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Raffle: Jim McClelland

Sunshine: Len Napoli

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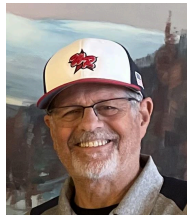
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# SIR

## Newsletter



Three Shastas  
Branch 129  
Redding, CA

**Big SIR Sez'**

Well, January is behind us. Plenty of wet weather. A little on the chilly side. With a smattering of sunshine thrown in for good measure. Special thanks go out to Chuck Spafford for setting up the visit to the new Supreme Court of California, Shasta County. More on that later. I also want to thank Mike Hurley for his presentation at the luncheon meeting in January. I received feedback from several in attendance that they really appreciated him taking the time to tell his story about scams and attempts at fraud and how they can be perpetrated on people so easily. It's a sad situation that we live in a world today where we have to take such drastic precautions to protect ourselves from those that wish to dip their hands in our pockets. If Mike's message saves just one of us from a scammer it was well worth his time. January has been a very busy month for me. Between State SIR, Jr High and Jr Varsity Basketball for the grands, Little League registrations and tryouts, and simply trying to set aside time to relax, my time has been filled. Trips to Yreka, Susanville, Corning, and Chico were included (for basketball), not to mention games in all the local schools. And no! I am not complaining. It's been a blast! The rain canceled our only golf activity this month. While the scheduled day was actually very nice, I was concerned about the course conditions and thinking about a bunch of old guys mucking around the fairways between the cart path and the golf ball. I could envision someone falling and breaking a hip...ouch 😊... (Continued on next page)

**Monthly Meeting**First Thursday of the monthElks Lodge

Meeting/Speaker: 11:00 - 12:00

\*Nov/Dec subject to change for holidays

**Attendance is Important****Guest****Speaker:**

Tony Trimp,  
Redding Motor  
Sports Park

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...Just a heads up that we are presently working on an updated Directory. My sincere thanks to Barrie Lee for heading up this project. While our hope is that it's available for the February meeting it may be delayed until the March meeting due to workload at the printers.

**As always, our expectations of our members 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.

## State Officers (I was reminded that we need to include this information in our newsletter 😞)

<b>State President</b>	Dale Decker Br 136	<b>Board Area Rep #2</b>	Bruce Corwin Br 159
<b>Vice President</b>	Lee Lamp Br 129	<b>Board Area Rep #3</b>	OPEN
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<b>Secretary</b>	Rich Carlson Br 8	<b>Dir State Activities</b>	Mark Stuart Br 98
<b>Treasurer</b>	Carl Mason Br 88	<b>Dir Marketing/Comm</b>	Andy Danver Br 35
<b>Chief Information Officer</b>	Roy Hodgkinson Br 146	<b>State Advisor</b>	Derek Southern Br 8
<b>Board Area Rep #1</b>	OPEN	<b>Legal Advisor</b>	Stu Williams Br 149

## Lunch Bunch

by Duane Nelson



Come out and join us on Feb 21st at 11:30am while we enjoy the Buffet at GoodTimes Pizza in Palo Cedro. Listening to Bill Harris tell stories and listening to the laughter that ensues is worth the price of admission. If you have questions or suggestions please contact me (email [bandan@msn.com](mailto:bandan@msn.com) or call 530-547-5157).

## Guest Speaker

This month's guest speaker is Tony Trimp from the Redding MotorSports Park, formally referred to as the Redding Drag Strip. Tony is traveling from out of the area to specifically speak at our luncheon. He plans to share some of the improvements happening at the track and provide a little history. Check out their webpage.

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



## Treasurer Report by Rix Callaway

It's dues time. For those who have not paid they are due. 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. Please pay them promptly to avoid being dropped. If you can not make the luncheon please mail them in or pay at an event. All bills are paid and the account is balanced.

## Birthdays in February

Don Arnold	Feb 26th	Gene Pepper	Feb 24th
Dave Durfee	Feb 28th	Paul Poling	Feb 26th
Larry Koch	Feb 7th	Tom Vande Venter	Feb 2nd
Gary Nance	Feb 20th	Larry Welch	Feb 4th
Geoff Neely	Feb 14th		



## Feb/Mar Calendar of Events

Activity	Date/Time	Meeting Forum
BEC Meeting	Feb 1st, 9:30am	Elks Lodge
General Membership Luncheon	Feb 1st, 11:00am	Elks Lodge
18 Hole Golf	Feb 12th, 10:00am	Tierra Oaks (\$59+ optional skins \$3)
Lunch Bunch	Feb 21st, 11:30am	GoodTimes Pizza, Palo Cedro
BEC Meeting	March 7th, 9:30am	Elks Lodge
General Membership Luncheon	March 7th, 11:00am	Elks Lodge
9 Hole Golf	March 13th, 9:00am	Allen's
18 Hole Golf	March 18th, 10:00am	Riverview (\$55+ optional skins \$3)
9 Hole Golf	March 19th, 9:00am	Lake Redding
Lunch Bunch	March 20th, 11:30am	GoodTimes Pizza, Palo Cedro
18 Hole Golf	March 29th, 9:30am	Rolling Hills (\$50+ optional skins \$3)
Bocce	TBD	South City Park

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

Happy February. The shortest month of the year and the love month. So far the new year is behaving itself and for all you 49er fans, Super Bowl Sunday looks like party time. Win or lose, it's been quite an effort for them to get there. I think Taylor Swift will be getting as much publicity as the ball teams.



Regarding Valentine's Day, I suggest you put a little imagination towards how you celebrate it with your loved one.

A few ideas other than the popular ones such as flowers, a card or candy are:

- #1. Dinner for 2 #2. Jewelry #3. Gift Vouchers such as:
  - 1. massage 2. manicure 3. a day at the spa
  - 4. a puppy.

**Good luck!** 😊

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 Ball	Dennis Compomizzo	530-356-9966	dennysz71@yahoo.com

**Activities:** I'm certain that there are some types of activities that we can consider to fill other days during the month. When thinking about what SIR is, I think of the fellowship we offer and coming together to remain engaged and active. Whether it be engaging our brains with board games or card games, finding a trail to hike that is easy for some or another trail to hike that may offer a challenge. Remaining active keeps us healthy. All it takes is one person with an idea.

## 9 Hole Golf Report by Bob Goetz



### 2024 9-Hole Golf Schedule

13 Mar (Wed)	Allen's	9:00 AM
19 Mar (Tue)	Lake Redding	9:00 AM
2 Apr (Tue)	Tucker Oaks	8:00 AM
23 Apr (Tue)	Lake Redding	9:00 AM
1 May (Wed)	Allen's	9:00 AM
21 May (Tue)	Tucker Oaks	8:00 AM
4 Jun (Tue)	Lake Redding	9:00 AM
26 June (Wed)	Allen's	9:00 AM
9 Jul (Tue)	Lake Redding	9:00 AM
23 Jul (Tue)	Tucker Oaks	8:00 AM
2 Aug (Tue)	Allen's	9:00 AM
20 Aug (Tue)	Lake Redding	9:00 AM
6 Sep (Fri)	Allen's	9:00 AM
17 Sep (Tue)	Lake Redding	9:00 AM
8 Oct (Tue)	Tucker Oaks	8:00 AM
23 Oct (Wed)	Allen's	9:00 AM

Tucker Oaks is going through a change of ownership and I cannot confirm the dates until April 2024

**You can always access the current schedule on the SIRs website at**

<https://sirinc2.org/branch129/activities/9-hole-golf/>

**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.**

**Hope to see you at a future 9-hole event.**

### ***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: February 1st, 2024 is the General Membership Luncheon**

## Bocce by Dennis Compomizzo

This winter is bringing a lot of rain, which we dearly need. The bocce courts are soft due to recent rains and a lack of warm temperatures, to dry them out. The courts actually look like small lakes. We will have to wait 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. The City of Redding Recreation Department is still 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.



If you have any questions, call, text, or email. 530-356-9966  
[dennysz71@yahoo.com](mailto:dennysz71@yahoo.com).

## 18 Hole Golf Report By Lee Lamp



We had one event scheduled for January and I canceled it due to the course conditions. I know there are some that likely questioned that decision as the day itself turned out to be sunny and reasonably warm. It all boils down to a couple factors that I hope you can all agree are worth considering. The weather during these early months of the year fluctuates considerably. But most important to me is the health and well being of our members. In this case, the conditions of the course were such that I did not want to put our members in a situation that could lead to any injury. The uneven ground, the muddy fairways and rough, and moving from cart path to the other side of the fairway could be slippery and of concern. My sincere hope is that you all understand that making the decision to cancel an event is never easy.

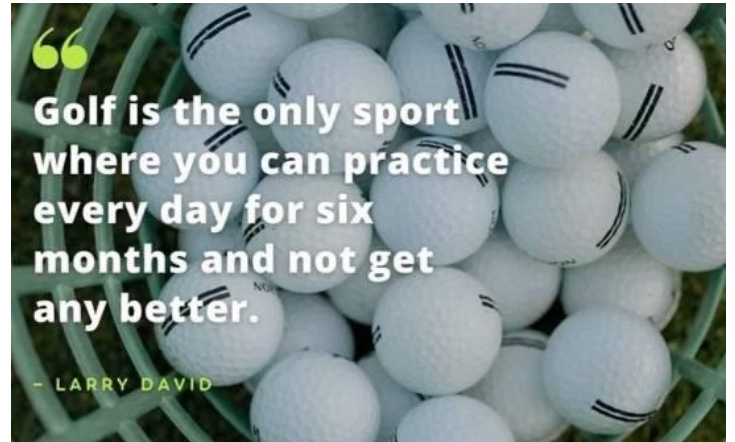
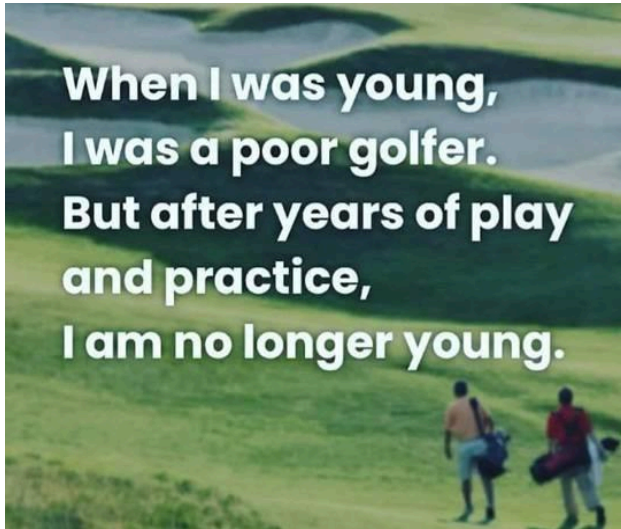
**Next up is Tierra Oaks on Feb 12th. Signups are open now.** If you paid for Gold Hills (January Event) I have not cashed your check yet and you can use it towards Tierra Oaks. There will be a balance due as the fees for the 12th will be **\$59 + optional skins of \$3**. It's a difference of \$9. You can pay that difference at the course on the day of play. Cash or Check for this one. Please remember that normally checks are easier to manage for me. They can be mailed to me at: 4355 Singing Wind Ct, Redding, CA 96001

**Inviting a guest to play golf with us is a great way to grow our membership. You can print up an application here:** <http://sirinc2.org/branch129/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Application-Form-10-16-19-2.1.pdf>

**[Share this newsletter with your friends and help us grow the membership!](#)**



## A Little Humor submitted by Len Napoli



## NASCAR/INDY CAR Report by Barrie Lee

It's Sunday morning, 1/28/24 and the 24 Hours of Daytona was just completed with Porsche Penske Motorsports winning the top class category along with the overall win.

The team fielded two cars (#6 & #7) with Joseph Newgarden from the Team Penske IndyCar series (#2) driving one of them. A nice way for the team to start the year in the IMSA series.

Nascar lost one of it's all time great drivers on the New Years weekend. Cale Yarborough passed away at the age of 84. If you remember the first fully televised coverage of the Daytona 500, it took place in 1979. The east coast was snow bound so many future fans were watching. To remind you, on the last lap, Cale and Donny Allison were side by side going down the back stretch when they both crashed each other out, and ended up in the infield. Richard Petty was about a lap behind them and went on to win the race. Bobby Allison drove to the crash sight after he crossed the finish line and checked on his brother. As he went down to the wreck, Bobby and Cale exchanged words and a fight broke out. Bobby won the scuffle since he never removed his helmet.

Nascar's first race of the year is February 4th at the LA Coliseum and is called the Clash. The Daytona 500 follows on February 18th. Stay tuned.

# Superior Court of California, County of Shasta

On January 30th a group of 39 consisting of members and a few of their wives made a trip to our new courthouse. **Thanks to Chuck Spafford** for coordinating with Melissa Bradley, CEO of the Superior Court of California, Shasta County to arrange for this tour. I'll note that other than one prior tour for senior executives of the county and City of Redding, our group is the only other tour scheduled or planned. The Court opens to the public on Feb 13th for Civil Actions and later in the month for the rest of the normal daily activities. This facility is pretty impressive. Melissa answered a barrage of questions from the group and I'm certain everyone in attendance was thankful for the opportunity to see this and hear the story of how it came to be. I've included some pictures of our group.



Front Signage



Lady Justice 1889



Jury Room



Courtroom on 2nd Floor



Courtroom on 2nd Floor



Arraignment Court 2nd Floor



Arraignment Holding



Gathering Point Prior



Original 1889 Courthouse