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SIR 129

Newsletter



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The Pres Sez'

Well we made it through January and I thought our guest speaker did a great job. Chief Brian Barner was very informative. Facing several doctors and dentists appointments this month is scary enough. But I was asked to assist Jason Munson in rebuilding several sand traps at Tierra Oaks during January and I'm not used to actually working again. Our branch has decided to let the Sons & Daughters of Italy know how much we appreciate their willingness to provide us with terrific Christmas luncheons. And let me remind our Bocce players that even though the bocce courts are on City of Redding property, they're still maintained by the S&Ds organization. They also allow us to use their storage facility and equipment with no charge. Cris and I discussed a gift to them during the Christmas lunch program and I'm proud to say we've made it happen. The costs have been handled through private donations. So no charge to the Branch. The plaque turned out great, and another benefit of giving the plaque is it is too nice to hide away. I believe they'll display it in a prominent location within their branch and their members will see it each month. That's called advertising, if you know what I mean. Since one of our BEC members is also a member of the S&Ds, and since he volunteered to present it to Jim Noble during their January 20th meeting, I've asked Dennis Compomizzo to handle that honor. Our January BEC meeting took longer than normal because many key issues need to be handled at the start of the year. *continued next page...*

Monthly MeetingFirst Thursday of the monthElks Lodge

Meeting/Speaker: 11:00 - 12:00

Lunch follows.

*Dec subject to change for holidays

Attendance is Important**Guest Speaker:**

Josh Haines,
National Parks
Service,
Whiskeytown
Park
Superintendent

2025 Directories available at Feb Luncheon

From page 1...I made some mistakes during the meeting, but the board didn't throw me out, so there is a chance I may stay on. I hope you all understand why Lee led the luncheon meeting. He's very good at doing it and enjoys the involvement. See you in February

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Lunch Bunch

by Duane Nelson



Come out and join us on February 19th 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 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 February 6th 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>
<i>Mitch Crowe</i>	Jack McAuliffe		

Guest Speaker by Morgan Akin

Our speaker this month is Josh Haines, National Park Service Superintendent of Whiskeytown National Recreation Area. Josh transferred from Death Valley National Park after the Carr Fire in part due to his proven track record leading park disaster recovery efforts. Josh has a bachelor's degree in biology from the University of Nevada (Las Vegas) and completed graduate work in restoration ecology at the University of Idaho. His wife, an archaeologist with the state of California joined him in the move.

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 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

Did you enjoy the mid-winter break? From my many years living here, I have found these to be common and then IT happens. Rain until May and sometimes longer. So enjoy it when we have it and hope for more rain. **As you know, it's Dues season (\$50 for the year).** About half have paid so far. **You can pay at the next meeting or mail them to me at 8921 Olney Park Drive, Redding, CA 96001.** 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 negative \$5.00 from a bank adjustment from the last deposit. This negative is due to a minor transaction which is in the process of being corrected.

Birthdays in February

Don Arnold	Feb 26th	Gene Pepper	Feb 24th
Dave Durfee	Feb 28th	Tom Vande Venter	Feb 2nd
James McMahan	Feb 14th	Larry Welch	Feb 4th
Gary Nance	Feb 20th		



Feb/Mar Calendar of Events

Activity	Date/Time	Meeting Forum
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
BEC	Mar 6th, 9:30am	Elks
General Membership Luncheon	Mar 6th, 11:00am	Elks (arrive early to mingle)
9 Hole Golf	Mar 7th, 9:00am	Allen's
18 Hole Golf	Mar 11th, 10:00am	Gold Hills
Lunch Bunch	Mar 19th, 11:30am	GoodTimes Pizza, Palo Cedro
9 Hole Golf	Mar 26th, 9:00am	Churn Creek
18 Hole Golf	Mar 31st, 9:00am	Bidwell Park

Sunshine Report By Len Napoli

I've always found Feb. to be somewhat of a comical month with Ground Hog's Day starting the month off. It and Valentine's Day reminds me of my childhood, sending all my classmates a Valentine card. Now I just have one special card & gift to give to that special wife of mine. Don't wait to the last minute to get that perfect gift.

I might not be bringing the book library to the meeting as I just had carpal tunnel surgery and am nursing a sore back. Just another sign of aging.



Bocce by Dennis Compomizzo

The bocce courts have dried out due to a very dry January. The courts have some huge footprints in them (see photo), which occurred when city workers blew off the leaves and debris. The courts were saturated when the work was performed. Volunteers from Sons of Italy will be performing grading and repairing the courts prior to the rains predicted for this weekend. Winter weather will get back to normal this weekend, looking forward to some rain so I can turn off my irrigation and have mother nature do the watering. On another note, the City of Redding Spring Bocce Leagues signups are open. The leagues will be held at South City Park. The leagues are as follows; the 4 person league goes from April 21st to June 5th and starts at 6:00 PM (course #4791), only the team captain needs to register. The 2 person league goes from April 22nd to June 4th and starts at 6:00 PM (course #4794 or #4798), each player must register themselves. The senior league goes from April 21st to June 5th and starts at 9:00AM (course #4795), each player must register themselves. If you are interested in participating, please sign up at ReddinRecreation.org or call (530) 225-4095. The cost for each player is \$50.00, with 90% of the fees returned to the Sons of Italy. I hope to see everyone at the next Sir's meeting and luncheon.

If you have any questions, call, text, or email. 530-356-9966
dennysz71@yahoo.com.



Free Lunch

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

Branch 129 Historical Tidbits Submitted by Cris Andrews

*Dick Gray: First Big SIR

SIR (Sons in Retirement) Branch 129 in Redding was established in 1985 with a mission to provide a social environment for retired men to share experiences, foster friendships, and engage in various activities. The early years of the branch saw a modest group of retirees who met regularly to discuss their interests and plan social gatherings. As word of the group spread, membership began to grow, and the branch in the early years enjoyed a membership of over 200 men.

As SIR Branch 129 gained popularity, it expanded its activities to include a wide range of interests. The branch also started organizing monthly luncheons, where guest speakers were invited to share their knowledge on assorted topics. Branch 129 met at the Moose Lodge, Win River, and the Elks Lodge. These luncheons quickly became a highlight for members, providing a platform for learning and camaraderie.

Branch 129's first Big Sir (now called President) was Dick Gray. Jokingly, it was rumored that the vote was two-to-nothing, with Dick not voting.

According to a "SIR Profile" in an old Branch 129 newsletter called "SIR'S UPDATE", Dick was born in Oregon and the family moved to Kansas City, San Francisco and many other places. After high school Dick attended Baker University until WWII broke out. He enlisted in the Navy and rose to the rank of Captain. After the war he returned to college earning his degree. After college he worked for the Social Security Administration where he was employed for 33 years. He ended his career at the Redding office and was well known in the community. One day in 1965, Dick was playing golf with Bob St Clair and Mel Stromberg Badge #14 when they invited him to a meeting in Chico to discuss an interesting organization named SIR. And the result was the beginning of Branch 129 in Redding with Dick Gray as Big Sir for 1985 and 1986.



18 Hole Golf Report By Lee Lamp

An update on the 2025 schedule...confirmed Gold Hills x 4, Tierra Oaks x3, Rolling Hills, Riverview x3, Fall River, Bidwell x2 and Canyon Oaks have confirmed dates. Waiting to hear back from Mt Shasta, Lake Shastina, and Wilcox Oaks. 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 this month has two scheduled events (Gold Hills and Tierra Oaks). Hopeful that we can get these in, weather permitting. Signup early! A separate email was sent to the golfers with pricing.

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/>

NASCAR/INDY CAR Report by Barrie Lee



The 24 Hours of Daytona just finished and Porsche Team Penske finished 1st and 3rd in the top class for two years in a row. The GTP class is the fastest of the four competing classes during the race. A great start to 2025 for Team Penske. Nascar's first race of the year is the Clash on February 2nd, in North Carolina. The Duels at Daytona are going to be held February 13th and the 16th. They will be used to help set the lineup for the Daytona 500, also on the 16th of February. It will start at 2:30 PM EST. IndyCar will start in mid March with a race in the south west, near Palm Springs.

9 Hole Golf Report by Bob Goetz

The first three months of 9-Hole Golf events are listed 👉. The entire 2025 schedule can be viewed by going to the Redding SIRS website at <https://sirinc2.org/branch129/>. A new course for 2025 is Gold Hills on Tuesday April 22nd. The cost for Gold Hills including a cart is \$30.00. We will need to have a minimum of 12 players to continue playing there in the future. Gold Hills is a fun course and we always have a good time after the round reviewing our play while having lunch or just a beverage at the 19th hole. Signup sheets for the next four outings will be available at our February luncheon. You can also sign up by sending an email to sirs9holegolf@gmail.com. Playing nine holes of golf offers a range of benefits, from saving time and money to providing healthy exercise and social interaction. Perfect for SIRs golfers of all skill levels, nine-hole courses are a great way to enjoy the game without committing to the time of an 18-hole full round. Hope to see you on the course.

9 Hole Golf Schedule Mar – May 2025

7 Mar (Fri)	Allen's	9:00 am
26 Mar (Wed)	Churn Creek	9:00 am
8 Apr (Tue)	Tucker Oaks	8:30 am
22 Apr (Tue)	Gold Hills	9:00 am
7 May (Wed)	Churn Creek	9:00 am
23 May (Fri)	Allen's	9:00 am



March Madness 2025 by Phil Perry

It is almost time for March Madness in 2025 and all about the bragging rights for club members. In 2024, Cris Andrews came in first and Lon Harris came in second in predicting the outcome of the tournament. Do you have a favorite college? Can you predict the most wins or predict who wins the tournament? Do you love the first and second round upsets and Cinderella teams? This event is for you.

To join is easy to do using the CBS Sports App. You will need to download the app to your smartphone, tablet or computer. Once you select your teams, the app will keep score and rank everyone. We will send out more information as we get closer to Selection Sunday.

Who is Eligible: All Members of Redding Sir Branch 129, their spouses, their partners or companions, and their adult children over 21.