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SIR 129

Newsletter



Three Shastas
Branch 129
Redding, CA

The Pres Sez'

Who would have thought the year would fly by so quickly. I want to thank you all for allowing me to be your President during 2025. I dealt with a lot of issues this year that didn't make my time easy. I want to thank all of you that supported me, especially those that served on the BEC, and key people that fill highly needed positions within the branch. I won't name them now, but you know I'm talking to you. My biggest achievement in my mind was to provide the first ever Membership Directory with pictures of our members. I did it primarily because I'm not gifted enough to remember all of you by name. I do know and respect so many of you. Whether playing bocce, golf or just attending our meetings, you all mean the world to me. I've never been given the chance to know so many great guys that I think I can call friends. That's what Sirs is all about. You don't understand the value of Sirs until you serve your fellow members. That's the gift of stepping up! You all are capable of filling leadership roles and I truly encourage each of you to make that step at some point. You will never regret that decision and you will be proud of your efforts. I don't know who will host the luncheon yet this month, but you can be assured it's either Lee or me. I'll take the Christmas Luncheon and look forward to seeing the 2026 slate of leaders being sworn in by our past president, Eric Measles. If you haven't met Eric, I challenge you to do so. He's full of patriotism and is heavily involved in the American Legion. I just had lunch with Lee, Cris Andrews and Morgan Akin this past week discussing the transition of leadership in 2026. *Cont' next page*

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:

**Sheriff Mike
Johnson,
Shasta County**

Cont' from page 1 Just to let you know, Morgan was a DI in the Marines, and also a Drill Sergeant in the Army. I too served as a senior Drill Sergeant in the Army during my six years of service. I also learned that Morgan taught classes at Shasta College over the years and is a gifted leader. I'm not worried about next year, and we told Morgan that the three of us would be in the ready if he had any questions or support requests. I really wanted to do so much more for all of you this year, but I just ran out of time. Please forgive me! Really care about ALL of you.

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Board Area Rep #2	Bruce Corwin Br 159	Parliamentary	Roy Hodgkinson Br 146

Lunch Bunch by Duane Nelson



The next event is scheduled for Nov 19th. 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). Of course you can add to your phones calendar with an alert and that would help 😊

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 Watt	530-227-4470	wattclan1954@gmail.com
Lunch Bunch	Duane Nelson	530-547-5157	bandan@msn.com
Bocce Ball	Dennis Compomizzo	530-356-9966	dennysz71@yahoo.com
Horseshoes	OPEN		

**The next General Membership Luncheon is
November 6th, 11am at the Elks.**

Guest Speaker by Morgan Akin

This month's Guest Speaker is Shasta County Sheriff, Mike Johnson. Sheriff Johnson is the 23rd to fill this position and was appointed as Shasta County Sheriff in July 2021 and won re-election in 2022. Since 1996 he has served a number of communities as a Law Enforcement Officer.

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.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>
Mitch Crowe	Jack McAuliffe	Steve Martinez	John McCue
Earl Poytress	Mike Smith	Brent Bryer	Greg Ephland
Greg Hartley	Guys from Grape Ranch	Charles Ross	Member of Elks
John Rowell	A members discussion	Michael Lamonica	
Randy Corbin	John Cardoza (Br 143)		

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Birthdays in October

Pat Casady	Nov 15th	Lee Lamp	Nov 12th
Dennis Compomizzo	Nov 17th	Rich Mortensen	Nov 6th
Darren Dearman	Nov 8th	David Mosunich	Nov 4th
Dick Fyten	Nov 13th	Don Paulsen	Nov 18th
Jim Griggs	Nov 15th	Steve Renier	Nov 24th





Treasurer Report by Rix Callaway

GET YOUR TICKETS. The Christmas Party is December 17. This is the LAST Meeting to purchase your turkey dinner with all the trimmings for \$25 per person. Save the \$1 stamp and come to the meeting. Otherwise, you will have to mail me a check to 8921 Olney Park Drive, Redding, CA 96001 by December 10th to attend.



Remember to please CHECK IN even if you are not paying for lunch so we have an accurate count. The bills are paid and the account is balanced

Sunshine Report By Len Napoli

Received news that Joe Beck is recovering from a fall and is in rehab. Not sure of his condition but if you wish to see him, he's at the facility on Quartz Hill road.

A reminder that Veteran's Day is Nov. 11 and a time to thank all of you who served our country. God bless America!

Get ready for Thanksgiving as it's that time to loosen our belts for that big dinner. It's also an opportunity to slow down, reflect on our blessings, and share our gratitude with others. A special thanks for all the friendship that's shared within SIR.



Bocce by Dennis Compomizzo

We have had a fantastic turnout for our games in October, filling two full courts. It is so nice to see SIR's and their families enjoying our time together. The courts are really nice and the ball is rolling true and fast. Our games in October proved the resurfacing was a great success. The courts will be closed for the winter months due to the rains and soft court conditions, as directed by the Sons and Daughters of Italy. In addition, once the City of Redding starts the South City Park renovation, all access to the park will be denied until the project is completed. The renovation project may be long lived, time will tell. Once access is granted by the City of Redding, the SIR's bocce games will be back on the calendar. I'll send out a Constant Contact announcement to all the SIR's membership, approximately five days prior to the bocce games. 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 November.



Nov/Dec Calendar of Events

Activity	Date/Time	Meeting Forum
BEC	Nov 6th, 9:30am	Elks
General Membership Luncheon	Nov 6th, 11:00am	Elks
18 Hole Golf	Nov 12th, 9:00am	Tierra Oaks
Lunch Bunch	Nov 19th, 11:30	GoodTimes Pizza, Palo Cedro
18 Hole Golf	Dec 1st, 10am	Gold Hills
Christmas Luncheon	Dec 17th 11am	Sons and Daughters of Italy Hall

Branch 129 Historical Tidbits Submitted by Cris Andrews

From October & November 2001 "SIR UPDATE"

I decided to review the October and November 2001 editions of "Sir Update" to see if there was mention of the 9/11/2001 horrific attack on the Twin Towers! Sure enough, the speaker for November 2001 was then Shasta County Administrative Officer, Doug Latimer. His topic was "Could Terrorists Strike in Our County." Latimer was asked "...does our County have a Disaster Response and Management Plan in place?" With Shasta Dam in Shasta County CAO Latimer reported that indeed the county had such a plan.

As I was reading through this I stumbled on a "Big Sir Says" written by John Aubuchon where he talked about the 50+ men on the waiting-list to join Branch 129! The Branch had a self-imposed membership cap of 200 members. The difficulty for Branch 129 was finding adequate places to hold the monthly luncheons. I knew that the Branch had met originally at the ElksLodge, then moved to the Moose Lodge, then to Win-River, and then back to the Elks Lodge. But I did not know that the Branch moved from the Moose Lodge to the Masonic Lodge in September of 2001. The Branch had a 3-month commitment to use the Masonic Lodge, but apparently the caterer and the facility did not work for Branch 129 and after 3 months the Branch moved back to the Moose Lodge. During this period, Branch 129 considered establishing a second SIR Branch in the Redding area due to the significant number of men who had remained on the waiting list for over six months.

The second branch idea was dropped when Branch 129 moved to Win-River in July of 2002. This move allowed the membership cap to go up to 225 members because the facility at Win-River could accommodate a large group.

Don't forget to look for a badge number and if it's yours you get a free lunch at the next General Membership Luncheon.



Racing Report by Barrie Lee

(formally NASCAR/INDY)

I first want to cover the Nascar Cup Series for 2025. We're approaching the last race of the year, with the last race of the group of eight remaining contenders being held this coming Sunday at Martinsville Speedway. Without looking up the details, I believe we have three cars each from JGR Racing. Denny Hamlin (11) Chase Briscoe (19) and Christopher Bell (20). They're all in Toyotas. Then Hendricks Motor Sports had three remaining with Kyle Larson (5), William Byron (24) and Chase Elliot (9), all in Chevrolets. That leaves two of three Team Penske drivers who are Ryan Blaney (12), and Joey Logano (22). They represent the Ford Motor Company in Mustangs. I know Team Penske has both cars below the cut line, along with Chase Elliot. I don't remember the fourth car below the cut line but I believe all three Toyotas are above the cut line. Anyway, Toyota might be the big winner this year. Sad for me but true. I believe the last race this year will be back in Avondale, Az. I again believe we have two weeks left in the season. With that said, I thought I'd tell you how I've become so involved in auto racing. In my early twenties, I bought a used 1962 Corvette from a friend of mine. It only had 20,000 miles on the odometer and was babied by its owner. It was a 340 HP engine with the four barrel carb and a four speed transmission. They made a 360 HP engine that year with fuel injection but I didn't find one available and this car was too nice to pass up. I ended up taking it to the Fremont Drag Strip and raced against a slew of Sting Rays and several Shelby Cobras. The Cobras were fantastic and they all ran well. Some had the 289 engines but some also had the big 429s. As luck would have it, I beat all the Corvettes easily. I also got lucky and beat all the Cobras but one. It was a 429 and had been winning in class (ASP, A Sport Production) for four months straight. He beat me off the line by almost a car length. But I caught him at the end of the quarter mile but lost by a bumper. My last race against a Shelby Cobra scored me doing a 112 MPH speed in 12.86 seconds. That's moving for a stock Corvette back then. It was a good day. Then, a few years later, I met a friend (John Hilton) who was teaching tennis at a country club in Oakland. I met him when I was in my teens at a tennis ranch near Monterey. He'd grown up down there and taught at a tennis facility in Carmel Valley. He'd gone to Vietnam and flew second seat in a F-4 Fantom. On returning he joined his dad who owned the Chevy dealership in Monterey and raced in the SCCA Pro Trans Am Series with Ronny Bucknam as their driver. They happened to race against Roger Penske and his driver, Mark Donohue. Well they competed against each other during that time frame and did fairly well. I'm talking about 1967 & 1968. If you remember the movie Ford vs Ferrari, Ford spent those years trying to win Le Mans with their F40s. But Ford also ran several years in the SCCA Trans Am Pro series with factory cars and drivers like Parnelli Jones, Dan Gurney, Mario Andretti and others. That series was a very hot and competitive program during the sixties. Mark came to talk to my friend John at the end of 1967 and asked if John wanted to run together the following year with two cars? Mark would drive the #6 Chevy Camaro and Ronny would drive the #16 Camaro under the team name "Penske Hilton Racing". It's a true story and they won the series in 1968 against the Ford Factory Teams. Anyway, when I took lessons from John, I happened to see a huge picture of Mark Donohue hanging on his office wall. I gave him a bad time about having such a great picture. It was then that he told me the story of his past time working with Team Penske for several years after his father quit racing. He was asked by Roger and Mark to be their team manager. I started my stint working part time in October 1973 on the famous Porsche 917/30K. Mark set the world record the following year with that car at Talladega, Al. His two way speed of 238 MPH held up for nearly 17 years. I spent the next three years working part time for Roger fueling for the Nascar Cup Series, the Indy Car Series, and the IROC Series. I worked with drivers like Bobby Allison, Mark, Gary Bettenhausen, Mario Andretti, Tom Sneva, and many others. It's been a fantastic experience for

me and one of so many lucky stories during my time here on earth. I'm very blessed to have had a great life. I will continue my column each month moving forward and would like to hear from you with any questions you might have. Thanks Gentlemen!

9 Hole Golf Report by Bob Watt

Our final 9 Hole event was at Grape Ranch on Oct 9th. We had a great turnout to close out the year. Just because we don't schedule this event in the late fall and winter months does not mean we cannot get together impromptu and enjoy one another's company. The directory has everyone's phone numbers and email. If the weather is pleasant, call a fellow Sir and arrange a game at your favorite course. The 2026 schedule will be worked on and coordinated with the 18 hole events prior to posting on the SIRS website at Badge 183 <https://sirinc2.org/branch129/activities/9-hole-golf/>.



Update on Lake Redding...in case you've not heard, this course is closing down and will remain closed until the McConnell Foundation can come up with a plan on how to utilize this space.

18 Hole Golf Report By Lee Lamp



Our first event of October was Gold Hills however was cancelled due to the weather. Much of the city got a significant amount of rain that day. Our next event is Tierra Oaks on November 12th.

Our second event was Riverview and the weather was good. What a difference a couple weeks make. But this is golf in the fall and winter in Redding. There were 10 skins awarded (B. Monaghan x2, D Compomizzo, J Griggs, S Renier, J McCue, L Napoli, C Cotten, S Fox, D Streetman

1st Flight	2nd Flight	3rd Flight
Jim Griggs -2	Len Napoli -2	John McCue -1
Tim Holmquist +1	David Laam E	Bob Monaghan E
Dennis Compomizzo +3	Steve Renier +2	Phill Perry +1

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/>

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 2 pages enjoy the August edition of "The Rooster Crows"



The Rooster Crows!

The Scoop from the Coop

October 2025

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HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!!



As the weather changes, we see the beauty of fall, enjoy the tastes and smells of fall cooking and approach one of my favorite holidays - Halloween. Whether you go to a party, accompany a grandchild trick or treating, or simply enjoy the costumes of the trick or treaters, it is full of fun and sometimes a little spooky. Then after the fun of Halloween this year, the next night is the Day of the Dead celebration with pageantry and a focus on family lines past and present. Día de Muertos is Mexico's annual homecoming for loved ones who've passed and it is filled with fragrances, color and remembrance. It truly is a special time of the year. Enjoy it!

Looking Back - Golf In Review



2025 has been a successful year for the State Golf Program starting with the Annual Napa tournament in April and ending with our first ever "Monterey Week" in November. We have instituted a new program for Annual Championships, both for Individuals and for Teams. These are based on the best net rounds in State events over the entire year. We have also added an "over 80" flight in every tournament to attract more of our "senior" golfers.

For 2026, we are scheduled to have 3 2-day tournaments in the central area of Napa-Fairfield-Vallejo, starting with the Napa tournament (April 22-23), Fairfield--Rancho Solano and Paradise Valley (May 20-21) and Blue Rock Springs on June 24-25. These will be followed by the Annual Team Scramble in August and the Individual tournament in October. We are also working on a Sacramento Area event in September and plan to have the Monterey Week (Nov 2-5).



Why did the skeleton run away
while trick-or-treating?
Because a dog was after his bones.

Why did the mummy never take a
vacation day?
He didn't know how to unwind.



Finding a spider on Halloween night
is considered good luck.

The first Jack O'Lanterns were
actually made from turnips.

The fear of Halloween is called
Samhainophobia.

At the September Board Meeting

In addition to routine approvals of minutes and financial statements, the Board considered the following this month:

1. The suggestions received from the BAC for improving the 2026 Annual Meeting were discussed. One of the suggestions was to change the meeting to a Saturday (to facilitate travel) with an optional dinner and program Friday night. This suggestion would provide more social time, enable the speakers to coordinate and ensure the electronics work smoothly, as well as provide more time and flexibility for the actual meetings. Gary Kohler (Br. 34) has extensive experience in handling this type of meeting and has offered to assist next year.
2. The Board voted to amend the Transition Agreement with Branch 92 (our successful coed branch) to allow the Branch to attend the Annual Meeting. All branches need to participate in the Annual Meeting.
3. The Board voted to amend Policy 11 to include in the definition of "relative" a "significant other." The need for this change was noted at the Annual Meeting.
4. At the State level, the responsibility for branch marketing was assigned to the Director of Branch Support. The responsibility developing and implementing a successful Internet marketing program was assigned to the Director of Marketing. Both officers will work closely together in coordinating all marketing initiatives.
5. While advise was previously given to branches that they could use the terms President and Vice President in lieu of Big Sir and Little Sir, we had no formal policy. The Board adopted the policy but with the requirement that branches use the terms "Branch President" and "Branch Vice President" to avoid confusion with State officers.
6. Derek Southern has been doing some terrific work with AI. Recently he has been exploring how it can assist with SIR marketing efforts. He gave a well received presentation on the possibilities. More to come on this later.
7. Ramesh Thadani suggested that we post agendas and documents on the State website and distribute the website link in lieu of copies of agendas and documents. We will be experimenting with that approach.
8. I advised the Board that the Amendment to the Bylaws (removing geographic limitations in California) is completed. The Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation (removing "retired") has been sent to the Secretary of State.
9. We discussed developing a procedure for collecting and distributing material on best practices along with members who can be consulted for advice.
10. Finally, I advised the Board that I will be appointing a Committee to draft our 2- to 3-year goals. While members of the Board will be on the committee, it is weighted in favor of branch representatives. We have suggestions from the BAC and the Board and would appreciate any you may have. The first meeting of the committee will be in early November with the target of sending a draft to both the BAC and the Board for review by the end of the first quarter. It can then be finalized in the second quarter and distributed for consideration by all branches and addressed at the 2026 Annual Meeting.



**Big/Little SIR Annual
Training Session 1**
Friday Oct 24 9:00-11:30am

- SIR Past/ Present/ Future State-Rich Carlston
- Key Elements of a Successful Branch - Andy Danver
- Branch MKT Initiative for 2026 - Fred Serena
- Big/Little SIR Responsibilities/Leader Guide-Fred Serena
- Recruiting Volunteers-Fred Serena
- State Activities- Michael Lee
- Q and A



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We have **fun**. We make **friends**.
We are **active**. We are happy. We
help each other. We **live** longer.

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