



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

The first thing I want to mention is my respect and admiration for John Rosasco who recently passed. He took over the Little SIR then the Big SIR position when no one else would volunteer and did a remarkable job. His wife Toni did most of the typing, turning out reports and agendas, but John was continually involved in the process. Even near the end when John was not feeling well, he kept up appearances and continued in his post as Big SIR. John will be missed.



I will be dealing with my own health issues for the next few months, and have asked David Blitstein to assist me with my Big SIR position. I will still be in the background, pounding away on my computer and being available on the phone. David has accepted and will be a great temporary Big SIR. David is fun and outgoing and as most all know full of great and exciting ideas.



Bill Berger, PBS John Rosasco & Charles Mierkey

That said, I want all SIRs know that we need volunteers for some of the positions as assistants to some of the Directors. Specifically, Assistant Attendance - Assistant Bulletin/Newsletter - Assistant Database Manager - Assistant Membership Chairman - and Assistant Webmaster/Computer Specialist. Wow, big list. You all know however, that we have managed to exist at least for the 3 years that I have been associated with SIRs without all these positions being filled, but it would be a great help to our volunteer staff if we can fill some of these.

We are an all-volunteer group of retired guys and as such I want more of our members to get involved. One way is to come to a Branch Executive Committee (BEC) Meeting. We won't make it unpleasant, and no high pressure sales tactics for you to volunteer, but you may find the meetings more interesting than our luncheons, with much more information about our organization. Our next BEC meeting will be on June 4, the first Thursday of the month, 7:45 AM at Denny's Restaurant (Foreshill exit). Everyone is welcome to attend. Anyone interested in seeing your BEC at work, come watch and enjoy breakfast with your fellow Sirs.

Little SIR Report - David Blitstien

I would like to thank Doug Van Howd and his assistant Tracy for being here last month, what an interesting life he's had with his travels and the dignitaries he's met. Doug's sculptures are absolutely amazing. It would be a great outing for us SIR branch to visit his gallery one day. A special thanks to SIR Milo Schauer for coordinating this guest.



This month our guest speaker is journalist Gus Thomson from our local newspaper the Auburn Journal. Gus will tell us about his 30 plus years as a reporter and some of the unusual assignments he's had, he will be very entertaining. He will not answer any questions on your newspaper delivery service!

We have 2 open Chair positions that need to be filled, a Dining Out coordinator. It just takes

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NEXT LUNCHEON:
Thursday, May 21, 2015
Fellowship - 11:00 a.m.
Call To Order - 12:00 p.m.
Menu: *Chef's Choice*

PROGRAM:

Our speaker is Gus Thomson of the *Auburn Journal*. Gus has worked 27 years for the *Auburn Journal* and 35 years as a daily newspaper reporter. He's the winner of several state, regional and national awards, most recently receiving a Best Business Reporting 1st place in the prestigious, statewide California Newspaper Publishers Association competition. When not reporting, writing or taking photos for the *Journal*, Thomson enjoys the time he can share with his wife of 30 years, Karen and family. They have three children. You also may spot Gus out on the many trails in and around Auburn. He's a runner who has completed two California International Marathons and many distance races from 10Ks to half-marathons to 20 milers. He's also a hobbyist guitar player, playing everything from finger-style acoustic to electric. Gus also is a musicologist, ice hockey and classic horror film fan, and F. Scott Fitzgerald buff. He was presented with a special award in 2013 by the Placer County Historical Society for his contributions to local history and a similar award in 2014 for his contributions to the annual Veterans Day Parade.





happy birthday!

MAY

Joe Argo	Ken Launius
Daniel Baldwin	Cary Lemly
Ron Cardiff	Lee Livingston
John Clark	Mark Lund
Jim Coleman	Bob Neimeyer
Kevin Cutigni	Frank Nissen, Jr.
Chuck Fisher	Tony Oliveira
Rich Gregerson	Gary Oliver
Roy Guy	Dave Provan
Mel Hagmann	Jim Robertson
Ken Hansen (HLM)	Frank Schmidig
Jim Underhill	Steve Wolf

Golf Report - Phil Bolander, Chairman

So far this year the amount of players for each event has been fantastic and I believe this is because of the communication between the branches. Our last event at Woodcreek drew 65 players with great weather and some awfully good scoring. Mr Biggi, 1st pl in flt 1 w/net of 59 and Mr Alvarez, 2nd pl in flt 1 w/net of 56. Mr Bennett took 3rd in flt 2. Mr Livingston took 3rd in flt 4, and Mr Jolley took 1st in flt 5. It also seems that LOP golfers are collecting a fair share of the prizes so I guess that sanctions and tests will be coming soon. Just kidding. The 9 and dine was a success as usual along with the lunch. Sorry I was not able to attend and will not be at Alta Sierra because I sold my home and will be moving but not far. Still in Auburn.

Our next event is at Alta Sierra May 19th Tues. 9:00 am shotgun. It is an ABCD computer team assignment. The format is 4m 1/bb odd holes and 2/bb even holes. Individual signups only and has to be in now. \$45.00 cost.

AND NOW FOR THE BIG ONE. This is in our back yard. The State 4M Scramble qualifier will be at Whitney Oaks in Rocklin on June 8th. This is an ABCD team event. They are requesting an A player with an index of 0-17 pick a team consisting of a B player 17.1 - 22.0, a C player 22.1 - 27.0 and a D player 27.1 - 36.0. The cost will be \$41.00 + \$3.00 for total of \$44.00. If you wish to play as an individual then you will pay \$41.00. We have to know ASAP on this one because it is a state event and maybe 20 - 30 teams will sign up. The winner of this will play at Poppy Ridge, Livermore, Aug 10th with fees paid. Contact Phil Bolander or Ken Hansen ASAP. May the golf gods be with you.



Friday Golf - Bill Heale, Chairman

Sorry fellas, I missed a week or two (the old bod didn't want to), Anyway, **APRIL 3**, CTP #4, **REG MURRAY, 13'5"** === CTP #6, **REG MURRAY, 10 1/2"** === Draw, for High Gross **ROGER ELVERS, 64**. each paid \$8.00=== **APRIL 10**, CTP #4, **DON AINSWORTH, 14'3 1/2"** + === CTP #8, **REG MURRAY, 17 1/2"** === low gross, **TONY OLIVEIRA, 40** == each paid \$10.00 === **APRIL 24**, CTP #2, **BOB BELLS, 7" 11"**, === CTP #4, **BOB BELLS, 8' 2"**, === CTP # 6, **BILL HOCKENSON 14 1/2"**, + === CTP #8, **TERRY DOAN 15' 2 1/2"**, each paid \$5.00. Hope everyone had SOME FUN!

BRANCH 79 OFFICERS

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Secretary: Kent MacDonald	(530) 745-0324
Treasurer: Terry Doan	(530) 878-2742

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Sunshine: Terry Doan	(530) 878-2742
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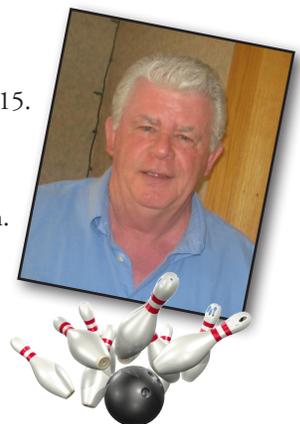
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Bowling - Tom McEntee, Bowling Chairman

SIR's State Tournament Carson City Nevada April 15 & 16 2015. SIR Harvey Easley & SIR Kenneth Launius represented branch 79 at the Carson City event. They bowled well in both singles and doubles. Additionally, Harvey, Ken and two SIR's from another branch placed third in the division 1 team competition.

SIR's BI-Monthly Round-Robin Results: Branch 79 fielded seven bowlers for the April Round-Robin event at Nu Generation Bowl in Yuba City.



	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Series
Bill Larson	144	266	172	582
Ken Launius	209	192	142	543
Dave Aulbach	205	158	179	542
Harvey Easley	176	146	202	524
Tom McEntee	155	179	157	491
Cary Lemley	183	146	156	485
Roy Guy	135	185	148	468

Please see the branch web site for the 2014 SIR's State Tournament schedule and the Round Robin Paradise and Yuba City schedules.

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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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

Bocce Ball - Pete Thompson, Don Sherman, & Jack Meylink, co chairs

This game, our first SIR Qualifying Points Game, was held up in Penn valley CA. on May 1st 2015. Our Bocce Club Team took on Branch 170 from Lake of the Pines in a 3 game match of 10 points each. That's a total of 30 points; we won by a large margin!

Our plans are to continue these games, with all of our Branches in Region 9; (and any other SIR Branches in Northern Calif. that have signed up to play), until our SIR State Bocce Tournament sometime in October.

The SIR Bocce Teams playing in the State SIR Bocce Tournament will be selected from the SIR Branches that have played these Qualifying games.

We will up-date you as time goes on with what are progress is with coming events. We plan on a game with each of our Branches in Region 9; there are 10 Branches! Wish us luck, and please help us spread the word. And remember that we practice EVERY Wednesday at the Flower Farm; please join us for a game or just come and watch.

Pictures were taken by our Sierra Hills Branch 79 Photographer Mr. Lynn Hartford.



Fishing Group

David DeRosa & Tom Beale
Co Lead Hooks

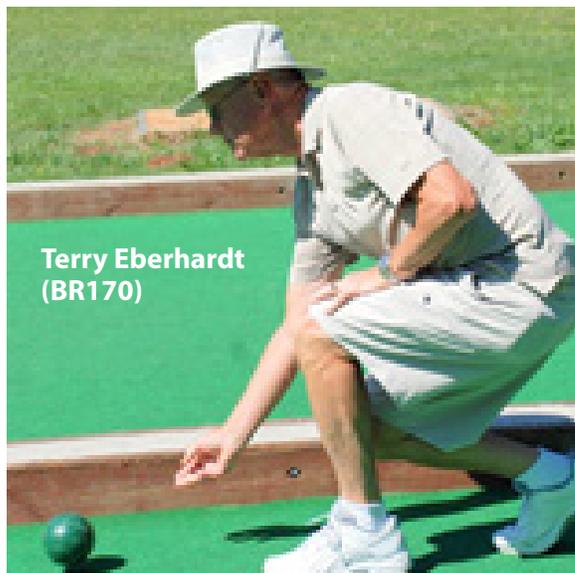
Our annual Shasta fishing trip is behind us. We all had a great time with delicious food and drink. Thanks to all that participated; cooked, served and cleaned up. A great job by all. Fishing was a bit hit and miss, and the weather didn't really cooperate. All the wind made it tough to control the boats. But, our love for the sport and troopers that we are, we made it work. We had 28 fellow Sir Brothers in attendance, with 14 boats.

Big fish prizes went to: Fellow Sir, Frank Devlin for first and third place in the trout category. Second place went to Sir, Rich Gregerson in the same trout category. Big Salmon went to Sir, Jim Mallery. You have to ask the winners about the sizes of the fish they caught.

A big Thank You to Sir, Chuck Mierkey for planning and collecting the money for the trip. Fishing Club meets the second Thursday of each month at Denny's on Auburn Ravine Rd., just off I-80. However, the June 11th Fishing Group meeting will be held at Halsey Forebay in Christian Valley where we will have a fish fry with all the wives and significant others invited to attend. Time, 11:00 a.m.



**Jack Meylink
(BR79)**



**Terry Eberhardt
(BR170)**



**Joe Cuff
(BR 37)**



**Branch 79 winners with 12 qualifying points:
Phil Bolander, Jack Meylink, Pete Thompson,
George Frueler**



**Pete Thompson
(BR79)**



Membership

Craig Saunders

We continue to grow in strength and numbers by leaps and bounds. Thanks to you our loyal members and "frontline recruiters"

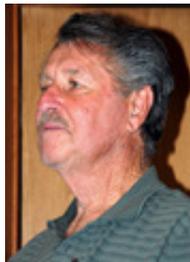
I anticipate through May 2015 we will have brought in 21 new members since January. Remember our goal for the end of year is NET Plus 12. Right now we are at NET Plus 6. So continue to bring in your friends and neighbors and have them join our fun group. We are the **BEST SIR** Branch with tremendous activities and camaraderie! **79ers ROCK!!**



STEVE WOLF and his wife Carol reside in Auburn. He retired in 2004 as a Project Manager for Intel Corp. His Activity interests are Antique Cars, Astronomy, Books Clubs & Book Swaps, cooking, hiking for Wine deals and bargains while tasting same and finding Historical interest points (Like Boone's Farms). His sponsor, Jay Hansell.



GRANT FINCH lives in Grass Valley. He is semi-retired and currently assists Black Oak Golf Course with maintenance of their specialized equipment. He fills his spare time with bowling, gardening and golfing. His sponsor, Jim Peltier.



BOB HAMILTON and his wife, Kyoku, reside in Auburn. He retired in 2014 after 25 years with Fireman's Fund insurance where he was in system management and a CPA for 15 more years. Bob enjoys baseball, bridge, computer tech, hiking, golf, pickleball, softball, tennis, travel and investments. His sponsor, Kent MacDonald



Dining Out - David Blitstien

Thanks everyone for coming out to Christina's American Bistro last month, there were 28 of us. It was a nice surprise to those of us who didn't know this **little gem** was there. The owners Christina and Eric bent over backwards to make us feel special which started with a special SIR Menu. There was also a number of us that returned for the Mother's Day feast, the food is fantastic!

On **May 27** our **Dining Out** will take us to **Newcastle** to **La Fornaretta**, a fantastic little Italian restaurant. They're located at **455 Main St.** Owner Caesar has an amazing menu with lots of specials. We'll be able to order off the menu, their salads range from \$5.25 for a green salad to specialty salads like they're Smoked Salmon Carpaccio for \$13.95. Dinner's range from \$13.25 to \$15.25, (specials can be more) and they also make a delicious pizza which the medium size is large enough to split. Go to their website to see a complete menu. **The restaurant opens at 5:00 with the Wine Bar, Dinner starts at 5:30.**



Attendance Report - Bill Heale, Attendance Chairman

Well records were made to be broken, this month, **52** called - in for excused absence ! And by the way, the **PORK CHOPS WERE FANTASTIC ! + + +** And the speaker Doug Van Howd and his assistant Tracy did a fabulous job. Start with **185** active, **7** inactive/emeritus, **116** members in attendance, **17** missing in action ? and they are, Bert Baumbach, Ken Bezner, Kevin Cutigni, Ken Davis, Frank Devlin, JR. Greenlee, Steve Haverberg, Walt Haverland, Rich Murray, Bob Neimeyer, Frank Nissen, Jr., Gary Oliver, Ernie Perry, Allen Pierce, Sparky Robinson, Larry Swafford, Pete Thompson, Paul Tombaugh. + + + **OK, I know you guys just love your badges, BUT you need to turn them in as YOU LEAVE ! #144 John Clark, #32 D. B. (I know you were doing double duty very well) #164 Jack Meylink, #35 Ray Mahlberg, #49 Bob Sanchez, PLEASE BRING THEM WITH YOU ON MAY 21st.** See you all then.

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making reservations once a month it's a position that's easy, go out to dinner with your wife or friend, check into availability and book it. The other Chair position open is Program/Speaker for our luncheons. This year is filled so you wouldn't need anyone until next year and we already have a few potential names for the 2016 lineup. If you're interested in either of these positions please call me or see me at our next luncheon.

OK all you golf enthusiasts, our Area 33 Golf Coordinator Ken Hansen is moving to Roseville and needs to have a replacement. He will still be at our Friday Golf and playing the Tournaments. So we need someone to step in to fill those shoes, which of course won't be easy. Please contact Ken for all the details.

Treasurer's Report - Terry Doan, Treasurer

April began with a balance of \$3475.36 and ended with a balance of \$3449.84. **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**