



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 order of the day-- Congratulations to Don Dill on his election to the position of State SIR Vice-President. That is truly an honor and represents the amount of effort and concern Don has for this organization. Additionally Craig Saunders is to be congratulated as he is serving his second year as our Area Governor. Our group is in good hands!

It is time for us to elect officers for Branch 79's next year of operation. The Nominating Committee has developed a fine slate for us. We will have elections at our August luncheon. There will be an opportunity for you to nominate additional candidates if you so choose. If none are offered, the slate standing for election will be: Big SIR Tom Stone, Little SIR David Blitstein, Secretary Kent MacDonald, and Treasurer Terry Doan. This team will surely provide good leadership for us next year.

Our membership is holding at about the same level but it is vital to our well being that we recruit new members in order to replace folks who move or otherwise leave the organization. There is strength in numbers and our activities are more stimulating with more members participating.

I received a copy of a two-year outline of trips scheduled by SIR groups throughout the State. All SIR members are invited to join any of them. The trips range from simple cruises up and down the Columbia River to longer ones to China and Turkey and many other places throughout the U.S. and the world. If you would like to see this list, contact me and I will forward it to you. Prices are listed and in many cases quite inclusive of travel, hotel, meals and tours. There are some really interesting places to go!

- Big SIR John Rosasco

Little SIR Report

Has anyone gone to the supermarket lately? Food costs have soared. Sorry to say guys, but the cost of our luncheon is also going up. After checking out several local restaurants that can host our large group, provide a decent room with AV equipment, give us a varied menu, and provide adequate parking, I saw the value in staying with the Elks, and only having a \$1 increase in price for each meal. I couldn't find anything comparable under \$23.

We have the next 3 months to look at this increase, and we will reevaluate early next year. Please keep in mind their last increase was over 4 years ago, and as we all know, food prices have gone up each year. We will now be paying \$16 at the door - but think about it - where else can you get such a great lunch with all the trimmings (including tax) for that price. Don't forget, we have the Elks bar that is so good to us. Plus we get to sit with our buddies and tell stories (of course stories turn into lies if you are a fisherman).

- Little SIR Tom Stone

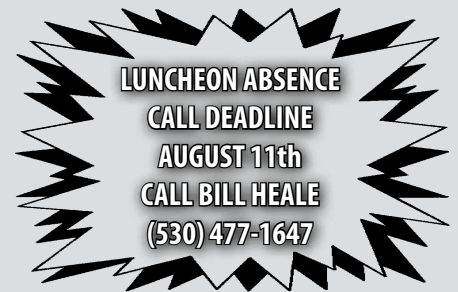
Don Dill, State Vice President

We are proud to announce the election of Don Dill to the position of State Vice President. Don has been an active member of SIR for 13 years and has served as Little SIR and Big SIR of Branch 79, State Golf Operations Subcommittee, Secretary- State Golf Committee and Member of the State Golf Policy Subcommittee as well as Director of Region 9.

His enthusiasm for the SIRs organization has been evident to us in this Branch for several

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NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, August 21, 2014
Fellowship - 11:00 a.m.
Call To Order - 12:00 p.m.
Menu: Roast Pork Loin

PROGRAM:

Chuck Stucker:

Raised on Alcatraz "The Rock"

Back by popular demand, Chuck Stucker, returns to tell us more about living on the "Rock" as a child. Chuck, a retiree, is one of the lesser known Alcatraz residents. He is the child of a guard who worked on the rock. "All the boys tended to find it was a great adventure to get through the fence, or climb the cliff, or get to areas where we shouldn't be," said Stucker, who was 13 when his father ended his second stint as a prison guard there in 1953. Interaction between inmates and children was prohibited, but contact, while unusual, sometimes occurred. "The fishing there was great. You didn't need a license and there was no limit," said Stucker, who got access to restricted areas with the help of his fishing buddy -- the warden's wife. Be sure to come to the luncheon to hear more about living on the "Rock."



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

WHOOOOOeeeeee! It is hot out on the links.. I think that “Father” Nature must be in charge of Spring and Mother nature must be in charge of winter. I base this claim on the weather patterns during both of those seasons... Well... I also think that Father nature’s “MOTHER IN LAW” must be in charge of “SUMMER” cause she is doing her best to keep us off of the courses. One hundred plus weather is not conducive to golf at all and much less to fun golf. I think that most of us guys can also relate to my above comparisons... Now a note to high light the “BLUES BOYS” ... You all know these guys if you think about it... These are the fellas that hit from the blue tees instead of the white when actually they should be hitting from the red. I get somewhat of a kick out of these fellas as they wind up and blast one down the center of the fairway for a grand total of thirty to forty yards. I am not quite sure what inspires these dudes.... Maybe it is EGO... Or maybe it is just inspired thinking of how to “UP “ their game a bit... Oh well... whatever it is at least they are out there swinging.... Speaking of being out there... I am sure most golfers know and understand that you need to be at the courses and check in at least 30 minutes prior to your tee times. This basic rule of thumb is even more critical for SIR’s Friday golf at Black Oak. Most of us have a pretty good idea of where we are in the starting line up on Fridays. But it is a big help to the starter to have you check in so he can place you in your proper space. Because as the tee times start being checked off and you are a “MINUTE MAN” you may find your spot filled by someone that is already at the course. As to established tee times on Fridays.... If you find that you do not like your starting time or if you need to get out early on occasion you really need to let me know. I can’t attempt to fix something if I do not know about it. Often if you are early in getting to the course and your “GROUP “ is also there early, there are some chances that you can be put out earlier than you normally would. So ring in if you feel the need for speed.

Next up is a note to all of the “I DID NOT KNOW I COULD HIT IT THAT FAR” boys. The previous statement is often uttered to you by some joker that just bounced a ball off of your cart in the middle of the fairway or buzzed one past one of your group on the green. That is about the lamest excuse in the book for hitting into the group ahead of you. I know that slow play is frustrating to most golfers and often a golfer will feel the need to “SHOW “ the group ahead a thing or two and send a little white messenger up ahead to let them know that they should speed up some. Not only is this an extremely dangerous thing to do but it really shows what a jerk you are. Think of the consequences of this kind of thinking. It is not too far fetched to have some D.A. claim that your deliberate act caused serious injury or death to a fellow human and you will find yourself in a six by eight cell trying to defend yourself from someone that always wants to “PLAY THROUGH “. It is much more fun to relax a bit, play the game and hoist a couple with your group at the end of the round.... A final thought... can you really take seriously a game that was invented by a group of guys in skirts that do not wear underwear?

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

- Tony Oliveira,
Your Humble golf chairman

happy birthday!

AUGUST

Dennis Beverage	Mike McCarty
Dave Blitstein	John McCuen
Norm Check	Bill McPeak
Stan Cutright	Jim Musci (LM)
Ken Davis	Wil Thomas
Don Goode	Bruce Thorson
David Landry	Bob Tutton
Bill LaPlante	

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79er Wine Trail

Hello 79er Wine Trail followers, thanks for coming out to Ol’ Republic Brewery. Also, thanks to Heather the tap master guru and of course Simon the Brewmaster for his presentation, what fun.

On September 4 between 12-2pm we will be going to a very special winery this month, Vina Castellano, they’re located at 4590 Bell Rd. Auburn. This winery is an A-List KCRA nominee for best winery. Their Cave-tasting room is fantastic, this award winning winery specializes in Spanish and Rhone varietals. Teena is the winemaker and host and is offering us wine flights for \$7 for 9-13 tastes which include limited releases, reserves, Best of Class and Best of California wines. The tasting fee will be deducted from the purchase of a bottle and if we accumulate approx. 12 bottles all the tasting fees will be waived for all of us!. We can also order wine by the glass or their ice cold Sangria at their island wine bar on their pond. There will be tables available at waterside if we want to bring our own lunch. The vineyard sits on 8 rolling acres and will look great this time of year with the grapes ready to be harvested. Hope to see you there. I’ll have maps and details at the next lunch.



- David Blitstein, Wine Steward

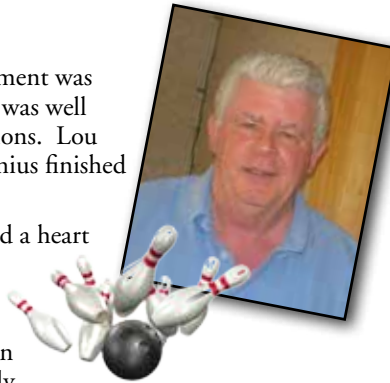
ACTIVITIES

- 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
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79er Wine Trail: David Blitstein (530) 274-2100
Travel: Phil Bolander (530) 745-9874

Bowling

The 19th Annual Branch 45 & 109 Bowling Tournament was held in Yuba City on 7/14 & 7/15 2014. Branch 79 was well represented with a total of 6 bowlers across two divisions. Lou Alvarez placed 5th in A division singles and Ken Launius finished 6th in the B division.

During the doubles competition Ken Launius suffered a heart attack in the last third of game three. Undaunted by his condition, Kenny finished the game. The inter-branch duo of Ken Launius (branch 79) and his brother Don Launius (branch 109) won A division doubles event in spite of his heart attack. Additionally, Ken, finished 2nd in the all events category, culminating a truly remarkable performance.



SIR 19th Annual Branch 45 & 109 Tournament Results:

<u>Singles Event</u>	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Series
Lou Alvarez	202	196	185	583
Harvey Eisley	203	177	159	539
Michele McEntee	156	155	163	474
Tom McEntee	143	196	180	519
Don Launius	144	167	170	481
Ken Launius	198	195	192	585

<u>Doubles Event</u>	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Series
Don Launius / Ken Launius	391	400	352	1428
Tom & Michele McEntee	330	290	305	1246
Lou Alvarez / Harvey Eisley	357	288	343	1198

<u>All Events</u>	Singles	Doubles	Scratch HDCP	Total
Ken Launius	585	607	1192	1438
Harvey Eisley	539	536	1075	1267
Lou Alvarez	583	452	1035	1263
Don Launius	481	536	1017	1341
Tom McEntee	519	468	987	1281
Michele McEntee	474	457	931	1279

Branch # 79 had 4 members participate in the July round – robin event in Paradise. Harvey Eisley led the field of Branch #79 bowlers with a 653 series.

SIR's Paradise Tall Pines Bowl Results:

	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Series
Harvey Eisley	225	203	225	653
Roy Guy	144	187	169	500
Tom McEntee	183	152	162	497
PBS Steve Coffman	116	171	139	426

The Sir's Monthly Round Robin bowling is also open to all SIR's wives, girl friends, significant others or guests. Hope to see more Branch 79 SIR brothers and guests

Fishing Group



Hello out there to all you fishing folks. Boy, has it been warm (HOT), which means all of the fish will be down deep in the cooler water. Some of our members have been catching some fish off down riggers, but no bragging size to any of them. A couple of our members went out of state to catch fish, and some even went to British Columbia. They will tell you about it at the next fishing group meeting.

A Fall Fishing trip has been planned for October 6th through 10th at either Lewiston Lake (30 miles east of Redding on Rt. 299, or again at Shasta on Lake Head. Plans are still being made and the cost will be the same as our Spring Fishing trip to Shasta (\$225.00).

The Fishing Group meets at Denny's on Highway 49 (Bel Air Center) on the second Thursday of each month at 8:00 a.m.

Thank you to Dennis Beverage for a great presentation at the last Fishing Group meeting, on the use of a multi-tester. Well done, Dennis.

Tight Lines to All.

- Co Lead Hooks
 David DeRosa & Tom Beale

Friday Golf

JULY: Hey all you "great" duffers out there, and the "maybe" great duffers too. Boy has it been hot or what? Anyway, * I heard a gushy reporter tell Phil Mickelson, you are spectacular, your name is synonymous with the game of golf. You really know your way around the course. What's your secret? Phil replied, The holes are numbered! * OK, 7/11/14, Closest the flag on every hole, # 1 and #2 Earl Montgomery. #3 Don Morrison. #5 Craig Saunders. #6 Bob Jensen. #7 Don Dill. #8 Dennis Beverage. #9 Reg Murray. 7/18/14 CTP #2 Phil Cece. CTP #4 Craig Saunders. CTP #6 Jay Stanley. CTP #8 Jeff Romines. 7/25/14 CTP #4 and #7 Bob Berzanski. High Gross Leroy (MAC) McDevitt. High Net Bob Huntington. That's all folks.



- Bill Heale

at the August event, (08/25/2014) at Nu Generation Bowl in Yuba City California.

For all SIR State bowling information please visit the following link: <http://www.sirinc.org/bowling/>

- Tom McEntee, Bowling Chairman
 moetoe444@sbcglobal.net

MEMBERSHIP

Mark Lund our Membership Chair is keeping track of the recruitment of new members by count and Sponsor's name.

May 2014 and ends in September 2014. Winners will receive their rewards at the October 16, 2014 Branch Luncheon. Voting for the contest will end after the BEC meeting on October 2, 2014 when the September applicants will be voted on as new members.

In case you forgot, the "Prize Package" continues to grow each month until the Reward Date.....SO GIVE IT A SHOT AND BE THE WINNER!
- Mark Lund

Don Dill, State Vice President... *continued from page 1*

years and now he has been recognized for that commitment. Don's efforts have been rewarded with an opportunity to do even more work for the organization he believes in. We know he will do great things and we know that our local group will give him whatever support he needs. "Dignity, Independence and the ability of a member to gain Friendships for Life" is one of the core values Don believes is central to SIR and he believes that message should be strengthened throughout the organization Recruitment of new members to keep the group health and strong is key to the success of SIR and Don plans to emphasize this need and show local branches ways in which they can use their activities and programs to continually attract new members. Branch 79 offers Don our congratulations and wishes him much success in his endeavors.



Ken Barnes is standing next to his sponsor, The Padre, and Alan Pierce and Ken Chamberlain are standing to the left of their sponsor, Don Dill

From the Editor

The mailing list for the bulletin has been purged. In active members and members with email addresses have been removed. Those on the mail list with an email address are getting their bulletin via email beginning with this issue.

- Jay Hansell: Bulletin Editor.

Attendance Report

Of the 175 membership, we show 118 participating, 5 guests, 1 speaker. 25 excused. 30 unexcused. 7 inactive. 2 badges not turned in, #126 G. Freuler, & #191 M. Self. = UNEXCUSED = #171 Gary Beckes, = #147 David DeRosa, = #90 Bob Kendrick, = #97 Lee Livingston, = #118 Bill McPeak, = #69 Bob Neimeyer, = #67 Gary Oliver, = #127 Dave Provan, = #159 Mike Stotts, = #184 Larry Swafford, = #16 Skip Tenney, = #98 Wil Thomas, = #195 Geary Tiffany, = #5 Lyle Westoby. = / = MULTIPLE ABSENCE = #193 Daniel Baldwin (6) = #154 Bert Baumbach (2) = #163 Randy Beneke (3) = #92 Norm Check (2) = #183 Kendall Christianson (7) = #30 Jim Curl (6) = #187 Ken Davis (6) = #123 Bob Devin (2) = #149 Jack Farless = #148 Fitz Fitzinger (6) = #107 Steve Haverberg (2) = #162 Walt Haverland (2) = #140 Jack McClurg (4) = #60 Mike Sherman (6) = #136 Percy Stoddard (2) = #47 Bob Towers (2) = #132 Jim Underhill (2) = #68 Bill Watson (2)

- Bill Heale

Treasurer's Report

March began with a balance of \$ 2826.99 and ended with \$2752.09. 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



Last month looked a little bleak but picked up. All illnesses have come to a head and things are looking better. Since the last bulletin Brother Sir Bob Bells had hip surgery and is doing just fine. Brother Sir Ken Launius had a heart attack while bowling in a Sir tournament in Yuba City and was taken to the hospital and received a stent and was home in two days, and is doing just fine at this time. Looks like positive news to me!

I am looking for a little help here Brothers. I have had an essential tremor in my right hand and it is progressing to my left hand also and having trouble eating with either one (and also holding a Budweiser bottle) and having trouble writing as I am right handed. I have a girlfriend who does all of my paper work for me, but I am asking for someone to step forward and help me with the get well and sympathy cards. At this time my hand writing is so bad, I can't read it myself. I will take care of the phone calls and visitation etc. Any help is appreciated. Thank You.

- Padre Ken Newman

July 16 & 17 Bocce Ball Tournament in Penn Valley (Photos by Lynn Hartford)

