



# 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

It has been an active year for Branch 79. As the end of this year approaches and my term as your Big SIR ends I want to pass my thanks on to those of you who generated this success. **Each of the Officers and Activity Chairmen has done more than their share. Even though our activities seem to be self-directed that is truly not the case. It takes leadership.**

Our Golf Chairman Tony Oliveira and his helpers have arranged tournaments enjoyed by many members; ditto for Bowling Chairman Bill McEntee. The Fishing Chairman, Dave DeRosa and Tom Beale, have organized several fishing outings and a couple of events which fishermen and their guests enjoyed. Bocce Ball under the Guidance of Pete Thompson, Jack Meylink and Don Sherman and their Committee has really been active this year. Not only have they arranged tournaments but they have successfully encouraged the Auburn Recreation District to build more courts for the community to utilize. Many many hours of work went into this project...far and above what is normally expected of an Activity Chairman.



Craig Saunders honoring John Rosasco for his service as Big Sir

Continuing success and good food was enjoyed by the Dining Out group under the guidance of Michael Self. The Wine Steward,, Dave Blitstein and his successor, Bob Lemmon, have seen to the establishment of several well-attended Wine tastings. **It is been interesting to note that some of the activities which include spouses/guests have enjoyed considerable attendance. I don't think the ladies like to see us old guys "out there" having all the fun!**

Our SIR group requires so many folks to keep it moving along successfully and we are lucky to have members who are willing to step up and volunteer as needed. The unsung heroes include Bob Huntington who keeps our Roster current, Jay Hansell who sees to production of the Newsletter each month, Kent MacDonald who served as our Secretary, Terry Doan who has kept our financial records in order, Fred Balke who has secured interesting speakers, Padre

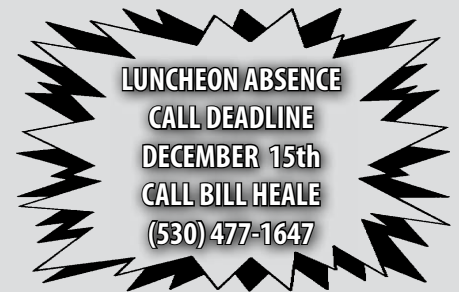
Kenny Newman who has served as Sunshine Chairman/Chaplain and Mark Lund who has maintained the Membership records. Additionally there are many many members who participate and work regularly to keep this Branch moving along. Each one of you who has helped out this year is responsible for our success...each of you who attends the Luncheons adds to the conviviality and fellowship which we enjoy as SIR members.

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### Little SIR Report - Tom Stone, Little Sir

So here we are at the end of another year. Some things have changed and some have not. Some of the changes affect next year's list of volunteers – the guys that make our retired lives so much easier. Tony Olivera, Thomas Rios, Mark Lund, Steve Coffman, and Ken Newman have retired their duties for the upcoming year for various reasons but fortunately, others have stepped up to fill their shoes. Phil Bolander has agreed to be our golf chairman for 2015. One of our newest members, Milo Schauer has agreed to be the website manager. Your friend and mine, Craig Saunders, has agreed to take Mark Lund's place as membership chairman. Craig will do a great job in this position and we should be able to substantially

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**NEXT LUNCHEON:**  
**Thursday, December 18, 2014**  
Fellowship - 11:00 a.m.  
Call To Order - 12:00 p.m.  
**Menu: Pork Loin and Salmon**

**PROGRAM:**  
**Holiday Luncheon**

Tickets are available. \$20 per person. Email Bill Heale atwilliamheale@comcast.net or phone him at (530) 477-1647. Tickets can be purchased the the day of the luncheon.

### SIR INFORMATION

**January Executive Committee Meeting**  
January 6, 2015  
7:45 a.m. at Denny's, Auburn Ravine Road (I-80/Foresthill Exit)  
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build our membership in the future. And finally, Michael Self has agreed to help out with the sunshine duties for next year as well as dining out. My thanks to these guys – they will make my life so much easier next year. Remember, SIR's is an all-volunteer organization and it actually is fun to get involved. So don't just sit back and let someone else do all the work. Volunteer and have some fun too.



# happy birthday!

## DECEMBER

Lou Alvarez	Jerry Hamilton
Russ Anderson	Chuck Mierkey
Bob Bells	Don Morrison
Randy Beneke	Rich Murray
Dave Dunlap	Bob Towers
George Freuler Jr	

### BRANCH 79 OFFICERS

Big Sir: John Rosasco	(530) 888-8036
Little Sir: Tom Stone	(530) 637-4393
Secretary: Kent MacDonald	(530) 745-0324
Treasurer: Terry Doan	(530) 878-2742

### BRANCH 79 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Attendance: Bill Heale	(530) 477-1647
Bulletin: Jay Hansell	(530) 368-2850
Chaplain/Sunshine: Kenny Newman	(530) 885-5576
Clothing: Jay Stanley	(916) 899-9876
Database Manager: Bob Huntington	(530) 886-8426
Greeter: Tom Parks	(530) 823-0605
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Opportunity Drawings: Harvey Eisley	(530) 823-5988
Photographer: Lynn Hartford	(530) 320-8730
Programs: Fred Balke	(925) 998-4365
Wine Steward: David Blitstein	(530) 274-2100

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## BEC MEETING

Tom Stone, Big SIR

The next BEC meeting will be held on TUESDAY January 6, 2015. This ONE TIME CHANGE is required since I have other plans for New Years Day (Imagine that you all have better things to do for that day also). Meeting time and place will be the same. See you all there.



## Golf Report - Tony Oliveira, Golf Chairman

Seasons Greetings to all Sir Branch 79 Golfers and Families. The 2014 season has come to a close and the new season calendar is already out there for your review. I thought we had a pretty good season although it was a bit congested with the addition of some extra tournaments. All in all, it went pretty smoothly. I want to congratulate all of my "79ers" in their efforts throughout the season to participate in the tournaments. We always had the most players represented and we always made a good showing in the winner's column too. "GOOD JOB GUYS". Now most of you should have the new tournament schedule and I would like you all to give it a glance and see if you have any input about the courses that are listed. There is still time to address any concerns that you may have.

This next season you will have a new golf chairman as I am stepping down from the position. I have not heard, as of yet, who that might be but I am sure he will be up to the task of keeping up with all of you guys. I will continue to be of assistance to any of you that may need a pipeline into the inner workings of the golf group. Also, in that vein, I want to thank all of the "79ers" for being a great group to work with. There was always a good response to the call for participants in the tournaments. Also you guys were kind in your criticisms and few with your questions which helped to make my job easier.

In the closing weeks of this season, I have noticed that we have several new members to our golf group. Now I charge all of you OLDIES to step up and make these new guys welcome. Invite them to play in your groups and make them feel welcome and proud to be a "79er".

Well that is about it for this old duffer so remember, "Hit 'em straight and Hit 'em long."



*Tony Oliveira presents Don Morrison 2014 Golf Award. Don is known for the most putt saving shots per game. Hereafter a "Putt Saver" is going to be called a "Morrison".*

## Bocce Ball Report

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

WE DID IT! With your help, thank you.

There were seven of us at the ARD BOARD MEETING last night and the Board "APPROVED" the "BOCCE BALL COURT PROJECT" and will now move forward with this Project preparing the final drawings and BID specifications.

This will take approximately 6 or 7 weeks before the Bidding process starts; and depending on the weather when ground breaking can start.

Our BOCCE COMMITTEE will then begin focusing on organizing the Bocce Practice Games for our Branch 79 and contact the other Branches in our Area 33 and Area 15 to up-date our Region 9 Roster with any new contact people for 2015. This gives us 10 SIR Branches to work with for Practice Games and Tournaments at the ARD Recreational Park once the courts are ready. In the meantime, we'll make due with the Flower Farm, the Elks Lodge, and possibly the courts up in Penn Valley.

This is asking a lot from our SIERRA HILLS BRANCH 79 SIR BOCCE CLUB; we'll need all the help we can get, so please help us by spreading the word to our SIR Members and their friends that may be interested in our SIR Organization.

# 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

## Bowling - Tom McEntee, Bowling Chairman

As we near the end of another successful year for the SIR bowlers I would like to take this opportunity, on their behalf, to say Merry Christmas and a Happy and healthy New Year to all.

Our branch fielded seven bowlers for the November event. SIR Harvey Eisley led our group with an outstanding performance. Harvey shot a near perfect game in game 2 with 11 out of a possible of 12 strikes. A stubborn 4 pin in the sixth frame denied Harvey's bid for a perfect game.

November 24th SIR's Paradise Tall Pines Bowl Results:

	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Series
Harvey Eisley	216	279	172	667
Bill Larson	227	216	181	624
Bob Towers	194	202	182	578
Ken Launius	143	169	193	505
Dave Aulbach	210	142	150	502
Roy Guy	160	189	132	481
Tom McEntee	134	197	150	481

The Sir's Monthly Round-Robin bowling event is also open to all SIR's wives, girl friends significant others, or guests. Hope to see more Branch 79 SIR brothers and guests at the December event, (12/22/2014) at Nu Generation Bowl, Yuba City California.

For the past several weeks our SIR brothers have been bowling at Rocklin Bowl on Friday's at noon 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.

The SIR State Tournament (tentative) schedule has been posted on the sirinc.org web site. I will publish the "confirmed" schedule when it has been given the official blessing. For all SIR State bowling information please visit the following link: <http://www.sirinc.org/bowling/>



## Dining Out - Michael Self

No Dine Out in December due to Holiday Luncheon. See you next year for some fabulous meals at our local restaurants. Cheers.

## Fishing Group

David DeRosa & Tom Beale  
Co Lead Hooks



There is no fishing meeting in December. Here are two pictures taken at our annual ladies luncheon. Thanks Ivan Ichters for hosting. A good time was had by all.



## Friday Golf Bill Heale



Hey Guys, we didn't get much golf in this month, but anyway it was great fun while it lasted. Lets see if I can put a little smile on your faces, A golfer teed up his ball on the first tee, took a mighty swing. Hit his ball into a clump of trees. He found his ball and saw an opening between two trees he thought he could hit through. Taking out his three wood, took another mighty swing, The ball hit a struck a tree ( imagine that ), bounced back, hit him on the forehead and it killed him, dead. As he approached the gates of heaven, St. Peter asked, "Are you a good golfer?" The man replied, " Got here in two, didn't I?" OK, NOV. 7, = CTP #4, Terry Doan, 4'9" == CTP #6, Don Ainsworth 2' 1" ==== NOV. 14, was the clubs turkey shoot, different format, but a lot of fun, we also had a good turn-out, lots of prizes also. NOV. 21, = CTP #4, Terry Doan 16' == CTP #6, Dave Dunlap 1' 7" == NOV> 28, Black friday, NO ACTIVITIES. So it winter time, dig out the long johns, ear muffs, warm gloves, umbrellas, what-ever it takes but lets play. See ya'll soon !



**79er Wine Trail** - David Blitstein, Wine Steward

Thanks to all the 79er Wine Trail followers for coming out to the Old Stone winery known as the Bonitata Boutique Winery last month, Mark Bonitata produces some very nice wines and are available at the Grocery Outlet under the label "Mark's Picks", at his price point and the quality his wines, they will be hard to beat. Also, I'm glad everyone enjoyed the Bernhard Museum tour and a special thanks to Mike and Fran Hanson that coordinated that with Bob Lemmon. Also thanks to Bob for filling in for me while I finally had a chance to take a real vacation and hope to see you at the events next year. - HAPPY HOLIDAYS



**Membership** - Craig Saunders

Vincent "Sparky" Robinson lives in Foresthill. He heard about SIR through his sponsor Gary Oliver. Sparky retired a long time ago from San Jose Electrical where he worked as an electrician. As for his interests, you have to ask him.



Milo Schauer lives in Auburn with his wife of 25 years, Karen. Milo and Karen split the year between their Auburn and Oregon. Milo's sponsor is Kent McDonald. He heard about us from the Auburn Journal. Milo is interested in all of our activities and much more.



Anthony "Tony" Rubio lives in Auburn with his wife of 65 years, Virginia. Tony heard about SIR from his golf buddies. Kent McDonald is his sponsor. Toni retired from Magic Tan Inc. in 2006. His interests are golf, guys night out, computer training, theatre and wine tasting.



Let's welcome our 2015 Branch 79 Officers. Pictured below (left to right) are Little Sir, David Blitstein; Treasurer, Terry Doan; Big Tom Stone; Secretary; Kent MacDonald.



**Treasurer's Report** - Terry Doan, Treasurer

November began with a balance of \$ 3,300.21 and ended with \$ 6,227.85. However, \$2,765 is for our Holiday Luncheon. Thanks to all of you for your contributions this year to help us to continue to provide the all activities we enjoy. ***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

NOVEMBER LUNCHEON REPORT = = = O K first things first, I'M CRUSHED, the first time my ugly mug has not been on the front desk in 3 years, and we have a RECORD TURN-OUT. FANTASTIC, maybe theirs a message in that. OK BACK TO WORK, = = We started with 179 members on the roster, = = 3 inactive, = = 25 excused, = = 20 unexcused, = = 4 guests, 1 GREAT SPEAKER, And Colonel Anderson we all THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE. = = Total served 139, . Gary Anderson, and Phil Romines were guests of Keith, and Jeff, sounds like they might be related to their sponsors, Ya think, anyway we do this once a month so come back soon. I didn't get the names of two of our guests, but I hope they received and application and they will come back and join . We still have room to seat more people at DECEMBER LUNCHEON, so call ME or send a check for tickets. 2 badges AWOL.

**Sunshine Report** - Ken Newman, Padre

No report this month



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**Incidentally just for the record our membership has increased since this time last year and we are financially solvent thanks to your continuing donations each week. Keep up the good work in these two vital areas.**

I thank you all for the support you have given me this past year...I have certainly needed it at times. The guidance from Area Governor Craig Saunders and Regional Director Don Dill has been invaluable and I am sure they will continue to support our new Officers. I wish the new group of leaders success and know that they will work to make Branch 79 the most successful in our area.

Wishing you and your families a most Happy Holiday Season and a Grand New Year!

