

# EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE September 14, 2023

### **Meeting Venues**

Richard Stating discussed the meeting possibilities. Red Hawk was not probable due to cost and space issues, there were no objections. 50 Grand was a new possibility, with a lunch cost of \$20-\$25. More information to come.

#### **Picnic**

Many thanks to Vanja Illich, Jeff Pease, Greg Pease, and Rich McMahan for the setup, preparation and cooking mouthwatering ribs, chicken, and corn. The pot luck side dishes and desserts that were offered by members and guests crowned the day. The picnic was such a huge success that plans could foresee two picnics next year

The Big SIR Ron Fenech will present four "I'm Doing My Part" pins to Jeff Pease, Richard McMahan, Greg Pease, and Vanja Illich, for their great preparation of the picnic BBQ.

Ken Brown reported that the picnic brought in \$680 in donations and cost \$204, for food and supplies, for a net gain of \$476.

#### LITTLE SIR REPORT

Due to technical issues at the September meeting our speaker, Don Uelmen, was postponed. Since that time, I've been able to have my computer fixed with thanks to a local business. Shout out to Nerdy Dave's on Placerville Drive.



Happy 65<sup>th</sup> Birthday SIR! I attended the annual SIR State Board Meeting which was held via Zoom on August 31<sup>st</sup>. Elections held at the meeting resulted with 2024 Dale Decker taking on the role of President. Dale has been an influence at the local branch and state level for many years. Dale's focus will be on member relations, increasing membership and member retention.

The State SIR tech team have been working on the website and made ease of use changes for members to find a wealth of information including activities, branch locations and websites. They have also simplified various forms for branch reports that are submitted back to the State. Check it out: <a href="https://sirinc.org/">https://sirinc.org/</a>. Branches can award members that contribute toward improving goals and activities with certificates of appreciation and an "I'm Doing My Part" pin. State awards are submitted by the BEC through the Area Representative and to SIR State for approval, they are:

Honorary Lifetime Membership awards are based on the number of branch members

Other HLM awards include, Emeritus, and Senior (10+ years as HLM)

Distinguished Service Awards (branches are allowed four). DSA's are given to the past Big SIR and are not counted against the allotment.

Our October speaker will be Lloyd Davis, retired guard at Folsom Prison. Lloyd will share some of his experiences over the years. In addition to daily dealings with the prisoners, one of his memorable duties was being assigned to Johnny Cash for his recording visit. Trust me, you won't want to miss it!



## Photos and Article by Chris Crowley



Branch 113 Bocce Ball day in September was cancelled due to Ted Rytel testing positive for Covid. This activity is open to Sirs, spouses and guests. We meet at Fenton Herriott Vineyards, 120 Jacquier Ct., Placerville. Start time is at 12 noon. The Winery has a picnic area with tables and chairs and a covered Gazebo. Attendees can bring snacks to share, if they wish, and/or purchase a bottle of wine (thanking the winery for the use of their courts). Both can be enjoyed while playing bocce ball. Easy to learn, lots of fun and Ted Rytel brings the professional Bocce Balls. Ted will provide tips and instructions to anyone who wishes. No experience needed.

**Next date is Friday October 13th at noon.** A donation of \$5.00 is requested from SIR members. Spouses and guests are free, but we will gladly accept a \$5.00 donation. Money goes to the SIRS fund.

Bocce will be discontinued until Spring after October meet. Please call Chris if you have any questions or suggestions.





On November 18<sup>th</sup>, at 1 PM, at Richard Strading's barn (depending on the weather) 3160 Point View, Placerville, we will have our next Wine Tasting Event. Each couple, or if solo individual, will bring their favorite **Port/dessert wine**. It is also suggested to bring a chocolate or a dessert appetizer (s) to share.

This will not be a "blind wine tasting event, rather a time for enjoying good company and giving a 'kick-start' to celebrating the holidays.

So come and enjoy another great Sirs event!.

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**Port wine** or simply **port**, also known as **vinho do Porto** (pronounced ['vinu ŏu 'portu]; Portuguese for 'wine of Porto'), is a Portuguese fortified wine produced in the Douro Valley of northern Portugal. It is typically a sweet red wine, often served with dessert, although it also comes in dry, semi-dry, and white varieties.

Other port-style fortified wines are produced out-side Portugal – in Argentina, Australia, Canada, France, India, South Africa, Spain, and the United States – but under the European Union Protected Designation of Origin guidelines, only wines from Portugal are allowed to be labelled "port"

# Striking up Friendships





"I'LL BET THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN A STRIKE IF IT HAD GONE FORWARD."

Branch 160 hosted the SIR bowling tournament in Carson City, Nevada on September 8-9. Our cotournament managers Dave Moore and Tim Hall made us all feel welcome at the newest venue on our schedule. All the registered bowlers were surprised to receive a \$5 coupon at check-in complements of Branch 160; good toward any purchase in the facility. Made my delicious lunch even better! Home Grown Lanes (formerly Carson Lanes) is now under ownership. Danny and Jennifer Dunbar, who have been bowling since childhood, have been working hard to preserve bowling in the Carson Valley. Stop by Home Grown when in town, say hi and support this young couple.

Tournament participation over the last nine months has shown a measurable increase. I anticipate that SIR membership, bowling in particular, will continue to grow into the coming year.

# **Upcoming tournaments:**

September 26 Bowlero Brentwood Brentwood
October 18 Fireside Lanes Citrus Heights
November 2-3 McHenry Bowl Modesto

Applications and results of all tournaments are available online:

http://www.sirinc3.org/sirBowling/index.html

The earliest known forms of bowling date back to ancient Egypt, with wall drawings depicting bowling being found in a royal Egyptian tomb dated to 3200 BC and miniature pins and balls in an Egyptian child's grave about 3200 BC. Remnants of bowling balls were found among artifacts in ancient Egypt going back to the Egyptian protodynastic period in 3200 BC. What is thought to be a child's game involving porphyry (stone) balls, a minture trilithon, and nine breccia-veined alabaster vase-shaped figures—thought to resemble the more modern game of skittles—was found in Nagada, Egypt in 1895.

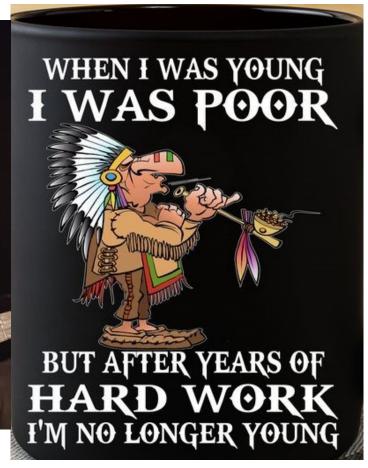
Balls were made using the husks of grains, covered in a material such as leather, and bound with string. Other balls made of porcelain have also been found, indicating that these were rolled along the ground rather than thrown due to their size and weight. Some of these resemble the modern-day jack used in target bowl games. Bowling games of different forms are also noted by Herodotus as an invention of the Lydians in Asia Minor. About 2,000 years ago, in the Roman Empire, a similar game evolved between Roman legionaries entailing the tossing of stone objects as close as possible to other stone objects, which eventually evolved into Italian Bocce, or outdoor bowling.

Around 400 AD, bowling began in Germany as a religious ritual to cleanse oneself from sin by rolling a rock into a club (kegel) representing the heathen, resulting in bowlers being called keglers.

1978	2023	
Long hair	Longing for hair	
8 Tracks	Cataracts	
KEGs	EKGs	
Streaking	Leaking	
Acid Rock	Acid Reflux	
Seeds and stems	Fiber	
Stayin' Alive (the song)	Stayin' Alive (the goal)	
Hoping for a BMW	Hoping for a BM	
Going to a new, hip joint	Getting a new hip joint	
Rolling Stones	Kidney Stones	
Bell bottoms	Big bottoms	
Disco	Costco	
Whatever	Depends	
Rock n' roll all night	Sleep through the night	
Think you know everything	Think you know your name	







# SIR Caller List - Updated 2022

Attendance Chairman	Ron Boschee	530-644-7572
Caller for badges 1 to 10	Open position	
Caller for badges 11 to 20	Al Earl	530-644-3208
Caller for badges 21 to 30	Open position	
Caller for badges 31 to 40	Open position	
Caller for badges 41 to 50	Lowell Thoreson	530-647-0588
Caller for badges 51 to 60	Ron Boschee	530-644-7572
Caller for badges 61 to 70	Eric Jack	530-644-7405
Caller for badges 71 to 80	Open position	
Caller for badges 81 to 90	Moose Brown	530-647-2168
Caller for badges 91 to 100	Don Uelmen	530-306-1920
Caller for badges 101 to 110	Open position	
Caller for badges 111 to 120	Open Position	
Caller for badges 121 to 130	Al Muckerheide	530-644-4692
Caller for badges 131 to 140	Jim Cooper	530-644-2212
Caller for badges 141 to 150	Lee Anderson	530-647-0215
Caller for badges 151 to 160	Greg Pease	209-914-6734

# OCTOBER 12th MEETING

Sportsman's Hall
Menu – Sliced beef sandwich Soup, dessert,
coffee or drink.
Entrée can be swapped out for Chefs Salad.

Speaker - .Lloyd Davis, retired guard at Folsom Prison.

# **October Birthdays**

Connie Bozart Sam Griffis Dennis Kissinger Rich McMahan Mike Schei Mike Stienbach



# **Membership Roster Changes**

Please report any additions or necessary changes to the Membership Roster directly to Dall Neeley at (916) 826-1657

Let folks know you're proud to be a SIR.

# SHOW YOUR COLORS!

Jackets, Vests, Golf Shirts, Bowling Shirts, Baseball caps, Bucket hats (all with custom embroidered SIR Rooster logo), Lapel Pins, Bolo Ties, Business Cards, Pens, Embroidery Services too and much more....



### **SIR SNOWLINE BRANCH 113**

A non-profit public service organization for retired men. Dues Are \$15 per year. Meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at Sportsman's Hall restaurant, 5620 Pony Express Trail in Pollock Pines. Social Hour begins at 11:00am and Lunch at Noon. Cost is \$30.00 (rate is current but can change)

# <u>Travel Non-Responsibility Declaration</u>

Travel activities arranged or sponsored by SONS IN RETIREMENT, INC. and its Branches are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests. SONS IN RETIREMENT, INC. and its Branches do not assume any responsibility for the well-being and/or safety of participants or their property in any matters pertaining to said activities.

#### Snowline Branch #113----2023 Officers

Big SIR	Ron Fenech	-415-518-6063
Little SIR	Ray DiBasilio—	- 530-558-9727
Secretary	Chris Crowley	-510-742-1024
Asst. Sec	·Vanja Illich,	-916 743-9915
Treasurer	Moose Brown	-530-240-5160
Asst. Treas	Jeff Pease	-510-757-8741

#### **Directors**

Sam Griffis, Greg Pease, Ron Bochee, Rich McMahan , Lou Gagne III, Richard Stading

### Past Big SIR's

1983-4	Harold Cobb	2001	Ed Andrews
1985	Matt Engs	2002	Bob Kipp
1986	Bob Johnson	2003	Ed Cutter
1987	Bob Rath	2004	Cecil French
1988	Bill Campau	2005	Bill Harris
1989	Emil Kibasa	2006-7	Bill Reed
1990	Reg Warrick	2008	Larry Leibnitz
1991	Andy Anderson	2009-10	Tim Hall
1992	Al King	2011	Chuck Wilson
1993	Ed Merrill	2012-13	Russ Salazar
1994	Woody Harvey	2014-15	Don Uelmen
1995	Elmer Jacob	2016	Paul Ricci
1996	Jack Hansen	2017	Paul Kramer
1998	Ron dePass	2018 & 2	2 Lou Gagne
1997	Cecil French	2019	Dennis Staller
1999	Bill Short	2020-21	Ken Brown
2000	Conrad Kellor		



#### **HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS**

Emeritus - Russ Salazar Branch - Ray DiBasilio Don Uelmen State - Ron dePass

### **SIR State Officers**

President David Gonzales 916-587-3538 Vice President Dale Decker 209-533-0455 Area 6 Representative Gary Johnson 530-333-4814

Bulletin/Newsletter changes call Don Uelmen 530-306-1920 or email tspdon@cwo.com



# **Committee Chairmen**

Attendance/Badges	Ron Boschee	530-644-7572
Audit Committee	Lou Gagne III	925- 963-2548
Barn Sale	Richard Stading	530-444-0971
Bulletin Editor	Don Uelmen	530-306-1920
Bocce Ball	Chris Crowley	530-742-1024
Chaplain	Don Uelmen	530-306-1920
Christmas Party	Moose Brown	530-240-5160
Fishing	Steve Veffredo	530-644-2808
Horseshoes	Ted Rytel	530-647-0138
Live Theatre	(Open Position)	
Membership	Don Uelmen	530-306-1920
Nominating	Sam Griffis	530-6441608
Parades	Chris Crowley	530-742-1024
Photographer	Bert Abrahamzon	707-365-5186
	Aldo Panattoni	530-644-1356
Picnic	Vanja Illich	916 743-9915
	Hillbilly Boys	



Enjoy reading <u>SIR Happenings</u>, our State Newsletter, and find out about all the fun things that are going on throughout our organization.

You can easily find Happenings on the SIR State Website: www.sirinc.org