



# 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

Well I guess I am going to sound like a broken record, raving yet again about the addition of new members. We are doing so well this year in bringing in new folks that will add their expertise and experiences to our branch. We will be welcoming three new members this luncheon – Grant Fisch, Jim Garrett and Bob Hamilton. Grant’s interests are golf and bowling and Jim and Bob’s interests are too many to list. We will be able to let you all know the activities that they are interested in at the April luncheon.



Speaking of lunch, as I was at the end of the buffet line last month, Chef Scott was standing in the doorway to the kitchen. I took the opportunity to personally tell him how much I enjoyed the quality and taste of every lunch that I have had since he became the chef. He and the Auburn Elks Club are truly an asset to our branch. I am proud offering a free lunch to a prospective member and I hope you take advantage of this new perk offered by our branch to introduce potential members to our group.

New members – sure I will never lose the opportunity to talk about new members and recruiting. My goals as I took on the job of big SIR were to be more inclusive a membership for all and to increase membership. We are now at 188 members strong. We had to add another table at lunch to accommodate everyone and Alan Pierce and his group have attached themselves to this new table.

Remember that SIRs is an all-volunteer organization. Find something you are passionate about and volunteer. Become an officer or committee member. You will not regret it.

### Little SIR Report - David Blitstien

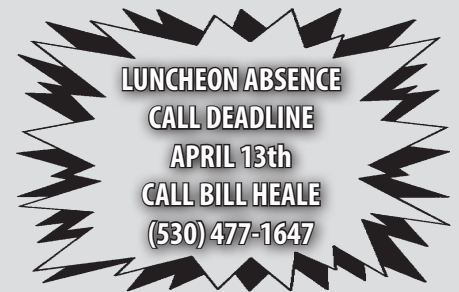
Thanks to Mayor Keith Nessbitt for coming to our lunch, it was very interesting listening to his presentation. His explanations of how the City of Auburn operates with the community and the surrounding areas was great. April will have one of the premier artist in our area, Doug Van Howd, Doug’s paintings and bronze sculptures are world renown. This should be great!



Our Branch has lots of fun activities with about 100 members participating, that’s over 50%, if you want to be more active come join one of our activities or try starting one of your own like photography, breakfast club, hiking, book club, or a garden tour there’s a lot to do with friends from our branch.



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**NEXT LUNCHEON:**  
**Thursday, April 16, 2015**  
Fellowship - 11:00 a.m.  
Call To Order - 12:00 p.m.  
**Menu: Chef’s Choice**

**PROGRAM:**  
**Sculptor Doug Van Howd**

Doug is a well known worldwide sculptor and painter of wildlife and western creations. Doug developed an exquisite lifelike detailed style that enhances the grace and movement he captures in his work. His style has brought him to a place of honor in his field and his works are found in collections worldwide. He is currently working on a bronze statue of Col. Clarence E. “Bud” Anderson and his P-51 Mustang. Doug owns and operates Sierra Sculpture on New Airport Road in Auburn. They specialize in production monumental bronze statues.





# happy birthday!

## MARCH

Don Ainsworth	Gene Goldsmith
Bruce Baker	Walt Haverland
Larry Bower	Butch Hozworth
Jim Brown	Bill Larson
Ron Deberard	Jim Peters
Keith Dice	Larry Seeman
Don Dill (LM)	Tom Stone

## Golf Report

Phil Bolander, Chairman

Hi guys, the next tourn. is coming up on April 27th. This will be an 8:00 amshotgun start. It will be the stableford points format which means an individual tourn. Pts are awarded according to your score on the hole. There will be 4 flights or maybe 5 flights if enough are signed up. The cost is \$44.00 and is at Woodcreek in Roseville. The chairman is Larry Root. Let's get signed up early to save some confusion at the last minute. Form your own 4 somes.

## Friday Golf

Bill Heale, Chairman



3/6/15 = = = CTP#4 = LEE LIVINGSTON, 10' 1 " = \$ 9.00, = = LOW GROSS = TERRY DOAN, 40 = \$9.00, = = LOW NET = BOB HUNTINGTON, 30 = \$9.00. +++++ 3/13/15 = = = CTP #4 = JOE ARGO, 10'5" = \$10.00, = = DRAWING BIRDIE ON #3, NO WINNER, 2nd DRAWING LEAST PUTTS ON #9 = RAY MAHLBURG, "0" chip-in, \$10.00. +++++ 3/20/15 = = = CTP #3 = LEROY McDEVITT, KEN HANSEN, Both chipped in \$10.00 each, = = CTP #4 = TOM STONE, 12' 10 1/2" = \$10.00 = = DRAW, LEAST PUTTS ON #2, ALLEN PIERCE, \$10.00. + + + + + 3/27/15 = = = CTP#4 TONY OLIVEIRA, 7' 8" \$6.00, = = CTP#7 TONY OLIVEIRA, 2' 21/2", = \$6.00, = = DRAW, LEAST BOGIES, TIE = KEN CHAMBERLIN, & LEROY McDEVITT, \$6.00 EACH.

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## 79er Wine Trail - Bob Lemmon, Wine Steward

March saw our Wine Group at "Dono Del Cielo" Winery, at 6100 Wise Rd. Auburn. 9 members enjoyed wine tasting and hors d'oeuvres brought by our SIRs participating members. This was a first. There were plenty of hors d'oeuvres for all, along with wine sampling, enjoyable. Jack Meylink lead our group in this outing, "Thanks Jack".



April 17th is "spring in the vineyard" sounds good, it is good. We will be visiting Pilot Peaks Winery on Friday April 17th from 1 to 3:00 pm. This winery is located in Penn Valley, 12888 Spenceville Rd. phone 432-3321. Take Hwy. 20 out of Grass Valley towards Penn Valley & take a left at the first stop light. This road (Penn Valley Rd) becomes Spenceville Rd. just follow it to "Pilot Peaks Winery (about 4mi). You may think it is way out but it is no longer than Wise Winery, of Lincoln. By the way it is a beautiful drive. Wine tasting is \$5.00 however the good news is if we collectively buy a case of wine we will receive 20% discount. 20% discount is good. We will be starting with a cheese plate while touring the winery, sampling primarily white wines. Then out to the front patio tasting Red wines while munching on Truckee Sourdough Bread dipped in olive oil. What could be better. Pilot Peaks rivals Wise Winery for grandeur & elegance. You owe it to yourself to take this SIRs outing.

## 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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May 14th the agenda gets even better with "food & wine pairing" at "Pescatore Winery" of Auburn. We will be sampling 6 different foods & comparing them against 8 different wines. Being your wife & allow her the joy of knowing which wine to serve with her favorite dish. We will start our pairing visit at 12:00 noon. June 10th Vina Castellano, lunch by their pond.

## 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:** David Blistien

**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

Monthly Round Robin Paradise 03/23/2015 - Branch # 79 had 7 members participate in the March 2015 round – robin event in Paradise, SIR Cary Lemley led the field of Branch #79 bowlers with a 661 scratch series.

	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Series
Cary Lemley	221	228	212	661
Harvey Easley	214	209	214	637
Bill Larson	224	187	201	612
Bob Towers	175	185	193	553
Ken Launius	171	206	169	546
Dave Aulbach	190	205	151	546
Roy Guy	172	176	180	528



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 April event, (04/27/15) at New Generation Bowl in Yuba City California.

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



### Travel - Phil Bolander Chairman

All SIR are invited to attend an informational meeting on SIR Travel Activities for the upcoming year. Your Host is Area Travel Coordinator, SIR Phil Bolander, Branch 79 and Talbot Tours, a State SIR authorized agency. Friday April 10, 1:30 PM to 3:00PM - Location: Denny's Restaurant, 1800 Auburn Ravine I80 & Forrethill Rd., Auburn. Refreshments--Door Prizes--Early Booking Discounts! A variety of travel opportunities/information will be covered including:

**Princess Cruise to Alaska from San Francisco.** San Juan Islands & Leavenworth-3 day cruise on Viking Star out of Seattle, whale watching and more.

**Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta.** Visit Santa Fe; Taos; Georgia O'Keefe Museum; Carlsbad Caverns and White Sands Monument and more.

**Florida Coast to Coast and the Keys.** Hemingways home, Airboat ride the Everglades, Miami, Ford and Edison summer homes and more.

**Scottsdale New Year.** Sedona, Oak Creek Canyon Phoenix, Frank Lloyd Wright's "Taliesin West", New Years Party with Big Band.

**Savannah and Charleston.** Discover Southern charm and beauty! Highlights are Garden and Plantations, St. Augustine and more!

## Fishing Group



David DeRosa & Tom Beale  
Co Lead Hooks

Hello fisherfolks. Another month behind us and local lakes are starting to produce limits or near limits for our members. Recent outings by brother Sirs, Ralph Sutton and Ron Deberard produced limits of trout from Englebright Reservoir. Ralph said he lost a big one at the boat. My neighbor and I went to the same lake last Wednesday the 25th of March and had limits by noon. Rollins Lake in Colfax is producing same results according to our local tackle shop, Will Fish. The weather right now is on the cool side. Once that is behind us we will be able to hit the water again with warmer weather predicted.

Don't forget, stream fishing will open the last Saturday in April (April 25th) for all you fly guys and those brave souls that can still hop from rock to rock.

This next meeting will be the final meeting before we go to Shasta. Those signed up, please plan to attend this meeting. Fishing Group meets the second Thursday of each month, 8 a.m. at Denny's on Auburn Ravine Road.

## Bocce Ball

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

Our SIR BOCCE CLUB is planning on starting qualifying games with the other branches in our Area 33 on May 1st up in Penn Valley. The first round is to include these 4 branches; BR 37, BR 79, BR 124, & BR 170.

This is a great start for what is planned for October 2015 when the State SIR Bocce Tournament will be held somewhere here in Northern California. A total of 79 SIR branches statewide are signed up to compete in these qualifying games; the majority of them are located in the bay area. If we can show that our Region 9 here in Placer & Nevada County has real camaraderie within our combined membership, the Penn valley location could be the place to hold the first State SIR Bocce Tournament!

If not, let's try again next year and offer the ARD facility, (ARD plans to go to bid early in June 2015 according to the article in the Auburn journal from their Director Kahl Muscott).

## Membership

Craig Saunders

We continue to grow Branch 79 because of the dedication and loyalty of our members. You are doing a fine job in recruiting new members and for that we are thankful. Our three (3) new members brings us to 191 strong and still striving for 200+ by years end. Remember our ending year goal is Plus 12 Net....simply put we want to finish the year at 12 more members gained LESS our losses for the year. GO GET'EM!



## Dining Out - David Blitstien

April 22 at Christina's American Bistro, 17100 Placer Hills, Meadow Vista. 5pm social and 5:30 dinner. They have a choice of a beef, chicken or fish dish which include salad and vegetable for \$15 or order off the menu. They offer 7 types of beers, wine is also available, corkage is \$15. Thanks to Bob and Kay Bells for coordinating the Dine Out. David is taking signups at the April 16th lunch.



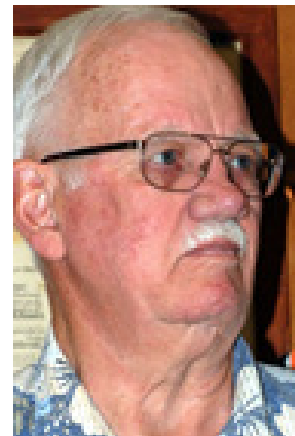
**Stan Bishop** and his wife Laura live in Auburn, Ca. He retired as a Carpenter in 2010. He likes at least 20 different Activities from Antique Cars, Book swaps, BOCCE, Cooking (hey David!), Crab Feeds, Dining Outs, Theater and Travel plus more. His sponsor is Ken Hansen.



**Russ Purvis** and his wife Nita reside in Auburn, Ca. He retired in 2012 as a Fleet Buyer from CALTRANS...any one need a new/used Truck? His Activity interests are Antique Cars, Computers/Teckkie, Cooking (hey David), FISHING, Theater and Travel. His sponsor is Jim Mallery



**Kent Stafford** and his wife Candice reside in Colfax, Ca. He retired in 2008 as a Business Director for Northrop Grumman. Interests are Computers and Tekkie, Crab Feeds, Digital Photos, Travel, Woodworking and raising Fallow Deer. His sponsor is Tom Stone



**Edward Hoekstra** and his wife Karen live in Grass Valley. He retired in 1992 from AT&T as the Telephone man to all in Nevada and Placer County! He enjoys Antique Cars, Dominoes, Golf, Poker and Billiards. His sponsor is Craig Saunders.

## Attendance Report

Bill Heale, Attendance Chairman

Hello, boy did a lot of brothers miss a great meal. ( Record / 51, call in count ) + ( Record / , 14 unexcused number count) Guests / 4. Hope you new members all had a good time, remember we do this once a month on the third Thursday, so .MARK YOUR CALENDAR , OK, Total Membership 188 with 4 on inactive. Attending members 123, Unexcused, Frank Devlin, Steve Haverberg, Walt Haverland, Lee Livingston, Bob Neimeyer, Terry Nelson, L. A. Oliveira, Ernie Perry, Jeff Romines, MEMBERS WITH 3 misses, Daniel Baldwin, Ken Davis, David Landry, Jack McClurg, Dave Provan, and Jim Underhill, where are you ? Guest badge was returned THANK YOU, and I have two no show badges, #176, and #172. Thanks for the calls and e-mails, I'm feeling much better. Keep-up the good work on the call me if you can't attend.

## Sunshine Report - Terry Doan, Chairman

Jim Coleman is back on the golf course and is doing fine. Ken Newman is out of the hospital and back home. As of today, John Rosasco is still in Siena. Wishing him a speedy recovery. Jay Stanley has been cleared by his Dr. to go back out into the public. Hopefully we'll see him this month at our lunch Let me know if any of our brothers are down or need Mr. Sunshine to pick them up!

## Treasurer's Report - Terry Doan, Treasurer

March began with a balance of \$3213.36 and ended with \$3475.36 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.