

SIR INC. MODESTO BRANCH 144 THE ALMOND CAPITAL BULLETIN

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social activities while making friends for life



April 2022 Newsletter

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Message from Big Sir Biff Galbraith



Welcome to April fellow SIR 144's. I am so happy that my beloved Master's Tournament is this month, great to be in spring again. I love Augusta National's beautiful azaleas and flowering dogwood trees. How amazing that hole 13 has more than 1000 azaleas. Augusta National is tight-lipped about how many grounds crew they employ, but apparently it is enough to produce one of the most perfectly manicured courses in America.

Our March meeting went well, and I would once again like to thank Deputy Fire Chief Darin Jesberg for his great program and question session about Modesto's Fire Department.

My April Big SIR award will go to Jay Norris. Jay has managed our golf program at 144 for many years. I hope that each of you understand the work that goes into our 3 to 5 golf tournaments per month. Please thank Jay for all his efforts on behalf of our SIR 144 Branch. Jay and his wife Kathy will also be running the 2nd Tuesday dining group. If you are interested, they will begin in May, and you must show proof of vaccination for you and your guest.

Our April meeting on the 21st will feature Scott Collins, a Modesto Traffic Engineer. Scott will present an overview of the master plan and status of traffic projects being implemented in Modesto. Remember if you cannot attend, please call Gaylan King at 209-380-9896, so we can get an approximate count for lunch.

Finally, I am thrilled to honor two more members to our Senior SIR status upon turning 90, John Bree and Julius Manrique. These two plus all our members over 90 give me wonderful hope of long life and great health. Gentlemen, enjoy the days that you have on this rock, and please always see the glass as half-full.

Big Sir Biff Galbraith Branch 144

See page 6 for information on New Member Procedures

Big SIR Award



Gaylan King (R) receives The Big SIR Award from Big SIR Biff Galbraith.

Speaker will be Scott Collins; a Modesto Traffic Engineer will talk about the master plan and status of traffic projects being implemented.

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

REMEMBER, if you cannot attend the luncheons, please call *Gaylan King* at 209-380-9896 by Sunday April 17 (Luncheon is April 21). Thank you!

SIR INC
BRANCH 144 BEC MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 17, 2022

The meeting was called to order, by Big SIR Biff Galbraith at 9:36 AM.

A quorum was established with the following members present:

Big Sir Biff Galbraith, Little SIR and Secretary Fernando Gonzalez.

Directors: Gaylan King, Bob Lewis, Andre Dodd, Jerry Strain and Jim Toepfer.

Guests and Committee members present: Vince Sereno, Julius Manrique, Bill Stires and Gary Williams.

Motion to approve minutes from February meeting. Motion made 1st Andre Dodd, 2nd Bob Lewis: Motion passed.

Treasurers Report:

The Treasurer's Report for January was presented by Assist. Treasurer Fernando Gonzalez:

Checkbook Balance as of February 1, 2022.....\$6,991.19

Total Receipts.....\$2,237.00

Disbursements.....\$1,627.73

Checkbook and cash as of February 28th, 2022.....\$7,800.38

Motion to approve the Treasurer's report. 1st Jim Toepfer, 2nd Bob Lewis: Motion Passed.

Motion to approve expenses for: Bob Lewis (printing and postage)-\$16.73. 1st Andre Dodd, 2nd Jerry Strain,

Motion passed.

Membership Report:

Gaylan King gave the Membership Report for March 17, 2022: 120 Active members, 7 Disabled members, 0 Pending members. Motion to accept report, 1st Bob Lewis, 2nd Andre Dodd, Motion passed.

SHLM: Julius Manrique

STATE HLM: Jerry Strain

HLM: Gary Williams and Sam Graham

Committee Reports:

Bowling: Bob Lewis: Nothing new to report

Golf: Jerry Strain: Nothing new to report

Travel: Bill Stires: Nothing new to report

Dining: Vince Sereno: Wednesday evening Dining Club dissolved, 2nd Tuesday Dining Club will be chaired by Jay and Kathy Norris, 4th Thursday Dining Club will be chaired by Henry Solario & Biff Galbraith.

Sunshine: Edd Santwier (Sunshine Chair) and Julius Manrique. Russel Peck's wife Charlotte passed away.

Walking Group: Anthony Butera, nothing has changed.

Old Business: Biff reported the schedule for the breakfast and lunch events at the airport (Commemorative Air Force).

Biff reported on the State Sir golf tournament.

Discussed the Ladies Luncheon in May and was postponed to next year. Members can bring their spouse's, but they need to pay for their lunch.

New Business: State SIR reported that branches can decide if their officers could serve for two years. Motion was made to accept this for our branch. 1st. Bob Lewis, 2nd Andre Dodd, Motion passed.

Discussed not requiring member reaching 100 years of age to pay annual dues or pay for lunch, Motion made, 1st Jerry Strain, 2nd Bob Lewis, Motion passed.

Discussed purchasing banners to display at SIR functions. Biff and Sam will research further.

Meeting adjourned: 10:01 AM.

The time of the next BEC meeting will be at 9:30 AM, April 21, 2022.

Respectfully submitted by Fernando Gonzalez, Secretary.

Area 18 Travel

Top of Switzerland and Oberammergau, Germany and the Passion Play. August 27 – September 7, 2022. *Trip is sold out.*

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.

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

DINING OUT CLUB will resume activities as follows: 2nd Tuesday group on May 10th; 4th Tuesday group on April 26th; 4th Thursday group on April 28th. You will be informed of the time & location soon.

HUMOR

An elderly patient gets hearing aids from a doctor. After a short time, he meets his doctor again.

Doctor-- "Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased."

Patient— "Oh, I am in a funny situation now. I haven't told my family yet. I just sit and listen to their conversations. In a month, I've changed my will three times."

Shortly after a British Airways flight had reached its cruising altitude, the captain announced:

"Ladies & Gentlemen, this is your captain. Welcome to Flight 293, non-stop from London Heathrow to New York. The weather ahead is good, so we should have an uneventful flight. So, sit back, relax, and...OH...MY GOD!"

Silence followed,complete silence!

Some moments later, the captain came back on the intercom.

"Ladies & Gentlemen, I'm sorry if I scared you. While I was talking to you, a flight attendant accidentally spilled coffee in my lap. You should see the front of my pants!"

From the back of the plane, an Irish passenger yelled "For the luvva Jaysus, you should see the back of mine!"

Punctuation is Powerful—

An English professor wrote the words-- "a woman without her man is nothing" on the board & asked his students to punctuate it correctly.

All of the men wrote:

"A woman, without her man, is nothing."

All of the women wrote:

"A woman: without her, man is nothing."

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

<i>Name</i>		<i>Date</i>	<i>Age</i>
Hubbard	Gary	04/14/46	76
King	Gaylan	04/25/46	76
Gasper	John	04/16/47	75
Manrique	Julius	04/08/32	90

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

<i>Name</i>	<i>Spouse</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Years</i>	
Gary	Williams	Susan	04/10/96	26
Tom	Brawley	Donna	04/21/91	31
Tom	McNett	Elizabeth	04/05/81	41
Kent	Faulkner	Truda	04/01/78	44
Larry	Zabel	Muggs	04/09/72	50

APRIL SIR INDUCTIONS

<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Inducted</i>	<i>Years</i>
Jeff	Holder	04/18/19	3
Terry	Fix	04/20/17	5
Pete	Dutton	04/20/17	5
Ed	Jackson	04/21/16	6
Cal	Campbell	04/04/13	9
Bill	Cardoza	04/01/10	12
Chuck	Sheaffer	04/01/10	12
Gary	Stroud	04/03/09	13
Ernie	Pinkston	04/07/08	14
Gus	Bica	04/07/08	14
John	Bernard	04/01/04	18
Bob	Yanko	04/20/00	22
Roy	Hardison	04/20/00	22



April 2022 Bowling Report

High Scratch and Handicap Series and Games

Scratch Games

Handicap Games

Week 27 March 8

Series: Bob Abujen 678

Jim Long 682

Game: Bob Abujen 248

John Kincanon 255

Week 28 March 15

Series: David Brown 676

Bob Lewis 713

Game: David Brown 236

Bob Lewis 255

Gary Del Nero 255

Week 29 March 22

Series: David Brown 565

Vern Masse 630

Game: Bob Lewis 208

Vern Masse 236

Week 30 March 29

Series: Jeff Chin 542

Fred Sherman 646

Game: Jeff Chin 215

Vern Masse 253

Come out for our hometown tournament.

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

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

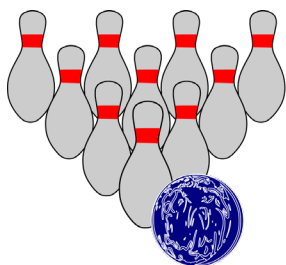
May 25-26 Paddock Lanes, Pacheco--- Richard Ramun 510-334-5280

June 9-10 Gold Country Lanes, Sutter Creek--- Ray DiBasilio 530-558-9727

Branch 144 Bowling Chairman:

Bob Lewis 209-523-7387

bobalew69@msn.com



APRIL 2022 GOLF NEWS



This is the new URL for Area 18 Golf:

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

MON. APR. 11	CREEKSIDE	COST: \$49.00
HOST: 103	9:00 AM	CARTS: PREPAID
MON. APR.18	SWENSON	COST: \$46.00
HOST: 164	9:00 AM	CARTS: INCLUDED
MON. APR. 25	DRYDEN	COST: \$47.00
HOST: 144	9:00 AM	CARTS: PREPAID
MON. MAY. 2	ATWATER	COST: \$47.00
HOST: 103	8:00 AM	CARTS: INCLUDED
MON. MAY 9	MICKI GROVE	COST: \$49.00
HOST: 164	8:00 AM	CARTS: INCLUDED

NOTE THE TEE TIME CHANGE (8:00) STARTING IN MAY. APRIL 19-20 NAPA SPRING FLING, PLAY 2 COURSES CHARDONNAY AND EAGLE VINES. FOUR PERSON SCRAMBLE. \$150.00 FOR BOTH DAYS. RENO IS ALSO BACK THIS YEAR, JUNE 13-17, 2 OR 3 ROUNDS OF GOLF. STAYING AT THE ATLANTIS HOTEL. INFO ON THE WEB SITE. NEXT MEETING APRIL 21ST. SEE YOU THEN.

JAY NORRIS Br#144 GOLF CHAIRMAN AND ASST. HANDICAP CHAIRMAN

Sirgolfer144@gmail.com

3328 VINE CLIFF WAY MODESTO, CA 95355 209-606-1475

2022 SIR Golf Spring Fling in Napa:

[Tournament information and Registration Form](#)

Golf Website: Sirgolf.org

Members who paid dues:

Abujen	Bob	Eubank	Hall	Kincanon	John	Santillano	John
Adams	Chuck	Fallentine	Wayne	King	Gaylan	Sereno	Vince
Bell	Red	Faulkner	Kent	Lawrence	Norm	Sherman	Fred
Bernard	John	Fetzer	Bruce	Leffingwell	Charlie	Shoup	Chuck
Bica	Gus	Fidalgo	Arnold	Lewis	Ernie	Slocum	Michael
Bistodeau	Fred	Fix	Terry	Lewis	Bob	Solario	Henry
Brawley	Tom	Galbraith	Biff	Liebelt	Merle	Solonga	Tony
Bree	John	Gasper	John	Manrique	Julius	Sterling	Jim
Brooks	Pat	Gentry	Chuck	Martinez	Joe	Strain	Jerry
Brown	Ron	Gonzalez	Fernando	Masciorini	Walt	Stroud	Gary
Brown	Cecil	Graham	Sam	Masse	Vern	Sullivan	Don
Burchell	Bill	Griffin	Jack	Medrano	John	Tabacco	Ed
Butera	Anthony	Haines	Conrad	Miceli	Joe	Toepfer	Jim
Cardoza	Bill	Hall	Wes	Miller	Jerry	Toschi	Gene
Chalk	Gary	Hardison	Roy	Mountain	Jeff	Townsend	Roger
Conkey	Hal	Hardison	Brad	Norris	Jay	Venturini	Joe
Cook	Deane	Harrison	Bryan	Oehrlein	Ken	Vigil	Vig
Davis	Glenn	Hawes	Jack	Parks	Larry	Vigus	Ron
Davis	Leonard	Hodge	Doug	Peck	Russ	Weiss	Thomas
DeArmond	Hal	Hubbard	Gary	Pinkston	Ernie	Williams	Gary
Dodd	Andre	Huffstatler	Dan	Provost	Richard	Yarbrough	David
Doring	Don	Jackson	Ed	Rovere	Don		
Dutton	Pete	Jones	Vernon	Salvi	Lor		

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

NEW MEMBER PROCEDURE

A prospective member will attend a luncheon with a member as a guest. During the luncheon he will be introduced to the group, and he will be given a membership application. New members will fill out the application and submit it to the front desk after the meeting or mail the completed application to SIR at 3549 Fawndale Drive Modesto, Ca. 95356. The application will be submitted to the Branch Executive Committee for acceptance. Upon acceptance the new member shall attend an Orientation session prior to the next meeting. At the luncheon the new member will be introduced to the membership.

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:..... John Santillano 209-544-1953

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:... Jack O'Brien 209-542-7177
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 listening to our March speaker Deputy Fire Chief Darin Jesberg

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

The SIR website for the latest edition of SIR Happenings at: [2022 Happenings-February](#)

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

Russel Peck's wife Charlotte passed away.

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