



# SIR #142 NEWSLETTER



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**March 2024**

**If you must miss a meeting, phone Chris Manack, Attendance Chair, at 650 355-5742 or, email him at [chrismamack@gmail.com](mailto:chrismamack@gmail.com) by the Monday before the lunch date. We have to give the Poplar Creek Golf Club a head count for lunch. You must cancel or our branch gets charged for no shows. \$\$\$**



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BIG Sir 2019/23 , SIR Branch 142

Welcome to March, and a new enjoyable year with your Sirs brothers!!

About 70 guys have already paid their 2024 dues. So, join the club. Let's get to 100 members this year. Good food, good speakers, good activities, and wonderful friendships. Don't forget those super \$50 bills for card cutting. I joined the group 8 years ago, and I immediately established a circle of friends and activity buddies. Over those years I also made 2 or 3 really great golf shots!!

From a meeting of Big Sirs last Friday, I discovered that Branch 92 now has 7 lady members, and their Big Sir is a lady. Other news, Branch 1 is still at the Elks and they pay \$36 a month for lunch. Statewide, we have 8500 members. One group has a club "Romeo" (retired old men eating out).

We have our Ladies Luncheon coming up on May 8<sup>th</sup>!

Also, our next lunch meeting at Poplar Creek is on March 13<sup>th</sup>. We really need more guys to attend. PS—bring wine bottles for raffle at lunch and books to share. A Little Sir would help too!!

So, Take Care!! See you at lunch, on the golf course, at the bowling alley, on the bocce court and around town!!



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

## **March Birthdays**

**Ken Dominice**  
**Ben Gussoni**  
**Edward Moresco**



### **TREASURER'S February 2024 REPORT**

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Beginning Balance	\$ 7,106.46
Income	\$ 1,440.00
Expenses	\$ 1,119.69
Ending Bank Balance	\$ 7,426.77
Petty Cash Fund	\$ 100.00
Total Funds	\$ 7,526.77

All receipts collected have been deposited.  
All annual dues collected so far have been deposited.  
All expenses have been previewed and paid.

Current Membership: 88.  
Members: 67 members paid to date.

## **SUNSHINE REPORT**

**If you know of any Sir or their family that is ill or passed please call Mike Lazzari (650) 312-9414**



**MIA**

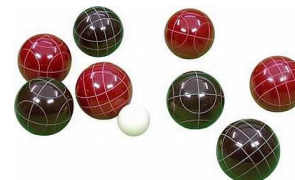
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**BOCCE**  
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We welcome all members of SIR Branch 142 to come and join in play with our activity group. It is a very easy game to learn and play. Coffee is served at 9:30AM with play commencing at 10AM each Thursday of the month, weather permitting, and concluding at 12 Noon. We play at Beresford Park in San Mateo. The bocce courts are adjacent to the tennis courts located on the 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue side of the park.

Thu. - Feb. 8	Team # 1	Team # 2
<b>Games 1, 2 &amp; 3</b>	C. Manack	B. Brouwers
	J. Rickson	J. Yeomans
<b>Game 1 Score</b>	6	12
<b>Game 2 Score</b>	6	12
<b>Game 3 Score</b>	8	9

Thu. - Feb. 15	Team # 1	Team # 2
<b>Games 1, 2 &amp; 3</b>	C. Manack	A. Andrews
	J. Rickson	B. Brouwers
	J. Ringer	R. Merriam
	S. Schroeder	Y. Merriam
	J. Yeomans	N. Ringer
<b>Game 1 Score</b>	12	2
<b>Game 2 Score</b>	12	3
<b>Game 3 Score</b>	4	1

Thu. - Feb. 22	Team # 1	Team # 2	Team # 3	Team # 4
<b>Games 1, 2 &amp; 3</b>	J. Hirschmann	R. Merriam	A. Andrews	B. Brouwers
	J. Rickson	C. Rickson	C. Manack	M. Holiday
	J. Ringer	S. Schroeder		Y. Merriam
	N. Ringer	J. Yeomans		
<b>Game 1 Score</b>	12	9	6	12
<b>Game 2 Score</b>	8	7	6	12
<b>Game 3 Score</b>			5	12



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Seems like we just started the first session of 2024 but here we are approaching the halfway mark and the position rounds. Thursday's position round will be March 14th and Friday's on March 22nd.

Just a reminder to the Friday league bowlers there will be no bowling on March 15 due to a private party.

Congratulations to the Thursday and Friday bowlers for some great shooting during February especially the A group. We had ten 600's rolled plus two beautiful 700's. A 700 series is fairly rare for our Sir league bowlers with the last one rolled in September 2023 by Roger Harrison. Prior to February this year there have only been three rolled in the last four years so having two in February is pretty remarkable. Very nice shooting Ed Bruzzone 701 and Doug Moffitt 738.

Also, our C group in both leagues provided some pretty nice shooting as well. In Thursdays league Ruth Swanson who started the league with a 139 average (417 series) had a beautiful 520 series along with an amazing clean game of 205. In Fridays league Mike Garoutte who started with a 141 average (423 series) shot a very nice 198 and a 493 series. Exceptional bowling everyone keep up the good work.

## Now for the February top performances.

### Thursday League

Group A  
High Game: Ed Bruzzone-268  
Doug Moffitt-268  
High Series: Doug Moffitt-738  
Ed Bruzzone-701



### Friday League

Group A  
High Game: Lamonte Lovering-242  
High Series: Lamonte Lovering-650

Group B  
High Game: Gene Lebel-199  
High Series: Veronica Palmer-538

Group B  
High Game: John Nardi-216  
High Series: John Nardi-591

Group C  
High Game: Ruth Swanson-205 (Clean Game)  
High Series: Ruth Swanson-520

Group C  
High Game: Mike Garoutte-198  
High Series: Mike Garoutte-493

### Clean Games:

Doug Moffitt (3), Ruth Swanson, Chuck Waller (2) Gold Pin Strike \$5.00 winners:  
Ed Cook, Joe Voltattorni, Fred Thompson, Ed Bruzzone, Mike Garoutte, Veronica Palmer, Bud Dougherty, Chuck Waller.



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## February bowler of the month



Congratulations to the Friday bowler of the month for **February**, JOHN NARDI. John started league play in January with a 160 average (460 series). However for the month of February John averaged a very nice 172 (516 series). Of his 15 games bowled he had 9 over his average highlighted by a 216 game and an awesome 591 series. That's 131 pins over his average. Other highlighted games were 198, 196, (2) 185, 179. Nice month John hope March is even better.

### **Strike In The 5th Frame \$5.00 Winners**

Lorraine Diaz, Veronica Palmer, Ed Bruzzone, Bob Butler (2), Bud Dougherty, John Nardi, Derald Blackmore, Mike Smith.

### **Tournaments**

Next one up will be in Concord on Tuesday March 19. We will meet near Bel Mateo at 8:00 AM and carpool. Entry fee is \$55.00. See Chuck for all the details. Deadline for applications and fees is March 8, 2024.

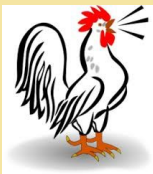
### **Sunshine report**

All the best to Ron Schick, George Marks, Joe Gibson, Nick Grasso, and Arlie Lamb. We look forward to your return.

Thanks again to **Linda Bruzzone** and **Peg Waller** for all your help.

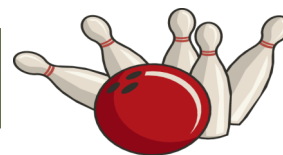
Also, if you are aware that you will be absent please let your teammates or me know. You can text or call Chuck 415-269-4950 or give Bel Mateo Bowl a call at 650-341-2616. Everything runs a lot smoother when we know ahead of time.

Remember **NO BOWLING** on March 15, 2024 for the Friday league.



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## February Thursday bowlers of the month



**Ed Bruzzone:** Ed started league play with a 193 average. However, Ed also had an awesome month of bowling. He averaged a nice 214 for the month of February. On the 15th he shot ,at that time, a league high game of 268 coupled with a beautiful 701 series.  
  
Congratulations Ed . That too was a pintastic day..



**Doug Moffitt:** Doug started league play with a 197 average (591 series) but totally destroyed that In February. Of his 12 games bowled, eight were over 200. However on February 29 Doug shot games of 226,244,268 for an incredible 738 series. According to the Sir records this is the highest series in the past seven years. His current average is now at 212.  
  
Congratulations Doug what a pintastic day.





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**GOLF** (*The wee small balls*) **Bob Chang, (650) 703-2342**



Our golf season will begin its' regular weekly schedule on March 5 with play every Tuesday through early December. We had planned a couple of off season tournament, but the weather gods only allowed us to hold one tournament – Half Moon Bay. We had great weather but a slightly waterlogged course. Even so, some good scores were recorded by **Wes Matsuura and Darren Iler** in Flight 1 and **John Thomas and Don Kelley** in Flight 2.

In March and early April our schedule includes: **March 5 at Deep Cliff, March 12 -Spring Valley, March 19 – Crystal Springs (Scramble), March 26 – Moffett, April 2 los Lagos, and April 9 Canyon lakes** . You can sign up for any of these at the March 13 Branch Luncheon or by calling me at **650-703-2342** /email: [coachchang@sbcglobal.net](mailto:coachchang@sbcglobal.net)

COURSE: Half Moon Bay - Old Course			DATE: 2/27									
NET			NET									
FLIGHT 1	SCORE	PTS.	FLIGHT 2	SCORE	PTS.	OSEST	TOP HOLE	DISTANCE	PTS	BIRDIES	HOLE	PTS
Iler	69	5	Thomas	70	5	Thomas	3	48' 3"	3	Iler	3 & 11	4
Matsuura	74	4	Ulrich	76	4	Iler	13	37' 0"	2			
Fong	78	3	Kelley	76	4	Iler	17	20' 6"	2			
Zarate	78	3	Coleman	87	2							
Pierce	88	1	Veit	90	1							
			Chang	90	1							
Low Gross	Iler	82										
	Matsuura	82	Low Gross	Thomas	96							



## SIR Computer/Technology Group

SIR members in the local area (any branch) get together on the 4th Tuesday of the month at the Redwood Shores Library. Doors open at 10:00 AM and the meeting starts at 10:30 AM. The group discusses current events about computers, software and all kinds of other electronic devices.

Ralph Riviello ([r.riviello@comcast.net](mailto:r.riviello@comcast.net)) chairs the meetings. Beginners to experts are welcome. Bring any questions you may be having with your computer or cell phone.

<https://sirinc2.org/branch1/sir-activities/sir-group-computers/> \$5 to cover coffee & doughnuts is charged.

During the February meeting, Ralph described how the typical home internet and WiFi installation would be setup for fiber using his and Bernie's home installations"

## March 2024 Speaker, Brad DeSoto

In March 2023, Joyce DeSoto received a phone call from the US Air Force that changed their lives forever. Concerning her husband, Ernest DeSoto who was an Air Force Fighter Pilot, and assigned to Vietnam in 1969. After 54 years of waiting, Ernest's remains were positively identified and returned here to his home, this past June. 1969 on a mission, Ernest's plane was under heavy hostile attack, and then disappeared. Both he and his navigator were listed as Missing In Action. The family never knew what happened to him until last year.

Col. Ernest DeSoto was born in San Francisco, 1931. He graduated from Balboa High School, and later married his high school sweetheart, Joyce Agnone. This brave woman raised three children alone.

Her son Brad DeSoto will be sharing their story of this journey. Brad Graduated from the University of San Francisco, and holds an MBA from Northwestern University and lives in Burlingame.

