



# Sons in Retirement

## SAN JUAN BRANCH NO. 102

### April 2022

#### 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**  
**April 12th**  
[www.sir102.com](http://www.sir102.com)

**Lunch Menu:** — Salami, peperoni, and  
vegetarian Pizza + salad and the  
**Bar will be open**



#### BIG SIR COMMENTS:

##### Gary Adams

The time sure goes by fast, I remember very little about what has been going on since I wrote my comments last month. As most of you might know, we had a little problem at our last luncheon due to many things. About five members did not get the Corn Beef because they ran out at the last minute. One of the problems is that I turn the numbers of people coming on the Friday before the luncheon so the Elks can prepare for the quantity of food. Unfortunately, I had received 40 members coming to lunch on Friday and we ended up getting 50. They typically add 10% but that still would not have helped any. If at all possible, please try and let us know before the Friday prior the luncheon if you are coming or not. Next month we will be having a lunch menu. Hopefully that will be satisfactory to you all. I personally would much prefer to eat lunch rather than the dinner at that time of the day, please let me know if you have any ideas on improving our meals and how you feel about the changes.

I can't remember if I mentioned this at the luncheon, I meant to, but we are currently looking at our number of members at about 115, which is approximately a drop of around 45 people prior to the pandemic (almost 30%). And it's not just SIR 102 that has seen the drop, it's occurring Statewide. In fact, if you look at the State SIR's website under "statistics" you will see that at one time there were 179 SIR Branches and now there are less than 100 branches. I don't know why it has dropped, but at one of the meetings that I attended online with the SIR President and his staff, they discussed the issue and the main concern they have is that the average age of SIR members is approximately 75 years old. I hate to mention this but the average life expectancy of a male in the US is just about that same age. I have lost 5 close friends in the last few months and two of them were members, fortunately they were in their mid 80's. It is important for us to try and increase our membership and there is no reason to exclude anyone from joining our Branch, the younger the better. We were very fortunate to have Al Seifkin with us for a few years helping to increase our membership and we all need to get involved in getting more guys in the Branch. Get you friends to join, and their friends too.(cont.)



#### LITTLE SIR COMMENTS:

##### Gary (Gabe) Reddig

Hi Guys,

I wanted to thank you all for giving our Speaker, Will Pickard from the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery, a warm welcome at our March Luncheon. Hopefully you were able to take away some useful information. For our April Luncheon, our guest speaker will be Sheriff Scott Jones. I'm confident you will enjoy his comments and his take on current events.

I have joined a group of dozens of Little Sirs from Sirs Branches all over Northern California who meet every 3 months to share information about good potential speakers for our lunches. We trade ideas and contacts regarding really fine quality speakers we have experienced. To that end, one of our tech oriented Little Sirs has set up a comprehensive software program that allows us to record, describe, categorize, and rate the quality and goodness of each speaker experience. After each luncheon, we input our data through a questionnaire. The software puts it all in a Excel like format, where all the Little Sirs can search by subject matter and location for their next luncheon. Like all software, the usefulness depends on the goodness of data entered. To date, the database is lightly populated, and hopefully It grows and is useful.

By the way, if any of you gentlemen have any requests or leads on good speakers, don't hesitate to contact me. And remember why we're in Sirs - "to have fun and make friends for life"!

*GABE*

Hopefully we can have the Bar back in our meetings. Elks has agreed to pay the \$100 that is now required to have the Bar and Bar Tender available for us. We could have had the Bar last month we only showed 40 members on the Friday before luncheon and need to have 50 or more. Unfortunately, we did not know we were going to have 50. Hope to see more of you next month, and bring a friend.

*Thanks, Gary*

## SIR 102 Newsletter Treasurer Report

Month of February, 2022 to 02/28/22

### BEGINNING FUNDS

\$7,057.63

#### General Accounts:

Bank Dividends	\$0.33
State SIRS (1st Qtr. Assessment) <sup>1</sup>	(\$12.00)
2022 Yearly Dues (3) <sup>2</sup>	\$75.00
Constant Contact-Hosting	(\$20.00)
<b>Net General gain/(loss)</b>	<b>\$43.33</b>

#### Custodial Accounts:

Luncheon Receipts 02/08/22; (Cancelled)	\$0.00
Luncheon Expense 02/08/22; (Cancelled)	\$0.00
Refund Volunteer Expenses & Prizes for Xmas Party 12/21/21 Final	(\$10.28)
<b>Net Custodial gain/(loss)</b>	<b>(\$10.28)</b>

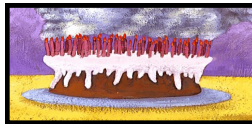
### ENDING FUNDS:

\$7,090.68

1) Adjustment for Jan. report (12.00) January reported the amount as \$243.35. The actual amount was 255.25

2) Three (3)

*Happy Birthday*



April

Gerald Ives	89	Patrick Crocker	81	Robert Vial	75	Daniel Johnson	74
Victor Warmerdam	84	Darrel Moos	79	William Maffei	75	Stephen Green	72
Wayne Berger	84	Richard Weitzenberg	77	Harold West	74	Robert Chaney	71
					72	Randy Howery	61

## SIR 102 Newsletter Treasurer Report

Month of March, 2022 to 3/20/22

### **BEGINNING FUNDS**

**\$7,090.68**

#### **General Accounts:**

Bank Dividends	\$0.28
State SIRS (2nd Qtr. Assessment)	(\$227.50)
2022 Yearly Dues (3) <sup>1</sup>	\$75.00
Constant Contact-Hosting	(\$20.00)
<b>Net General gain/(loss)</b>	<b>(\$172.22)</b>

#### **Custodial Accounts:**

Luncheon Receipts 03/08/22	\$920.00
Luncheon Elks Club Expense 03/08/22	\$1,100.00)
Luncheon Wine 03/08/22	(\$19.53)
<b>Net Custodial gain/(loss)</b>	<b>(\$199.53)</b>

### **ENDING FUNDS:**

**\$6,718.93**

1) Three (3)

To date, 117 active dues paying members in Branch 102.

**Next Luncheon is Tuesday, April 12, 2022; Cost \$20.00**

**Yearly Dues for 2022 SIR club membership are \$25. If you have not paid, please pay at the April 12, 2022 luncheon or make your check payable to: SIR102: and mail to :**

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# BIRDIES AND BOGEY

## April 2022

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

Hi Fellow Members,

Since the passing of our golf tournament director, Jim Reese, the golf club and its committee members are working very hard trying to learn his job.

My hat is off to Jim Stephenson who was voted into the job of tournament director. Jim has come up with a manual system of setting up pairings, collecting score cards and money, inputting the scores and determining the winners of each flight.

In the meantime, Dallas Eto and Randy Howery were voted in to assume the duties of handicapper and asst. handicapper respectively. They are learning a golf program used by NCGA called Bluegolf which will be very helpful to our golf club.

We can always use a little help at the signup tables and even at the course (it doesn't matter if you play every week or not). There are many small jobs that have to be done so don't be afraid to ask. It actually feels good to be involved. Thanks to Bob Hayes for helping Jim at the signup table at the March luncheon.

Hope to see you at the April luncheon and don't forget the signups for our first overnighter at Rolling Hills in Corning. The dates are May 2nd and 3rd.

*Jeff*



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

Thank you for all your support through this difficult transition, following the loss of our friend, Jim Reese. We were all shocked when we heard the word of his heart attack, and then within a week he was gone. Initially, hoping for the best, and that I would only be needed for a short period of time, I volunteered to keep the golf club going. That initial hope was dashed, and the golf club needed a permanent Tournament Director. With your continued support I'm pleased that I can service in this permanent role of TD.

Golf is more than just a game. It is a time we hang out with friends, praise the holes-in-one (well done Tom) and commiserate about the lipped-out putts. We are so fortunate in Sacramento to be able to play this game year-round and that's what we all desire.

My goal is to maintain what's been working for us with SIR 102 golf; sign-ups at the monthly luncheon; pairing sheets posted by Wednesday morning; results posted by Thursday evening; a monthly scramble that introduces us to each other.

In the short term, we will not have Closest to the Hole, Match Play, or Skins; but that is short term. I will be asking for help to enable those fun add on games to our routine. I want to distribute the load where I can to others, so that several guys are knowledgeable about are processes and procedures, and can step in when I get out of town.

NCGA has several web-based software programs available, that once mastered will assist our club in the hole by hole score tracking. Dallas Eto and Randy Howery are heading that effort. But until those programs are fully functional for us, I will be using Excel spreadsheets to keep the club moving forward.

Thank you again for your patience with me, as I get up to speed.

*Jim*



### **MEMBERSHIP: Larry DeZonia**

Looks like for March we have 130 members but that will go down to 115 after I receive the renewal stats. We will have two new potential members joining us for lunch in April, Rod Helm and Ken Lieberman, give them a warm welcome. That's it from Tucson see you at the luncheon.

*Larry*



## **SUNSHINE: Gary Bohn**

Sunshine Report For April 2022

As your Sunshine person I will try to report on our SIR 102 Members that have been in our out of the hospital and some times I may have to report on a member that has passed away. Jim Reese was one of our members that has passed away and I have included his Obit's report from the Sacramento Bee below.

For those of you that do not get the Sacramento Bee here is the Obit's Report for Jim Reese that was in the Sunday Bee Paper

*February 2, 1947-to March 1, 2022.*

*Poway California. Jim Reese age 75, of Sacramento, passed away March 1, 2022 peacefully surrounded by family in Poway, California. He was born on February 2, 1947 in Evansville Indiana the son of Carl and Mary Virginia (Sermersheim) Reese. He is survived by the love of his life Lynne Ely, his daughters Jennifer (Larry) Bast and Jamie (Paul) Hedgln. Sister Jill (Paul) Fox and Brother John (Charlene) Reese. Grand daughter Tara Reese, grandson J.J Hedglin and great grandson Dawson Reese. Along with many family and friends. Preceded in death by his parents and sister Judith Bender. We will have a celebration of life this summer 2022.*

*Donations can be made to First Tee-Greater Sacramento in honor of our Dad/ Donate on line at [http/bit/First TeeGreaterSac/Memorial 49 for/ever](http://bit/First TeeGreaterSac/Memorial 49 for/ever).*

Mike Anderson is still experiencing problems with COPD but is doing much better and hopes to begin playing golf again. His golf partners miss him on the course because they need his quarters.

Bob Blake is still having some medical issues and hopes to be able to come back soon to the meetings and golf. He is another member of the group that is missing his quarters on the course.

Fred-Cambell Craven had surgery on his Knee for a Meniscus tear and hopes to begin playing golf in late March or Early April

Evans Warren was having AFIB problems with his heart. The Cardiologist had a Heart Monitor installed. His heart was skipping beats and at one point stopped for 4 and a half seconds. It was imperative by the results that he needed to have a Pacemaker Installed ASAP. The Pace Maker was done on February 22, 2022. The operation was done at Mercy San Juan Hospital and was a completely painless. The Doc. advised not to swing a golf club or lift anything over 10lbs for four weeks. He hopes to begin playing golf after the Doc. Releases him.

Mike Dillion also had some heart surgery done recently and has had to withdraw from golf for a while. When I get more info on Mike will update the newsletter for May 2022.

That is all I have for know but please let me know if you know of some one in our SIR Branch 102 that is having a medical problem. You can call me at (916)722-4446 or at email [garybohn1@comcast.net](mailto:garybohn1@comcast.net)

*Gary*



## **ACTIVITIES: Norm Steinbach**

Jim Morgan reports that Bocce Ball will be starting back up in April. Look for more information coming from Jim. Golf is doing great with the help of the Chairman Jeff Dye and TD Jim Stephenson and the energetic new crew stepping up to the "TEE".

Milt Smith, State Travel Chair announced three trips available to all Sir Members.

1) ALASKA LAND & SEA 8-DAY CRUISE May 23-June 4, 2022. Contact Larry Yarberry (925) 890-9245 E/M [l.yarberry42@comcast.net](mailto:l.yarberry42@comcast.net).

2) 8 Night Columbia and Snake River Cruise May 12, 2022. Contact Tan Matosian Branch 128 E/M [tgmat@gmail.com](mailto:tgmat@gmail.com).

3) Rhine and Moselle River Cruise Sept. 12-15, 2022. Contact Bill Britton (925) 443-9913 E/M [bill.britton@comcast.net](mailto:bill.britton@comcast.net)

Here is a little humor - A young man and a priest are playing golf together. At a short par 3 the priest asks, 'What are you going to use on this hole, my son?' The young man says, 'An iron, father. How about you?' The priest says, 'I'm going to hit a soft seven and pray.' The young man hits his iron and puts the ball on the green. The priest tops his iron and dribbles the ball out a few yards. The young man says, 'I don't know about you, father, but in my church when we Pray, we keep our heads down.'

*Norm*

**SIR 102 2021 OFFICERS**

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

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

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

**SIR 102 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN**

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ATTENDANCE Larry DeZonia  
ACTIVITIES Norm Steinbach  
BOOK EXCHANGE Tom McKinley  
CHAPLAIN VACANT  
GOLF Jeff Dye  
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MEMBERSHIP Larry DeZonia  
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

**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  
Stan Spalding 2001  
Chuck Shoemaker 2002  
Lloyd Browning 2003  
Bob Baker 2004  
Don Wagner 2005  
Frank Mason 2006

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