



**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

JANUARY 13th

Carmichael Elks Lodge

**Lunch Menu**

**Spaghetti, Garlic Bread,  
Salad and Dessert**

**BAR WILL BE OPEN**

**THINGS TO REMEMBER THIS MONTH**

I hope you all had enjoyable Holidays with Family and Friends and are looking forward to a great New Year in 2026.

**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**

**JANUARY EVENTS:**

Bartley Cavanaugh the 8<sup>th</sup>

Diamond Oaks the 15<sup>th</sup>

Mather the 22<sup>nd</sup>

Teal Bend the 29<sup>th</sup>

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

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**

### WELCOME TO 2026

I hope each of and every one of you had a wonderful holiday season with family and friends!

Somehow, I was lucky enough to earn a promotion. And even get a new title! I'm excited to share with you the news that I will be assuming the role of President (formerly Big SIR) of Branch 102 in 2026. Assisting me will be Scott Pinney, who graciously stepped up to be the Vice President (formerly Little SIR) in the coming year. Scott brings great energy to his new role and will soon be sharing with all of us his many new and exciting ideas to improve our club and enhance the SIR experience for each of us.

Last year, I was the Little SIR, a role I enjoyed because of all the interesting speakers I met along the way. But what I was also doing during that same period was (sort of) being the "Big SIR in Training." Now that my big promotion is here, my "training wheels" are off, so to speak, and I'm ready to lead Branch 102. All I ask is your help when requested and your patience - ALWAYS.

From my vantage point, 2026 is shaping up to be an excellent year for us. The annual golfing calendar is either already out or will be soon. Thank you to Randy Howery (and Joe Wulf and everyone else who participated) for arranging the 2026 schedule. The calendar has lots of interesting courses – many of the favorites plus new ones - for us to test our skills.

Additionally, next year multiple golf trips are being planned for Reno, Carson City and Rolling Hills. Thank you to Golf Tavel Chair Don Wagner for organizing the 2026 trips! If you have not yet experienced one of Don's out-of-town golf escapes, I would urge you to seriously consider doing so this year. I have found each trip to be loads of fun. Even more importantly, the trips afford each of us a unique opportunity to spend time with – and really get to know - your fellow SIRS. If you are somewhat new to SIRS and/or haven't been on one of these trips before, I highly recommend it!

Sincerely

Tim

### THOUGHTS FOR THE MONTH

The older we get, the better we were!

A good thing to remember if you are not getting older, your dead!

It is getting harder every day to accept being the same age as old people.

I'm not sure it is a good thing to be the smartest person in the room.

It might be a good idea to take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism!

Occasionally it is good to listen to:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uhPVnP6K0G0>



## Vice President COMMENTS

**Scott Pinney**

### **HAPPY NEW YEAR FELLOW SIRS:**

After 8 years with SIR 102, I've decided to jump in with both feet and assist helping lead our Branch for the next couple of years. Jeff Dye was my sponsor, and it was a great decision to join. I've met so many new people who have become friends and played a little golf along the way.

For those of you who missed the Christmas Party in December at Northridge CC you missed a wonderful party that included over 120 guests. Karen (Jeff Dye), Suzi & Liz (Cliff Jones), Sandy (John Luddington) & Marilyn (Jim Liddicoat) were the committee instrumental in pulling off this great event. Our thanks go out to all of them along with those others who contributed in other ways. Thank You!!

Rick Keskey's niece played Christmas music in the background, and it was just lovely.

As our group moves into 2026, I would like us to focus on 2 areas. **One**, adding more activities to our branch and **two**, adding new members. Right now, we are basically a golf club. But, along the way we've added a Poker club (Cal Conley is the lead) which is on the last Wednesday of each month at his home (12 pm - 4 pm) and a Breakfast club that meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Lido Café & Bakery in Carmichael at 8 am. We also have the Singin' Swingin' Sirs and director Robert Duplantier is always looking for new singers to join his group. At our last meeting in November, we had enough members express an interest in playing both Bocce Ball and Pickleball. We are going to set up play for Bocce Ball at Carmichael for Park beginning sometime late March or early April depending upon the weather. To begin maybe 1-2 times per month and we can include spouses. More to follow.

We have an opportunity to join Branch 98 at (2) baseball games in 2026. On Wednesday, June 3rd there is a River Cats ball game along with an all you can eat BBQ. Cost is: \$46.00 per person (spouses invited). BBQ begins at 5:45 pm with game time at 6:45 pm. Seats are behind 3rd base (sun will be behind us). Then on Thursday, July 9th the A's play the Red Sox. Cost is: 40.00 per person, no BBQ (spouses invited). Game time is 6:40 pm. Seats are behind 3rd base. Signup sheets will be available soon. I am going to order a block of tickets by mid-January so put your order in asap.

Our guest speaker for **January is Karen McClafin from the California Auto Museum**

**Sincerely**

**Scott**

**SIR 102 Newsletter Treasurer Report**  
**Month of December, 2025 to 12/31/25**

<b>BEGINNING FUNDS</b>	<b>\$13,722.05</b>
<b>General Accounts:</b>	
Bank Dividends August	\$0.55
2026 DUES (11 payments)	\$385.00
Fred Campbell-Craven Refund SoundSystem	(\$816.23)
Fred Campbell-Craven Refund SoundSystem	(\$17.14)
SIR 1st Qtr. 2026 Assessment	(\$296.40)
Eloy Herrera Refund Constant Contact (December)	(\$35.00)
<b>Net General gain/(loss)</b>	<b>(\$779.22)</b>
<b>Custodial Accounts:</b>	
Holiday Party Receipts	\$5,950.00
Holiday Party Receipts	\$100.00
Dan Maglionico Refund of Holiday Party Receipt	(\$50.00)
Northridge Country Club Holiday Party	(\$5,208.51)
Jeff Dye Refund Northridge Country Club Holiday Party Additional Charge	(\$53.88)
Jeff Dye Refund Holiday Party Expenses	(\$1,205.57)
Cliff Jones Advance on Refund Holiday Party Expenses	(\$500.00)
Grace Keskeys Holiday Party Pianist	(\$100.00)
<b>Net Custodial gain/(loss)</b>	<b>(\$1,067.96)</b>
<b>ENDING FUNDS:</b>	<b>\$11,874.87</b>

2025 December 31 Active Membership is 106. 95 members have paid thier 2026 dues.

Yearly Dues for 2026 SIR club members have been increased from 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.

## MESSAGE TO ALL SIR 102 MEMBERS

### Santa Brings Branch 102 a New Sound System!

Santa must have decided that the men of SIRs Branch 102 must have been more nice than naughty in 2025, because he gave us the #1 item on our North Pole Wish List. Santa's assistant, Fred Campbell-Craven, with the approval of your Branch Executive Board, enlisted the expertise of his son Brendan, who majored in Integrated Computers in the Arts and Media at UC San Diego and has done sound for the Sacramento Kings and a number of large events during his career. He is now employed by Wikimedia Foundation as a systems engineer and their resident sound expert. Brendan recommended a package that was both within our budget and of excellent quality that should serve us well in the years to come.

We checked our list and checked it twice, and Santa came through for us. We are now the proud owners of a brand-new Phenyx Pro PTU71 wireless microphone system, which has two mics, two adjustable frequencies, IR synchronization, auto scan, and a 328 foot range. Paired with this are two Alto Professional TX412 700-Watt 12 inch powered loudspeakers with Bluetooth, stands, and all the needed cables. Fred has tested the system and it's ready to go for any of our events, including those off-campus, whether indoors or outside. Check the system out at our January luncheon!





## TRAVEL WITH BILL MAFFEI

SIR 102 Travelers:

For those of you who are looking for some international travel to Australia, Vietnam, or Cuba please contact Glenn Breslin. He has information regarding these trips.

For those of you who want to stay closer to home, my suggestion would be to visit Sonoma California. Sonoma is about a seventy-minute drive from the Sacramento metro area. Wine tasting, biking, walking, shopping, restaurants, and of course, golfing.

The restaurants are excellent, and there's shops that offer free tasting for their award-winning cheeses.

For the avid golfers, the Silverado Golf course is spectacular. A bit pricey, but worth it.

For you, history buffs, Sonoma is the place where The Bear Flag Revolt took place which put our state on the road to independence from Mexico. The town square has a monument dedicated to this event.

Happy New Year and safe travels.

**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!**

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**Bob Baker, SSS Business Manager**  
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Visit <https://WeAreSir.com> for information regarding SIR membership.**



## BIRDIES AND BOGIES

### FOR THIS MONTH

web site: [www.sirinc2.org/branch 102](http://www.sirinc2.org/branch 102)

Hi Fellow Golfers,

We hope that all of you had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Here we are in January and hopefully we can get in some rounds of golf soon without our balls plugging or disappearing into the fog.

Our Asst. Tournament Director, Randy Howery, is finalizing our 2026 schedule and it will be posted and emailed to us soon.

I have been informed that not all golf club members have paid their NCGA/Golf Club dues for 2026. It is imperative that you send a check to Jim Stephenson, ASAP. Refer to the January sign-up sheet emailed to all golf club members on December 12<sup>th</sup>. It shows the amount due if you have not paid. The amount is \$75 and was due by December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Plan on attending our golf club meeting following our January 13<sup>th</sup> luncheon. Also, don't forget to bring an extra check for our February golf sign-ups. Hope to see you then.

*Thanks, Jeff, 102 Golf Chair*

## GOLF NEWS FLASH IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T HEARD

On November 28<sup>th</sup>, Bill Maffei, with his son, son-in-law, oldest granddaughter and grandson, on the ninth and final hole of the Cliff 9-hole golf course at the SF Olympic Club scored his first hole in one!! He didn't see it go in but the others saw it! He could not believe it!! (Not sure if we do, but he had witnesses, but all were his relatives) It will make the Olympic Club January news bulletin. His son is a new member!! What a day!! 98 yard par three, used a pitching wedge!! The impossible happened!! Bill with two of his grandchildren in front of the hole.





### ***DECEMBER BIRTHDAY BOYS***

**Gary Bohn, 85 - 12/1    Bob Fitzgerald, 88 – 12/4    Dante Vassey, 58 – 12/5**

**Ulf Tylen, 87 – 12/7    Dallas Eto, 73 – 12/8    Don Kruse, 82 – 12/25**

### ***JANUARY BIRTHDAY BOYS***

**Dan Wallentine, 79 – 1/2    Fred Campbell-Craven, 71 – 1/4    John (JC) Owens – 1/4**

**Niles Christopherson, 79 – 1/18    Robert Musial, 77 – 1/20    Joe Wulf, 76 – 1/21**

**Mark Blaylock, 74 – 1/27    George Friend, 81 – 1/30    Eloy Herrera, 80 – 1/30    Mike Moore, 80 – 1/30**



## **JULY MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

**Ramon Murillo**

Greetings:

Membership is at 106

**Member losses to report:**

**Jim Munson**

**New Members to report from November:**

**Dennis Airehart, Gary Heal, and returning member Dan Maglionico**

Please, join me in welcoming back Dan Maglionico and new Members Dennis Airehart and Gary Heal. If you meet them, be sure to introduce yourself and welcome them 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 Dezonnia-2019  
Mike Lorton-2020. Dan Maglionico-2020-21  
Gary Adams-2022. Gabe Reddig-2023  
Cal Conley 2024. Don Wagner - 2025

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