



SNOWLINE BRANCH # 113

FEBRUARY 2025

DATES TO REMEMBER

FEB. 14 VALENTINE 'S DAY

FEB. 17 PRESIDENT'S DAY



BIG SIR REPORT

Chris Crowley

February second month of the year. Cold weather. The leafless trees make me look forward to spring, but wait, that brings in lots of new work in the yard. May be be thankful of the good times of the holidays. February brings on the hope of a successful, happy new year, good times to come.

Branch 113's first meeting was a recognition of Ray DiBasilio's year as the big SIR. We had Ted Rytel read his poem honoring Rays accomplishments in the branch and his friendships, it was wonderful.

Branch 113 had a successful 2024 Placerville parade. It brought in two potential new members thanks to the magnets on the cars advertising our branch. We hope to induct them into our Branch in February.

We have had a good response to the BINGO to start our meetings. Branch 113 has had some other quality activities we plan to continue, bowling, dinner night out, bocci ball, horse-shoes, fishing, and hope to add to these. Our Branch approved our yearly picnic for June. Always a happy community building activity. Another community building activity was bocci ball with the Emblems group. Branch 113 plans to have another tournament with them. We would also like to engage with other groups/ clubs to broaden our visibility to the public, to attract new members.

I would like to mention a sunshine report for Russ Salazar for all the good things he brought to SIRS, and a happy life force and example to all of us, friend and bowler Millisa Duggar.





Little SIR Report - Mark Liedstrand

.Having joined SIR just over a year ago I am still getting to know many of the members, so I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself. My wife Sue and I moved to Placerville in the summer of 2023. Being new to the area, we knew virtually no one but happened to live near Chris Crowley who is now one of my closest friends. Chris introduced us to SIR at a wine tasting event hosted by Lou Gagne and at Bocce before bringing me to the Thursday luncheon where I happily joined. Needless to say, I am a bit surprised to find myself as the Little SIR so soon but am glad to contribute and I'm excited for the coming year.

One of my responsibilities as Little SIR is to bring in speakers for our monthly luncheon. In February, we will again hear from Ted Rytel who will educate us about the 2nd Amendment to our Constitution and the history of guns in America. The intent of his talk is not to offer any opinion but rather to help us understand how history led us to where we are today.

In closing, I continue to encourage everyone to introduce SIR to a friend or colleague in the coming year. I can tell you from experience that SIR can really make a difference in someone's life. I can only imagine how life would have been if Chris had not introduced me to SIR and bocce, wine tasting, and now bowling. Not to mention the dining out event I am now leading. Any fear of leading a lonely life in a new area has long passed as my wife and I find ourselves more active than we have ever been.

Dinner Out

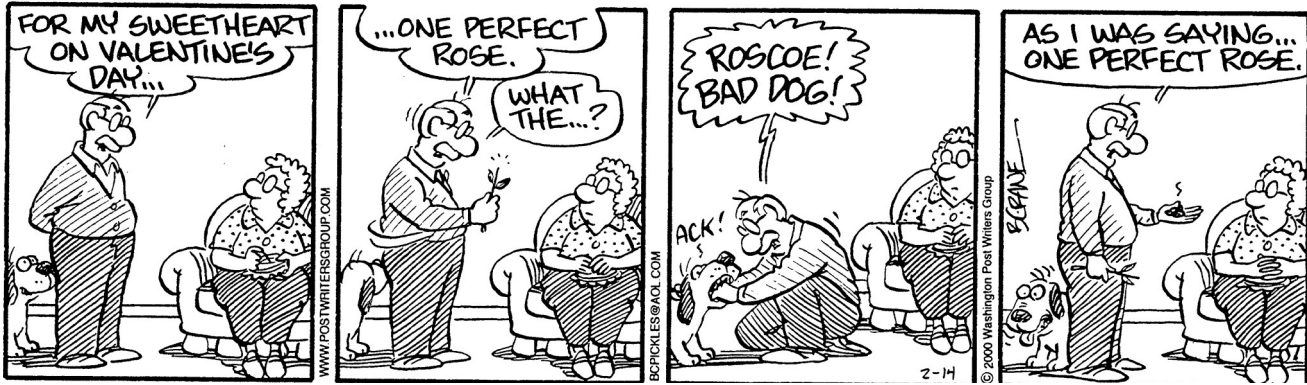


Our next "Dinner Out" is planned for the Forester Pub & Grill in Camino on Wednesday, January 29th. This will be a casual dining experience of German foods such as Weiner schnitzel, potato pancakes, spaetzle and dumplings as well as pork roast and baby back ribs. If you are interested in attending, contact Mark Liedstrand at (408) 858-9273 or mliedstr@gmail.com.



President's Day, also known as Washington's Birthday, is on the third Monday of February each year and is a federal holiday in the United States. The day not only honors George Washington (born February 22), the first President of the United States, and [Abraham Lincoln](#) (born February 12) whose birthdays are both in February, but honors all the presidents who have served in the United States. On June 28, 1968 the United States Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act [1] changing many federal holidays to move over to Monday from other days of the week. Originally Washington's Birthday was celebrated on February 22nd each year but was permanently moved in 1968 with the signing of the new Act. So the new date of President's Day will fall between February 15 and the 21st each year and never on his (Washington's) actual birthday of February 22nd.

Pickles by Brian Crane



Things you can learn if you live long enough:

Being a little older, I am very fortunate to have someone call and check on me every day. He is from India, and he's very concerned about my car warranty.

It turns out that when asked who your favorite child is, you're supposed to pick one of your own. I know that now.

It's fine to eat a test grape in the pro-duce section, but you take just one bite of rotisserie chicken and it's all, "Sir, you need to leave!"

If you dropped something when you were younger, you just picked it up. When you're older and you drop something, you stare at it for just a bit contemplating if you actually need it anymore.

I like to make lists. I also like to leave them laying on the kitchen counter, and then guess what's on the list when I am at the store.

Ask your doctor if a drug with 32 pages of side-ef-fects is bad for you.

I re-labeled all of the jars in my wife's spice rack. I'm not in trouble yet, but the thyme is cumin.

I asked a supermarket employee where they kept the canned peaches. He said, "I'll see," & walked away. I asked another & he also said, "I'll see," & walked away. In the end, I gave up & found them myself in Aisle C.

I told my physical therapist that I broke my arm in two places. He told me to stop going to those places.

I put our scale in the bathroom corner & that's where the little liar will stay until it apologizes.

When I was a kid, I used to watch the 'Wizard of Oz' & wonder how someone could talk if they didn't have a brain. Then I got Facebook.

A guy walks into a lumber-yard & asks for some 2x4s. The clerk asks, "How long do you need them?" The guy an-swers, "A long time. We're gonna build a house."

I just burned 1,200 calories. I for-got the pizza in the oven.

Who knew that the hardest thing of being an adult is figuring out what to fix for dinner and doing it every single night for the rest of your life until you die?

My neighbor knocked on my front door at 3 am. 3AM!!! Luckily, I was already up playing the bag-pipes.



Striking up Friendships



2025 is off to a great bowling start. As we joined our friends in Napa for the first tournament of the year, I thought for sure this would be our best year ever. The first squad began, and strike after strike ... well ... it didn't take long for us to realize the house had set the machines for 9-pin No Tap bowling (you know, where if you knock down 9 pins, it counts as a strike). Reluctantly, we had to go back and fix things. No 300 games for us. However, we did have a great time with 74 of our fellow bowlers over the two-day event. Maybe next time ...

We'll meet next in Sacramento at Country Club Lanes on February 20/21st. Applications have begun coming in; I expect we'll have a full house. March will find us at Clayton Valley Bowl in Concord.

The Annual SIR State Tournament has finally been scheduled for May 12/13th and will also be held at Country Club Lanes. The central location and the \$500 added to the prize fund should bring in plenty of bowlers.

For the full schedule, head over to the SIR Bowling webpage: [SIR BOWLING](#)
See you on the lanes,

SIR Ray



SIR Caller List - Updated 2024

Attendance Chairman	Ron Boschee	530-644-7572
Caller for badges 1 to 10	Open position	
Caller for badges 11 to 20	Open position	
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	Rich McMahan	530-719-5411
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	Mike Schei	530-677-3144
Caller for badges 121 to 130	Al Muckerheide	530-644-4692
Caller for badges 131 to 140	Open Position	
Caller for badges 141 to 150	Open Position	
Caller for badges 151 to 160	Greg Pease	209-914-6734

February 13 th Luncheon Sportsman's Hall
Meatloaf / Mash Potatoes & Gravy / Barley Soup

(Entrée can be swapped out for Chefs Salad.)

Speaker Ted Rytel

February Birthdays

Rex Jones



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Please report any additions or necessary changes to the Membership Roster directly to Don Uelmen at (530) 306-1920

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

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Big SIR ----- Chris Crowley ----- 510-896-5590
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Directors

Ray DiBasilio, Sam Griffis, Vanja Illich,
 Rich McMahan, Greg Pease, Don Uemen

Past Big SIR's

1983-4	Harold Cobb	2002	Bob Kipp
1985	Matt Engs	2003	Ed Cutter
1986	Bob Johnson	2004	Cecil French
1987	Bob Rath	2005	Bill Harris
1988	Bill Campau	2006-7	Bill Reed
1989	Emil Kibasa	2008	Larry Leibnitz
1990	Reg Warrick	2009-10	Tim Hall
1991	Andy Anderson	2011	Chuck Wilson
1992	Al King	2012-13	Russ Salazar
1993	Ed Merrill	2014-15	Don Uelmen
1994	Woody Harvey	2016	Paul Ricci
1995	Elmer Jacob	2017	Paul Kramer
1996	Jack Hansen	2018 & 22	Lou Gagne
1998	Ron dePass	2019	Dennis Staller
1997	Cecil French	2020-21	Ken Brown
1999	Bill Short	2023	Ron Fenech
2000	Conrad Kellor	2024	Ray DiBasilio
2001	Ed Andrews		



HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Branch - Ray DiBasilio
 Don Uelmen

SIR State Officers

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Enjoy reading **SIR Happenings**, 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

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 Bocce Ball
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 Chaplain
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 Don Uelmen 530-306-1020
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 Chris Crowley 530-742-1024
 Ray DiBasilio 530-558-9727
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 Steve Veffredo 530-644-2808
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 Ted Rytel 530-647-0138
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 (Open Position)
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