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SIR 129

Newsletter



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Branch 129
Redding, CA

The Pres Sez'

Welcome to July, 2025. Great weather so far this summer and I hope you're taking advantage of it. Since we don't talk about religion or politics in Sir, it cuts down on a lot of topics we can talk about. I can only say that I'm feeling much better about our world right now. Now to explain why we go dark in July, it's mainly to allow our members to have some free time to spend with their families and travel on vacations. We won't meet again until August 7th and that gives us time to enjoy our families. I plan to visit the Gold Country (Sutter Creek and surroundings) during July and look forward to the trip. But don't be mistaken, several of our activities will be available for your enjoyment, so take advantage of those events. Our nine hole golf guru, Bob Goetz, has been plagued by medical issues and has been forced to step down as our Chairman of the nine hole players. We should have a replacement for the group soon and will inform the membership when it happens. In the meantime, please continue to follow Bob's planned events through the newsletter. We wish Bob a speedy recovery and want him back on the course. At the beginning of June, my laptop took a leave of absence without my permission. I found it was 12 years old and had passed away. So new was my option and I added StarLink to improve my place in the tech world. However, during this time frame, I've missed getting you all the news that is worth to print. For that I'm very sorry. But, Nascar has taken up with Prime for a five week stretch and plans on three more weekends with the TNT Network. Nascar is always thinking from the pocket book arena. Thank God we'll be back with Fox after that and Thank God they got rid of NBC. I will cover some of the IndyCar racing this summer in my normal column. Enjoy your summer and see you again in August.

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

Meeting/Speaker: 11:00 - 12:00

Lunch follows.

*Dec subject to change for Annual Christmas Lunch

Attendance is Important

Guest
Speaker:

**No Meeting
in July**

State Officers 2025

State President	Rich Carlston Br 8	Board Area Rep #3	Fred Serena Br 59
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Board Area Rep #2	Bruce Corwin Br 159	Parliamentary	Roy Hodgkinson Br 146

Lunch Bunch

by Duane Nelson



Lunch Bunch will be DARK in July. Next gathering is scheduled for Aug 20th. 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
Horseshoes	OPEN		

Guest Speaker by Morgan Akin

No meeting in July so no guest speaker...see you in August.

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.

Name	Sponsor	Name	Sponsor
Mitch Crowe	Jack McAuliffe	Steve Martinez	John McCue
Earl Poytress	Mike Smith	Brent Bryer	Greg Ephland
Greg Hartley	Guys from Grape Ranch		

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SIR Branch 129 Facebook page link.

<https://www.facebook.com/socialactivitiesformen/>

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<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/>



The next General Membership Luncheon is Aug 7th, 11am at the Elks. FYI - We are NOT meeting in July.



Treasurer Report by Rix Callaway

It's July. NO luncheon or meeting this month, but do get out and enjoy the July 4th festivities. There is also SIR'S Bocce, and golf this month. Remember it is VERY easy to get overheated and dehydrated in the Redding heat, so drink plenty of fluids---adult beverages, soda, and caffeinated drinks don't count. Save those for the after BS after party.

See you at the AUGUST meeting and remember to 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 July

Joe Beck	July 28th	Bob Reid	July 23th
Richard Chapman	July 1st	Don Schimpff	July 8th
Mitchell Crowe	July 21st	Robert Smick	July 23rd
Len Dolan	July 18th	Mike Stewart	July 30th
Charlie Gripp	July 2nd	Tom Ward	July 22nd
Roger Peters	July 14th		



Sunshine Report By Len Napoli

Happy 4th of July! July is often referred to as the heart of summer, a month filled with warmth, sunshine, and an abundance of joyful celebrations. A perfect way to celebrate is to watch a Colt 45 baseball game. The evenings are pretty nice to enjoy a game. Fishing in the North State is paramount to any place around. My son in law is showing off his Stripped Bass that he caught in the delta. BBQ's with family and friends is always a great way to lay back, have a few adult beverages. and re-energize. Get out of your easy chair and enjoy life!

A sad note, Larry Morgan's wife passed away last month. Our condolences to you and your family Larry.



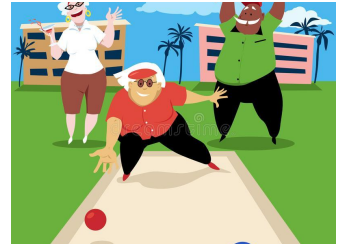
2026 Slate of Officers for Branch 129 BEC submitted by Cris Andrews

In August during the Monthly General Membership Meeting we will vote on the slate of officers for the 2026 calendar year. These officers will be sworn in during the Annual Christmas Luncheon in December.

President > Morgan Akin	Vice President > Dave Yorton
Secretary > Cris Andrews	Treasurer > Rix Callaway
Asst Secretary > Gerry Dodge	Asst Treasurer > Ken Timmerman
Directors > Sid Noble, Dennis Compomizzo, Don Arnold, Lee Lamp, Barrie Lee	

Bocce by Dennis Compomizzo

I hope everyone is enjoying the mild weather this week. The bocce courts have reopened after the start of the City of Redding bocce leagues. The schedule for the next two months is July 11th, July 25th and August 15th, August 29th. The games will have an early start at 9:00 AM to finish before the temperatures get to warm. Please add these dates to your calendar. The courts are located in South City Park next to the Shasta County Library with the entrance off of Grape Street. I will send out a Constant Contact announcement to all the SIR's membership, approximately five days prior to the bocce game. I hope to see a lot of SIR's with their family and friends come out and enjoy a wonderful social activity and a little team competition. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the next Sir's meeting and luncheon in August.



July/Aug Calendar of Events

Activity	Date/Time	Meeting Forum
9 Hole Golf	July 2nd, 9:00am	Churn Creek
BEC	DARK In July	
General Membership Luncheon	DARK In July	
18 Hole Golf	July 7th, 9:50am (1st Tee)	Lake Shastina (new date)
Colt 45's Game	July 10th, 6:30pm	Tiger Stadium
Bocce	July 11th, 9:00am	South City Park
Lunch Bunch	DARK In July	
Bocce	July 25th, 9:00am	South City Park
Colt 45's Game	July 26th, 6:30pm	Tiger Stadium
18 Hole Golf	Jul 31st, 10:00am	Riverview
Colt 45's Game	Aug 2nd, 6:30pm	Tiger Stadium (this is not yet confirmed)
9 Hole Golf	Aug 6th, 9:00am	Allen's
BEC	Aug 7th, 9:30am	Elks
General Membership Luncheon	Aug 7th, 11:00am	Elks
Bocce	Aug 15th, 9:00am	South City Park
18 Hole Golf	Aug 18th, 9:00am	Canyon Oaks
Lunch Bunch	Aug 20th, 11:30am	GoodTimes Pizza, Palo Cedro
9 Hole Golf	Aug 27th, 9:00am	Lake Redding
Bocce	Aug 29th, 9:00am	South City Park

Branch 129 Historical Tidbits Submitted by Cris Andrews

From August 1996 “SIR UPDATE”

I am a little late preparing “History Tid-Bits: SIR Branch 129” for July 2025 and I have to admit it slipped my mind (doesn’t have anything to do with my age) because we are dark in July. But then I got a gentle reminder from the “SIR Newsletter” editor/publisher Lee Lamp, which prompted me to find something, anything, quickly to fill this space, and so I looked at the July 2000 “SIR UPDATE” (the title of Branch 129’s newsletter then) for some interesting stuff from 25 years ago.

Ed Duggan, Big Sir, wrote about the June 2000 Picnic held at Anderson River Park hosted by the Sons of Italy (now the Sons & Daughters of Italy) where they served 133 SIRs and guests. Tom Van Alstine, chaired the event for Branch 129 and reported that “...the food (BBQ) and beer were excellent.” This is an event that I remember occurring annually when I joined in 2007 and that stopped probably with COVID! Time to bring this event back!!

Also, the “SIR UPDATE” for July 2000 reported 30 members with birthdays in July! And among them was **Robert Reid**, a current member! He was also mentioned as coming in second in Flight One, with a net 67, at a SIR’s Golf tournament with 71 players at Gold Hills held June 13, 2000. Another current member, **Phil Nystrom**, shot a net 70, to take second place in Flight Three at this same tournament. Twenty-five years later and these gentlemen are still going strong!!

9 Hole Golf Report by Bob Goetz

Our next 9-Hole event is Wednesday July 2nd at Churn Creek Golf Course. The price is \$12.00 and includes a cart (two people per cart).

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

Announcement:

I am stepping down from my position as Golf Chair due to health-related reasons that prevent me from playing golf.

It has been an honor to serve in this role and to contribute to the planning and coordination of our 9 Hole golf events. I am truly grateful for the support, camaraderie, and collaboration I’ve experienced during my time as chair.

I’d like to extend my sincere gratitude to Bob Watt for generously volunteering to assume the role of 9-hole golf chair for the remainder of 2025 and possibly beyond. His willingness to step in and support the group is truly appreciated. Thank you for your dedication and leadership!

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, please contact me to have your name added. You can contact Bob Watt three ways, email wattclan1954@gmail.com, call or text Bob at (530-227-4470). When texting, please include your name in the text. As always you can invite a spouse, son, daughter, grandchild or friends to play with you. In addition, if you would like to join with fellow SIRs members after the round for a beverage or food we would love to see you even if you are unable to play golf.

Hope to see you on the course.



18 Hole Golf Report By Lee Lamp

The first scheduled event for June was to be played at Wilcox Oaks on June 11. A few days prior to that event I received a call from the pro shop to advise they had to cancel our event due to a scheduling mix-up with their Mens Club. There was no available date to move the event to.

Our completed event in June was a trip north to Mount Shasta Resort. Cooler temps were welcome and all appeared to enjoy the day. 14 players made the trek for a 9am start. There were 6 skins awarded (B. Watt x2, G. Ephland, D. Streetman, G. Pepper, S. Fox).

1st Flight	2nd Flight
Greg Ephland +4	Don Streetman -1
Len Napoli +7	Phil Perry +3
Pat Casady +10	Len Dolan +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/>

NASCAR/INDY CAR Report by Barrie Lee



6/1/25

The Grand Prix Of Detroit took place today in the streets of Detroit, Mi. Colton Herta started from the pole position and drove a good race. So it was going to be a good day for Andretti Global. A lot of passing and action during the race but the #27 Dalara Honda won the race with Kirkwood driving. He was strong all day. Santino Ferruci finished second for AJ Foyt Racing and Colton Herta was third for Andretti Global. It's about time for Andretti to have some good fortune.

6/26/25

I'm not going to report on Nascar this month because Nascar has chosen to go with "Prime" for the past 5 races and I don't do Prime. Then for the next three weeks they'll be on TNT. I'll try and catch up. I've been watching the great racing in the Indy series and I'm totally astonished that only two cars have won this year. Kirkwood in the #27 Dalara for Andretti Global with I believe three wins and Alex Palou in the #10 Dalara with I again believe six wins are the two. Both are powered by Honda Engines and that is a shot at Chevrolet and

their teams. All of the Indy races have been on Fox and they're doing a great job compared to NBC. Nascar will return to Fox after the three races on TNT.

Now another reason I'm not keeping you up to date weekly is that my lap top computer finally reached it's last hurrah. It was twelve years old and died on me. So for the month of June, I'm just going to tell you that IndyCar is a major challenge this year and a lot of teams are having success over some of the bigger names like Team Penske. Those three drivers are having a horrible year. But that only makes Indy racing that much more fun to watch. I'm learning how to use my new lap top and hopefully I'll be back in action soon. IndyCar ran a race last weekend at Road America in Elkhart Lake Ws. Its approximately 4.048 miles in length and its a beautiful venue. Of course Alex Palou won the race. Both of AJ Foyt's drivers are doing very well this year. The #4 Dalara driven by David Malukas is running well while his teammate is also finishing at the top. That is car #14 with Santino Ferruci at the wheel. I believe he finished on the podium again last weekend. There are rumors that Will Power is at the end of his contract with Team Penske and Malukas might replace him at Team Penske. Since AJ Foyt is working with Team Penske the past couple of years, sharing their knowledge, could it be possible that Power goes to AJ Foyt next year and Malukas moves to Team Penske. We'll see. Thanks to all of you that read this column and know that you can ask me anything about racing and I'll do my best to provide the right answers.

Each month the State President is sending out a short newsletter to all members with an email address on file. I'm including on the ensuing pages for those that may have missed this. On the next 3 pages enjoy the May edition of "The Rooster Crows"!



The Rooster Crows!

The Scoop from the Coop

June 2025

Board of Directors

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Dir. Activities
Fred Serena B59
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Jerry Morrow B172
AR
Bruce Corwin B159
AR
Derek Southern B8
State Advisor
Roy Hodgkinson B146
Parliamentarian



Take another look at the SIR Pro Shop and see all of the wonderful products that are available. Everything is there: shirts, pants, hats, signage, marketing materials, business cards, awards, stationary and much more. Check it out!

The PRO SHOP

CHECK IT OUT!



TIME FOR FUN IN THE SUN!!

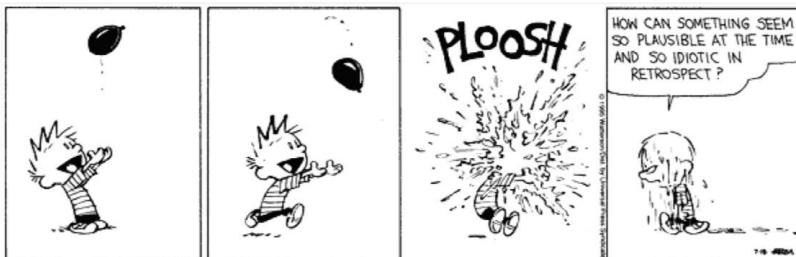
TIME FOR SIR!!

June has always been one of my favorite months. Summer is here. Time for going outside and having fun in the sun. The joy from being outside with nature and our friends is one of the true joys of life in California! And that is exactly what our branches provide. Let's enjoy summer and live our SIR lifestyle to its fullest.

And don't forget to invite others to our activities. Once they get a taste of our activities and our lifestyle, they will want to join. More members make for stronger activities, more energy in the branch and more hands to help. In fact, the new members you admit this summer will likely be your branch leaders of tomorrow.

What a dynamic "win / win / win" situation. New members gain activities and friendships through their new SIR lifestyle, living longer fuller lives. On the other hand, branch members gain greater participation in activities, more friends and more to help. As a result, the branch becomes stronger, securing our lifestyle for the future. So have fun this summer and share that fun with others by inviting them.

Also this summer, plan to visit a branch as you travel. Just find the Big Sir of the branch on our website and contact him to make the necessary arrangements. You will love the friendships you develop when you visit a new branch. And they will love getting to know you. If you need help with arrangements, let me know.



From State SIR:

Time To Change The Passwords for the State SIR websites. Yes, we have a new password for sirinc.org and for the member only tab.

Under the guidance of our CIO, both have changed for security purposes.

While the new passwords are now effective, the old ones will continue to work until the end of June.

Please get a copy of the new passwords from your Area Representative, Big Sir or simply contact me and I'll make sure you get them.



The feelings from SIR Friendships





As issues arise within the branches, we necessarily review our policies and make adjustments. Some of these policy changes are required by law such as our new policy pertaining to conflict of interest disclosures. Others address officer responsibilities such as our new policy relative to branch directors. But it is the change in Policy 20, which directly impacts branch activities, that I want to ensure you know about.

The need to reconsider Policy 20 was brought to our attention by several branches. Concerns were expressed about the 3 time/5 time limit on guest attendance at our activities. Do they apply to family members? What about a long time nonmember participant who is central to the activity? What about a woman guest who can't join? How does it apply to joint activities with non-SIR groups?

These inquiries from multiple branches required careful consideration. We listened to the concerns expressed by them, their needs and their suggestions. We evaluated their suggestions in the light of the diversity of our communities and changing society. Our evaluation led to important changes to the now amended policy that will guide us into the future. These changes are set forth below in red.

Policy 20. MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA – Membership shall be open to any man regardless of age, race, color, or religion who will participate in SIR activities, events, luncheon meetings, and is also willing to volunteer and bring guests for the purpose of perpetuating the organization. Except as set forth below, a guest may attend a Branch's activities, luncheons or events a total of three times. **For purposes of this policy, a member's relative as defined in Policy 19, is not a "guest" and can participate without limitation. The Big Sir may, in his discretion, either directly or through his activity chair, allow non-members to participate in SIR activities, events and luncheon meetings without the requirement that they become a member of SIR. Finally, branch members can participate in joint activities with other groups provided (i) the activity has been approved by the BEC prior to participation and (ii) it is suggested that the member wear some article of clothing identifying their membership in SIR.** [key changes in red]

We have:

1. Clarified that family members are not guests.
2. Given the Big Sir the discretion to allow nonmembers to participate in SIR activities of the branch.
3. Authorized joint activities with other groups.



What is the difference between a raffle and a door prize?

Raffle: A raffle is a type of lottery in which people pay for a chance to win prizes, typically by purchasing a ticket or making a donation. If any form of payment (including a required donation or purchase) is necessary to enter, the event is considered a raffle and is subject to strict California regulations, including registration and the requirement that at least 90% of proceeds benefit charitable purposes. [See SIR Manual, Policy 30.](#)

Door Prize: A "door prize" is not a raffle if no payment is required to participate. If tickets are distributed freely to all attendees, and everyone has an equal chance to win the event is not classified as a raffle under California law.



LOOSE PARTS: By Dave Blazek

