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SIR

Newsletter



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Big SIR Sez'

Last month's newsletter led off with comments about how wet it's been. I could say the same about this past month. Is anyone else tired of having to trim the webbing from between fingers and toes 🤦? Localized flooding due to heavy releases from the dam has been a consistent story all month. Always grateful for the rain and snow pack. Keep those lakes filled! Last month's guest speaker brought in the largest group to a luncheon meeting since pre-covid. It was great to see so many come in. This month's speaker could prove to rival that number. I sure hope so. More on the speaker later in the newsletter. With respect to last month's speaker about the Dragstrip...how many would be interested in getting a group together to visit the track for an upcoming event? Looking for someone to take that on and coordinate an evening or weekend event (or two). I'm also looking for someone to take on another Evening with the Colt 45's. We had a great time last summer. Maybe a few nights earlier in the season with more comfortable temps may be nice. There are so many different types of events that may interest our membership. I've said this countless times...getting together, staying active, enjoying the friendships is what this group is about. Why do we limit ourselves to a monthly luncheon, Lunch Bunch, a few golf outings and Bocce. Ask yourself why you joined this social organization? And then think about spending a few minutes a month organizing some type of outing or event. It only takes an idea. I can help advertise it via email... *(Continued on next page)*

Monthly MeetingFirst Thursday of the monthElks Lodge

Meeting/Speaker: 11:00 - 12:00

*Nov/Dec subject to change for holidays

Attendance is Important

Guest
Speaker:

Mike Woodrum
Jack's Grill

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...I'd be willing to bet others will help also if you just ask. This month when you check in at the luncheon you will get an updated Directory. When you have a moment, share your thanks with Barrie Lee for heading up this project.

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.

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Lunch Bunch

by Duane Nelson



We had a great turnout in February. 16 members came out. Let's add to that number and we can move into the bigger room that is available. Come out and join us on March 20th at 11:30am while we enjoy the Buffet at GoodTimes Pizza in Palo Cedro. If you have questions or suggestions please contact me (email bandan@msn.com or call 530-547-5157).

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.

Guest Speaker - Mike Woodrum

42 years as a bartender and the part owner for Jack’s Grill. His father, Henry C. Woodrum III was born and raised in Redding in 1918 and his love of aviation eventually led him to join the US Army in 1940 and transfer into the Army Air Corps as soon as possible. He applied for flight training and became a B-26 bomber pilot. He flew 34 missions before he was shot down over the outskirts of Paris, May 28, 10 days before D-Day. After his retirement he wrote of his 109 day evasion journey but was never able to get it published. He passed in 1990 never seeing his book in print. In 2010, my brother, Henry C. Woodrum IV, and I self published his story.



Treasurer Report by Rix Callaway

Dues are trickling in, but there are still many that have not paid. If you cannot make the Lunch please mail or pay at the next event in March. Time is running out. Mail your check –Made out to SIR -- to me at 8921 Olney Park Drive, Redding, CA 96001. Dues are \$40 this year. All bills are paid and the account is balance

Birthdays in February

Morgan Akin	Mar 4th	Phil Nystrom	Mar 8th
Barrie Lee	Mar 20th	Geroge Rhoderick	Mar 31st
Bob Monaghan	Mar 14th	Don Spence	Mar 3rd
Larry Morgan	Mar 8th	Ken Timmerman	Mar 22nd



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.

Mar/Apr Calendar of Events

Activity	Date/Time	Meeting Forum
18 Hole Golf	Mar 4th, 9:00am	Gold Hills (\$50+ optional skins \$3)
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
9 Hole Golf	March 19th, 9:00am	Lake Redding
Lunch Bunch	March 20th, 11:30am	GoodTimes Pizza, Palo Cedro
18 Hole Golf	March 21st, 9:30am	Bidwell (\$43+ optional skins \$3)
9 Hole Golf	April 2nd, 8:00am	Tucker Oaks
BEC Meeting	April 4th, 9:30am	Elks Lodge
General Membership Luncheon	April 4th, 11:00am	Elks Lodge
18 Hole Golf	April 18th, 10:00am	Riverview (\$55+ optional skins \$3)
9 Hole Golf	April 23rd, 9:00am	Lake Redding
18 Hole Golf	April 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

March is upon us and spring is just around the corner. I've fired up the lawn mower before the rains hit us again. It's been a good time also to sit down and get prepared for April 15. As Ogden Nash quotes: "Indoors or out, no one relaxes in March, that month of wind and taxes, the wind will presently disappear, the taxes last us all year."

Some bad news re: Tom Vandeventer, as he's scheduled to have a heart procedure soon and LeRoy Schmick was admitted in the hospital with chest pains. They both could use your prayers.

St. Patrick's Day will be upon us and the green beer will be flowing. I'm sure he spent some time in Italy as I consider myself Irish on that day.

Joke

Why are there only a handful of Irish lawyers in London?

Ans: Because only a few of them could pass the bar!

Irish Blessing

"May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back."
(This could also be the golfers prayer with the exception that it's the fairway)



Bocce by Dennis Compomizzo

This winter is bringing a lot of rain, which we dearly need. The bocce courts are flooded due to recent rains and a lack of warm temperatures. 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. If the covers were installed, the bocce courts would not fill up with rain water. 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. 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.

**ATTENTION: March 7th, 2024 is the General
Membership Luncheon**

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 (Fri)	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

I am reposting the 2024 schedule this month because of an error on the August dates. Last month showed August 2 as a Tuesday, that was incorrect, it is a Friday. If you have inputted these dates into your calendar, please make the correction. Daylight saving time is starting on March 10th, and Spring is only a little over a week after on March 19th. Our first 9-hole golf is the only one we will be playing in the official winter season, and Lake Redding is on the first day of Spring. Let's make this a great golfing year. For newer members that are not familiar with the 9-hole golfing events here are the rules:

-Pay the course directly when you sign in
-If you need a cart, it is advisable to reserve in advance

-Score cards are not collected or recorded
-Have FUN

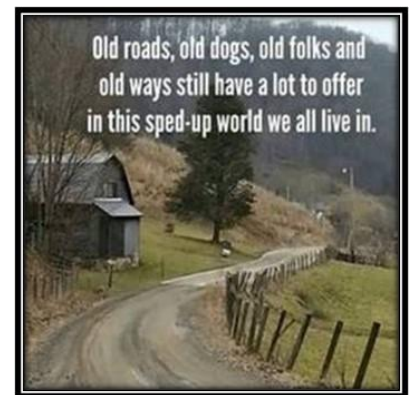
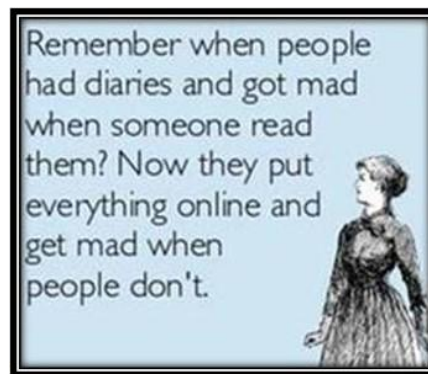
Tucker Oaks is going through a change of ownership and I cannot confirm the dates until April. The current schedule is also posted on the SIRs website

<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 and I will add your name.

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

A Little Wisdom submitted by Len Napoli & Cris Andrews





18 Hole Golf Report By Lee Lamp

We had a single event planned for February and even with all the rain were able to get play in out at Tierra Oaks. While it was a chilly start, it turned out to be a nice day. Only two holes were cart path only and we had a great turn out.

First Flight	Second Flight	Third Flight
Brad Bunnell +3	Jim Girt +4	Rix Callaway +4
Lee Lamp +3	Len Napoli +4	Rich Grozenski +8
Greg Pearson +6	Greg Ephland +7	Len Dolan +15

There were 5 skins awarded (Brad Bunnell x2, Len Napoli x2, Lee Dickey)

Next up is Gold Hills on March 4th and there are 20 people signed up, however, the outlook for rain Fri-Mon will likely lead to cancelling this event. Next up is Bidwell on March 21st. Signups are open now. If you paid for Gold Hills (January or March Event) and I have not cashed your check yet you can use it towards Bidwell (there is \$7 difference in players favor). 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>

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NASCAR/INDY CAR Report by Barrie Lee

2/15/24

It's early on the 15th of February and I'm watching the qualifying efforts from yesterday for the twin duels that will be run later today. The top ten drivers in qualifying will make the Daytona 500. The rest have to make it by competing in one of the two races held tonight. Joey Logano finished first in the qualifying yesterday but he still has to compete for the pole with the other top ten qualifiers.

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2024 brings us several new drivers that are replacing Kurt Busch, Kevin Harvick and Aric Almirola. Noah Gragson is returning to the cup after being dismissed by the Legacy Motor Club in 2023. He'll be driving the #10 Ford Mustang for Stewart-Haas Racing and replaces Almirola. I'll try to point out the new drivers in the first few months to help you understand what changes have been made. Some drivers will not have permanent rides during the season but will be allowed to drive in certain key races to help the teams learn who can perform and who can't.

IndyCar will not start until next month and I'll bring you their information as soon as I find out what's happening.

2/18/24 Rain

2/19/24

The Daytona 500 was held today and for the most part it was a good race. A small wreck within the first 50 laps took out the satellite team of Team Penske (The Woods Brothers) driver, Harrison Burton. However, the majority of the race was great fun to watch. I have my favorites and others that I do not respect for various reasons. Closing in on the finish with only 12 laps remaining, I was tired of seeing Ross Chastain blocking, time and again, for his advantage. What I'm saying is that you have a clear cause of action to block drivers from getting around you to a point! What Ross created was a wave of drivers in faster cars attempting to win the Daytona 500. He blocked much faster cars time and again, with no one taking him out for his actions. I love his team owner and I like Ross, but he was lucky not to be taken out until his final mistake by removing the final Team Penske driver he hadn't ruined, Austin Cindric. Luckily his cause of action also removed him from the race. Rick Hendricks drivers created the maylay with 12 laps remaining and they took total advantage of their positions in the segment. Alex Bowman kept pushing William Byron during that segment of the race which in turn spun around 18 drivers into crashes that removed them from the race. Two years ago, a less qualified driver in the #34 car won the 500 by simply splitting Joey Logano and Brad Keselowski into the wall and infield to win the race for himself. Joey has so much class that he knew what the win meant to this small team that he went up to the winner, Michael McDowell, and gave him a hug. What I'm trying to say tonight is that HMS celebrated their 40th year in the Nascar Cup series today, with a win at Daytona. The team is a class act and Rick is a very special gentleman that no one can deny. I'm not happy with Byron or Bowman, but I really care about Rick Hendrick and his wife. Good work Rick, and congratulations on your win.

2/25/24

We're here in Atlanta, Ga. today with clear skies and mild temperatures. The 400 mile race started with a bang on the first lap when several cars bounced off each other, with Austin Dillon being hurt the most. The race was superb and will be remembered as the second closest finish in Nascar history, with a 3/1000th of a second separating Daniel Suarez (#99) from second place Ryan Blaney (#12). Kyle Busch (#8) finished third and was only inches behind Blaney. Ryans teammate, Austin Cindric (#2) was fourth with his best finish in ages. It was one of the best races I can remember and I can only hope that some of you saw the race or portions of the race. This year shows signs of a great year in Nascar racing, including returning to race the streets of Chicago, Ill.