



SONS IN RETIREMENT

TWIN RIVERS BRANCH #109

Marysville, California
Incorporated June 18, 1984

35th Anniversary

Social hour.....11:00 am
Luncheon.....12:00 pm

We meet the third Tuesday of every month
NEXT LUNCHEON - December 17, 2019

Meal ----- \$16

Plaza Room, Hilcrest Plaza, 210 Julie Drive, Yuba City

w/o meal ----- \$2



BIG SIR MESSAGE - Sir Harry Barajas 639-2431 or 408-605-0806 barajas.harry@gmail.com

It is with the deepest sorrow that I write my last Big SIR message. All of our hearts and prayers go out to Pascual Perez for the loss of his wonderful wife, Bea. She brought cheer to all of our special events and dining out nights. Knowing that loss is so difficult, we all extended our helping hands.

I have been so pleased to serve as your Big SIR this year and feel that I have contributed a bit to our success as a branch by; instituting the 50/50 drawing, starting the perpetual membership recruitment trophy, and giving a recruitment try at the Summer Stroll. The formal position gave me the chance to get to know you all. Next year as your past Big SIR I intend to plan a few day tour outings. More information on this to follow.

I extend my appreciation to our Area Governor, Pascual and our very competent board. It took my whole term to methodically seek membership input for the year or nay for yearly dues. With the data collected, by Bill Sluder, the board will announce the results at our December meeting. I look forward to enjoying my new "membership roll" under the leadership of Dave Sparks and Bill Sluder.

I hope you all enjoy our new luncheon holiday entertainment and that everyone has a wonderful Christmas and a very happy New Year.

LITTLE SIR Message - Sir Dave Sparks (916)645-3034 davidsparks@att.net



Greetings fellow SIRs. This month is supposed to be filled with joy and happiness, but I find it difficult to feel joyous considering the tragedy that has befallen one of our SIR brothers. So, I will just say "Be safe and cherish the time you have with loved ones."

Regards Little SIR;

TREASURER'S REPORT - Sir Roland D'Arcy 743-8742 rolanddrc@yahoo.com

Treasurer Report: Currently there is \$856.21 in the checking account. All bills have been paid, including the first quarter assessment (\$127.75) for 2020.

BIRTHDAYS FOR DECEMBER!

**Estevan Fernandez, Ken Francis, Bill Frandrup,
Blaine Henrickson, Danny Howard, Larry Jones, Masa Nuki,
Robert Rochin, and Rudy Storm**

Happy Birthday



SIR OFFICE HOLDERS

STATE: President - Ed Benson; Vice President - Jim Johnson; Secretary - Ronald Flagel; Treasurer - Roy Hodgkinson; Region 1 Director - Mark Stuart; Area 2 Governor - Pascual Perez

BRANCH 109 OFFICERS: Big Sir - Harry Barajas, Little Sir- Dave Sparks; Secretary – Eric Vodden; Treasurer - Roland D’Arcy; DIRECTORS Gerry Dorsey; Ken Francis; Frank Vega; Pascual Perez; Bill Sluder. Tickets - Dennis Bissell & Nelson Mowery; Membership - Gerry Dorsey; Attendance - Gerry Dorsey; Data Base - Gerry Dorsey
FOR PHONE NUMBERS CHECK YOUR BRANCH DIRECTORY

----- **ACTIVITIES** -----

GOLF John Boyer 751-2691

Thanks to everyone for signing up and showing up at the tournaments.

SIGN – UP AT DECEMBER LUNCHEON

TOURNAMENTS ARE COMPLETE FOR THE YEAR.

NCGA DUES WILL BE COLLECTED AT THE DECEMBER AND JANUARY LUNCHEONS. COST = \$39. IF PAYING BY CHECK MAKE IT OUT TO “SIR BRANCH 45-GOLF”

We will start collecting for the Golf Breakfast which will be held at the Moose Lodge on Walton Ave. on Jan. 28, 2020. Cost will be \$5 for participants in the golf tournaments this year. \$10 for others

TO CHECK ON RESULTS OF GOLF TOURNAMENTS : <http://branch45.SIRinc2.org>
NOTE: PAYOUTS FOR TOURNAMENTS WILL ONLY BE GIVEN AT THE LUNCHEONS.



DINING OUT - Sir Roland D’Arcy 743-8742 rolanddrc@yahoo.com

: Dining Out will resume in January on the 30th. Normally we meet on the fourth Thursday but due to having our regular meeting on the 21st of January we will dine out on the fifth Thursday. The location for our next event will be forthcoming. This activity has been going on for four years and has been enjoyed by those attending. We are always looking for different to try, so let me know if you have a recommendation



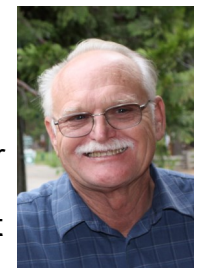
PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB - Sir Bob Engen, 845-8360 bobenme@att.net

We meet at the Waffle Barn, 590 Colusa Ave. at 8:30 the second Tuesday of each month. Come join us with your questions about photography or your equipment. We will do what we can to help you.

SLOWTROLLERS - Sir Don Allen 743-2160



Last month we had a Tournament on Nov. 14th at Collins Lake, Al Debel from branch 45 won \$50 for largest Trout and big stringer of Trout. Don Hayward also from branch 45 won \$50 for largest Bass and big stringer of Bass. This month we have a “Fun Day” scheduled for December 12 at Lake Oroville.



Next month we have a “Fun Day” scheduled for January 16 at Lake Oroville again.

.We meet the 1st Monday of the month at the Moose Lodge in Yuba City, 8:30 - 9am Coffee and Donuts meeting to follow a 9am.

BOWLING - BRANCH 45/109 Sir Ray Buttacavoli, 671-5599.

We sent two bowlers to the Brentwood tournament in October and two bowlers to the Modesto tournament in November. As it looks now, we will not be sending anyone to the Concord or Danville tournaments. Our tournament season will be anew in mid-January with the first tournament of the year in Napa. More about our tournament calendar later.

Chuck Phillips and I bowled in Brentwood in mid-October. In the Singles Event, I placed 2ND and Chuck placed 32ND. We both bowled better in the Doubles Event placing 2ND. For the All Events portion of the tournament, Chuck placed in 9TH just 4 pins out of the “money” while I fared a bit better by placing 3RD. We both had a good time while bowling well.

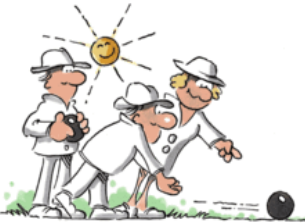
Tony Rainey and Ken Sisney bowled in the Modesto tournament in early November. Ken placed 8 TH in Singles only 9 pins out of the “money,” and Tony placed 13TH. In the Doubles Event, Tony & Ken placed 5TH , but since the number of entries was limited, they only paid 3 places. For all events, Ken placed 9TH and Tony 13TH .

As we get ready for the holidays, we will continue our bowling except for the Wednesday before Thanksgiving and Christmas Day and New Year’s Day

We continue our weekly bowling every Wednesday afternoon at 1:00 PM at NU Generation Lanes. All are welcome to join us.



BOCCE BALL - Al Moody, 301-8390 , Carey Saunders, 671-5155



Bocce Ball is an easy game to learn but it can be a very hard game to master. The game is like a combination of bowling and billiards.

The game is played between two teams. It starts when the white ball (also called jack or pallino) is put into play. The team who starts rolls a ball to get it as close as they can to the jack. The opposing team then rolls up to their 4 balls to try to get one closer to the jack. Once they do, the first team rolls up to their last 3 balls.

The game goes by fairly quickly, but there is a lot of finesse involved.

We play this game every Tuesday at Kingwood Park on Gray Avenue at 10:00 or 9:00 when it is Hot.

Come on out and try this game with us. It is a very easy game without a lot of physical effort involved so everyone can enjoy it.

POOL Richard Sacchetti, 671-4449 , Gilbert Corchado, 434-6525

Mondays at 12:00. Play at Gold Rush Billiards next to Papa Murphy’s Pizza on Gray Ave. Even if you never played pool, come on out and learn. You’ll enjoy it.



BICYCLING - Bil Craig, 763-5476 - Gilbert Corchado, 434-6525



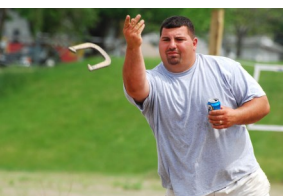
The Bicycle Club meets at the Gazebo in Regency Park in north Yuba City every Friday morning at 8:30. This is an activity that can be enjoyed by those of us who have not been on a bike in a while as well as people who have kept up with their riding skills.

WALKING - Art Worledge, 673-7382

Meet at Regency Park on Wednesdays from 7:30-9:00. This is a great way to get together with some of the other members and their significant others and get some exercise.



HORSESHOES - Frank Bockus, 916-396-5349



The Horseshoe group will meet at the Veteran’s Memorial Community Building located at 1425 Veterans Memorial Circle on Thursdays at 10:00. Because of the inclement weather, we will not be meeting until April. We will update the next meeting date in a future bulletin.

TRAVEL - Roy Newman, 755-3713, roy.newman@comcast.net

There is no smoking or drinking of alcoholic beverages on buses. Until further notice, you may select seats on the bus in the order in which you pay for the trip. On longer trips, we change seats daily. A reasonable tip for the bus driver is included in the total cost of the package. No collections for tips will be conducted on the buses



DAY TRAVEL TRIPS/TOURS EVENTS:

Ongoing "5th Street Bridge Construction Tour" - As weather permits, these tours will be scheduled approx. 7- 10 days in advance – through completion in 2020. Those that have registered* will be notified of the date and time. The top 12 on the list will have first opportunity to go on the tour. *If you (and guests) are interested, register with Roy Newman (see contact info. below).

"Enjoy Wine Tasting, Bottling, Shopping and Food Trucks" at the Old Sugar Mill in Clarksburg (off Freeport Blvd, just south of Sacramento) - Free entry available all day on Saturday, November 30th. Travel on your own, as the Mini-van has been cancelled. For discounted pricing on wines, and for bottling your choice of wine, go to Carvalho Family Winery, BUT contact Roy Newman before you go, so you can be added to the "SIRs' VIP List!!"

"Victorian Christmas Tour" - Nevada City welcomes you to visit its picturesque downtown that transforms into a genuine Christmas card come true – a magical setting of streets outlined with twinkling lights and authentic gas lamps, with wondering minstrels and carolers dressed in Victorian attire – truly, a fun time!! Choose from two dates: December 15th or 22nd. Cost: \$50.00 person (includes motor coach travel). Offered by Bus-Man Holiday Tours – See Flyer for details.

New Addition: "Amazon Fulfillment Center Tour" - I'm working on a free, one-hour morning tour of Amazon's Sacramento Center, the end of February. The guided tour is limited to 35 (Sir's guests are invited). If interested, contact Roy Newman by email, phone, or sign up at the next luncheon. I'm also working a second, and optional tour and luncheon, after the "Amazon Morning Tour."

MULTIPLE-DAY TRIPS:

Hawaii 2-Island Tour - February 24 - March 1, 2020. Price: \$3,570 pp/do / \$4,495 single occupancy - includes R/T airfare Sacramento/Hawaii, home pickup and Airport Transfers and more. Highlights: 3-Nights at the Ohana Waikiki Beachcomber in Honolulu and 3-nights at the Royal Kona resort in Kona, USS Arizona memorial Tour, Honolulu City Highlights Tour, Iolani Palace Tour, Welcome Dinner at Duke's, Grand Island Circle Volcano Tour on the Big Island, and Authentic Hawaiian Luau. See Brochure.

"Pacific Northern Coastal Cruise" – 7-day Roundtrip Cruise from San Francisco aboard the Grand Princess! March 29 – April 5, 2020. Prices per person (DO) are \$1,770 to \$2,160 – includes Roundtrip Home pickup transfers to San Francisco Pier, plus all tipping for drivers and porters. Ports-of-call include Astoria, Seattle, Vancouver, Victoria, and San Francisco. See Brochure for details.

"Tulip Time in Holland" - Celebrate spring in the Netherlands and Belgium when the Keukenhof Gardens and Page 6 Floralia come alive with tulips and other flowers! April 17 – 27, 2020. Seven nights on AMA Waterways' Deluxe Riverboat. Prices per person (DO) are \$5095 to \$6490 – includes: Roundtrip Home Pickup transfers and Roundtrip Airfare - San Francisco to Amsterdam, plus Guided shore excursions in every port, and much, much more – See Brochure for details

"Alaska Aboard the Queen Elizabeth Luxury Liner" - June 22 – July 5, 2020. Prices per person (DO) are \$3285 to \$5525 – includes: Roundtrip Home Pickup transfers and Roundtrip Airfare - San Francisco to Vancouver, 13 nights aboard the Queen Elizabeth, and Pre-trip orientation – see Brochure for details.

ADDITIONAL TRAVEL NOTICES: *Princess Cruise Lines offers on-board credit to former military service men and women, who served honorably for a minimum of two years (90-days if service was in a combat zone). Amount on credit depends on length of cruise. For a Stateroom Map of any Princess Cruise Ship, contact Roy Newman.

For reservations, contact Roy Newman via email [roy.newman@comcast.net] or call 530-755-3713.

View & Print Trip Brochures at: <http://branch45.sirinc2.org>

CORRECTIONS TO THE MEMBER DIRECTORY:

Remove: Dale Whitmore

BOOK EXCHANGE - Don McDonel

Our book exchange program seems to be picking up steam. The last couple months have shown increased interest with additional books being brought in and more books being selected by our club members to take home for their reading enjoyment. With the weather changing, all of us are going to have more time to read. Thanks to everyone who has participated in this activity and let's keep it going.

As the selection of books increases, in order to keep it at a manageable number, excess books will be taken to the Sutter Buttes Canine Rescue Thrift Shop on Gray Avenue.



Two Idiotic Reactions to Freezing Weather: **[Don't try these at home]**

1) This is a true story about John Porter, from New York State, USA, whose pipes in his home froze one winter. Anxious to unfreeze them, Mr Porter backed his car up to an open window so that the exhaust would warm up the house. A little while later Porter, his wife and their three children had to be rushed to hospital suffering from carbon monoxide poisoning.

2) George Gibbs, from Columbus, Ohio, suffered second-degree burns on his head. This is what happened one freezing cold winter morning. Unable to start his car, George diagnosed the problem as a frozen fuel line, which he thought he could correct by running warm petrol through it. He then tried to heat a two-gallon can of petrol on his gas stove in the kitchen. Ah.....

An Amusing and True Funny Story At Christmas

A seven-year-old boy was stopped by police in northern Germany while trying to plough snow with a front loader he borrowed from his parents' business, authorities have told us. Officers on patrol found the boy atop the 3.5-meter-tall [11.5-foot-tall] excavator, after he had cleared the street in the town of Reinfeld and was driving back to the parking lot.

The child noticed the police car behind him and stopped immediately. 'He opened the door, got out and admitted immediately that he did not have a driving licence,' the police report said. When asked why he had begun ploughing, he said his father had complained about the state of the roads. He saw the key in the ignition of the vehicle and set off.

Police retrieved the key to the loader from the child and returned it, and the boy, to his mother.

Short Funny Xmas Story

Just before Xmas, an honest politician, a generous lawyer and Santa Claus all got into the lift (elevator) at the Ritz Hotel in London. As the lift travelled from the 5th floor down to the ground level, one-by-one they noticed a £50 note lying on the lift's floor. Which one picked up the £50 note, and handed it in at reception? Santa of course, the other two don't actually exist!