

# Rooster's Tale



*Sons in Retirement* – Branch 110

Meeting April 25, 2022 1705 Manzanita Avenue, Chico, CA

Luncheon at 11:30 am–Executive Committee 9:30 am

**Program:** You will not want to miss this month's program about arguably the most diversified farming operation in Northern California, the 800-acre Paul L. Byrne Memorial University Farm. Many of you know they have animals and orchards, a Meat Lab and a U-pick peach orchard. You're going to learn about some unique programs and see how the food produced may make a major change in the future.



**While at the luncheon you can sign up for a special SIRs farm tour on Thursday, April 28, which will involve some of these very unique programs on our tour, the Meat Lab will be open.**

The losses of arable land and shortage of water in combination with a growing population have been the impetus for developing new approaches for growing food effectively. You will learn about Aquaponics, a combination system of hydroponics (cultivating crops in water) and aquaculture (fish production). You'll also learn about the Soldier Fly that will take your table scraps to produce larvae to feed the fish so you can do everything in one loop. Lee Alter oversees this project, and you'll be very interested in his presentation. You'll learn about the organic vegetable project growing about 50 varieties of vegetables and how you can become a member and get a box of produce every week. Many of the wide variety of row and field crops are grown to feed the livestock like alfalfa hay and corn, but others are grown for contract for feed companies such as safflower and wheat. Some of you are very familiar with the products that the Meat Lab puts out such as cuts of beef, pork, lamb, as well as sausage, cured meats and beef jerky.

We will learn about the 70 acres of almonds of which 30 of them are in varietal trial. You will hear about the 75 acres in walnuts and their varieties, the 10 acres of the pecans, and the 10 acres of high density olives for oil production. We will also hear about the 40 purebred Angus cows that calve in the spring and, if that will be part of our tour on the following Thursday.

Coordinating this program will be Sarah DeForest who is the Director of External Relations. She's a proud Chico State graduate. She returned to work at the Farm in 2007. Also presenting information will be Dr. Lee Altier (aquaponics) and Dr. Crystal Waters (meat science) who is also a Chico State graduate.

As you can see this is not a program you want to miss and a perfect one for you to invite a guest who might want to join SIR Branch 110. Remember you buy their lunch and if they become a member you get a free lunch the next meeting and they get a free lunch. So answer the survey or call in and let us know if you are coming so we can have a good count for the lunch.



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

Lunch Menu	Attendance Communication
Breaded Fried Pork Chop w/ sweet chile plum sauce over Herbs jasmine rice, Asian Sesame Salad, Hawaiian roll bread, and dessert will be a surprise	It is important to communicate whether you will participate in the April luncheon. <b>Please respond to the survey</b> but if you could not do the survey, and <b>if you WILL attend</b> , contact Rocky Rockwell at 916-209-3217 or Dave Jones at 530-895-1022 <b>by Thursday, April 21.</b>



# Big Sir Message

We hope you all have a very.....



**Please check out our website for updates and lots of humor.**

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

**Webmaster: Ron Braziel**

## 2022 Officers and Directors

Big Sir: <b>Norm Stump</b>	Little Sir: <b>Rich Utter**</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>Bruce Heidemeyer</b>		
Director: <b>Ron Braziel</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> term)	Director: <b>Dave Jones</b> (3 <sup>rd</sup> term)	Director: <b>Jim Braziel</b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)
Director: <b>Don Alger</b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)	Director: <b>Bill Colvin</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> term)	Director: <b>Ken Edson</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> term)

**\*\*Rich Utter** has volunteered to assume the position of Little Sir for 2022 and then Big Sir for 2023. After formal nomination and BEC approval, he will become our new Little Sir. **Thank you very much Rich!!**

## Health, Wisdom and Memorials


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.


**Wayland Alan Stephenson:** On March 25, 2022, Wayland Alan Stephenson of Chico passed away from an unexpected illness. Alan had been an avid member of the El Rancho Chico Golf Club for 30 years as well as a member of SIRs since January 2008. He was a highly respected Chico Unified teacher and administrator. He served as the Director of Elementary Education until his retirement in 2007.

**Life's tragedy is that we get old too soon  
and wise too late.  
-Benjamin Franklin-**

## 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.**

<p><b>Bridge</b></p>		<p>Bob Dinger had a high score once. Come join this friendly Bridge group. They meet weekly on Thursdays at 2750 Sierra Sunrise Terrace in Chico at noon. Call Ed Mazdorff at 342-3649 for information.</p>
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<p><b>Vino 110</b></p>		<p>Our wine tasting this month will be on <b>Saturday, April 16</b> at the Bangor Ranch Winery in Bangor at 2 pm as the winery is only open on the weekends. It is located at 5678 LaPorte Road. Cost per person will be \$10 with the fee waived with a purchase.</p> <p>RSVP and let Don Kidd know if you plan to attend at 530-624-3733 or donkidd44@gmail.com by <b>April 11.</b></p>
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**RANDOM THOUGHTS**

My ducks are absolutely not in a row.  
At this point I have no idea where my ducks even are.

<p><b>Golf</b></p>		<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. Call <b>Darrell Hands</b>, the Chair of the activity, at 530-966-1303 for information.</p>
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On Monday, March 14, 41 SIRs played in a 4-man – 2-low net tournament at Bidwell.

**Flight One**

First Place; Total Score=119		Second Place; Total Score=124	
HANDS, DARRELL	PORTERFIELD, CAP	DONAHOO, SCOTT	CAMY, DON
HERMAN, CRAIG	SHOOK, DOUG	FELLNER, CRAIG	MARTINEZ, RUBEN
		NAVARRO, RAY	

**Flight Two**

First Place Score=122		Second Place Score =127	
ATKIN, NORM	BROWN, WAYNE	DAHL, JAKE	GLAZINER, KYLE
VELASCO, STEVE	VELASQUEZ, JOE	DEMME, CHARLES	KNOWLTON, JACK

Closest to the pin #2: DAHL, JAKE 8' 0"; STASER, CHARLES 15' 7"; EVANS, BOB 23' 5"


Closest to the pin #16: SHOOK, DOUG 5' 10"; SOMMER, BENNY 9' 7"; MCNAMARA, DENNIS 24' 9"

On Monday, March 21, 51 SIRs golfers traveled to Corning to play Rolling Hills Golf Course.


<b>Flight One</b>		<b>Flight Two</b>	
<b>First Place Score=59.1</b>	<b>Second Place Score =68</b>	<b>First Place Score = 58.6</b>	<b>Second Place Score = 62.7</b>
GRIFFIN, RON	GLAZINER, KYLE	BINGAMAN, BILL	BROSSOIT, PAUL
LEE, LLOYD,	KNOWLTON, JACK	MARTINEZ, RUBEN	EBER, JEFF
NUSSBAUM, RICHARD	EVANS, BOB	MESSINA, JOHN	HYDER, MARK
SOMMER, BENNY	LAMPE, DON	REIMANN, FRANK	PERTUIT, GLEN


Closest to the pin #4: WEIDERT, JIM 14' 3.5"; BROWN, WAYNE 24' 4.75"; BARNUM, DAVE 30' 2"

Closest to the pin #16: STEPHENSON, ALAN 11' 4"; PORTERFIELD, CAP 19' 3"; PERTUIT, GLEN 22' 0"


<p><b>Piscatology</b></p>		<p>On March 29th, the Fishing Group "divided" into two groups, each fishing in a different direction. Five members fished Lake Almanor and four fished Lake Oroville. Neither group considered it a successful day. Only one or two small fish were caught and</p>
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all were released, "no keepers." Our next Breakfast meeting will be on April 14th, 7:00 am at Cozy Diner. Please join us if you can. Call Bob Weckerle 530-864-6698 or Bill Colvin 530-521-7269 for more information

<p><b>Pinochle</b></p>		<p><b>PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR A TIME CHANGE</b> - Starting April 27th Pinochle will meet monthly at <b>11:00 am</b> at Butte Creek Country Club for lunch and cards. Winners for March are: Patsy Stile - 1st; Jenni Boles - 2nd; Barbara Fravilla - 3rd. <u>Please call Joe Navarro at 343-0832 with questions.</u></p>
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<p><b>Out to Lunch</b></p>		<p><b>On April, 28</b>, the last Thursday of the month, we are going to Westgate Hardwoods in Durham, CA. Yea, back to Durham. Westgate Hardwoods is an Urban forestry company. They take trees that grow in the local area and manufacture beautiful, functional household items,</p>
<p>like doors. We should have time to visit the COSTCO return store and the local antique store. Lunch will be at 11:45 at Pueblito's Mexican restaurant Downtown Durham. <u>Call Bill McNelley 530-228-7948 for information.</u></p>		

<p><b>Travel</b></p>		<p>There are currently some tours scheduled for 2022. The first one is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Holland Tulip Festival Tour, May 12 -19, 2022</b></li> <li>• <b>8 Night Columbia and Snake River Cruise May 12, 2022,</b></li> <li>• <b>Alaska Land &amp; Sea, May 23- June 4, 2022</b></li> </ul> <p><b>The Magical Rhine and Moselle Rivers, September 12-15, 2022</b> For information on tours, contact Jose Lopez at 891-6715 or 864-5978.</p>
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<p><b>History Club</b></p>		<p>There are no official History Club activities planned. There are opportunities to experience some history by attending Chico History Museum Saturday lectures. The Spring schedule along with ticketing information is available at <a href="https://chicohistorymuseum.org/">https://chicohistorymuseum.org/</a>.</p>
<p>Please contact Don Alger at <a href="mailto:dalger@csuchico.edu">dalger@csuchico.edu</a> to receive regular updates on History Club activities.</p>		

<p><b>Hiking</b></p>		<p>A Sons in Retirement hike is scheduled for <b>Thursday, April 14</b>. It will be a four mile out-and-back hike to overlook Phantom Falls. Detailed information is available in the March Rooster's Tale and on theBranch website under "Activities" and "Hiking".</p>
<p>On <b>Thursday, May 12</b>, we go to Upper Bidwell for a hike along the Yahi Trail. We'll meet at the Horseshoe Lake parking lot at 9:00 am We'll walk the Yahi Trail to Bear Hole, maybe the Diversion Dam, then return for an out-and-back hike.  <b>PLACE:</b> Upper Bidwell, Horseshoe Lake Parking Lot  <b>DATE:</b> Thursday, May 12, 2022. <b>TIME:</b> 9:00 am  <b>WEAR:</b> Layers, hat, walking or hiking shoes or boots.  <b>LOGISTICS:</b> There are portable toilets at the parking lot and near Bear Hole. Bring water. Bring a snack, if desired. Suggest sunscreen, lip balm, walking poles or staff if desired, and a personal first aid kit. Include in your pack the name of an emergency contact, contact information and medical insurance information.  <u>Bring money for lunch afterward - we'll go to lunch at a place to be determined.</u>  <b>COMMENTS:</b> This hike will cover varied terrain but it will not be as rigorous as last month's Table Mountain hike. Surfaces are uneven so be alert to tripping and fall hazards. Bringing drinking water on this hike is essential.  For additional information, please contact Rich Utter at <a href="mailto:rich.utter@gmail.com">rich.utter@gmail.com</a> or Jim Hertl.</p>		






**There are currently 152 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.

**The Annual Basket Collection (ABC) fee was due for 2022. It is \$24.00 for the year. March was the deadline for payment. If you have not yet paid, desire to continue membership and will not be at the April 25 luncheon meeting, a check made out to SIR Branch 110 can be mailed to**

**Don Levensaler, 2354 Burlingame Dr., Chico, CA 95928.**

**This annual fee is critical for the operation of the Branch in large part in order to pay the State SIR dues. Branch 110 must pay for everyone still listed as members in March so please pay your fee or notify Don Levensaler at 891-1045, if you are not going to continue as a member.**

<p align="center"><b>New Member in March</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>New Member in March</b></p>
 <p>Name: <b>Randy Benson</b>                  Wife: Sue                  Occupation: Retail Sales                  Company: Mervins/Ralph Lauren                  Interests: Baseball, Biking, Bowling, Hiking, Travel                  Sponsored by: Richard Utter</p>	 <p>Name: <b>Michael Hull</b>                  Occupation: Sales                  Company: Alhambra                  Interests: Fishing, Golf                  Sponsored by: Darrell Hands</p>
<p align="center"><b>New Member in March</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Guest in March</b></p>
 <p>Name: <b>Frank Moody</b>                  Wife: Gayla                  Occupation: Electrician                  Company: Hwy Ind. Park                  Interests: Antique Cars, Fishing, Brewing, Dominoes,                  Sponsored by: Howard Hamman</p>	<p><b>Jim Tupin</b> guest of Howard Hamman</p>

## Announcements

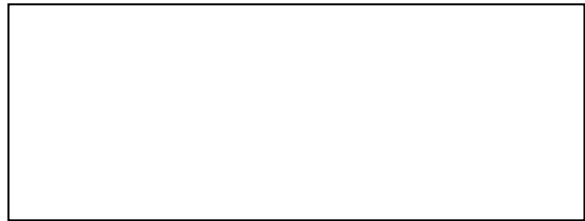
- **Editor's Note:** The deadline for the **May** Rooster's Tale is **Thursday, May 5**. Send your information by email: [dalger@csuchico.edu](mailto:dalger@csuchico.edu) or phone at (530) 894-2452.
- **New 2022 Roster:** There were delays in printing so the plan is now to have the 2022 Membership Rosters available for the April luncheon meeting. **Don't miss picking yours up.**
- **Annual Basket Collection (ABC):** **Just another friendly reminder to plan on paying your ABC fee if you want to continue membership.**
- **Future Programs:** The program for May will be the rescheduled presentation about the situations with the northern California water resources presented by Tod Kimmelshue.
- **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 April Birthday, please join us at the April 25 luncheon and find out what you might win. **Perhaps a free lunch!\*\***

Bob	Ediger	Apr	2	Marc	Mallinger	Apr	16	Steve	Emmons	Apr	26
Mike	Wacker	Apr	7	Greg	Robertson	Apr	26				

**\*\*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!**