



SNOWLINE BRANCH # 113

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

MARCH 2024



* Happy St. Patrick's Day *

BIG SIR REPORT

March brings us the spring weather, green grasses, daffodils, tulips, and rainbows. It is also when we set our clocks forward to share longer daylight hours and increase time spent on our outdoor activities. Daylight savings starts March 10th this year.



March also brings us St Patrick's Day and the smell of corned beef and cabbage simmering in the kitchen, friends and family getting together for some festive Irish music, green beer, or a toast of Jamison. Don't get pinched, wear some green to the luncheon!

This past winter seemed mild and with the onset of spring we are becoming revitalized and look forward to the future of Branch 113. Our goal in 2024 is to add one member per month. If we do that, it would mean a 20% increase at year end. Talk, Walk, and Be A SIR. Let other men see the fun and camaraderie Branch 113 has to offer!

The double rainbow On page 2 was spotted outside my window. I'm sure you have all seen some too. Fun fact, the colors of the second rainbow are inverted from the primary rainbow. Instead of moving from violet, indigo, blue, green, yellow, orange, and red, the colors move in the opposite direction (you can see that in the picture if you look closely).

LITTLE SIR REPORT

Sir branch 113 presented two people from the El Dorado County District Attorney's office. Ryan Lorey an Investigator and Deputy District Attorney April Flores. Their subject matter was about contractors and looking into fraud. The information is needed in today's world. It will save many from bad mistakes and bad decisions. They talked about contractors up front money, no more than 10%. When hiring a contractor one should ask for their contractor's license number and their insurance coverage, if they have workers on the job. It was very interesting and well received.



Bigb SIR Report

The secondary rainbow is always fainter and harder to see due to the amount of light that is refracted a second time.



Meanings for Double Rainbows

While we always want to make sure we understand the science behind rainbows, it's always fun to explore the spiritual and philosophical meanings associated with them, too. For example, in some Eastern cultures, the dual arc of the fully double rainbow represents transformation. The primary rainbow symbolizes the physical world, while the secondary rainbow represents the harder-to-see spiritual world.

What does a double rainbow mean to you?

Striking up Friendships



On February 15-16th we held the second tournament of 2024 at Country Club Lanes in Sacramento hosted by Branch 69. This has been a very popular tournament drawing over 80 SIRs and guests. Tournament Manager Tod Davis and his committee did an outstanding job of organizing. To the surprise of some of the winners, additional money was added to the prize fund. Winners from Branch 113 included: Bert and Teri Abrahamzon, Mike Johnson, Denise Daly, and Ray DiBasilio. Sadly, all our branch representatives were not in the money (we won't name them ...). Lunch was also a treat with a pizza buffet, salad and soft drinks included.

March 6th we will be attending a one-day tournament at Steve Cook's Fireside Lanes, another one of the venues that is close to home. We hope you can 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>

Little SIR Report

The next speaker will be from the CHP, Andrew Brown a Public Service Officer.

He will discuss the new traffic laws taking effect January 2024. There was a community event at the Lyons Hall on February 10th. The event was attended by SIRS members, Emblems (part of the Elks club), and Lyons members. It was nice to see our community groups mix and meet. SIRS should get out to some community events, We would be making others aware of SIRS in addition to trying to attract new members, We need more engagement, a joyful element, and friendliness in our group.

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. We will need to practice up and pick a team or two. SIRS has been challenged by the Emblems for a community champion. They said they are going to kick our butt. Let's get engaged. We could turn it into a BBQ.



In Memory of
SIR LIFE MEMBER
RON DePASS
Branch 113 Big Sir
1998
Member 36 Years
(Joined 1987)



Photos from Country Club Tournament
By Ray DiBasillo



Sportsman's Hall has been in Pollock Pines since the 1850's.

The history of Sportsman's Hall is a road map to the history of Pollock Pines. In all of its many transformations, one thing stayed constant. Good, plentiful food was always part of it.

Sportsman's Hall is the site of California Registered Historical Landmark #704:

"This was the site of Sportsman's Hall, also known as Twelve-Mile House, the hotel operated in the latter 1850s and 1860s by John and James Blair. A stopping place for stages and teams of the Comstock, it became a relay station of the Central Overland Pony Express. Here, at 7:40 A.M., April 4, 1860, pony rider William (Sam) Hamilton riding in from Placerville, handed the express mail to Warren Upson, who, two minutes later, sped on his way eastward."

Sportsman's Hall has been in Pollock Pines since about 1853. Pony Express Trail, the road in front of Sportsman's, really is that. It is part of the California route of the Pony Express.

Pony Express Trail up until the 1960's was US Highway 50. It was a main, historical route from Echo Summit, down the American River Canyon, through Pollock Pines, then Placerville, to Sacramento for all of the freight wagons and travelers who regularly crossed the Sierra.

Lumber interests hauled logs on the road, and through the years the road was steadily worked on to make it an all weather route. Sportsman's Hall was a major stop for anyone traveling through this part of the Sierra. Any freight wagon going over Echo Summit passed in front Sportsman's, and they all stopped here.



Originally it was a hotel, restaurant, and a stage stop that could accommodate 500 horses, with extensive corrals. It is 12 miles to the east of Placerville and was also known as 12 Mile House.

It has burned to the ground and been rebuilt twice. Part of the original structure still exists, and if you look carefully, you will see the beams, hand hewed, that hold the roof up.

It is an amazing historical part of California history. A full accounting of it's history can be found at Marilyn Parkers "The Pollock Pines Epic". Marilyn, and her husband Ron, have been in Pollock Pines for a very long time. Both are retired teachers, two of the finest teachers who ever entered a classroom, who taught in the Pollock Pines Elementary School District.



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

MARCH 14 MEETING at Sportsman's Hall

**Menu – Ruben Sandwich, Coleslaw, Split Pea Soup
Dessert, Coffee or Drink.
(Entrée can be swapped out for Chefs Salad.)**

Speaker - CHP Public Service Officer Andrew Brown

March Birthdays

Robert Brown
Barney Noel
Russ Salazar
Myron Schmidt
Steve Veffredo



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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 (rate is current but can change)

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
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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
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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
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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

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throughout our organization.

