



SIERRA HILLS

Branch 79 Bulletin



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

Big SIR Report - Tom Stone

WOW. We are certainly off to a good recruiting start in 2015. We have met almost half of our recruiting goals in the first month. Not to say we can rest on our laurels because we will undoubtedly have members that for one reason or another either leave us during the year or become inactive. In January we brought in 7 new members – great recruiting efforts. **Larry Bower** sponsored by Keith Dice; **Bob Bugay** and **Herb Grounds** sponsored by Terry Doan; **Frank Devlin** sponsored by Mark Lund; **Butch Holzworth** sponsored by Joe Argo; and **Cary Lemley** sponsored by Harvey Eisley. This was a super recruiting month probably the most new members we have ever had. Remember to hand out a new member application to a friend, neighbor, old business associate, or anyone you would like to bring as a guest to future luncheons. And remember they get a free lunch.

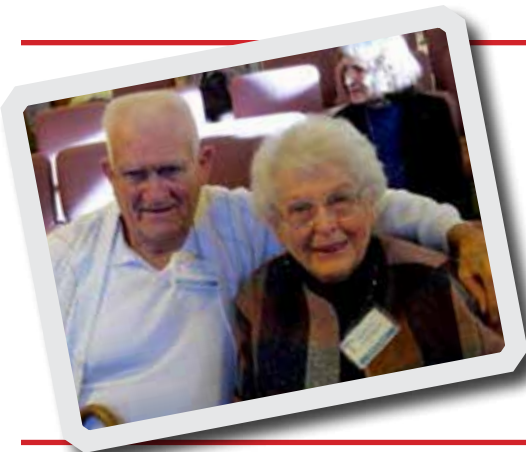


Our activities are beginning to get into full swing early this year. Our golfers have their first tournament this month, our bowlers continue bowling, our fishermen go on their first outing early next month to Lake Shasta and bocce continues at the Flower Farm. If you or a friend want to form a new activity, please let me know and I will get it onto the agenda so we can promote it.

A few members of our branch have suggested potential speakers who, they feel would interest our membership. There are still openings for speakers and I would appreciate information from you that would help me connect with speakers that would be interesting to our group. Contact either myself or Little SIR David Blitstein.

Little SIR Report - David Blitstien

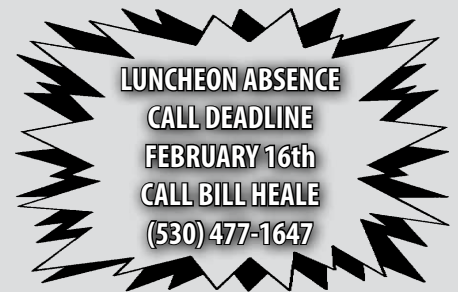
I would like to start a new activity. If you are tired of your wife's cooking now is the time to join our new activity, "our own cooking club". So far a couple of people signed up and we need 4-5 more guys. We'll rotate hosting homes every couple of months or so. We even may ask the wives to join in when we're ready to eat. We will have a harvest this year of my Petite Sirah wine grapes so if we feel like it, we can even start making our own wine. Come see me at the next lunch for details and information.



Happy 69th Anniversary

Keith & Shirley Anderson, were married January 13, 1946. They meet in Victorville, California where Keith was stationed in the Army.

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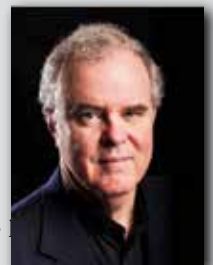


NEXT LUNCHEON:
Thursday, February 19, 2015
Fellowship - 11:00 a.m.
Call To Order - 12:00 p.m.
Menu: Salisbury Steak and Fish

PROGRAM:

Pastor Toby Nelson

This month's guest speaker is Pastor Toby Nelson otherwise known as the "Pastor of Disaster". Toby was in New York on 9/11, the Super Dome during Hurricane Katrina and Haiti for the earthquake. Toby rides with officers and accompanies them into domestic violence situations, drug busts, on high-speed pursuits, resting felons, and taking DUIs off the streets. Toby helps the Nevada County Sheriff Department by giving death notifications to families. He has gone through extensive training as a Chaplain and a disaster pastor. He regularly uses debriefing skills and is presently learning skills as a hostage negotiator. Rev. Nelson's work as a disaster pastor began when he was about a thousand feet away from the World Trade Center on 9/11 where he served as a Chaplain with the Red Cross for nine months.



happy birthday!

FEBRUARY

Norm Bennett	Bob Jensen
David Bright	Jim McCrary
Doc Causie	Milo Schauer
Irv Eastman	TomSmith
Harvey Easley	Dwayne Starling
Jay Hansell	Pete Thompson
Bill Heale	Bob Trefzger
Len Jeffrey	Art Wells

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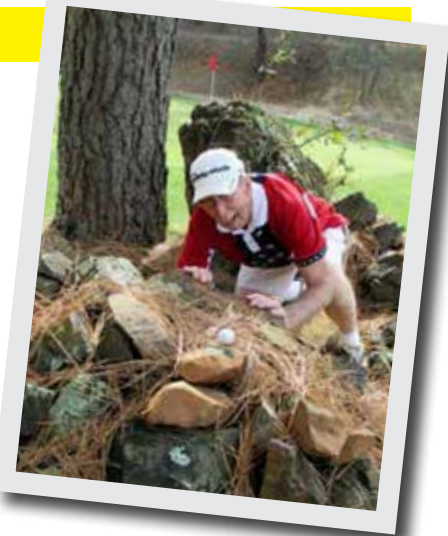
SIR INFORMATION

Executive Committee Meeting
First Thursday of each month
7:45 a.m. at Denny's, Auburn Ravine
Road (I-80/Foresthill Exit)
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www.branch79sirsinc.org
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SIR Happenings visit
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Golf Report

Phil Bolander, Golf Chairman

Gentleman, of course the term is used in many different ways but I have always considered SIR golfers as a fine group of gentleman. That being said, I would like to welcome all of you to another fine year of SIR tournament golf as well as our Fri. & Tues get togethers. Our 1st tourn. is Feb. 23, Mon., 9:00 am shotgun at Morgan creek in Roseville. It is a 4m - 2 bb format and you form your own teams. Cost is \$44.00. This one is filling up fast so get your names in. If you don't have a team don't worry because I'm sure we can find a spot for you. On the otherside I began a voting campaign for 2 different formats to be held in conjunction with the regular tourn. Unfortunately there has been little interest for either format so we have cancelled this. There would not have been enough players to make this viable. It looks like some rain at last so let's hope for that so the courses can get that much needed water. If a great day as well as good golf. Thanks.



Darkhorse #14: Bob, what a great lie but the pin is behind you...

79er Wine Trail - Bob Lemmon, Wine Steward

Now that we have our first winery tour (Lone Buffalo) under our belts we are ready to move onward & upward. And next up: February: "Wise Winery & Bistro" for Thursday, February 26th, at 4200 Wise Rd. This is a little ways out, 20 miles taking 38 min in route but the drive is enjoyable (Mt Vernon Rd.) plus the final destination, you will find the time spent on the road will be well worth the effort. It is believed this Winery & Bistro is equal to those found in Napa Valley in grandeur & elegance. So treat yourself & your spouse, you both deserve it, remember we only go around once in life. The prices are little elevated but well within reach. A lunch at the restaurant is \$8-\$14, \$7 tasting fee, reimbursed on purchase, \$5 tour that promises to be memorable. March: "Dono Del Cielo" Italian for "Gift from Heaven" is located at 6100 Wise Rd., 8.25 mile/13 min out of Auburn. This winery is well attended by locales for they do provide music & wine on the weekends, what could be better? However no music on our tour. To add a little spice to our visit, the 79er Wine Trail Group will provide Hors-d'ouvres. A little food & wine can't be bad,



April: I am very excited about our April tour, for we will be visiting Pilot Peak Winery in Penn Valley. You will find a picture of Jacque Wilson (an owner) & the Lemmon's on a visit. This winery is very close in grandeur to "Wise Winery & Bistro". I know I am a little early on this tour but I want to whet your appetite.

During the SIRs luncheon you can find us close to the end of the Elks lodge, there you can sign up sheet for a tour, find a small flier & map (Mapquest). So pick up tour data & put a winery visit on your calendar.



Sunshine Report - Terry Doan,

I talked to four of our Brothers that have been under the weather. Jim Coleman is going through the same skin cancer treatment that I went through a couple of weeks ago. He is doing fine and should be out and about in a week or so. Jay Stanley is going through his last treatment for cancer. Feeling tired, but should be on the mend in a couple of weeks. Give him a call. John Rosasco is a little under the weather also. Hopefully he will get well soon and come to our lunch. Ken Newman is still home, but feeling better. Hope to see him at our lunch soon.

If you hear anything of our Brothers in need please call me. I will make contact with them and keep everyone up to date. My phone # is 530-878-2742. e-mail tjdoan2121@gmail.com. Feel free to contact me at any time

ACTIVITIES

Bicycling: Ken Hansen (916) 663-4716

Bocce Ball: Pete Thompson (530) 823-7383, Don Sherman (916) 663-2958, Jack Meylink (530) 878-1219, George Frueler 530.885.4452 & Len Jeffrey (530) 367-2059

Bowling: Fridays, 12:00 pm at Foothill Bowl.

Tom McEntee: (530) 889-0605

Dining Out: Position open. Contact Tom Stone.

Fishing: Dave DeRosa (916) 652-9562 or Tom Beale (530) 878-0301

Golf: Phil Bolander (530) 745-9874

79er Wine Trail: Bob Lemmon (530) 477-8507

Travel: Phil Bolander (530) 745-9874

Bowling - Tom McEntee, Bowling Chairman

The 2015 SIR's Round-Robin Bowling season launched on January 26 at Tall Pines Bowl in Paradise California. SIR Harvey Easley led the Branch 79 gang with a series of 555.

	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Series
Harvey Easley	173	167	215	555
Tom McEntee	149	213	181	543
Bill Larson	186	170	185	541
Dave Aulbach	185	160	174	519
Ken Launius	175	192	147	514
Bob Towers	149	148	203	500
Roy Guy	155	177	167	499



Branch 79 had limited participation in the SIR Napa Classic Tournament on January 28, 2015. We fielded two teams for this event led by Bill Larson & Harvey Easley (79) and a mixed branch team of Don Launius (109) and Ken Launius (79). The official results have yet to be posted for this event. See below for the un-official results for our guys.

<u>Singles Event</u>	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Series
Bill Larson	235	210	225	763
Harvey Easley	211	182	190	691
Don Launius	159	159	150	636
Ken Launius	161	185	157	635
<u>Doubles Event</u>	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Series
Bill Larson	192	234	211	730
Harvey Easley	180	215	205	708
Don Launius	159	143	144	614
Ken Launius	126	166	199	623

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 February event, (2/23/2015) at Nu Generation Bowl, Yuba City 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 our Round-Robin Bowling Schedule go to our branch web site:
www.branch79sirsinc.org

Fishing Group



David DeRosa & Tom Beale
Co Lead Hooks

As this is being written we are about to get some much needed rain. Hopefully, lots of it. We may not have to buy shoes for the fish after all.

Plans for our spring trip to Shasta are moving right along. We have some thirty of our fellow SIR brothers signed up on a tentative basis. The cost will be \$250 per person. Food prices are up and we have all the cabins at Sugarloaf Resort reserved. Chuck Mierkey is in charge of the reservations and would like to have at least a deposit if not the whole amount in the next two months. The sooner, the better. Cancellations can be made up til the last month before departure. After that it will be up to the member to find a replacement and redeem his money.

At this last meeting we had a mini raffle. I thought it was a lot of fun. I am looking forward to doing it again this month. Thanks to each of you for donating a couple of dollars for the drawing.

The Fishing Group meets the second Thursday of each month at Denny's Restaurant on the top of Auburn Ravine Road, just off I80. Hope to see you there.

Friday Golf - Bill Heale

Well I'd like to start off with a little word of wisdom to all you duffers out there. DON'T DO THIS, The bride was escorted down the aisle, and when she reached the altar, the groom was standing there with his golf bag and clubs at his side. She asked, what are your golf clubs doing here? He looked her right in the eye and said, "this isn't going to take all day, is it? = = = OK = = = 1/2/15 = C.T.P. #3, KEN HANSEN, = 4' 11", Pd. \$5.00. = C.T.P. #4, DON DILL, = 34", Pd. \$5.00. = C.T.P. #6, MATT FERRAL, = 1'9", Pd. \$5.00 = = = 1/9/15 = C.T.P. #2, TONY OLIVEIRA, = 12", Pd. \$7.00. = C. T.P. #4, " ME ", 5', Pd. \$7.00. = C.T.P.#6, PHIL BOLANDER, = 11", Pd. \$7.00. = C.T.P. #8, ALLEN PIERCE, = 18", Pd. \$7.00. = = = 1/16/15 = = = C.T.P.#4, JOE ARGO = 20'4", Pd. \$6.00. = C.T.P. #7, PHIL BOLANDER, = 14", Pd. \$6.00 = = = 1/23/15 = = = C.T.P. #2, BOB BELLS, = 8' 5" Pd. \$7.00, = = C.T.P.#4, JOE ARGO, = 13' 41/2" Pd \$7.00. = = = C.T.P. #8, KEN CHAMBERLIN, = 13 1/2" Pd. \$7.00, = = = 1/30/15 = = = C.T.P. #2, MEL HAGMANN, = 14" Pd. \$8.00. = = = C.T.P. #4, MATT FERRAL, 8'.Pd. \$8.00. = = = C.T.P. #8 DAVE DUNLAP, 12" Pd. \$8.00. Gosh we're a little short handed this week, must'a been a tournament someplace ya reckon? But any way good shooting guys, and how about some new ideas, or some new blood up here, this same'o, same'o is getting a might booooring!

Membership - Craig Saunders

“Fantastic return on your investments and your earnings will soar to all time highs”remember those promises? Well, to all of our great sponsors out there---You really came through this past luncheon. Imagine the surprise when we received Six (6) new member applications at the luncheon and now all have been approved by the Branch Executive Committee (BEC).

The Branch 79 membership is growing towards our goal of Net12+ for 2015. I commend all of you for your effort in recruiting our new members. Please continue. Remember these new members are the lifeblood of our branches continued growth and success. Additionally, our activities will increase and more FUN will be had by all!



James Robertson and Gary Oliver

James and his wife, Yun Sun, reside in Auburn. He retired in 2009 from the U. S. Postal Service where he was a manager. James enjoys biking, chess, fishing, hiking, poker, and billiards. James looks forward to participating in many of our activities. His sponsor is Gary Oliver.



Lynn Hartford & Robert Flack

Robert and his wife Irene reside in Auburn. In 2000 he retired from a career in aviation. His last job was with Weber Aircraft. He enjoys all SIRS activities and wants to meet all our branches members. His sponsor is Lynn Hartford.

Attendance Report

Bill Heale, Attendance

January luncheon: As usual great food, Very interesting speaker, with a good turn-out. Things went well for the new kids, officers and members. Sounds like a lot of activities for this year so be sure to get involved and bring a friend. OK, Roster head count, 182 one inactive. Attending Member count 120. = Excused, 32. = Unexcused 22, Don Ainsworth,- Daniel Baldwin,- Michael Barham,- Bert Baumbach,- Gary Beckes,- Bill Clark,- Ken Davis,- Jack Farless,- Bill Huggins,- Bob Hyman,- David Landry, - Jack McClurg, -Bob Neimeyer,- Terry Nelson,- Dave Provan,- Frank Schmidig, -Ernie Tenderich, - Bob Tutton, -Jim Underhill, -Bill Watson, and I may be wrong on these two, Kurt and Karl Simon, Sorry, could be my first mistake! Remember, you don't have to wait till the deadline date to let me know your not going to be with us in February.

Treasurer's Report - Terry Doan, Treasurer

January began with a balance of \$3,550.54 and ended with \$3,701.90 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

Bocce Ball - Pete Thompson, Don Sherman, & Jack Meylink, Co Chairs

We had 15 Bocce players at the Flower Farm last week, January 28th 2014, and used both courts. As you can see, some of us were in our short sleeved polo shirts! Even our good friend, Sir IrvEastman, who is now '94', played in every game. 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon.

Sir George Freuler is now our Bocce Clinic Chairman that has offered to teach and instruct anyone interested in learning how to bocce. Classes will be held at the Flower Farm on Thursdays, and the Clinic will be FREE of charge; George does like Beer, and occasionally a glass of wine! Please call for an appointment (530) 885-4452.

Sir Kent MacDonald is one of our new Bocce Club members and took these photos.



Left to Right - George Freuler Jr., Bob Lemmon, Diana Lemmon, Don Sherman, Pete Thompson, Al Archer



Left to Right - Don Sherman, Gerri Sherman, Mary Allred, Pete Thompson



Left to Right - Diana Lemmon, Rosalie Webber, Mary Allred, Pete Thompson