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Sunshine: Len Napoli

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Newsletter



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Big SIR Sez'

Final newsletter for the year! Frankly, I find it hard to believe we are already to that point. For me I look back and marvel at the speed at which the days, weeks, and months have passed. Our first meeting of the year we had a newly elected City Councilwoman, Tenessa Audette as a guest speaker. We've had the County Sheriff, a representative from Caltrans, CalFire and Rick Bosetti from the Colt 45's. My favorite of the year was the interview with our own Don Schimpff! Mike Kruger rounded out the year with a great presentation about his new business venture. This year Bocce was a consistent part of our monthly activities. We took in a Colt 45's Baseball game on one of the hottest days of the year and had a great showing! I'm of the opinion that both of those (Bocce/Colt 45's) need to become a staple for our group. I personally have so much fun at both. I'd love to see us find more things to do as a group. All it takes is an idea and someone to coordinate. We enter next year with new faces on the Branch Executive Committee. Some of them are already in place and making an impact. Did you know that Chuck Spafford, New Director, is forging ahead coordinating a visit to the new courthouse? With any luck this is something that will happen in the near future. I'll send an email out via Constant Contact as soon as I hear anything. If you receive this newsletter via snail mail and have interest in attending this event...*(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:

**No meeting
this month.**

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...please call me and let me know. Thank you Chuck for taking the lead on this! It's a great example of what can be done for the membership. All it takes is one person with an idea. I've said this time and again, we cannot maintain a branch without volunteers stepping up to handle activities and work towards keeping the membership engaged and informed. **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



There will be no Lunch Bunch in December. The group will meet in the New Year at Good Times Pizza in Palo Cedro on Jan 17th, 2024 at 1130am. Add this to your calendar and join us for an hour or so of laughs and friendship. We would welcome more input as we solve the problems of the world (emphasis on laughter). Please contact me with questions (email bandan@msn.com or call 530-547-5157).



Treasurer Report

by Rix Callaway

Fall is all but done and it's time for Winter's cold breath to descend. But we still have a Christmas Luncheon to attend. With occasional golf, boccie, and whatnot — and a monthly luncheon — Winter will quickly pass. Let's hope it's a wet one and there will be an abundance of water to enjoy the summer.

Christmas Luncheon tickets are on sale but time is running out. The Sons of Italy has to know how many dinners to prepare by December 7th. Let me know by phone (530-246-7930) or radcallaway@protonmail.com by the 7th and you can pay at the door. \$20 per dinner. All bills are paid and the account is balanced.

Birthdays in November

Rix Callaway	Dec 21st	Len Napoli	Dec 2nd
Ed Grinton	Dec 16th		
Lon Harris	Dec 3rd		
John McCue	Dec 14th		



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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

What a wonderful time of the year to not only celebrate Christ's birthday but to put into action all the gifts He has given us. I can't tell you how blessed I feel that I've survived all the crazy things I've done in my youth, been shown success in my life and to have lived as long as I have. It's truly a time of the year to be thankful and to share our love to all those around us.

I like this quote from W. C. Jones: "The joy of brightening other lives becomes for us the magic of the Christmas Season."

So here's a toast to you:

"May you have the gladness of Christmas which is hope;
The spirit of Christmas which is peace;
The heart of Christmas which is love."



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.

ATTENTION: The Next General Membership Luncheon is on Thursday, Jan 4th at 11am.

Dec/Jan Calendar of Events

Activity	Date/Time	Meeting Forum
BEC Meeting	Dec 7th, If needed	TBD
General Membership	No meeting in December	
Bocce	TBD - Weather Permitting	South City Park
Christmas Luncheon	Dec 14th, 11am	Sons of Italy
BEC Meeting	Jan 4th, 9:30am	Elks Lodge
General Membership	Jan 4th, 11:00am	Elks Lodge
Lunch Bunch	Jan 17th, 11:30am	Good Times Pizza, Palo Cedro
Bocce	TBD	South City Park

Christmas Luncheon

We have a great Luncheon planned for our Annual Christmas Luncheon at the Sons of Italy on Dec 14th. Tickets are still on sale now for \$20 each. We will have a traditional Turkey meal with mashed potatoes, stuffing, green beans, etc. A couple of deserts will be offered. This is a twofold get together...we welcome the holiday season and also induct our new 2024 Branch Executive Committee. This is an event for members and their significant others to attend. Contact Rix Callaway no later than Dec 7th if you don't have tickets and wish to attend.

9 Hole Golf Report by Bob Goetz

Our 9-Hole golf season has ended for 2023. A new 2024 schedule will be in the February Newsletter.

If you are not on my email list for the 9-hole golf, you can call or text or email me at (530-213-3850), sirs9holegolf@gmail.com and I will add your name.



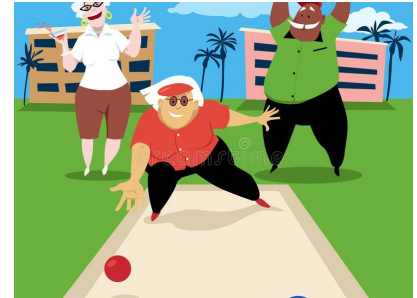
Thanks to all the 9-hole SIRs players that made the 2023 season fun.

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

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

Bocce by Dennis Compomizzo

Winter is here with some rain and cool temperatures. The bocce courts are soft due to recent rains and a lack of warm temperatures to dry them out. We will have to wait until spring before we see the courts in playable condition. The City of Redding Recreation Department will be taking applications and collecting money for the spring bocce leagues. Please contact the Recreation Department at (530) 225-4095 if you are interested.



Quote of the Month submitted by Eric Measles

"Life should NOT be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in an attractive and well preserved body, but rather to skid sideways, chocolate and wine in one hand, body thoroughly used up, totally worn out and screaming " WOO HOO what a ride!"

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

As we venture into the final month of the year we all look forward to the time we spend with family and friends to celebrate the birth of Christ, bid farewell to another year, and welcome the new year. I'd like to remind everyone that the holidays should be a time of love, fellowship, friendship, and sharing. Several of our members live alone and may be reflective of past times spent with loved ones not only in their heart but with them physically. It can be a difficult time. I encourage all to reach out to one another while reminding you all of the importance of friendships and camaraderie. I'll close with my wishes to all of a Merry Christmas, thoughts of joy and peace, and prayers of a prosperous and fruitful New Year.



18 Hole Golf Report By Lee Lamp

November was a busy month with three events in successive weeks. First up was Gold Hills on the 7th. We had a good turnout with 21 members and 2 guests! The weather was great and by the feedback, everyone enjoyed the day. There were 3 skins awarded: Lee Lamp, Bob Monaghan, and Len Napoli.

1st Flight	2nd Flight	3rd Flight
Curtis McNutt -4	Greg Ephland +4	Bob Monaghan +2
Lee Lamp +4	Mike Bishop +9	Rix Callaway +4
Greg Pearson +6	Randy Moore +9	John McCue +5

Next up we headed south to Rolling Hills. Another Fall day that was perfect for golf. 14 golfers made the drive down. Was a thoroughly enjoyable day to spend with friends and some very good scores were posted. An astounding 11 skins were awarded: Gene Pepper x3, Greg Pearson x2, Rick Grozenski x2, John Crowley, Jim Girt, Rix Callaway, and John McCue.

1st Flight	2nd Flight
Jim Girt -1	Gene Pepper -7
Greg Pearson E	Randy Moore -5
Brad Bunnell +1	Rick Grozenski E

The final event of the year was held at Tierra Oaks. Yet another fantastic fall day for golf. We finished the year out with 20 golfers, all members. Some very good golf was played again and 3 skins were awarded: Rix Callaway, Howard Hughes, Bob Monaghan.

1st Flight	2nd Flight	3rd Flight
John Crowley -2	Len Napoli E	John McCue -1
Lee Lamp +3	Jim Girt +4	Phil Perry +3
Greg Pearson +3	Mike Bishop +4	Rix Callaway +4

I will start working on the 2024 schedule this month. We will likely take January off also as the weather tends to be hard to predict.

Remember that with our efforts to grow the branch, inviting a guest to play golf with us is a great way to meet our objectives. When you invite someone, 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>



NASCAR/INDY CAR Report by Barrie Lee

Nascar ran its last race of the year today in Avondale, AZ. IndyCar finished their season in September, in Monterey at Laguna Seca Raceway, with Alex Palou winning the championship for Chip Ganassi Racing. NASCAR'S playoff season starts with the round of 16 top drivers running three races to determine the round of 12. Three more races are run to determine the round of 8 and three more events are run to determine the final four. That last round of four competed in one final race in Avondale, AZ to determine the cup champion. So with Christopher Bell driving the only Toyota (20) for JGR he faced two Chevies driven by William Byron (24) and Kyle Larson (5) driving for RHR. That left the only Ford Mustang in the playoffs driven by Ryan Blaney (12) and representing Team Penske. A great young driver for JGR had a brake caliper explode and ruin his chances of continuing the race. The two RHR drivers were the fastest in qualifying and overall speed during practice and qualifying. They had the best pit locations and were consistently quicker in and out of the pits. Ryan Blaney had a major uphill battle to try and stay up to these two highly skilled drivers for Rick Hendricks. By the way, I find Mr. Hendricks to be one of the most incredible individuals I've ever had a chance to know. If either of his drivers had won the championship I would have enjoyed his success. But Team Penske had a couple of good results this year with Joey Logano winning one race and Ryan pulling off three wins prior to today. With Austin Cindric driving the third Ford Mustang for Roger this year, his sophomore year in the cup series, things didn't go well at all. He showed speed and decent results in a few outings this year and will have to step up his efforts next year, driving the deuce for Team Penske. So I watched intently during the race, hoping that a miracle could take place in Arizona. My pace maker can't take the abuse I seem to throw at it during any given moment. But I've been involved in racing most of my adult life and I get certain gut feelings that give me comfort in believing the way I do. No one thought Ryan would make the final four, let alone moving out of the round of 16. But move he did. The 12 team had an off year even though he won the Coke 600 on Memorial Day weekend. He did win two races during the normal schedule and one more during the playoffs. But Team Penske struggled this year with a lack of power (Ford) and the aero package they used seemed to keep them afloat. Joey Logan won only one race and Cindric was never in the hunt. However, if you've ever been around the Captain, his motto is effort equals results. I've seen the highs and lows in auto racing, and it's like trying to truly understand life itself. We all have our own opinions and if you don't believe that, just ask me sometime. I saw Ryan Blaney and his team work wonders this past few weeks. They defeated the JGR machine and their Toyota stable, along with other teams that were determined to break through and win. Even the mighty RHR team with great qualifying efforts that allowed them great pit locations that really helped them advance during the race were not able to keep Ryan from moving past them to win the championship for Team Penske. This is only Rogers fourth Nascar championship with three drivers. Penske Racing was the name of the team when I was involved and Roger only ran one car for many years. His major interest in racing is sports cars or Indy Cars. But his successes grew and so did his ability not to avoid adding more cars and drivers. He has competed in Formula One and built his own cars in England. He's won the CanAm series championship twice, the TransAm championship more than once, has competed in IMSA racing (endurance racing like the 24 hours of Daytona, 12 hours of Sebring, and others) including running Porsches this year and winning. He has won the Indy 500 nineteen times and the IndyCar championship several times again. I'm proud to say I know and have worked with one of the legends of the sport. The racing season has come to an end and just as in life we treasure our experiences and look forward to future events on all levels. Thanks for following my stories this year and I plan many new ideas for next year.