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SIR

Newsletter



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Big SIR Sez'

Welcome to the month of May. Spring weather has been a challenge throughout April and traditionally, May things smooth out. I'm looking forward to more consistent weather, less rain, less wind, and a warming trend. All of you know that baseball season is in full swing. Not just the big leagues but of course Little League, School Ball, and soon the Colt 45's will be playing. More about the Colt 45's later in the newsletter. But of note is that the team is looking for Host Families for players. If anyone is interested in hosting an out of town player, let me know and I can put you in contact with someone who can provide all of the specific details surrounding this. ...This month we are doing something a little different with the monthly luncheon. We will conduct the business of the Branch Executive Committee as a part of the luncheon meeting. Our reasons for doing so are to enlighten all of you on a bit of what goes on behind the scenes within the branch. In doing so, we hope to provide a better understanding of the leadership positions and what all is involved. SIR on a broad level is struggling. We see shrinking membership and branches closing throughout. We need to find a way to bring new members in and at the same time get a little younger. The median age of our branch membership is about 78 years of age. Not much different than most branches. As we grow older our ability to commit to volunteering wanes. Later this month State Leadership is meeting in person in an attempt to develop a plan of action that can be shared throughout the organization with a focus on getting younger, changing the mindset while sharing with the local communities just how important our corporation is to...*(Continued on next page)*

Monthly Meeting*First Thursday of the month**Elks Lodge*

Meeting/Speaker: 11:00 - 12:00

*Nov/Dec subject to change for holidays

Attendance is Important

**Guest
Speaker:**

BEC

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...improving the quality of life for seniors everywhere. Do we need a facelift? Do we need to change the focus and identity? Should we focus on “making friends for life”? Or maybe try to “embrace the lifestyle” of activities, both physical and mental, to improve and prolong our lives. I’d love to hear what all of you think. Drop me a note or give me a call and share your ideas.

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

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Lunch Bunch

by Duane Nelson



Come out and join us on May 15th at 11:30am and 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.



Treasurer Report by Rix Callaway

It's May and the weather is great. SIR'S outdoor events are in full "go-mode." Let's all get out and enjoy the things we love. Dues were due April 30th. There are a few of you that have committed for the year and have not paid. The BEC approved holding your spot so get them paid ASAP. The bills are paid and the account is balance

May/June Calendar of Events

Activity	Date/Time	Meeting Forum
9 Hole Golf	May 1st, 9:00am	Allen's
BEC Meeting	May 2nd, 9:30am	Elks Lodge
General Membership Luncheon	May 2nd, 11:00am	Elks Lodge
Bocce	May 3rd, 10:00am	South City Park
18 Hole Golf	May 8th, 9:00am	Tierra Oaks (\$59+ optional skins \$3)
Lunch Bunch	May 15th, 11:30am	Goodtimes Pizza, Palo Cedro
9 Hole Golf	May 21st, 8:30am	Tucker Oaks
Bocce	May 24th, 10:00am	South City Park
18 Hole Golf	May 29th, 9:30am	Bidwell (\$45+ optional skins \$3)
Colt 45's Game	May 31st, 7:00pm	Tiger Field
9 Hole Golf	June 4th, 9:00am	Lake Redding
BEC Meeting	June 6th, 9:30am	Elks Lodge
General Membership Luncheon	June 6th, 11:00am	Elks Lodge
Bocce	June 7th, 10:00am	South City Park
18 Hole Golf	June 12th, 9:30am	Wilcox Oaks (\$55+ optional skins \$3)
Colt 45's Game	June 15th, 7:00pm	Tiger Field
Lunch Bunch	June 19th, 11:30am	Goodtimes Pizza, Palo Cedro
Bocce	June 21st, 10:00am	South City Park
9 Hole Golf	June 26th, 9:00am	Allens
Colt 45's Game	June 27th, 7:00pm	Tiger Field

Birthdays in April

Lee Dickey	May 15th	Steve	May 10th
Darell Elliot	May 20th	Hollingsworth	
Bob Goetz	May 20th	Mark Martinek	May 15th



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ATTENTION: May 2nd, 2024 is the General Membership Luncheon

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.

Sunshine Report By Len Napoli

May is upon us and the wives are into Spring Cleaning and those of us who enjoy gardening have our rototillers out, lawn mowers tuned up and hedge trimmers sharpened. The days are getting longer and it's hard to get some reading in at night, although, we can tee up our golf balls later in the afternoon and get 18 holes in.

For those of you who enjoy driving around the area, the wildflowers are just brilliant. I recommend a drive on Millville Plains if it's not too late as there's an explosion of color this year. Here's an example of the Plains.



9 Hole Golf Report by Bob Goetz

The month of May has two 9-Hole outings, Allen's on May 1st and Tucker Oaks on May 21st. This will be the third time we have attempted to play Allen's. Both cancellations were due to rain and unplayable conditions. Let's hope third time is a charm. The weather forecast is 78 degrees and sunny. As always you are encouraged to bring a guest to any of our golf events to share in the camaraderie of our events.

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.



Lon Harris (right), with guests Ed Pearson and Grant Winegarden at Tucker Oaks.



Barry Lee, Larry Welch and Richard Chapman at Tucker Oaks.



Fishing Report by Morgan Akin

The start of the fishing group was announced at the April SIRS meeting. It was reported that the fishing group was being activated to see if there was anyone interested in getting together to discuss topics related to fishing in the north state. Also discussed was the idea of some of our SIRS getting together and going out into the great outdoors and fishing. There was a small but interesting number of people that got together after the April general meeting to see if we could start a group. Three members attended the meeting. We would like to continue working to form a fishing group. If you would like to help, contact Little SIRS Morgan Akin (530)-949-3546.

Shasta Lake is 5.949' from the top. Shasta Lake discharge into the Sacramento River is 11,598 cfs. Inflow into Shasta Lake is 10,346 cfs. Trinity Lake is 22.55' from the top. Discharge into the Trinity River is 7,972 cfs. Inflow into Trinity Lake is 6,562cfs.

The lakes are in great shape so get out there and enjoy some fishing. The Bass bite has been good. A friend and I went last week and caught a hefty number of Bass. Some were in the 3-pound range. The boat ramps are all in good shape and accessible.

The 2024 Kids Fishing Day is planned at the Mt. Shasta Hatchery on June 15 and July 20th. Registration: 8:15 am – 1:30 pm. Fishing 8:30 – 2:00 pm each day.

Kids 15 years and younger and able to hold a rod and reel will be able to fish. Bring a cooler and bucket for your fish. Free bait and limited loaner tackle will be available. The ponds are stocked with trout and volunteer help is available. Mt. Shasta Hatchery phone is 530-225-2361 or email InlandFisheries@wildlife.ca.gov for more information.

I took my grandkids fishing at the hatchery years ago and they had a great time. The ponds will be stocked with very nice trout.

I will be out of state in May but will see you at the June meeting. Phone me at (530) 949-3546 if you have any questions.

Evenings with the Colt 45's by Lee Lamp

This month our local collegiate level ball team opens their season over Memorial Day Weekend. Last year several of us made it out one evening in July for a game. While it was a lot of fun, we dealt with pretty extreme heat. This year in the spirit of creating event opportunities for us to get together I've scheduled 3 separate nights to enjoy America's pastime 🏈. I've spread them out starting on May 31st with two June dates. June 15th and June 27th wrap up the event schedule for the games. My hope was to pick a time frame when the temps would be milder and our beer would stay cooler longer 😊. First pitch each night is 7:15pm. The cost is a whopping \$4 for us old guys. Of course we encourage you to bring your wife/partner/date. Or bring a guest. If you've never gone to the games you are missing out. Tiger Field is a great venue.



18 Hole Golf Report By Lee Lamp

Riverview was the first of two events in April. We had 26 players make it out for a very nice day on the course.

First Flight	Second Flight	Third Flight
Greg Pearson -1	Randy Moore -1	Bob Monaghan +3
Steve Renier +1	Mike Deay +1	Phil Nystrom +6
John Crowley +2	John McCue +3	Chuck Cotten +7

There were 7 skins awarded (Greg Pearson, Steve Renier, Bob Monaghan, Dennis Compomizzo, Rick Grozenski, Gene Pepper, Larry Welch)

The second event was Rolling Hills. 9 Players made the trip south to the Links. I'm certain they had a breezy day on the open course.

First Flight
Jim Girt -1
Len Dolan -1
John Crowley +1

There were 6 skins awarded. Len Dolan x2, John Crowley, Jim Girt, Brad Bunnell, Greg Pearson

Next up is Tierra Oaks on May 8th. Signups are open now. After that is Bidwell on May 29th. Signups are open now. 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. **You need to let me know if you plan to play! Courses ask for the number of players several days in advance.**

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>

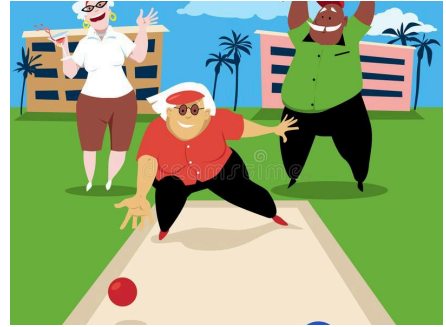
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Bocce by Dennis Compomizzo

Spring is finally here with another amazing wet winter in the books. The bocce courts have dried out enough to have some maintenance work performed by the Sons of Italy volunteers.

The courts were in pretty bad shape from this winter's deluge and other issues. The City of Redding Recreation Bocce League has started and is looking like a huge success. Our play dates for the month of May will be the 4th and the 24th at 10:00. A

Constant Contact announcement will be sent out advising everyone about the dates and times of play. If you haven't tried playing bocce, you are missing out! Bring your family and friends and enjoy some fun times and a little competition. See you at the next SIR's meeting and luncheon.



If you have any questions, call, text, or email. 530-356-9966
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NASCAR/INDY CAR Report by Barrie Lee

3/24/24

Last month's column went way too long. So I'm having to cut back on my racing coverage. IndyCar ran today in Thermal, Ca. It was a non point race for a total purse in excess of 1.7 million dollars. It also was run on a private race track surrounded by million dollar homes. They said the whole complex was a club, with a clubhouse and other amenities. Chip Ganassi Racing did great with Alex Palou doing extremely well in his Honda powered Dalara #10 to finish with a win and a purse of \$500,000 Scott McLaughlin finished 2nd and took \$350,000 home for Team Penske and Felix Rosenqvist ran 3rd and received \$250,000. Colton Herta was 4th and took \$100,000 to the bank. Colton played a game and saved his tires in the first of a twin 10 lap shootout, thereby being able to pass many cars in the last 10 lap shootout.

Nascar ran a road course at the Cota track in Austin, Tx. Chevies and Toyotas prevailed. William Byron won the race with Christopher Bell 2nd, Ty Gibbs 3rd, Alex Bowman 4th and followed by our own Tyler Reddick in his #45 23/XI Toyota. It was an all out effort by all involved and the temperatures took their toll on several drivers. Good racing on a great track. Next weekend, Richmond, Va.

3/31

Richmond, Va. today and Denny Hamlin wins again. Enough said on this race.

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4/7 Nascar ran today at Martinsville, Va. It was the 40th anniversary of Hendricks Motorsports first Cup win. So they finished in the first three positions with William Byron (#24) winning, Kyle Larson 2nd (#5) and Chase Elliot in the (#9) Chevy finished 3rd. Bubba Wallace was 4th in the (#23) Toyota and Ryan Blaney 5th in the (#12) Mustang and his teammate Joey Logano (#22) Mustang in 6th. Good racing and fun event.

4/14

A Cup race was held today at the Texas Motor Speedway. Chase Elliot won the race for the HMS team. Great news for many since Chase hasn't won in quite awhile. Many cautions and too many wrecks. Why, I don't know because I was watching the Masters. I believe I'm like so many people that know anything about golf. CBS uses music during the Masters broadcast that mimics the music they use when they broadcast the Great American Race (The Daytona 500). It gives an extra special meaning to both events, but even if you know nothing about golf, all you have to do is just watch one round of golf from Augusta National and you must realize this event is like being in heaven. Scottie Scheffler won the tournament today for the second time in three years. Yes, he's the number one golfer in the world and he's only 27 years old and becoming a father shortly for the first time. I loved the event and apologize for my transgressions from motor sports. Great news>Next week's race is in Talladega, Al. It's my favorite racetrack on the cup series schedule.

PLEASE BE AWARE! Kyle Larson is doing the double this year by driving a car for the Arrow McLaren team during the Indy 500 and then racing his own #5 Chevy for Team Hendricks during the Coke 600 that evening in Charlotte, NC. Stay tuned!

4/21

A big weekend in the racing world. 500 miles from Talladega, Al. Nascar's famous 2 1/2 mile oval is the fastest venue in Nascar. It's famous for new winners but also famous for its nasty crashes. This year's race was more subdued than normal. Yes, there were some wrecks but nothing on the scale of a major wreck. Two Penske drivers took the two stage wins with Austin Cindric winning the first and Joey Logano the second. But at the finish, you had Michael McDowell leading the race with Brad Keselowski of RFK Racing pushing him at every chance. The cars traded the lead with Toyotas on the outside lane pushing hard to stay up front. Michael tried blocking Brad from going around him for the win, but after blocking Brad twice in a row on both sides of the track, Michael found himself spinning in circles out of the lead with Brad pushing for the win. Our own Tyler Reddick in the #45 Toyota for 23/XI Racing snuck past Brad for the win with Brad a close second.

On the same day at about the same time frame, PDS time the Indy Cars ran their yearly race at Long Beach, Ca. Will Power was on the front row with Felix Rosenqvist in the #60 Meyer Shank Racing car on the actual pole. If you remember, Simon Pageanau drove the #60 car until a very bad crash a year ago forced Simon into an apparent early retirement. It was a beautiful day if you could see through smog that was as thick as in China. Lead changes happened after the start of the race with Josef Newgarden taking the lead but Chip Ganassi driver, Scott Dixon, took the lead shortly after Josef fell back and the rest of the race was not hard to follow. Scott has won the IndyCar series six times and is without a doubt one of the all time great racing drivers in the series history. Plus, he's a great human being. Colton Herta came in second for Andretti Global, Alex Palou was third for Chip Ganassi Racing, Josef Newgarden fourth for Team Penske, and Marcus Ericsson fifth for Andretti Global. Next week Indy goes to Birmingham, Al. to race on the road circuit, Barber Motorsports Park. Great track and it should be fun to watch.