

# Rooster's Tale



*Sons in Retirement* – Branch 110

**Meeting July 28, 2025 1705 Manzanita Avenue, Chico, CA**

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

## Program:

Our July 28, 2025 luncheon program will be presented by **Greg Sanger**, whose topic is, "Chico Regional Airport – Past, Present And Future."

Born in Spokane, Washington in 1946, Greg moved with his family to Los Angeles County at the age of 5. He grew up there, attending local schools including college at Cal State University, Northridge, where he graduated with a BS in Physics. Not able to find suitable work at the time, he applied to several colleges for graduate study in physics. He eventually decided on the University of Arizona in Tucson where he earned an MS and PhD in Optical Physics. More importantly he met and married Betsy, his wife of 52 years. They have one daughter and two grandsons currently living in the Sacramento area.



For 36 years after school, he designed and developed large ground based astronomical telescopes, reconnaissance and surveillance satellites, nuclear weapons, high powered lasers, and a large variety of optical components and systems for many ground, air and space based platforms. He held several technical, operational, business development and general management positions in companies such as United Technologies, Perkin-Elmer, Spectra-Physics, Corning, Exotic Electro-Optics and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. He is the author of 43 technical publications and holds several patents.

Dr. Sanger is a past Instructor at Yuba Community College and an Adjunct Professor of Physics at CSU, Chico. He was Chairman of the Board for The Work Training Center here in Chico. He has also served the City of Chico as an Airport Commissioner and currently works with the City in its effort to return commercial air service to our Airport.

In retirement, he enjoys writing, both science fiction and a technical opinion column known as, "Useless And Irrelevant Words," target shooting, wood working, creating Southwestern Indian Gourd Art, and building and flying RC model aircraft.

**Lunch:** The price of a salad is now \$18. The price of lunch is still \$20.

| Lunch Menu   | Lunch Attendance Communication  |
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| <b>Pot Roast</b> , gravy, mashed potatoes, veggies, and bread. Dessert will be a surprise. | It is important to communicate whether you will participate in the <b>July 28<sup>th</sup></b> luncheon. <b><u>Please respond to the survey</u></b> , but if you could not do the survey, and <b><u>if you WILL attend</u></b> , contact Rocky Rockwell at 916-209-3217 or Dave Jones at 530-895-1022<br><b><u>by 6:01 pm on Wednesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>.</u></b> |

**Please check out our website for regular updates and some new humor.**

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

**Webmaster: Ron Braziel**



## Big Sir Message: A heartfelt thank-you to Don Alger

for stepping in with his wonderful presentation when our scheduled speaker became ill. His talk sparked great enthusiasm—especially among our country music fans, many of whom showed an impressive depth of knowledge and appreciation for the genre. Well done, Don!

**Our Branch Executive Committee (BEC) meets at 9:30 AM** on the day of our luncheon at the Elks Club. I encourage you to stop by, learn more about how our branch operates, and explore ways to get involved. We're currently seeking a few good men to fill key leadership roles. Your time and talents can make a real difference—and you'll enjoy the camaraderie and satisfaction that comes with giving back.

**So far this year, we've welcomed six new members**—a great start! But there's still a journey ahead to reach our goal of 150 members by December. Let's keep the momentum going. I'm sure each of us knows someone who would enjoy the fellowship and purpose our organization offers. Let's invite them in.

**The Branch Advisory Council (BAC) meeting** will be held at **1:00 PM on July 11**. We'll be covering a variety of topics in preparation for the **State SIR Annual Meeting on August 26**.

**This month's guest speaker will be Greg Sanger**, a fellow SIR member from the other Chico club. He'll share insights on the Chico airport—a timely and engaging topic we will enjoy.

**We Need Your Help!** To help us plan more effectively, please RSVP if you're planning to attend our upcoming luncheon. Recently, we've had a few instances where lunches ran short because we weren't expecting as many guests. Your RSVP helps us ensure that everyone gets a seat at the table—and a full plate! Thank you for helping us keep our gatherings enjoyable, well-prepared, and stress-free. *Don S.*

## 2025 Officers and Directors

| <b>Big Sir: Don Sturt</b>                            |   | <b>Little Sir: Ralph Skytte</b>                     |
|--|---|---|
| <b>Secretary:</b> Bob Dinger                         | <b>Asst. Sec.:</b> Dave Rush                          | <b>Database Mgr:</b> Rocky Rockwell                 |
| <b>Treasurer:</b> Charles Staser                     | <b>Asst. Treas.:</b> Jose Lopez                       | <b>Parliamentarian:</b> Ken Edson                   |
| <b>Director:</b> Randy Benson (3 <sup>rd</sup> term) | <b>Director:</b> Mike Nicholas (2 <sup>nd</sup> term) | <b>Director:</b> Joe Navarro (2 <sup>nd</sup> term) |
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## 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.

**James Cagno:** On May 13, 2025, James "Jim" Cagno, beloved husband, father, coach, and friend passed away peacefully at the age of 77. A passionate outdoorsman, he found joy in nature and sports. Jim cherished his time fishing and enjoying rounds of golf with the SIR golf group.

**Don't be so quick to believe what you hear or read  
because lies spread quicker than the truth.**

# 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.**

## Piscatology



There was no report on recent fishing activities. The SIR Fishing group meets for breakfast the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 am at The Cozy Diner. Stop in and join us for breakfast.

**Contact Dana Davis at 530-570-1687 if you want to know more about the group.**

## Hiking



Our monthly hikes are suspended for now to avoid the summer heat. We'll resume hiking outings in the fall.

**For information, please contact Rich Utter, Randy Benson or Jim Hertl.**

## Bridge



The Bridge players played four times last month. **Bob Dinger** was a winner. 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.**

## History



The next meeting will be **Tuesday, August 12 at 10 am at 6 Stratford Way.** The agenda will depend on the progress on the various projects which are underway.

**If you would be interested in participating or would like more information, please contact Don Alger ([dalger@csuchico.edu](mailto:dalger@csuchico.edu) or 530-894-2452).**

## Pinochle



The winners of June's Pinochle game are: Maggie Navarro - 1st; Paul Zigler - 2nd; Lin Smith - 3rd.

The next date for a game and lunch is July 23, 11 am, at BCCC.

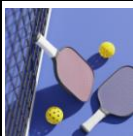
Come join the fun group. **Call Joe Navarro at 343-0832 with questions.**

## Wood Working



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.**

## Pickleball



The pickleball group took a week off recently due to hot weather. Our players are increasing in numbers including some wives who are improving the more they play. Play will resume when the weather improves.

Come on out and enjoy the fun. **Jay Hanson can be reached at [jbirdhanson1@gmail.com](mailto:jbirdhanson1@gmail.com)**

**Bowling**

SIR Bowling is taking the summer off and will start again in September. **Please contact Randy Benson with any questions at 530-513-9815.**

**Book Exchange**

If you have books you've read and are ready to pass them on or are looking for a good read, stop by the SIR Book Exchange table. Bring books to the next SIR lunch that you've enjoyed reading and get them to another SIR member through the book exchange. And look over the books and take some home.

The book exchange starts during the social time before our lunch meeting.

**Please contact Rich Utter or Randy Benson with any questions.**

**ABV 110**

We do not have plans for July or August ABV events.

We should be able to have a September activity, but nothing definite is currently planned.

To be on the email list, contact Don Alger ([dalger@csuchico.edu](mailto:dalger@csuchico.edu) or 530-894-2452).

**June 26 Wine Tasting Photos From the Raging Bull Winery**

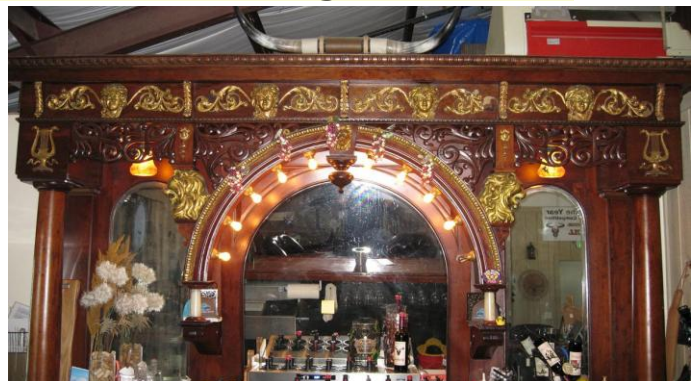
**The tasters listening to information from the vintner about the winery.**



**Some of the tasters saluting the camera.**



**Maggie, Barbara, Joe and Don perusing the wine list.**



**The bar at the winery imported from a bar in Old Sacramento.**

## Golf



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 **Darrell Hands**, the Chair of the activity, at 530-966-1303 for information.

### On June 9<sup>th</sup>, Sirs played at Table Mountain

| 1 <sup>st</sup> Net = 141.1 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Net = 141.3 | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Net = 142.5 | 4 <sup>th</sup> Net = 142.7 | 5 <sup>th</sup> Net = 144.5 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| BARGER, JIM                 | NEELEY, STEVE               | DAHL, JAKE                  | BROSSOIT, PAUL              | HANDS, DARRELL              |
| MABREY, BOB                 | HILDENBRAND, LARRY          | DAY, JEFF                   | EBER, JEFF                  | SHOOK, DOUG                 |
| MCNAMARA, DENNIS            | WEIDERT, JIM                | DEMME, CHARLES              | HYDER, MARK                 | GREY, MICK                  |
| WHITE, GARY                 | WESSELS, BOB                |                             | PERTUIT, GLEN               | MINTON, BOB                 |

**CLOSEST TO PIN 3:** WHITE, GARY - 12' 9"; SHOOK, DOUG - 14' 6" **PIN 7:** HERMAN, CRAIG - 8' 10"; PERTUIT, GLEN - 9' 6"; **PIN 12:** BROWN, WAYNE - 7' 9"; BAKER, KEN - 8' 1"  
**PIN 16:** MINTON, BOB - 4' 1"; NUSSBAUM, RICHARD - 8' 9"

### On June 30<sup>th</sup>, 46 Sirs played at Rolling Hills

| 1 <sup>st</sup> Net = 57.4 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Net = 59.1 | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Net = 59.9 | 4 <sup>th</sup> Net = 60.8 |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| BRUGGMAN, DENNIS           | HANDS, DARRELL             | DAY, JEFF                  | BAKER, KEN                 |
| HULL, MICHAEL              | LINVILLE, TOM              | MABREY, BOB                | DONAHOO, SCOTT             |
| QUINTO, RAY                | SBARBARO, SOUP             | MCNAMARA, DENNIS           | HERMAN, CRAIG              |
| VAN PATTEN, ALEX           | SHOOK, DOUG                |                            | SOLOMON, DAN               |

**CLOSEST TO PIN 4:** CAMY, DON - 7' 3"; GROSS, MIKE - 10' 6" **PIN 6:** HANDS, DARRELL - 11' 1"; PERTUIT, GLEN - 12' 3" **PIN 12:** PERTUIT, GLEN - 2' 9"; DAY, JEFF - 3' 9" **PIN 14:** CAMY, DON - 7' 0"; VAN PATTEN, ALEX - 8' 11" **PIN 16:** WESSELS, BOB - 13' 11"; EBER, JEFF - 14' 2"

### On July 7<sup>th</sup>, 36 Sirs played at Bidwell

| 1 <sup>st</sup> Net = 132 | 1 <sup>st</sup> Net = 132 | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Net = 135 | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Net = 135 |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| BAKER, KEN                | SHOOK, DOUG               | HERMAN, CRAIG             | GIFFORD, KEVIN            |
| PARSONS, DICK             | CAMY, DON                 | GRIFFIN, RON              | DAVIS, SAM                |
| MATHESON, TOM             | MARTINSON, KEITH          | KNOWLTON, JACK            | NUSSBAUM, RICHARD         |
| GRAY, MARK                | GLAZINER, KYLE            | VELASCO, STEVE            | PETERSON, RON             |

**CLOSEST TO PIN 2:** SOMMERS, BENNY - 13' 5"; GRIFFIN, RON - 15' 6" **PIN 4:** CAMY, DON - 3' 11"; SOMMERS, BENNY - 5' 4" **PIN 7:** PARSONS, DICK - 2' 9"; MABREY, BOB - 3' 7" **PIN 12:** SMITH, SAM - 11' 9"; BAKER, KEN - 34' 7" **PIN 16:** CAMY, DON - 3' 7"; VAN PATTEN, ALEX - 14' 7"

## 50 Years Ago

**July 21, 1975:** Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 went into effect in the United States, "American universities, colleges and schools that received federal funding were required to provide the same level of funding for women's and girls' sports programs as was spent for men and boys.

In 2025, 50 years later, Title IX continues to be a focal point of legal and policy debates, particularly regarding the interpretation and application of its protections against sex discrimination in education. A key development in early 2025 was a federal court decision vacating the Biden administration's 2024 Title IX regulations, effectively reinstating the 2020 regulations. This decision, in the case of *State of Tennessee v. Cardona*, impacts how schools address issues like sexual orientation and gender identity within the scope of Title IX.

## MEMBERSHIP

There are now **128** members including **10** 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 2025 Roster, 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).

|                                       |           |               |              |          |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|---------------|--------------|----------|
| <b>Members not in the 2025 Roster</b> | Mick Grey | Robert Minton | Warren Locke | Tim Hill |
|                                       | Mark Frey | Scott Brogden | Mike Bates   |          |

### New Member in June



Name: **Mike Bates**  
 Wife: Janice  
 Occupation: Project Manager, CSU Chico  
 Interests: Baseball Day, Golf, Pickleball  
 Sponsored by: Jay Hanson

### No Guests in June



**Did you forget to invite a friend?**

## Announcements

**Editor's Note:** The deadline for the **August** Rooster's Tale is **Thursday, August 7**. Send your information by email to [dalger@csuchico.edu](mailto:dalger@csuchico.edu) or phone at 530-894-2452.

**Future Programs:** The **August 25<sup>th</sup>** program is related to Bidwell Mansion A program on Artificial Intelligence is scheduled for September **22<sup>nd</sup>**. On **October 27<sup>th</sup>** a report about Bidwell Mansion will be given. A **November 17<sup>th</sup>** veterans program is scheduled.

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

**Our Branch Calendar:** SIR activities are included on our branch calendar which can be accessed on the Branch 110 website. We also include items of interest such as Chico State Commencement. **If you have an item to post or to update on the Branch calendar, please contact Rich Utter or Rocky Rockwell.**

**Our Branch Nominations for 2026:** The Nominations Committee proposed the following list members to the Branch Executive Council (BEC) and they voted to accepted these gentlemen as nominees for the SIR Branch 110 2026 Officers and Directors. A formal election will be held at the August luncheon meeting.

### Proposed 2026 Officers and Directors

|   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
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## Our Branch Fall Barbeque:



**Date:** Saturday September 6.

**Time:** 4 pm–6 pm

**Where:** At the Elks Lodge picnic area

**Food:** BBQ Tri-tip and Chicken Thighs plus starch and veggies.

**Drinks:** Details to be determined

**Raffle:** Details to be determined

**Cost:** Approximately \$35 depending on details

**Tickets:** Tickets will be sold at the July and August luncheon meeting.

## Nature Landscapes



**Basalt Canyon, Iceland**



**The Valley of 72 waterfalls, Switzerland**

## Animals



**Nope! These are NOT Photoshoped! Who is this guy?**

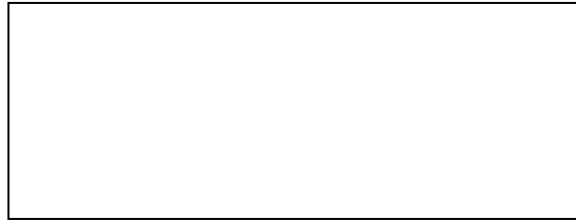


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**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

If you have a July birthday, please join us at the July 28<sup>th</sup> luncheon and see what you might win.

|        |        |     |   |         |         |     |    |     |        |     |    |
|--------|--------|-----|---|---------|---------|-----|----|-----|--------|-----|----|
| David  | Miller | Jul | 1 | William | Shippen | Jul | 7  | Syl | Lucena | Jul | 22 |
| Warren | Locke  | Jul | 1 | Steve   | George  | Jul | 18 | Sam | Smith  | Jul | 23 |
| Mick   | Grey   | Jul | 2 |         |         |     |    |     |        |     |    |

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!**

### **RANDOM THOUGHTS**

**I Had a thought, but unfortunately I had a second thought. I believe they ricocheted off each other and I can't find either one anymore.**