

Rooster's Tale



Sons in Retirement – Branch 110

Meeting January 27, 2025 1705 Manzanita Avenue, Chico, CA
Luncheon at 11:30 am–Executive Committee at 9:30 am

Program: The January 2025 SIR Branch 110 luncheon program will be related to the California Highway Patrol. Public Information Officer **Frank Valdepena** with CHP Chico will be the featured speaker. No information about potential topics or biographical information was provided.

Lunch: The price of a salad as been reduced to \$18. The price of lunch is still \$20.

Lunch Menu	Attendance Communication
Meatloaf with mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes, caesar salad, and garlic bread. The dessert will be a surprise.	It is important to communicate whether you will participate in the January luncheon. Please respond to the survey , but if you could not do the survey, and if you WILL attend , contact Rocky Rockwell at 916-209-3217 or Dave Jones at 530-895-1022 by Thursday, January 23.

Big Sir Message: Welcome to 2025... the last year of the first quarter of the 21st



Century. I'm reminded of a book I read about 50 years ago, Future Shock. The basic theme of the book is "Nothing is Constant but Change." The quote was also attributed to the Greek Philosopher Heraclitus.

We are survivors of the change that has occurred in the last fifty years. Think about it! There were the following ways to communicate then: in person, telephone, letters, or telegraph. Advertising was in the newspaper, magazines, television, and radio. The only person with a watch that communicated was Dick Tracy! Today we have a multitude of ways of reaching our fellow citizens. We can communicate with folks from around the world in a matter of seconds. I

mention this because I'm a member of the Branch Advisory Council. We have 26 SIR members throughout Northern and Central California participating in the Council. We are researching ways to increase the visibility of our great organization. Do you have any thoughts on what we might do to attract more members? If so, please email me at dsturt@sbcglobal.net I'm sending a copy of the most recent Advisory Council minutes from our December meeting to you under separate cover.

We must find ways to increase the membership. We have 134 members as of December 15. We gained 18 new members last year and lost 13. My goal for this year is 150 members by the end of December. We will need to add a minimum of 30 new members to reach 150. It is up to all of us to share the enjoyment we gain from SIR membership with others. Note that the median age of our club today is 79. We need some more young whipper snappers like Greg and Dana and Bruce.

I want to thank all the leaders that are continuing in their positions and as importantly those of you that have taken on new positions to assist with the success of SIR.

We still need a few additional folks to step up and commit to our great group. Those positions in need of volunteers are as follows.

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| 1. Activities Oversight Chairman | 5. Fall BBQ Committee Chairman |
| 2. Recruitment Committee Chairman | 6. Piscatology Committee Assistant Chairman |
| 3. Attendance Committee Assistant Chairman | 7. Assistant Database Manager |
| 4. Publicity Committee Photo Assistant | 8. Web Master Assistant |

Here is a reminder to reply to the luncheon survey. It is important to be as accurate as possible regarding the number of lunches ordered. We do not want to order too many or too few. *Don S.*

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

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

Webmaster: Ron Braziel

2025 Officers and Directors

Big Sir: Don Sturt		Little Sir: Ralph Skytte	
Secretary: Bob Dinger	Asst. Sec.: Dave Rush	Data Base Mgr: Rocky Rockwell	
Treasurer: Charles Staser	Asst. Treas.: Jose Lopez	Parliamentarian: Ken Edson	
Director: Randy Benson (3rd term)	Director: Mike Nicholas (2nd term)	Director: Joe Navarro (2nd term)	
Director: Mike Gross (1st term)	Director: Dave Jones (1st term)	Director: Jan Loring (1st term)	

Health, Memorials and Wisdom

In order to include information about Branch 110 members who have health issues or have passed away, **everyone's assistance is requested**. If you know of a member who has had health issues or has recently died, please provide the information to Don Alger. Let's not miss acknowledging our fellow members.


A new year is a chance to start fresh, a chance to let go of the past and embrace the future.


50 Years Ago


January 1, 1975: The University of Oklahoma Sooners were given the number 1 ranking in the final AP sportswriters poll of the 1974 college football season, and a share of the unofficial national college football championship. The Sooners had been the only undefeated and untied team, but had been ineligible for postseason play, and were not included in the UPI coaches' poll. The USC Trojans, were ranked #1 in the UPI poll, and were 2nd in the AP poll, giving them a share of the mythical national championship.


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.


Hiking		<p>Our Tuesday, January 14, hike is along the Paradise Lake walking path. PLACE: Meet at Park and Ride lot nearest Highway 99 along Fir Street and carpool to Paradise Lake. Lunch afterward in the Paradise area (optional)</p>
<p>DATE: Tuesday, January 14, 2024 TIME: 10:00 am WEAR: Layers, hat, walking or hiking shoes or boots LOGISTICS: Bring water. Bring a snack, if desired. Suggest bringing sunscreen, eye protection, lip balm, walking poles or staff if desired, a personal first aid kit, and a hat. Binoculars could come in handy to bird watch. Include in your pack the name of an emergency contact, contact information and medical insurance information. Bring money for lunch (optional). COMMENTS: This hike is along a walking path so this is generally even terrain with gradual elevation changes. Surfaces can include rocks and potholes and can be slippery from rain and leaves. Be alert to tripping and fall hazards. For additional information please contact Rich Utter, Randy Benson or Jim Hertl.</p>		

Piscatology		<p>There were no reported activities for the fishing activity. Call Dana Davis (530-570-1687) or Bill Colvin (530-521-7269) for more information.</p>
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Bridge		<p>The Bridge players played last month. Bob Dinger won two sessions. Please come join this friendly Bridge group. They meet weekly on Thursdays at 2750 Sierra Sunrise Terrace in Chico at noon. Call Bob Dinger at 530-892-9063 for information.</p>
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History		<p>The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 14, at 10 am at 6 Stratford Way. This meeting will continue discussions about <u>Old Grocery Stores of Chico</u> and a new project on producing a book with</p>
<p><u>Biographical Sketches of Notable 20th Century Residents of Chico.</u> Information on the <u>Flour Mills and Flumes of Chico</u> project will also be presented.</p> <p>The History Group has been busy and has produced several documents and books. They are digitally published and available on the SIR Branch 110 website. It is on the website under Site Map, click on "Activities" and then on "Current Activities" then on "History Group". If you would be interested in participating or would like more information, please contact Don Alger (dalger@csuchico.edu or 530-894-2452).</p>		


ABV 110		<p>No activities will be scheduled for January. We have fun beer, wine and liquor tasting activities planned after January. Stay tuned for more information.</p>
<p>To be added to the email list, contact Don Alger (dalger@csuchico.edu or 530-894-2452).</p>		

Pinochle		<p>The winners for the December Pinochle game day are: Janice Zigler - 1st; Patsy Stile - 2nd; Cindy Heffren - 3rd. Next game and lunch at the BCCC is January 22, at 11 am</p>
<p>Come join the fun group. Call Joe Navarro at 343-0832 with questions.</p>		

Wood Working		<p>Due to a lack of participation, there are no longer regular meetings. If someone has a project that needs a little help, call Craig Lindquist at 530-898-8483 or Bill Gebhardt at 530-879-0429 for more information.</p>
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Pickleball		<p>The Pickleball group will resume on Thursdays at noon as the weather improves. Stay tuned for forecasts. Jay Hanson can be reached at jbirdhanson1@gmail.com.</p>
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Bowling		<p>SIR Bowling meets Tuesdays at 6 pm at Bowlero. This is a drop-in league that meets each week, so you can attend every Tuesday or when the mood strikes you. If you decide to show up near a holiday or as summer approaches, you might want to check to make</p>
<p>sure the bowling night is happening. The cost is \$17 for three games plus shoe rental. There is a \$25 league enrollment fee so your first time to bowl will be \$42 then \$17 each time thereafter. Please contact Randy Benson with any questions at 530-513-9815.</p>		

Book Exchange		<p>We'll have another book exchange at the January 27 meeting. Please bring some books to exchange and lay them out on the table provided and take some books home with you. The book exchange will start during the social time before the lunch meeting.</p>
<p>Here are two books that will be on the book exchange table at the January 27 meeting: The Da Vinci Code by Dan Brown. A NY Times bestseller and a major motion picture. Hello Beautiful by Ann Napolitano. A NY Times bestseller and Oprah Book Club selection. Yes, you can snag a book for your spouse. Contact Rich Utter or Randy Benson with any questions.</p>		


RANDOM THOUGHTS

The biggest lie I tell myself is...

"I don't have to write that down, I'll remember it".

**At my age "Getting Lucky"
means walking into a room and remembering what I came for.**

Which letter is silent in the word SCENT?

Golf		<p>Branch 110 Golf is a very popular activity not only for our members but also for other local SIR Branches. There are tournaments usually twice a month on Mondays with a variety of entertaining formats at different courses.</p> <p>Call Darrell Hands, the Chair of the activity, at 530-966-1303 for information.</p>
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On December 2, 50 Sirs played at Bidwell

1 st Net = 59.8	2 nd Net = 61.4	3 rd Net = 61.6	4 th Net = 62.3	5 th Net = 62.4
VAN PATTEN, ALEX	WEIDERT, JIM	WHITE, GARY	VELASCO, STEVE	MABREY, BOB
PERTUIT, GLEN	DAVIS, SAM	GLAZINER, KYLE	BROWN, GREG	GIFFORD, KEVIN
DAY, JEFF	LEE, LLOYD	HYDER, MARK	O'NEIL, BOB	WOLFE, DENNIS
DEMMEER, CHARLES	GRAY, MARK	MAIN, ED	QUINTO, RAY	SMITH, SAM

CLOSEST TO PIN 2: BROWN, GREG - 4' 0"; MABREY, BOB - 16' 0"; SHOOK, DOUG - 16' 0" **PIN 4:** WEIDERT, JIM - 2' 11"; HERMAN, CRAIG - 3' 10" **PIN 7:** EBER, JEFF - 1' 2"; GRAY, MARK - 11" 1" **PIN 12:** VAN PATTEN, ALEX - 18' 0"; QUINTO, RAY - 20' 8" **PIN 16:** O'NEIL, BOB - 5' 11"; SHOOK, DOUG - 21' 3"

On December 9, Sirs played at Bidwell

1 st Net = 131.3	2 nd Net = 141.3	3 rd Net = 142	4 th Net = 142.7
BROWN, GREG	HILDENBRAND, LARRY	MABREY, BOB	HERMAN, CRAIG
SHOOK, DOUG	WEIDERT, JIM	MCMAMARA, DENNIS	CAGNO, JIM
HANDS, DARRELL	DAY, JEFF	WHITE, GARY	WESSELS, BOB
KINNEY, JAVIER	BINGAMAN, BILL	WHITE, TOM	BROWNING, BOB

CLOSEST TO PIN 2: BINGAMAN, BILL - 3' 7"; GLAZINER, KYLE - 4' 4" **PIN 4:** PARSONS, DICK - 4' 8"; WEIDERT, JIM - 10' 6" **PIN 7:** BARGER, JIM - 3' 6"; SHOOK, DOUG - 10' 3" **PIN 12:** GLAZINER, KYLE 2' 8"; BINGAMAN, BILL - 6' 2" **PIN 16:** VAN PATTEN, ALEX - 16' 11"; MCMAMARA, DENNIS - 20' 3"


On January 6, Sirs played at Bidwell

1 st Net = 138	2 nd Net = 143	3 rd Net = 147(tie)	3 rd Net = 147 (tie)
WHITE, GARY	GRAY, MARK	BROWNING, BOB	BROWN, GREG
BINGAMAN, BILL	HULL, MICHAEL	CAGNO, JIM	KNOWLTON, JACK
HILDENBRAND, LARRY	VAN PATTEN, ALEX	DAVIS, SAM	MAIN, ED
WEIDERT, JIM	GIFFORD, KEVIN	HERMAN, CRAIG	BLIND

CLOSEST TO PIN 2: HERMAN, CRAIG - 2' 1"; VELASQUEZ, JOE - 9' 2" **PIN 4:** HERMAN, CRAIG - 9' 2"; EBER, JEFF - 9' 2" **PIN 7:** VELASQUEZ, JOE - 18' 3"; DAVIS, SAM - 21' 10" **PIN 12:** BROWNING, BOB 5' 11"; HERMAN, CRAIG - 19' 0" **PIN 16:** HULL, MICHAEL - 7' 5"; DAY, JEFF - 13' 2"

SIR 110 Information Resources

This is information related to History that does not represent official Branch 110 activities, but does provide information about other history related events.

History		<p>There will be an endeavor to keep folks informed about upcoming history related community events.</p> <p>Contact Don Alger (dalger@csuchico.edu or 530-894-2452) for more information about history activities.</p>
No Chico History Museum or Butte Historical Society Events are currently scheduled.		



There are now 132 members including 8 on Attendance Relief. Membership brochures and applications are always available at the membership table or you can call **Sam Smith** at 530-720-1041 to get one via the postal service.

Roster Updates

Since the preparation and printing of the 2024 Roster in January, some changes have occurred. The "Roster Updates" will help keep members informed of **current membership**. If you need to communicate with a new member, contact Rocky Rockwell (530-961-3418).

Members not in the 2024 Roster	Ralph Skytte	John Schaller	Dan Bequette	Dana Davis
	Kevin Hennessy	Bill Knudsen	Paul Tullius	Joe Gallaway
	Len Spesert	Jim Cagno	Gil Jones	Steve Miller
Vince Herrera	Duncan Way	Kurt Himmler	Jeff Owings	

December Guests

Warren Locke - guest of John Janinis **Bob Minton** - guest of Duncan Way

Announcements

Editor's Note: The deadline for the **February** Rooster's Tale is **Thursday, February 6**. Send your information by email to dalger@csuchico.edu or phone at 530-894-2452.

Future Programs: Our **February 24th** will feature a representative from Cal Fire. On **March 24**, Felipe Restrepo will present his perspective, as the coach, on the Chico State men's soccer program.

State SIR Bulletin: (Sir Happenings) is available for review at <https://sirinc.org/newsletters/>.

Please Help! Branch 110 is in dire need of assistance.

Thanks to **Ralph Skytte** for assuming responsibilities of Little Sir for 2025. Thank you **Sam Smith** for volunteering to be the Membership Relations Committee Chair.

Thanks also to **Rich Olsen** for becoming the Attendance Committee Chair.

We need to fill important positions and find back-up people for other tasks. The list of needs is shown in the Big Sir Message and is repeated here.

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Please contact Big Sir Don Sturt, if you are willing to help.

State SIR Advisory Council Meeting Summary

The SIR organization has established a Branch Advisory Council currently composed of representatives from approximately 25 Branches. Branch 110 Big Sir Don Sturt is serving on this council.

If you are interested in reading the full four-page report, Don Sturt has it available. The following is an abbreviated summary of the summary of the 12/13/2024 meeting.

Please note that the reference to a **consensus** reflects that most members, but not necessarily all members, were in agreement with the stated conclusion.

1. The first item discussed was whether the modification of Policy 31 should include fines or penalties for branches that do not cooperate by providing necessary documentation and paying dues on time. Comments and suggestions made by members of the BAC included:

Conclusion: A consensus was reached that financial penalties were unlikely to be effective and need not be included in Policy 31.

2. Rich then provided a brief explanation concerning the governance of SIR. He explained that SIR has a single mission and vision but that it provides flexibility to allow branches discretion, within broad guidelines, on how they choose to accomplish that mission and vision. He compared State SIR to a holding company through a Charter system

Information only

3. The third item discussed was retaining or changing the traditional titles of "Big Sir" and "Little Sir".

Conclusion: No consensus was reached. The board will need to consider each of the relevant factors, including cost, tradition, and member feedback, before making a final decision.

4. The fourth item discussed was changing the name of SIR to a more neutral or modern name.

Conclusion: A consensus was reached that the name SIR should not be changed.

5. The fifth item discussed was whether we should relabel branches to call them chapters.

Conclusion: A consensus was reached that there is no compelling reason for a change.

6. The final topic discussed, (not on the formal agenda), was a discussion of the importance for the branches to address first aid and medical service discussion and preparation.

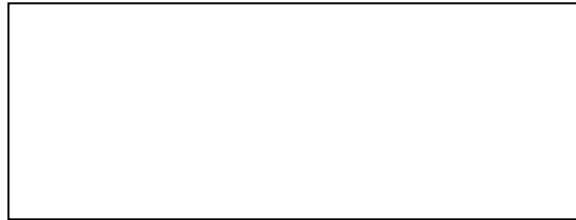
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

If you have a January birthday, please join us at the January 24th luncheon and see what you might win.

Bruce	Crowson	Jan	4	Jim	Williams	Jan	8	Kenneth	Shannon	Jan	21
Keith	Martinson	Jan	5	Craig	Lindquist	Jan	13	Howard	Hamman	Jan	23
Don	Alger	Jan	7	Don	Sturt	Jan	20	James	Renlund	Jan	25
Wayne	Brown	Jan	7	Victor	Fisher	Jan	20				

It is possible to get a free lunch. Both the sponsor and his guest will receive a free lunch when the guest joins and is inducted.

Please, be a friend and bring a friend to the next SIR meeting!

