



Sons in Retirement SAN JUAN BRANCH NO. 102 March 2021

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

To Be Determined

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BIG SIR COMMENTS:

Dan Maglionico

Thanks to all that took our vaccine and bocci ball surveys and those that voted for 2 new directors. The vaccine survey was answered by 66 members. Good news is that 61 members have either received at least the first shot or have an appointment to do so. We sent information to the 3 members that were having difficulty making an appointment. There are 2 members that are not planning to get the vaccine. Our two new BEC Directors were approved by 89 Members. Twenty six members said that they are interested in playing bocci ball and of these, 13 said that their significant other would be interested. Based on this, our Activities Chairman, Norm Steinbach is working on making this happen. With golf resuming on March 4th, here are some informative quotes to ponder.

Sam Sneed - If a lot of people gripped a knife and fork the way they do a golf club, they'd starve to death."

Harvey Penick - "Golf tips are like Aspirin: One may do you good, but if you swallow the whole bottle you'll be lucky to survive."

Chi Chi Rodriguez - "Golf is the most fun you can have without taking your clothes off."

Gary Player - "The more I practice, the luckier I get."

Phil Mickelson "A great shot is when you pull it off. A smart shot is when you don't have the guts to try it."

Lee Trevino - "You don't know what pressure is until you play for five bucks with only two bucks in your pocket."

Tommy Bolt - "If you are going to throw a club, it is important to throw it ahead of you so you don't have to waste energy going back to pick it up"

Clergymen's Tournament Ground Rules - "Thou shalt not use profanity; thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's putter; thou shalt not steal thy neighbor's ball; thou shalt not bear false witness in the final tally"

See you on the links,

Dan



Little SIR Note:

Al Siefkin

.SIR 102 Brothers,
I hope you are enjoying the new entry in our newsletter, SOMETHING SPECIAL ABOUT SIR 120!.. Last month Dick Gaspari, Jim Lasiter, and Calvin Blair shared some very interesting information about their lives! This month we have five more branch 102 members who are telling us a little about their lives as engineering environmentalist, Star Wars system deployment operations, European Track star, auto repo man, and hard scrabble farmer! I am fascinated at learning about these special parts of our SIR 102 brothers' lives. After reading this month's newsletter today sit down and immediately send me something important in your life, your experiences, your family, your work, your special expertise, or your fame! It does not need to be long, one to three paragraphs, and it does not need to be perfect as I will edit it and send it back to you before we put in the newsletter. Do you have an interesting family or heritage? What are you avid about doing? ...hunting, fishing, cooking, gardening, writing, art, cars, raising animals? What do you collect or make by hand in your garage? Share with the members something they might not know about your job, your background, your family, your time in the service, your travels, or your life changing experiences. We will be returning to our lunch meetings in the next few months (I hope) so give everyone something to talk to you about. You may be surprised that other SIR 102 members are also card sharks, or trick shot experts, or champions at water skiing, or Audubon bird watchers. STAY POSITIVE IN YOUR LIFE! See you on the golf links!

Doc Al

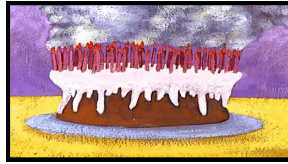


MEMBERSHIP: Larry DeZonia

Total membership for February is 139. We had a total of 19 members that did not renew for 2021.

Larry DeZonia

Happy Birthday



March

John (Jack) Dennison	97	Harry (Dave) Cleveland	75	Ed Roberts	68
Eldon Raber	95	Russell (Russ) Kidd	74	Phillip Pinney	68
Peter (Pete) McDonough	90	Roger (Pat) Dwyer	74	Michael Chapman	67
Jon Smith	87	George Mohler	74	Scott Rodowick	63
Jerry Houpt	76	John Ludington	74		

SIR 102 Newsletter Treasurer Report

Month of February, 2021

BEGINNING FUNDS

\$ 6,469.42

General Accounts:

Bank Dividends	.25
2021 Yearly Dues (9) ¹	130.00
Constant Contact-Hosting	<u>(20.00)</u>
Net General gain/(loss)	\$110.25

Custodial Accounts:

	<u>(0.00)</u>
Net Custodial gain/(loss)	\$(0.00)

ENDING FUNDS:

\$ 6,579.67

139 Members have paid 2021 Yearly Dues.

1) 1) Seven dues paid at \$20; One refund of \$10 for overpayment of dues

Monthly Luncheon cancelled due to CoVid-19

Note: The Branch is collecting Branch "\$20 Yearly Dues" for 2021.

If you have not paid and want to remain a member, Please make your check payable to:
SIR102 and mail it to:

John Slingerland
9831 Beckenham Drive
Granite Bay CA 95746

If you are not sure you paid, you may either call John Slingerland at 916-532-6515 or send an email to johnpslingerland@gmail.com to confirm your status.



BIRDIES AND BOGEY



GOLF CHAIRMAN (Interim):

Don Wagner

I am back after 15 years (10 +5 =15) as Golf Chairman but only as your “interim” Golf Chairman. I must admit I enjoyed every one of those years because of the opportunity to meet and play golf with so many members. The Golf Chairman is an appointed position by the Big Sir. He has a responsibility to both the Golf Board and the BEC. Notice I said “interim” because it really is a great experience that needs to be shared and I expect a replacement over the next few months.

In the meantime, your golf club is in good hands and we are going strong with just under 100 members signed up for 2021. Some of our procedures have been changed due to the CORVID -19 mandates. Through all that, many of us have been able to play golf together in Jan and Feb thanks in a major part to the work of our TD Jim Reese. Now we are back on schedule with the exception that Shotgun starts are still not allowed. Jim has sent out a lot of information for March that should make it easy to signup and track your starting times.

Don Wagner

Golf: “Golf is a puzzle without an answer. I’ve played the game for 50 years and I still haven’t the slightest idea of how to play.”
– Gary Player



TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR:

Jim Reese

We will start having SIR 102 Golf Club (GC) rounds this month. To keep 102 GC playing each week we will need to follow the State SIR Activities Guidelines, the golf courses’ protocol, and finally the GC’s procedures at the golf course. Each of them will be attached to the email with the monthly signup sheet. In the future they will also be on our website when you click on the monthly signup sheet window.

When the 2020 Golf season was suspended by State SIR, your GC board decided to extend the 2020 Club Championship and Match Play into 2021. The 5th and last Club Championship round will be played at Alister MacKenzie on the 18th. Three Match Play flight champions have been decided and as soon as the other flight champion has been decided, the two round Flight Championship matches will decide the 2020 Match Play Champion. 2021 Match Play signups will begin in April. Unlike the WGC’s Match Play Championship format scheduled for 24-28 March, we have double elimination in the four flights and then a two round Championship round. The 2021 Club Championship is played over 5 months. One course per month will be designated as the Club Championship round. There are four flights and the winner of each flight will be the member that has the lowest total net of his 3 best (low net) rounds.

I’ve noticed that there has been a noticeable drop in the number of members playing when we have scrambles. There are two reasons for the scrambles. The first reason is some courses by their layout are harder and more important take longer to play i.e. Woodcreek’s 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th, 10th, and 11th holes. The second reason is it’s a way for members to meet, to mingle with each other. This was particularly true when we had 149 - 165 members in the GC and we had straight normal tee times, no shotgun starts. With the GC membership hovering around a little over 100 members and the same 24-32 members playing each scramble, and the same 16 - 27 members skipping the scrambles, it may be time to change the format. Scrambles are great for the 2 overnight and Carson City trips (sometime in the future).

I need to buy some pails; they are on my bucket list.

Jim



ACTIVITIES: Norm Steinbach

There is good Activity news for the March Newsletter. Sir 102 golf tournaments will be starting in March – refer to Jim’s e-mail.

We had good response to the Bocce Ball Survey. There are 34 members and partners interested in playing Bocce Ball at the Carmichael Park Bocce Ball courts. The next big step is to prepare a written Safety protocol and have the BEC approve and include it in the minutes. It is possible to start play in April. It appears we have a lot of novice players. It would be very helpful if any members that are more experienced with Bocce Ball help with teaching the game to those less experience including myself.

And now for a bit of humor –

Ran out of toilet paper and started using lettuce leaves. Today was just the tip of the iceberg, tomorrow remains to be seen.

What is the easiest shot in golf? Your fourth putt.

Norm

SOMETHING SPECIAL ABOUT SIR 102!



Max Kinsey: HARD WORK ON THE FARM, KINSEY MOUNTAIN ROAD, ARKANSAS

SEEMS LIKE YESTERDAY,..

BORN AT HOME ON AN OLD HOMESTEAD IN THE HILLS OF ARKANSAS IN 1938. WE LIVED 12 MILES FROM THE NEAREST STORE AND PAVED ROAD. NO ELECTRICITY, NO GAS, NO RUNNING WATER. MY DAD, MOTHER, AND BROTHER, LIVED ON THE KINSEY FARM UNTIL 1948. THIS PLACE IS NOW ON KINSEY MOUNTAIN ROAD! YOU LEARN THE MEANING OF HARD WORK AND DEALING WITH FARM ANIMALS AT A YOUNG AGE. IT PAYS OFF YOUR ENTIRE LIFE.

MAX KINSEY.



David Holmes: REPO MAN!!

I graduated college in 1969 and was married one month later. I was about to get drafted into the Army. I was having trouble finding a job as employers felt I would not be able to work for more than a couple of months. My wife got pregnant.

So,.. I really needed a job. GMAC (the old lending agency for General Motors) hired me for training and being job ready when I returned from the service. MY JOB: **track down customers who were on the run from paying for their new cars!!** I would get assignments each day to locate and track down these people and when I did it ...**I was to repossess the cars.** I was pretty much on my own! The job was somewhat dangerous. I traveled backroads in small towns looking for these customers. I had every response from crying, to pulling a gun on me, to trying start fights with me!

I was drafted into the Army but my wife ended up with pregnancy complications that put her in the hospital. The Army gave me a six months "furlough" time to take care of my wife. I never heard from them again and never was called back for service. I left the job with GMAC a few years later. I ended up with a middle management position and **it never came close to the excitement of that first "training" job.** I spent most of my working career as a teacher in the Elk Grove School District. At the time I was doing my work for GMAC it was a kinder and gentler country. I cannot image doing a job like that in today's society.

David Holmes



Dan Maglionico: AN ENGINEERING ENVIRONMENTALIST AHEAD OF HIS TIME!

Originally from Cleveland Ohio. Graduated from Akron University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. Worked for Consulting engineering firm in Akron **designing highway bridges** during school and after graduation. To avoid being drafted in Army went to Naval Officer Candidate School in Newport Rhode Island and was commissioned an Ensign in the **Navy Civil Engineering Corps.** Attended Naval Civil Engineering School in Port Hueneme, met Dorothy and we were sent to Naval Air Station in Patuxent River MD where I served as Assistant Resident Officer in Charge of Construction, aka AROINC, I was in charge of contract administration and inspection of construction of the civilian contractors working on the base. Decided that the Military life was not for us and went back to my previous consulting engineering job in Akron Ohio working on highway design, **sewer construction** inspection and became project manager of civil engineering and construction for **waste to energy plant** owned by Hooker Chemical Co in Niagara Falls NY. Plant was built to burn **household garbage to fuel boilers and create steam** to be used by Hooker. Used VA benefits to get private pilot license instrument rating to fly from Akron to Niagara Falls. Did not like winter in Akron and landed job with consulting firm in Palo Alto, CA with branch office in Sacramento to be project manager for **waste to energy facility** in Richmond, CA. Moved to Folsom. Due to environmental concerns the project did not get past the Environmental Impact report. Became Vice President in charge of energy and landfill projects. Left company in 1985 and became private consultant working for various hauling and landfill operators in CA. Also obtained a **Building inspection franchise** from national franchisor. Did inspections of homes, commercial buildings and shopping centers. Worked on various **landfill designs**, and recycling reports for various counties in CA. Became owner's representative to oversee contracts and construction for Solid Waste transfer station and **recycling facilities** in Tracy and South San Francisco, CA. Wife strongly suggested retirement after heart attack and bypass surgery in 2003. Moved to El Dorado Hills three years ago and busy now playing golf, fishing, Pinochle, Scrabble, Hand and Foot Canasta and SIR. Been happily married for 50 years to same lovely wife.

Dan Maglionico



Cliff Jones: TRACK MAN RUNNING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF OLYMPIANS

In 1985 while serving with the US Army in Germany my wife and I were invited to attend a celebration in Sprakonicha, Czechoslovakia to honor the 40th anniversary of the freeing of the town from the Nazis by MG George

Patton. The Ambassador to Czechoslovakia, Shirley Temple Black (Shirley Temple) represented the United States at this ceremony.

As an old track guy in high school (4:37 mile) I was thrilled to be invited to the US Army European track and field championships in Berlin Germany. I ran in the age group over 35 100 meters in the Berlin Olympic Stadium where Jessie Owens ran in the 1935 Olympics. The Berlin Wall did not come down until 1989 so we drove through the East Berlin corridor to West Berlin to attend this event which was quite an experience.

Cliff Jones



Jay Verhaag: DEPLOYING OUR FIRST "STAR WARS" SYSTEMS

I spent 2 1/2 years on Kwajalein in The Marshall Islands in the early sixties with then Douglas Aircraft, now part of Boeing. I was a young guy, just out of the US Air Force (non flyer) when I went to work. I apparently did well because I was selected to go to the Kwaj. Field station as Operations Guy. (All things having to do with personnel, travel, payroll, security, etc.). The mission...launch the FIRST ever missile to intercept an incoming ICBM; i.e. hitting a "bullet with a bullet". The beginning of what was later called "Star Wars"! We did it with a Douglas missile called the Nike Zeus. I witnessed the world's first live intercepts of an incoming ICBM; later a salvo firing intercepting more than one missile. Pretty incredible stuff, especially if you consider the technology of the 60's compared to today! This was the beginning of today's US deployed systems. These were heady times for a young 25/26 year old!

Jay Verhaag



ATTENDANCE: Gary Adams

Our next luncheon for March is CANCELED due to the Coronavirus.

We will be contacting you by email to let us know if you are coming, not coming, or not eating at the next luncheon. All you need to do is make your selection and it will automatically reply. Please let us know by the Friday before the Luncheon.

- if you know the plans of any of your table-mates who do not use email, please let us know by using the **Reply** button on this message, or by texting or calling me at (916) 947-2255. Any and all responses are appreciated and would help insure an accurate count to the Elks.

Also, if you will be bringing a guest please let us know his name. Remember **Guests Eat Free!**

Gary Adams

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Donald (Don) A. Wagner 2/23/2012 8.7 yrs
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