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SNOWLINE BRANCH # 113

NOVEMBER 2022

EXCERPTS FROM THE OCTOBER BOARD MEETING MINUTIES

The Branch 113 Executive committee for 2023

Officers:

Big Sir	Ron Fenech
Little Sir	Ray DiBasilio
Secretary	Chris Crowley
Asst. Secretary	Vanja Illich
Treasurer	Ken Brown
Asst. Treasurer	Jeff Pease

Directors:

Sam Griffis
Lou Gagne
Greg Pease
Ron Boschee
Rich McMahan
Richard Standing
Dall Neely

NEW BUSINESS

December Annual Christmas Meeting will be at Sportsmans Hall, the menu will be finalized at the November meeting. Gary Johnson will induct the 2023 officers and directors. We will have a gift exchange, details due in November.

SIRS Branch 113 has instituted an annual membership dues of \$15. Branch 113 has requested it be paid at the November meeting for 2023, bring cash to the meeting. The dues are meant to help keep track of membership and their commitment.

Nominating committee nominated, Richard Standing, he has accepted to fill the open director position for the remainder of the year and next year, 2023. Richard Standing plans an Octoberfest at his home featuring European beers, date yet to be announced.

TREASURY REPORT

Ken Brown reported a new balance Year to Date of \$2839.36.

OLD BUSINESS

A new website has been created as a membership information guide. Go to <https://sirinc2.org/branch113/>



Ron Fenech and Chris Crowley brought in John Havicon for today's speaker. He is a member of El Dorado Beekeepers. He brought in a beehive with bees, and photos to illustrate the inter-workings of bee life and their social connections. The hive inhabitants include a Queen, who lays 2000 + eggs a day, workers, and males (10% of the hive). The bees each have jobs and they need each other's skills to keep the hive inworking order. They also fly to collect food with a range of 2-5 miles. They make honey and wax, used for ChapStick, all harvested by the bee keeper. The program was fun, informative and well received.

Striking up Friendships



The October tournament held at Fireside Lanes was well attended with 79 bowlers competing over the two days. We had 14 bowlers from Branch 113 attend the Branch 112-hosted event. SIR Art Tourtillott and his amazing team made the tournament fun and exciting. A+Pro Shop donated two bowling balls for a raffle that generated extra money for the prize fund. Fireside Lanes offered a nice lunch special for a modest \$7. Kudos to all!

It was exciting to see Lou Gilson from Concord Branch 19 bowl a 290, ending with a 775-scratch series in his doubles event. Lou also rolled 725 in Singles, Nice Bowling, Lou!

The official results have not been posted as of this writing; however, I feel I can safely brag that my wife, Cindy, placed first in both Singles and All Events B division, Congratulations Sweetie!! Maybe she could invest her winnings in a new ball so that next time she can bowl a series like Lou!?!



The last tournament of this year will be held in Modesto at McHenry Lanes on November 3rd/4th. applications are available at the SIR Bowling website <http://www.sirinc3.org/sirBowling/index.html>

As always, please contact me if you like to bowl or have any questions. Looking forward to seeing you on the lanes,

SIR Ray DiBasilio

VETERANS DAY



HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

24 NOTES THAT TAP DEEP EMOTIONS BY MSG JARI A. VILLANUEVA, USAF

Of all the military bugle calls, none is so easily recognized or more apt to render emotion than the call Taps. The melody is both eloquent and haunting and the history of its origin is interesting and somewhat clouded in controversy. In the British Army, a similar call known as Last Post has been sounded over soldiers' graves since 1885, but the use of Taps is unique with the United States military, since the call is sounded at funerals, wreath-laying and memorial services.

Up to the Civil War, the infantry call for Lights Out was that set down in Silas Casey's (1801-1882) Tactics, which had been borrowed from the French. The music for Taps was changed by Union General Daniel Butterfield for his Brigade (Third Brigade, First Division, Fifth Army Corps, Army of the Potomac) in July of 1862.

Daniel Adams Butterfield (31 October 1831-17 July 1901) was born in Utica, New York and graduated from Union College at Schenectady. He was the eastern superintendent of the American Express Company in New York when the Civil War broke out. Despite his lack of military experience, he rose quickly in rank. A Colonel in the 12th Regiment of the New York State Militia, he was promoted to Brigadier General and given command of a brigade of the V Corps of the Army of the Potomac. The 12th served in the Shenandoah Valley during the the Bull Run Campaign. During the Peninsular campaign, Butterfield served prominently when, during the Battle of Gaines Mill, despite an injury, he seized the colors of the 3rd Pennsylvania and rallied the regiment at a critical time in the battle. Years later, he was awarded the Medal of Honor for that act of heroism.

As the story goes, General Butterfield was not pleased with the call for Lights Out, feeling that the call was too formal to signal the day's end. With the help of the brigade bugler, Oliver Wilcox Norton, Butterfield wrote Taps to honor his men while in camp at Harrison's Landing, Virginia, following the Seven Day's battle. These battles took place during the Peninsular Campaign of 1862. The call, sounded that night in July, 1862, soon spread to other units of the Union Army and was even used by the Confederates. Taps was made an official bugle call after the war.

The highly romantic account of how Butterfield composed the call surfaced in 1898 following a magazine article written that summer. The August, 1898 issue of Century Magazine contained an article called The Trumpet in Camp and Battle, by Gustav Kobbe, a music historian and critic. He was writing about the origin of bugle calls in the Civil War and in reference to Taps, wrote:

In speaking of our trumpet calls I purposely omitted one with which it seemed most appropriate to close this article, for it is the call which closes the soldier's day. . . . Lights Out. I have not been able to trace this call to any other service. If it seems probable, it was originated with Major Seymour, he has given our army the most beautiful of all trumpet-calls.

***Day is done,
gone the sun,
From the lake,
from the hills,
from the sky;
All is well,
safely rest,
God is nigh.***

***While the light
fades from sight,
And the stars
gleaming rays
softly send,
To thy hands
we our souls,
Lord, commend.***

***Thanks and praise,
for our days,
'Neath the sun,
'neath the stars,
neath the sky;
As we go,
this we know,
God is nigh.***



Branch 113's new activity is Bocce Ball at Fenton Herriott Vineyards 120 Jacquier Ct. Placerville. Chris Crowley is the chair for the new activity which is open to Sir spouses and guests.

The Winery has picnic area with tables and chairs. Attendees can bring snacks, if they wish and/or purchase a bottle of wine (thanking the winery for the use of their courts and balls) and both can be enjoyed while playing Bocce Ball. It is easy to learn rules and lots of fun to play. The next date is Tuesday November 15th @ noon. A donation of \$5.00 is requested from SIR members for the SIRS fund. Spouses and guests are free.

We had 12 attendees with 11 playing at least one game. Al Earl and Jeff Pease won the 10/11/22 Tourney. Greg Pease & Terry Crowley were 2nd. Ted Rytel & Mike Termatt (with Rich McMahan subbing for Mike) was 3rd. Good snacks and a little wine made a fun day.



Chris Crowley & Ted Rytel



Big Sir Lou Gagne welcomes transfers from Cold Springs Branch (left to right) Robert Bigelow, Wallace Mason and Aldo Brunello.

River Cats Members go to day & usually carpool to the park. Planner position is open and if you volunteer training will be provided.

Live - Theatre Live theatre events planned well in advance, bulletin flyers announce the plays. Event planner position is open. Training provided.

Horseshoes League play begins in May and ends in August. We pitch each Thursday 6-8 p.m. at the Bill Harris Memorial Horseshoe Park on Forebay Rd. Beginners are always welcome. Lessons and loaner horseshoes are available. Contact: Ted Rytel at (530) 647-0138.

SIR Caller List - Updated 2020

Attendance Chairman	Ron Boschee	644-7572
Caller for badges 1 to 10	Open position	
Caller for badges 11 to 20	Al Earl	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	647-0588
Caller for badges 51 to 60	Ron Boschee	644-7572
Caller for badges 61 to 70	Eric Jack	644-7405
Caller for badges 71 to 80	Open position	
Caller for badges 81 to 90	Moose Brown	647-2168
Caller for badges 91 to 100	Don Uelmen	306-1920
Caller for badges 101 to 110	Open position	644-1178
Caller for badges 111 to 120	Open Position	647-1727
Caller for badges 121 to 130	Al Muckerheide	644-4692
Caller for badges 131 to 140	Jim Cooper	644-2212
Caller for badges 141 to 150	Lee Anderson	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....



November Birthdays

Bud Engelberg
Ron Fenech
Ray Garner
Greg Pease
Don Uelmen
Clyde Wickham



SIR MONTHLY LUNCHEON

November 10
Sportmans's Hall
Menu - French Dip Sandwich

SIR SNOWLINE BRANCH 113

A non-profit public service organization for retired men. 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 \$25.00 (rate is current but can change)

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About the coupon below: Oftentimes a member misses our luncheon meeting because something occurs which prevents him from attending. **A call to his caller or attendance chairman should be made to explain.** Usually, this results in an EXCUSED absence. If no acceptable reason is given, it's an Unexcused absence. In other cases a member says he will attend, but he doesn't and no explanation is given. This also is an Unexcused absence. Unexcused absences are costly to the Branch and to other members who attend regularly and contribute to Branch expenses. **Attendance at the luncheon meetings is a SIR requirement.** The coupon is here for you to use if you are so inclined. Thank you; from your executive committee.

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TO: SIR BRANCH #113
 c/o SIR Ken Brown, Treasurer
 3687 Wamego Road, Placerville, CA 95667

I'm enclosing my donation in the amount of \$_____. For () Missed meetings
 () Just because

Name: _____ Badge # _____

Snowline Branch #113---2022 Officers

Big SIR ----- Lou Gagne ----- 530-647-2740
 Little SIR ----- Ron Fenech ----- 415-518-6063
 Secretary ----- Chris Crowley ----- 510-742-1024
 Asst. Sec. ----- Rich McMahan ----- 510-719-5411
 Treasurer ----- Moose Brown ----- 530-240-5160
 Asst. Treas. ----- Greg Pease ----- 209-914-6734

Directors

Dall Neeley, Larry Leibnitz, Ray DiBasilio, Sam Griffis, Jeff Pease

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	2005-9	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	20011	Chuck Wilson
1993	Ed Merrill	20012-13	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		

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Branch- Russ Salazar
 State-Ron dePass

SIR State Officers

President Rick Kindle
 Region 2 Director Dale Decker 209-533-0455
 Area 19 Governor Gary Johnson 530-333-4814

Committee Chairmen

Attendance/Badges	Ron Boschee	530-644-7572
Chaplain	Don Uelmen	530-306-1920
Sunshine	Moose Brown	530-240-5160
Bulletin Editor	Don Uelmen	530-306-1920
Membership	Dall Neely	916-826-1657
SIR Bowling	Ray DiBasilio	530-558-9727
Bocce Ball	Chris Crowley	530-742-1024
Fishing	(Open Position)	
Horseshoes	Ted Rytel	530-647-0138
Photographer	Aldo Panattoni	530-644-1356
Picnic/Christmas Party	Moose Brown	
Flea Market	(Open Position)	
Parades	Chris Crowley	530-742-1024
River Cats	(Open Position)	
Live Theatre	(Open Position)	
Nominating	(Open Position)	
Audit Committee	Larry Leibnitz (chair),	



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 530-306-1920 or email tspdon@cwo.com**