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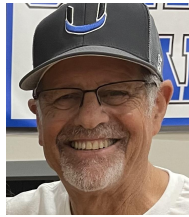
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Newsletter



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Branch 129
Redding, CA

Big SIR Sez'

As we head into July I must say we've actually enjoyed a relatively mild start to the summer months. After the filling of the lake with heavy rains and snow in the winter/spring being able to enjoy of that with the comfortable mid 80 degrees temps has been awesome. Most of you know that with spring and early summer comes Little League baseball for me. I completed managing a team after the regular season and became a spectator (of sorts) for the All Star season this year. West Redding League has had the opportunity to host the Little League All Stars for the 12U teams in District 1. This is the first step along the way to the World Series. I was selected to be act as the Tournament Director and hence have spent this past week at the fields. Long days, short nights but SO MUCH GREAT baseball by these young players. I've seen it all. Great pitching, great defensive plays, suburb hitting and exciting aggressive base running. Yes, my grandson is playing and when that team is on the field I get to yell just a little more. From squeeze plays to home runs, lay out catches in the outfield and turning double plays, these kids can play. July 1st and 2nd are the final two games of this particular tournament. As I write this I hope my league's team is battling for a title. They won their opener, lost a nail biter to a walk off single in extra innings, and played a gem of a game mid week. I could go on and on about the virtues of youth sports and especially baseball but I think by now you all have heard enough of my dribble. Let's talk ... *(Continued on next page)*

Monthly MeetingFirst Thursday if the monthElks Lodge

Meeting/Speaker: 11:00 - 12:00

*Nov/Dec subject to change for holidays

Attendance is Important

Guest

Speaker:

**No guest
speaker this
month. Next
month Sheriff
Mike Johnson**

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... more about our group. **Bocce is FUN.** Last time out we had 16 players and one "official" who regulated the matches. Lots of laughs and boasts and all around a great time. We can take on another 16 to fully enjoy the courts. Come out and join in the fun. Good turnout for the **Lunch Bunch at Goodtimes Pizza** where we share stories and get to know one another just a little better. We have a great venue and room for more. **And of course our meeting this month is a social event paid for by the branch. We encourage all of you to bring a guest that could become a new member.**

We are still looking for a Little Sir! This position has a natural progression to Big Sir. While I certainly enjoy what I'm doing, I cannot do this every year. 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/>

Membership Appreciation Luncheon (previously Spaghetti Luncheon)

By BEC, SIR Branch 129.

Thursday, July 6th, we will celebrate our faithful members by providing a "Member Appreciation Luncheon" paid for by Branch 129. **In addition we ask that you strongly consider bringing a guest to this lunch that may become a new member. The guests will also enjoy this free luncheon.** The Elks bar is open. Claudia will be grilling ½ lb Hamburgers along with Hot Dogs and all the fixins'. A couple side dishes will be included and the BEC has plans for a dessert. We will still have a short meeting but then simply plan to encourage members to hang around for a bit, enjoy a leisurely lunch and visit with friends. The principal purpose of this meeting is all social. Big Sir is looking forward to seeing as many members as possible and meeting all the guests in attendance.

In a nutshell...FREE LUNCH FOR YOU AND YOUR POTENTIAL NEW MEMBER. If you have not been to a Monthly Luncheon lately this is definitely the month to start! (You don't have to bring a guest, but it would be awesome if you can). Remember it is July 6th, 11am.

Lunch Bunch

by Duane Nelson



The group will plan to meet at Good Times Pizza in Palo Cedro on July 19th at 1130am. Please contact me to RSVP (email bandan@msn.com or call 530-547-5157).



Treasurer Report by Rix Callaway

It's July and your Membership Appreciation Luncheon is on the 6th. It is free to all members and a guest. It's also time to celebrate the 4th of July, 1776. A time when many people lost everything: family, house, and fortune for the chance to enjoy what we have today.

See you at the luncheon...The State of the Branch is sound with the budget balanced .

Birthdays in July

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|---------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|
| Joe Beck | July 28th | Don Schimpff | July 8th |
| Dan Dodson | July 27th | Robert Smick | July 23rd |
| Len Dolan | July 18th | Russ Smith | July 23rd |
| Charlie Gripp | July 2nd | Mike Stewart | July 30th |
| Roger Peters | July 23rd | Tom Ward | July 22nd |
| Robert Reid | July 23rd | | |



Evening with the Colt 45's by Lee Lamp

Friday **July 14th** is the day! A handful of members agreed to attend the game that evening. I will be in contact with Rick to let him know when we plan to attend. If you are one that wants to join us please call, text, or email me so I can provide Rick with a number attending. He said he'd section off a portion of the bleachers for us as a group. The cost to attend is \$4 for seniors. I'll ask him if we can do God Bless America during the 7th inning stretch. I think we will have a fantastic time!

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/>



July/August Calendar of Events

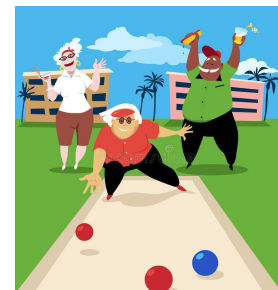
| Activity | Date/Time | Meeting Forum |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 9 Hole Golf | July 5th, 8:30am | Allens |
| BEC Meeting | July 6th, 9:30am | Elks Lodge |
| Membership Appreciation Lunch | July 6th, 11:00am | Elks Lodge |
| Bocce | July 7th, 9:00am | South City Park |
| 18 Hole Golf | July 11th, 9:00am | Lake Shastina |
| Colt 45's Game | July 14th, 7:15am | Tiger Field |
| 9 Hole Golf | July 18th, 9:00am | Churn Creek |
| Bocce | July 21st, 9:00am | South City Park |
| 18 Hole Golf | July 24th, 9:00am | Fall River |
| 9 Hole Golf | Aug1st, 8:00am | Tucker Oaks |
| BEC Meeting | Aug 3rd, 9:30am | Elks Lodge |
| Membership Appreciation Lunch | Aug 3rd, 11:00am | Elks Lodge |
| Bocce | Aug 4th, 9:00am | South City Park |
| 18 Hole Golf | Aug 8th, 9:00am | Mount Shasta Resort |
| 9 Hole Golf | Aug 16th, 8:30am | Allen's |
| Bocce | Aug 18th, 9:00am | South City Park |
| 18 Hole Golf | Aug 21st, 9:00am | Canyon Oaks |

Bocce by Dennis Compomizzo

It looks like summer is here, with afternoon temperatures in the 100's. The next games are scheduled for July 7th and July 21st at 9:00 AM, (please note the time change). I would like to see a few volunteers show up at 8:30 AM on the game days to help with the court preparation. Please let me know if you are interested. 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 hope we have a great turn out.

SEE YOU SOON!

If you have questions, call me or email. 530-536-9966 or dennysz71@yahoo.com



| 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 by Bob Goetz

Two outings were held in June. Both with very nice weather conditions and a great turnout for both events. Our July outings are at Allen's on the 5th and we are playing Churn Creek (July 18) for the first time in two years.

HOW TO SIGN UP TO PLAY

Signup sheets are at the SIRs monthly meetings, or you can send me an email. Because we have experienced issues posting email addresses in the newsletter, I would ask you to find my email address in the SIRs directory, or you can call or text me at (530-213-3850). When texting, please include your name in the text.

The next two events on the schedule are listed above, but you can always login to the Redding SIRs website to access the latest information on golf as well as other activities. The 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.



SIRs relaxing after a round at Lake Redding. Lee brought his grandson Rylee to play. Great time! Left to right is Dennis Compomizzo (Mr. Bocce), Len Dolan, Phil Perry, Larry Morgan. Barrie Lee, Lee Lamp and Rylee.



George Rhoderick, Mike Stewart and guest Jeff Cooper playing at Tucker Oaks.

Sunshine Report By Len Napoli

What a great June we've had. If the Redding summer continued like this, we'd have a major migration. I think we should be thankful for our current weather reputation as it's keeping our community from becoming a metropolis. But still be aware as Hal Barland's quote says: "July is blind date with summer!"

Looking forward to celebrating the 4th of July at Tiger Field watching the 45's and then the fireworks from the bleachers. It's a great place to celebrate with our neighbors. Thank you veterans for giving us our freedom. "This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave!" (Elmer Davis). Happy Independence Day!



A Little Humor submitted by Len Napoli

An Airbus 380 is on its way across the Atlantic. It flies consistently at 800 km/h at 30,000 feet, when suddenly a Eurofighter with a Tempo Mach 2 appears. The pilot of the fighter jet slows down, flies alongside the Airbus and greets the pilot of the passenger plane by radio: "Airbus, boring flight isn't it? Now have a look here!"

He rolls his jet on its back, accelerates, breaks through the sound barrier, rises rapidly to a dizzying height, and then swoops down almost to sea level in a breathtaking dive. He loops back next to the Airbus and asks: "Well, how was that?"

The Airbus pilot answers: "Very impressive, but watch this!"

The jet pilot watches the Airbus, but nothing happens. It continues to fly straight, at the same speed. After 15 minutes, the Airbus pilot radios, "Well, how was that? Confused, ... the jet pilot asks, "What did you do?" The Airbus pilot laughs and says: "I got up, stretched my legs, walked to the back of the aircraft to use the washroom, then got a cup of coffee and a chocolate fudge pastry."

The moral of the story is: When you're young, speed and adrenaline seems to be great. But as you get older and wiser, you learn that comfort and peace are more important. This is called S.O.S.: Slower, Older and Smarter.

Dedicated to all my senior friends ~ it's time to slow down and enjoy the rest of the trip.

ATTENTION: The Next General Membership Luncheon is our *Membership Appreciation Lunch* on Thursday, July 6th at 11am.



18 Hole Golf Report By Lee Lamp

June settled down to a more normal month event wise. 2 events were held. The first being Mount Shasta Resort on June 13th. A relatively small group of 16 players saw a beautiful day up near the mountain. A great day with friends. 7 skins were earned (Bob Monaghan x2, Mike Hurley, Greg Pearson, Steve Irey, John Crowley, and Greg Ephland)

| 1st Flight | 2nd Flight |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| John Crowley -1 | Bob Monaghan -1 |
| Steve Irey E | Phil Perry E |
| Lee Lamp +1 | Mike Hurley +3 |

The second event for the month was June 26th at Bidwell. I was unable to play but thanks go to Rix Callaway for helping out. Just 10 (9 + 1 guest) traveled to Chico to play. I'm told it was another great weather day to play. There were 9 skins awarded (Bob Monaghan x3, Mike Hurley x2, John Crowley x2, John McCue, and Rix Callaway)

| 1st Flight | 2nd Flight |
|----------------|-----------------|
| John Crowley E | Phil Perry -3 |
| Jim Girt +3 | Bob Monaghan -2 |

Next events are Lake Shastina on July 11th (\$54 + \$3 optional skins) and Fall River on July 24th (\$43 + \$3 optional skins). ***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!



NASCAR/INDY CAR Report by Barrie Lee

May 28th

The 107th Indianapolis 500 was held this morning with 33 cars entered. I gave my thoughts to two of my friends during the days ahead of the race. I said to keep an eye on both the Chip Ganassi Racing Team and the Arrow McLaren team. Both teams had four cars entered and I felt they looked the best going into the 500. I wasn't surprised to see Rinus VeeKay up front during the race since Ed Carpenter Racing ran 3 cars and they are normally very good. I was very surprised to see Santino Ferrucci running so well for A.J.Foyt Enterprises in his famous #14 Chevrolet/Dalara. Foyt hasn't fared well in Indy Racing for over 22 years. But I also mentioned my old team, Team Penske, could play a part in the final results. Coverage of the race started at 8:00 AM local time and the race itself got underway around 9:40 AM. Ganassi Racing's Alex Palou (10) started from the pole with Marcus Ericsson (8) Scott Dixon (9) and Takuma Sato (11) all running well during much of the race. Arrow McLaren's Pato O'Ward (5) Alexander Rossi (7) and crowd favorite Tony Kanaan (66) ran very well also but Felix Rosenqvist (6) was the star of the team today. Unfortunately, several of the cars from both teams were taken out by racing accidents, both on the track and in the pits. The real meat of the event took place later in the race and for Josef Newgarden (2) to best the Team Penske effort with Will Power (12) and Scot McLaughlin (3) on board, Josef climbed from starting 17th to out last Marcus Ericsson at the end to take his first Indy 500. In comments made by Ericsson after the race he showed his immaturity by complaining that IndyCar should have thrown the yellow and allowed him to win. NO ONE wanted to see the race end with 2 laps left and run under a yellow flag. I'm personally overly excited about the race results and extremely happy to see the Captain, Roger Penske, win his 19th race at the brickyard. I've never been involved with something that has meant so much to me as crewing at the Indy 500 for three years. One year for Gary Bettenhausen and two for Tom Sneva. Indy racing moves to Detroit, MI next weekend to run the streets of Detroit instead of racing on Bell Isle, which sits in the middle of the river running through the Detroit area.

5/29

The Coca Cola 600 just finished on this beautiful Memorial Day. I can honestly say that this was one of the best Coke 600s I've ever seen. William Byron driving the #24 Chevy for RHM was really fast and even his teammate, Kyle Larson caught up to him near the end to try and win it for Mr. Hendricks. I have total respect for Mr. Hendricks and I like most of his drivers. But today's race at Charlotte Motor Speedway allowed several drivers to show their stuff. Denny Hamlin took 1st place today for being a total A Hole. All three car companies were leading or around the front today. But, what do you know? Roger Penske has never won both the Indy 500 and the Coke 600 in the same year. Ryan Blaney, who is genuinely liked by everyone, won his first race of the year and it's been a drought for 59 races in a row. He gave the captain this newly bestowed honor and it brought tears to my eyes. Roger has been in racing for well over 60 years and has raced in NASCAR & IndyCar for more than 50 years. He's won 19 Indy 500s with men that have become legends in the sport. Al Unser, Sr. won his fourth Indy 500 driving for Roger. Rick Mears won four Indys for the captain. Helio won three of his four titles driving for Roger. The first winner of Indy for Roger became a good friend of mine before he was killed driving for Roger in Formula One. Mark Donohue won the Indy 500 in 1972 and should have won in 1971 but was sidelined with only 20 laps remaining. I'm sorry if I sound too much like a cheerleader for these racing series, but it's my passion in life and if you'd ever experienced what I've been allowed to see within the sport, you would understand what I mean. I truly thank all of you for reading my racing reports since I feel like an ambassador for the sport. Happy Memorial Day! And for those that have served, God Bless you and Thank You!

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6/4

The IndyCar race in the streets of Detroit today was fantastic. Alex Palou in the #10 Chip Ganassi car was without a doubt the fastest. But Team Penske held their own with Will Power (12) finishing second and both Newgarden (2) and McLaughlin (3) finishing in the top ten. Arrow McLaren ran well and both Rossi (7) and Rosenqvist (6) traded positions several times and were banging each other in doing so. Pato O'Ward (5) ran into a wall and was out. Ganassi drivers did well also. Great race.

6/11

Today's coverage of the Sonoma race is the last race of the year shown on Fox Sports. We take a week off and then NBC covers the last half of the season. Sonoma is special to me because I lived there for 10 years and worked for a contractor that maintained the track prior to Bruton Smith buying the circuit and spending millions of dollars in upgrades. I also volunteered to handle the shuttle buses during the Nascar and NHRA Drag racings weekends by sitting way up on the hillside and used radio communications to move the shuttles to areas that needed the most attention. Today's race was boring for me but I hope some of you watched and enjoyed the event. Initially, it looked like Team Penske again didn't get the memo that they were racing in Sonoma this weekend. Joey Logano was the best of the three drivers and finished a very lucky third place. JGR was again the best of the field by far. With Denny Hamlin on pole and Martin Truex, Jr. up front I knew my hopes were unattainable. I knew the Penske crew was nowhere to be seen but at least I was pulling for Chase Elliot to win or another RHR teammate to do well. Today's race showed everyone how certain teams do well at certain events and RHR and JGR seem to have a stranglehold on my Sears Point raceway. It's only the 11th of June but my column is already way too long.

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.

Who is This?

How about this blast from the past? Drop me a note if you recognize this current member of our branch.



Share pictures of our members from years past and I'll pass them along through the newsletter. It's a great way to recognize and create discussion about what many of you have done in your lives.