

SIR STATE BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, January 23, 2007
Vallejo Elks Lodge
2850 Redwood Parkway, Vallejo, CA

AGENDA

9:15 am	Call to Order of Special Meeting of RDs & AGs	President Ross
9:16 am	Invocation and Flag Salute.....	Chaplain Short
9:18 am	Introductions.....	President Ross
	Note: RDs will be asked to introduce their Area Governors	
9:25 am	Instructions for Brainstorming Session.....	President Ross
9:30 am	Brainstorming Session on Issues/Discussion Items	
	Group 1 - Regions 1 & 2	
	Group 2 - Regions 3 & 4	
	Group 3 - Regions 5 & 6	
	Group 4 - Regions 7 & 8	
	Group 5 - Regions 9 & 10	
	Group 6 - Past Presidents & Invited Committee Chairmen	
10:10 am	Call to Order of State Board Meeting	President Ross
10:11 am	Verification of Quorum	Secretary Short
10:12 am	Approval of Minutes of Nov. 14, 2006	Secretary Short
10:14 am	Secretary Comments	Secretary Short
10:17 am	VP Comments	VP Pufford
10:20 am	Treasurer's Report	Asst. Treasurer Berkman
10:25 am	Board Action Items	
	1. Rule 12	Rules Chair Senegal
	2. State Bowling Events 2007	Bowling Chair Lord
	3. SIR Day Oakland A's 2007	A's Chair Lord
	4. SIR Day Giants – Change	Giants Chair Wyatt
	5. SIR Day Sacramento River Cats	RD Edwards
	6. Vallejo Elks Use Agreement	Meeting Coordinator Lewis
	7. Mexico Golfing Events	Golf Chair Betts
10:50 pm	Unfinished Business	
	Does the State Board want to designate the Oakland Raiders as a State Sporting Event? Who will coordinate this effort?	
10:55 am	Scheduled Reports to State Board	
	Group Discussion Items and Issues:	
	10:55 am – Group 1	RD Parker
	11:00 am – Group 2	RD Edwards
	11:05 am – Group 3	RD Kendrick
	11:10 am – Group 4	RD Reiser
	11:15 am – Group 5	RD Crum
	11: 20 am – Group 6	PP Donovan
11:30 am	Recess for Social Time	
12:00 pm	Lunch	

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Scheduled Reports to State Board (Continued)

12:50 pm	Treasurer's Report	Asst. Treasurer Berkman
1:00 pm	State RV Report	Chair Jack Streckfus
1:05 pm	Membership Report	Chair Jim Donovan
1:10 pm	Speech Report	PP Jim Donovan
1:15 pm	State Travel Report	Chair Bob Perry
1: 20 pm	Information Systems Report	Chair Dwight Sale
1:30 pm	Branch Officer Training Report	Chair Bill Lewis
1:35 pm	Golden State Warriors Report	Chair Jim Wyatt
1:40 pm	Nominating Committee Report	PP Bob Curley
1:45 pm	Board New Business & Open Discussion	
2:00 pm	President's Comments	President Ross
2:15 pm	Adjourn	

Note 1: Committee Chairmen giving Scheduled Reports to the State Board are requested to give the State Secretary a **brief** summation of their report that is suitable to be included in the minutes or to be used as an attachment.

Note 2: The State Audit Team of Chairman Gene Drennan and Member Don Banks will be conducting audits in the Library of the Elks Lodge on January 23, 2007, as follows:

9:00 am	-	State Treasurer Audit
11:00 am	-	State Bowling Committee Audit
1:00 pm	-	State Golf Committee Audit
1:30 pm	-	State RV Committee Audit

STATE BOARD ACTION ITEMS
January 23, 2007

1. **Rule 12** – Refer to attached Memo – Proposed Amendment to Rule 12.

2. **State Bowling Events Schedule** – Refer to Attached Schedule

3. **SIR Day at Oakland A's** – Chairman Lord has not submitted this item as requested.

4. **SIR Day at SF Giants.**
The previously approved date of June 27, 2007 has mistakenly offered to us. The date must be re-scheduled to **Thursday, August 9, 2007** in a game with the Washington Nationals starting at 12:35 pm. Approval of this revised date is requested.

5. **SIR Day at Sacramento River Cats.**
The Board previously approved this as a State Sporting Event. Approval is now requested to establish **Wednesday, May 23, 2007**, in a game with the Salt Lake Bees starting at 11:35 am. as SIR Day. The National Anthem will be performed by a Barbershop Quartet from Branch 33 – Carmichael. Discounted ticket prices of \$11 and \$16 will be available until 4-30-07 from the River Cats. The Big Sir of the Branch having the most tickets sold will throw out the first pitch. Flyers will be prepared by the River Cats and our Infosys will send a notice and flyer via email to selected Branches. The info will also be posted on our Website.

6. **Vallejo Elks Lodge Use Agreement.**
Refer to the attached. This agreement, which for the first time is in writing, has two significant changes from our previous arrangements. It requires payment of \$3, instead of \$2, for each attendee of a SIR Meeting regardless of the number of attendees (we previously had free use for groups of less than 30). Payment is to be made at the end of the meeting. Access to the Lodge cannot be earlier than 8:30 am. This \$3 per attendee use fee is effective Jan. 1, 2007 even if the Board opts not to have our State Meeting Coordinator sign the agreement. Also attached for your information are the additional terms for caterers.

7. **Two Mexico State Golfing Events.** Chairman Betts has requested the Board to approve the dates of October 24 thru 31, 2007 for the first State Golfing Event and November 7 thru 14 of 2007 for the second event. The trips will be to either Ixtapa or Mazatlan and the proposals are being submitted by ILT and Golden Gate Tours. Delays in receiving both proposals are due to the fact that airline prices are not normally available until after the first of the year.

Note: Also attached is a **Speech Outline** about SIR prepared by Past President Jim Donovan and a Memo regarding the **Use of the Vallejo Elks Lodge** from our State Meeting Coordinator Bill Lewis.

SIR MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 23, 2007

TO: State Board Members and
Chairman, State Rules Committee

FROM: Tom Ross, 2007 President

SUBJECT: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO
RULE 12

Background

Rule 12 states that no member is required to participate in **State events**. However, every member shall be provided an opportunity to do so to the extent that facilities are available on a first come, first served, basis. This rule is applicable to all State event, including State travel events. It is not applicable to events scheduled for limited segments of the membership such as bowling and golf tournaments.

Rule 273 states that to ensure that every member receives notice of **State events**, each Branch shall make available to its members literature supplied to it concerning each State event and shall include information concerning the vent in it bulletins issued during the period in which deposits for the event are being accepted.

Problem

In year 2006, we had categorized as **State events**: SIR Day at the Oakland A's, SF Giants, Sacramento River Cats and Golden State Warriors. This meant that each of those State events were required to be published in the Branch Bulletins of around 162 Branches, including, but not limited to Mount Shasta, Redding, Bakersfield and Fresno.

As is surmised, not all of our members are interested in participating in bowling and golfing events. Not all of our members are interested in watching baseball or basketball games, nor are they interested in participating in the State RV Rally conducted every two years.

Recommendation – Amend Rule 12 to read:

RULE 12.

- a. No member is required to participate in State events. However, every member shall be provided an opportunity to do so to the extent that facilities are available on a first come, first served, basis.
- b. This rule is applicable to all State events, including State travel events. It is not applicable to events scheduled for limited segments of the membership such as bowling and golf tournaments, **or State sporting events such as SIR Day at the SF Giants or other teams, or to State RV rallies.**

Comment

Currently, SIR Day at the Oakland A's, SF Giants and Golden State Warriors is publicized by a brochure prepared by those organizations and the flyers are mailed to every Branch of SIR. This notifies the members of the availability of participating in those State sporting events. There is no need to require all of our Branches to include this information in their Branch Bulletins, although this proposed amendment to Rule 12 would not prohibit them from so doing if they wish. SIR Day at the Sacramento River Cats is similar. Additionally, this information get posted on our Website.

SIR STATE BOWLING COMMITTEE - 2007

(#)	<u>DATES</u>	<u>DAYS</u>	<u>CENTER</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>CODE</u>	<u>TOURNAMENT</u>	<u>DIRECTOR</u>
(1)	JAN 25,26	Thur,Fri	Gold Country	Sutter Creek	4	Bibby	(209) 245-6811
(2)	FEB 12,14	Mon&Wed	Napa Bowl	Napa	4	Torres	(707) 252-0423
(3)	FEB 20-21	Tue-Wed	Granada Bowl	Livermore	4	Wong	(925) 447-7051
(4)	MAR 12,14	Mon, Wed	Boulevard Bowl	Petaluma	2	Cooper	(707) 726-3083
(5)	19,21-22	Mon, W,Th	Diablo Lanes	Concord	4	Mitchell	(925) 798-5440
(6)	APR 16-18	Mon-Wed	Pinon Bowl	Carson City	3	Solomon	(530) 344-0553
(7)	17,18	Tue-Wed	Pacific Bowl	Stockton	4	Quinones/Parsons	(209) 956-6763
(8)	MAY 8-10	Tues-Wed	Knotty Pine Lanes	Pollock Pines	4	Solomon	(530) 344-0553
				Hall	(530)-644-4418		
(9)	MAY 13,15	Sun,Tues	Homestead Lanes	San Jose	4	Birley	(408) 736-8869
<u>SIRS ANNUAL STATE TOURNAMENT</u>							
(10)	21-23?	Mon-Wed	T B A	T B A	1		
(11)	JUN 6,7	Wed, Thur	Pinole Valley	Pinole	4	R.L. Brown/Locke	(510) 724-4436
(12)	18,19	Mon, Tue	Tall Pines	Paradise	4	Miley/Struve	(530) 876-1782
(13)	JUL 5,6	Thur,Fri	Country Club Lanes	Sacramento	4	Hettinger	(916) 687-6149
(14)	16-17	Mon-Tue	Nu Generation	Yuba City	4	Bell/Dilley	(530) 755-2623
(15)	JUL 30,31	Mon-Tue	Napa Bowl	Napa	4	Vasquez	(707) 252-2538
(16)	AUG 20-22	Mon-Wed	Reno Bowling	Stad Reno	3	Solomon	(530) 344-0553
(17)	28,30	Tue,Thur	Kentwig Lanes	Vallejo	2	York	(510) 734-4612
(18)	SEP 17,20	Mon, Thur	Earl Anthony's	Dublin	4	Culbertson/Wong	(925) 447-7830
(19)	SEP 30.1	Sun, Mon	Mowry Lanes	Fremont	4	Cordova	(510) 292-7974
(20)	OCT 23,25	Tue, Thu	Harvest Park	Brentwood	4	Marshall	(925) 572-1372
(21)	NOV 7,9	Wed&Fri	McHenry Bowl	Modesto	4	Guerrero	(209) 792-1372
			Pastorelli				
(22)	13,15	Tue, Thur	Clayton Bowl	Concord	4	Everett	(925) 672-1553
(23)	DEC 4,6	Tue, Thu	Country Club Lane	San Rafael	4	Campana	(415) 453-4182

CODE: 1 - SIR's ONLY - 4 MAN TEAM - DOUBLES - ALL EVENTS
2 - SIR's ONLY - DOUBLES & SINGLES
3 - SIR's or MIXED TEAM - DOUBLES - SINGLES
4 - 2 SIR's or MIXED DOUBLES - SINGLES

.("MIXED" includes legitimate spouse (any age) of a SIR or bona fide senior lady guest (50 or over) of a SIR member).

Vallejo Elk's Lodge
2850 Redwood PKWY
Vallejo, CA 94591
707-557-0559

Dear Tom Ross (State SIRS),

Below listed are the terms as decided for the SIRS Organization in the House Committee meeting held December 12, 2006.

- Regardless of the number of attendees, a fee of \$3.00 per person will be paid to the Lodge at the end of the meeting. (Payment on number of attendees).
- They must provide us with an approximate headcount no later than one week prior to each meeting.
- Meeting dates and estimated attendees must be provided upon signing of this agreement.
- If a bartender service is required for your meeting, advance notice of at least one week is required.
- For smaller meetings with no catering and coffee is requested. Coffee will be provided for cost of \$1.00 per person for actual number attending the meeting, to be paid at the end of the meeting. For a catered meeting, the caterer is responsible for all beverages.
- If a caterer is required for any meetings the SIRS will contract the caterer, and will comply with current Lodge rules regarding catering (Terms and Conditions for Caterer attached). Caterer may access the Lodge only after the normal opening time of 8:30 am.
- SIRS will be restricted to the actual number of rooms required for the actual attendance at an event. Rooms are allocated as 100 people for dining rooms 1 & 2 and 150 people for the Lodge room.

Exceptions to any of the terms and conditions of this agreement may be authorized only by a member of the House Committee. The exception must be documented in writing and may require approval of the entire House Committee for all agreements.

Signing of this contract by all parties makes this contract valid until December 31, 2007

Sponsor Signature

Host Signature (Authorized SIRS signer)

Lodge Representative Signature

Additional Terms and Conditions for Caterer

- Caterer must provide the Lodge with their business license number and proof of insurance 10 (ten) working days prior to using the kitchen.
- Caterer must provide all necessary dishes, silverware, napkins, table covers and all necessary pots, pans and other food service equipment.
- Lodge dishes, silverware, glasses, napkins and table covers are available for an additional charge.
- Lodge dishwasher(s) must be used and paid by the Lodge.
- Caterer is in charge of busing all tables and clearing dining room unless prior arrangements have been made.
- Kitchen cleaning deposit will be refunded within ten (10) working days after the event and upon inspection of the kitchen by Lodge personnel at the end of contract use time. For a complete refund, all garbage and trash must be taken outside. All stoves, pans and other equipment used must be clean and put away. Ovens, warmers, etc must be turned off. All unused food must be removed the day of the event. All clearing of tables and cleaning dining room must be complete as per contract agreement.

I have read, understand and will comply with the above terms and conditions _____

SIR MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 23, 2007

TO: State Board Attendees
Invited State Committee Attendees

FROM: SIR State Meeting Coordinator
LODGE

SUBJECT: USE OF VALLEJO ELKS

For those of you using the facilities of the Vallejo Elks Lodge to attend SIR Meetings, the following is requested of you so that we do not wear out our welcome with the limited Staff members at the Lodge:

1. Meetings are not to start sooner than 9:00 am, and in most instances, it is preferred that the meetings start at 9:30 am.
2. Do not attempt to enter the Lodge sooner than 30-minutes before your scheduled meeting time, and in no event are you to try to gain admittance earlier than 8:30 am.
3. Excepting the Annual Meeting, we will no longer be conducting a State Board Meeting in one room and eating in the dining room. If we have a group of 30 or more people and the services of the Caterer have been arranged by our State Meeting Coordinator, both the meeting and lunch will be in the dining room.
4. Do not make requests of the limited Elks Lodge staff to use their copying machine or telephones.
5. If coffee has been requested by the State Meeting Coordinator for groups of less than 30, it must be paid for at the rate of \$1 per person at the end of the meeting by the Committee Chairman, or State Treasurer for Board Meetings.
6. Committees using the facility must pay the Elks at the end of their meeting at a rate of \$3 for each person who was in attendance at the meeting. The State Treasurer pays for State Board Meetings.
7. Arrangements for a meeting room and coffee by State Committees are to be made through our State Meeting Coordinator Bill Lewis at 707-643-6032 or email: SHEILIANME@JUNO.COM. Bill also makes the arrangements for a meeting room and caterer for the State Board and Annual Meeting.

Your cooperation in adhering to the above listed items will be greatly appreciated. Please do not jeopardize our previously agreed upon terms and conditions regarding the use of this facility.

Bill Lewis, State Meeting Coordinator

SONS IN RETIREMENT, INC.

In the beginning.....

DAMIEN REYNOLDS b. 1888 – d. 1965

- with 3 others, founded SIR

PRINCIPLE – No race, religious or political barriers

- SIR declines support for any Church, Lodge, Political Party, Civic Group or Charity

A LUNCHEON CLUB FOR RETIRED MEN

- Sponsor was sole judge of his friend's character
- BEC would accept sponsor's recommendation

FIRST MEETING JULY 23, 1958

- 14 invited, 9 showed

SONS IN RETIREMENT name adopted

Other choices

- Ancient and Honorable Sons of Rest
- Work Dodgers Luncheon Club
- Faithful Old Fellows
- The Honey Dews
- Fellow Oldsters
- Young Oldsters
- Restful Sons
- League of Aimless Sons

- 100 members by April, 1959 – moved to Elks S.M.
- 400 members November, 1960

CLOSED THE MEMBERSHIP

No intent to expand beyond 400 capacity at Elks

HOWEVER,, continued pressure from East Bay and Sacramento caused new Branches #2 & #3 were formed in 1960 and 1961

AFTER 5 Branches State Organization formed

- Incorporated at both State and Branch Level
- IRS designated SIR as 501 C4 Non Profit

AFTER 10 YEARS: 21 Branches, 5,500 men

GUIDELINES – Adopted April 1, 1967

- 1. A luncheon club for retired men**
- 2. No dues, initiation fees or assessments**
- 3. No politics, religion or sect would be supported**
- 4. Eligible men attend a meeting, then be invited to join**
- 5. Attend monthly meetings at member's expense along with a suitable program**

HOWEVER, GROWTH CONFINED TO NOTHERN AND CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

**SIR PUT INTO CONGRESSIONAL RECORD 1/24/61
BY J. ARTHUR YOUNGER, CONGRESSMAN FROM
SAN MATEO**

**REACHED 179 BRANCHES & 32,000 IN 1990
CURRENTLY 162 BRANCHES 22,500 MEN**

**1977 – 2 largest Branches in Sacramento 500 men each
Branches 3 & 14**

70'S & 80'S SAW RAPID GROWTH

60's: 30 Branches formed

70's: 55 Branches “

80's: 71 “

90's: 22 “ “

00's: ONE! Branch 13, Lincoln

**WHAT HAPPENED TO CAUSE DECLINE?
WHY DID DECLINE OCCUR IN 90'S AND
CONTINUES TO THIS DAY?
HOW DO WE REVERSE THE TREND?**