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President: Barrie Lee

Vice President: Morgan Akin

Secretary: Cris Andrews

Asst Sec: Gerry Dodge

Treasurer: Rix Callaway

Asst Treasurer: Ken Timmerman

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Dennis Compomizzo

Sid Nobles

Chuck Spafford

David Yorton

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Membership: Phil Perry

Membership Asst: Tom Ward

Chaplain: Gerry Dodge

Facilities: Chuck Spafford

Membership: Phil Perry

Nominating Chair: Cris Andrews

Newsletter: Lee Lamp

Raffle: Jim McClelland

Sunshine: Len Napoli

Publicity: Jim McMahan

Marketing: OPEN

Sergeant At Arms: Tom Merrow

Teller of Tales: Darrel Elliot

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# SIR

## Newsletter



Three Shastas  
Branch 129  
Redding, CA

**The Pres Sez'**

Hello Three Shastas Branch #129. For those of you that didn't receive the memo, Lee Lamp has stepped down from his role as the President of our branch. He's been forced to step down since he's serving on the state board, known as Sir, Inc. He's actually been on the state board for a couple of years already, even filling in as the State President for a few months because existing officers had health issues. But he'll be the Vice President this year (2025) at state. It doesn't mean he won't be here for most of our meetings, even acting as the Master of Ceremonies during the monthly luncheons. He's really good at hosting and he thoroughly enjoys the experience. Who am I to deprive him of an enjoyable time? The Branch Executive Committee was becoming concerned about the length of time Lee has been our leader. Some on the BEC were worried that we might have to give Lee a lifetime pension plan for all he's done for us. But we settled that issue by giving Lee a plaque from the members and another one from his BEC members. I think we avoided future discussions on a pension plan, badge 47. My name is Barrie Lee and I've just wrapped up my eighth year on the BEC as a director. The board consists of six officers and four directors. The only difference between the two groups is that the directors are not allowed to play with sharp objects. All ten members have voting rights and work as a unit in running our branch. I look forward to this coming year and hope to make you feel comfortable with the transition.

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

Meeting/Speaker: 11:00 - 12:00

\*Dec subject to change for holidays

***Attendance is Important***

**Guest  
Speaker:**

RPD Chief,  
Brian Barner

## State Officers 2025

|                                  |                     |                             |                       |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>State President</b>           | Rich Carlston Br 8  | <b>Board Area Rep #3</b>    | Fred Serena Br 26     |
| <b>Vice President</b>            | Lee Lamp Br 129     | <b>Dir State Documents</b>  | Bruce Corwin Br 159   |
| <b>Secretary</b>                 | Jeff Chin Br 103    | <b>Dir State Activities</b> | Michael Lee Br 128    |
| <b>Treasurer</b>                 | Carl Mason Br 88    | <b>Dir Marketing/Comm</b>   | Andy Danver Br 35     |
| <b>Chief Information Officer</b> | Kevin King Br 95    | <b>State Advisor</b>        | Derek Southern Br 8   |
| <b>Board Area Rep #1</b>         | Jerry Morrow Br 172 | <b>Parliamentary</b>        | Roy Hodgkinson Br 146 |
| <b>Board Area Rep #2</b>         | Bruce Corwin Br 159 | <b>AR Coordinator</b>       | Fred Serena Br 26     |

## Lunch Bunch

by Duane Nelson



Come out and join us on January 15th at 11:30am if you don't have other plans. You can enjoy the Buffet at GoodTimes Pizza in Palo Cedro. If you have questions or suggestions please contact me (email [bandan@msn.com](mailto:bandan@msn.com) or call 530-547-5157).

| 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        |

**ATTENTION: The next General Membership Luncheon is January 2nd at 11am.**

## Welcoming New Members 2025 Phil Perry, Membership Chair

We started this newsletter entry last year and will continue a new tradition of announcing new members as they are inducted.

The following individuals all joined our Branch during the 2025 calendar year. Join me in welcoming them. It will be a running total through the year. We have grown and have at least one to be voted on this month.

| <i>Name</i> | <i>Sponsor</i> | <i>Name</i> | <i>Sponsor</i> |
|-------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|
|-------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|

## Guest Speaker by Morgan Akin

This month we welcome Chief Brian Barner of the Redding Police Department. Chief Barner was appointed to the position in October 2023. He joined the Redding Police Department in 1992 as a Police Explorer and was hired as a Police Recruit in 1997. Brian attended the Butte Police Academy graduating #1 in his class. He has served in various roles including a multitude of special assignments at the Department, including SWAT, K9 Handler, Motor Officer, Peer Support, Honor Guard, and Detective. He has held leadership positions as a Corporal, Patrol Sergeant, Detective Sergeant, Traffic Sergeant, Patrol Lieutenant, Administrative Lieutenant, and Patrol Captain prior to his appointment to Chief of Police. During his 27 years with the Department, he has supervised all the Divisions and/or specialty units within the Department. Chief Barner is a Redding native, a Shasta High School Graduate, has been married for 22 years with two sons, age 15 and 19.

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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/>



**Computer Group**  
 While there is no computer meeting, it does not mean there is no help....call Lee and maybe, just maybe he can help.



## Treasurer Report by Rix Callaway

HAPPY NEW YEAR to all. I hope 2025 sees the branch continue to grow and that you all join in the many events we offer. Like all of us are experiencing in this economy, the branch has increasing fees. Most of your dues each year go to pay these bills: Elks Facility rental, State Assessments (which increased this year), etc. As such, like all corporations, these costs get passed along. Therefore, this year's dues have been increased to \$50. We have been operating at a loss for the last 3 years and simply cannot sustain further depletion of our bank balance.

Again, please check in for the monthly luncheon even if you are not paying for lunch so we have an accurate count. The bills are paid and the account is balanced.

## Birthdays in January

|                 |          |                   |          |
|-----------------|----------|-------------------|----------|
| Greg Deptuch    | Jan 16th | Richard Reese     | Jan 4th  |
| Hal Leininger   | Jan 18th | Jerry Sanchez Sr. | Jan 18th |
| Daniel Malmgren | Jan 4th  | Skip Vargas       | Jan 10th |
| Randy Moore     | Jan 30th |                   |          |



## Recruiting Efforts



Jim McMahan and Jerry Sanchez arranged to have an informational booth set up for the 30th Annual Palo Cedro Country Christmas event held the evening of Dec 6th. The outgoing and incoming Branch Presidents found time to stop by and visit.

**Inviting a guest to join an activity with us is a great way to grow our membership and several of you have brought guests recently...Turn them into members!. It's easier than ever to fill out an application. Send them to our online application web site: <https://sirinc2.org/branch129/>**

## Dec/Jan Calendar of Events

| Activity                    | Date/Time         | Meeting Forum                 |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| BEC                         | Jan 2nd, 9:15am** | Elks                          |
| General Membership Luncheon | Jan 2nd, 11:00am  | Elks (arrive early to mingle) |
| Lunch Bunch                 | Jan 15th, 11:30am | GoodTimes Pizza, Palo Cedro   |
| BEC                         | Feb 6th, 9:30am   | Elks                          |
| General Membership Luncheon | Feb 6th, 11:00am  | Elks (arrive early to mingle) |
| 18 Hole Golf                | Feb 10th, 10:00am | Gold Hills                    |
| Lunch Bunch                 | Feb 19th, 11:30am | GoodTimes Pizza, Palo Cedro   |
| 18 Hole Golf                | Feb 24th, 10:00am | Tierra Oaks                   |

### Sunshine Report By Len Napoli

I don't know about you guys, but those days of staying up late to bring in the New Year have passed, although toasting with a good glass of wine is still in our wheelhouse. Starting the New Year to many, means cleaning the house in preparation for meeting those resolutions. One idea to get rid of unwanted junk during this time is to put it in an Amazon box and leave it on the front porch.

For those of you planning on losing weight this new year, remember that brain cells die, skin cells die, but FAT CELLS must have eternal life.

So good luck with that.

Make sure your TV memberships are paid up as the football playoffs will be in full swing. With the 49ers out of it, for me, it's not going to be as exciting.

Have a wonderful start to the New Year. Just remember: "What the New Year brings to you will depend a great deal on what you bring to the New Year. (Vern McLellan)



## Bocce by Dennis Compomizzo

Winter weather continues with more rain and cool temperatures. I am hopeful the lakes in our area will be full to the brim by spring time. The bocce courts are still flooded and covered with leaves and other debris. We won't be playing bocce until spring time, when the temperatures will warm up and dry out the courts. Once the courts are usable, a Constant Contact announcement will be sent to all the SIR's members approximately one week prior to the play date. I think we will be seeing some new faces at the bocce courts this coming year, as our membership is growing. I hope to see everyone at the next SIR's meeting and luncheon. I am looking forward to a wonderful 2025, Happy New Year!



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

## Branch 129 Historical Tidbits Submitted by Cris Andrews

As Branch 129 Secretary since 2013, I have records going back to the early days of our branch.

| Year    | # Members | Year    | # Members | Year | # Members | Year | # Members |
|---------|-----------|---------|-----------|------|-----------|------|-----------|
| 1985*   | 100       | 1993    | 194**     | 1994 | 188       | 1995 | 210       |
| 1996    | 224       | 1997    | 217       | 1998 | 248       | 1999 | 232       |
| 2000    | 210       | 2001    | 200       | 2002 | 200       | 2003 | 235       |
| 2004    | 245       | 2005    | 240       | 2006 | 234       | 2007 | 230       |
| 2008    | 235       | 2009    | 212       | 2010 | 193       | 2011 | 188       |
| 2012    | 184       | 2013    | 184       | 2014 | 196       | 2015 | 180       |
| 2016    | 167       | 2017    | 160       | 2018 | 155       | 2019 | 141       |
| 2020*** |           | 2021*** |           | 2022 | 110       | 2023 | 91        |
| 2024    | 90        | 2025    | 103       |      |           |      |           |

\*Charter required 100 members

\*\*Year of 1<sup>st</sup> Directory 1993

Membership numbers based on the number of members listed in the annual Directory for each year as counted by me.

\*\*\*No Directory for 2020 and 2021: COVID years!

| Meeting Locations | Elks                     | Moose Lodge | WinRiver  |
|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Years             | 1995-1998 & 2006-present | 1999-2002   | 2003-2005 |



## 18 Hole Golf Report

By Lee Lamp

We enjoyed a final round of golf for 2024 with an event at Gold Hills on December 2nd. It was my first full round with our group since February. All in all I played okay. That old adage of forgetting all the wrong things with your swing after a break worked out. There were 5 skins awarded: Eric Measles, Tim Holmquist, Len Napoli, Steve Renier, Jim Griggs.

| 1st Flight        | 2nd Flight       | 3rd Flight      |
|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Lee Lamp +6       | Len Napoli +2    | Greg Laam +20   |
| Brad Bunnell +8   | Eric Measles +11 | Gerry Dodge +20 |
| Tim Holmquist +12 | Mark Robison +11 | Larry Welch +22 |

I've been working on the 2025 schedule and have a few confirmed already. Gold Hills, Tierra Oaks, Rolling Hills, Riverview, and Canyon Oaks have confirmed dates. Expect costs to rise minimally for a few of the courses (not unexpected). I will post the full schedule when it's confirmed. Note that February has two scheduled events (Gold Hills and Tierra Oaks). Hopeful that we can get these in, weather permitting. Signup early! A separate email will be sent to the golfers with pricing.

**One more thing...if you have not paid your NCGA Membership dues for 2025 and you are a member of the Branch 129 Golf Club your handicap has been suspended. You can reactivate it by sending me a check ASAP. If you did not renew (\$49) by the last week of December you have been removed from the club and will be unable to post scores for your handicap. Yes, you can get added back in, but only upon payment of the dues.**

## 9 Hole Golf Report

by Bob Goetz

January is the month to contact the golf courses and reserve tee times for 2025.

I will schedule Allen's, Tucker Oaks, Churn Creek and depending on the condition of the course, Lake Redding.

The first scheduled 9-Hole outing will be in March. I will publish the full schedule in the February newsletter.

If you have not participated in our past 9-Hole outings, we would love to see you join our group in 2025.

To add your name to my distribution list, please send me an email at [sirs9holegolf@gmail.com](mailto:sirs9holegolf@gmail.com). You can also call me at 530-213-3850.

Wishing everyone a very happy new year and look forward to seeing you in 2025.



## 2024 Christmas Luncheon by Lee Lamp

We had about 85 guests join us for our annual Christmas Luncheon at Sons and Daughters of Italy last month. This year ended my 6th year hosting this event as your President. It was a wonderful event and a terrific meal was prepared. It provided a venue for me to say thank you to many of those that assisted me during this run! (Pictures courtesy of Len Napoli)



Morgan Akin, Cris Andrews, Rix Callaway, Barrie Lee, Chuck Spafford, Sid Nobles, Dennis Compomizzo, Bob Goetz, Len Napoli, Jim McClellan, Darryl Elliot, Jerry Sanchez



Len Napoli



Bob Goetz



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



NASCAR/INDY CAR report is on a winter hold. No one is racing.

### **Free Lunch**

Don't forget that a badge number is hidden in this newsletter. If you find that and correctly identify that to Rix (our treasurer) at the time you are checking in for lunch at the next Membership Luncheon your meal will be free!