

.SIR INC. MODESTO BRANCH 144

THE ALMOND CAPITAL BULLETIN

Dedicated to enriching the lives of members through social activities while making friends for life



January 2022 Newsletter

Volume 01-2022

Message from Big Sir Biff Galbraith



Welcome back to a new year. I hope each of you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. I would like to thank Anthony Butera for his guidance and 2-year commitment as Branch 144 Big Sir. Anthony guided us through more than a year of Zoom meetings, as well as many meetings back in person and did a fantastic job.

The December Ladies Day luncheon was an enormous success. I want to give a special thank you to Jerry Strain for recommending Clovis King as our entertainment. Clovis could well be the best Ladies Day entertainment we have ever had. Jerry Strain also sang two songs, he may have another career in the entertainment field as well, (he was exceptionally good). We have a wonderful year planned and I hope to see more of you this next 2022 year, I do not know when the covid virus pandemic will be over, but I can only hope that the worst has passed. We still need any who attend to show proof of vaccination and sign a waiver for liability. After you show proof, a sticker will be put on your Branch 144 name badge, and you are ready to attend any meetings with no further proof needed.

Our next meeting is January 20th, 2022.

Big Sir Biff Galbraith Branch 144

The new contract at Seasons was accepted, and the Luncheons will now cost \$20. Sorry for any inconvenience this might bring, but one knows the price of everything has gone up. Thank you for understanding.

Branch 144 BEC

LADIES DAY



Enjoying each other's company & conversation.
(more pictures page 2 under Minutes)

Speaker will be Daren Williams who is Senior Director of Global Communications at the Almond Board of California.

\$24 dues are due. Make check payable to "SIR Branch 144" and mail it to: "SIR" at 3549 Fawndale Drive, Modesto, CA 95356. You can bring payment to the Luncheon also. Thank You!

Remember, if you cannot attend the luncheons, please call *Gaylan King* at 209-380-9896 by Sunday January 16. (Luncheon is January 20). Thank you!

**SIR INC
BRANCH 144 BEC MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 16, 2021**

Due to the time constraints for having a Ladies Day Luncheon there was not a formal meeting of the board.

Treasurers Report:

The Treasurer's Report for November was passed out to the board.

Checkbook Balance as of November 30, 2021.....	\$6,906.38
Total Receipts.....	\$2,663.00
Disbursements.....	\$1,265.37
Checkbook and cash as of November 30, 2021.....	\$8,504.01

The time of the next BEC meeting will be at 9:30 AM, January 20, 2022.

Respectfully submitted by Fernando Gonzalez, Secretary.

More Ladies Day Pictures



(More Ladies Day Pictures on Page 6)

Area 18 Travel

Top of Switzerland and Oberammergau, Germany and the Passion Play. August 27 – September 7, 2022

Price: \$4,725 double occupancy (Land only) Airfare to be added in October 2021. Deposit of \$750 per person to hold reservation. So, sign up now to reserve your spot for this great trip.

ONLY 2 SPOTS LEFT FOR OUR GROUP

Highlights: 2 night stay in Zurich, Switzerland. Tour of city and leisure time on own to explore this great Swiss city. < 1 night stay in Interlaken, Switzerland. A trip to the “Top of Europe” with a Panorama 360 Degree. Experience of viewing France, Germany, and Italy. < 2 night stay in Brienz, Switzerland. Visit a Woodcarving Museum, walk through the romantic Brunngrasse, once awarded the title “Most Beautiful Street in Europe. < 2 night stay in Lucerne, Switzerland. A tour of the city and a farewell dinner to Switzerland. Travel through Innsbruck, Austria and on to the picturesque city of Oberammergau, Germany. < 2 night stay in Oberammergau and the Passion Play. The Passion Play takes place only once every 10 years and is performed by people that live in Oberammergau. < 2 night stay in Munich, Germany. Orientation featuring Olympic Stadium, Olympic Tower and Marienplatz. 17 meals, Headsets throughout the tour, and much more.
Contact Bill Stires at 209-988-5445 if interested in the trip.

Holland Tulip Festival Tour Featuring Mackinac Island’s Grand Hotel

May 12-19, 2022

Price: \$4,045 Per Person Double Occupancy \$5,375 Single
Deposit \$650 per person--Final payment January 10, 2022

This trip is sold out and now there is a wait list. Deposit will be charged when the trip opens back up. Price will increase on February 15, 2022

Trip Highlights:

***Transportation to and from airport** ***Airfare into Chicago, returning from Detroit** ***Gratuities for Tour Manager and Bus Driver** ***Spend 1 night in Chicago with a guided tour of the city** ***Attend the annual Tulip Festival in Holland, Michigan** ***Visit Veldheer-DeKlomp Musiekparade (Music Parade)** ***Spend 2 nights at the Grand Hotel, the crown jewel of Macinac Island** ***Tour Macinac Island via a horse-drawn carriage** ***Take the River Rouge Ford Factory Tour** ***\$40 in Mayflower Money** ***Much, much more**

DINING OUT CLUB HUMOR

Quotes from past Sports Figures: #1-14

1. Don Meredith, Dallas Cowboys Quarterback once said: "Coach Tom Landry is such a perfectionist that if he was married to Raquel Welch, he would expect her to cook."
2. Harry Neale, professional hockey coach: "Last year we couldn't win at home, and we were losing on the road. My failure as a coach was that I couldn't think of anyplace else to play."
3. Reggie Jackson commenting on Tom Seaver: "Blind people come to the ballpark just to listen to him pitch."
4. Doug Sanders, professional golfer: "I'm working as hard as I can to get my life and my cash to run out at the same time. If I can just die after lunch Tuesday, everything will be perfect."
5. Mickey Lolich, Detroit Tigers pitcher: "All the fat guys watch me and say to their wives, 'See, there's a fat guy doing okay. Bring me another beer.'"
6. Max McGee, Green Bay Packers receiver: "When it's third and ten, you can have the milk drinkers; I'll take the whiskey drinkers every time."
7. Tommy Lasorda, L A Dodgers manager: "I found out that it's not good to talk about my troubles. Eighty percent of the people who hear them don't care and the other twenty percent are glad I'm having them."
8. E.J. Holub, Kansas City Chiefs linebacker regarding his 12 knee operations: "My knees look like they lost a knife fight with a midget."
9. Vic Braden, tennis instructor: "My theory is that if you buy an ice-cream cone and make it hit your mouth, you can learn to play tennis. If you stick it on your forehead, your chances aren't as good."
10. Tommy John, N.Y. Yankees, recalling his 1974 arm surgery: "When they operated, I told them to add in a Koufax fastball. They did, but unfortunately it was Mrs. Koufax's."
11. Walt Garrison, Dallas Cowboys fullback when asked if Tom Landry ever smiles: "I don't know. I only played there for nine years."
12. John Breen, Houston Oilers: "We were tipping off our plays. Whenever we broke from the huddle, three backs were laughing, and one was pale as a ghost."
13. Bum Phillips, New Orleans Saints, after viewing a lopsided loss to the Atlanta Falcons: "The film looks suspiciously like the game itself."
14. Al Hrabosky, major league relief pitcher: "When I'm on the road, my greatest ambition is to get a standing boo."

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Age</i>	
Sandillano	John	01/09/52	70
Anderson	Scott	01/06/51	71
Thomason	Jerry	01/27/49	73
Bica	Daryl	01/08/48	74
Huffstatler	Dan	01/18/48	74
Mountain	Jeff	01/19/48	74
Sai	John	01/22/43	79
Sereno	Vince	01/25/39	83
Rovere	Don	01/17/38	84
Parks	Larry	01/08/34	88
Burchell	Bill	01/10/34	88
Morey	Mike	01/14/30	92
Conkey	Hal	01/19/24	98

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

<i>Name</i>	<i>Spouse</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Years</i>	
Scott	Elliott	Alicia	01/31/04	18
Fred	Bistodeau	Barbara	01/27/85	37
Joe	Martinez	Erlinda	01/16/76	46
Bill	Cardoza	Karen	01/18/75	47
Tom	Hollander	Shaarn	01/27/74	48
Amos	Santwier III	Sharon	01/09/65	57

NOVEMBER INDUCTIONS

<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Inducted</i>	<i>Years</i>
Walker	Jim	01/16/20	2
Sterling	Jim	01/16/20	2
Brown	Cecil	01/18/18	4
Thomason	Jerry	01/18/18	4
Irwin	Rick	01/19/17	5
Gentry	Chuck	01/17/16	6
Quintanal	Ron	01/08/15	7
Weiss	Thomas	01/06/11	11
Miceli	Joe	01/04/07	15
Lewis	Ernie	01/17/02	20
Salvi	Lor	01/18/01	21
Davis	Glenn	01/05/95	27



January 2022 Bowling Report

High Scratch and Handicap Series and Games

Scratch Games

Handicap Games

Week 14 December 7

Series: Bob Abujen 637 Steve Gibson 691

Game: Bob Abujen 234 Steve Gibson 252

Week 15 December 14

Series: Bob Abujen 656 Steve Gibson 679

Game: Steve Gibson 246 Steve Gibson 273

Week 16 December 21

Series: Arnold Fidalgo 597 Jim Wirowek 663

Game: David Brown 244 Jim Wirowek 663

Week 17 December 28

Series: Joe Miceli 707 Joe Miceli 758

Game: Joe Miceli 257 Joe Miceli 274

Come out for our hometown tournament.

---- 2022 UPCOMING STATE TOURNAMENTS ----

January 18-19 Napa Bowl, Napa

Dave Ellingson 707-637-3008

February 17-18 Country Club Lanes, Sacramento

Tom Page 916-712-2393--- Conner Chin 916-601-1854

March 22-23 Clayton Valley Bowl, Concord---Mike

Kropf (925-689-1453---Gary Kaufman 925-360-9260

April 18-21 Gold Dust West, Carson City, NV---Tim

Hall 775-241-9080---Dave Moore 510-825-2654

SIR Annual State Tournament--- May 10-11 Danville

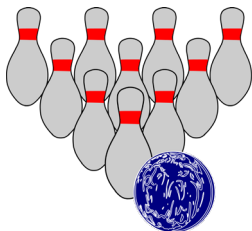
Bowl, Danville---John Monahan 925-837-1598

ALL TOURNAMENTS SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION

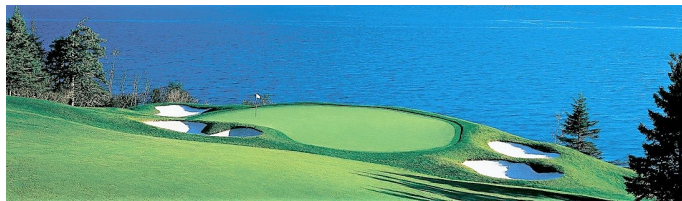
Branch 144 Bowling Chairman:

Bob Lewis 209-523-7387

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JANUARY 2022 GOLF NEWS



This is the new URL for Area 18 Golf:

https://sirinc2.org/public_html/area18golf/

MON. JAN. 10	ELKHORN	COST: \$ 48.00
HOST: 164	9:00 AM	CARTS: INCLUDED
TUE. JAN. 18	ATWATER	COST: \$ 47.00
HOST: 103	9:00 AM	CARTS: INCLUDED
MON. JAN 24	DRYDEN	COST: \$ 47.00
HOST: 144	9:00 AM	CARTS: PREPAID
MON. JAN. 31	SWENSON	COST: \$46.00
HOST: 164	9:00 AM	CARTS: INCLUDED
MON. FEB. 7	MICKE GROVE	COST: \$49.00
HOST: 103	9:00 AM	CARTS: INCLUDED

HOPE EVERYONE HAD A HAPPY CHRISTMAS. THE NEW YEAR IS HERE AND IT'S TIME TO GET OUT ON THE GOLF COURSE. JAN. 18TH WILL BE A MEMORIAL FOR RON RETORT AT ATWATER, THE FAMILY WILL HAVE PRIZES AND OTHER GOODIES FOR THE PLAYERS. HOPE WE CAN HAVE A GOOD TURNOUT.

JAY NORRIS Branch 144 GOLF CHAIRMAN

AND ASST. HANDICAP CHAIRMAN

Sirgolfer144@gmail.com

3328 VINE CLIFF WAY MODESTO, CA 95355

209-606-1475



Clovis King receives Certificate of Appreciation
From Little SIR Biff Galbraith

Calendar of Events

HOLLAND TULIP FESTIVAL (MICHIGAN) MAY 12-19, 2022 <-> SWITZERLAND, AUSTRIA, AND GERMANY FOR THE PASSION PLAY. STAY IN OBERAMMERGAU, GERMANY AUGUST 27- SEPTEMBER 7, 2022

Past Big Sirs

1988 Lynn Wood
1989 Elbow Jones
1990 Dick Benevento
1991 Warren Lawson
1992 Al Evans
1993 Joe Underwood
1994 Homer Jorgensen
1995 Don Singer
1996 Max Norton
1997 Charles Cox
1998 Dick Bachman
1999 George Harden
2000 John Shores
2001 Bob Curley
2002 Frank Pierson
2003 Julius Manrique
2004 Ed Boyle
2005 Ted Nagel
2006 George Ditman
2007 Herman Vigil
2008 Michael Mensinger
2009 Charles Shoup
2010 Gary Williams
2011 Jerry Strain
2012 Sam Graham
2013 Jerry Emery
2014 Leonard Davis
2015 Patton Brooks
2016 Bill Burchell
2017 Gary Williams
2018 Sam Graham
2019 Jerry Emery
2019 Jerry Strain
2020 Anthony Butera
2021 Anthony Butera



Modesto Branch 144 Officers

OFFICERS FOR 2022

Big Sir:..... Biff Galbraith 209-575-2724
Little Sir:..... Fernando Gonzalez 415-420-2440
Secretary:.....Fernando Gonzalez 415-420-2440
Assistant Secretary:.....Open
Treasurer:.....Nilo Casiano 209-324-5926.
Assistant Treasurer:.....Fernando Gonzalez 415-420-2440

DIRECTORS FOR 2022

Anthony Butera 209-985-3473 Andre Dodd 209-527-0482
Gaylan King 209-380-9896 Bob Lewis 209-523-7387
Jerry Strain 209-551-8220 Jim Toepfer (360) 477-0930

STATE, REGION, & AREA OFFICERS FOR 2022

STATE PRESIDENT OF SIR Inc Rick Kindle 209-652-8608
STATE VICE PRESIDENT OF SIR Inc ...David Gonzales 408-621-8835
DIRECTOR, REGION 2.....Dale Decker 209-533-0455
GOVERNOR AREA 18.....Richard Provost 209-577-8219

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

RAMP

Recruitment:.....Open
Activities:.....Open
Member Relations:....Gary Williams 209-578-3471
Publicity/Relations:...Sam Graham 209-552-0960
Accessories:.....Sam Graham 209-552-0960
Travel: Area 18:.....Bill Stires 209-544-2684
Area 18 Golf Chairman:.....Jerry Strain 209-551-8220
Assistant:.....Jay Norris 209-606-1475
Branch 144 Golf Chairman: Jay Norris 209-606-1475
Assistant:.....Gary Hubbard 209-551-5253
Area 18 Bowling Chairman:.....Vern Masse 209-538-4275
Branch 144 Bowling Chairman: Bob Lewis 209-523-7387
Programs:..... Biff Galbraith 209-575-2724
Newsletter: ... Bob Lewis 209-523-7387
Data:..... Gary Williams 209-578-3471
Chaplain:...Vernon Jones 683-8033
Dining: Vince Sereno 209-524-9630, Henry Solario 209-578-5607
Attendance:.....Tony Salonga 209-505-0915
Sunshine:..Edd Santwier 209-605-9638
Assistant: Julius Manrique 209-576-1077
Nominating Committee Chairman: Gary Williams 209-578-3471
Members: Julius Manrique, Patton Brooks, Bill Burchell, and Sam Graham
Membership:Gaylan King 209-380-9896
Book Club:.....Joe Venturini 209-524-6577



Members and Guests receive Medals for: In Front, Behind and Around the Scenes for keeping the branch running smoothly from outgoing Big SIR Anthony Butera. (Pictured L-R: Anthony Butera, Biff Galbraith, Jerry Strain, Sam Graham, Jay Norris, Tony Salonga, Julius Manrique, Gaylan King, Jim Toepfer, Fernando Gonzalez, Bill Burchell, Richard Provost, Bob Lewis, Bill Stires, Joe Miceli, and Vince Sereno.

Please visit our website at www.sirinc2.org/branch144

The SIR website for the latest edition of SIR Happenings at: [SIR Happenings for Nov 2021](#)

If anyone knows if someone has an illness, accident, or passes, please let Edd Santwier (605-9638) or Julius Manrique (576-1077) know. Thanks!

Ted Nagel and Gordon Boike passed away. RIP

SHLM: Julius Manrique; HLM: Gary Williams and Sam Graham; STATE HLM: Jerry Strain