

# Rooster's Tale



*Sons in Retirement – Branch 110*

**Meeting November 15, 2021 1705 Manzanita Avenue, Chico, CA**  
**Luncheon at 11:30 am – Executive Committee 9:30 am**

**Program:** Our Luncheon Program for November is entitled "Lumber Town". The timber/lumber industry was one of the major economic forces in Northern California, for much of the Twentieth Century. It produced jobs, generated tax revenues, and supported widespread businesses. Processes and jobs in that industry were very similar from one company to the next. The program, "Lumber Town," will look at those processes and jobs used by the Red River Lumber Company in its Westwood operations from 1912 to 1944. The program also will examine briefly recent changes in the industry, including new equipment and the impacts of wildfires.



The speaker will be a Branch 110 member-**Bill Niepoth**. Bill's logging background is based on his father and grandfather's experiences in the woods at a wide variety of jobs. Bill also had summer logging jobs in the Westwood area while attending Chico State and before obtaining his doctorate from Stanford University and well before being inducted into the Chico State Athletic Hall of Fame in 2004 for his track performance.

**Lunch:** The food will be plated and served as it has been recently. **The cost will be \$17.**

Lunch Menu	Attendance Communication
Pot Roast, mashed potatoes, vegetables and dessert	It is important to communicate whether you will participate in the November luncheon. There was a survey but if you did not do the survey, <u>PLEASE, if you will NOT attend</u> , contact Craig Lindquist, at 898-8483 or <a href="mailto:c.lindquist@sbcglobal.net">c.lindquist@sbcglobal.net</a> by <b>Thursday, November 11.</b>

**Big Sir Message:** Hi everyone. We had a good meeting this month. Our attendance is going up which is encouraging. Our speaker Katy Thoma, President of the Chico Chamber of Commerce was excellent. She gave us a lot of information about the chamber and what is going on in Chico. We inducted 2 new members and there are 3 waiting to become members. We needed a first and second assistant Treasurer, and now have them, which filled those two spots. Super! We still have a few vacant spots open on some committees. The committees are what help keep SIRs an active group. The different programs that we have need to have someone to keep them going.



Our history committee is having different events with the Chico History Museum. They have some interesting programs coming up. Don Alger is the contact person. The Wine committee is having some interesting wine tastings. Keith Johnson is doing a great job in putting the tastings together. Pinochle is having a good turnout. If interested, contact Joe Navarro. Our program for November will be Bill Niepoth. Sounds like it will be a good one. To really enjoy SIRs get involved. Don't forget the Christmas party is coming soon. Be ready for it, and get tickets. It should be fun. See you at the next SIRs lunch. *Norm*

Please check out our website for updates and new dinosaur humor.

Branch 110 Website: <http://www.branch110.sirinc2.org>

Webmaster: Ron Braziel

## 2021 Officers and Directors

Big Sir: <b>Norm Stump</b>	Little Sir: <b>Vacant</b>	Secretary: <b>Bob Dinger</b>
Asst. Sec.: <b>Dave Rush</b>	Data Base Mgr: <b>Rocky Rockwell</b>	Treasurer: <b>Ed Matzdorff</b>
Asst. Treas. 1: <b>Jose Lopez**</b>	Asst. Treas. 2: <b>Charles Staser</b>	
Attendance Sec.: <b>Craig Lindquist (interim)</b>		
Director: <b>Ron Braziel**</b>	Director: <b>Dave Jones</b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)	Director: <b>Jim Braziel</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Director: <b>Don Alger</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> term)	Director: <b>Bill Colvin**</b>	Director: <b>Ken Edson</b> (3 <sup>rd</sup> term)

\*\* Ron Braziel and Bill Colvin have agreed to finish out the 2021 year as Directors and Jose Lopez graciously volunteered to move from a Director's position to the an Assistant Treasurer position.

## Health, Wisdom and Memorials

There has been an endeavor to include information about Branch 110 members who have health issues or have passed away. It is usually the case that information of this sort is not known to the Rooster's Tale Editor who would be responsible for informing the membership at large. Therefore, **everyone's assistance is requested**. If you know of a member who has or has had health issues or has recently died, please provide the information to Don Alger. It is important to not miss acknowledging our fellow members.

**Ken Jensen** has been missing in action due to knee surgery in June. While the recovery is going slower than expected, he is slowly progressing with the rehab. He was in good spirits and looks forward to returning.



**Give thanks for unknown blessings  
already on their way.**  
(Native American Saying)



**November 12, 1981:** This had been the date, planned back in 1969, for the launch of a manned mission to Mars, based on the expected planning time and the proximity of Earth to Mars and Venus. However, cuts to NASA budget in 1970 stopped the project, but the plan had been for a nine-month trip to Mars, with arrival on August 9, 1982; ten weeks of exploration ending with departure on October 28, 1982; a flyby of Venus on February 28, 1983; and a return to Earth on August 14, 1983.

In retrospect, that now seems like it was a rather ambitious goal back then. So, **what year will humans go to Mars?** Elon Musk, founder of SpaceX, has plans on sending the first people to Mars in **2026**. NASA's plans are more cautious. They say, it won't be before the early 2030s that humans orbit Mars, let alone land on the planet. Crewed launches to Mars are planned for **2033** by China.

The stuff of science fiction, yes, but as has been seen, so much of fiction becomes fact.

# SIR 110 Activities

**Please remember that when planning SIR activities, it is critical that approval be obtained from the BEC and have it entered into the minutes for insurance coverage.**

**Golf:** On Monday, October 18 SIRS played Canyon Oaks on a cloudy, sunny day. The format was a **Scramble** with 3 and 4 member teams.

Flight 1 Winners	Net group Score 57.9	Flight 2 Winners	Net Group Score 58.4
CARTER, TOM		BARNUM, DAVE	
LIM, MIKE		EVANS, BOB	
STASER, CHARLES		HILDENBRAND, LARRY	
WEIDERT, JIM		WESSELS, BOB	

Closest to the pin #6: CAMY, DON 13' 11"; EVANS, BOB 14' 10"; SHOOK, DOUG 15' 10"

Closest to the pin #11: BINGAMAN, BILL 4' 11"; STASER, CHARLES 8' 7"; BROSSOIT, PAUL 8' 8"

**Golf:** On Monday, October 11, only 18 SIRS played Bailey Creek on a cold and very windy day. The format was a **Scramble** with 3 and 4 member teams.

Flight 1 Winners	Net group Score 62	Flight 2 Winners	Net Group Score 62.2
BAKER, KEN		HANDS, DARRELL	
STORM, STEVE		HERMAN, CRAIG	
WEIDERT, JIM		PORTERFIELD, CAP	

Closest to the pin #8: HYDER, MARK 8' 9"; BELL, BOB 13' 6"; DEMMER, CHARLES 16" 3"

Closest to the pin #13: HERMAN, CRAIG 10' 8"; EBER, JEFF 15' 4"; WEIDERT, JIM 16' 10"

**Bridge:** The Branch 110 winner for last month was Ed Matzdorff.

**Piscatology:** The fishing group made plans to fish Lake Davis on October 26, 27 & 28. With torrential rain and heavy snow predicted for Sunday and Monday, we decided to postpone our trip to a later date. This may be the end of the fishing season for most of us. Time to put the boat away for the winter. Join us for 7:00 am breakfast at Cozy Diner, on Thursday November 11. Call Bill Colvin at 521-7269 or Bob Weckerle at 864-6698 for more information

**Pinochle:** We had 13 for lunch and pinochle at the Butte Creek Country Club on October 27th. The winners are: Barbara Fradilla - 1st; Jenni Boles - 2nd; Sam Smith - 3rd. Holiday date changes for November and December. November's date will be **3rd Wednesday, November 17 at 11:30 at the BCCC**. December's date will also be the **3rd Wednesday, December 15, same time same place**. Please call Joe Navarro at 343-0832 with questions.

**Vino 110** Our venue for November 9 is/was (depending on when you read this) the Roney Winery.

Eighteen wine tasters signed up to sample 5 premium red wines including one direct from the barrel in the Roney Cave.

There will be no wine club event in December. Instead, you are all invited to attend the wonderful SIR Christmas Dinner on December 6. Merry Christmas! *-keith*

**Travel:** There are currently some tours scheduled for 2022. The first one is:

**Holland Tulip Festival Tour Featuring Mackinac Island's Grand Hotel, May 12 -19, 2022**

For information on tours, contact Jose Lopez at 891-6715 or 864-5978.

**Christmas Party:** Tickets for the event will be available again at the November Luncheon or may be arranged for by contacting Craig Lindquist at 898-8483 or [c.lindquist@sbcglobal.net](mailto:c.lindquist@sbcglobal.net)

**We will have the popular Children's Choir perform once again!!!**

**SIR Branch No. 110  
2021 Christmas Dinner Party  
will be held at**



**Monday, December 6, 2021  
5:00 PM Social -- 6:00 PM Dinner**

**MENU CHOICES**

**ROAST BEEF  
TURKEY  
VEGETARIAN**

**Cost: \$25.00 per person.**

**Holiday  
Entertainment**

**Prizes!!**

**Happy Holidays  
to  
Everyone!**



**Prizes!!**

**Please make checks payable to  
SIR Branch No. 110.**

**History Club:** Currently, the November SIR History activities will involve "piggy backing" on the Saturday lectures presented by the Chico History Museum. For more information about some very interesting Butte County History, visit the Museum's web site <https://chicohistorymuseum.org/>.

November lectures will be:

November 13: Chico's Role in the Mad Rush for Silver in the Black Rock Desert of Nevada 1866-1867.

November 20: The Past, Present and Future of Chico's Barber Neighborhood.

As a spinoff of determining topics of interest for the History Club, information on the Diamond Match Company's Chico (Barber) millwork and match factory was developed and our webmaster, Ron Braziel, placed this historical information on the Branch 110 website and can be found either under "Announcements" or under "Activities" and the History Club.

**Ideas for a December SIR sponsored activities are welcome.**

For regular updates on History Club activities, please contact Don Alger ([dalger@csuchico.edu](mailto:dalger@csuchico.edu)).



**There are currently 164 active members.**

Membership brochures and applications are normally available at the membership table or you can call Don Levensaler at 891-1045 to get one via the postal service.

## New October Members



Name: **Tim Casaulong**  
Wife: Julie  
Occupation: Farm Worker  
Company: Lundberg Farms  
Interests: Coins, Fishing, Pool

Sponsored by: Vern Hartman



Name: **Howard Hamman**  
Wife: Flo  
Occupation: Real Estate Broker  
Company: Hamman Real Estate  
Interests: Fishing, Travel

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**October Guest: Bob Wessels** guest of Vern Hartman

## Announcements

- **Editor's Note:** The deadline for the **December** Rooster's Tale is **Thursday, November 25**. Send your information by email: [dalger@csuchico.edu](mailto:dalger@csuchico.edu) or phone at (530) 894-2452.
- **Volunteers Needed: Branch 110 could still use your help.** Besides the need for a Little Sir for 2022, there are several other positions which still need to be filled. If you are interested in helping, please contact Big SIR Norm Stump. His contact information is in the 2020 Membership Roster. You can check our website under "Committees" to see the numerous vacancies which need to be filled. Some require minimal work but are important to the Branch.
- **Future Programs:** The currently scheduled program for December will be music by the adult members of the "Children's" Choir. **As always, new ideas are welcome.**
- **Christmas Party:** The date for the Christmas Party has been set for Monday, December 6. **Craig Lindquist** is the Chair of the committee. Please save the date. Ticket sales for the Christmas Dinner will occur again at the November SIR Luncheon. The price is still \$25 each like last year. **Please see page 4 for more details.**
- **State SIR Bulletin: ("Sir Happenings")** The latest edition is available for review at <https://sirinc.org/newsletters/>



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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

If you have a November Birthday, please join us at the November 15 luncheon and find out what you might win. **Perhaps a free lunch!\*\***

Mike	Musgrave	Nov	2	Dennis	Bruggman	Nov	15	Paul	Matthews	Nov	22
Kyle	Glaziner	Nov	4	Neil	Schwertman	Nov	17	Jack	Skibo	Nov	26
Dave	Barnum	Nov	4								

**\*\*It is possible to get a free lunch card without being a Birthday Boy. There has been a free lunch winner at meetings from a random selection process. Also both the sponsor and his guest will receive a free lunch when the guest joins and is inducted.**

**Please plan on bringing a friend to the next SIR meeting!**

