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# SIR

## Newsletter



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Branch 129  
Redding, CA

**Big SIR Sez'**

Happy New Year! Sitting here watching the rain the past few days of the year. After a dry November and first half of December I'm thankful to see the amount we are getting to fill the lake. I am looking forward to another fun year with our membership. My desire to get more of you involved in some of our activities should be viewed as my way of keeping you all active, healthy, and happy. This past year I believe our addition of Bocce to the list of activities was the most significant thing we did. The game is so simple and we have such a great time. I really encourage more of you to give it a try. Dennis works hard at creating this successful event. Of course the weather is always a concern but that is the same for any outdoor activity. As of this writing I do not have any update on the planned trip to visit the new Courthouse. Chuck Spafford has kept track of the progress being made and will let me know when we can do that and I'll get the word out in a separate Constant Contact message. I'm really looking forward to that outing. Morgan Akin stepping in to take Little Sir is a welcome addition to the Branch Executive Committee. I know he will work hard at bringing us some great speakers during the year. And with respect to speakers, we welcome any member who has an idea for one or wishes to share their story or a significant event that would interest the membership! I'm thankful for the message that Mike Hurley has planned for this... *(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 Hurley,  
Branch 129**

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...months meeting. Remember that all it takes is one person with an idea. You've all read this message each month but it needs to be said, 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



The group will meet for the first time in 2024 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](mailto:bandan@msn.com) or call 530-547-5157).



## Treasurer Report

 by Rix Callaway

The New Year is here. Next meeting is January 4th. It's dues time. Your payment may be made at the Monthly Luncheon or by mailing a check to me at 8921 Olney Park Drive, Redding, CA 96001. Dues are \$40 this year. Yes, they are higher like everything else, but are still LOWER then they were prior to Covid. Please pay them promptly to avoid being dropped. All bills are paid and the account is balanced.

## Birthdays in January

Larry Cissney	Jan 16th	Rich Reese	Jan 4th
Hal Leininger	Jan 18th	Skip Vargas	Jan 10th
Dan Malmgren	Jan 4th		
Randy Moore	Jan 30th		



## Guest Speaker

Mike Hurley has volunteered to speak to the membership this month. He plans to share an experience that he and his wife, Linda, encountered during the past few months. He hopes that through sharing this experience, all of our members can gain some insight on internet scams.

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

A happy & healthy New year to all. What a blessing that we've all made it this far. Another year is just another day to make the most of this wonderful life we've been given, so take advantage of it and get out of your comfort zone. Regarding resolutions, I have been pretty bad about making them. I like what F.M.Knowles has quoted:

"He who breaks a resolution is a weakling: He who makes one is a fool."

To start the new year I highly recommend seeing the movie, "The Boys In The Boat". Bob Reid has been trying to get me to read the book, which is very good, but for those of you who don't enjoy reading, the movie is great.

It's a true story about the University of Washington's Rowing Team.



### ***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	Jan 4th, 9:30am	Elks Lodge
General Membership	Jan 4th, 11:00am	Elks Lodge
18 Hole Golf	Jan 15th, 9:30am	Gold Hills (\$50+optional skins)
Lunch Bunch	Jan 17th, 11:30am	Good Times Pizza, Palo Cedro
BEC Meeting	Feb 1st, 9:30am	Elks Lodge
General Membership	Feb 1st, 11:00am	Elks Lodge
18 Hole Golf	Feb 12th, 10:00am	Tierra Oaks (\$59+optional skins)
Lunch Bunch	Feb 21st, 11:30am	Good Times Pizza, Palo Cedro

### 9 Hole Golf Report by Bob Goetz

SIRs 9-hole golf is still in its winter hiatus. Golf will start again in March. The new 2024 schedule will be in the February Newsletter.

For those SIRs members that have not played 9-hole golf, 2024 would be a great time to start. The average time to play nine holes is only two hours and because we play on shorter courses it is easier to walk for additional low impact exercise. It also leaves more time after the round to sit and socialize with your fellow SIRs.

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.

Look for the new schedule in next month's newsletter.

Happy New Year and hope to see you at a future 9-hole event.

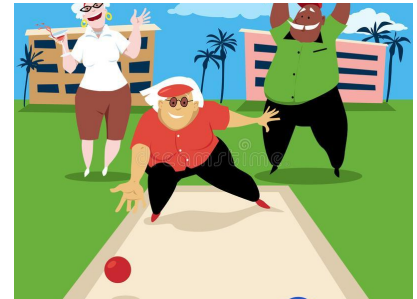


**Share this newsletter with your friends and help us grow the membership!**

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

Happy New Year! I'm looking forward to 2024 and working together with the SIR's BEC board at our monthly meetings. We have so much to be thankful for, with our group activities, wonderful fellowship and a growing membership. Winter has finally arrived with some significant rain. The bocce courts are soft due to recent rains and a lack of warm temperatures, to dry them out. We will be waiting for spring and warmer days before the courts will be in playable condition. The Sons of Italy are still working with the City of Redding for a permanent cover for the bocce courts. I'm hopeful it will come sooner than later, making the courts playable all year long. In addition, the City of Redding Recreation Department will be taking applications and collecting money for the spring bocce leagues. If you are interested, please contact the Recreation Department at (530) 225-4095. The league will fill up quickly, so time is of the essence if you want to be on a team. See you at the next SIR's meeting and luncheon.



## **NASCAR/INDY CAR Report** by Barrie Lee

For once, I have nothing to report on the racing scene. IndyCars last race in 2023 was held in September at Monterey's famous racing facility, Laguna Seca. Nascar ended its season in November with the race in Avondale Arizona (Phoenix) with Ryan Blaney winning the championship for Team Penske. Both series are quiet in December and January and will come roaring back with the "Clash" being held in the LA Coliseum in early February highlighting the new Nascar racing season. IndyCar normally begins their season in March but no news about their schedule at this time.

I would like to personally thank each and every member and their guests for attending another great Christmas luncheon at the Sons of Italy in December and I would also like to wish each member of Branch 129 the best and most prosperous New Year for this new 2024 calendar year.

## 18 Hole Golf Report

By Lee Lamp



I have the schedule (below) for the year. There is one course not yet confirmed but I spoke with them Friday and hope to have an answer next week.

2024 18 Hole Schedule (X in confirmed column is set)

	Date	Location	Confirmed		
Mon	1/15/24	Gold Hills	X	\$50+skins	9:30 AM
Mon	2/12/24	Tierra Oaks	X	\$59+skins	10:00 AM
Mon	3/4/24	Gold Hills	X	\$50+skins	9:00 AM
Mon	3/25/24	Bidwell	Re-sent	\$43+skins	9:30 AM
Thur	4/18/24	Riverview	X	\$55+skins	10:00 AM
Mon	4/29/24	Rolling Hills	X	\$50+skins	9:30 AM
Wed	5/8/24	Tierra Oaks	X	\$59+skins	9:00 AM
Wed	5/29/24	Bidwell	Re-sent	\$43+skins	9:30 AM
Wed	6/12/24	Wilcox Oaks	X	\$55+skins	9:30 AM
Mon	7/1/24	Mt Shasta	X	\$45+skins	9:00 AM
Wed	7/17/24	Lake Shastina	X	\$58+skins	9:30 AM
Thur	8/8/24	Riverview	X	\$55+skins	10:00 AM
Mon	8/26/24	Canyon Oaks	X	\$55+skins	9:00 AM
Mon	9/9/24	Mt Shasta	X	\$45+skins	9:00 AM
Mon	9/30/24	Fall River	X	\$43+skins	9:00 AM
Mon	10/14/24	Bidwell	Re-sent	\$43+skins	9:30 AM
Thur	10/31/24	Riverview	X	\$55+skins	11:00 AM
Wed	11/13/24	Tierra Oaks	X	\$59+skins	10:00 AM
Mon	12/2/24	Gold Hills	X	\$50+skins	9:30 AM

**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>



## Christmas Luncheon Review by Lee Lamp (photos from Gerry Dodge)

This year's Christmas Luncheon was a fantastic event (well, in my opinion anyway 😊). I loved getting to see many of you and chat briefly. If you attended and I missed out on greeting you please accept my sincere apologies and also my wishes for a wonderful New Year. We had a great turnout, although some last minute illnesses prevented some members from coming. Our entertainment, Pat Karch, was superb! I'd like to again thank the committee for their hard work. Dick Fyten, Chuck Spafford, and Don Paulsen pulled this together. The menu was well prepared and the staff at Sons of Italy were outstanding.

