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# SIR

## Newsletter



Three Shastas  
Branch 129  
Redding, CA

**Big SIR Sez'**

Here we go...November! Thanksgiving! Chilly mornings and mild afternoons. Maybe some rain. Do we finally turn the heater on in the house? Most likely. October was busy for me. Between golf, bocce, and lunch with friends, one couldn't ask for more. What did everyone think of last month's Speaker? I have to say that I really enjoyed it! I would love feedback from the membership to help determine if we do more of this type of thing. Frankly I believe we have so many members that can share their story while keeping those in the audience engaged and entertained. Don't be surprised if I come to you and ask you to be next (that is if I continue to get the feedback I've already gotten). How about some more positive news...another new member application has been received. That is a net gain of 6 since July. We are on a great streak of adding to this group! Let's keep it going. We have added 5 new members in as many months and brought back 3 members. I'm sad to see a couple leave but understand the circumstances. Also, shout out to Morgan Akin! Morgan has sought out the position of Little Sir for 2024. This seat has been vacant for far too long and I'm thrilled to add him to our Branch Executive Committee. Morgan will be a great addition to the team...*(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:

**Mike Kruger,  
Weather  
NorCal**

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Thanks to Bob Goetz for capturing a photo of last month's Interview with Don Schimpff ... I want to again remind people that 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/>

## Guest Speaker - Mike Kruger, NorCal Weather

Mike was the long time Weather Professional with our local television station and recently moved into the private sector to expand his reach and grow a following. Mike regularly shares news about the ever changing weather dynamic through Facebook Live posts and narratives of what we can expect. With almost 25 years of forecasting experience in Northern California, Mike has become the most trusted source for weather information in the area. Visit his webpage and facebook page for great insight on Northern California Weather.

<https://weathernorcal.com/about/>

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100049818468431>

## Lunch Bunch

by Duane Nelson



The group will meet at Good Times Pizza in Palo Cedro on Nov 15th at 1130am. Add this to your calendar and join us for an hour or so of laughs and friendship. The few that attend each month would welcome more input as we solve the problems of the world (emphasis on laughter). Please contact me with questions (email [bandan@msn.com](mailto:bandan@msn.com) or call 530-547-5157).



# Treasurer Report

by Rix Callaway

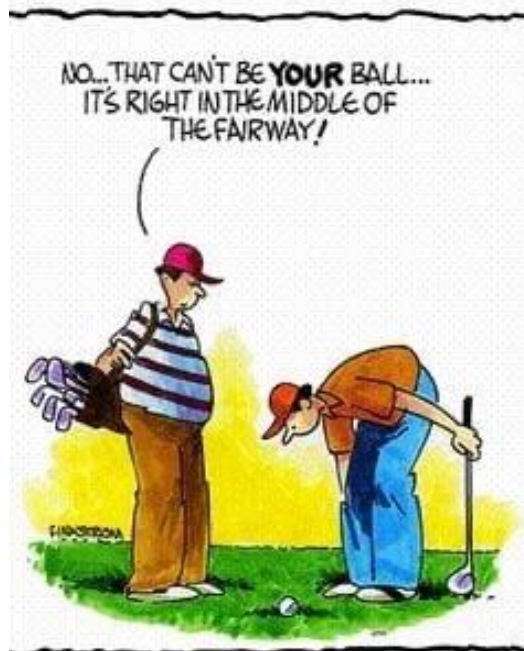
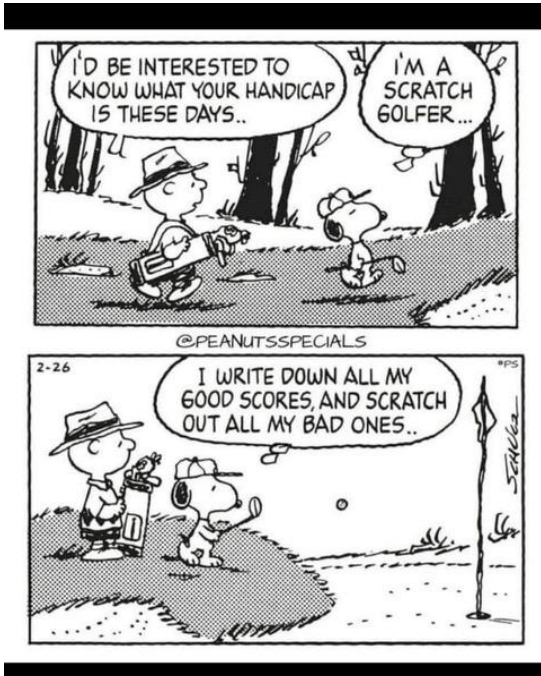
Christmas Luncheon tickets are on sale. A great feast at the Sons of Italy for \$20. You can get your tickets at the November 2nd luncheon or mail a check to me and I will hold them for you: 8921 Olney Park Drive Redding, CA 96001. Remember, new members pay no dues until January 2024. Now is the time to grow our membership. All bills are paid and the account is balanced.

## Birthdays in November

Dennis Compomizzo	Nov 17th	Don Paulsen	Nov 18th
Dick Fyten	Nov 13th		
Lee Lamp	Nov 12th		
Rick Mortensen	Nov 6th		



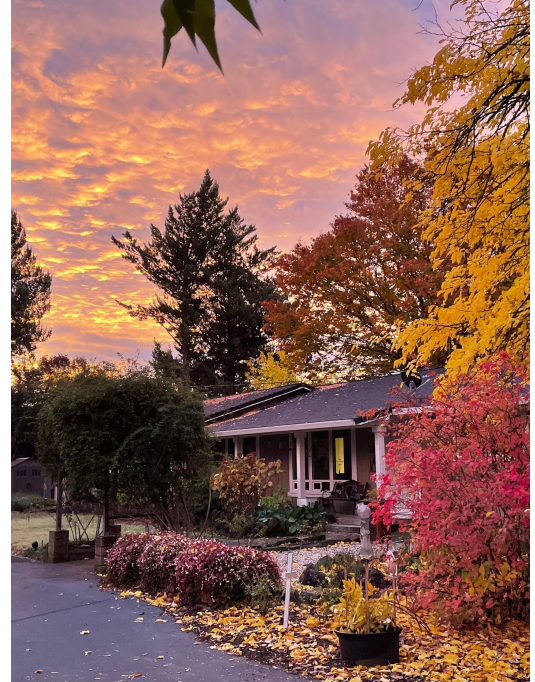
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## Sunshine Report By Len Napoli

'Tis the month of Thanksgiving. Looking forward to spending time with family and enjoying the color of autumn. The only downside is the love of my trees is making me pay for their glorious shade by shedding their leaves for a long winter break. I have my rakes all oiled up and ready for the task of cleaning up their mess.

I like the quote by Albert Camus, although I don't think he owned a rake. "Autumn is the second spring when every leaf is a flower."



## Nov/Dec Calendar of Events

Activity	Date/Time	Meeting Forum
BEC Meeting	Nov 2nd, 9:30am	Elks Lodge
General Membership	Nov 2nd, 11:00am	Elks Lodge
Bocce	Nov 3rd, 10:00am	South City Park
18 Hole Golf	Nov 7th, 9:00am	Gold Hills
18 Hole Golf	Nov 13th, 9:30am	Rolling hills
Lunch Bunch	Nov 15th, 1130am	Good Times Pizza, Palo Cedro
Bocce	Nov 17th, 10:00am	South City Park
18 Hole Golf	Nov 21st, 10:00am	Tierra Oaks
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

## 9 Hole Golf Report by Bob Goetz

Sixteen golfers teed off starting at 9:00 am at Lake Redding Golf Course on a beautiful October morning for golf. The course was definitely playing under winter conditions with an excess of water on the course. I was told that the City of Redding was testing a new water pump and asked the course to keep watering to test the water pressure. Despite the course conditions it was a fun time.

Our last 9-hole outing of 2023 is on Monday October 30<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am at Lake Redding.

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](mailto:sirs9holegolf@gmail.com) and I will add your name.

Thanks to all the 9-hole SIRs players that make these events fun.



left to right, Dennis Compomizzo, Lee Lamp, Rix Callaway, Len Dolan, Darrel Elliot and David Yorton at Lake Redding.



**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.**

**ATTENTION: The Next General Membership Luncheon is on Thursday, Nov 2nd at 11am.**

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

## They call us "The Elderly" submitted by Len Napoli

We were born in the 40-50-60's. We grew up in the 50-60-70's. We studied in the 60-70-80's. We were dating in the 70-80-90's. We got married and discovered the world in the 70-80-90's. We venture into the 80-90's. We stabilized in the 2000's. We got wiser in the 2010's. And we are going firmly through and beyond 2020.

Turns out we've lived through EIGHT different decades...TWO different centuries...TWO different millennia...We have gone from the telephone with an operator for long-distance calls to video calls to anywhere in the world. We have gone from slides to YouTube, from vinyl records to online music, from handwritten letters to email and WhatsApp. From live matches on the radio, to black and white TV, color TV and then to 3D HD TV. We went to the Video store and now we watch Netflix. We got to know the first computers, punch cards, floppy disks and now we have gigabytes and megabytes on our smartphones.

We wore shorts throughout our childhood and then long trousers, Oxfords, flares, shell suits & blue jeans. We dodged infantile paralysis, meningitis, polio, tuberculosis, swine flu and now COVID-19. We rode skates, tricycles, bicycles, mopeds, petrol or diesel cars and now we drive hybrids or electric.

Yes, we've been through a lot but what a great life we've had! They could describe us as "exennials"; people who were born in that world of the fifties, who had an analog childhood and a digital adulthood. We've kind of "Seen-It-All"! Our generation has literally lived through and witnessed more than any other in every dimension of life.

It is our generation that has literally adapted to "CHANGE". A big round of applause to all the members of a very special generation, which will be UNIQUE. -Author unknown



## 18 Hole Golf Report By Lee Lamp

We had to cancel our trip to Mount Shasta the first week of October. However we did have a great turnout for Riverview the following week. 39 played that day (sounds like a great 9 hole score) of which 7 were some of our friends from Red Bluff. There were also 4 guests (one of which submitted an application for membership!). There were only 2 skins awarded: Joe Marvin and Larry Welch.

1st Flight	2nd Flight	3rd Flight
Mike Deay +3	John McCue +5	Rick Grozenski +4
Jim Girt +4	Tom Merrow +5	Jack McAuliffe +4
Brad Bunnell +5	Greg Ephland +7	Bob Goetz +5

We also played Tierra Oaks in October. Much smaller turnout with 15 golfers. It was a beautiful day with mild temps. We have one more trip to Tierra Oaks scheduled for this year and the new owner is interested in knowing if we want to add a special lunch to the event. He has also offered to advertise to others that may be interested in joining us as guests and potential members. More to come on that idea. There were 4 skins awarded: Rick Grozenski x2, Mike Deay, Len Napoli

1st Flight	2nd Flight
Mike Deay +2	Gale Rader -1
Lee Lamp. +2	Rick Grozenski +4
Jim Girt +3	Rix Callaway. +6

***November will be the last month with scheduled events and we have 3 of them scheduled (Nov 7th at Gold Hills, the 13th at Rolling Hills, and the 21st at Tierra Oaks). There is a lot of effort that goes into these and when compressed like this I need to know who's playing well in advance if at all possible.***

**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:**

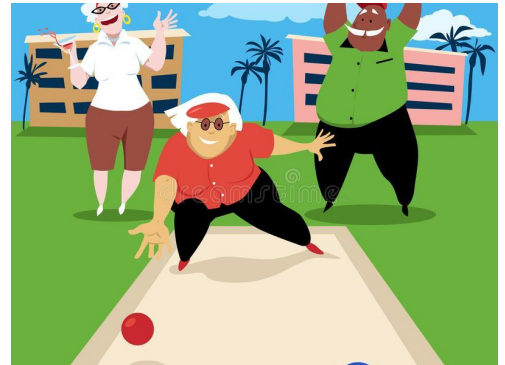
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## Bocce by Dennis Compomizzo

Fall is here with mild days and cool nights. Our bocce games have seen a very good turnout with the cooler weather. Our next games are scheduled for November 3rd and November 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM, weather permitting. For those that have never played bocce, 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 and utilize all four courts. Thank you to all those that have showed up, we always have a fantastic time!

I would also like to thank those that have helped with the court preparation. It is very much appreciated. See you soon!



## Christmas Luncheon

We have a great Luncheon planned for our Annual Christmas Luncheon at the Sons of Italy on Dec 14th. Tickets are 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. Buy your tickets at the luncheon on Nov 2nd or by contacting Dick Fyten or Rix Callaway.



## NASCAR/INDY CAR Report by Barrie Lee

10/1/23

Wow! Today's race from Talladega, Al. was one of the best races of the year. I hate to say it, but Denny Hamlin was just amazing. He made the mistake of speeding in the pits, as did Austin Cindric some laps later. Moving from a lap down to finish 4th was a miracle, as was Austin's finishing 6th from a lap down. Those guys were incredible. Front Row Motorsports ran a 3rd car today for Riley Herbst, #36. Riley is a regular XFINITY driver but drove like a Cup driver today, all the way to the end. On the final lap, he was pushing Kevin Harvick for the lead, with Ryan Blaney next to Harvick, with William Byron pushing Ryan. On the final lap, approaching the finish line, someone spun Riley to the infield, leaving Kevin without a pusher. Ryan Blaney (#12) won the race by 12/1000th of a second for Team Penske. You have to admit, I've told you he was my favorite in the playoffs and he now advances to the round of 8, along with William Byron. Next week is the "Roval" at Charlotte, NC. The round of 8 will be determined there and it's a fantastic event. The finishing order today was; Blaney won, Harvic 2nd, Byron 3rd, Hamlin 4th, Lajoie 5th, Cindric 6th, Elliot 7th, Haley 8th, Preece 9th, and Riley Herbst 10th. I know the Ryder Cup and the 49ers were on today, but I hope you taped this race if you didn't watch live.



**10/8/23**

The last race of the round of eight was held today in Charlotte, NC. and a great race it was. It was held on the Roval which is the road course within the oval track. Exciting and very entertaining. Brad Kesolowski, Bubba Wallace, Kyle Busch, and Ross Chastain didn't make the cut to move on to the round of eight. So the field is set for the first race in the round of eight to be held in Las Vegas. Tune in next week to enjoy the three races held in this round, and watch the best teams move to the final round.

**10/15/23**

Viva Las Vegas. Today was the first of the last three races in the round of eight drivers to determine the final four drivers for the final race in Phoenix, AZ. Just so you know, there are four Toyotas, two Chevys, and two Fords. The Toyota drivers are Martin Truex Jr., Tyler Reddick, Denny Hamlin and Christian Bell. The Ford drivers are Ryan Blaney, and Chris Beuscher. Chevy drivers are Kyle Larson and William Byron. The race traded leaders but Kyle Larson prevailed to win the race for the RHR (Rick Hendricks Racing) team. Next week the cup series moves to Florida for the Miami Dade County track. Hope you join me for the event.

**10/22/23**

The Homestead Miami race was just completed and Christopher Bell (#20) Toyota won the race for JGR. We now know two of the final four drivers that will be competing for the Cup at Phoenix, with both Bell and Kyle Larson locked in by winning two of the final three (round of eight) races. William Byron and Ryan Blaney are both above the cut line on points going into next weekend at Martinsville Speedway in Martinsville, Virginia. It was a shock to have two of Joe Gibbs racing stars both drop out of the race today due to a blown engine for Truex and Denny breaking something while fighting Blaney for the lead. The top five drivers today were Bell (20) 1st, Blaney (12) 2nd, Corning's Tyler Reddick (45) 3rd, William Byron (24) 4th and AJ Allmendinger (16) 5th. It was a fun race with the right amount of action that was great right up to the finish. That gave us two Toyotas, one Ford, and two Chevys in the top five. Bell drives for JGR, Tyler is driving for the Michael Jordan/Denny Hamlin's 23XI team, Blaney drives for Team Penske in a Ford Mustang, Byron is a HMS driver in a Chevy, with AJ driving for Kaulig Racing. By the way, the team principle is Matt Kaulig who owns Leaf Filter rain gutter protection services. He's done some of his own ads on TV where you might have seen him in action. See you next week.

**10/29/23**

The last race of the round of eight just finished up in Martinsville, Virginia. It was a fun race with all on the line for that semi final group of racers. Well I have to say that my dreams came true with Ryan Blaney winning stage two, finishing second in stage one, and winning the race. He moves on to the round of four and the last race of the year in Phoenix, AZ. The finalists are Kyle Larson, Christopher Bell, Ryan Blaney, and William Byron who made it in on points. Team Penske had all three of their drivers finish in the top ten. Denny Hamlin, Martin Truex Jr., Tyler Reddick, and Chris Buescher failed to make the final cut. A lot of action and fender banging. I hope you saw the action.