



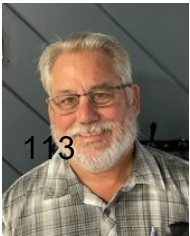
# SNOWLINE BRANCH # 113

## MARCH 2025

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**MAR. 9TH DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS**

**MAR. 17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY**



### **BIG SIR REPORT— Chris Crowly**

February 12th late night into the early hours of February 13th, up to the branch monthly meeting, was a serious rain and wind storm. The creek waters are raging and the landscape is turning a beautiful green. The rain was much needed and we all made it through.

The meeting started with a fun BINGO game. The two winners of the opportunity contest were Burt Abrahamzon and Lowell Thoreson. Mark Liedstrand was given a "I'm doing my part" pin from Branch 113, He has stepped up and became the Little SIR, in record time. Mark is in charge of the WEB site and the activity Dinner Night Out. I call that doing his part. We all should put out that kind of effort.



The meeting moved to the induction of a new member, Anglo Pearta. He came to us via Branch 95. He had not heard of our branch 113 in Pollock Pines until meeting Ray DiBasilio at one of their meetings. He was happy a Branch was closer to his home. Welcome SIR Angelo Perata. The meeting was a success.

Branch 113's next meeting will be a tribute to St. Patrick's Day. Lunch will feature a Ruben sandwich, coleslaw, and split pea soup. Everyone is encouraged to wear something green to receive an opportunity drawing ticket. The winner receives \$5.

SIR Branch 113 would like to remind members to pay the \$15 dues, if they have not already done so, at the March meeting. It gives us an accurate number of members and pays for 113's state dues to keep SIRs in business. Help make SIRs' a success and participate in our activities and come to the monthly meetings.



## **LITTLE SIR REPORT— Mark Liedstrand**

In recent days I couldn't help but notice signs of the coming of spring – pockets of daffodils on the hillside, flowers appearing on our fruit trees, and the occasional butterfly. For me, spring also brings about wildfire preparations as we hear the sounds of chainsaws and weed eaters. What most excites me about spring is that bocce is just around the corner and before long our SIR picnic.

Thanks again to Ted Rytel for his talk about the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment to our Constitution and the history of guns in America. Whatever your thoughts are related to guns, it is beneficial for us to understand the evolution of firearms throughout our history and what brought us to where things are today.

For March we will again keep our speaker in-house as I will be giving a talk on the subject that brought me to Placerville - wine. This talk is intended to provide some insight into the evolution of wine in the United States and in California. Whether or not you have a keen interest in wine, it is a big industry in El Dorado County, and I hope to make this interesting for everyone.

As I mentioned in our last newsletter, I encourage everyone to introduce SIR to a friend or colleague in the coming year. In March, we will get a new perspective on our membership as renewals come due and we can see how our membership measures up to prior years. It's important that we grow our membership in the coming year. SIR has been an important part of my life since arriving in Placerville and I know there are others who would enjoy the friendships and activities that SIR offers. We just need to get the word out.



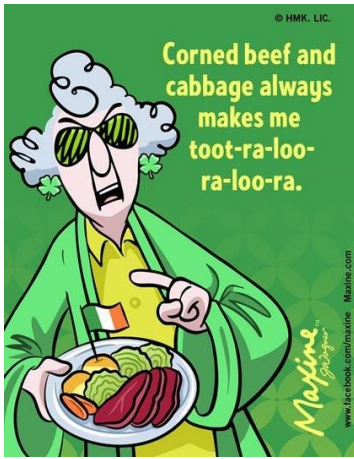
With that, I want to wish everyone a wonderful spring and look forward to all the SIR activities that are just over the horizon.

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## **Dinner Out— Mark Liedstrand**



In late January, we had our most recent “Dinner Out” event at the Forester Pub & Grill in Camino. As usual everyone had a great time and got to know each other just a little bit more. As you can see from the picture, this event is enjoyed by both SIR members and spouses, but also guests who might have an interest in SIR or simply want to enjoy a dinner with friends. Our next event will be in late March so stay tuned. If you are interested in attending, contact Mark Liedstrand at (408) 858-9273 or [mliedstr@gmail.com](mailto:mliedstr@gmail.com).



## **Corned Beef and Cabbage and Here's how it came to be a "traditional" Irish dish.**

By Eric Shanfelt

Even if you aren't Irish, you've probably enjoyed, or at least heard of, corned beef and cabbage — a dish traditionally eaten on St. Patrick's Day. I'm Irish and every March 17th, my mom cooks corned beef and cabbage, with a side of potatoes, and bakes Irish soda bread. I felt it was safe to assume that since St. Patrick's Day is the only day of the year we eat this meal that it was a traditionally Irish dish. To my surprise, corned beef and cabbage did not originate from Ireland – and the meal isn't actually Irish at all. Here's exactly what corned beef and cabbage is and why we eat it on

St. Patrick's Day.

Corned beef is a cut of meat similar to brisket that has been salt-cured. The term "corned" comes from the usage of large grained rock salt, called "corns," used in the salting process. Today, salt brines are more popular.

Corned beef and cabbage's popularity took shape during Irish immigration to the United States. Pork was the preferred meat in Ireland since it was cheap — if you've ever been to an Irish diner you've most likely seen Irish bacon on the menu. In Ireland, the high price of cattle meant the animals weren't slaughtered for food unless they were old or injured; they were too important for milk and dairy production and farming. In contrast, beef was inexpensive in the United States.

When the Irish immigrated to the U.S., they often faced discrimination and lived in slums alongside Jewish and Italian groups. It was at Jewish delis and lunch carts that the Irish experienced corned beef and noticed its similarity to Irish bacon. Cooking the corned beef with cabbage was another choice based on cost efficiency. Even better, the entire meal could be cooked in one pot, making it cheap, easy to prepare, and, let's not forget, — tasty.

### **Who Invented the Reuben Sandwich?**

One origin story holds that Reuben Kulakofsky (his first name sometimes spelled Reubin; his last name sometimes shortened to Kay), a Lithuanian-born Jewish grocer residing in Omaha, Nebraska, asked for a sandwich made of corned beef and sauerkraut at his weekly poker game held in the Blackstone Hotel from around 1920 through 1935. The participants, who nicknamed themselves "the committee", included the hotel's owner, Charles Schimmel. Schimmel's son, who worked in the kitchen, made the first Reuben for him, adding Swiss cheese and thousand island dressing to his order, putting the whole thing on rye bread.<sup>[2]</sup> The sandwich first gained local fame when Schimmel put it on the Blackstone's lunch menu, and its fame spread when a former employee of the hotel won the national sandwich idea contest with the recipe.<sup>[3]</sup> In Omaha, March 14 was proclaimed Reuben Sandwich Day.

Another account holds that the Reuben's creator was Arnold Reuben, the German-Jewish owner of Reuben's Delicatessen (1908–2001) in New York City. According to an interview with Craig Claiborne, Arnold Reuben created the "Reuben Special" around 1914.<sup>[5][6]</sup> Bernard Sobel in his 1953 book, *Broadway Heartbeat: Memoirs of a Press Agent* states that the sandwich was an extemporaneous creation for Marjorie Rambeau, inaugurated when the Broadway actress visited the Reuben's Delicatessen one night when the cupboards were particularly bare.

Still other versions give credit to Alfred Scheuing, a chef at Reuben's Delicatessen, and say he created the sandwich for Reuben's son, Arnold Jr., in the 1930s.<sup>[3]</sup>



## Striking up Friendships



In February, 90 bowlers competed at Country Club Lanes in Sacramento. High scores were abundant! Rick Land had a 278, narrowly missing a 300 game. Five other bowlers scored over 250 (quite an accomplishment). Always good to see smiling faces when lane conditions are favorable. Our newest Branch 113 SIR, Alan Lowry, was our big winner taking first place in a couple of events. Alan, you're now hooked for life!

Our next tournament will be held at Clayton Valley Bowl in Concord, March 25-26th. As usual, Cindy and I will be there both days, staying at one of our favorite hotels. Doing so allows us to bowl doubles one day, and singles the next. We also get to have a night away and dinner with out-of-town friends. Let me know if you'd like to join us!

Applications for the Carson City in April are starting to arrive in my mail box. This venue is always popular as it is an under one roof get-away. Gold Dust West offers rooms, meals, and bowling; how can you beat that?!?

This year's Annual SIR State Tournament is scheduled for May 12/13<sup>th</sup> at Country Club Lanes. The central location and the \$500 added to the prize fund should bring in plenty of bowlers. This one is a SIR-only event, no guests allowed (cheerleaders always welcome).

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

SIR Ray

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### Daylight Savings Time (DST)

Around 34 percent of the world's countries use DST. Some countries observe it only in some regions. In Canada, all of Yukon, most of Saskatchewan, and parts of Nunavut, Ontario, British Columbia and Quebec do not observe DST. It is observed by four Australian states and one territory. In the United States, it is observed by all states except Hawaii and Arizona (within the latter, however, the Navajo Nation does observe it).

Historically, several ancient societies adopted seasonal changes to their timekeeping to make better use of daylight; Roman timekeeping even included changes to water clocks to accommodate this. However, these were changes to the time divisions of the day rather than setting the whole clock forward. In a satirical letter to the editor of the *Journal de Paris* in 1784, Benjamin Franklin suggested that if Parisians could only wake up earlier in the summer they would economize on candle and oil usage, but he did not propose changing the clocks. In 1895, New Zealand entomologist and astronomer George Hudson made the first realistic proposal to change clocks by two hours every spring to the Wellington Philosophical Society, but this was not implemented until 1928 and in another form. In 1907, William Willett proposed the adoption of British Summer Time as a way to save energy; although seriously considered by Parliament, it was not implemented until 1916.

The first implementation of DST was by Port Arthur (today merged into Thunder Bay), in Ontario, Canada, in 1908, but only locally, not nationally.<sup>[7][8]</sup> The first nation-wide implementations were by the German and Austro-Hungarian Empires, both starting on 30 April 1916. Since then, many countries have adopted DST at various times, particularly since the 1970s energy crisis.

**SIR Caller List** - Updated 2024

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Caller for badges 11 to 20	<b>Open position</b>	
Caller for badges 21 to 30	<b>Open position</b>	
Caller for badges 31 to 40	<b>Open position</b>	
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	<b>Open position</b>	
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	<b>Open position</b>	
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	<b>Open Position</b>	
Caller for badges 141 to 150	<b>Open Position</b>	
Caller for badges 151 to 160	Greg Pease	209-914-6734

**March 13 th Luncheon** Sportsman's Hall  
Reuben Sandwich / Coleslaw / Split Pea Soup

(Entrée can be swapped out for Chefs Salad.)

Speaker- Mark Liedstrand

**March Birthdays**

**Robert Brown  
Bob Caldwell  
Barney Noel  
Steve Rabatich  
Myron Schmidt  
Steve Veffredo**



**Travel Non-Responsibility Declaration**

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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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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  
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 530-306-1920 or email [tspdon@cwo.com](mailto:tspdon@cwo.com)**

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](http://www.sirinc.org)

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