



**SONS IN RETIREMENT  
SAN JUAN BRANCH NO. 102  
NOVEMBER 2025**

**LUNCHEON MEETING**

2nd Tuesday of the Month

Executive Board Meeting 9:30

Social Hour 10:00 Luncheon 11:50  
Milagro Event Center

Next Meeting

Tuesday

November 11th

**LUNCH**

**HOT PASTA, CHICKEN**

**SALAD AND BREAD**

**THINGS TO REMEMBER THIS MONTH**

**GOLF EVERY THURSDAY, PLEASE SIGN UP WITH GROUP YOU WANT TO PLAY WITH  
FOR EACH EVENT, NOVEMBER EVENTS:**

*Empire Ranch, the 6<sup>th</sup> Wildhawk, the 13<sup>th</sup> Mather, the 20<sup>th</sup>*

***GOLF CLUB LUNCHEON AT MILAGRO CENTER – FREE FOR GOLF CLUB MEMBERS  
AND \$25 FOR NON-GOLF MEMBERS LOOK FOR FLYER EMAIL***

**CHRISTMAS PARTY WILL BE AT NORTHRIDGE COUNTRY CLUB, 7600 MADISON  
AVENUE, FAIR OAKS, THIS YEAR ON FRIDAY DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> FLYER IN THIS  
NEWSLETTER AND WILL BE SENT BY SEPARATE EMAIL. SIGNUPS AT THE  
NOVEMBER LUNCHEON, ALSO SEE JEFF DYE **DON'T MISS IT!****

**NOTE: SIR 102 DUES FOR NEXT YEAR HAVE INCREASED TO \$35. READ  
JOHN SLINGERLAND'S TREASURER REPORT FOR OPTIONS ON PAYING**

**NOVEMBER HAS TWO HOLIDAYS TO CELEBRATE. FIRST IS VETERANS DAY  
WHICH COINCIDES WITH THE SIR 102 LUNCHEON. IT IS A DAY TO REFLECT  
ON THE PRICE PAID BY ALL VETERANS TO PRESERVE AMERICA'S FREEDOM.  
THE SECOND IS ONE OF MY FAVORITE HOLIDAYS – THANKSGIVING ON THE  
27<sup>TH</sup> THIS YEAR. WHILE IT IS A BIG FAMILY HOLIDAY IT HAS ALSO EVOLVED  
INTO A BIG DAY FOR OVER EATING AND WATCHING A LOT OF FOOTBALL.**

***IF* there are items you want to see in the newsletter or things you do not like in the  
newsletter, please let me know at [tmexeloy@yahoo.com](mailto:tmexeloy@yahoo.com) It is the only way I can know to  
make it better for all of you.**



## **BIG SIR COMMENTS FOR THE MONTH:**

### **Greetings to all SIRS:**

November will be my last message as your current Big SIR since we have no meeting in December. The last time I held this position was 20 years ago (2005). Boy, does time go fast. When I joined in 1994, I was the youngest member and now I am close to being the oldest.

Looking back there is no one at our meetings today who was member when I joined. Being a member and a volunteer with our Branch gave me additional reasons to enjoy retirement. Meeting so many of you and your guests during all those years has been stimulating to say the least. Most of all, I have enjoyed the time we shared together with so many great memories built around the stories and laughter that enriched my life. I think I got a lot more out of being a member just by volunteering once in a while which is why I keep on pitching for all of you to consider the same path.

I know our Branch will continue to provide the fraternity I enjoyed with your Directors, Chairmen, **Tim Ryan** as Big SIR and **Scott Pinney** as Little SIR. For me, I will continue to enjoy SIR Branch 102 and repeat one of Bob Hope's favorite comments for all the times we have shared together: ***Thanks For The Memories*** :)

**Something I've learned:** ***"That kind words and good deeds are eternal. You never know where their influence will end."***

**Don**

## **RANDOM THOUGHTS I CAME ACROSS THIS MONTH:**

Our children and grandchildren will refer to these times as the good old days; that is hard to believe.

The true object of golf is to play the least amount of golf.

People are a lot like wines. The good ones improve as they age; others just turn into vinegar.

Saying what you think requires courage. Saying everything you think is being stupid. Silence is a wise voice.

If you glue a dead wasp to your palm, you can smack almost anyone on the back of the head as hard as you want act like you save them from getting stung.

Teenagers drive like they're on borrowed time. Elder people drive like they've all the time in the world.

# SIR BRANCH 102 PRESENTS



## HOME FOR CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON



- \* **DATE: FRIDAY DEC 12**
- \* **TIME: 11:00 -3:00PM**
- \* **PLACE: NORTH RIDGE CC**
- \* **COST: \$50/PERSON**



Join us to celebrate this special time of year at NORTH RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB. Reservations can be made at the September, October and November meetings.

A buffet luncheon will be featured. What a great way to enjoy the Christmas Season with your SIR 102 friends. There will be fun and games along with a drawing for a variety of gifts in celebration of the Christmas Season.

NORTH RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB is located at 7600 Madison ave, Fair Oaks. There will be a no host bar for your convenience. Social hour begins at 11:00 a.m



**SIR 102 Newsletter Treasurer Report**  
**Month of October, 2025 to 10/31/25**

<b>BEGINNING FUNDS</b>	<b>\$13,172.53</b>
<b>General Accounts:</b>	
Bank Dividends August	\$0.50
2026 DUES (11 payments)	\$385.00
2026 DUES (19 ; \$665 payment pending from Golf Club)	
SIR 4th Qtr. 2025 Assessment	(\$324.50)
Eloy Herrera Refund Constant Contact (October)	(\$35.00)
<b>Net General gain/(loss)</b>	<b>\$26.00</b>
<b>Custodial Accounts:</b>	
Luncheon Receipts 10/14/25	\$660.00
Luncheon Elks Club Luncheon Expense 10/14/25	(\$1,525.00)
Gary Adams Luncheon Raffle/Wine (10/14/25)	(\$50.11)
Luncheon Bar 10/14/25; (to meet \$200 Minimum)	\$0.00
<b>Net Custodial gain/(loss)</b>	<b>(\$915.11)</b>
<b>ENDING FUNDS:</b>	<b>\$12,283.42</b>

2025 Active Membership is 104.

Yearly Dues for 2026 SIR club members have been increased from \$30 to \$35. Yearly dues were \$30 for both 2024 and 2025. Dues will be collected at the November 11, 2025 luncheon. Golf Club members have the option of paying the SIR Club dues through the Golf Club. 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 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.

Count	NAME
1	Arong, John
2	Ciniglia, Alfio
3	Fell, Jim
4	Friend, George
5	Gangler, Brian
6	Green, Steve
7	Guertin, Ray
8	Harmon, Jerry
9	Hulsebus, John
10	Keith, Robert
11	Kingsbury, Andy
12	Kobza, Val
13	Kruse, Don
14	Lazaga, Greg
15	Liddicoat, Tom
16	Lloyd, James
17	Ludington, John
18	McFaul, Steve
19	Mershon, Victor
20	Miller, James
21	Munson, James
22	Noriega, Archie
23	Owens, John
24	Ramirez, Wayne
25	Reddig, Gabe
26	Rogel, Robert
27	Ryan, Timothy
28	Scudder, Sidney
29	Selby, Jess
30	Stuart, Fred
31	Tylen, Ulf
32	Ungerman, Ed
	Totals

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or

**Bob Baker, SSS Business Manager**  
**[BusinessMgr@SinginSwinginSirs.org](mailto:BusinessMgr@SinginSwinginSirs.org)** (ph 916-944-8070)

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

**\*Sons In Retirement (SIR) is a men's social organization.**  
**Performing with SSS requires membership in SIR.**  
**Visit <https://WeAreSir.com> for information regarding SIR membership.**



## MESSAGE FROM OUR TRAVEL CHAIRMAN

**BILL MAFFEI**

Fellow SIR Travelers:

This is a great time of the year to visit the Sierra Foothill communities. The autumn season usually has wonderful weather, and the foothill areas are very welcoming to visitors. The areas I am going to focus on this month are the twin Nevada County cities of Grass Valley and Nevada City. The time frame is this December. Both Grass Valley and Nevada City have Christmas/winter programs.

Nevada City sponsors the Nevada City Victorian Christmas. The main streets of this small town are lit up and decorated with Christmas lighting. Carolers stroll the streets and fill the area with seasonal music. Merchants and local eateries have seasonal winter delights. The bakeries have pastries and gingerbread cookies for sale. Santa visits from the North Pole. It is a step back into the Victorian era, complete with old-fashioned gas lamps in the dimly lit streets and locals dressed in Victorian costumes. Local artisans have their crafts on display and for sale. This is truly a step back in time.

This event takes place on the following Wednesdays, December 10th and 17th; and, on the following Sundays, December 7th, 14th and 21st. The town comes alive at 6:00 p.m. and runs to about 9:30 p.m.

Grass Valley has a traditional Cornish Christmas. This event is held on Friday evenings starting at 6:00 p.m. and going to approximately 9:30 p.m. This starts the Friday after Thanksgiving and ends on Friday, December 19th. This takes place in downtown Grass Valley on Main Street and Mill Street. Again, we have holiday music from local carolers. Artisans have their crafts for sale. The area restaurants will feature holiday cuisine. The merchants will remain open during the entire festival. Grass Valley has a free shuttle service with pickups at the Fairgrounds, Pine Creek Shopping center, McKnight Crossing Shopping Center to the event on Main and Mill Streets. The shuttle service starts at 6:00 p.m. and the last shuttle leaves at 8:00 p.m. The shuttle may take approximately thirty minutes. This is the first year for the shuttle service.

Visiting one or both events is a great way to start the Christmas season. The weather should be cold, sooo dress appropriately (golf shorts nor short-sleeved golf shirts not recommended). Snow quite possibly could be on the ground! It could rain. Dress in layers, bring gloves, a hat and a scarf. Don't let the weather dampen your spirits. My wife and I went to these events and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. Of course, we dressed appropriately.

Have a great Thanksgiving. And when I am not hitting a slice or shank on the golf course, I hope to see you down the road.

*Happy Travels, Bill*



## BIRDIES AND BOGIES

### FOR THIS MONTH

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

Hi Fellow Golfers,

As of this writing we just completed our Membership Appreciation Day. It was a successful day and after it being a little cool and wet in the morning it turned out to be shirt sleeved weather. The burgers with all the fixings were great as were the dogs, potato salad, baked beans, cookies and sodas.

First place was won by Jim Stephenson, Jeff Dye, Steve Von Someren and Jim Beck with a score of 62. Second place finishers were Scott Pinney, Cliff Jones and Dallas Eto with a score of 64. We had a tie for third place with scores of 66. They were team 5 with Don Wagner, Max Kinsey, Joe Wulf and Sam Fast and team 10 with Jerry Ontiveros, Fred Campbell-Craven and Tony Morinelli. Congratulations to all.

Just a reminder about our November SIR 102 Branch Meeting is being held at the Milagro Event Center in Carmichael and it will be sponsored by our golf club. Refer to your fliers but the address is 6241 Fair Oaks Blvd., Suite D, Carmichael. Signups for golf and the Christmas Party will be at 10:00-10:30 at 10:30 there will be some golf contests. All members of the branch are encouraged to participate and are eligible to win prizes. Our General Meeting is at 11:30 and lunch will follow at 11:50. the cost is \$25 for non golfers. In place of a speaker the Golf Club will hold its Annual Awards Ceremony afterward. All members are invited to stay.

We have three rounds of golf offered for November. They are at Empire Ranch, Wildhawk and Mather. You may sign up at the Milagro Center. Hope to see you at the November 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. If you sign up to attend, please show up as the golf club is responsible to pay for any no shows.

*Thanks, Jeff*



## GOLF TRAVEL UPDATES

### GOLF TRAVEL CHAIRMAN – DON WAGNER

We finished out last overnight golf trip which was to Reno on Sept 30-Oct 2. We had 9 foursomes, staying at the J resort and two rounds of golf at Sierra Sage and Red Hawk Lakes golf courses. The only Hiccup was some rain on the second day that washed out the signs for our CTPP. That money will be added to the pot for CTPP when we take our next overnight trip.

Our first golf overnight for 2026 will be on May 4-6th with two nights in Reno staying at the J resort again. The two golf courses are under review but based on all the positive comments, we are going back. Our second trip will be a return to Carson City and the Gold Dust West hotel in the middle of July (week not confirmed yet). It continues to be the highlight of our yearly overnight golf trips and more of a mini-vacation with banquet dinners every night plus a lot more.

Our fall (Sept/Oct) overnight golf is still under review. At this writing I expect to have firm dates for all three trips before the end of November as I am working with the courses already.

**Don**

**Oxymoron: An easy par three.**

## SIR ACTIVITIES

Book Exchange Every Meeting, Please Bring a Book and Take ones of your choosing.

Instead of throwing the book away, bring it in for exchange or someone else's enjoyment

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)



## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY BOYS

*John Hulsebus 87, 11/1    Carlos Salazar 80, 11/4    Mike Lorton 79, 11/5*

*Tom Hubbs 84, 11/9    Jim Lasiter 78, 11/13    Steve Zickerman 74, 11/20*

*Steve McFaul 71, 11/29    James Beck 81, 11/30*



## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

**Ramon Murillo Membership Chairman**

November Membership News:

Membership is 104

**No losses to report**

**New members to report: Kim Mattox # 043**

Please join me in welcoming Kim Mattox and if you meet him be sure to introduce yourself and welcome him to the Branch.

As always, we encourage you to bring new members to further our fellowship.

**SIR 102 2025 OFFICERS**

**BIG SIR..... Don Wagner**  
**LITTLE SIR ..... Tim Ryan**  
**SECRETARY... Fred Campbell-Craven**  
**ASST. SECRETARY..... Jim Lasiter**  
**TREASURER..... John Slingerland**  
**ASST. TREASURER..... Eloy Herrera**

**DIRECTORS**

**Dallas Ito (2025)**  
**Gabe Reddig (2026)**  
**Robert Duplantier (2026)**  
**Cal Conley (2027)**  
**Gary Adams (HLM)**  
**Gary Bohn (HLM)**  
**Jeff Dye (HLM)**  
**Bob Fitzgerald (HLM)**  
**Don Wagner State (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 Vacant**  
**AUDIO/VIDEO Bob Fitzgerald**  
**BOOK EXCHANGE Tom McKinley**  
**CHAPLAIN Vic Mershon**  
**GOLF Jeff Dye**  
  
**MEMBERSHIP Ramon Murillo**  
**NEWSLETTER Eloy A. Herrera**  
**SUNSHINE Gary Bohn**  
**TRAVEL Bill Maffei**  
  
**WEBMASTER Eloy A. Herrera**  
**THE SINGIN' SWIGIN' SIRS Robert DuPlantier**  
  
**RAMP Recruitment Vacant**  
**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**

**SENIOR SIRS**

**Hank Price. Greg Lazaga Jim Dillon**  
**Evans Warne**

**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 Cal Conley (2024)**

Sons In Retirement is a nonprofit public benefit corporation for retired men, devoted to the promotion of independence and dignity of retirement. SIR's purpose is to assist men in renewing former friendships and provide opportunities to make new friends through association with other retirees. The only requirement for membership is that a man be retired and sponsored by an active member. Membership shall be open to men retired from fulltime gainful occupation, regardless of age, race, color or religion. **Visit the SIR website at <http://sirinc.org/>**

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**NEWSLETTER INPUT:** Please contact me, Eloy Herrera if you have any input for the Newsletter that may be of interest to your fellow SIRs at [tmexeloy@yahoo.com](mailto:tmexeloy@yahoo.com)