



SIR Branch 96 Amador Amblings

**A Non Profit Organization for Senior Men Devoted to the
Promotion of Independence and Dignity**

FEBRUARY BLAST FROM OUR BIG SIR

As a reminder from my message delivered after our January luncheon:

1. Mike Alexander, our past Secretary and our recently sworn-in Little Sir, has resigned from Amador 96 due to health issues. Mike will relocate to Modesto where he will receive care and support from his son. Please be prayerful for Mike.
2. In light of our current economic challenges, the monthly luncheon charge will be going up to \$25 each month at Teresa's Place. We were able to negotiate this price without any reduction in menu or service. Please remember that if you are going to miss a luncheon to contact Rich Broderson at 510-333-5407 or richardbroderson@icloud.com. *This is extremely important to the financial wellness of Amador 96.*
3. Richard McCurdy was sworn-in at the January BEC and now becomes our branch Secretary for 2024. Please join me in welcoming Rich to his new position.
4. As many of you likely noticed at our last luncheon, Tom Rushing returns after a much-needed sabbatical. Tom will continue to be responsible for Attendance. Please join me in welcoming Tom back.
5. Due to rising insurance costs, State Sirs has raised the quarterly dues for each Sir to \$2.50 from \$2.00. This now represents one-half of the yearly Amador 96 dues.
6. Le Sues has garnered the assistance of State Sirs to completely replace our aging Amador 96 website. Bill Bayer has agreed to assist Alan Baker and his website team in the website re-development. We will address the need for help for updates when the website is complete.

I'm not certain how widely circulated our State Sir's email messages are distributed but I'd like to share something that came out earlier this month from Jim Walton, SIRF (Son's in Retirement Foundation) President

"I am writing today to provide an important message from The Son's In Retirement Foundation, also known as SIRF.

This past year has been one where we looked to move SIRF forward as a meaningful and sustainable Foundation. While the donations received have been gratefully received, the overall foundation income has been quite small.

After considerable review and analysis of the Foundation's 5 year history it has become apparent that the future success of the Foundation is questionable and our expectations are unrealistic.

Therefore, the Foundation Board of Directors has voted to dissolve The Sons In Retirement Foundation, Inc.

Any donations received after November 22, 2023, will be returned. Donations prior to that date will continue to be used for the benefit of all SIR Branches by continuing to provide Zoom Licenses as we have in past years or any immediate need up to the limit of funds available. This was not an easy decision but a necessary one. We wish to thank those of you who have donated and supported the Foundation this past year. Your contributions have been appreciated, as has your support of our efforts.

Sincerely,
Jim Walton, PBS 152
Foundation President"

Please again consider and support our primary goal for Amador Sirs Branch 96 this year (aside from having fun!):

- 1) Participate in our monthly luncheons
- 2) Participate in club events
- 3) Participate in SIR State sponsored events
- 4) Support members that need assistance for luncheon and club events
- 5) Encourage your friends to check us out!
 - a. Bring a friend to a luncheon
 - b. Get your friends involved in our club events

Thanks to all for your continued support of Amador Sirs Branch 96!

Big SIR

Greg Roberts

510-862-9067

The Branch 96 Executive Committee meets on the first Thursday of the month, in the American Legion Ambulance Training Room at 9:30 a.m. All interested SIRs members are invited to attend

Dining-out Club

Our continued success depends of course on participation from all of those that have signed-up for an area. Just a reminder of how this works.

Any Sir can sponsor a Dining-out event!

- o Approach a restaurant of your choice and determine their ability to host a dinner
- o Make a reservation
- o Contact the leader of your dining out area
- ☒ Bill Bayer for Valley Springs/Wallace/Burson
- ☒ Greg Roberts for Jackson/Ione/Pioneer and Folsom/Eldorado Hills

The leader will send the details to all of those who have expressed interest in your area and will keep a list of all of those that ask to participate to share with the sponsors. Please keep in mind that the lead will not always participate in the meal so that we can have as much participation as possible from those in each group.

Greg Roberts (Big Sir) Branch 96

New deals from Sherman Travel. Contact me if you would like additional information.

- Turks & Caicos: 3 Nights in Studio at Upscale Resort w/Air; \$699+ | 50% Off
- Sicily: 7-Nt, Upscale Vacation w/Air, Daily Breakfast & Transfers; \$999+ | Save \$400
- 7-Nt Eastern Mediterranean Cruise w/Balcony, Prepaid Gratuities, Shipboard Credit & More; \$1699+ | Summer Sailing
- Mexico: 3 Nts at All-Incl. Los Cabos Beach Resort w/Air & More; \$499+ | Save \$400; Travel February - July
- Egypt: 7-Night Tour, Incl. Nile River Cruise, w/Air, Breakfast, Activities & More; \$1599+ | 50% Off; \$400+ | Incl. Tips & Mor; celebrity Cruises w/Up to \$550 Onboard Credit, Drink Package, Bonus Savings & More; Travel Through 2024
- Croatia: 13-Nt Land & Cruise Package w/Tours, Breakfast & More; Use Code TRAVELMORE10; \$2789+ | 10% Off; Travel April - October
- Fly R/T to Japan in Business Class from Major U.S. Cities; \$2355+ | 75% Off; Travel Through 2024
- Greenland: Luxe, 10-Nt All-Incl. Exploration Small-Ship Cruise w/Shore Excursions & More; \$7180+ | 50% Off 2nd Guest; Book by Feb. 29; Travel on Aug. 30
- Spain: 6-Night, Upscale Barcelona & Madrid Vacation w/Air & Breakfast; \$899+ | 50% Off
- Iceland: 6-Nt Tour, Incl. Snæfellsnes Peninsula & Golden Circle, w/Air, Breakfast & More; \$1399+ | 50% Off; Premiumcare Protection Included
- Las Palmas to Lisbon: 8-Nt, Last-Minute Canary Islands & Madeira Cruise on Small Ship; \$2299+ | Oceanview Suite; Depart on April 20
- Luxe, 19-Night South America Cruise, Incl. the Drake Passage, w/Business-Class Air & More;\$19599+ | Free Excursions; Sail in February

Ciao!

Greg Roberts
510-862-9067

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Open

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SIR Branch 96
SIRS Luncheon

Thursday February 1, 2024
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Teresa's Place (banquet room)

1235 Jackson Gate Rd., Jackson, CA 95642

\$25.00 for lunch (Full Bar)

**Cash or check only, make checks payable to
Teresa's **Place****

Menu:

Bread and Butter

Soup

Salad

Garlic Mashed Potatoes

Grilled Pork Chop

Dessert

*****Please contact Rich Broderson**

(510- 333-5407,richardbroderson@icloud.com)
by the Monday before the luncheon if you
cannot attend.***

SIRS Golf League

Next tournament is: March 14, 2014

Check in 8:00 am and start 9:00 am.

If you wish to play contact Dan Borges one week in

Advance. borgesranch@softcom.net or 209-601-8762

Note:

March 14, 2024 rate will increase by \$3 to \$43

SIR's Golf Schedule for 2024

March 14 th	Start 9:00 am
April 11 th	Start 9:00 am
May 9 th	Start 8:00 am
June 13 th	Start 8:00 am
July 11 th	Start 8:00 am
August 22 nd	Start 8:00 am
September 12 th	Start 8:00 am
October 24 th	Start 9:00 am
November 14 th	Start 9:00 am
December 12 th	Start 9:00 am

Note: Check-in time is 8:00am to 8:30am for the 9:00am start and 7:00am to 7:30am for the 8:00am start.

SIRS RV Report February 2024

Happy new year fellow campers, We are having a slow start getting hosts for 2024. We have Coos Bay booked and Feather falls Oroville. Still time to do additional trips. We have about 23 rigs in the membership for this year. That's a good amount for a RV club.

Mike Donatelli
Wagonmaster SIRs

TRAVEL WITH SIRs

Best of Spain and Portugal April 27 – May 12, 2024. Branch 146.

Cost \$7,895pp. Madrid, Segovia, Porto, Lisbon, Seville, Gibraltar, Costa Del Sol, Alhambra, Valencia, Barcelona, round trip airfare, 15-day guided tour with Travel Director, 14 hotels, 5 dinners and 2 lunches including wine, all tips, transfers and baggage handling

Contact Glenn Breslin

925-288-
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Princess 11 Night Inside Passage Cruise from San Francisco Rt Alaska May 26 – June 6, 2024. Ketchikan, Juneau, Skagway AK and Victoria, Canada. Cabins start \$2590 pp to \$3322 pp double occupancy

Contact John Cardoza

209-483-7722
or johncardoza@hotmail.com

Sir Bowling Report

Sirs 96 Bowling had our first half season position round on January 5th. There were two teams tied for first place after the position round; Team 6, Lucky 7 and Team 7, Sirs and Hers. Each had won 41 games.

A one game roll-off was bowled on January 9th. It was a hard fought game with both teams holding the lead at some point. Lucky 7 was the ultimate winner by a grand total of 9 pins. Congratulations to both teams on a job well done.

Thank you.

Gizmo
(209) 304-0651

On a special note:

The second half of the season is well underway and after 3 weeks of bowling, the leaderboard has changed. Team 2 Shoulda Been(Steve Estarziau, Natalie Archinski and Carol Maloney) are one game in the lead over Always Hopeful(Juergen Muenster, Pamela Royce and Dennis Rosengren). Good Luck to all of our bowlers.

Membership Report

I only have one new member for February; Greg Morrill, Greg was introduced as a guest in January.

I gave 2 applications to people who said they were interested. Waiting for replies back from them.

Steve Wilson
Membership Chairman

FEBRUARY SUNSHINE REPORT

Happy Birthday cards sent out to ten members, Happy Birthday 🎂

Get Well cards sent to five members, hope all are doing better by now

No Sympathy Cards mailed

Stay well my friends and please let me know if any member is in need of a pick-me-up card.

Terry Troglin

nilgot22@gmail.com

209.256.4418

February Birthdays

Kip Garvey, Andy Macias, Craig Nelson, Mike Pisano,
Ken Polk, Ed Reno, Dennis Rosengren,
Sandy Sanders, Mark Stanley, Richard Wirt



Fishing Report for January

Greetings,

January weather has been pretty mild and fishing has been good on all of the local lakes. Lake Comanche has been producing some good numbers, both from shore, and out on the boats. Shore fishing from North Shore day use area using crawlers and yellow power bait was working best. If you're trolling, North Shore between the big hat and little hat islands, using speedy shiners and fire red tiger stripe rapalas on the top. Most are catching limits within a few hours. Lake Comanche stocks, 3000 pounds weekly between North Shore South Shore and the pond. The pond is a great place to take your grandkids, easy accessibility. They are also catching one to 2 pound crappies off the dam at North Shore. They make for great fish tacos.

Lake Amador stocks weekly also, they're not putting in as many numbers but they're putting in some trophy sized large fish between five and 15 pounds. Lake Amador is fishing derby is still on until the end of March, 9 dollars to enter and there are 500 tagged fish with over \$5000 in prizes.

I Discovered a little lake outside Jackson called Lake Tabeaud, It's a day use area with nice hiking trails picnic area, a small lake that is stocked with trout by the California fish & game. Great place to take family or the grandkids. I see people leaving with stringers full of fish.

I'm taking some time off for the next couple months, so maybe my assistant can fill in with a fishing report, until then keep your lines tight and your pole bent.

Doug

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SIR BOWLING TOURNAMENTS

As of 11/25/2023

City / Branch	Month	Days	Bowling Center	Code	Tournament Manager(s)	Phone
Napa / 65	Jan.	Tue 16 Wed 17	Napa Bowl	4	Dave Ellingson	707-637-3008
Sacramento / 69	Feb.	Thu 15 Fri 16	Country Club Lanes	4	Tod Davis Jim Smalling	916-722-3575 916-501-2643
Citrus Heights / 112	March	Wed 6 Thur 7	Fireside Lanes	4	Art Tourtillot Ron Johnson	916-635-6148 916-206-1483
Concord / 19	March	Tue 19 Wed 20	Clayton Valley Bowl	4	Mike Kropf	925-689-1453
Carson City / 160	April	Mon 22 thru Thur 25	Gold Dust West	3	Tim Hall Dave Moore	775-241-9080 510-825-2654
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Citrus Heights / 112	May	Tues 21 Wed 22	Fireside Lanes	2	Art Tourtillot Ron Johnson	916-635-6148 916-206-1483
Sutter Creek / 113	June	Thu 6 Fri 7	Gold Country Lanes	4	Ray DiBasilio	530-558-9727
Dublin / 59	June	Mon 17 Tue 18	Earl Anthony's Dublin Bowl	4	Miguel Ferras Jerry Sabo	510-792-8301 510-790-3135
Auburn / 113	July	Thur 11 Fri 12	Foothill Bowl	4	Ray DiBasilio	530-558-9727
Concord / 8	July	Tues 23 Wed 24	Clayton Valley Bowl	4	Dan Weller	925-935-5510
Reno / 113	Aug.	Mon 12 thru Wed 14	National Bowling Stadium	3	Ray DiBasilio	530-558-9727
Grass Valley / 55	Aug.	Wed 28 Thu 29	Prosperity Lanes	4	Mark Nagafuchi	530-273-9717
Carson City / 160	Sep.	Mon 9 Tues 10	Home Grown Bowl	4	Dave Moore	510-825-2654
Brentwood / 161	Oct.	Tue 15	Bolero	4	Ron Wilson Keith Jones	925-354-6647 925-628-9577
Modesto / 103	Nov.	Thurs 7 Fri 8	McHenry Bowl	4	Vern Masse	209-538-3640
CODE: 1 - SIRs ONLY - 4 MAN TEAM - DOUBLES - ALL EVENTS 2 - SIRs ONLY - DOUBLES - SINGLES - ALL EVENTS 3 - SIRs or MIXED - 4 BOWLER TEAM - DOUBLES - SINGLES - ALL EVENTS 4 - SIRs or MIXED - DOUBLES - SINGLES - ALL EVENTS						

Editors Column

Speaker for the February 2024 Luncheon

Our guest speaker for our February 1, 2024 meeting will be Jack Mitchell who has been the Publisher of the Ledger Dispatch for over two decades. He also is a volunteer firefighter with the City of Lone Fire Department, becoming one of the oldest to join when he turned 50 years-old and he currently serves as an Lone City Council member. The Ledger Dispatch has garnered top awards including the top award from the California News Publishers Association — General Excellence, and Mitchell himself was named as the top Investigative Reporter. Current duties have him speaking with a lot of officials — local, state and federal. Come and get to know him and ask questions about local issues and local newspapering,

Sir Branch 96 Upcoming Website

For some time now there has been talk about what has happened to our online website which has not been updated for quite some time. There have been quite a few of our members showing interest in revitalizing the site. With the help of Sir State Website Committee headed up by Alan Baker, they offered their assistance to get us up and running again. It will take a little time and we will keep our members updated in the Amblings

As always, With The Membership in Mind

2023 Past Big Sir and Amblings Editor

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