



**SONS IN RETIREMENT**  
**SAN JUAN BRANCH NO. 102**  
**JUNE 2024**

**LUNCHEON MEETING**

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month

Executive Board Meeting 9:30

Social Hour 10:45 Luncheon 11:30

Carmichael Elks Lodge

Next Meeting

**Tuesday**

**June 11th**

**Lunch Menu**

**Sloppy Joes, Tator Tots,  
Salad and Dessert**

**BAR WILL BE OPEN**



**BIG SIR COMMENTS**

**CAL CONLEY**

I hope you all had a wonderful Memorial Holiday Weekend. I would like to thank Little Sir Gary Adams for completing my duties during my absence.

Since I returned from my vacation, I have been informed SIRS 102 lost two members, George Wheeler and Jules Gruen. George was a man of few words however he exhibited great actions. He was an excellent editor of the branches bulletin. Both SIRS will be missed.

Norm Steinbach, Ramp Coordinator, formed a meeting with members prior to the monthly meeting. The members present were Gary Adams, Dallas Eto, Don Wagner, Jeffery Dye, Eloy Herrera, Ramon Murrillo and Robert Duplantier. I would like to thank each individual for their time and efforts. I would also like to acknowledge Robert Sheetz who completed his commitment to contact all those who failed to respond to the luncheon email. The information he received will assist the Ramp Program. Members from the Ramp Committee were the speakers at the May luncheon. I was informed that there was a great deal of interaction between the Ramp members and the audience.

Bill Maffei, Travel Chairperson will discuss information regarding the tour of the USS Hornet.

The following SIRS were winners at the monthly drawing: George Mohler, Jack Gilmore, Mike Lorton, Steve Green, Tim Goffa, Mike Egstad, Niles Christopherson, Dan Wallentine, Gary Bohn and Steve Zickerman (a new member). Congratulations to all of you.

If any member doesn't receive a Constant Contact invitation to attend the luncheon prior to five days before the luncheon, you should either call or E-mail Little SIR Gary Adams. His phone number is (916) 947-2255 and his e-mail is gaadams00@yahoo.com. Also, if you are going to bring a guest please call Little Sir Gary Adams.

*Something to think about: Three of the four most important lessons I ever learned in life came from my stepdad: 1) The only person you can trust in life is yourself. 2) You can't be happy with someone else until you're happy with yourself. 3) Don't lie and don't break your word. (The fourth lesson came from Aunt Jen, who taught me, "If you're interested in a girl, always meet her mom because all girls end up eventually turning into their moms, with no exceptions.") Bill Simmons, Sportswriter*

*Cal Conley*



## LITTLE SIR COMMENTS

**GARY ADAMS**

It's very difficult to lose a friend like George Wheeler. He was one of the real good guys. He was a retired Air Force Master Sergeant and spent many years in Viet Nam being shot at regularly in a big plane. We spent many years playing golf before and after SIRS. I don't recall how many years he did the Branch Newsletter for SIR 102, but was quite awhile. He worked at the Department of Water Resources (DWR) for many years in Data Processing, so he was familiar with computers for sure. George and I, along with Archie Noriega and Gene Delfin all come into SIRS 102 thru Don Neudeck. All from DWR in one way or another.

Thanks to Eloy Herrera for picking up the Newsletter responsibilities. Eloy is also Assistant Treasurer for the branch. Anyone who might be interested in his assistant treasure job, please let us know.

Don't forget about the trip to the US Hornet on June 24<sup>th</sup>. Bill Maffei has an article in this month's Newsletter as well email he sent on Constant Contact.

Remember, coming up in July is Carson City Golf trip. As Don Wagner likes to say, this isn't just a golf outing, it's like going on a vacation. It can be fun for you and the wife. You get beautiful country, great fun at the Casino, hotel, and activities besides golf to enjoy.

*Gary Adams*

## 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 experiencing 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 family member as well.

1. George Wheeler our SIR 102 News Editor passed away on May 17, 2024 from a cancerous tumor in his lung. I do not have any specific information on funeral arrangements or Celebration of life at this time. If I hear anything will provide the information. I have sent a sympathy card to the family. George was a member of SIR 102 for 20 years, he was sponsored by Don Neudeck, another of our longtime members who passed many years ago. George was our News Editor for many years and he would always remind us that we had to get our articles to him by the 20th of each month. George was also a life time member of the Air Force Sergeants Association where he held virtually all positions in the local chapter and spearheaded many events and activities. George will be missed by all of SIR 102 and the Sergeants Association.
2. I received word at our last May meeting that Jim Olsen had lung surgery on May 13, 2024. He is in recovery and doing fine as of now. This was a lung surgery that had been put off for some time by the military because they felt it was too serious to do, but Jim found a surgeon that said he could do it with no risk.
3. That is all I have at this time if anyone has any information on another of our members, please send me an email at [garybohn1@comcast.net](mailto:garybohn1@comcast.net) or call at (916) 722-4446.

*Gary*

# SIR 102 NEWSLETTER TREASURER REPORT

Month of May 2024 to 5/31/24

**BEGINNING FUNDS** **\$13,484.14**

**General Accounts:**

Bank Dividends	<b>\$0.55</b>
2024 Dues (1)	<b>\$30.00</b>
2024 State SIR 2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr Assessment	<b>(\$367.50)</b>
Constant Contact Hosting (April)	<u><b>(\$28.00)</b></u>
<b>Net General Gain/Loss</b>	<b>(364.95)</b>

**Custodial Accounts:**

Luncheon Receipts 05/14/24	<b>\$1,425.00</b>
Luncheon Elks Club Luncheon Expense 05/14/24	<b>(\$1,232.00)</b>
Luncheon Raffle/Wine 05/14/24	<b>(\$49.71)</b>
Luncheon Bar 05/14/24; (to meet \$175 Minimum)	<u><b>\$0.00</b></u>
<b>Net Custodial Gain/Loss</b>	<u><b>\$143.29</b></u>

**ENDING FUNDS:** **\$13,262.48**

Active Membership is 114

Next Luncheon is Tuesday, June 11, 2024; Cost is \$25 for Eating \$5.00 for

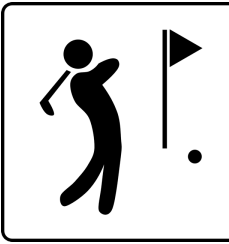
Attending but not eating. Guests are FREE

**John Slingerland**

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Sacramento CA 95864

IF you do not plan to renew your membership, please let me know by email by phone at 916-532-0595 or by email at [johnpslingerland@gmail.com](mailto:johnpslingerland@gmail.com)



## BIRDIES AND BOGIES

JUNE 2024

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



Hello Fellow Members:

Hope you're enjoying our weather and that your golf game is picking up. Our Club Championship and Match Play rounds have begun so I hope that you're enjoying it.

Just a reminder of our upcoming Carson City Tournament on July 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>. As usual, it will be two days of golf with 3 nights of fine food and lodging at the Gold Dust West Casino. Guests are welcome and any golfers that play will need an NCGA Index. Also, our rounds are both scrambles and will be played at Toiyabe Golf Course on Thursday and Silver Oaks on Friday, both at 8:30 a.m. Our last signup will be at the June luncheon meeting so bring plenty of checks. Note on your schedules that we have only two rounds scheduled in July. We don't play on July 4<sup>th</sup> nor do we have a round scheduled on the week of Carson City so it's a great time to join us in Nevada!

Bring your wives, girlfriends, (hopefully not both at once) and guests for a really fun time away from the valley. We'll have lots of fun stuff going on too. There will be a "queen of the green" putting contest at Eagle Valley West Golf Course on Thursday, a slot tournament and dinner with no host cocktails. Friday, free bowling is offered along with dinner and awards given out to the golfing participants.

Look forward to seeing you at the June 11<sup>th</sup> luncheon meeting.

*Jeff Dye*



## GOLF TRAVEL CHAIRMAN – DON WAGNER

### Rolling Hills...

We had 16 players with 3 Foursomes and 2 Threesomes. It was a windy but dry day with some shots requiring your best skill or relying on a short prayer. We gave out 58 envelopes for CCTP with Best of the Best players Carlos Salazar (Monday) and Henry Idica (Tuesday) winning with shots which were both just over one foot from the pin. We also gave out 32 Team envelopes for a total of 90 envelopes. Almost everyone joined us at the Rock and Brew for a nice evening.

Overall it was an enjoyable trip and we are planning on returning to Rolling Hills in the fall for those who were unable to join us to enjoy more of the challenges this course places on us plus the biggest benefit of all which is the company of so many nice guys.....

It was great event but if you think that was a nice outing (which it was). "You Ain't seen Nothing yet, wait for Carson City which in addition to some great golf courses and includes so much more, it really is a Mini-Vacation with Banquets, Slot Tournament, Queen of the Green, and much more check out the flier at the luncheon. FINAL reservations will be taken at our June 11th meeting. Treat Yourself!

*Golf: An endless series of TRAGEDIES obscured by the occasional MIRACLE*

*Don Wagner*

## GOLF TRIVIA

Who hit the only golf shots on the moon and when? What club did he use? How many balls did he leave there? Answers next month. I will buy a drink from the bar for whoever emails first me with the correct answer. tmexeloy@yahoo.com

Shadow Creek Golf Course in Las Vegas is considered the most expensive golf course in the world. A round will set you back \$1250 and you must be staying at the MGM Resort. Those of you who played there, my question is: Was it worth it?

Last bit of useless trivia is as of 2023, there were an estimated 15,500 golf courses in the US and only a little over 14,000 McDonald's. But if you time it right and use Door Dash, you can probably get a Big Mac, fries and a drink delivered to you at the turn instead of a hot dog or hamburger from the club house.





## RAMP: Norm Steinbach

Branch 102's RAMP2024 program is off to a great start. As I said in last month's Newsletter and at the May Luncheon that we are concentrating our effort on improving the attendance to our Monthly Luncheon/Meeting and then Recruiting new members.

After some research on the State Website, it was discovered a new State SIR Manual (dated 4 December 2023) had been posted. Per the State Manual under Policy 25 Member Attendance it stated: "A member shall be required to attend one-half of the regular Branch monthly luncheon meetings within the previous twelve consecutive month period", and under BYLAW 18: "To maintain his membership, a member must attend his Branch meetings as required by Policy 25"

Robert Sheetz contacted all members who failed to respond to our monthly luncheon e-mail. The RAMP committee will be meeting before the June luncheon to discuss the Attendance Policy and the Roberts information and determining our next steps and time frame of action to increasing attendance.

*"By failing to prepare you are preparing to fail" - Ben Franklin*

*Norm*



### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Mike Callahan 72, 6/2   Gary Varnery 83, 6/3   Jeff Janoian 65, 6/5   Robert Rogel 68, 6/11

Jim Morgan 70, 6/15   Hank Price 94, 6/17 (WOW)   Jim Lunsford 83, 6/22   Tom Liddicoat 76, 6/29



## USS HORNET SIR 102 TRIP



**MONDAY, JUNE 24<sup>th</sup>**

Departure from Carmichael Elks will be at 8:30AM, via automobile. The Elks will permit us to park all vehicles that will not be driving down to Alameda in their parking lot. This is a SIR sponsored event. We will carpool, as decided at the April 9<sup>th</sup> 2024 meeting it was voted upon to carpool versus chartering a bus.

We should arrive at the *Hornet* by 10:30-11:00AM depending on the bay area traffic. The hours of operation are 10:00AM to 5:00PM. There is an abundance of free parking on the pier opposite the *Hornet*. It should take us about 2 ½ hours to totally see the exhibit. There is a food truck on the pier in Alameda, where the *Hornet* is docked. There is also a souvenir shop that is open on the main deck.

The ADMISSION FEE IS \$15 FOR SENIORS AND RETIRED AND ACTIVE DUY MILITARY. Payment can be made via credit card or cash. For those individuals interested, there are specialized small group, docent guided tours; there is an additional \$10 fee for this service. The *USS Hornet* played a significant role in the Vietnam War and the Apollo Space Program. **THIS IS A SUPER EXHIBIT THAT WILL BE ENJOYED BY ALL!!**

We will plan to return back to Carmichael around 2:30-3:00PM. I plan to stop on the way home in Suisun City at a Mexican Restaurant, La Cabana Home Style Mex, 325 Main Street, Suisan City. They have a great Happy Hour menu.

**Members and friends/spouses/significant others can sign up at the June 2024 Luncheon at the Elks Club or members can email Bill Maffei at the following address: [mrmaffei@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mrmaffei@sbcglobal.net)**

In either case, please tell me how many in your party and WHETHER YOU CAN PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION for your party and any other guests needing a ride. Hopefully we provide rides for all that desire to attend.

Any questions please email Bill Maffei at the above email address; or see Bill Maffei at the June SIR 102 luncheon

*Bill Maffei*

**SIR 102 2021 OFFICERS**

**BIG SIR.....Cal Conley**  
**LITTLE SIR ..... Gary Adams**  
**SECRETARY...Fred Campbell-Craven**  
**ASST. SECRETARY.....Jim Lasiter**  
**TREASURER.....John Slingerland**  
**ASST. TREASURER.....Eloy Herrera**

**DIRECTORS**

**Dallas Ito (2025)**  
**Norm Steinbach (2025)**  
**Gabe Reddig (2026)**  
**George Wheeler (2024)**  
  
**Niles Christopherson (2024)**  
**Don Wagner (State HLM)**  
  
**Gary Bohn (HLM)**  
**Jeff Dye (HLM)**  
**Bob Fitzgerald (HLM)**  
**Vic Mershon (HLM)**

**STATE OFFICERS**

State President: Dale Decker  
Area 4 Representative Jack Reefer  
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 Norm Steinbach**  
**AUDIO/VIDEO Bob Fitzgerald**  
**BOOK EXCHANGE Tom McKinley**  
**CHAPLAIN Vic Mershon**  
**GOLF Jeff Dye**  
  
**MEMBERSHIP Ramon Murillo**  
**NEWSLETTER George Wheeler**  
**SUNSHINE Gary Bohn**  
**TRAVEL Bill Maffei**  
  
**WEBMASTER Gary Adams**  
  
**THE SINGIN' SWINGIN' SIRS Robert DuPlantier**  
  
**RAMP Recruitment Vacant**  
**RAMP Activities Norm Steinbach**  
**RAMP Membership Ramon Murilo**  
**RAMP Publicity John Owens**

**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  
Vic Mershon

**SENIOR SIR**

Pete McDonough

**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 Speedy Sheetz-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**





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