



SIR Monterey News

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President's Message



Hi Monterey SIRs,
Hope you are all well and enjoying the warmer weather. Hopefully it will last.

First off, we are implementing credit card payment for luncheons and dues (if you haven't yet paid) beginning this month thanks to our Treasurer Don Battles. So, on the luncheon reservation page 3 give it a try if you're so inclined. And if you have a problem contact Don. We aim to please and get with the program, as most other organizations have with this method of payment.

Also, I'm happy to report our new *Board Games, Cards and Pool* activity is now fully underway as you will learn about on page 2. Consider joining us on March 24th. And contact Scott Van Tyle if you want to learn more.

St. Patrick's Day is just around the corner as you may note to the right. Also, consider joining in the fun and camaraderie on the day each year we're all Irish! The Shephard's Pie is my favorite. No reservations or formalities, just come on by.

Baseball season is just around the corner and we're planning a trip or two this year. We may try to get a group together soon to a San Jose Giants game. So, stay tuned.

And finally, we're actively recruiting new members to join us. We'll be taking some updated branch brochures soon to the new housing developments in Marina to attract some of the recently retired or semi-retired folks moving there from the Bay Area and elsewhere. So, if you come in to contact with newly relocated folks where you live, you can help, too. We'll bring a supply of the brochures to our luncheon meetings once they're printed, and please provide them to prospects you encounter.

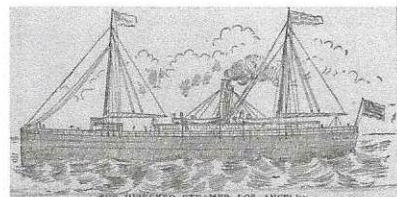
That's all for now. See you soon,
John Hetz

March Program

The Wreck of the Steamer
Los Angeles near Point Sur



Joe Livernois, local historian and former editor, reporter and columnist with the Monterey County Herald for 25 years. He currently is editor of Voices of Monterey. He'll talk about this tragic event that occurred in April of 1894, not known to many of us transplants to the area. Should be interesting!



St. Patrick's Day Social

3rd Annual at

O'Callahan's Irish Pub

3772 The Barnyard, Carmel

Monday, March 17th

12 Noon – 2:00pm

Come with your spouse or partner for traditional corned beef & cabbage, Shepherd's Pie, Irish Stew, or regular menu lunch, or just a Guinness.

Socialize with your SIR friends.

Enjoy Irish music.

Be sure to wear your GREEN.

**Everyone is Irish on St. Pat's Day
So let's have some fun!!**

Calendar of Activities, Events & Meetings

2/27 SIR Wine Tasting
2:00 – 4:00pm
Dawn's Dream Winery
Tasting Room – Carmel-by-the-Sea
NW Corner 7th & San Carlos
Contact: Mike Carbaugh
mfcarbaugh@gmail.com

3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24, 3/31 SIR Golf Club
Various Monterey Bay Courses
Contact: John Ecklund
jecklund@sbcglobal.net

3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25 Geezer/SIR Golf
Tee times beginning 9:00am
Monterey Pines Golf Club
1250 Garden Road, Monterey
Contact: Jack Orchard
jojoorchard@gmail.com

3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26 SIR Bocce Ball
10am followed by lunch
Monterey Custom House Plaza
Contact: Scott Van Tyle
gonzo7hunter@gmail.com

3/11 SIR BEC Monthly Meeting
10:00 – 11:15am via Zoom
Contact: John Hetz
hetz.john@yahoo.com

3/13 SIR Monthly Luncheon Meeting
Check in begins – 11:30am
Monterey Elks Lodge
150 Mar Vista Drive, Monterey
Contact: Don Battles
donbatt@msn.com

3/20 SIR Book Club
2:30 – 4:00pm via Zoom
Contact: John Hetz
hetz.john@yahoo.com

3/21 SIR Bowling
2:00 – 4:00pm
Monterey Lanes
2161 No. Fremont St, Monterey
Contact: Mike Hartter
mhartter@gmail.com

3/24 SIR Board Games, Cards & Pool
2:00pm – 4:00pm
Asilomar Conference Center
800 Asilomar Ave, Pacific Grove
Contact: Scott Van Tyle
gonzo7hunter@gmail.com

Veteran Honor Flights to Washington, D.C.



Courtesy of SIR **Bob Evans** who went to Washington in 2024 on a fully paid tour. Following is information on the flights available in 2025 should you be eligible and interested.

Flight #37 April 10-12
Flight #38 May 15-17
Flight #39 Sept 11-13

Sign up: <http://honorflightbayarea.org/tours/>

Or call: (408)499-1739

There may be a waiting list



Activities

Board Games, Cards & Pool

Our second monthly get together was at the Asilomar Conference Center in Pacific Grove on Monday, February 24th from 2-4pm and there were ten Monterey SIRs there participating. It's the perfect place to meet as there are plenty of tables for board and card games, and two pool tables in what is called the Hearst Social Hall. Adjoining is Phoebe's Café with coffee, tea, soft drinks, beer, wine and spirits. Also, lunch specialties, fresh baked goods and Bites on the Go. And there is outdoor porch and patio seating.



So, consider joining in the fun at our Monday, March 24th get together from 2-4pm. **Scott Van Tyle** has agreed to be the group's coordinator, so please contact him at gonzo7hunter@gmail.com or (650)787-5306 if you would like to participate and/or have any questions.

Wine Tasting



Thursday, February 27th at 2pm
Dawn's Dream Tasting Room

Golf



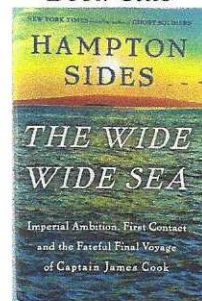
Geezer/SIR Golf
Tuesdays 9am at Monterey Pines GC

Bocce



Wednesdays 10am at Custom House Plaza
followed by lunch at various restaurants

Book Club



March book
Thursday the 20th meeting via Zoom

Bowling



Friday, March 21st
Monterey Lanes



Monterey Branch 28
Monthly Luncheon Meeting
Thursday, March 13th at 11:30am

Guest Speaker: Joe Livernois
The Wreck of the Steamer Los Angeles near Point Sur

Monterey Elks Lodge
150 Mar Vista Drive, Monterey
PJ's Salad Bar/Buffer



Luncheon Reservation

If paying by check:

Make check payable to: **SIR Branch 28** and mail form and check(s) for \$30 per attendee to:

Don Battles, Treasurer
25513 Hacienda Place, Carmel CA 93923
(612)590-1096 or donbatt@msn.com

Member Name _____

Email or Phone # _____

Guest Name _____

Email or Phone # _____

If paying by credit card:

Click on QR code below and add credit card information. \$1.50 processing fee will be added.

___ @ \$30 each = ___ Total enclosed ___



Reservation(s) must be received by:
Monday, March 10th