



SNOWLINE BRANCH # 113

<https://sirinc2.org/branch113/>

FEBRUARY 2024

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

BIG SIR REPORT

Our January meeting has set the tone for the 2024 year. Check out the BEC-approved activities:

Bowling:

June tournament at The Apex at Red Hawk

July tournament at Foothill Bowl in Auburn

August tournament at The National Bowling Stadium in Reno

Bocci:

Beginning in April, the second Friday of each month (weather permitting)
Fenton Herriott Vineyards.

Branch Picnic:

June 13 at Lyon's Park. Note the date has been changed in hopes of a cooler summer day. Expect Vanja to again spearhead the menu with support of the Hillbilly Boys.

Luncheons:

The second Thursday of each month at the Sportsman's Hall. The menu is posted on our Branch website.

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LITTLE SIR REPORT

Sir branch 113 will present two people from the El Dorado County District Attorney's office. Ryan Lorey an Investigator and Deputy District Attorney April Flores. Ryan mentioned contractors and looking into fraud, I am looking forward to hearing the whole story, should be interesting



We will start playing bocce ball in April, weather permitting, otherwise we will start in May. Play will take place on the second Friday of every month.

The new year is just beginning. People are looking for a few changes in their lives, diet, exercise, and new activities. That is where SIRS can come in. We can talk up our branch and invite future members to our meetings. We can take this opportunity to increase our membership in branch 113.

Let's have a great year

BIG SIR REPORT

We always welcome new activities, even one-day events, which can be added to our calendar. Don't be shy, contact me should you have ideas or need help coordinating an activity. If you know someone that would like to be a member all we ask is that he participate and contribute to the Branch in some way – sometimes that's just by offering a smiling, friendly face.

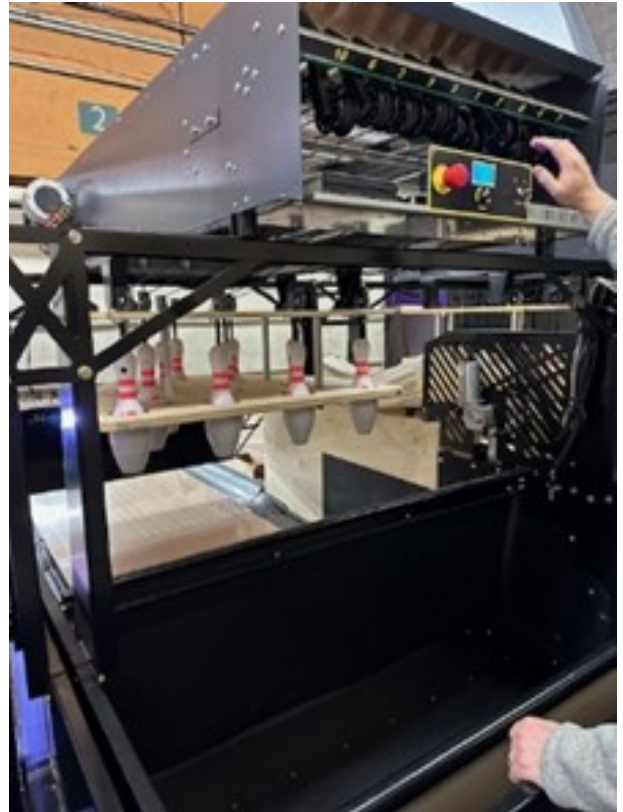
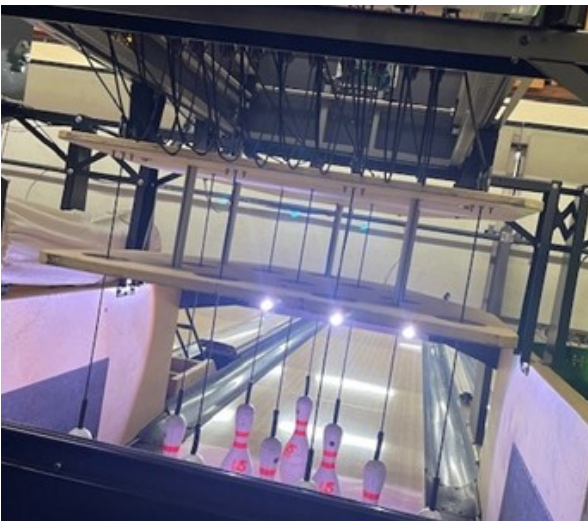
Talk, Walk, and Be A SIR. Let other men see the fun and camaraderie Branch 113 has to offer!

Striking up Friendships



The first tournament of 2024 was held at Napa Bowl with 82 bowlers trying out the new string pins. This was a 35% increase over last year. I don't know if our attendance is growing or the curiosity of string pins was the reason for such a great turnout. We enjoyed the smooth resets with (rare) minimal delays in scoring. Lane conditions were a little dry prompting a few ball and delivery adjustments. Bowler scores on the string pins did not vary from typical averages with several 200 games bowled, including one 279.

Ten bowlers representing Branch 113 and one from neighboring Branch 95 attended. Sharing in the pot of gold and a BIG SHOUT OUT to Branch 113 bowlers Cary Lemley, Mike Petroni, Al and Jean Muckerheide, Cyndi Hanley, Rob Brown, Denise Daly, and Ray DiBasilio, CONGRATULATIONS!! Everyone I have spoken with enjoyed the new experience. We look forward to bowling there again soon.



February 15-16th we will be bowling at Country Club Lanes in Sacramento, hosted by Branch 69. This has been a very popular tournament drawing one of largest groups of SIRs. With this one so close to home, you won't want to miss it!

March 6th we will have a one-day tournament at Steve Cook's Fireside Lanes, another close to home venue. Join the friendships and fun!

For more information about SIR bowling, the full calendar and applications, check out our website at:

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



Hiram Robert Pollock

By Keith Pollock, whose grandfather,
Elmer Pollock was Hiram's Brother.

Having a town named for you happens to very few people, but Hiram Robert Pollock was a man in the right place at the right time for this honor. H. R. Pollock, "Hime", was a lumberman in Michigan. He had been born there in Hersey, in 1865. He came to El Dorado County with his wife Anna and son Claude Earl after the turn of the century and brought with him the knowledge of the logging industry. In June of 1909 Pollock bought 240 acres near Sly Park and sold it less than a year later. He was involved in land and timber rights throughout the area for the next several years. He became acquainted with Mr. Poole who ran Pacific House and through him met Mr. Sheer. Pollock and Sheer started a lumber mill near Pacific House with Mr. Sheer providing the capitol and Pollock, his knowledge of the lumbering business. Through this venture they became acquainted with Mr. Kramer and Mr. DiGeorgi of Sacramento, who were affiliated with the fruit storage and shipping business. Fruit at that time was being shipped in wooden boxes as far east as the Mississippi River.

They struck a deal to build a mill to supply lumber of box grade quality to companies in Placerville and Sacramento. The mill was to be located at Weber Creek east of Sportsman's Hall. Pollock again was to provide the know how and be in charge of the operations. Mr. DiGeorgi was to put up the money to buy the land and build the mill. The land was acquired, the mill begun, and things were beginning to take shape when the depression of 1929 hit. DiGeorgi ran into financial difficulty and wanted to sell out. The federal government would buy 150 million board feet of lumber at \$1.50 a thousand feet. This was enough to allow DiGeorgi to break even for the cost of the land but not enough to meet his obligation to Pollock. The original agreement between Pollock and DiGeorgi was that Pollock would receive a percentage of the stock in the company that was to sell to the box companies at a price of \$2.00 per thousand feet of timber. The government offer left DiGeorgi about \$75,000 short and it was agreed that Pollock would gain title to the 6000 to 7000 acres of land and the partly finished mill in exchange for the shares he would have received.

Hiram Pollock borrowed money to finish the mill and get it in running order. The mill itself was located on Weber Creek below Sportsman's Hall. The logs were brought to the mill where they were cut into lumber. The canyons were steep, necessitating the use of a tram to take the cut lumber up the hill to the drying deck. The tram was a railroad car on tracks pulled by means of a cable attached to a donkey engine at the top of the hill. The cars could return down to the mill by gravity. The drying deck was about one quarter mile east of Sportsman's Hall next to the road.

Hiram and his son Earl worked many long hard days struggling to meet the payroll demands and keep the mill running. In 1932 the insurance company informed them that the rates would raise \$5000. A sum which even today is a substantial amount. Consequently the insurance was dropped and the Pollocks' worst fears were realized. Within 30 days a fire swept through the mill, totally destroying it. Pollock salvaged some of the equipment to sell and he still had the land.

The road along the ridgetop in front of Sportsman's Hall was again hosting travelers, this time on their way to Lake Tahoe for pleasure. Many of these people would stop and inquire about land or cabins for a summer home in the area. As more and more inquiries were made, the idea to sell parcels of land began to surface in Hiram Pollock's mind. This would allow him to regain some of his losses. Much of the land to be subdivided had previously belonged to the John Breuner Co. of Sacramento. It ran along the ridge top on either side of the Cedar Grove School. Mr. Chapdelaine, a friend of the Pollocks, suggested the name of Pollock Pines. A subdivision map was filed. The subdivision went from Manzanita Street on the west end to Oak Street on the east. It is said that lots sold for \$5 down and \$5 per month. Signs on either end of the subdivision announced arrival in Pollock Pines. A post office application was granted in that name and soon the name of the school was also changed from Cedar Grove School to Pollock Pines School. As the population in the area grew and the number of buildings increased, the area known as Pollock Pines became larger and larger. It is an unincorporated area, thus the boundaries are undefined.

Mr. Pollock was a short heavy set man. He was hard of hearing and didn't talk much. The Pollocks lived in the small house between the recently built dentist's office and the hamburger place on the north side of the road just east of the church. When he came out to sit on his porch swing, everyone would know he was there as he would always say, "ho, ho, ho!"

Mrs. Anna Pollock attended all of the school activities even though she had no children in school. To each eighth grade graduate she would give a check for \$1. She was a very active person and often had her kitchen remodeled. One time a contractor would not build a part as she wished. Her husband agreed with the contractor, so she simply removed the part she didn't like with a wrecking bar that night.

When the Brown Mill (located on the site of the present Community Church) burned down and Frank Brown moved, the Pollocks moved into the two story white house he had occupied (just east of the church).



Mrs. Pollock died in December of 1949 and Mr. Pollock moved to Sacramento. He died in February of 1952 at the age of 86. They had been married for over 60 years.

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

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....



FEBRUARY 8th MEETING at Sportsman's Hall

**Menu – Patty Melt, Potato Salad, Tomato Soup, dessert, coffee or drink.
Entrée can be swapped out for Chefs Salad.**

**Speakers - .El Dorado County DA Office
Deputy District Attorney April Flores and
Investigator Ryan Lorey**

February Birthdays

Ted Jacobson
Rex Jones
Dan McLinden



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)

Travel Non-Responsibility Declaration

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Snowline Branch #113----2024 Officers

Big SIR ----- Ray DiBasilio ----- 530-558-9727
Little SIR ----- Chris Crowley ----- 510-742-1024
Secretary ----- Ken Schoniger ----- 408-568-0677
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 , Richard Stading, Ron Fenech

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 & 22	Lou Gagne
1997	Cecil French	2019	Dennis Staller
1999	Bill Short	2020-21	Ken Brown
2000	Conrad Kellor	2023	Ron Fenech

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	
SIR Bowling	Ray DiBasilio	530-558-9727
Sunshine	Moose Brown	530-240-5160



HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

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

SIR State Officers

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throughout our organization.

