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SIR 129

Newsletter



Three Shastas
Branch 129
Redding, CA

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As spring rapidly approaches, our activities come into view. I'm looking forward to golfing, Bocce, lunches with friends, and many more ideas to join with others. The Branch Executive Committee is the governing body of the Three Shastas Branch 129. I'd like to invite anyone, new or old members within the branch to use your membership directory to keep up with what we're doing as a group. Page three of the directory gives you the names and positions of not only the State Sir Board, but this branch also. The names of key leaders are listed on that page along with their contact information. Feel free to reach out to anyone on the board to answer questions for you or give you information that might assist you in becoming more involved. This is a volunteer group of men looking to enjoy their retirement years. We're extremely lucky to have so many members willing to fill key positions within the branch. Their efforts help make this men's group work. Part of my job is to instill the desire to help your fellow members enjoy what we have to offer. If you can think of an activity that you would like to see implemented in the branch, speak up. But you also might have to be the one to chair that activity. Give it some thought. I've been a member since 2012, and I've also served on the BEC for nine years. The one thing that has become problematic for our branch is having people step up to fill key leadership roles within the BEC. I'm talking about the President, and Vice President positions. I plan on One and Done. We need people to take over for some of us that have been giving for years. This branch of Sir is too important to lose. Sir offers you a chance to meet new friends, attend monthly membership lunches and listen to great guest speakers. We provide a terrific newsletter with all the current information you need to stay informed. *continued next page...*

Monthly MeetingFirst Thursday of the monthElks Lodge

Meeting/Speaker: 11:00 - 12:00

Lunch follows.

*Dec subject to change for Annual Christmas Lunch

Attendance is Important**Guest Speaker:**

Scott Brown,
Investment
Advisor, Edward
Jones.

2025 Directories available at March Luncheon

From page 1... The new directory for the membership has just been completed and it's a step above previous years. It now contains color pictures of the members to help all of us remember who we met during a given event. It's been my desire to make this directory an historic event for my branch and I think you will agree that it is very newsworthy. Yes, some mistakes were made in the directory, since it's almost impossible to create a new product and not have some issues arise. Other items have been described and will be corrected upon next year's addition. I can only hope that the majority of our members appreciate a "Free to the Branch" copy of the 2025 directory

State Officers 2025

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Board Area Rep #2	Bruce Corwin Br 159	AR Coordinator	Fred Serena Br 59

Lunch Bunch

by Duane Nelson



Come out and join us on March 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 March 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	<i>Steve Martinez</i>	John McCue
<i>Earl Poytress</i>	Mike Smith		

Guest Speaker by Morgan Akin

Our speaker this month is Scott Brown, Financial Advisor with Edward Jones. He began his career in 2006 and in 2019 was named a regional director, responsible for 75 other financial advisors in the North State. He attended the Institute of Technology in Melbourne Florida, also playing NCAA Division II baseball providing him an opportunity to play in the College World Series in 1992.

Share this newsletter with your friends and help us grow the membership!

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

March has arrived. Spring is now upon us. Time to get out and join in SIR activities. BUT, it is also time to renew your membership with dues (\$50) for the 30 of you who have yet to pay. You can pay at the next meeting or mail them to 8921 Olney Park Drive, Redding, CA 96001. Make checks out to SIR please. 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 March

Morgan Akin	Mar 4th	Phil Nystrom	Mar 8th
Barrie Lee	Mar 20th	George Rhoderick	Mar 31st
Bob Monaghan	Mar 19th	Don Spence	Mar 3rd
Clark Moorhead	Mar 29th	Don Streetman	Mar 18th
Larry Morgan	Mar 14th	Ken Timmerman	Mar 22nd



Sunshine Report By Len Napoli

Be prepared for more rain as the adage says: "March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb". I know that after the heavy rains in February, my golf clubs are ready to get some exercise.

St. Patrick's Day is March 17th, so get those beer steins off the cupboard shelves. Another holiday-another opportunity to celebrate.

The 1st day of spring is March 20th which means the lawn mowers will need to be in shape to attack those lawns.

Looking forward to returning to the March meeting with the book exchange back in business. Sorry for my absence but the old body needed a little repair work. Feeling much better.



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).

Mar/Apr Calendar of Events

Activity	Date/Time	Meeting Forum
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
BEC	Apr 3rd, 9:30am	Elks
General Membership Luncheon	Apr 3rd, 11:00am	Elks (arrive early to mingle)
Bocce	Apr 4th, 10:00am	South City Park (one can hope)
9 Hole Golf	Apr 8th, 8:30am	Tucker Oaks
Lunch Bunch	Apr 16th, 11:30am	GoodTimes Pizza, Palo Cedro
18 Hole Golf	Apr 17th, 10:00am	Riverview
Bocce	Apr 18th, 10:00am	South City Park (one can hope)
9 Hole Golf	Apr 22nd, 9:00am	Gold Hills
18 Hole Golf	Apr 30th, 9:00am	Rolling Hills

Bocce by Dennis Compomizzo

Winter weather will get back to normal this weekend. The bocce courts won't be reopened until after the start of the City of Redding bocce leagues. I am guessing that the SIR's first bocce game will be sometime in May. As a reminder, 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 Redding Recreation.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.



Branch 129 Historical Tidbits Submitted by Cris Andrews

From March 1998 "SIR UPDATE"

In January's "SIR Newsletter," I discussed Branch 129's membership numbers and meeting locations since 1995. I came across an interesting article by Big Sir John Merrill in the March 1998 issue of "SIR UPDATE" (Branch 129's newsletter) about moving from the Elks Lodge to the Moose Lodge.

The Elks Lodge raised the rent and Big Sir Merrill, fearing Branch 129 couldn't afford the increase, formed a committee of Dick Gray, Jack Lang, and himself, to study the issue and make a recommendation to the BEC. The committee found only one other suitable and affordable site for Branch 129 (then 248 members): the Redding Moose Lodge. The committee met with each lodge, comparing facilities, food selection, and costs. The committee presented the information to the BEC and the vote was to move from the Elks Lodge to the Moose Lodge.

The same article talked about changing the lunch charge procedure: "...Starting with our April meeting, our first meeting at the Moose Lodge, we will follow the level playing field approach of everyone paying the same amount. This amount will be \$7.00 regardless of minor differences in lunch selection. It will cover the lunch, tip, tax, our SIR expenses and the agreed contribution to the Moose designated charitable cause. We will no longer need to pass the buckets and baskets."

Branch 129 stayed at the Moose Lodge until moving to Win-River in 2003 and then back to the Elks Lodge in 2006 to the present day. It is intriguing to observe that certain issues remain constant over time.

9 Hole Golf Report by Bob Goetz

Friday March 7th is the first round of the 2025 SIRs 9-Hole Golf season. We are playing at Allen's Golf Course with a 9:00 am start time.

The entire 2025 schedule can be viewed by going to the Redding SIRs website at <https://sirinc2.org/branch129/activities/9-hole-golf/>.

HOW TO SIGN UP TO PLAY

If you are on my 9-Hole Golf distribution list I send out an email invitation to play the 9-Hole events about 5 days before the playing date. If you are not on my distribution list, badge 41, please contact me to have your name added. You can contact me three ways, email sirs9holegolf@gmail.com, call or text me at (530-213-3850). When texting, please include your name in the text. I also have sign-up sheets at the SIRs monthly luncheon meetings.

As always you can invite a spouse, son, daughter, grandchild or friends to play with you.

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





18 Hole Golf Report By Lee Lamp

Our first outing of 2025 was Gold Hills. We had a very good turnout (18 players) and a nice day to play golf. Course was wet and cart path only but that just allows for more exercise...or better golf to leave the ball near the path. There were 7 skins awarded: D Dearman, M Robison, G Ephland, B Monaghan, S Fox, D Laam, S Renier.

1st Flight	2nd Flight	3rd Flight
Lee Lamp +6	Mark Robison +4	Bob Monaghan +4
Greg Pearson +7	Greg Ephland +8	Steve Fox +7
Darren Dearman +11	Jim Griggs +8	Don Streetman +9

The Next outing was Tierra Oaks. Another good turnout with 20 players. A cooler day but I'm pretty certain everyone enjoyed their round (although it was a little slow). Cart Path only in several places which certainly contributed to the pace of play. Tierra dropped the price by \$4 per paid players (members paid separately) and offered to put KP's out for us. 6 Skins awarded: J Crowley, E Measles, S Fox, P Casady, M Deay, R Watt
KP's #3 unidentified, #7 M Robison, #11 L Welch, #17 P Casady

1st Flight	2nd Flight	3rd Flight
Greg Pearson +4	Lynn Leistinger +1	Steve Fox +1
Lee Lamp +6	Mike Deay +6	Phil Perry +7
Tim Holmquist +7	Bob Monaghan +7	Greg Laam +8

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/>

March Madness 2025 by Phil Perry

March 16th will be selection Sunday. At that point you can fill out your brackets to pick who is going to win March Madness2025 or have the CBS computer do it for you. This is 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 that will be in the college basketball tournament? Can you predict the most wins or predict who will win the tournament? Do you love the first and second round upsets and Cinderella teams? If yes, this event is for you.

To join is easy to do using the CBS Sports App. However, 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 including the Redding Branch 129 sign in criteria and the scoring criteria that CBS will use this year.

Who is Eligible: All Members of Redding Sir Branch 129, their spouses, their partners or companions, and their adult children over 21. During the tournament you can check how you are doing in relation to others who entered in our Pool. Free to enter and the Sports App is free as well.

NASCAR/INDY CAR Report by Barrie Lee



The racing season for Nascar has officially begun. After watching speed weeks this year, and qualifying for the 500 by speed or positioning within the duals held last Thursday evening, we were treated to the fanfare of the opening ceremonies on Sunday. President Trump toured the racetrack in the "Beast" prior to the race. Then with everyone ready to watch the Great American Race, we ran 10 laps under the green flag before weather conditions forced a multiple hour delay. But by 3:40 SPT, the green flag was raised again. Team Penske seemed to have the cars to beat during the first two stages. But Joey Logano suffered engine issues due to a windshield "pull off" landing on his grill. The team replaced an electronic device located on the dashboard, believing that was the issue. It wasn't and he was forced to return to the pits for a fuel related problem. Both attempts at curing his problem were done so rapidly he only lost one lap to the leaders. He quickly regained that lap and climbed back to the 12th position during the final laps of the third stage. His teammates had been leading for most of the race and were going to be the likely winners of the 500. But as most of these super speedway races have shown, there is always the chance for the "BIG ONE". I don't have the last twenty laps recorded, but I will record the race today. As I recall, Ricky Stenhouse, driving the #47 machine created a major accident with very few laps remaining in the race. Both Austin Cindric and Ryan Blaney were removed from the lead and only were able to finish in the top ten. Joey Logano was wrecked at that time and wasn't able to finish, receiving a DNF. Ricky has always been known for his aggressive driving style, and he proved that point by causing this wreck. In the end, William Byron won the race for the second year in a row. The difference this year is that he wasn't the one that created the wreck that allowed him to win. Last year he did so. Our own Tyler Reddick from Corning, Ca. came in second for the 23/XI team. And Jimmy Johnson finished third. As the team owner of Legacy Motor Club, and part time driver, Jimmy continues to show his skills at driving a race car. I believe the next race will be next Sunday, in Atlanta.

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We're in Georgia at the Atlantic Motor Speedway. Team Penske has filled the front two rows with their three cars and the #21 Ford of the Woods Brothers organization. Since the Woods Brothers are basically a satellite team working within the Penske confines, let us just refer to them as a Penske group. Since I had company today I can't give you a blow by blow accounting of the race, which you probably are thankful for. However, it is apparent that Team Penske has it working for them this year. No, they didn't win the race but they led the most laps and surprisingly, Josh Berry driving the #21 Ford and Austin Cindric both have shown new abilities in staying at the front. Austin is in his 3rd or 4th year and Josh just stepped into the 21. He hasn't had a great deal of experience but he's got talent. But I digress. This was one great race! Even though the Penske cars did well, many other teams displayed the ability to take the lead and also showed major aggression in doing so. The #77 driver is young and still learning. He felt the pressure from several drivers after the race. Kyle Busch was extremely upset by him early on, and Ryan Blaney was not too happy when Hocesvar punted him off the

track in the last stage. And despite the respect I have for Kyle Larson, his actions toward the end of the race really pissed me off. Austin Cindric in the #2 Ford Mustang had led many laps today and he was closing in on the win when Larson drove him into the wall and spun him off the track. Really nice Kyle. Even the hated (by many) Kyle Busch led several laps for RCR in the #8 Chevy. Toyota didn't create much attention during the race, but guess what. Christopher Bell won the race in his Dewalt #20 Toyota. He only led a half a lap, but it was the one that counted. I want to inform you that next weekend's race for Nascar will be held at the Circuit of the Americas in Texas. Great venue and I encourage you to watch. Also, the IndyCar season starts in St. Petersburg, Fl. Several changes this year with drivers making moves, etc. Tune in to get a feel for the fastest form of auto racing in the world. Yes, Formula One fans, Indy is the fastest venue. See you next month.