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Newsletter



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Branch 129
Redding, CA

Big SIR Sez'

Fall is right around the corner! Of course in Redding that simply means less days of 100 degrees 😊. Actually I've enjoyed the last several mornings and temps in the high 60's early. It's given me a chance to work outside on some projects before getting too hot. As an added benefit, last Friday temps for Bocce were great! If you aren't coming out to South City Park for the Bocce matches you are missing out on a lot of fun.

Hate to see the smoke from the fires up north hit us as I write this column. Air Quality Index has been over 150 (as high as 190 in spots) today. I guess the good news is that it's almost September and we've been lucky to have been spared the smoke for most of the summer. Bad news is that we have to endure it at all, but worse of course, for the people who've lost so much.

Sad to say goodbye to Dan Dodson as he let me know he was stepping away from the branch to deal with some personal issues. Wish him well please. At the same time, I'd like to welcome back a couple members who took a sabbatical from the branch. Paul Poling and Larry Koch were reinstated last month. I'm looking forward to seeing them at the luncheons and other activities (golf, bocce, lunch bunch). It's a net gain and we are welcoming 2 more new members this month! Let's work on the other guests who visited in July and bring them onboard... *(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:

**Nikki Blum,
Redding
Refugee
Sponsor
Circle**

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... **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/>

Guest Speaker - Nikki Blum, Redding Refugee Sponsor Circle

Nikki grew up in Pittsburgh, PA and always considered herself a big city girl before moving to the North State and becoming hooked on fly fishing. She lived the metro life in Chicago, San Francisco and Tokyo where she worked during the Japanese boom years, translating English to Japanese in the International Bond Department of one of the country's largest securities firms. Ultimately she finished out her career as an executive speechwriter in the Bay Area. She and her husband left snow country for Redding six years ago. And since June of last year, she's been president of Redding Refugee Sponsor Circle, a nonprofit with the dual objectives of providing a safe landing for individuals and families fleeing war and danger in places like Ukraine and Afghanistan while broadening the world view of our community.

Lunch Bunch

by Duane Nelson



The group will meet at Good Times Pizza in Palo Cedro on Sept 20th 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 or call 530-547-5157).



Treasurer Report by Rix Callaway

We are having a fall sale on dues for new members starting October 1st. 😊

No dues until January. So now is the time to bring in members and grow our branch. All bills are paid and the account is balanced.

See you at the luncheon on the 7th.

Birthdays in August

Mike Bishop	Sept 16th	Tom Merrow	Sept 26th
Bob Forbes	Sept 12th	Duane Nelson	Sept 14th
Bill Harris	Sept 19th	Tom Vlahos	Sept 3rd
Gerry Long	Sept 15th		



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

Welcome to September as it tries to help us forget summer. All seems well among our group as we start to leave the 100 degree weather behind us. To welcome this month, I came across a different version of the Seven Wonders of the World.

The Seven Wonders of World

1. To touch
2. To taste
3. To see
4. To hear
5. To feel
6. To laugh
7. To love

These wonders remind us of the things we overlook as simple and ordinary are often the most wonderful.



Sep/Oct Calendar of Events

Activity	Date/Time	Meeting Forum
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
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
18 Hole Golf	Oct 3rd, 9:00	Mt Shasta
BEC Meeting	Oct 5th, 9:30am	Elks Lodge
General Membership	Oct 5th, 11:00am	Elks Lodge
Bocce	Oct 6th, 9:00am	South City Park
18 Hole Golf	Oct 12th, 9:00am	Riverview
Lunch Bunch	Oct 18th, 1130am	Good Times Pizza, Palo Cedro
Bocce	Oct 20th, 9:00am	South City Park

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 August, Tucker Oaks Course on the 1st and Allen's Golf Course on the 16th. As normal for August it can be warm, but with 9-hole golf we are usually in the clubhouse having a cool drink by the time it gets hot. If you haven't played in awhile and are thinking about swinging the clubs again, 9-hole golf is a great SIRs event to get back into golf.

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. 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: sirs9holegolf@gmail.com.

The next two events on the schedule are September 12th 8:00 am(Tuesday) at Tucker Oaks and September 26th 9:00 am(Tuesday) at Lake Redding. 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.

Come out and enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow SIRs.

Hope to see you at a future event.

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

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.



Wonderful to see Bill Harris playing golf again.

Barrie Lee in the background sizing up the par 3 at the 9th hole at Allen's.



ATTENTION: The Next General Membership Luncheon is on Thursday, Sept 7th at 11am.

A Little Humor submitted by Len Napoli

A beautiful young New York woman was so depressed that she decided to end her life by throwing herself into the ocean. But just before she could throw herself from the docks, a handsome young man stopped her.

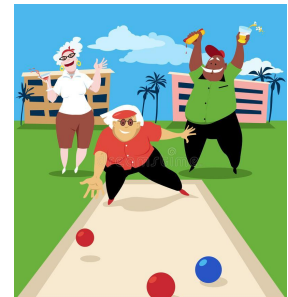
"You have so much to live for," said the man. "I'm a sailor, and we are off to Italy tomorrow. I can stow you away on my ship. I'll take care of you, bring you food every day, and keep you happy."

With nothing to lose, combined with the fact that she had always wanted to go to Italy, the woman accepted. That night the sailor brought her aboard and hid her in a small but comfortable compartment in the hold. From then on, every night he would bring her three sandwiches, a bottle of red wine, and make love to her until dawn. Three weeks later she was discovered by the captain during a routine inspection.

"What are you doing here?" asked the captain. "I have an arrangement with one of the sailors," she replied. "He brings me food and I get a free trip to Italy." "I see," the captain says. Her conscience got the best of her and she added, "Plus, he's screwing me." "He certainly is," replied the captain. "This is the Staten Island Ferry

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 September 8th and September 22nd at 9:00 AM but **the September 8th date will be canceled** due to the Sons of Italy preparing the courts for Paesano Days bocce tournaments on September 15th and 16th. A work crew will be placing additional decomposed granite on the courts approximately a week before Paesano Days. This additional surfacing is needed due to the existing surface degradation. 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. See you soon!



Christmas Luncheon

What! Talking about a Christmas Luncheon in September? Worse than the stores already marketing! Well, actually, we are in the planning stage for our Annual December get together at the Sons of Italy. Don Paulson and his committee of Dick Fyten and Chuck Spafford and sorting out the details and we will have more news in the months to come. Start by marking the date of December 14th on your calendar as a tentative date (hopefully locked in soon).



18 Hole Golf Report By Lee Lamp

Mount Shasta Resort was our first event of the month. 16 members and 1 guest make the trip up to play in the cooler temps. A beautiful day that saw 3 players bring in very good scores (John Crowley, Jim Girt, and Bob Monaghan). There were also 5 skins awarded (JOhn McCue, Len Napoli, Bob Monaghan, Greg Ephland, Mike Bishop).

1st Flight	2nd Flight
John Crowley -1	Bob Monaghan +1
Jim Girt -1	John McCue +4
Lee Lamp +4	Rix Callaway +6
Mike Deay +5	Len Dolan +8

The second event was scheduled for Canyon Oaks. We only had 13 members signed up to play but due to weather (rain) we canceled. Tropical Storm Hillary made her presence known much more so in SoCal but just enough in NorCal to lead us to avoid the 1 ¼ hour drive to play in the rain.

Next events are Fall River (\$60 + \$3 optional skins) on Sept 5th and Wilcox Oaks (\$55 + optional skins) on Sept 19th. Fall River Tuesdays has a meal included (breakfast or lunch) which adds \$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>

Laws of Life (just a couple) submitted by Len Napoli

1. **Law of Mechanical Repair** - After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch and you'll have to pee.

2. **Law of Gravity** - Any tool, nut, bolt, screw, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible place in the universe.

3. **Law of Probability** - The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.



NASCAR/INDY CAR Report by Barrie Lee

8/6

IndyCar was in Nashville, Tn. this weekend racing through the streets for the second year. Scott McLaughlin (#3) Team Penske was on the pole and led the first portion of the 80 lap event. However, pit stops always seem to change the running order and today was no exception. Kyle Kirkwood (#27) is one of five entries from Andretti Autosports, and he was awesome today with Brian Herta acting as his strategist. Romain Grosjean (#28) ran up front most of the day as did Brian's son Colton Herta. The Andretti team has not been running that well this year but Kyle Kirkwood won his second race of the year along with his win in Long Beach. Grosjean is from Formula One and drove for Gene Herta before coming to IndyCar. He crashed his car in Formula One and everyone thought he burned to death. But after several minutes of his car totally in flames, he walked out and waved to the crowd. Everyone was in shock. After a couple of years in IndyCar he joined the Andretti team. He is an extremely aggressive driver and will win in the future. Kyle Kirkwood won the race going away, with Scott McLaughlin 2nd, Alex Palou (#10) 3rd for Chip Ganassi, Josef Newgarden (#2) 4th. I believe Pato O'Ward finished 5th (#5) in his Arrow McLaren. Parts of the course are very narrow and caused major wrecks last year. This year, Not so much. Very enjoyable racing.

The IMSA WeatherTech series ran at Road America today also, and Porsche Penske won the race in car #7. One of Roger's sons has been in the Formula E series since it started and the team is known as Team Dragon. I don't really follow the series but check it out if you have the chance because it could be the future of auto racing. Hope Not!!

8/6 & 8/7

Nascar ran a race on the upper peninsula of Michigan in an area known as the "Irish Hills" near Brooklyn, Michigan. They started Sunday but as usual this year, rain stopped the race early in stage two. They completed the race on Monday morning and I expected JGR would walk away with it. Christopher Bell started from the pole but Martin Truex, Jr. was the fastest car in the field by far and soon took control of the race, winning stage one. JGR has four cars with Truex in the #19 Toyota, Denny Hamlin in the #11, Bell in the #20 and Joe Gibbs grandson, Ty Gibbs in the #54. 23/XI Racing also runs Toyotas for Bubba Watson and Tyler Reddick. All the Toyotas did well in the race and seem to have an advantage over the Fords and Chevies. Several cars lost traction and hit the walls including Chase Elliot (#9), Bell (#20) Alex Bowman (#48) and William Byron (#24). Bell was the only one to finish the race with great repairs. I didn't expect much of a race against the Toyotas but Chris Buescher (#17) driving for RFK (Roush, Fenway, Kesolowski Racing) won the race in a Ford Mustang. Buescher and Truex, Jr. battled for the last 50 laps and I was shocked to see Chris hold off Truex, to win the race and make it Two in a row for Team RFK. Brad finished 4th and has proven RFK has returned to prominence once again in Cup racing. Great to see. The final stage made the race for me and I hope you saw it.

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8/12

Hey everyone, it's Indy! Both the IndyCar series and the Nascar cup series will race this weekend in Indiana. I believe this is the second year for the two series to race the road course at Indy on the same weekend, all but on different days. The IndyCar race today was fun for me and it showcased teams and drivers that have not run up front that much. Graham Rahal was a pleasant surprise today for running up front most of the day and creating an exciting ending by catching Scott Dixon and almost getting by him to win. But Dixon drove a great race, even though he was spun on the first lap. Dixon won, with Graham in 2nd and Pato O'Ward finishing 3rd again for Arrow McLaren. The Rahal, Letterman, Lanigan Racing team is currently running three cars; Graham (#15) Jack Harvey (#30) and Christian Lundgaard (#45) and they have really improved this year with Lundgaard already winning one race this year, and Graham showing much improvement at the Mid Ohio track in Lexington, Ohio along with today's 2nd place.

8/13

Nascar takes to the Indy track today with a forty car field which includes several foreign drivers trying their hands at one of America's favorite pastimes. The winner of the Chicago street race returns in the Trackhouse Racings #91 project car. Three other new drivers join SVG (initials) driving for various teams. Nascar started racing at Indy back in 1994 with Jeff Gordon winning the inaugural race. They drove the oval for several years until the IMS built their road course. Nascar might return to the oval due to interest expressed by drivers and fans. Today's race was void of the usual heavy number of yellows and ran most of the race under green flag conditions. Another fun outing with Ford showing well. Daniel Suarez started from pole and finished third in a great showing for TrackHouse Racing. Michael McDowell won the race in his (#34) Ford Mustang and added this terrific finish to his Daytona 500 win two years ago where he punted both Brad Keselowski and Brads teammate, Joey Logano (#22) off the track on the finishing lap and won by a car length. Brad and Joey were not happy but both were very pleased for Michaels amazing success. That says a lot about the character of Michael McDowell. Also, today almost every driver that passed Michael after the end of the race gave him a jester of appreciation for his win. Chase Elliot showed signs of returning to his position as Nascar Fans favorite driver by finishing 2nd with a hard charging effort. If you remember, Chase missed several weeks of racing after he broke his tibia in a skying accident in the early season. Even though he will probably have to win to move to the final sixteen, don't count this very talented driver out of his chances, especially on road courses. I believe Daniel Suarez finished 3rd, with our own Tyler Reddick in 4th place, I believe. I hope you saw the constant contact post that I asked our Big Sir to send out Friday evening. This simple post is again a sign of What your branch 129 provides you. I thank Lee for posting the information and I can only hope my interest in these competitions encourage the membership to join me in following these two major sporting events. Nascar travels to the "Finger Lakes" region of New York state to race the famed Watkins Glen race track facility next week. The Glen is one of the best road racing circuits in the US. and provides excellent entertainment. It has hosted Formula One, IndyCar, Nascar, IMSA and many other series during its storied past.

8/20

Since this column is going way too long, I'll just say that William Byron won at the Glen for his fifth win of the year. His teammate (Kyle Larson) is doing well this year but Chase Elliot and Alex Bowman are below the cut line to make the playoffs. JGR Racing had all four of their drivers in the top six finishers. The race was fair at best.