



**SONS IN RETIREMENT  
SAN JUAN BRANCH NO. 102  
JANUARY 2026**

**LUNCHEON MEETING**

2nd Tuesday of the Month

Executive Board Meeting 9:30

Social Hour 10:45 Luncheon 11:30

Next Meeting

Tuesday

February 10th

Carmichael Elks Lodge

**Lunch Menu**

**Meatloaf, Mac & Cheese,  
Salad, Jello Cups**

**BAR WILL BE OPEN**

**THINGS TO REMEMBER THIS MONTH**

**President's Day Holiday the 16th**

**GOLF EVERY THURSDAY, PLEASE SIGN UP WITH GROUP YOU WANT TO PLAY WITH FOR EACH EVENT, AND SIGN-UP FOR THE HOLE-IN-ONE INSURANCE**

**FEBRUARY EVENTS:**

**Lincoln Hills the 5th**

**Bing Maloney the 12th**

**Haggin Oaks the 19th**

**Empire Ranch the 26th**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE: THOSE WHO HAVE NOT PAID THEIR GOLF DUES PLEASE DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!**

**Please Note Baseball Flyer From Scott Pinney on Attendance in June for River Cats and "A's" in July on Page 6 of Newsletter**

**IF YOU WANT A MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY, THEY ARE AVAILABLE ONLY AT MEETINGS. PLEASE CONTACT FRED CAMPBELL-CRAVEN**

**IF YOU DON'T RECEIVE AN EMAIL REGARDING YOUR ATTENDANCE TO THE LUNCHEON, PLEASE EMAIL ELOY HERRERA [tmexeloy@yahoo.com](mailto:tmexeloy@yahoo.com)**



## PRESIDENT COMMENTS

TIM RYAN

Dear SIRS,

Our first meeting of the year last month was a grand success!

One important item that I forgot to mention, however, was to introduce our newest member – Mike Strautman – who was officially admitted the same day. Mike is a great addition to our club. Like his sponsor – Kim Mattox – Mike is both a good guy and good golfer.

Also, at the February luncheon, we will have a special SIR guest in attendance. Mark Steffens – our new State SIR Area 4 Representative – will be joining us. Welcome Mark!

### Luncheons

As mentioned during last month's gathering, the BEC will soon be adopting new procedures intended to cut wasteful and excessive costs relating to our luncheon meetings. There are two scenarios which pose a problem:

#### 1. Members Who Fail To Sign Up In Advance But Show Up For Lunch.

**Members who fail to timely notify the club that they intend to attend a luncheon - and eat lunch - but show up expecting a meal.** The club is required to submit a headcount to the Elks in advance of luncheons. For this reason, it's important that members respond – **no later than the due date given in the email delivered to your inbox** - to requests asking whether they will be attending and eating a meal at the luncheon. When members fail to timely notify the club of their intention to eat lunch, none will be prepared for them. This results in instances where the food quantities at the luncheon are not sufficient to feed all members in attendance.

#### 2. Members Who Sign-Up for Lunch But Then Are No-Shows

**Members who sign up for lunch but then fail to show up at the luncheon.** Branch 102 must pay for the number the lunches reserved, When members reserve a lunch but fail to attend the luncheon, the club must pay the Elks for the number the reserved lunches – even those who failed to attend the luncheon. This problem led to the club incurring over \$600 in wasteful expense in the past year alone.

In an effort to address these issues fairly and amicably, the BEC is expected to soon adopt new procedures which likely will call for issuing written notices to offending members, explaining what was done wrong and outlining the correct steps needed to be taken for future luncheons. Once the new procedures have been officially adopted, they will be fully explained to all, both orally and in writing.

#### 3. Reminder - Members Are Required To Attend 5 Meetings Minimum.

Finally, I would like to remind everyone that the State SIR Policies and Procedures requires that each of us attend at least 5 meetings (or replacement events) annually or risk being dropped from the Branch. Of course, there are exceptions such as illness, travel or similar grounds.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the February meeting!

Sincerely

Tim



## Vice President COMMENTS

**Scott Pinney**

### Fellow Sirs:

We had a great kickoff meeting in January as we began a new year with Sir Branch 102.

Our new speaker system worked better than expected and will get better with a few tweaks in the future.

We had a wonderful speaker from the Sacramento Auto Museum, Karen McClafin. Great slide show along with answering many of your questions. Should you feel you would like to volunteer at the Sacramento Auto Museum please check their website: <https://www.calautomuseum.org/volunteer>

For our 2 upcoming baseball games (River Cats in June) and (A's vs Red Sox in July) we have over 30 ticket reservations. This is a first for Branch 102 and we should have a great time. Clipboards with signup sheets will be available once again at the February luncheon. **Reference page 6 in this Newsletter. Don't miss out!**

We've had a good response to both Bocce Ball and Pickle Ball. Hopefully, we will get that up and running as weather turns better in late March or early April. Keep an eye out for upcoming dates. Clipboards will be available at the February luncheon.

**Our guest speaker for February will be an attorney specializing in Wills & Trusts**

Sincerely

Scott

Growing up in Sacramento in the 50's and 60's was great for me. Some things I always miss but remember fondly. *If you have some, let me know and I will include them in forthcoming Newsletter, I know you do!* [tmexeloy@yahoo.com](mailto:tmexeloy@yahoo.com) For now, I will paraphrase a lyric from one of my favorite Bruce Springsteen songs, My Hometown:

**“these things are going fast boys and they ain't coming back”.**

**Sam's Hof Brau** (they had great turkey sandwiches and root beer)

**Tower Records:** (I could and did spend many hours there browsing and listening to music. I knew many of the staff and we debated a lot of the music currently being released. I don't think I ever spent less than 2 hours every time I went to that store. Still have first album I ever bought from them, along with several hundred more. I got a special joy and still do of holding an album and reading the liner notes. Only thing I can say, is I am glad vinyl LPs are making a comeback.)

**Memorial Auditorium Concerts:** (July 22, 1966, the year I went to Viet Nam saw the Rolling Stones and only paid \$4.75. I wish I still had that ticket stub. I saw many a great concert there!)

**The “K” Steet Woolworth's Lunch Counter:** (I couldn't count the lunches ate there. As “K” street declined it finally closed in 1997. Who else remembers Woolworth's?)

**Cruising “K” Street:** (Not many teenagers who grew up in Sacramento didn't do this, most have good memories of those times. Mostly, they were good, I hope.)

**SIR 102 Newsletter Treasurer Report**  
**Month of January, 2026 to 01/31/26**

<b>BEGINNING FUNDS</b>	<b>\$11,874.87</b>
<b>General Accounts:</b>	
Bank Dividends August	\$0.63
2026 DUES (4 payments)	\$140.00
Eloy Herrera Refund Constant Contact (December)	<b>(\$35.00)</b>
<b>Net General gain/(loss)</b>	<b>\$105.63</b>
<b>Custodial Accounts:</b>	
Luncheon Receipts 01/13/26	\$1,475.00
Elks Club Luncheon 01/13/26	<b>(\$1,500.00)</b>
Gary Adams Raffle Prizes 01/13/26	<b>(\$51.44)</b>
Cindy Wright Elks Club (Tip)	<b>(\$100.00)</b>
Cliff Jones Balance of Holiday Party Expenses	<b>(\$201.62)</b>
<b>Net Custodial gain/(loss)</b>	<b>(\$378.06)</b>
<b>ENDING FUNDS:</b>	<b>\$11,602.44</b>

Active Membership is 103. 99 members have paid their 2026 dues.

Yearly Dues for 2026 SIR club are \$35. Members who have not yet paid may pay at the next meeting or may mail the SIR 2026 membership fee to:

John Slingerland  
 1100 El Sur Way  
 Sacramento, CA 95864

If you do not plan to renew you're your membership, please let me know by email at johnpslingerland@gmail.com or text/phone at 916-532-0595.



## TRAVEL WITH BILL MAFFEI

### **SIR 102 Travelers:**

This month's article deals exclusively with information on upcoming 2026 multi-branch travel opportunities. The following is a memo sent to me from Glenn Breslin, the Multi-Branch SIR Travel Chair. This was provided to all SIR branches.

### **SIR Travel Opportunities**

I recently received an email and travel questionnaire from **Multi-Branch Travel Chair Glenn Breslin**, which is set forth below:

SIRs Multi-Branch Travel just completed 2025 with 13 SIRs traveling to Vietnam. These 3 Multi-Branch SIRs trips are also sold out for early 2026: Australia, Japan and Cuba.

It is now time to plan for later in 2026 and into 2027 SIRs trips. If you would like to travel with your fellow SIRs, then please fill out the questionnaire below and send it back to **Glenn Breslin**. If your preferred location is selected for future SIR Multi-Branch travel, then I will contact you to find out how you like to travel (e.g. cost, travel companies, duration, etc.).

### **SIR MULTI-BRANCH TRAVEL QUESTIONNAIRE**

1. Where do you want to travel to? There can be multiple travel locations.
2. What duration works best for you?
3. Do you prefer a land trip or a cruise trip?
4. What are your preferred Land Tour companies or Cruise Companies?
5. Please provide any other comments about SIR Travel?

If your preferred trip(s) turn out to be candidates for future SIR Travel, then I would like to learn more about how you like to travel. Please provide your name, email address and telephone number. Let me know if you have any questions or comments.

Glenn Breslin

Multi-Branch Travel Chair & SIR146-Activity and Travel Chair

[glennbreslin@gmail.com](mailto:glennbreslin@gmail.com) or Phone: 925-788-6520

My fellow SIR 102 members, for those of you who like to travel internationally, this is a great opportunity to experience over seas trips with like minded vacationers. Glenn Breslin is working hard to provide great travel opportunities to SIR members through out the state. For those SIR 102 members who are thinking of traveling internationally, I encourage you to contact Glenn by email or phone and see what he has to offer.

Be safe and we will see you down the road.

**Bill**

## SIR ACTIVITIES

### Book Exchange Every Meeting



**Please Bring a Book and Take ones of your choosing**

We know many of you have some books that are just gathering dust, so bring them to the exchange for others to enjoy too.

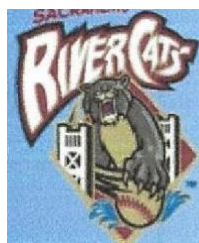
### Breakfast Buddies, every Third Wednesday at 8:00AM

Lido Café and Bakery, 7907 Fair Oaks Blvd, Carmichael

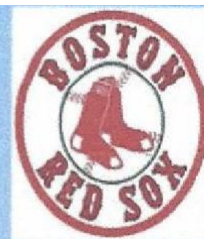
### Poker

Each poker event will be held the last Wednesday of each month at 12:00 to 4:00 PM at Cal Conley's home. Contact Cal if you want to play at [sviconley@hotmail.com](mailto:sviconley@hotmail.com)

**Coming soon – Bocce Ball, look for announcements!**



vs.



June 3rd, 2026 - 5:45pm

BBQ - 5:45 pm

Game - 6:45 pm

Cost - BBQ & Tickets - \$41

July 29th, 2026 - 6:40pm

Seats - 3rd base dugout

Cost - Only \$40

**IF INTERESTED, SEND EMAIL REQUESTING TICKETS TO:**

[pscottpinney@gmail.com](mailto:pscottpinney@gmail.com)

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*(Please visit our website for more in-depth information about the SSS.)*

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Visit <https://WeAreSir.com> for information regarding SIR membership.**



## BIRDIES AND BOGIES

### FOR THIS MONTH

web site: <https://sirinc2.org/branch102/>

Hi Fellow Golfers,

Well, hopefully our golfing rounds will warm up soon. Our round at Mather on 22 January was interesting. It was so foggy I don't believe anyone could locate the flag from the fairways! Seriously, it was like hitting shots blindfolded. Anyway, it was a bundle up type of day but still fun to get out and hack away. The cold beer afterward was surprisingly good also.

We have had a schedule change for our June 11<sup>th</sup> round at Lincoln Hills. Because of scheduling issues, we are changing this round to Mather. We will announce it later and a revised schedule will be forthcoming. Signups for Match and Club Championship Play will commence in the Spring so watch for it on the sign-up sheets.

Congratulations to Robert Sheetz for being voted in as Asst. Tournament Director at our January Golf Meeting. Robert has already begun helping this year and he will assume the duties of being our scheduler for 2027. A big thank you him for offering to help the golf club.

Hope to see you at our February 10<sup>th</sup> luncheon.

*Thanks, Jeff, 102 Golf Chair*



## HAPPY GOLF TRAVEL FOR 2026 AND NEWS FROM DON WAGNER



Here's hoping 2026 will give you the opportunity to play a lot of golf and join us for our overnight trips. Even though we're retired, it's still nice to take a short trip and enjoy a couple of rounds of golf outside our normal courses. Our schedule for overnight golf trips looks like this:

**Reno** ...May 5 & 6...2 nights ...golf at Red Hawk-Hills Course (Wed) & Lakeridge (Thur). Flyer to be sent out by end of Feb.

\* **COMING SOON:** Signups at general meetings Mar 10 & Apr14

**Carson City** ...July 14 - 16 ... 3 nights ... golf at Toiyabe (Wed) and Eagle Valley West (Thurs)...**a real mini vacation** with Banquets every night, slot tournament, special Ladies event and more...much more...

Signups at general meetings May 12 & June 9

**Rolling Hills/Reno** (TBD) Oct 7 & 8 2 nights....Working with Management to get a better price on rooms so we can go up a day before and have two nights instead of one (like the Reno trip)

Signups at general meetings Aug 11 & Sep 8

Mark your calendar and join us for some great team tournaments with CTP on every hole and Best of the Best bonus.



## *FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY BOYS*

**Cal Conley, 78 - 2/10    Ralph Torres, 70 - 2/12    Bob Keith, 83 - 2/15**

**Tom Hennessy, 81 - 2/15    Bob Baker, 82 - 2/18    Manuel Castaeda, 70 - 2/18    Robert Sheetz, 70 - 2/23**



## **FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

**RAMON MURILLO**

Greetings:

Membership is at 103

### **Member losses to report:**

**Alfio Caniglia**

**Andy Kingsbury**

**Greg Lazaga**

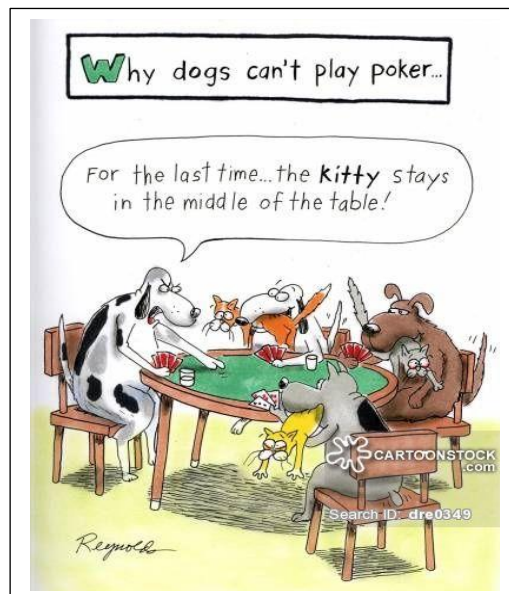
**Jeff Selby**

### **New Members to Report:**

**Michael Strautman**

Please, join me in welcoming Michael Strautman. If you meet him at our monthly meetings or on the golf course, be sure to introduce yourself and welcome him to the branch. As always, we encourage you to bring new members to further our fellowship.

***Ramon, Membership Chair***



**SIR 102 2026 OFFICERS**

President.....Tim Ryan  
Vice President.....Scott Pinney  
Treasurer.....John Slingerland  
Asst. Treasurer.....Eloy Herrera  
Secretary.....Fred Campbell-Craven  
Asst. Secretary.....Rick Hamilton

**DIRECTORS**

Dallas Ito (2028)  
Gabe Reddig (2026)  
Robert Duplantier (2026)  
Cal Conley (2027)  
Gary Adams (2027)  
Don Wagner (2028)

**HLM**

Don Wagner 2/23/2012  
Gary Bohn 10/8/2014  
Jeff Dye 8/9/2022  
Bob Fitzgerald 11/11/2019  
Gary Adams. 12/25/2024  
Vic Mershon (HLM)

**STATE OFFICERS**

State President: Dale Decker  
Area 4 Representative Mark Steffens  
Director Region 1 Hugh Thompson

**BRANCH DISTINGUISHED**

**SERVICE AWARD**

Jack Gilmore  
Vic Mershon

**SIR 102 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN**

AUDITOR Fred Campbell Craven  
ATTENDANCE Ramon Murillo  
ACTIVITIES Scott Pinney  
AUDIO/VIDEO Bob Fitzgerald  
BOOK EXCHANGE Joe Wulf  
CHAPLAIN Max Kinsey  
GOLF Jeff Dye

MEMBERSHIP Ramon Murillo  
NEWSLETTER Eloy A. Herrera  
SUNSHINE Gary Bohn  
TRAVEL Bill Maffei

WEBMASTER Eloy A. Herrera

THE SINGIN' SWINGIN' SIRS Robert DuPlantier

RAMP Recruitment Scott Pinney  
RAMP Activities Cal Conley  
RAMP Membership Ramon Murillo  
RAMP Publicity Jeff Dye

**HONARARY LIFE MEMBERS**

As Of  
Donald (Don) Wagner 02/23/2012  
Gary Bohn 12/09/2014  
Jeffrey Dye 08/09/2022  
Bob Fitzgerald 11/11/2019  
Gary Adams 2024  
Vic Mershon

**SENIOR SIR**

Greg Lazaga

**PAST 102 BIG SIR**

Gordon Nielson-1983 Pete Tapella-1984  
Roy Bostic-1985 Don Johnson-1986  
Paul Siglin-1987 Wesley Fisk Jr.-1988  
Ray Nyman-1989 Don Gaylord-1990  
Les Jones-1991 Don Gaylord-1992  
Rock Sorgman-1993 Bill Spencer-1994  
Tom Warburton-1995 Don Neudeck-1996  
Don Gayner-1997 Don Wiles-1998  
Tom Eyman-1999 Bob Simowski-2000  
Stan Spalding-2001 Chuck Shoemaker-2002  
Lloyd Browning-2003 Bob Baker-2004  
Don Wagner-2005. Frank Mason-2006  
Bill Drake-2007 Joe Virga-2008  
Mickey Wagner-2009 Bob Lamora-2010  
Jim Johnson-2011 Dick Larsen-2012  
Jim Reese-2012. Gary Bohn-2013  
Don Whalen-2014. Dick Coleman-2015  
Jeff Dye-2015-16. Norm Steinbach-2017  
Cliff Jones -2018. Larry Dezonias-2019  
Mike Lorton-2020. Dan Maglionico-2020-21  
Gary Adams-2022. Gabe Reddig-2023  
Cal Conley 2024. Don Wagner - 2025

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