



SIERRA HILLS

Branch 79 Bulletin

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

Big SIR Report - John Rosasco, Big Sir

Christmas is in the stores already...the holidays are upon us! How fast this year has passed...I hope that you as members have had an enjoyable year participating in our various activities. Certainly there have been lots of things going on. It appears that almost all our members participate in at least one of the groups. Of course, there is always room for more activities. If you have something special of interest, let your officers know and we will try to make it available. Maybe you have a special talent or interest you would like to share with others. That's a great way to start a new group in SIR. We are always open to new possibilities

Regarding our Luncheon,,last month due to a scheduling glitch our speaker was unable to keep his date with us. On the spur of the moment, Ken Hansen gave us a really interesting program including humorous incidents about a trip he and Penni took to British Columbia. Talked about visiting the glaciers, and seeing all the other fine sites that area has to offer.

We thank Ken for being so willing to step up on the spur of the moment to entertain us. I do hate to keep harping on this but Membership is vital to the continued success of the SIR organization. We have removed members from our lists who are no longer active and we need to continue to bring in new faces to replace them. Talk to the neighbors, talk to your golf buddies, ask your wife whose husband is driving her friend crazy because he hangs around home all the time. There are people out there who would like to be SIR members if only someone made the effort to ask them. Let that someone be YOU!



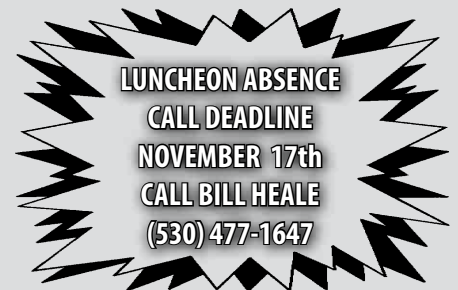
Ken Hansen

Little SIR Report - Tom Stone, Little Sir

Time to get out your holiday wear, our Christmas luncheon (PARTY * PARTY *PARTY) is just around the corner and should be quite something. To get everyone in the spirit for our annual event, you will be greeted with a complimentary glass of champagne, Mimosa, or orange juice, plus chocolates. We will have drawings for the ladies at the close. For you single guys who would like to sit with some single gals, let me or Bill Heale know by the end of this month's luncheon so we can have a formal count. So far we have a couple of guys sign up, it would be nice to have a few more (remember, I am not your dating service, this will be a rather informal setting). Bill Heale will again be selling tickets at lunch, so bring your check-books and reserve a seat. They are \$20 per person and will be available at the Luncheon or contact Bill Heale via phone or email. This should be fun. I look forward to seeing you there. Remember you must buy your tickets in advance.



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NEXT LUNCHEON:
Thursday, November 20, 2014
Fellowship - 11:00 a.m.
Call To Order - 12:00 p.m.
Menu: Chef's Choice

PROGRAM:
Colonel Clarence E. "Bud" Anderson, USAF Retired

Bud was born in Oakland, California, and reared on a farm near Newcastle. In January 1942, he enlisted in the United States Army as an aviation cadet

and received his wings and commission as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army Air Forces in September, 1942. Anderson was a test pilot at Wright Field following the end of World War II, where he also served as Chief of Fighter Operations, and later at Edwards Air Force Base, where he was Chief of Flight Test Operations and Deputy Director of Flight Test). He also served two tours at the The Pentagon and commanded three fighter organizations at the squadron and wing level. From June to December 1970, he commanded the 355th Tactical Fighter Wing, an F-105 Thunderchief unit, during its final months of service in the Vietnam War, and retired as a Colonel in March 1972. He was decorated 25 times for his service to the United States. Bud lives in Auburn and has co-authored a book "To Fly & Fight". He continues to fly.





happy birthday!

NOVEMBER

Herry Bedell	Mike Stotts
Larry Ford	Larry Swafford
Dave Irwin	Skip Tenney
Jim Nelson	Al Thomas
Ron Plambeck	Paul Tombaugh

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Golf Report - Tony Oliveira, Golf Chairman

Salutations and Greetings to all Golfers. I, for one, think that this time of the golf season is the best ever for being out there on the course. The fall colors are glorious and the temps are just right. I do admit though that the early morning tee times do make things tingle a bit. But once old Sol sticks up above the horizon, things begin to function a bit smoother as the blood thins out and the joints warm up.... Sounds like I am thinking about "Old Folks" doesn't it? Well most of us are a bit long in the tooth but I think that just gives us a better perspective out there. At our age we can truly take time to admire the beauty around us.... Especially since we are moving slower than the rest. Now that thought brings up the current buzz around the course about playing "FASTER"... We even have stickers on some of the cart steering wheels to remind us to increase our RPMs a bit. Maybe the industry needs to develop "SENIOR" golf courses or even have a Senior day during the week. A greater percentage of the population are seniors due to the "BOOMER" era and since most of them are retired, a great number of the weekday golfers are of the older set. Plus the seniors have the time and the money to staff the courses during the week and therefore leaving the weekends for the speed demons that want to race around the course in an attempt to set a new land speed record. I do not see much sense in that type of play nor do I like to be hung up behind a really extra slow group. So I guess the key to harmony out there is to be mindful of the players that are behind you as well as those that are out front.



Speaking of Senior golfers, I get a certain amount of pleasure out of watching the "SWINGS" on some of these dudes. Everything from "RUSTY GATES" to what I call "RAINBOWS". And I am often amazed afterward by the ball flight that is produced by some of my cohorts out there. I find that there is no way that ball could go there after being hit by that swing. But it does and often better than a lot of younger players. Just goes to show you that practice makes perfect. Who do you think would know more about the golf game.... someone who has been at it for sixty years or someone in their twenty's.

Remember, "HIT EM' LONG and HIT EM' STRAIGHT."

Bocce Ball Report

Pete Thompson, Don Sherman, & Jack Meylink, co chairs

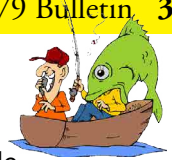
The SIRS branch 79 Bocce Club held our final tournament of the year in Penn Valley on Oct 22. Those that attended had a great time. Prize money was awarded to the first place team of Phil Bolander, Irv Eastman, and Bob Lemmon as well as the 2nd place team of Diana Lemmon, Pete Thompson, and Rosalie Weber. Our SIRS Bocce committee continues to work with ARD (Auburn Recreation District) regarding 4 planned Bocce courts at Recreation Park in Auburn. We next meet with ARD's A & D Committee on November 10th to update them regarding donors, possible revenue from tournaments on the new courts, and with our plans to conduct Practice Games and offer some basic Bocce instructions to interested Beginners. Away from ARD our main focus will be Officiating Bocce Tournaments for our SIR Region 9 Branches to be better prepared for the formation of a Northern California SIRS Bocce Tournament. In the meantime we still play every Wednesday (weather permitting) at the Flower Farm in Loomis and most Fridays at the Elks in Auburn. As of Nov 5 our start time will be 10AM at both locations. New players are always welcome.



Meet Irv Eastman - Age 92. A force to be reckoned with on the Bocce Court. Nearly every Wednesday at the Flower Farm, Irv and his friends for SIRS Branch 79 gather for a game of Bocce on our cafe court.

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
- Travel:** Phil Bolander (530) 745-9874



Fishing Group

David DeRosa & Tom Beale
Co Lead Hooks

Hello Fisher Folks. The river salmon fishing has been really hit and miss; mostly miss. Very few fish being caught and the ones that have been caught are on the dark side.

Local lakes are improving with cooler weather. Rollins and Collins are producing limits or near limits each trip. No large fish but several hold-over nice rainbow trout.

The November fishing club meeting was held at Ivan Ichter's home, 855 Haywire Ranch Road in Meadow Vista. Good food, lots of prizes, and flowers for the ladies. Thank you again Ivan and Mary for providing a very nice place to hold our annual ladies luncheon.

Fishing Group meets the second Thursday of each month at Denny's on Auburn Ravine Road. Hope to see you there.

Bowling - Tom McEntee, Bowling Chairman

October Round/Robin Yuba City - SIR's Yuba City Nu Generation October 27 bowling results:

	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Series
Dave Aulbach	157	181	204	542
Tom McEntee	179	192	147	518
Ken Launius	127	225	157	509
Roy Guy	133	157	209	499



On the tournament scene, the Dynamic Duo of brothers Ken (branch 79) and Donald (branch 109) took third place in the doubles competition at Fireside Lanes at the annual Dredgers Bowling Tournament. See below for the box scores.

SIR Dredgers Branch 112 Annual Bowling Tournament, Fireside Lanes, Citrus Heights, October 6 and 8:

	Singles	Doubles	Scratch	HDCP Total
Ken Launius	430	550	980	1216
Don Launius	486	516	1002	1304
Harvey Easley	571	503	1074	1298
Bill Larson	561	534	1095	1261

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 November event, (11/24/2014) at Tall Pines Bowl, Paradise California.

For the past several weeks our SIR brothers have been bowling at Rocklin Bowl on Friday's in their Senior No-Tap. This is a little different from what we did on Friday's at Foothill Bowl, just as much fun and multiple ways of scoring some cash. For all SIR State bowling information please visit the following link: <http://www.sirinc.org/bowling/>

79er Wine Trail - David Blitstein, Wine Steward

Hello 79er Wine Trail followers, I'm sending this email from the city Ostuni in Southern Italy, but I'll be with you on the next outing which will be at Bonatata Boutique Winery in Auburn at the entrance to the fairgrounds on Auburn-Folsom Road, Thursday November 13 between 1-3p. Mark the winemaker and owner will be offering his hand crafted wines at special prices. This will be our last outing of the year, so try and make it.



Friday Golf Bill Heale

S.I.R. FRIDAY GOLF. - - - OK, A young man and a priest are playing golf one day, and at a short par 3 the priest asks, What are you going to use on this hole, my son? The young man says, An 8 iron, father, how about you? I'm going to hit a soft seven and pray. The young man hits his shot and puts the ball on the green. The priest tops his shot and dribbles the ball out a few yards. The young man says, I don't know about you, father, but in my church, when we pray, we keep our head down !!! - - - AND ON == 10/3/14, WE WERE ALL WINNERS BECAUSE NORM DID HIS BURGER THING, @ 9 & dine, SO GOOD, == 10/10/14 = = CTP#3, Mac McDivett, = = CTP #4, Ken Chamberlain, = = CTP#6, Don Morrison, = = drawing total 4 man score on #9, Terry Doan, Ed Smith, Ken Hansen, & Norm Bennett. = = 10/17/14 = = CTP#1 Dennis Beverage, = = CTP#4, Ken Hansen, = = CTP#5, Joe Dydynski, = = 10/24/14 = = CTP#4 Bill Heale, = = CTP#5 Dennis Beverage = =drawing, total 4 man score on #9, Dennis Beverage, Don Morrison, Gene Goldsmith, Bob Berzanski. GOOD SHOOTING Guys, AND DON'T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR TICKETS FOR DECEMBER LUNCH, call or e-mail me.





Dining Out - Michael Self

Our last outing was quite successful. We had 32 brothers and spouses attend the Old Spaghetti Factory in Roseville Oct. 22. There won't be a November Dineout because our Wed. falls one day before Thanksgiving. We also skip December because of our coed Holiday Luncheon on December 18th.

I'm asking for a suggestion for a Highway 49 corridor choice of a restaurant, to spread the wealth to our GV and NC members.

Membership - Craig Saunders

Congratulations to the Recruiting Winners. Pictured are Don Dill and Allen Pierce who each recruited two (2) new members during the contest time period. Not pictured, but also a winner is Kent MacDonald who matched Don and Allen in recruiting two (2) new members. The prize money was divided 3 ways and inflation created a larger payout for each. Hope they enjoy any new cars/trucks/honey due gifts they buy with the winnings!

Eleven (11) new members joined Branch 79 up to October 2, 2014 during the contest period. The above mention "recruiters" brought in six (6) of those 11.

Overall, Branch 79 has had 17 new members through the end of September 2014.



Don Dill, Allen Pierce and Craig Sanders

Treasurer's Report - Terry Doan, Treasurer

October 2014 began with a balance of \$ 3,121.45 and ended with \$ 3,300.21. *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.*

Attendance Report - Bill Heale, Attendance

First things first, TICKETS FOR OUR ANNUAL DECEMBER LUNCH ARE ON SALE NOW! call or e-mail me, send check, and I'll save yours, or get 8 couples together reserve a table, couples or singles come one come all! OK - Attendance. Rooster shows 178 members with 7 inactive. EXCUSED 45, Members attending 108. With no speaker, we showed 4 guests a good meeting / food with some fun, hope Robert Flack, Keith Light, Vincent Robins, and Larry Bower enjoyed and will join us full time. Total for lunch 112, UNEXCUSED, Daniel Baldwin (8), Bert Baumbach, == Gary Beckes, == Jim Brown, == Norm Check, == Jim Curl (8) == Ken Davis (8) == John Fuez, == Don Goode, == Jim Harris, == Steve Haverberg, == Walt Haverland (40) == Carl Horn, == David Landry, == Lee Livingston, == Jack McClurg (7) == John McCuen, == Reg Murray == Terry Preston, == Dave Provan, == Mike Sherman (8) == Wil Thomas, == Paul Tombaugh, == Jim Underhill. === MEMBERS, YOU DON'T HAVE TO WAIT TILL "DEADLINE DATE" TO CALL, OR E-MAIL ME .

Sunshine Report - Ken Newman, Padre



Well things do not look to bad as of this date, November 9, the only one who I know of with health problems is SIR Jeff Romines. He is at home and his son is coming tonight to help care for him and take him wherever he need to go. All of this after two surgery's. If any one knows of some one who is ill please call me and I will follow thru with a call or visit wherever they are. Give Jeff a call. He would like that.

Thought of the day: Eat till you you are full! A new diet calls for eating nothing but garlic and onions. Everyone stays so far away, that from a distance you look thinner!

Fall is Here!

SIR INFORMATION

Executive Committee Meeting
1st Thursday of the Month
7:45 a.m. at Denny's, Auburn Ravine
Road (I-80/Forest Hill Exit)
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