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SIR 129

Newsletter



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Branch 129
Redding, CA

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We are in February already and the weather has been beautiful in the north State. During these times we need to go outside and enjoy it. I hope everyone is looking forward to coming together on February 5th for our monthly SIR meeting. There have been a number of things being worked on by the BEC and our dedicated volunteers. Barrie Lee, Lee Lamp, and Cris Andrews have been working diligently to get our 2026 Branch Directories completed for distribution at the February 5th meeting. It looks like they will be available to you at the meeting. Director Dennis Compomizzo, Director Steve Irey, Treasurer Rix Calaway, Sid Nobles, and Director Lee Lamp got together and completed the 2025 Audit of the Branch finances. Vice President David Yorton has selected the speaker for our meeting. I can attest to the effort needed in looking for a suitable speaker.

We need to thank all of our volunteers who give so much to our monthly meetings and organize the activities many of us enjoy during the year. It takes many different people working to make the SIR Branch 129 organization a success. The basic purpose of this effort is to provide a fun and welcoming place for our members to get together. It also provides activities for the members to participate in and enjoy the recreational benefits of our planned activities.

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

Meeting/Speaker: 11:00 - 12:00

Lunch follows.

Attendance is Important

Guest
Speaker:

**Anand "Lucky"
Jesrani, Deputy
District Attorney
for Shasta
County**

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Lunch Bunch by Duane Nelson



The next Lunch Bunch is scheduled for Feb 18th. You can enjoy the Buffet or order off the menu 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		

2026 Directories are expected to be available at the Feb meeting at the Elks. Each member will also get 3 of our information cards (business card size) to hand out to potential members. We are asking all to use these badge #97 to promote the branch and grow the branch.

The next General Membership meeting is Feb 5th, 11am at the Elks. Arrive early for social time.

Guest Speaker submitted by David Yorton

Our guest speaker for the February meeting will be Anand “Lucky” Jesrani, Deputy District Attorney for Shasta County. Lucky is the head of the Consumer Fraud Protection division in the county. He has practiced law in California since passing his bar exam in 2005.

Welcoming New Members 2026 Phil Perry, Membership Chair

We started this newsletter in 2024 and will continue a new tradition of announcing new members as they are inducted. Welcome the new members referenced below.

The following individuals all joined our Branch during the 2026 calendar year. Join me in welcoming them. It will be a running total through the year.

Name	Sponsor	Name	Sponsor
Stephen “Moose” Smith	Phillip Rubalcava	William “Bill” Collins	Lynn Leistingner

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Birthdays in January

Don Arnold	Feb 26th	Gene Pepper	Feb 24th
David Durfee	Feb 28th	John Rowell	Feb 4th
Jim McMahon	Feb 14th	Tom Vande Venter	Feb 2nd
Gary Nance	Feb 20th	Larry Welch	Feb 4th



Treasurer Report by Rix Callaway

Now we are in the second month of the new year. I hope I am done writing “2025” on checks. I rarely use checks anymore (except for the SIR account) so it's easy to do. Speaking of checks, it's time to pay your annual dues. Even with increased expenses, we have been able to keep the dues at \$50.00. You can pay at the monthly luncheon or mail a check to me at 8921 Olney Park Drive, Redding, CA 96001. Please make checks out to SIR. The annual audit of the Accounts by the BEC Audit Committee occurred on January 22, 2026 and the account is balanced

BTW - somewhere in this newsletter is a badge number. If the person assigned that number finds the number and lets the treasurer know when checking in for the January Luncheon they get a free lunch!

Jan/Feb Calendar of Events

Activity	Date/Time	Meeting Forum
BEC	Feb 5th, 9:30 am	Elks
General Membership Luncheon	Feb 5th, 11:00am	Elks
18 Hole Golf	Feb 9th, 10:00am	Gold Hills
Lunch Bunch	Feb 18th, 11:30	GoodTimes Pizza, Palo Cedro
9 Hole Golf	Feb 19th, TBD	Allen's
18 Hole Golf	Feb 25th, 9:30am	Tierra Oaks
9 Hole Golf	Mar 2nd, TBD	Club Tucker
BEC	Mar 5th, 9:30 am	Elks
General Membership Luncheon	Mar 5th, 11:00am	Elks
18 Hole Golf	Mar 9th, 10:00am	Gold Hills
Lunch Bunch	Mar 18th, 11:30	GoodTimes Pizza, Palo Cedro
9 Hole Golf	Mar 19th, TBD	Churn Creek
18 Hole Golf	Mar 25th, 9:30am	Bidwell

Branch 129 Historical Tidbits Submitted by Cris Andrews

From the January 2004 "SIR UPDATE"

This month I thought I would write about members who are second generation Branch 129 SIR members. I know of two, Dennis Compomizzo and Tim Holmquist. If there are more, please let me know.

Tim Holmquist's, a relatively new member of Branch 129, father was Harvey Holmquist who joined Branch 129 in the late 1980's and served as Big Sir in 1990 and 1991. Harvey retired from Shasta County as the Chief Building Inspector. My father, Robert Andrews, was also a Building Inspector for Shasta County and he and my mother were close friends with Harvey and Dorothy Holmquist. I finally met Tim at the January 2026 luncheon, and he confirmed that his dad was a former Big Sir. Harvey was a member until sometime in 2007. Interestingly (at least to me) I joined SIR in late 2007 and had to wait until there was an opening. It may be that I took Harvey Holmquist's place.

Dennis Compomizzo's, a member of Branch 129 and a Director on the BEC and the Bocce Chairman, father was Orlan Compomizzo better known as "Compy", was a member from 2002 to 2008 or 2009. In the January 2004 "SIR UPDATE", under the "Sunshine Report", there was an article about "Compy" Compomizzo. The article said "...*Compy had a 5-way bypass a few years back, and as is usually necessary after five to ten years, returned to Mercy Hospital, after our last SIR meeting for a renewal, a 4-way. Because of some heart fibrillation, the doctors gave some treatment to restore a normal heartbeat.*" Dennis told me he didn't know that his father had been a member. His father passed away in October of 2016.

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



18 Hole Golf Report By Lee Lamp

We did not have any 18 hole golf scheduled during the month of Jan (as is the norm). It's really a shame I could not accurately predict the weather as there were many great opportunities to play.

Below is the 2026 Schedule as of today.

	Date	Location	Confirmed	Price	
Mon	2/9/26	Gold Hills	x	\$55 + optional skins (\$5)	10:00 AM
Wed	2/25/26	Tierra Oaks	x	\$60 + optional skins (\$5)	9:30 AM
Mon	3/9/26	Gold Hills	x	\$55 + optional skins (\$5)	10:00 AM
Wed	3/25/26	Bidwell	x	\$57 + optional skins (\$5)	9:30 AM
Thur	4/9/26	Riverview	x	\$50 + optional skins (\$5)	10:30 AM
Mon	4/20/26	Gold Hills	x	\$55 + optional skins (\$5)	9:00 AM
Mon	5/4/26	Rolling Hills	x	\$55 + optional skins (\$5)	9:00 AM
Thur	5/21/26	Riverview	x	\$65 + optional skins (\$5)	10:30 AM
Tue	6/2/26	Lake Shastina*	x	\$57 + optional skins (\$5)	9:00 AM
Mon	6/22/26	Fall River*	x	\$48 + optional skins (\$5)	9:00 AM
Mon	7/6/26	Canyon Oaks	x	\$73 + optional skins (\$5)	9:00 AM
Wed	7/15/26	Mount Shasta	x	\$50 + optional skins (\$5)	9:00 AM
Tue	7/28/26	Lake Shastina*	x	\$57 + optional skins (\$5)	9:00 AM
Mon	8/17/26	Fall River*	x	\$48 + optional skins (\$5)	9:00 AM
Fri	8/28/26	Rolling Hills	x	\$55 + optional skins (\$5)	9:00 AM
Wed	9/9/26	Mount Shasta	x	\$50 + optional skins (\$5)	9:00 AM
Mon	9/21/26	Gold Hills	x	\$55 + optional skins (\$5)	9:00 AM
Mon	10/5/26	Wilcox Oaks**			
Thur	10/15/26	Riverview	x	\$65 + optional skins (\$5)	10:30 AM
Mon	10/26/26	Gold Hills	x	\$55 + optional skins (\$5)	10:00 AM
Mon	11/9/26	Tierra Oaks	x	\$60 + optional skins (\$5)	10:00 AM
Mon	11/30/26	Gold Hills	x	\$55 + optional skins (\$5)	10:00 AM

*confirmed date, pricing TBD

**Tierra Oaks confirmed if Wilcox does not respond or allow us to play.

Sunshine Report By Len Napoli

'Tis the month of Valentine's Day, the 14th. Try to get a little more creative this year as a card just won't do it without a little something extra. I know you can do it!

Ash Wednesday is the 18th and the start of Lent. For those of you who observe those special days that take you to Easter.

Don't forget to peruse the book table at the meeting as there are some new additions.

With the cool evenings, it's a perfect time to get into a good read.



Bocce by Dennis Compomizzo

The courts will be closed for the winter months due to the rains and soft court conditions. On a positive note, the City of Redding Bocce League will be starting this spring. The sign-ups for the spring league are on the Redding Recreation website at <https://www.cityofredding.com>. The SIR's bocce games will be back on the calendar once we get the go ahead. 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 upcoming meeting on February 5th.



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/>

9 Hole Golf Report By Bob Watt

There were no events in January but we kick things off in February this year!

Dates of Play

Location Addresses

February 19 --- Allen's	Allen's Golf: 2780 Sacramento Dr Redding 96001 530-241-5055
March 2 --- Club Tucker	Club Tucker: 6241 Churn Creek Rd Redding 96002 530-365-3350
March 19 --- Churn Creek	Churn Creek: 7335 Churn Creek Rd Redding 96002 530-222-6353
April 6 --- Grape Ranch	Grape Ranch: 22499 Golftime Dr. Palo Cedro 96073 530-547-3012
April 23 --- Glenn Golf	Glenn Golf: 6226 County Road 39 Willows 95988 530-934-9918
May 7 --- Trinity Alps	Trinity Alps Golf: 130 Golf Course Dr Weaverville 530-423-4097
May 18 --- Club Tucker	Weed Golf: 27730 Old Edgewood Rd Weed 96094 530-938-9971
June 8 --- Allen's	McCloud Golf: 1001 Squaw Valley Rd McCloud 530-964-2535
June 25 --- Weed Golf	Lake Almanor: 117 Lake Almanor West Chester 96020 530-259-4646
July 2 --- Grape Ranch	
July 20 --- McCloud Golf	
August 10 --- Lake Almanor West	
August 31 --- Trinity Alps	
September 3 --- Churn Creek	
September 24 --- Weed Golf	
October 1 --- Glenn Golf	
October 19 --- Allen's	
November 2 --- Club Tucker	
November 19 --- Grape Ranch	

All Tee times will be set the week before the Playdate. [should be 9:00am to 10:00am] depending on the number of players and weather conditions. Fees for playing will also be set just prior to play. If carts are required, players should contact the course in advance to reserve.

Any questions or concerns contact Bob Watt 530-227-4470 wattclan1954@gmail.com

The Racing Report by Barrie Lee

As I've stated recently, my focus in this column is to inform my readers of the interesting stories about racing and not to keep track of each race, both in Nascar and IndyCar racing. I haven't had the time in the past to explain both series and give the history of both venues. By explaining their histories and focussing on details about the sport, I hope to better inform you why auto racing has reached the current levels of interest by sport fans.

Nascar has been around since the late 1940's. After WWII there was an interest by many to form a stock car racing format. It started in the southern states where moonshiners built up their vehicles with larger horsepower and lighter cars to be able to outrun the law. Junior Johnson was a prime example of this process. He was a moonshiner by trade and a very fast driver. However, he was eventually caught and served time in prison. He eventually became a farmer after his release from custody. His new venture was named "Holly Farms". I'm not sure where the name came from, but my guess is Holly was and is a carburetor manufacturer. He raced his own cars in the early years of Nascar and later hired Cale Yarborough to drive his Chevies. The Bill France family formed Nascar in the early 1950's, I believe, and they created a sanctioning body that still works today. I'll expand on this information over time, but one of my goals this year is to shorten the length of the columns.

IndyCar is a different story altogether. This series started in 1911 in Indianapolis, Indiana. In the early 1900's automobiles were being built all over the country. Several companies were located in and around Indiana. The main problem companies had back then was finding a place to test drive their products. So four owners of these companies bought four eighty acre parcels that joined each other in western Indianapolis. They came up with an oval track design that fit within those 160 acres giving them the best use of the land. They proceeded to build the track with millions of bricks that were supplied by a quarry north of Indianapolis. The track length was set at 2 1/2 miles. The new track allowed the companies to test their designs and it worked well for all four. However, the track sat much of the time without being used. I'm fairly sure they leased the track to other manufacturers, but it was still under utilized. So, by 1910 the four owners decided to form a yearly racing event to better use the facility. They built grandstands and other features that would let the crowds enjoy their experience at the track. They ran roadsters back then and had a mechanic aboard to help these early machines make through 500 miles. Mechanics were used until 1915 when they only had drivers on board. Eddy Rickenbauer was a mechanic until 1915 when he started driving. They didn't race in 1917 or 1918 because of WWI.