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Big SIR Sez'

As we slip into October it's hard not to appreciate the wonders of Mother Nature. Cooler evenings and nights bring about the change in colors of the leaves, painting the landscape in vivid reds, yellows, and muted browns. If I have a favorite time of the year this period of change runs near the top. Chilly mornings and warm afternoons. Sunrises that take your breath away as the new day dawns over the top of Mt Lassen (picture on the next page of a morning earlier this week). Yes, this is a wonderful time of year. Of course my favorite sports are ever present. Our Little League welcomes Fall Ball which has a focus on development of players skills anticipating new challenges in the Spring. My grandson is playing on a Travel Team and we head to Sparks NV to finish September and welcome October. Football dominates television viewing. With a granddaughter attending Ole Miss we have a new college team to root for. Gathering for our own version of tailgating brings family together. And this being a Ryder Cup year I'm certain to spend some time following the action in Italy as the American Team takes on Europe in the bi-annual event. As this newsletter drops into your mailbox Saturday night don't forget to catch the Sunday Singles to see who wins the Cup. Can the American team repeat? Or will Europe show the golfing world again what TEAM means...*(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:

**Q&A w/ Don
Schimpff**

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... Speaking of TEAM, I want to share that your BEC has two new members. Ken Timmerman is stepping up to become our new Assistant Treasurer and Chuck Spafford is replacing Dan Dodson in a Directors role. Take a moment to share your thanks for their commitment to the branch. As you all know, we are always seeking to encourage the membership to help with the direction of the branch and the filling of leadership and activity positions. 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 - Something Different.

I was over visiting with Don Schimpff one day mid month (September) when it struck me...what a fascinating life our oldest member has lived. Don calls on me when he needs some help with his computer (yes, gentlemen, a lesson for all of you - it's never too late to embrace the wonders of the internet). When I stop by I have the chance to listen and learn so much from him. I asked Don if he would like to be a guest speaker for our upcoming luncheon. Don's a humble, modest man who didn't think you all would be interested but ultimately agreed to be interviewed and share some of his life with all of you. I hope you will find this as interesting and engaging as I think it can be.

Lunch Bunch

by Duane Nelson



The group will meet at Good Times Pizza in Palo Cedro on Oct 18th 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 or call 530-547-5157).



Treasurer Report by Rix Callaway

New Members pay no dues until January 2024. Now is the time to grow our membership. Christmas Luncheon tickets are on sale. A great feast at the Sons of Italy for \$20. Folks, that's a real deal. You can't get a breakfast for that anymore. Get your tickets at the luncheon on October 5th. See ya then. All bills are paid and the account is balanced.

Birthdays in October

Chuck Cotten	Oct 20th	Phil Perry	Oct 18th
John Crowley	Oct 19th	Gale Rader	Oct 5th
Greg Ephland	Oct 2nd	Mark Robison	Oct 4th
Glenn Larson	Oct 16th		



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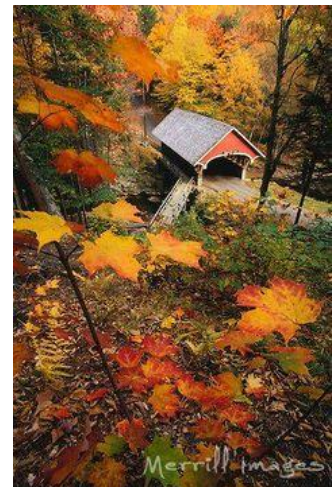


Sunshine Report By Len Napoli

Welcome to fall, what a great time of year!! My wife and I generally travel east during this season and enjoy the fall colors, although Tahoe's calling us this year. I have a few quotes to prepare us for autumn:

"Autumn is a second Spring
 When every leaf is a flower."
 Albert Camus

"I wish that everyday was Saturday
 and every month was October."
 Charamine J. Fordez



Oct/Nov Calendar of Events

Activity	Date/Time	Meeting Forum
18 Hole Golf	Oct 3rd, 9:00	Mt Shasta (CANCELLED)
BEC Meeting	Oct 5th, 9:30am	Elks Lodge
General Membership	Oct 5th, 11:00am	Elks Lodge
Bocce	Oct 6th, 10:00am	South City Park
18 Hole Golf	Oct 12th, 9:00am	Riverview
Lunch Bunch	Oct 18th, 1130am	Good Times Pizza, Palo Cedro
9 Hole Golf	Oct 18th, 9:00am	Lake Redding
Bocce	Oct 20th, 10:00am	South City Park
18 Hole Golf	Oct 23rd, 10:00am	Tierra Oaks
9 Hole Golf	Oct 30th, 10:00am	Lake Redding
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

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 one 9-Hole event in September, Tucker Oaks on the 12th. We had four groups that played and as usual for 9-hole golf we had our debriefing meeting after the round in the clubhouse/restaurant/bar, very educational.

HOW TO SIGN UP TO PLAY

I will 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 me at sirs9holegolf@gmail.com.

The next two events on the schedule are at Lake Redding, Wednesday October 18th at 9:00am, and Monday October 30th at 10:00 am. These will be the last 9-hole events for 2023. We will publish a new 9-hole schedule in the February 2024 Newsletter. 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.

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



Dennis Compomizzo walking off the first tee at Tucker Oaks



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, Oct 5th at 11am.

A Little Humor submitted by Len Napoli

Rick Venturi, Northwestern football coach: "The only difference between me and General Custer is that I have to watch the films on Sunday"

Bum Phillips, Oilers coach on why he always takes his wife on road trips . . . "She's too ugly to kiss goodbye."

The great John McKay, who coached USC for a bunch of years and later became the initial head coach of those terrible expansion Tampa Bay Bucs teams, had a few zingers. He was once asked after a lopsided loss what he thought of his team's execution. He said: "I'm all for it."

Knut Rockne, when asked why Notre Dame had lost a game: "I won't know until my barber tells me on Monday."

Bill Walton, Portland Trail Blazers: "I learned a long time ago that 'minor surgery' is when they do the operation on someone else, not you."

Bocce by Dennis Compomizzo

Fall is here with mild days and cool nights. Our bocce games have seen a good turnout. Our next games are scheduled for October 6th and October 20th at **10:00 AM**. **Please notice the time change...** Work crews placed additional decomposed granite on the courts, approximately a week before Paesano Days. The additional surfacing really helped to make the courts very quick and more playable. With the weather getting nicer we should have a great turn out. For those that have never played, you will enjoy the game from the first 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. 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. You can purchase your tickets at the luncheon on Oct 5th or by contacting Dick Fyten or Rix Callaway.



18 Hole Golf Report By Lee Lamp

Fall River was first up in September. We had 15 players (one guest) make the trek up to the course. Another beautiful day in the north state for golf. Let's get that guest to a meeting and turn him into a member. There were 8 skins awarded (Mike Bishop x2, Len Dolan, John Crowley, Brad Bunnell, Curtis McNutt, Greg Ephland, Lee Lamp).

1st Flight

2nd Flight

John Crowley -3	Rix Callaway +1
Lee Lamp +3	Len Napoli +2
Brad Bunnell +5	Randy Moore +2

The second event of the month was played at Wilcox Oaks. With only 10 members and only 8 playing in the event it was the smallest field of the past several years. In fact I brought along my son-in-law and a couple of his friends to fill out a foursome. There were 6 skins awarded (Bob Monaghan x2, Larry Welch x2, Brad Bunnell, John McCue).

Single Flight

Bob Monaghan -1
Jim Girt +5
Mike Deay +5
John McCue +5

Next event is Oct 12th at Riverview (\$55 + \$3 optional skins). We play Tierra Oaks on Oct 23rd (\$55 + 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.

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). I'd like feedback ASAP as to whether or not we keep all three dates as they are consecutive weeks. 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.

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>

Fun Facts submitted by Eric Measles

During WWII U.S. airplanes were armed with belts of bullets which they would shoot during dogfights and on strafing runs. These belts were folded into the wing compartments that fed their machine guns. These belts measure 27 feet and contain hundreds of rounds of bullets. Often times, the pilots would return from their missions having expended all of their bullets on various targets. They would say, "I gave them the whole nine yards", meaning they used up all of their ammunition.

Common entertainment included playing cards. However, there was a tax levied when purchasing playing cards but only applicable to the Ace of Spades. To avoid paying the tax, people would purchase 51 cards instead. Yet, since most games require 52 cards, these people were thought to be stupid or dumb because they weren't "playing with a full deck."

One more: bet you didn't know this! In the heyday of sailing ships, all war ships and many freighters carried iron cannons. Those cannons fired round iron cannon balls. It was necessary to keep a good supply near the cannon. However, how to prevent them from rolling about the deck? The best storage method devised was a square-based pyramid with one ball on top, resting on four resting on nine, which rested on sixteen. Thus, a supply of 30 cannon balls could be stacked in a small area right next to the cannon. There was only one problem...how to prevent the bottom layer from sliding or rolling from under the others. The solution was a metal plate called a 'Monkey' with 16 round indentations. However, if this plate were made of iron, the iron balls would quickly rust to it. The solution to the rusting problem was to make "Brass Monkeys". Few landlubbers realize that brass contracts much more and much faster than iron when chilled. Consequently, when the temperature dropped too far, the brass indentations would shrink so much that the iron cannonballs would come right off the monkey; thus, it was quite literally, "Cold enough to freeze the balls off a brass monkey." (All this time, you thought that was an improper expression, didn't you.)



NASCAR/INDY CAR Report by Barrie Lee

August 26th held the last regular season race for the cup series. A friend of mine asked me about the race on Friday night. Yes, there was a Nascar race on the 25th but it was the Xfinity series race. There are three main race series in Nascar. The Craftsman Truck series, the Xfinity Series and the cup series. The Cup Series is the Big Event in Nascar. The other two series are teaching experiences for future cup drivers. One or both of the other series are normally run on the day before the Cup at the same venue. This gives the fans added value for their ticket purchases and has proven to be a good product for Nascar. The Cup cars ran at Daytona Saturday night and it was action packed. Toyota has been leading most of the races recently but Ford seems to own the Super Speedways like Daytona. I picked one of my favorite drivers to win the race but thanks to Christian Bell and Ty Gibbs (both JGR drivers) my driver was taken out on the last lap of the second stage. I'm referring to Ryan Blaney (#12) driving for Team Penske. He was leading and stood the best chance

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of winning stage two until Gibbs turned him into the wall in a violent accident. Brad Kesolowski (#6) was right behind Blaney when the wreck occurred and ended up winning stage two. The event was won by Chris Buescher (#17 Ford Mustang) with his teammate and co-owner of RFK Racing, Brad Kesolowski (#6) finishing 2nd. This marks the third win on the year for Chris and 3 out of the last five races. Eric Jones of the Legacy Motor Club spun Ryan Preece and his teammate Chase Briscoe off the race track and out of the race. Preece's car flew through the air and barrel rolled more times than I could count. He was taken to the infield care facility and then taken to a local trauma center, then released the following morning to return home. It was a very good race.

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IndyCar ran an oval track in Illinois Sunday and it too was a fan favorite. It was the Bommarito Automotive Group 500 and it provided lots of action and lead changes towards the end. Chip Ganassi driver Scott Dixon won with fantastic pit strategy and fuel mileage savings to win with three stops compared to four or more. He finished 22 seconds ahead of second place finisher Pato O'Ward in his Arrow McLaren #5 with Chevy power. David Malukas in his #18 car, driving for Dale Coyne Racing with HMD Motorsports, finished in third place. This team has been racing for years but doesn't have the budget of the bigger teams. Portland is next week and it's followed by Laguna Seca in Monterey, which wraps the 2023 season.

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Portland, OR. The only way I'd go near Portland anymore is by watching an IndyCar race there on TV. It was a fun event which saw Alex Palou win the race with great strategy and also capture the Indy Championship all in the same day's race. His teammate, Scott Dixon finished third to finish second in the championship, both driving for Chip Ganassi Racing. Felix Rosenqvist came in second for the Arrow McLaren team and his teammate, Pato O'Ward finished fourth, and Josef Newgarden was fifth for Team Penske. It was an interesting experience.

Darlington, SC. was the sight of the Nascar race this weekend, and I felt it was too long and troublesome. Lighting at the historic track was a problem and Nascar spent way too much time dealing with the problem in the turn two area. Many laps under yellow, followed by a red flag stoppage to fix the problem. I lost interest in the outcome as I was eating dinner but did see the end where Tyler Reddick was chasing Kyle Larson for what seemed like forever to finish second to Kyles #5 Chevy for RHM. Chris Buescher was a close third to Reddick and proved what Brad Kesolowski did for Jack Rousch/Fenway Motorsports by becoming a part owner just a year and a half ago. The team, now known as RFK Racing, has improved immensely with Chris winning three times this year and Brad finishing consistently in the top ten. Toyotas did really well early, but many failed to finish well in the end. Kyle Larson will move on to the round of twelve with his win today.

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I'm sitting in front of my TV tonight and watching coverage of the World Endurance Championship. I cover Nascar and IndyCar for the membership, but I encourage all our members to try other events also. This series is just like IMSA with several classes of racing cars and is the controlling body for LeMans and Sebring. They're racing at the Fuji race circuit in Japan today, and #6 Porsche Penske has led the race from the

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beginning. The #5 Penske car was punted by a Ferrari on the first lap but is now back in action. If your interest is piqued by what you see, please join me in watching one of the best sports available for fans.

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IndyCar at WeatherTech Laguna Seca was an action packed day of racing at this famous Monterey, Ca. facility. With the new asphalt paving, trying to keep the cars on the racing surface proved a challenge. Scott Dixon won the race for Chip Ganassi Racing with the series champion, Alex Palou finishing 4th. I believe that Scott McLaughlin finished third in the season's championship, and was the highest finishing Chevrolet powered machine.

Nascar was in Kansas and most of the race was fairly boring with JGR Racing leading with Toyotas. However, our local driver, Tyler Reddick from Corning, Ca. came from behind to take the win in Kansas. That is his first win of the year and vaults him into the round of twelve which will start after next week's race.

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The final race in the first round of the playoffs took place tonight in Bristol, TN. It wasn't fun for me to watch, since Denny Hamlin won and two of his teammates finished in the top five, Bell in third and Gibbs in fifth. Kyle Larson was second and Chris Buescher in fourth. Joey Logano, Kevin Harvick, Ricky Stenhouse, and Michael McDowell were eliminated from the round of twelve. Six of the drivers moving on are not my favorites, but I still have Ryan Blaney to cheer for and five others that I wouldn't mind seeing take the championship.