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Sunshine: Len Napoli

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# SIR

## Newsletter



Three Shastas  
Branch 129  
Redding, CA

**Big SIR Sez'**

Already August! July brought the heat but didn't stop us from enjoying each other's company with some great activities. We started with our Membership Appreciation Luncheon, added a few 9 & 18 hole golf activities, a couple of Bocce matches, and enjoyed our monthly Lunch Bunch. An evening with the Colt 45's was great fun (although a bit warm at 109 degrees at game time). The game was good (45's won), the beer was cold, and the comradarie was great. A few wives joined their husbands and we got to share our voices during the 7th inning stretch with God Bless America! Next year the Colt 45's get added to the activities schedule much earlier so that we can get more than one game in during the short season. These college kids can play!

Our membership appreciation luncheon was fun and I'd consider it a success. While we did have a few members have to cancel last minute we had 50% of the membership attend and in addition, 9 guests were brought in. How many of the guests turn into members is not known yet but my hope is their sponsors are able to bring them on board.

We are looking for a new Asst. Treasurer. Mike Hurley... *(Continued on next page)*

**Monthly Meeting***First Thursday if the month**Elks Lodge*

Meeting/Speaker: 11:00 - 12:00

\*Nov/Dec subject to change for holidays

***Attendance is Fun! (And we'd love to see you)***

Guest  
Speaker:

**Shasta  
County  
Sheriff Mike  
Johnson**

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...had to step away due to personal reasons. We thank Mike for his active participation on the BEC. He will be missed. Later in this newsletter I will publish the slate of officers for next year. You'll note some vacancies. We are still looking for a Little Sir and now have this vacancy. You'll see that I have committed to another year as Big Sir. All of you need to give strong consideration to helping me find a Little Sir who can ascend to Big Sir. I appreciate the faith many of you have expressed in my ability to fill this position and yes, I certainly enjoy it. However, I cannot do this every year and I am also balancing a State Level position. Think hard about the future of the branch and what you can do to ensure we grow, encourage others to volunteer for our leadership positions, and keep the branch open. Our branch is only as strong as its membership.

**As always, our expectations of the membership are few:** be a friendly and sociable guy, participate, **volunteer** as your time and interest allows, **spread the word** about SIR by **inviting guests** and help encourage them to join, **grow our organization** and share in the fun.

For a lot of great information check out this link. <https://sirinc.org/wearesir-2/>

## Lunch Bunch

by Duane Nelson



The group will plan to meet at Good Times Pizza in Palo Cedro on Aug 16th at 1130am. Add this to your calendar and join us for an hour or so of laughs and friendship. We've had members come down from Shingletown, over from Cottenwood, and of course from Redding and Palo Cedro. Please contact me to RSVP (email [bandan@msn.com](mailto:bandan@msn.com) or call 530-547-5157).



## Treasurer Report

by Rix Callaway

Oh the Dog days of Summer are here and the summer activities abound. Enjoy the activities SIR has to offer. The Branch has an opening for Assistant Treasurer. The main job is to make sure I can count. If interested, let us know.

See you at the luncheon on Aug 3rd..

The State of the Branch is sound with the budget balanced .

## Birthdays in August

Andy Buelna	Aug 24th	Steve Irey	Aug 18th
Rich Cunningham	Aug 13th	Ron Keown	Aug 5th
Jim Girt	Aug 9th	Jim McClellan	Aug 3rd
Howard Hughes	Aug 2nd	Sid Nobles	Aug 21st
Henry Perez	Aug 10th		



SIR Branch 129 Facebook page link.

<https://www.facebook.com/socialactivitiesformen/>

SIR Branch 129 Private Facebook page link.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/401463741647384/>

For more information on Zoom: Go to

<https://sirinc.org/Zoom/LearningZoom.pdf>

State SIR Newsletter "Happenings".

<https://sirinc.org/newsletters/>



## Sunshine Report By Len Napoli

It's been a pretty nice Redding summer. A few weeks of extra hot days, otherwise this is why I live here. I haven't heard of any serious health problems with members, other than the typical aches and pains we're all experiencing as we age. I thought I'd share a little ditty of what August means to me:

As a **youth**, it meant the last month of my summer vacation.

As a **teen**, it meant the last month of manual labor, reminding me that I didn't want to do this the rest of my life, so it provided money to finance my college education.

As a **husband** and **father**, it was the last month spending summer fun with my family.

As a **retired man**, it means watching all the kids going back to school so I could go on vacation without the crowds.



## Aug/Sep Calendar of Events

Activity	Date/Time	Meeting Forum
9 Hole Golf	Aug 1st, 8:00am	Tucker Oaks
BEC Meeting	Aug 3rd, 9:30am	Elks Lodge
General Membership Luncheon	Aug 3rd, 11:00am	Elks Lodge
18 Hole Golf	Aug 8th, 9:00am	Mount Shasta
Bocce	Aug 11th, 9:00am	South City Park
9 Hole Golf	Aug 16th, 8:30am	Allens
Lunch Bunch	Aug 16th, 1130am	Good Times Pizza, Palo Cedro
18 Hole Golf	Aug 21st, 9:00am	Canyon Oaks
Bocce	Aug 25th, 9:00am	South City Park
18 Hole Golf	Sep 5th, 9:00am	Fall River
BEC Meeting	Sep 7th, 9:30am	Elks Lodge
General Membership	Sep 7th, 11:00am	Elks Lodge
Bocce	Sep 8th, 9:00am	South City Park
9 Hole Golf	Sep 12th, 8:00am	Tucker Oaks
18 Hole Golf	Sep 19th, 9:00am	Wilcox Oaks
Lunch Bunch	Sep 20th, 1130am	Good Times Pizza, Palo Cedro
Bocce	Sep 22nd, 9:00am	South City Park
9 Hole Golf	Sep 26th, 9:00am	Lake Redding
Bocce	Sep 29th, 9:00am	South City Park

### ***Computer Group***

**While there is no computer meeting, it does not mean there is no help....call Big Sir and maybe, just maybe he can help.**

Activity	Chair	Telephone	Email
Book Exchange	Len Napoli	530-547-4201	lenandgail@frontiernet.net
Golf - 18 Hole	Lee Lamp	530-921-1375	lel4355@yahoo.com
Golf - 9 Hole	Bob Goetz	530-245-0684	lakehead6@gmail.com
Lunch Bunch	Duane Nelson	530-547-5157	bandan@msn.com
Bocce	Dennis Compomizzo	530-356-9966	dennysz71@yahoo.com

## 9 Hole Golf Report by Bob Goetz

We played two 9-Hole events in July, Allens on the 5th and Lake Redding on the 18th. We had a great turnout at both events. Thank you for supporting our 9-Hole activity.

### HOW TO SIGN UP TO PLAY

I'll send out an invitation to play the 9-Hole events about 5 days before the playing date. If you are not on my distribution list please contact me to have your name added. I also have sign-up sheets at the SIRs monthly meetings. You can contact me by calling me or text me at (530-213-3850). When texting, please include your name in the text.

You can also email me at [sirs9holegolf@gmail.com](mailto:sirs9holegolf@gmail.com)

The next two events on the schedule are August 1st (Tuesday) at Tucker Oaks and August 16th (Wednesday) at Allens. To get the latest information on golf as well as other activities you can go to the SIRs web site is at <https://sirinc2.org/branch129/>

As always you can invite a spouse, son, daughter, grandchild or friend to play with you. Hope to see you at a future event.



David Yorton, Phil Perry, Steve Irey and Gerry Dodge getting ready for golf at Lake Redding.



## A Little Humor submitted by

These great questions and answers are from the days when Hollywood Squares' game show responses were spontaneous, not scripted!

**Q.** If you're going to make a parachute jump, at least how high should you be?

**A.** Charley Weaver: Three days of steady drinking should do it.

**Q.** True or False, a pea can last as long as 5,000 years.

**A.** George Gobel: Boy, it sure seems that way sometimes.

**Q.** Which of your five senses tends to diminish as you get older ?

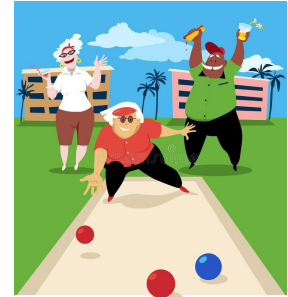
**A.** Charley Weaver: My sense of decency.

**Q.** You've been having trouble going to sleep. Are you probably a man or a woman?

**A.** Don Knotts: That's what's been keeping me awake.

## Bocce by Dennis Compomizzo

Summer is here in full force with hot days and warm nights. Our bocce games have seen a pretty good turnout despite the hot weather. Our next games are scheduled for August 11th and August 25th at 9:00 AM. I hope the weather gets better and we have a great turn out. For those that have never played, you will enjoy the game from the fist roll of the ball, I guarantee it! Bring your spouse or a friend, the more the merrier. A notice will be sent out through Constant Contact, a few days prior to the date of play. We would love to see more SIR's come out to these events. Thank you, to all those that have showed up, we always have a wonderful time! I would also like to thank those that have helped with the court preparation and Lee Lamp for filling in, when I can't be there. On another note, Paesano Days will be September 15th and 16th. A bocce tournament is scheduled for both days. The teams will consist of four players and the cost per team is \$180.00 which includes a food court coupon for each player. The deadline for sign up's is September 4th. If you are interested, and can put together a four person team please sign up early. A maximum of 32 teams will be allowed and it fills up quickly. If you are interested, please contact me and I'll get the signup sheet sent to you. See you soon!



Here is why I missed Bocce the last time we met! 42 lbs of Halibut!



## 2023 Election of Officers by Cris Andrews

Cris Andrews, Nominating Chairman; Committee member, Barrie Lee; Submitted/Approved by BEC 7/6/23

Position	Name	BEC Voting Rights
Big Sir	Lee Lamp	yes
Little Sir	OPEN	yes
Treasurer	Rix Callaway	yes
Asst Treasurer	OPEN	yes
Secretary	Cris Andrews	yes
Asst Secretary	Gerry Dodge	yes
Director	Barrie Lee	yes
Director	Dennis Compomizzo	yes
Director	Sid Nobles	yes
Director	Dan Dodson	yes

## 18 Hole Golf Report By Lee Lamp



July was a great month for our 18 hole group. First up was Lake Shastina on July 11th. 14 members made the trip north along with my son-in-law and grandson. I had the company of Len Napoli along with my family and should mention that when my grandson (11yrs old) out drove Len early in the round the competition was on. Len would not be denied 😊. 6 skins were awarded (Brad Bunnell x2, Rix Callaway, Mike Hurley, Len Napoli, Darryl Elliott)

### 1st Flight

### 2nd Flight

Len Napoli -5	Darryl Elliott +1
Brad Bunnell +2	Rix Callaway +5
Lee Lamp +4	Phil Perry +5



The second event of the month was at Fall River on July 24th. 17 players made the trip. 16 members and 1 guest. I'll add that I played the best round in a couple years and finally saw my handicap drop! There were 4 skins awarded (Curtis McNutt x2, Lee Lamp x2).

### 1st Flight

### 2nd Flight

Lee Lamp -8	Rix Callaway +1
Curtis MuNutt -4	Darryl Elliott +2
Greg Pearson -2	John McCue +5
Jim Girt +3	Randy Moore +6

**Next events** are Mount Shasta Resort (\$45 + \$3 optional skins) on August 8th and Canyon Oaks on August 21st (\$65 + \$3 optional skins). Canyon Oaks required a meal option to be included which added \$10 to the cost per person. ***Be sure to let me know if you plan to play*** and then get your checks in the mail. Address is 4355 Singing Wind Ct. Redding, CA 96001. Check should be made out to SIR.

**Inviting a guest to play golf with us is a great way to grow our membership.** Some of you have recently invited guests. Make sure you get an application to them and encourage them to consider joining. **You can print up an application here:**

<http://sirinc2.org/branch129/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Application-Form-10-16-19-2.1.pdf>

***Share this newsletter with your friends and help us grow the membership!***

## Poker Group

There has been interest expressed by some members to get together monthly at various locations to play some poker. We have a rough head count right now. Whether or not this becomes a SIR activity or falls into the category of a private group will be left to those that express further interest. Please call or email Barrie Lee for more information ([wblee46@gmail.com](mailto:wblee46@gmail.com) 530-275-0555).

## Our Evening with the Colt 45's pictures by Bob Goetz and Lee Lamp



In attendance: Jim Girt, Cris Andrews, Roger Peters (and family), Hal Leininger, Lee Dickey, Morgan & Margaret Akin, Len & Gail Napoli, Bob Goetz, Sid Nobles, Terry Alford and Lee Lamp



## NASCAR/INDY CAR Report by Barrie Lee

7/2/23

July 2nd 2023 made history. For the first time in the 75 year history of NASCAR, they completed a road race in a major American city, Chicago, IL. With record rain pelting the circuit both on Saturday and Sunday, Nascar pulled off a great racing event. The 2.2 mile circuit was scheduled for 100 laps, but since they started the race late, they cut the number of laps down to 75 due to lack of available sunlight. Since the start of Nascar, only six drivers won an inaugural event. One year, 1951, Martin Burke won at the Oakland Speedway which my father maintained for many years. A New Zealander won the race for Trackhouse Racing's 91 project. Justin Marks, the team owner had created this project and to bring in road race experts from different series to compete. He started this last year with Kimi Raikkonen (Formula One Champion) doing the chore. This year he picked a sedan racer from down under that has won 80 events in his series. Scott McLaughlin, who currently drives for Team Penske in IndyCar, is also a product of that sedan series. So the top ten results are as follows;

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Shane van Gisbergen (91) | 2. Justin Haley (31)    |
| 3. Chase Elliot (9)         | 4. Kyle Larson (5)      |
| 5. Kyle Busch (8)           | 6. Austin Cindric (2)   |
| 7. Michael McDowell (34)    | 8. Joey Logano (22)     |
| 9. Ty Gibbs (54)            | 10. Chris Buescher (17) |



I hope you had a chance to see this first time event.

As you might be aware, NBC is now covering Nascar for the second half of their season. Fox does a good job with their coverage, but NBC removed their racing channel and now charge you to watch "Peacock" which is a pay to watch channel whenever they don't carry a race on their main network. SORRY! I don't do that. But an important footnote for all of you, IndyCar is also carried on NBC and when they don't carry it on the main network, turn to the USA channel. They have partnered with NBC to carry IndyCar races also. I missed the race at Road America in Elkhart Lake, Ws. a couple of weeks ago. Sunday's race was held at Mid Ohio Raceway, Lexington, Ohio. What a terrific race! Things were happening so quickly, you had to know racing to fully enjoy the experience. Chip Ganassi Racing finished one & two with Alex Palou (10) winning his fourth race of the year and continuing to lead the points race with Scott Dixon (9) in second. Team Penske was 3rd with Will Power (12) and Scott McLaughlin (3) finishing 5th. Christian Lundgaard (45) was 4th for Rahal, Letterman, Lanigan Racing. David Malukas was 6th for Dale Coyne Racing with HMO Motorsports. Seventh place went to Graham Rahal (15) with his family's team. Pato O'Ward (5) was 8th in the Arrow McLaren, Marcus Armstrong (11) was 9th for Chip Ganassi, and Alexander Rossi (7) made the top ten for Arrow McLaren. GREAT Racing. By the way Graham Rahal made the front row in qualifying and his teammate did well also (Lundgaard) in 4th. It's been a long time for Rahal to start up front and finish well. Maybe, just maybe it's because their team calls Ohio home and their home track is Mid Ohio.

### 7/16/23

IndyCars are racing in Toronto, Canada today. Since NBC is broadcasting on Peacock only and I don't do Peacock (period) I'm giving you the results from the internet.

1st Christian Lundgaard - #45Rahal/Letterman/Lannigan	2nd Alex Palou #10Chip Ganassi Racing
3rd Colton Herta #26Andretti Motorsports.	4th Scott Dixon #9Chip Ganassi Racing
5th Josef Newgarden #2Team Penske	6th Scott McLaughlin #3Team Penske
7th Marcus Armstrong #11 Ganassi	8th Pato O'Wrd#5Arrow McLaren
9th Graham Rahal #15 Rahal/Letterman/Lannigan	10th Felix Rosenqvist#6Arrow McLaren

I believe both Andretti and Ganassi are running four cars each. Next event will be in Iowa both Saturday and Sunday.

### 7/17/23 (Monday race due to rain on Sunday)

New Hampshire is the venue today. If you're a JGR fan and you like Martin Truex Jr. then you're a happy fan today. He won all three stages of the race and his only competition were two of the Team Penske drivers, Joey Logano and Ryan Blaney. Blaney took himself out on his final pit stop by running over his air hose. Let's just say it was a race, but semi boring.

### 7/22/23

IndyCar is running two races this weekend at a 7/8th mile race track near Des Moines, Ia. Team Penske is looking great with Will Power on the pole for both today's race and tomorrows. His two teammates join him today with Scott McLaughlin 2nd and Josef Newgarden 3rd. Saturdays race was won by Josef Newgarden (#2) and Scott McLaughlin 2nd (#3) Pato O'Ward was third driving for the Arrow Team McLaren (#5), Marcus Ericsson was 4th (#8) was 4th and Will Power (#12) rounded out the top five. Great race but no one could touch Josef.

7/23/23

Will Power again was on pole with Scott McLaughlin 2nd. I believe Josef started from 6th place on the grid. This race also was entertaining with several teams competing for points, but it was Josef Newgarden again that pulled off the win with his teammate, Will Power in 2nd. Team Arrow McLaren again scored 3rd with Felix Rosenqvist (#6) doing the job. I'm not sure but I believe the Championship leader, Alex Palou (#10) finished 4th for Chip Ganassi Racing, and Scott McLaughlin finished 5th on highly degraded tires. Scott might have finished 6th but I've lost track. Sorry for any screw ups.

Nascar ran at Pocono, Pa. Sunday, which is a triangular race track. They call it the "Tricky Triangle" and it's immense. I tore up my left knee there doing an IndyCar race many years ago, and spent the summer in a cast. I'm not going to spend a lot of time on this race because two of my most disliked drivers finished one, two and the team and cars they drive are also not of my choice. JGR Racing (Joe Gibbs) and his Toyotas took one and two with Denny Hamlin winning his 8th race at the triangle and Martin Truex, Jr. finishing 2nd. Hamlin was severely booed upon his win since he again put the lead car (Kyle Larson, (#5) into the wall and said he never touched him. I have the tape in case anyone wants to see him hitting Kyle and forcing him into the wall with several laps remaining. He's done this to Kyle before and Hamlin is lucky that Kyle is small in stature and not physically aggressive. Nascar should penalize Hamlin with either a points fine or monetary fines or both. You don't wreck your competition unless you're Dale Earnhardt Sr. and those days are over. See you all next month and thanks for reading the column.

**ATTENTION: The Next General Membership Luncheon is on Thursday, Aug 3rd at 11am.**