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Modesto SIR Branch 103

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Big Sir Crows



Big Sir Juan Salinas

Well, my first meeting of the year was better than I had anticipated. Thanks to all of you for the support and being patient with me. January 2025 was a cold month. We have had a couple of days of frost delays at the golf course and couple on Thursdays. Hope that February will be much warmer and I get to see more of you at the golf course.

Talking about golf, I guess Manteca has decided not to have us play there anymore. They are saying that we are taking too long to play, and they can do better to fill in the course with other people. Well, I say if they do not want us is there, we can play somewhere else.

In February, we have President's Day and Valentine's Day. I would like to wish you and your loved ones a happy Valentine's Day. February 19 we will be dining at Restaurant Behind Nation Burger on McHenry Ave, if you will like to join us, please give me

a call

Sunshine Report

By Gary Del Nero

Talked with Oscar Cherry, he said he recently had a TIA and ended up in hospital for a couple days. He is alright, after the time in hospital. Thank God, no lingering effects. Doctor told him to take it easy. His son says not sure he will keep still, but needs to. Glad to hear he is doing better, Oscar our thoughts are with you. Also our thoughts are with your author of our monthly newsletter of SIRs 103, Jeff Chin. As he goes through his chemotherapy treatments, we are with him. We are with you, Jeff.



SIR Branch 103 BEC January Minutes

Director Don Rowe (First Draft)

Attending: Big SIR Juan Salinas, Little Sir Brian Donahue, Secretary Don Rowe, Assistant Secretary Ray Tillery, Treasurer Ted Bracht, Assistant Treasurer, Brian Donahue. Directors: Dave Cooper, Vic Whaley, Roger Smith, Dennis Imhoff, Paul Bender, Dick Nelson, and Lance Underwood.

Committee Representatives Present: Gary DelNero, (Sunshine) and Brian Donahue, Data.

Absent: Director Roger Smith, Don Reed, and Bob Kredit Thursday Golf, and Tom Evans, Program.

Guests:

Call to Order: Big SIR Juan Salinas, called the meeting to order at 7:30 A.M. at Denny's. Twelve Executive Board members present for a quorum.

Reports: Nov. 22 Minutes was offered for modification. Motion to accept: Rowe, 2nd Tillery-PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Big SIR:

Little SIR: NA

Treasurer: Ted Bracht reported that the Jan.24 report showed the Beginning balance- \$2,490.58. Receipts: luncheon proceeds less contribution portion- \$1,050.00, Raffle- \$44.00, Ladies Day tickets-\$50.00, 2025 dues, \$790.00, Total receipts- \$1,934.50. Checks written- Margarito's Catering, \$1,126.91, State SIR first quarter assessment-\$272.25. Total deductions \$1,399.16. Ending balance is \$3,025.42. Motion to accept: Bracht- 2nd Bender-PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Membership: 1. Dave Cooper reported that we have 99 members. Motion: Accept the application for membership for Danny Laoagan, . Motion to accept: Cooper- 2nd Rowe-PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Luncheon: Good lunch! \$5.00 FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT EACH LUNCH.

Correspondence: NA

Program: Tom has speakers from February to April 2025.

Health and Safety: NA

Sunshine: Gary reported that Clark Pearson's wife is doing better from her car accident. Lon Loudermilk passed last month.

Golf: Manteca manager sent an email yesterday to the golf committee that they are cancelling all of our tournaments. Roger will be discussing the issue with the manager.

NEED TO GET AN ASSISTANT FOR PAUL.

Thursday Golf: Juan Salinas reported that it is going great!

Newsletter: NA

Bowling: It is going well!

Merchandising: Dennis reported that caps are now available in different colors.

Travel: NA

Computer: NA

Activities: Motion: Approve all activities as listed in the Newsletter- Motion to accept: Nelson 2nd Tillery PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Lance Underwood will take over as Activities Chairman.

Dine Out: Juan will secure a site and send an email to all.

Old Business: NA

New Business: NA

Other: NA

Adjournment: 8:10 AM

GOLF



All payments for golf must be made by 6:00 PM Wednesday before the Monday Tournament. There will be NO payments at the golf course. **Mail all checks to Roger Smith, 3612**

Incline Ct., Riverbank, CA 95367-3123. Make all checks to SIRs Golf. Write on the bottom of the check the date of the tournament and the course. All fees, golf and cart fees must be paid with check.

Mon. Feb 10-Creekside, 9:00, \$36 (cart opt. \$20) Host 144

Tue. Feb 18-Atwater, 9:00, \$59 (cart incl.) Host 103A

Mon. Feb 24-Dryden, 9:00, \$34 (cart opt. \$20) Host 103B

Mon. Mar 3-Manteca, 8:00, \$50 (cart incl.) Host 144

Mon. Mar 10-Creekside, 8:00, \$36 (cart opt. \$20) Host 103A

Mon. Mar 17-Tracy CC, 8:00, \$59 (cart incl.) Host 103B

Mon. Mar 24-Dryden, 8:00, \$34 (cart opt. \$20) Host 144

Mon. Mar 31-Swenson, 8:00, \$54 (cart incl.) Host 103A

Mon. Apr 7-Elkhorn, 8:00, \$53 (cart incl.) Host 103B

Mon. Apr 14-Creekside, 8:00, \$36 (cart opt. \$20) Host 144

Mon. Apr 21-Pheasant Run, 8:00, \$64 (cart incl.) Host 103A

Mon. Apr 28-Dryden, 8:00, \$34 (cart opt. \$20) Host 103B

Creekside Golf

Creekside Golf is an activity that was created by Bob Kredit and Don Reed. This is now a SIR sponsored event. This is a weekly event held at Creekside Golf Course on Thursday mornings. Tee times are first come, first serve, and requests must be made by email or message to Bob Kredit at 6:00 pm the prior Wednesday to the golf tee time. You must have a tee time before coming to the course.

Bowling

League Bowls Tuesdays at 1 p.m.

McHenry Bowl, 3700 McHenry Ave., Modesto

Team 9 (Strain, Salvi, Kincannon, and Fidalgo) won the first third of the league. Team 1 (Lewis, Del Nero, Holly, and Lewis) are in first place in the 21th week of bowling.

High Scratch and Handicap Series and Games

Season High Scores

Scratch Series: Bob Abujuen 661, Scratch Game: Arnold Fidalgo 266, Handicap Series: Lor Salvi 749, Handicap Game: Chuck Shoup 291

Scratch Series: Babara Webb 511, Scratch Game: Terri Wilcox 178, Handicap Series: Dolores Bava-ro 637, Handicap Game: Debbie Chin 251



The Pickleball Activity is be scheduled the first and third Fridays of every month at the courts at Beyer Park at 9:00 am. Please come out and give it a try. There will be experienced players to help introduce you to the game. All the equipment will be provided. All members and their spouses are invited.

Branch 103 General Membership Luncheon

February 26, 2024

10:30 am - 1:00 pm

Masonic Temple

800 Rose Ave. Modesto, CA

Luncheon Price \$25.00



Larry Owens	02/04/1943	82 Yrs. Old
Mike Alves	02/09/1948	77 Yrs. Old
Steve Holly	02/19/1945	80 Yrs. Old
Don Rowe	02/19/1949	76 Yrs. Old
Earl Glenn	02/21/1942	83 Yrs. Old
Doug Imberi	02/22/1950	75 Yrs. Old
Don Ahrens	02/27/1947	78 Yrs. Old

Couples' Dine Out

The Couples' Dine Out will be at La Huerta Vieja, 2100 Standiford Ave., Modesto on Wednesday, February 19, 2025 at 5:00 PM. If you would like to attend, please call Jeff Chin (209)602-3912 or email jefferygar-yc@msn.com



LADIES' DINE-OUT

The Ladies' Dine-Out will be at Biscuit to Basket, 501 Bangs Ave., Modesto at 11:00 am. No reservations required.



COMMEMORATIVE
AIR FORCE

The Commemorative Air Force Central California Valley Squadron holds fund-raising meals twice a month. A Second Saturday Pancake Breakfast and a Fourth Saturday Lunch. The breakfast time is 7:30 am to 11:00 am. The lunch time is 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. The cost is \$10 per person for breakfast and \$13 for lunch. No reservations required. The meals are served at the hangar 1-S at 700 Tioga Dr., Modesto. The breakfast will be on February 8, 2025. The lunch will be on February 22, 2025.

2025 SIR BRANCH 103 OFFICERS

Big Sir—Juan Salinas
Little Sir-Brian Donahue
Secretary-Don Rowe
Assist. Sec.-Ray Tillery
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Director-Kerry Newman
Director-Dave Cooper
Director-Lance Underwood
Past President-Paul Bender

Branch 103 Website

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ALL ABOUT ME

Branch 103 has 98 members. A member will be chosen to tell all about themselves. Dick Nelson will interview members each month. The member who Dick interviewed is Jerry Hott.

Jerry stands out at our weekly golf tournaments. He wears shorts on the coldest days and a Dodger Blue baseball cap. He is a Dodger fan who sat through all 18 innings of the Dodger win over the Red Sox in the 2018 World Series.

Jerry is a Modesto native who graduated from Modesto High in 1973. While in school, he had an evening paper route for the Modesto Bee and worked with Steve Gibson. He was on the golf team. After graduation, he was not eligible for the draft because of a mild case of polio when he was very young.

Upon graduation from high school, he worked at a hospital in Murphys, and later for Campbell Soup. Foot note: Jerry worked at Port Chicago for one year loading ammo on ships bound for Viet Nam. (Port Chicago was the site of famous explosion in 1944 and subsequent refusal of black seamen to load munitions on ships because of unsafe conditions.)

Jerry was a machinist for most of his working career at a number of machine shops in the Central Valley, including Circle A&W. "I always wanted to be a driving instructor. I worked for Spencer's Driving School for 10 years. I'd work with old people that lost their licenses. One fellow had been in a serious accident gave me a check for \$1000 after he regained his license."

Jerry has a heart for youth sports as a coach. "I was short growing up. My baseball coach told me, 'crouch down, get low.' I was mad, I wanted to know how to hit."

I coached baseball, basketball, golf, track. I coached a Modesto track team, Thunderbolts, which had Suzy Powell, an eventual Olympic medalist. I never had the best kids, but I had a lot of kids who were average and I would coach them up. I'd watch sports and notice things which I could pass on to the kids."

Jerry worked with the First Tee Program of Modesto for 10 years.

Sometimes you see Jerry at one of the Sirs weekly tournaments with a young man named Eric, whom Jerry adopted when Eric was one. Eric developed into a good junior golfer and Jerry would transport him to junior tournaments throughout the Valley and has raised him as a single parent since 2016.

Jerry has been a member of Sirs since the time Bob Kredit was president. He enjoys the golf and playing with different people.

Cruise the Lower Mississippi in style, from Memphis to New Orleans aboard the 180 guest *American Splendor*

9-Days..... September 30-October 8, 2025

MEMPHIS TO NEW ORLEANS - Embark on a voyage along the Lower Mississippi River, one brimming with excitement and discovery, stretching from the vibrant streets of New Orleans, Louisiana, to the soulful rhythms of Memphis, Tennessee. Our intimate Modern Riverboats accommodate no more than 180 guests, ensuring an immersive and personalized experience like no other. Feel the spirit of the region come alive through the passion and energy of our all-American crew, who eagerly await to guide you through nine days packed with unforgettable moments. An onboard historian will share the many stories of Southern culture and history, while local guides will unveil hidden gems during shore excursions. Experience the heart of Civil War history at Vicksburg, then marvel at the opulence of grand estates like Houmas House and Rosedown Plantation. Indulge in the timeless elegance of Oak Alley, where 300-year-old trees whisper tales of centuries past, or explore the quaint charm of St. Francisville and Natchez, each with their own unique stories to tell. As the sun sets on another day of exploration, unwind **aboard** with daily cocktail hours, gourmet cuisine, and captivating evening shows that showcase the region's cultural vibrancy. Get ready for a journey unlike any other, where every bend in the river reveals something new.



Highlights

- *Roundtrip airfare from Sacramento
- *Transfers to and from the Sacramento Allport
- *1-night pre-cruise hotel stay at the Guest House at Graceland with free ground-transfers airport to hotel and hotel to ship
- *Post cruise Premium New Orleans City excursion with drop off at the New Orleans Allport
- *All meals and snacks
- *24/7 alcoholic/non-alcoholic beverages and nightly evening cocktail hour with hors d'oeuvres and top shelf liquors
- *Wi-Fi
- *Prepaid gratuities
- *Onshore featured excursions
- *Full enrichment package with guest speakers and nightly entertainment

*7 night cruise on the American
Splendor with all meals, drinks
and shipboard activities*

Questions? Please contact John Cardoza (209) 483-7722

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Backup Singer: Gary Goodman209 578-0848
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Bob Kredit

SENIOR HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

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February

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 SIR Golf-Swenson	4	5	6 Creekside Golf	7 Pickleball-Beyer Park, Modesto	8
9	10 SIR Golf-Creekside	11	12	13 Creekside Golf	14	15
16	17 SIR Golf-Atwater	18	19 Couples' Dine Out- La Huerta Vieja Restaurant	20 Creekside Golf	21 Pickleball-Beyer Park, Modesto	22
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