



SIR HAPPENINGS

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The Mission of SIR is to Improve the Lives of Our Members Through Fun Activities and Events—While Making Friends For Life

The Prez' Sez'

Hi Fellow Sirs,

By now all of us should be familiar with the SIR Mission Statement. It summarizes, in a few words, the reason SIR exists, namely:

“...to improve the lives of our members through fun activities, luncheons and events while making Friends for Life.”



At our February Area Governor training session, a group indicated that the Mission Statement was fine as far as it goes; however, how would we know if we were moving toward achieving it? That has led to our recently adopted Vision Statement:

“To become the preeminent active men's organization in Northern and Central California by improving quality of life through providing opportunities for physical, mental and social activities.”

Becoming the “preeminent men's organization...” now that's quite an undertaking for all of us. What's it mean? To me it means our members need to constantly display our SIR Member Expectations of friendliness, sociability, participation, introducing others to SIR and volunteering whenever possible.

It is a proven fact that men live longer when they are physically, mentally and socially engaged. If you are very likely to improve the quality of your life and live longer if you are an active SIR member, who wouldn't want to join our merry band? We should be flooded with new members clamoring to participate.

That's our goal, to help others improve the quality of their lives and live longer. So now I ask each one of you to get out there, spread the message and invite others into our great organization. They will appreciate it, they will thank you for it – and they will likely live longer and enjoy life more

Best wishes to all of you for a healthy, safe and fun summer,

Ed Benson, SIR State President

State SIR Board Meeting



State SIR
Board Meeting
May 31, 2019

Participants in
these photos:

Clockwise
right to left:



Mark Stuart
Stu Williams
John Haffner
Walt Busenius
David Heflich
Tony de Losada
Dwight Sales
Derek Southern
Dean Steichen



Other participants included every State SIR Board Member (besides those pictured above): President Ed Benson, VP-Dick Devoe, Treasurer-Roy Hodgkinson, Asst. Treasurer Jim Johnson, Secretary-Ron Flagel. Others pictured in the background: Pat O'Keefe, Rick Kindle. Photos by Lee Moy

Lee Moy
State SIR Sports

State SIR Board Meeting



May 2019- State SIR Board Meeting. Invited SIR Area Governors

Participants: **Pascual Perez, Dale Decker, Carl Mason, Ken Newton, John Haffner, Walt Busenius.** Not pictured: Giorgio Dina, Bob Perez, Gary Johnson, Sandy Grieve, Deano Faris, Bob Reuther, Bob Grandey, Bruce Adams, Bob Turner, Patrick Reed.

Photos: Top Right
Clockwise



Rick Kindle
Patrick O'Keefe
Mark Stuart
Pascual Perez
Dwight Sale
Walt Busenius
Dale Decker
Tony de Losado
James Stedman
Dennis Pangburn
Stu Williams
Carl Mason
Ken Newton
Jim Johnson
Barry Leskin
David Heflich
Roy Hodgkinson

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State SIR Board Meeting



State SIR Board Meeting
May 31, 2019

Most present & accounted for.



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State SIR Board Meeting

Motel 6 & Subway Sandwiches Budgeted Business

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State SIR Sports

News from the Branches



Date Night Branch

159

BJ Brewery



Top Row: Danny & Gail Munoz, Alex & Patty Ramirez

Middle Row: Hector & Kaeyn Leyva; Duke & Janis Marshall,
Ben & Paulette Tyson

Bottom Row: Perry & Barbara Huffman; Howard & Marty Zinn

Lee Moy
Activities Director

Wisdom from the Blu Yonder Branch 127

Carmichael CA

Subject: Too soon OLD and too late SMART!!!

Life Gets Better: With Age, Read it through to the end, it gets better as you go!

I've learned that I like my teacher because she cries when we sing "Silent Night." Age 5

I've learned that our dog doesn't want to eat my broccoli either. Age 7

I've learned that when I wave to people in the country, they stop what they are doing and wave back. Age 9.

I've learned that just when I get my room the way I like it, Mom makes me clean it up again. Age 12

I've learned that if you want to cheer yourself up, you should try cheering someone else up. Age 14

I've learned that although it's hard to admit it, I'm secretly glad my parents are strict with me. Age 15

I've learned that silent company is often more healing than words of advice. Age 24

I've learned that brushing my child's hair is one of life's great pleasures. Age 26

I've learned that wherever I go, the world's worst drivers have followed me there. Age 29

I've learned that if someone says something unkind about me, I must live so that no one will believe it. Age 30

I've learned that there are people who love you dearly but just don't know how to show it. Age 42

I've learned that you can make someone's day by simply sending them a little note. Age 44

*I've learned that the greater a person's sense of guilt, the greater his or her need to cast blame on others. Age 46

I've learned that children and grandparents are natural allies. Age 47

I've learned that no matter what happens, or how bad it seems today, life does go on and it will be better tomorrow. Age 48 I've learned that singing "Amazing Grace" can lift my spirits for hours. Age 49

I've learned that motel mattresses are better on the side away from the phone. Age 50

I've learned that you can tell a lot about a man by the way he handles these three things: a rainy day, lost lug-

gage, and tangled Christmas tree lights. Age 51 I've learned that keeping a vegetable garden is worth a medicine cabinet full of pills. Age 52

I've learned that regardless of your relationship with your parents, you miss them terribly after they die. Age 53

I've learned that making a living is not the same thing as making a life. Age 58

I've learned that life sometimes gives you a second chance. Age 62 I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands. You need to be able to throw something back. Age 64

I've learned that if you pursue happiness, it will elude you. But if you focus on your family, the needs of others, your work, meeting new people, and doing the very best you can, happiness will find you. Age 65

I've learned that whenever I decide something with kindness, I usually make the right decision. Age 66

I've learned that everyone can use a prayer. Age 72

I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one. Age 74

I've learned that every day you should reach out and touch someone. People love that human touch-holding hands, a warm hug, Or just a friendly pat on the back. Age 76

I've learned that I still have a lot to learn. Age 78

I've learned that life is what you make it, and your life is much better when you make someone happy. Age 80+

I've learned that you should pass this on to someone you care about.



News from the Branches

The Area 18 SIR bowling league for year 2018-19 finished the season on Tuesday, April 16. The team Mixed Four won the championship by winning two out three games against the team of Jack's Rebels.

The Mixed Four team consisted of, L-R, John Togliatti (Br. 143), CK Gottschalk (Br. 144), Don Reed (Br. 103) and Joe Miceli (Br. 144).

The season was 35 weeks long with play-offs the last two weeks. The playoffs were determine by the winners of each third of the season and a wild card team.



Lake Tahoe Branch 160

UP COMING SIR 160 PICNIC AT LAMPE PARK

1325 Waterloo Ln., Gardnerville, NV 89410
JULY 22, 2019

WHATS HAPPINING

1. Set up 10am, Start at 11am, lunch 12 noon, and finish 3pm
2. BBQ Steak, Ribs, and Chicken. With Beer, Wine, and Soft Drinks. Please bring your own set up. Fork, Spoon, Plate and Steak Knife. (Plastic does not work well.)
3. \$15.00 Single, \$30.00 A Couple. Guests welcome, Money in by July 13, 2019. Bring a gift for the raffle. (White Elephant) or re-gift
4. Those with last name starting with A-L please bring a salad; those with last name starting with M-Z bring a dessert.
5. There with be tickets sold for a 50/50 drawing, 6 for \$5.00 and tickets sold for the gifts everyone brings, \$1.00 per ticket. (This is one of our two fundraisers for the year).
6. Make checks payable to Sir Branch #160. You can pay at the meeting on June 24, 2019 or mail your check to John Lilygren, P.O. Box 7982, S. Lake Tahoe, CA 96158 by July 13, 2019.

Westgate Branch 125



Burnie Stolzman received SIR special award for 20 years of service to Branch 125



Jack Weber left, and Vince Endter are the latest Branch 125 award winners. Jack scored within 5 of age "Paulie" award, and Vince an eagle on the 12th at Callippe.

From Stanislaus SIR Branch 103

Travel

Minden – Reno – Apple Hill

Overnight stay at Eldorado

October 9-10, 2019

Prices: \$286.00 Per Person, Double Occupancy,
\$319.00 Single.

*** TOUR INCLUSIONS:**

* Deluxe Storer Coachways Motor-coach Transportation

* Free time gambling at the Carson Valley Inn Casino

* Accommodations in Reno at the Eldorado Hotel & Casino

* Dinner & The Illusionists Experience Show at the Eldorado Show-room

* Eldorado Hotel Breakfast Buffet coupon

* Free time for gambling at a Casino * High Hill Ranch Apple Fritter with free time for browsing

* \$17.00 total in Casino Bonus Packages (subject to change without notice)

* Driver Gratuity plus coffee & donuts upon departure.

HOLLAND TULIP FESTIVAL TOUR FEATURING MACKINAC ISLAND'S GRAND HOTEL

May 7- 14, 2020

Price: \$3,365 Dble. \$4,415 Sgle. Airfare price is \$249 per person if you sign up before July 31, 2019. Airfare is raised on Aug. 1

Tour Includes: Airfare into Chicago, returning from Detroit

Airport transfers, 2 nights in Holland Michigan, visit Tulip Gardens and a working Windmill, attend the Festival along with the Music Parade. 2 nights at the Grand Hotel, the crown jewel on Mackinac Island with horse-drawn carriage tour

A tour of the Ford factory and watch a F150 pickup truck being built Plus optional tours and much, much more, and \$40 in Mayflower Money. All gratuities for Tour Guide and Bus Driver.

Remember that the price will go up on August 1,

2019.

\$500 deposit per person by July 31, 2019 to hold these great prices. Final payment due on January 15, 2020.

Mark your calendars

for future trips:

Beach Blanket Babylon November 17, 2019 5:00 PM show, dinner included — \$190 per person. 30 passengers are needed by Oct. 3, 2019.

Holiday Show and overnight in Reno December 4-5, 2019 —

All the reservation forms are available on the SIR Area 22 web-site for printing:

<http://sirinc2.org/branch144/travel>

LADIES' DINE-OUT

The Ladies luncheon

Every Third Thursday

At 11:30 A.M. Thursday, July 18

At Wildfire Public House

1533 Oakdale Rd., Modesto

Please call Barbara Webb

If you will be attending

at 209-526-6511

Lake of the Pines Branch 170



SIR Beer Tasting at 1849 Brewery

New Members

Stanislaus Branch 103



L-R: Mark Lim, sponsor for George Hansrote, and Thomas Clark with Bor Kredit, orientation chairman.

Lake of the Pines Branch 170



Rick Gregorson and Lloyd Raether with Membership chairman, Tom Wright.



L-R: Don Bak and Randy Cherry with Bor Kredit, orientation chairman.



Chairman Tom Wright with Ken Spanom, Donovan Rittenbach and Bill Honsberger

Arnold SIR Branch 152



L-R Bob Harlow, Chuck Masxon and Guy Pollak



Doug Herman(Rt) w/ Sponsor Bob Kruger

New Members

Westgate Branch 125



Dave Nemath, right was welcomed by John Figini.

Fremont Branch 59



Newest Members: Sir Faz Binesh, Sir Edward Nelson, and Sir Robert Higday. (Sir Kaseman not pictured)

A Memo and a U-Tube Link

A note to Lee Moy regarding photos taken by Lee. Lee, another job well done.

Tony

“The mission of SIR is to improve the lives of our members through fun activities and events while making friends for life!”

SIR Branch 8 Walnut Creek

Tony de Losada, SIR Director Emeritus Chairman:

Public Relations Committee, Community Outreach Committee.

Community Speakers Committee.

Member: Diversity Committee, Speaker Committee, Recruiting Committee, Nomination Committee.

Vice Chairman, SIR Inc. State Growth and Membership Committee

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Why I like SIR:

https://youtu.be/J8U_Btkz5a0



Sir Kevin Hurley, Big Sir Harvey, and Sir John Gates.



New members (L to R) Loren Lookabill, Rob Perrill, and John Weed being welcomed by Little Sir Rick Henry (far left) and Big Sir Harvey McAninch (far right)

News from the Branches

Lake of the Pines Branch 170 Wine Tasting at Montoliva Winery



Branch 170 June Luncheon



Westgate Branch 125



Golfers of the month: Larry Peck, Dave Anderson, Larry Barwaez, John Roberts and Lloyd McDade (Right)



SUMMER DAY TOURS

Two new day tours have been set up for July and August.

Thur., July 18 1:30-3 p.m., Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center, 4190 Zanker Rd., San Jose. Learn about the role of recycled and purified water as a future sustainable water supply.

(www.purewater4us.org) Limited to 25 participants. Cost is \$5 and you can sign up and pay at the June Luncheon. Carpools and a meet location will be set up later.

Thur., Aug. 8, 6 p.m. Gordon Biersch Brewing Company, 357 E. Taylor St., San Jose. Tour the state-of-the-art brewing and bottling facility and learn more about the process of brewing. (www.gordonbierschbrewing.com) No

photography allowed. Cost is \$5 and you can sign up and pay at the June Luncheon or July BBQ. The group must check in no later than 5:45 p.m. Note that this is the same night as Gordon Biersch's Taylor Street Night + Market so it will be a bit more crowded than usual.

John Roberts, Day Trip Chairman

News from the Branches

SIR Westgate Branch 125

Annual Summer Barbecue
For individual members, and wives/guests
Tuesday, July 16, 2019

Games
Coed Golf,
Trivia, Bingo,
Bridge, Cribbage
Game Prizes!
Door Prize:
Twosome at Pasatiempo

Menu
Italian Sausage
Snacks
Chips
Tri-Tip
Chicken
Cole Slaw
BBQ Beans
Beer, Wine
Soft Drinks, Water

SIR
SOCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR MEN
Branch 125

Golf—\$21 per person
Blackberry Farms
21979 San Fernando Ave.
Cupertino, CA
8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Barbecue—\$20 per person
Santa Clara Elks Lodge
1680 Martin Ave
Santa Clara, CA
11:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT ALL OFF-SITE EVENTS & ACTIVITIES
NON-RESPONSIBILITY (CLAUSE): All tours and other activities arranged for here in Retirement, Inc. through its branches and committees are for the convenience and pleasure of members and guests who desire to participate. Retirement, Inc. and its branches do not assume any responsibility for the well being or safety of the participants or passengers or their property in any manner pertaining to said tours and other activities. Members and their guests participate at their own risk, and should not expect to hold Retirement, Inc. or any of its branches responsible in any way.

Registration for golf and tickets for the Barbecue will be available at the May & June Luncheon

Sir Larry Coffman—Still time???

Putting together a Baseball game at the Aces in Reno. We can get tickets for in-field premium seats (Dugouts), or in the upper sections of 108-109-110. The tickets are \$24.00 and we get a \$20.00 free hat. We need twenty Sir, family, or friends to get this great deal. The games are Friday, Saturday or Sunday. The dates are listed below. If you are interested email me back with the date you prefer, and how many tickets you might need. The sooner I know how many are interested I will get in touch with the Aces office and make a deposit for the amount of seats we need and the date.

August 2nd, 7:05 pm, 3rd, 7:05 pm, 4th, 1:05 pm (Omaha)

August 16th, 7:05 pm, 17th, 7:05 pm, 18th, 1:05 pm (Sacramento)

August 23rd, 7:05 pm, 24th, 7:05 pm, 25th, 1:05 pm (Saint Louis)

Larry Coffman userramp@aol.com (530) 577-0328

News from the Branches



Date Night-SIR Branch 159



Top Row: Janet Lewis & Judi Lewis, Ben Tyson

Bottom Row: Rich Lewis; Reg Rosander, Sharon Bryant
John Crawford and Guest

Photos by Lee Moy

News from the Branches



Fresno SIR Branches 159 & 175 pre-AAA game. Shown: Pete Openshaw, Mike & Margaret McGuire, Reg Rosander, Jeannette Faria w/Gary Smith. ABC30 Vanessa Vasconcelos newscaster interviewing Lee.

We didn't cry in our beer,
'cause of the rain.
We made the best of it.

SIR Branch 159
AAA Grizzlies-2019

Lee Moy
State SIR Sports

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SIR Branch 175 members
"Teddy" & Rob Saulsberry



SIR Branch 159 member
Pete Openshaw w/
Mike & Margaret McGuire



Jeannette Faria w/ Gary Smith
Reg Rosander



Lee Moy
State SIR Sports

with an 80% chance of precipitation
the fun gathering moved indoors

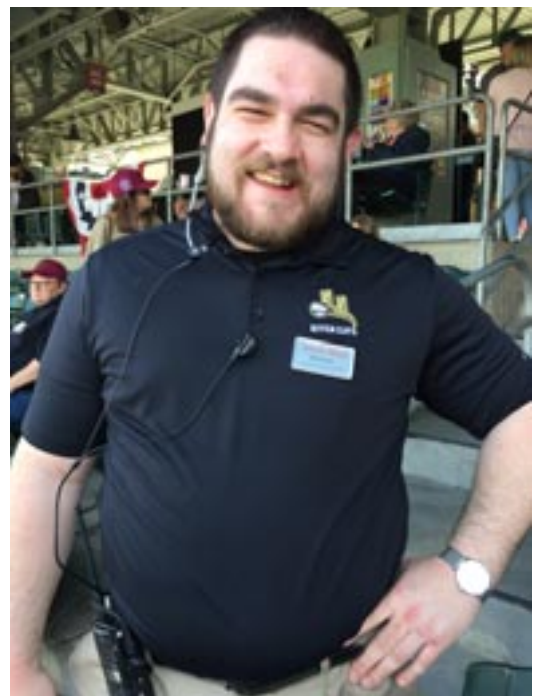


Lee Moy
Reg Rosander

Fresno-area SIR
Branches 159 & 175
share & smile
pre-AAA game

rescheduled ball game
June 27-LV Aviators
4:30 pm-Tioga-Sequoia

News from the Branches



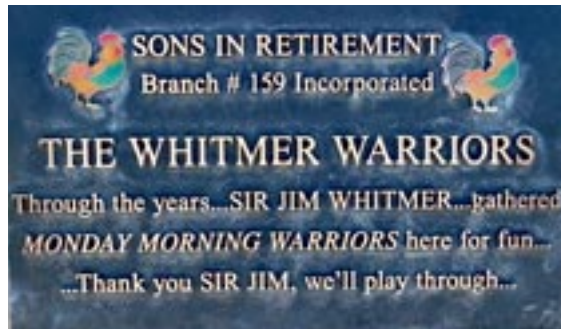
Sacramento Area
SIR Branches
Raley Field-River Cats

Lee Moy
SIR State Sports

News from the Branches



Monday Morning Golf-Riverside



Left to Right: Dana Hamparzoomian, Gary LeMaster, Ben Tyson, Bill Leavitt
Gary Smith, Richard Glover, Del Kerns, Steve Whitehead, Rich Lewis,
Larry Henricksen, Ron Wilson, Russ Hewer. Photos by Lee Moy.

Lee Moy
SIR 159
Activity Director

News from the Branches



Golden Gate Fields Turf Cub Take-over 20 SIR Branches

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State SIR Sports

News from the Branches



GGF-SIR Day at the Races

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State SIR Sports

News from the Branches



GGF-All You Can Eat Prime Rib Buffet

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State SIR Sports

Special Interest Articles

Dave Baugher Branch 152—Arnold



By now you know I walk, hike, backpack, a lot. My 2019 January through June journal indicates nearly 600 miles have been covered on my two feet thus far this year, but walking in the Open? Well. I guess you need to know that for the first time I volunteered for the U.S. Open at Pebble Beach.

Being a marshall on the 5th tee really did not mean much walking during my shift. However, it was nearly a mile to and fro every day during my shifts of four days. However, the U.S. Open volunteer pass did allow me access to the tournament once my shift was over and on those days that I did not work.

So walking in the Open? Luann came down and joined me on Thursday at the 5th hole. Once my shift was over we went walking! For hours we walked everywhere at Pebble Beach. Yep, we saw the golfers; Tiger, Rory, Phil, and all the others. Yes, we saw the amazing tee shots, swings, and putts. But, most of all, we saw the majesty of Pebble Beach as we walked everywhere that we were allowed.

Pebble Beach such an amazing place, widely regarded as one of the most beautiful courses in the world, it hugs the rugged coastline and has wide open views of Carmel Bay, opening to the Pacific Ocean on the south side of the Monterey Peninsula. In 2001, it became the first public course to be selected as the No. 1 Golf Course in America by Golf Digest. Indeed this is a scenic place and under a beautiful California sun, we saw it all.

So I walk. This coming month it's a bit different than walking in the Open. On July 1st, before you receive this SIR's newsletter, I will be out walking on the Pacific Crest Trail, and by the time we get together for lunch at Pinebrook, that hike will be over. If everything goes well, my hike from Dunsmuir, CA to Ashland, OR will be covering some 200 miles through the Trinity Alps and Marble Mountains. This trip will see me leaving California and looking forward to covering the final 1000 miles of Oregon and Washington over the next three years.

Walking in the Open? Yes, and sleeping under the stars. Talk to you later...

Kenny Rogers once sang:

“You've got to know
when to hold 'em,
know when to fold
'em, know when to
walk away, and know
when to run...”

[More by Dave Baugher](#)



Since 2014 I've been taking an annual hike along the Pacific Crest Trail. This year there was a bit of an anomaly during my hike; it lasted only 48 hours. Let me tell you the story about my short PCT hike.

To sum it up here is what occurred over two days of PCT hiking from May 13th to May 14th. Leaving Sacramento on Amtrak at midnight, I arrived in Dunsmuir at 5:30 a.m. on the 13th. I caught a ride from a fellow train passenger to the PCT trailhead, where in the early morning light the hike commenced. Everything went well, covering 17 miles and a total elevation change of 7,100'. It was a tough day, ending at a snow covered ridge overlooking Mt. Shasta. However, the trail would climb another 1,000' in the next section, then cross steep, mile long snowfields, in the shade of high cliffs that could not be circumvented. Falling asleep with my face on topographic maps, I slept 12 hours straight that night.

Morning broke to a boiling grey sky, blowing winds, falling rain with a faint mixture of snow mixed in to boot.

Special Interest Articles

Then I received a winter storm alert for this very area. The Pacific Crest Trail from this location climbed higher and would stay in the snowy elevations for 60 miles, then descend to the town of Etna, California. The decision was easy; I packed camp, headed back down the trail, contacted Luann, and made a train reservation for the midnight ride back to Sacramento.

I'm sitting at home writing this letter to you all. Thinking about all of our bad May weather, I'm confident the right decision was made in light of the circumstances seen on the trail that morning. Mentioned many times, my goal is to complete the PCT by my 61st birthday. Luann is supportive, my friends are watching out for me, Trail Angels are looking over me, and my spirit is in good shape. The judgement call on that windy ridge yesterday was correct. More to come!

Twenty-six miles across the sea
Santa Catalina is a-waitin' for me
Santa Catalina, the island of romance....

Still More-Dave Baugher Branch 152—Arnold

Catalina, that island off the coast of California and here I was sailing from San Pedro to Avalon, the largest town on the island for a three day backpacking trip along the TransCatalina-Trail (TCT). Hiking Catalina you might ask? Yep!

Our California Catalina Island was originally settled by Native Americans. The first Europeans to arrive on Catalina claimed it for the Spanish Empire. Over the years, territorial claims to the island transferred to the United States. The island was sporadically used for smuggling, otter hunting, and gold-digging, before successfully being developed into a tourist destination by chewing gum magnate William Wrigley, Jr. beginning in the 1920s and since the 1970s, most of the island has been administered by the Catalina Island Conservancy. Though Catalina is a short 90 minute boat ride away, it feels like another world. The Catalina Express Ferry operates between the two small, quaint towns on the island — Avalon and Two Harbors — and the remainder of the island is primarily wilderness. Ferries operate regularly from the mainland cities of Dana Point, Long Beach, and San Pedro.

The 37.2 mile Trans-Catalina Trail traverses the island, from Avalon on the eastern tip to Starlight beach at the western end. Of course, once you get to the end, you've still got to hike back to Two Harbors to catch a boat back to the mainland. This adds another nine miles, making the total mileage over 46 miles — perfect for a long backpacking getaway.

Luann and I decided to hike the TCT in March, to see the island's spring flowers over verdant green meadows against the sapphire blue backdrop of the Pacific Ocean. We got the greens of spring, kaleidoscope of flowers, and showers! Well, only the first day. As we left Avalon with our backpacks, the rain began falling, and continued to fall for the next three hours. I can't say it was an easy start, as the slippery mud impeded our progress up to the island ridgeline, but Luann's smiles let me know everything was ok.

We made our first night's campsite at Black Jack camp, with sunshine to spare and other hikers to talk with about the day. Over the remainder of the trip the weather cooperated and we enjoyed beachside camping at Little Harbor and Parsons Landing. Highlights of the trip included:

Seeing buffalo roaming freely over the hills; Roaring campfires, clinking glasses of wine as the sun set to the west; Flowers with colors, colors, colors; Waiting for the ferry while enjoying a seaside margarita;

Hiking Catalina in the spring has become one of my favorite hikes in California, right up there with the John Muir Trail and the Lost Coast. It seems so distant, twenty-six miles away, restin' in the water serene.

Special Interest Articles



Westgate Branch 125



L to R, **Conrad Ray** (now the coach of Stanford's golf team), **Paul Piligian**, and an up-and-coming collegiate golfer named **Tiger Woods** smile after a memorable round of golf.

1996 GOLF MEMORY FROM PAUL PILIGIAN

For many years, the Western Intercollegiate Championships have been held at Pasatiempo Golf Course in Santa Cruz. The event brings together golfers from 20-25 colleges throughout the U.S. for a 3-day tournament.

The first day practice round pairs two collegians with two Pasatiempo club members. Over the years, I was privileged to play with many golfers who went on to star on the PGA circuit, including Tiger Woods when he was a sophomore at Stanford University.

Tiger didn't win the individual trophy, but Stanford won the team championship. Right after the closing presentations, Tiger left for Augusta and the first of his Masters appearances. He qualified by virtue of winning the U.S. Amateur earlier that year.

Fremont/Newark/Union City Branch 59

During the last Branch 59 BEC meeting it was suggested that we acknowledge an outstanding member of Branch 59 in each Pathfinder Edition. It was unanimously decided that our first recognition should go to the man that many of you have not seen for awhile—**Sir Fred Gotthardt!**



Fred is the man that has been the backbone of SIR for many years. When I first joined in 2004, Fred was Mr. Cyber Geezer. He still maintains all of the monthly SIR reports and keeps up our Access Database. In addition, he is Assistant Editor of [SIR Happenings](#), and of the Branch 59 [Pathfinder](#). I know that without Fred, I would be in serious trouble. He is also a wonderful friend.

Sir Jerry Sabo

News from the Branches

SIR Branch 152—Arnold



South Lake Tahoe Activity

SIR BRANCH 160
AGENDA
LAMPE PARK



1325 Waterloo Lane,

Gardnerville, NV

GROUP PICNIC AREA
JULY 22, 2019

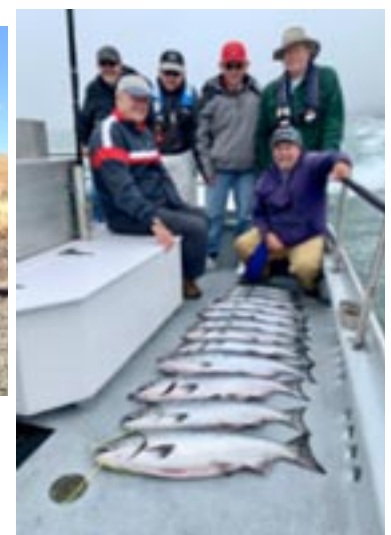
Westgate Branch 125



Golfer of the Month at the June Luncheon meeting were, left to right, Bob Fraka, Larry Peck, John Roberts, Pat Quast and Jim Light

News from the Branches

SIR Branch 171—Lamorinda



News from the Branches

SIR Branch 171—Lamorinda

Activity Calendar -- August 2019

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Apple Users Activity	22-Jul				
Astronomy	2nd Monday of month				
Barbershop Harmony		Every Tuesday of month			
Bocce Ball		Each Tuesday			Each Friday
Book Club			Last Wednesday of month		
Bowling			Every Wednesday of month		
Bridge		2nd & 4th Tuesday of month			
Bridge - ACBL Duplicate		First Tuesday of month			
Computers and Technology				Aug. 15	
Couples Dining Out	August				
Dominoes				Every Thursday of month	
Fishing				4th Thursday of month	
Golf	August 5, 19, 26				
Golf - 9 Holvers					Each Friday
Historical Adventures	Sept. 25				
Investment Group			Aug. 28		
Poker			4th Wednesday of month		
Stamp & Coin Club					First Friday after Club Meeting
Table Pool	Every Month of month				
Tennis		Every Tuesday of month		Every Thursday of month	
Travel	No meetings scheduled. Only trips. See newsletter section				
Walking - Original Group		Every Tuesday of month			
Walking -- Senior Strollers			Every Wednesday of month		
Walking -- Big Hikers	As scheduled				
Wine Tasting		2nd & 3rd Tuesday of month			

News from the Branches

Luther Brubank Branch 17 Santa Rosa

TRANSCENDENCE'S

BROADWAY UNDER THE STARS

On Sunday, August 25, 2019, we are planning a group activity to see *Those Dancin' Feet* produced by Transcendence Theatre's "Broadway Under the Stars" at Jack London State Historic Park.

This will be the closing night for this show with a Broadway cast who will be singing and dancing and whirling through decades of dance. Plus, you will be experiencing the magic of Broadway while looking out at a hillside covered in vines and redwoods from the ruins of a 19th century winery. No need to fly and go to New York City, London England, or L.A., as this is in your backyard in Glen Ellen. The event is open to all Sirs, spouses, significant others, and guests.

The schedule that is planned is to arrive about 5 pm or so when the theatre opens and picnic together

before the show and enjoy live music. You can bring your own food or buy food from the food trucks on site. Beer and wine can be purchased but not brought in. The show starts at 7:30 pm. and ends around 10:00 pm with a 15-minute intermission.

No need to worry about walking with a recent knee or hip replacement, as there are golf carts for you and your group to be driven to the picnic and theatre area. Just ask for an accessibility golf cart when driving up the entry road to the park.

We have secured a substantial discount with the theatre and they have provided us with a concierge who will help you book your tickets over the phone. Simply visit www.SIRsBroadway.com and fill out the reservation form. Our dedicated Sales Coordinator Lorenzo Alviso will then call you directly to book your tickets.

You may also reach out to Lorenzo directly at

LAlviso@TTCSonoma.org or call 877-424-1414 Ext 2 to purchase your tickets.

The show is expected to sell out quickly so reserve your tickets today and make plans to come and enjoy!

(Article by Robert Reuther)

Joke of the day



A little girl climbed up onto her grandfather's lap and asked, "Did God make me?" "Yes," the grand-

father replied.

"Did he make you too?" "Yes," said the grandfather.

"Well," the girl said, looking at his wrinkles and thinning hair, "he sure is doing a better job nowadays!"

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Annual Gathering Branch 17/176



Annual Branch 17/176 Picnic, A Big Success!

What a great Picnic, or as someone said, "What a Great Garden Party!" From what I have heard, everyone had a great time!

There were 67 Sirs and guests

from our Branch 17 joined by 65 Sirs and guests from Branch 176

under the shade oaks at the Windsor Golf Course for good camaraderie,

drink and food. If that wasn't enough, add the raffle, that had over 30 prizes and a bingo game that had cash prizes. Off in a corner of the event enter was a cornhole game for people to test their dexterity.

The day was made even more pleasant with background music provided by Mark Burchill. A great selection of various tunes that enhanced the ambiance.

I have to take my hat off to our caterer, they did a great job by providing an excellent meal. There was plenty of food for anyone wanting seconds. The menu consisted of BBQ chicken, vegetarian pasta, salad, chili beans and garlic bread. This was topped off with a great carrot cake dessert! If you were there, you know how good it was.

Raffle prizes ranged from a bottle of zinfandel, a hat, a cork screw and a private tasting for 10 donated by Christopher Creek winery, a bottle of Korbel Champagne along with VIP tasting donated by Korbel, a round of golf for four, including cart donated by Windsor Golf Course, to 11 gift baskets loaded with goodies ranging from a margarita basket to a bath time basket to kid's stuff and gourmet dog treats. Our own Chris Nolen made out like a bandit. He and his lovely wife went home with a giant salami donated by Ritz Food, a hand-made quilt donated by Lynn Scapeccia and one of the gift baskets! Quite a day.

I could go on and on, but if you were there, you know how good it was. If you were not there, you missed a truly great Sir event. Be sure to sign up next year. Oh, by the way, if you want to get on the Picnic Committee, see me, Ted Scapeccia. I will see to it you have something to do.

Speaking of the Picnic Committee, we don't want to forget to thank Dennis Mangan, Glenn Seime, Al Petrie, Rich de Lambert, George Traverso, Gary Bondi and Mark Burchill for their hard work creating a truly great event!

Ted Scapeccia,
SIR Branch 17
Picnic Chairman, 2019

On-going Event

Putting together a **Baseball game at the Aces in Reno**. We can get tickets for infield premium seats (Dugouts), or in the upper sections of 108-109-110. The tickets are \$24.00 and we get a \$20.00 free hat. We need twenty Sirs, family, or friends to get this great deal. The games are Friday, Saturday or Sunday. The dates are listed below. If you are interested email me back with the date you prefer, and how many tickets you might need. The sooner I know how many are interested I will get in touch with the Aces office and make a deposit for the amount of seats we need and the date.

August 2nd, 7:05 pm, 3rd, 7:05 pm, 4th, 1:05 pm (Omaha)

August 16th, 7:05 pm, 17th, 7:05 pm, 18th, 1:05 pm (Sacramento)

August 23rd, 7:05 pm, 24th, 7:05 pm, 25th, 1:05 pm (Saint Louis)

I Have 16 people interested in going to the Aces game in Reno. The most popular date is November 25th. I am hoping we can get at least the 20 we need to confirm for the game. It would be great if we have 25 Sir, Family or Friends sign up in case we had any cancelations.

Larry Coffman userramp@aol.com (530)577-0328

Your help is requested!

Please submit Photos as jpg files and news Articles for SIR Happenings in Document format. It is extremely difficult to import many of the newsletters pdf files because of the color blending, and fixed layouts etc. when in pdf format. I can still use the pdf files but it would be nice if I didn't have to choose what goes into the Happenings. For example, the feature about Veteran' Honor Flight was not taken from a pdf.

I do appreciate the newsletters and other information that has been sent as you can tell from the large file size of the Happenings e-file.

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