



SIR Monterey News

September, 2024

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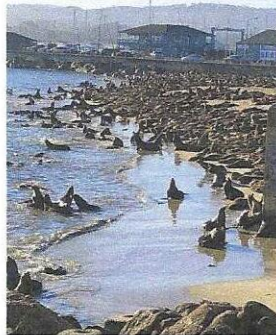
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Big SIR Report

Hi Monterey SIRs,

Summer's just about over, kids and grandkids are going back to school, and the tourist population is getting smaller. Except for the visiting sea lions on San Carlos Beach a few blocks from us. Apparently haven't told anyone how long they'll be here!



Gary Parker has scheduled another very interesting speaker for our luncheon meeting on the 12th. I met John several years ago when he was retiring from NPS and teaching an OLLI class about the history of Hotel Del Monte and NPS. And he included an invite to a commemorative formal Navy dinner in their grand dining hall that was a quite an experience. I'm sure you'll enjoy his presentation as I enjoyed his class.

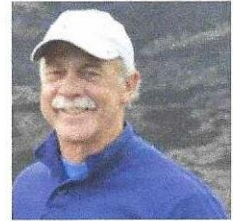
The other important news is from the incoming President of SIR, Inc. **Rich Carlston**. The proposed changes to SIR that I mentioned at our August luncheon, will not be voted on at the SIR Annual Meeting on September 24th. Instead he is forming a "Branch Advisory Board" that will review each of the proposed changes during the next twelve months and then we'll vote on any the Board deems appropriate at next year's annual meeting. The Board will be comprised of members from "diverse branches who volunteer to participate" and hold monthly meetings via Zoom. Sounds like a better way forward. And needless to say, any of you who submitted a new name and/or logo to SIR **Jim Gragg** for the contest, will have to wait a while to see if there is a name or logo change.

A special note. I'll be away for a few days in southern Oregon and not able to attend the luncheon. So, past Big SIR and BEC member **Mike Carbaugh** will be pinch hitting for me. Thank you Mike!

Hope to see you soon,

John Hetz

September Guest Speaker



John Sanders is a storyteller whose colorful tales focus on Monterey's late 19th and early 20th centuries. During his 31-year career at the Naval Postgraduate School he introduced many visiting dignitaries, national and international news organizations, and local residents to the centerpiece of that historic period and the start of Monterey's tourist economy – the former Hotel Del Monte, now the home of NPS. He organized programs that provided public access to the elegant hotel and established an archives to help preserve the history of NPS and Hotel Del Monte. John's education includes an M.S. in Geography and a B.S. in Marine Science from the University of South Carolina – Columbia. His presentation is entitled "Hotel Del Monte and the Renaissance of Monterey" and will focus on the earliest years of the hotel.

New Members



Bill King and **Carlos Mariscal** were inducted as new members at our August luncheon. Bill is a retired Urban Forestry Manager for the City of Mountain View and lives in Seaside. Carlos is a retired U.S. Marine Corps Gunnery Sergeant who served in Vietnam and Gulf War. He is currently working for CSUMB as a Teacher Trainer and resides in Salinas. He was a member of the now defunct SIR Salinas Branch for 10 years. Again, welcome to SIR Monterey!

Calendar of Activities, Events & Meetings

9/2, 9/9, 9/16, 9/23, 9/30 SIR Golf Club

Various Monterey Bay courses

Contact: John Ecklund

jecklund@sbcglobal.net

9/3, 9/10, 9/17 Geezer/SIR Golf

Tee times beginning 9:00am

Monterey Pines Golf Club

1250 Garden Road, Monterey

Contact: Jack Orchard

joorchard@gmail.com

9/4, 9/11, 9/18, 9/25 SIR Bocce Ball

10am followed by lunch

Monterey Custom House Plaza

Contact: Scott Van Tyle

gonzo7hunter@gmail.com

9/10 SIR BEC Monthly Meeting

10:00 – 11:15am via Zoom

Contact: John Hetz

hetz.john@yahoo.com

9/12 SIR Monthly Luncheon Meeting

Check in begins – 11:30am

Monterey Elks Lodge

150 Mar Vista Drive, Monterey

Contact: Don Battles

donbatt@msn.com

9/20 SIR Bowling

2:00 – 4:00pm

Monterey Lanes

2161 No. Fremont St, Monterey

Contact: Mike Hartter

mhartter@gmail.com

9/24 SIR/Geezer Golf

Tee times beginning 8:30am

Del Monte Golf Course

1300 Sylvan Rd, Monterey

Contact: Ben Richards

gtlbtr@hotmail.com

9/26 SIR Book Club

2:30 – 4:00pm via Zoom

Contact: John Hetz

hetz.john@yahoo.com

9/27 SIR Wine Tasting

2:00 – 4:00pm

Scheid Tasting Room

SE Corner San Carlos & 7th

Carmel-by-the-Sea

Contact: Mike Carbaugh

mfcarbaugh@gmail.com

Whale Watching Event

Organizer and leader Mike Hartter just reported the following about today's SIR Monterey whale watching trip aboard the *Princess Monterey* at Fisherman's Wharf.

"It was quite an adventure for the five brave adventurous SIRs who went out into the dense fog, cold temperatures and rough seas to see and photograph our fellow mammals – whales. Seven others who had signed up to go, opted to stay in the safety and warmth of their homes. But who could blame them. So, who were these hardy souls. Well there was **Kim Bambace, Ben Hanly, Bob Tilden, Scott Van Tyle** and me **Mike Hartter**.



The huddled masses stayed in the security and warmth of the enclosed lower deck. But we braved the open air and fog of the upper deck.



And that was not only brave but enabled us to get a fantastic photo of a whale's tail. He or she could probably see better below the surface. And I'm sure it was also warmer.



The fog began to lift on our way back to port and our perseverance was rewarded with sunshine. As we debarked the boat we were all filled with the satisfaction of having accomplished our mission.

Mike Hartter reporting for SIR Monterey News, August 27, 2024

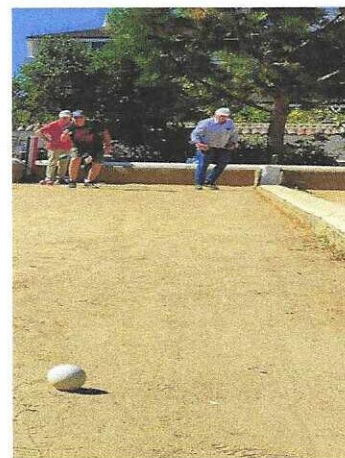
Activities

Bowling



Monterey SIR Bowlers (left to right) Gari, Soule, Mike Carbaugh, Ben Hanly, John Tomlin, Jack Gibbons, Bob Evans and Gary Parker at a recent monthly bowling event. Not pictured is **Mike Hartter** who took the photo. They get together every third Friday of the month at Monterey Lanes, 2161 North Fremont Street, Monterey so let Mike mhartter@gmail.com know if you would like to join the fun.

Bocce



Intense competition at a recent Tuesday morning SIR Bocce event. Join in the fun, fellowship and lunch afterwards at various local restaurants. Starts at 10am For more information contact **Scott Van Tyle** at gonzo7hunter@gmail.com.

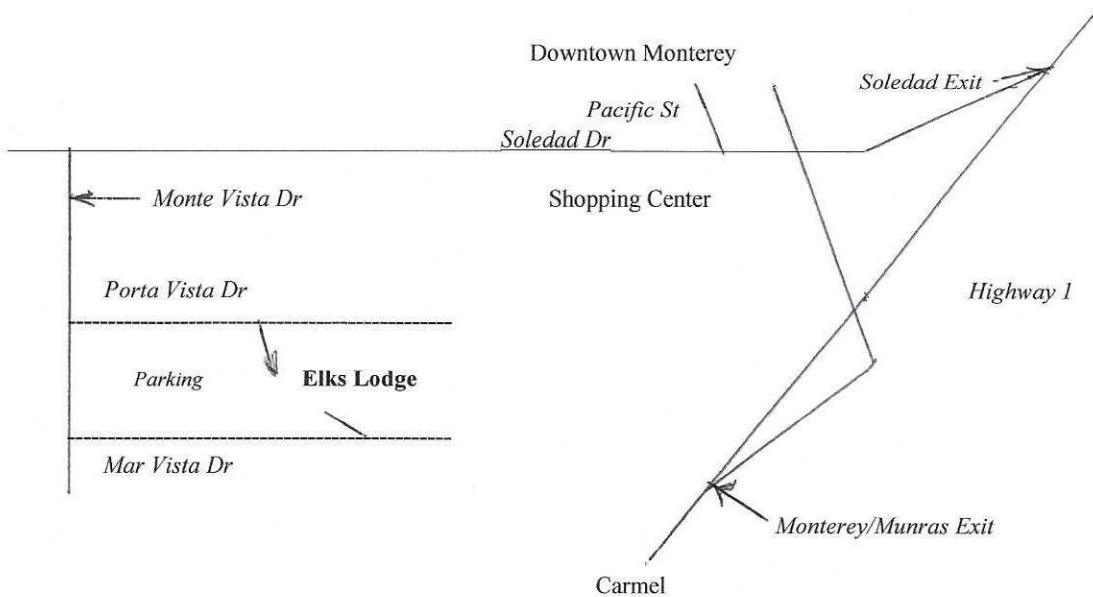
Golf



Join in with the *Geezer* group on Tuesday mornings about 9am at Monterey Pines Golf Club for 18 holes of enjoyable golf if you want to play regularly or just occasionally. Lots of fun and camaraderie. For more information contact SIR **Jack Orchard** at joorchard@gmail.com.



Monterey Branch 28
Monthly Luncheon Meeting
Thursday, September 12th at 11:30am
Monterey Elks Lodge
150 Mar Vista Drive, Monterey
PJ's Salad Bar/Buffer



Luncheon Reservation

Make check payable to:
SIR Branch 28

Mail reservation form and check(s)
for \$30 per attendee to:

Don Battles, Treasurer
25513 Hacienda Place
Carmel, CA 93923
donbatt@msn.com

Member Name _____

Email or Phone _____

Guest Name _____

Guest Name _____

No. ____ @ \$30 each = Total enclosed _____

Reservation(s) must be received by:
Monday, September 9th