



# Sons in Retirement SAN JUAN BRANCH NO. 102 January 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**  
**January 10th**  
[www.sirinc2.org/branch102/](http://www.sirinc2.org/branch102/)

## Lunch Menu:

pizza, green salad, mac salad, dessert.

**Bar will be open**



### BIG SIR COMMENTS:

#### Gabe Reddig

Happy New Year to all our great SIRs 102 Chapter members! Here's hoping 2023 will be a great year of building new friendships, renewing existing relationships, and some fine adventures in golf, travel, and celebrations with guys we can call true friends. As I begin my year as Big SIR, I'm always remembering that I've got a lot of senior guys with tons of experience who have already pledged their support to keep stuff on track, a promise I will use often. I will actively be looking for ways we can do things better, and solicit the input from all of our membership. The collective life experiences of our members is certainly a great source of ideas for improving the SIRs experience in our 102 Chapter.

I want to thank Gary Adams for doing a fine job this past year as Big SIR. It was a tough year with a myriad of challenges, and he got us safely through it. Our declining membership, which is similar to other statewide chapters, will be a continuing challenge which I hope to face head on. This and other challenges become opportunities ONLY because of the amazing support staff that are in all the key offices and committees in our Chapter 102. Thank you all for stepping up again for the new year! We still have a few positions available for some dedicated volunteers.

I must offer giant words of thanks and praise to Jeff & Karen Dye for their skillful management of perhaps the best Christmas Party ever! The many hours of preparation, coordination, and decorating by the Dyes and their Christmas Committee set a very high bar for how it's done right. Those of you who couldn't make it really missed a great one, and we missed you too! Keep that in mind for next year, and for the Chapter Picnic too. These are the Branch's two major celebrations for the year, and it's also a nice time to ask that good friend to join us as a potential new member. Let's make 2023 a memorable year for SIRs Branch 102."

*Gabe Reddig,  
Big SIR*



### LITTLE SIR COMMENTS:

#### Gary Adams

After being Big SIR for Branch 102 last year, I am now going to take on the Little SIR position for 2023. Normally, of course, the Little SIR position is held the year before becoming the Big SIR. Due to unfortunate circumstances the previous year, we had to make some changes. Hopefully we can get back to the norm next year.

As Big SIR I spent a lot of time on-line with the State SIRs on their ZOOM meetings. In case you're interested you can go to the State SIRs web site and type in "VIDEOS" to see previous meetings of State SIRs or Webmaster meetings as well. The State SIR members are extremely impressive bunch and work very hard to manage the SIR Organization. In addition, they are all members of a SIR Branch just like you and me.

As you know, the Statewide membership in SIRs continues to go down. Aging members, Covid, lack of activities, and other issues are causing dramatic reductions in many Branches. The State SIRs are trying to help turn this around.

We will probably start seeing some suggestions from them in the near future.

As Little SIR my primary role is to find Speakers to come to our Luncheons. For your information, there is also a list on the State SIR webpage called "SPEAKERS" that lists speakers who have been to other Branches. Those of you who are interested can look at that list for making recommendations. Our first speaker for the January 2023 meeting is going to be a presentation on something that is very unfortunate. It has become a serious issue that I personally am concerned about and has effected my way of life and probably yours as well. **Crime!** I am concerned about what's going on in our City and our Country. So, I arranged for our first speaker of the year to discuss a subject that is extremely important to us all now days "Active Shooter, how to respond". It just so happens that my Son ,Steven, has been providing this presentation for many local companies and organizations from information provided by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

One last comment from Little SIR: As I mentioned earlier, the State SIR's is trying to motivate the Branches to gain members by recommending a number of methods. Increase activities, advertise, merge with another Branch, invite someone to join(free lunch), invite someone to join us for a round of golf or Bocce Ball, and last, but not least, get involved and volunteer for one of our chairman or other positions that we need to function as an organization.

**All Chairman ships and other positions are listed on the last page of this newsletter.**

*Gary Adams,  
Little SIR*

## SIR 102 Treasurer Report

Month of December, 2022 to 12/31/22

### BEGINNING FUNDS

\$11,023.35

#### General Accounts:

Bank Dividends	\$0.31
2023 Yearly Dues (0) <sup>1</sup>	\$0.00
2023 1st Qtr. State SIRS Assessment; (\$2.00 per member per Qtr.)	(\$240.00)
Constant Contact—Hosting	(\$20.00)
<b>Net General gain/(loss)</b>	<b>(\$259.69)</b>

#### Custodial Accounts:

Holiday Party Receipts Refunded	(\$405.00)
Holiday Party Sierra View Country Club Balance paid 12/07/22;	(\$2,615.01)
Holiday Party (12/07/22) Volunteer Expenses; paid 12/07/22	(\$634.18)
Holiday Party (12/07/22) Volunteer Expenses; paid 12/07/22	(\$298.10)
<b>Net Custodial gain/(loss)</b>	<b>(\$3,952.29)</b>

### ENDING FUNDS:

\$6,811.37

1) There were eight (8) dues payments this month. This amount does not include the SIR dues payments made through the golf club.

There are 120 active dues paying members in Branch 102.

**Next Luncheon is Tuesday, January 10, 2023: Cost is \$25.00 for Eating; \$5.00 for Attending but not eating.**

**2023 SIR Club dues (\$30.00)**

**Yearly Dues for 2023 SIR club members are \$30. 2023 Dues will be collected at the January 10, 2023 luncheon. Golf Club Members have the option of paying the SIR Club dues through the Golf Club. A line item will be added to the next golf signup sheet for those members wishing to do so. Non-golf Club Members, Golf Club Members who want to pay their dues directly to SIR, as well as any member who will not be attending the next luncheon can mail the SIR 2023 Dues to:**

**John Slingerland  
1100 El Sur Way  
Sacramento CA, 95864**

**If you do not plan on renewing your club membership, please let me know by e-mail at [Johnpslingerland@gmail.com](mailto:Johnpslingerland@gmail.com). You can also e-mail me if you don't remember if you paid your 2023 dues.**



# BIRDIES AND BOGEY

## January 2023

web site: [www.sirinc2.org/branch102/](http://www.sirinc2.org/branch102/)



### **GOLF CHAIRMAN: Jeff Dye**

Hi Members,

Happy New Year to all. Hope Santa was good to you too.

Our 2023 golf season is upon us and hopefully after plenty of rain and snow we can have smooth sailing for the year. Our schedule is complete thanks to our scheduler, Dan Maglionico. I would also like to thank the rest of the golf board for their support. Jim Stephenson has done a great job as TD with Randy Howery's assistance as handicapper. John Thomas has done a great job as Treasurer along with his assistant Fred Campbell-Craven. Don Wagner held numerous positions such as Asst. Secretary and Asst. Travel Chair and provided unparalleled service to the golf club. Thanks to Dan Johnson for his Travel Chair contributions. We do have openings for a few positions on the golf board. Fred Campbell-Craven is our new Secretary and he could use an assistant. We need to fill our Travel Chair position. This would include setting up our three out of town tournaments. We have plenty of resources to help you transition into this position so if you could help out it would be most appreciated. Also, thanks go out to HLM Gary Bohn for his contributions.

On January 10th we will have our first golf club meeting following our luncheon. I may have a round of golf for four to give away for Cherry Island as it was meant for the Christmas Party but came in late. Sign-ups for February will be available also. The attendance for the awards banquet was good in November (maybe the free lunch helped) but let's try to keep it up and support our branch this year.

Look forward to seeing you at January 10th meeting.

*Jeff*

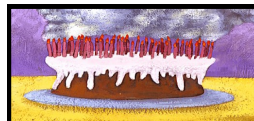


### **TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: Jim Stephenson**

Winter is cold and often wet, but we are the hardy ones, still chasing that little white ball around the great outdoors. Hope you all had a wonderful Christmas time and a Happy New Year. Golf is still scheduled every Thursday, so please contact me before Tuesday at noon if you want to be added to the player's list for the Thursday's round. And besides, I know you want to try out your new golf equipment and show off all the golf accessories you found under the tree. Just email me at [Sir102TD@gmail.com](mailto:Sir102TD@gmail.com) to be added. See you soon.

*Jim Stephenson,  
Sir 102 TD*

## *Happy Birthday*



### *January*

Jim Carpenter	93	Eloy Herrera	76	John Sharp	74	Mark Blaylock	70
Paul Quinley	77	John Owens	75	Michael Kerrick	74	Fred Simmons	68
Mike Moore	76	Dan Wallentine	75	Robert Musiel	73	Fred Campbell-Craven	67



## **ACTIVITIES: Norm Steinbach**

Well, we are starting another new year and looking forward to Branch 102 events. Activities and socialization with other members are the reason we belong to SIR. Adding and growing our activities and increasing our friendship circle are vital to a healthy and enjoyable branch.

It is becoming more difficult to add new activities and increase membership in current activities because our branch membership is dwindling. We need to increase membership and this should be our primary goal for 2023. We need to re-introduce the RAMP (Recruiting, Activities, Member Relations and Publicity) program. RAMP is a very effective tool for recruiting new members. For more information see the State SIR website. As Ben Franklin once said "You only have the right to pursue happiness; you have to catch it yourself".

Now for a little humor: Had a bad mixup at the store today when the cashier said strip down facing me, apparently referring to my credit card.

*Norm*



## **MEMBERSHIP: Larry DeZonia**

Total members are at 120, but with renewals starting and some of our members dropping out I'm sure that number will go down for 2023. SOOOOOO, Please renew! HAPPY NEW YEAR!

*Larry DeZonia*



## **SUNSHINE REPORT: Gary Bohn**

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 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.

1. I am sad to report that one of our members has passed away on Tuesday December 6, 2022. Jack Dennison became a member of our branch when Branch 67 decided to disband and he has been a member of our branch since 2013. When Jack joined our branch he brought with him the 9 hole golf group for those that did not want to play 18 holes. I enjoyed those outings with that group and would go out to lunch with them after the round. Jack was a very great person who lighted up our branch with his very quick wit. He was liked by all the members and will be missed. Jack was to attend our Christmas party on December 7, **2022** with his friend Gilbert Anderson. Gilbert informed Jeff Dye about Jack's death on that date.

2. Talked with George Mohler at our November 2022 Luncheon. George was in a sling on his left shoulder due to surgery on that shoulder. He had shoulder surgery on October 13, 2022 to take care of Bone Spurs in that shoulder. He hopes to be able to play some golf in 2023 before he has surgery in his right shoulder to take care of Bone on Bone in that shoulder. After that he will have some long rehabilitation for that shoulder and is not known when he will be able to resume golf in 2023.

3. I talked with Mike Anderson at our Christmas party on December 7, 2022 and Mike is going to return to our SIR 102 Branch. He will not be playing golf so his buddies will not be getting any of his quarters. On another note I talked with Mike Anderson about Bob Blake who has been missed by all. Mike informed me that Bob is to have some major surgery in January or February of 2023 and it is unknown when he will be able to play golf with us or if he will be coming back to SIR 102 in the near future.

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  
LITTLE SIR ..... Gary Adams  
SECRETARY.....Jim Lasiter  
ASST. SECRETARY...Tom Hennessy  
TREASURER.....John Slingerland  
ASST. TREASURER.....Eloy Herrera

**DIRECTORS**

Larry DeZonia (2022)  
George Wheeler (2023)  
Dan Maglionico (2023)  
Jim Morgan (2024)  
Don Wagner (State HLM)  
Gary Bohn (HLM)  
Jeff Dye (HLM)

**STATE OFFICERS**

State President: Rick Kindle  
Area 3 Governor: Kevin Mahoney  
Director Region 1 Hugh Thompson

**SIR 102 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN**

AUDITOR Don Lewis  
ATTENDANCE Ramon Murillo  
ACTIVITIES Norm Steinbach  
BOOK EXCHANGE Tom McKinley  
CHAPLAIN VACANT  
GOLF Jeff Dye  
HARDWARE VACANT  
MEMBERSHIP Ramon Murillo  
NEWSLETTER George Wheeler  
SUNSHINE Gary Bohn  
TRAVEL Bill Maffei  
WEBMASTER Gary & Steve Adams  
BOWLING VACANT  
RAMP Recruitment VACANT  
RAMP Activities Norm Steinbach  
RAMP Membership Larry DeZonia

**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 DeZonia 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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