



Sons in Retirement SAN JUAN BRANCH NO. 102 April 2023

LUNCHEON MEETING

2nd Tuesday of the month
Executive Board meeting 9:30 A.M.
Social Hour: 10.45—Luncheon: 11:30
Carmichael Elks Lodge

Next Meeting
Tuesday
April 11th

www.sirinc2.org/branch102/

Lunch Menu:

sloppy joes, tater tots, salad, & dessert
Bar will be open



BIG SIR COMMENTS:

Gabe Reddig

“Greetings, Brothers of SIRs Branch 102! It’s nice to see that Spring is finally here, even though the rains of Winter continue. It has definitely put a hit on our outdoor activities, but the good news is that the drought will officially be over - in about 3 years! I can’t wait till my own orthopedic handicaps will have surgery in a couple months, I can get out there and join you guys in some golf - I really miss the camaraderie.

Here’s the latest news on the merger between SIRs Branch 33 and our own Branch 102. So far, there seems to be mutual consensus that such a merger would be very beneficial to both branches, as our memberships are drawn from nearly the same communities in the area, and we both meet at the Carmichael Elks on adjacent days the second week of each month. Also, both organizations have a problem with dwindling membership, along with trouble finding volunteers for key positions and committees. So far, our BEC and our General Membership have unanimously voted to proceed with the merger process. Branch 33 is also enthusiastic about the merger, and I and Don Wagner have been invited to attend their next BEC and Luncheon next month on April 10th. We’ll report back the following day at our regular April meeting.

It was a real pleasure to welcome to our March meeting the Branch 33’s Men’s vocal group, the "Country Club Aires", as they led our group in “God Bless America”, and then a short medley of their regular songs. This group has been providing uplifting, memorable musical entertainment to Senior Facilities and other groups throughout the Greater Sacramento region on a weekly scheduled basis since 1972, all sponsored by SIRs. Many of us had the opportunity to visit with the group members before and after their performance, and they seem like a joyful, inclusive bunch, fun to be around. They were led by Director Robert DuPlantier, who is not only a great leader, but a skilled Master of Ceremonies. It could be really great to have this kind of talent join our Branch 102, along with all the rest of the guys from Branch 33 and their skills, and unique life experiences.”

*Gabe Reddig,
Big SIR*



LITTLE SIR COMMENTS:

Gary Adams

It's been a wet winter and doesn't look like it's going to let up anytime soon. I've played golf twice so far this year and shot over a hundred both times, from the front tees!! My handicap is starting to look like the last date of February. I don't have any excuses except for the wet fairways, my bad knees, it's too cold, and I'm getting old. The only good thing is that I may be shooting my age soon.

I have received a number of good comments about our last Speaker, Dustin Macfarland, about Trusts and Probate. He definitely knew what he was talking about, and I don't know about you, but I am going to have my stuff checked out to insure it's ok. It's been about 50 years since I did my Will and Trusts.

Our next Speaker will also be of interest as well. We will be hearing about the Dept. of Water Resources (DWR) and the State water Project: current projects, including the Feds, and local projects as well. Current events in water and I'm sure that many questions will be answered. I don't know if our member, Ralph Torres, who is currently a retired Deputy Director of DWR, but still working as a Retired Annuitant, will be our speaker or if he has someone else coming in. Either way, we will get the latest information on our water situation in Calif.

I know we have a lot of interesting jobs in our membership that we would like to hear about, hobbies, projects, people you know that would be of interest, and even just an interesting topic that someone would like to discuss. Let me know, I'm always looking for a speaker.

One last thing I want to let you know about from our State SIRs. Last Friday, I joined a Zoom meeting about "Artificial Intelligence" (AI)> The presentation was made by SIR Derek Southern to explore how we can utilize the recent advancements in AI to improve our administration, recruitment, and publicity activities for SIR. It was very interesting, and they showed a number of examples of how AI works. Surprisingly, AI was aware of SIRs and when asked a question about SIRs it was a very impressive response. I can't explain too much about the discussions, but it was quite interesting. Where it goes from here, I don't know. By the way, it was recorded and is available on the State Website for your interest. Under "Videos".

See you in April 2nd Tuesday, don't forget about our trip to Rolling Hills coming up on May 1 & 2. Signups will be available at our meeting.

*Gary Adams,
Little SIR*

SIR 102 Treasurer Report

Month of February, 2023 to 02/28/23

BEGINNING FUNDS

\$7,333.67

General Accounts:

Bank Dividends	\$0.29
2023 Yearly Dues (12 deposits this month) ¹	\$360.00
Constant Contact—Hosting	— (\$20.00)
Net General gain/(loss)	\$340.29

Custodial Accounts:

Luncheon Receipts 03/14/23	\$1,185.00
Luncheon Elks Club Luncheon Expense 03/14/23	(\$1,078.00)
Luncheon Raffle/Wine 03/14/23	(\$31.18)
Luncheon Bar 03/14/23; (to meet \$175 Minimum)	(\$0.00)
Net Custodial gain/(loss)	\$75.82

ENDING FUNDS:

\$7,749.78

1) 101 members have paid their 2023 dues.

If you do not plan on renewing your club membership, please let me know by e-mail at Johnpslingeland@gmail.com or call me at 916-532-0595

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BIRDIES AND BOGEY

April 2023

web site: www.sirinc2.org/branch102/



GOLF CHAIRMAN: Jeff Dye

Hi Fellow Golfers,

Well, if we can avoid these atmospheric rivers and 50-60 mph winds we might be able to get our golf season rolling.

Don't forget to sign up for our 1st out of town tournament at our April luncheon. It is to be played at Rolling Hills in Corning, to be played on May 1st and 2nd. We play scrambles on both days so this guarantees alot of fun. Hope to see you at our April 11th meeting.

Jeff

On the lighter side:

Golf is like marriage: If you take yourself too seriously it won't work...and both are expensive.

Jeff



TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: Jim Stephenson

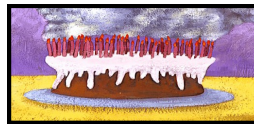
Everybody had enough rain? It's been quite a Winter, but we are officially in Spring now so sunny days should be right around the corner.

Starting in April we are resuming our annual Match Play Tournament with the opening round at Bing Maloney. We have 20 players signed up in two flights so there's plenty of room for more players. Email me at 'Sir102TD@gmail.com' if you would like to join us. Eight players from both flights will advance to the next round in May. (Like the Sweet Sixteen in March Madness.) Match play winners will advance, and then those 'losers' with the best net scores will also advance, so play hard all the way through the round.

The May Signup Sheet at the April luncheon will include our annual Club Championship Tournament. This is stroke play with 5 designated rounds at 5 courses. The winners will be determined by their best net scores on 3 of the 5. Look for the \$10 entry fee on the May Signup Sheet. See you all at the April luncheon.

*Jim Stephenson,
Sir 102 TD*

Happy Birthday



April

Wayne Berger	86	Bill Maffei	77	Steve Green	74	Bob Chaney	73
Pat Crocker	83	Dan Johnson	76	Harry West	74	Randy Howery	63



ACTIVITIES: Norm Steinbach

MORE ACTIVITES! with Branch 102 and 33 merging. Branch 33 has three activities for 102 to join now – Poker on the last Friday of the month at 1:00 pm, Breakfast Buddies on the third Wednesday at 8:00 and Country Club Aires (Singers & Musicians) rehearsals on Mondays. With more members [we should be able to add more activities](#). As Ben Franklin said “He who has patience can have what they want.”

And now for a little bit of humor - If people say they just love the smell of books, I always want to pull them aside and ask to be clear, do you know how reading works?

Norm



MEMBERSHIP: Ramon Murillo

Greetings,

Our current membership is 110.

Please welcome Jim Fell as a new member to the branch.

We wish the following members the best as they depart Branch 102. Their camaraderie and participation will be missed.

Calvin Blair, Bob Blake, Tony Calderon, Jack Collins, Jack Dennison, Michael Dillon, Bob Hamrick, Ed Hills, Dick Houk, Jerry Houpt, Ken Jansma, Dan Link, Dennis McCauley, Pete McDonough, Darrel Moos, Robert Moos, Nabil Musallam, Phil Quinley, John Sharp, Roger Silar, Bill Stephens, Dick Weitzenberg, Tom Wight

Several indicated that they may return in the future once they are ready.

Ramon Murillo



SUNSHINE REPORT: Gary Bohn

.April 2023 Sunshine Report

As your Sunshine person I will try to report on our SIR 102 Members that have been in or out of the hospital or are expiring an illness. I will also report on a member's wife or significant other. I may also report on a member that has passed away and this may include those that may have left the branch but were long time members. I will also report on a member of the branch that lost a loved one.

Talked with Norm Steinbach about his wife Shirley on Tuesday March 14, 2023. Norm advised that in the last week of December Shirley discovered she had Jaundice. She was in the hospital for 5 days for a lot of different tests and they found that she had Pancreas Cancer. She had to wait until the Jaundice cleared up before she could start Chemo. She is having some side effect but handling them quite well. She is on a 14 weeks treatment schedule and then more tests to determine the next step. I have sent a get-well card to her for the Branch. One of our members informed me that Bob Hayes was in the hospital for the last 2 ½ weeks for diabetes problems. The hospital is going to get Bob ready for Dialysis treatments so it looks like Bob will be out of golf for some time. We hope that all goes well for Bob because we miss his humor and great smile. I have sent a get-well card to Bob for the Branch. Got an email from Greg Lazaga on March 14, 2023 advising that he was unable to attend the SIR 102 Branch luncheon because of being groggy. Greg is going to cancel all of March golf because of dizzy spells. He feels that after the operation on his right eye he is having trouble focusing and that may be the reason for he sometimes gets groggy. He has not swung a golf club or practiced putting this year. He hopes that when the weather gets better he may go to the range and play a couple of rounds with his son to see if he can play without getting dizzy. I have sent a get-well card for the branch. I saw George Mohler at the March luncheon and his right shoulder was in a sling. George said that he had surgery on his shoulder and also his hip so he will be out of commission for golf for some time. Will send a get-well card to him as well.

That is all I have right now so if anyone knows of some one that has a medical problem. You can call me at (916) 722-4446 or email at garybohn1@comcast.net

Gary Bohn

SIR 102 2021 OFFICERS

BIG SIR.....Gabe Reddig
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ASST. TREASURER.....Eloy Herrera

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Gary Bohn (HLM)
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TRAVEL Bill Maffei
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BOWLING VACANT
RAMP Recruitment VACANT
RAMP Activities Norm Steinbach
RAMP Membership Ramon Murillo

HONARARY LIFE MEMBERS

As Of
Donald (Don) A. Wagner 2/23/2012 9.7 yrs
Gary Bohn 12/9/2014 7.2 yrs
Jeffrey Dye 8/9/2022

PAST 102 BIG SIR

Gordon Nielson 1983 Bill Drake, 2007
Pete Tapella 1984 Speedy Sheetz 2007
Roy Bostic 1985 Joe Virga 2008
Don Johnson 1986 Mickey Wagner 2009
Paul Siglin 1987 Bob Lamora 2010
Wesley Fisk Jr. 1988 Jim Johnson 2011
Ray Nyman 1989 Dick Larsen 2011
Don Gaylord 1990 Jim Reese 2012
Les Jones 1991 Gary Bohn 2013
Don Gaylord 1992 Don Whalen 2014
Rock Sorgman 1993 Dick Coleman 2015
Bill Spencer 1994 Jeff Dye 2015- 2016
Tom Warburton 1995 Norm Steinbach 2017
Don Neudeck 1996 Cliff Jones 2018
Don Gayner 1997 Larry Dezonion 2019
Don Wiles 1998 Mike Lorton 2020
Tom Eyman 1999 Dan Maglionico 2020/21
Bob Simowski 2000 Gary Adams 2022
Stan Spalding 2001
Chuck Shoemaker 2002
Lloyd Browning 2003
Bob Baker 2004
Don Wagner 2005
Frank Mason 2006

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