team Total : 2585				
Bob Parsons	138	144	149	638
Ken Parsons	148	212	183	684
Ken Launius	160	163	184	645
Harvey Eisley	139	175	230	652

	Doubles	Team	Scratch	HDCP Total
All Events				
Harvey Eisley	639	544	1183	1399
Ken Parsons	618	543	1161	1443
Dave Aulbach	568	573	1141	1543
Ken Launius	544	507	1051	1327
Bob Towers	480	499	979	1225
Tom McEntee	544	416	960	1290
Roy Guy	527	425	952	1318
Bob Parsons	446	431	877	1291

Visit <http://www.sirinc.org/bowling> for all SIR State bowling information. 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.

- Tom McEntee, Bowling Chairman



MEMBERSHIP



(Jack Meylink and Irv Eastman) Irv lives in Auburn, California. Irv is a retired Lockheed engineer. Irv indicated an interest in Bocce and wine tasting. Irv is sponsored by Jack Meylink, and his badge Number is number 3. Welcome, Irv!

Dining Out



On June 25th Dining Out will be with the SIR's 79er Wine Trail group at the Power's Inn (195 Harrison St) in Auburn for dinner at 5:30PM following the beer tasting. Alfred Lee has offered us a choice of Tri-Tip, Grilled Italian Chicken, and a Vegetarian dish, we'll also have Caesar salad, roasted garlic mashed potatoes, steamed veggies and rolls. All this for \$20.00 plus tip(separate checks). We'll be able to enjoy his very own hand crafted beers and wines with dinner. See you there!

- **Michael Self (916) 742-8215**



Sunshine Report

The Padre is returning and will be at each luncheon each month. I want to THANK STEVE COFFMAN who stepped in for me these last 9 months and he did a wonderful job. And I want to thank all of you brother's for your call's and visits and cards. My motto at this time is "still kicking at this time, but not stirring up much dust".

Brother Doug Young (one of your greeters) is at home under hospice care and would like visitor's or phone call. His phone number is 530-889-8324 and he lives at 93 Narcissus Ave. in the Edgewood Mobile Home Park in Auburn on Edgewood road just off of Hwy 49.

Brother Bill McPeak had a pacemaker replacement and developed an in hospital infection and his doctor's are working to correct it Brother Tony Oliveira Sr is undergoing tests for his ongoing back problems, and his wife Mary Ellen just had a full hip replacement. Both are doing as well as expected, but everything takes time to heal. Past Big Sir and Past Sir State President, Brother Jim Musci is home and had some recent surgery.

If you know of any one who is ill or can just use a visit at home or wherever or just a simple phone call, please let me know and I will follow thru. I depend on you Brother's for this information.

- **Padre Ken Newman**



(J.R. Greenlee and Harry Mayo) Harry Mayo, nickname: "Mayo". Mayo lives in Alta, California. He is married to Cynthia – and has been for so long that her cannot even remember what their wedding anniversary is! Mayo was a professor at American River College teaching English full-time. He retired from full time and went to part-time for a few years, and finally retired with over 38 years of service. Mayo indicated an interest in Fly fishing, metal detecting, and mining. In fact, he is the owner of the Rawhide Mine in the American River Canyon! Mayo was sponsored by J. R. Greenlee. His badge number is 12. Welcome, Mayo!

Attendance Report

Change in roster count (installed new member before meeting) to 179. 4 Inactive members, 39 Excused members, 2 speakers = = = 2 guests, Frank Slaton, & Doug Felton, total attending 112. Unexcused: Daniel Baldwin, Randy Beneke, Kirby Brock, John Cadiente, Doc Causie, Jim Curl, Stan Cutright, Ken Davis, Chuck Fisher, Fitz Fitzinger, Bob Kendrick, Jeff Lambert, Lee Livingston, Jack McClug, Jack Meylink, Rich Murray, Jim Nelson, Terry Nelson, Gary Oliver, Ernie Perry, Jim Pitts, Dave Provan, Mike Sherman, Wil Thomas, Paul Thombaugh, Jim Underhill, Bill Welch. I know some of these names should not be on this listing, and the numbers don't jive, BUT , these names are on the roster and it will be amended. Look forward to seeing you all next month and remember to call ME if you are bringing a guest or IF you can't make it.

- **Bill Heale**

Treasurer's Report

May began with a balance of \$2434.39 and ended with \$2575.73. 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**