

SIR INC. MODESTO BRANCH 144

THE ALMOND CAPITAL BULLETIN

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May 2022 Newsletter

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Message from Big Sir Biff Galbraith



May is here. I am pleased that we have SIR President Rick Kindle speaking this month. Rick will speak about his life and vision for State SIR and local Branches this year and going forward.

The Kentucky Derby is coming on Saturday May 7th. I am hopeful that SIR and Bill Stires will be able to book travel to Golden Gate Field later this year. Race day is always fun, with food, great company and of course Horse Racing. I like Bill's philosophy of always betting on Gray.

We are also very thankful for the sacrifice and service of our veterans, with May 8th, being Victory in Europe Day, and May 30th Memorial Day. May we never forget that **"The Price of Freedom is Never Free"**.

My Big SIR award this month goes to Gary Williams. Gary is always working on our Roster of members, member data, and collecting dues. Many still owe the \$24.00 dues, if you do, please see Gary by the entrance tables at our next meeting.

I hope that each of you stays healthy and has a fantastic May this year. I hope to see you at the Seasons on 945 McHenry for our May 19th Branch meeting.

Big Sir Biff Galbraith Branch 144

See page 6 for information on New Member Procedures

New Member



New Member Larry Hockenberry(L) and Big Sir Biff Galbraith (not pictured is sponsor Jim Sterling) Larry was a Teacher/Professor at Modesto City Schools/ MJC. He enjoys Model Railroads. His wife is Bridget.

Speaker will be our SIR State President Rick Kindle, who will speak about SIR and his life. Rick's bio at the bottom of page 6.

\$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 May 15 (Luncheon is May 19). Thank you!

SIR INC
BRANCH 144 BEC MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 21, 2022

The meeting was called to order, by Big SIR Biff Galbraith at 9:28 AM.

A quorum was established with the following members present:

Big Sir Biff Galbraith, Little SIR and Secretary Fernando Gonzalez, Assist. Treasurer John Santillano

Directors: Gaylan King, Bob Lewis, Andre Dodd, Jerry Strain

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

Motion to approve minutes from March meeting with a change to for 100 years of age for not to pay for dues and lunch Motion made 1st Bob Lewis, 2nd Gaylan King: Motion passed.

Treasurers Report:

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

Checkbook Balance as of March 1, 2022.....	\$7,600.38
Total Receipts.....	\$1,580.00
Disbursements.....	\$1,403.99
Checkbook and cash as of March 31, 2022.....	\$7,976.39

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

Motion to approve expenses for: Bob Lewis (printing and postage)-\$16.73, Biff Galbraith (projector) \$556.72, Vincent Sereno (paper) \$50.69. 1st. Jerry Strain, 2nd Gaylan King, Motion passed.

Membership Report:

Gaylan King gave the Membership Report for April 21, 2022: 119 Active members, 7 Disabled members, Motion to accept report, 1st Andre Dodd, 2nd Bob Lewis, Motion passed.

SHLM: Julius Manrique

STATE HLM: Jerry Strain

HLM: Gary Williams and Sam Graham

Committee Reports:

Bowling: Bob Lewis: Into the playoffs

Golf: Jerry Strain: Team championships start next week

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 Tuesday Dining Club will be chaired by Henry Solario & Biff Galbraith.

Sunshine: Edd Santwier (Sunshine Chair) and Julius Manrique. Nothing to report.

Walking Group: Anthony Butera, nothing has changed.

Old Business: Discussed when to add more tables at the lunch, will have one more on standby if needed.

New Business: Presented email from State Sir regarding using Facebook for attracting new members.

Meeting adjourned: 9:52 AM.

The time of the next BEC meeting will be at 9:30 AM, May 19, 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, Price: \$6,425 double occupancy

Deposit of \$750 per person to hold reservation

Highlights: 2 nights stay in Zurich, Switzerland. Tour of city and leisure time.

1 night stay in Interlaken, Switzerland. A trip to the “Top of Europe”.

2 night stay in Brienz, Switzerland.

2 night stay in Lucerne, Switzerland.

2 night stay in Oberammergau and the Passion Play.

The Passion Play takes place only once every 10 years.

2 night stay in Munich, Germany.

17 meals, Headsets throughout the tour, and much more.

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Autumn Colors trip to East Coast

October 11, 2022 – October 20, 2022 Price: \$4,825 double occupancy

Deposit of \$500 per person to hold reservation

Highlights: 2 nights stay in Boston. Tour of city, free time on own.

Visit Manchester, Vermont; Burlington, Vermont; North Conway, New Hampshire; Bar Harbor, Maine; Acadia National Park; Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

Scenic drives along the Mohawk Trail and Kancamagus Highway.

Professional local tour guide for entire trip.

9 nights of First-Class Hotel accommodations.

14 meals including a regional lobster feast.

This trip will fill up fast, so sign up early.

Mark your calendars for upcoming trips:

Ireland: April 15 – April 27, 2023

America’s Canyon Lands October 29 – November 4, 2023

More details and prices to come in the future for these trips.

Call Bill Stires at 209-988-5445 or email at bstires46@gmail.com to receive a brochure and reservation form for any of the trips.



DINING OUT CLUB

2nd Tuesday group: May 10th—Outback

June: No dinner due to golf conflict.

4th Tuesday: May 24th—Tasty Thai.

4th Thursday: May 26th—Mimi's Café.

Information will be sent to you by text or email. Questions? Call Vince at 209-524-9630

HUMOR

Top 10 Senior Pickup Lines

10. Come here often? If so, could you tell me where I am?

9. Do you have an oxygen tank? Because you took my breath away.

8. Like to come by and see my medicine cabinet?

7. Make like a compression sock and give me a squeeze.

6. Ever had a lap dance in a wheelchair before?

5. Do you play Bingo, because I swear, I've seen you B4.

4. Hey, baby! Wanna help me test my new hip replacement?

3. That pretty smile of yours would sure look good in a glass on my nightstand!

2. You're not dead yet either? We have so much in common!

1. Your heating pad or mine?

WHY ENGLISH IS SO HARD

We'll begin with a box, and the plural is boxes, but the plural of ox becomes oxen, not oxes. One fowl is a goose, but two are called geese, yet the plural of moose should never be meese. You may find a lone mouse or a nest full of mice, yet the plural of house is houses, not hie. If the plural of man is always called men, why shouldn't the plural of pan be called pen? If I speak of my foot and show you my feet, and I give you a boot, would a pair be called beet? If one is a tooth and a whole set are teeth, why shouldn't the plural of booth be called beeth? Then one may be that, and three would be those, yet hat in the plural would never be hose, & the plural of cat is cats, not cose. We speak of a brother & also of brethren, but though we say mother, we never say methren. The masculine pronouns are he, his, & him, but imagine feminine as: she, shis, & shim!

MAY BIRTHDAYS

<i>Name</i>		<i>Date</i>	<i>Age</i>
Vernon	Jones	05/13/58	64
Brad	Hardison	05/16/53	69
Hall	Eubank	05/26/49	73
Bill	Cardoza	05/14/49	73
Amos	Santwier III	05/23/44	78
Ron	Vigus	05/19/42	80
Terry	Fix	05/10/36	86

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

<i>Name</i>		<i>Spouse</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Years</i>
Jay	Norris	Kathy	05/05/01	21
Ed	Jackson	Lynda	05/17/91	31
Don	Sullivan	Robin	05/05/84	38
Vern	Masse	Ruth	05/13/84	38
John	Gasper	Teddie	05/31/69	53
Nilo	Casiano	Rachel	05/20/67	55

MAY SIR INDUCTIONS

<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Inducted</i>	<i>Years</i>
Andre	Dodd	05/05/05	17
Chuck	Shoup	05/06/04	18
Vern	Masse	05/06/04	18
Vince	Sereno	05/17/01	21
Joe	Venturini	05/15/00	22
Vig	Vigil	05/15/00	22
John	Kincanon	05/06/99	23

May 2022 Bowling Report

High Scratch and Handicap Series and Games

Scratch Games

Handicap Games

Week 31 April 5

Series: Joe Bradley 668 Jim Palkoner 735
Game: Joe Bradley 265 Joe Bradley 286

Week 32 April 12

Series: Bob Abujen 658 Joe Miceli 665
Game: Joe Miceli 236 John Kincanon 253

Week 33 April 19

Series: Jeff Chin 622 Jeff Chin 673
Game: Bob Abujen 259 Bob Abujen 260

Week 34 April 26

Series: Bob Lewis 596 Lor Salvi 672
Game: Bob Lewis 231 Jim Wirowek 258

Week 35 May 3

Series: Bob Abujen 695 Joe Miceli 758
Game: Joe Bradley 265 Arnold Fidalgo 293

Playoffs: 4/26/2022 --Team 3(Dom Genova, Jim Sterling, Jim Wirowek, & Jeff Chin defeated Team 8(Fred Sherman, Gene Cox, Norma Brey, & Jerry Strain). Team 1(Al Sterling, Jim Long, Jerry Hott, & Steve Gibson) Defeated Team 7(Don Reed, John Togliatti, Joe Bradley, & Joe Miceli).

Playoffs: 5/3/202--Team 3 defeated Team 1 for the Championship.

Come out for our hometown tournament.

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

SIR Annual State Tournament--- May 10-11 Danville Bowl, Danville----John Monahan 925-837-1598

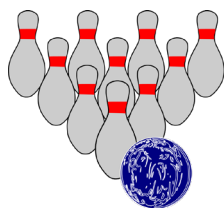
May 25-26 Paddock Lanes, Pacheco---- Richard Ramun 510-334-5280

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

Branch 144 Bowling Chairman:

Bob Lewis 209-523-7387

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May 2022 GOLF NEWS



This is the new URL for Area 18 Golf:
https://sirinc2.org/public_html/area18golf/

MON. MAY 9	MICKE GROVE	COST: \$ 49.00
HOST: 164	8:00 AM	CARTS: INCLUDED
MON. MAY 16	CREEKSIDE IQ	COST: \$ 49.00
HOST: 144	8:00 AM	CARTS: PREPAID
MON. MAY 23	MANTECA	COST: \$47.00
HOST: 164	8:00 AM	CARTS: INCLUDED
TUE. May 31	DRYDEN	COST: \$47.00
HOST: 103	8:00 AM	CARTS: PREPAID
MON. JUNE 6	ELKORN	COST: \$48.00
HOST: 144	8:00 AM	CARTS: INCLUDED

REMEMBER MAY 1ST TEE TIMES CHANGED BACK TO 8:00 AM. THE TEAM QUALIFIER WILL BE AT CREEKSIDE ON MAY 16TH. THIS IS THE BEST BALL EVENT. SIGN UP OR FORM YOUR OWN TEAM. A,B,C,D PLAYERS.

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

Sirgolfer144@gmail.com

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

There is a SIR State Golf Tournament in Reno the week of June 13-17.

Tournament information below:

Tournament information

[Golf Website](#)

Members who paid dues:

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

Calendar of Events

**SWITZERLAND, AUSTRIA, AND GERMANY FOR THE PASSION PLAY. STAY IN OBERAMMERGAU, GERMANY
AUGUST 27- SEPTEMBER 7, 2022. OCTOBER 11-20, 2022: AUTUMN COLORS TRIP TO THE EAST COAST**

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.

Rick Kindle's Bio:

Rick went to Hughson High School and now lives in Denair. He studied Ag at Modesto Junior College and then went on to study Ag Business at Fresno State. Rick served in the US Navy during Vietnam as a Navel Flight Officer in the Radar interceptor F4 Phantom. Rick is the former president of Kindle and Associates. He is the current President of State SIR and is also a current member of Turlock Branch 143. Rick will be talking about his life, and his vision for SIR going forward.

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:.....Jim Toepfer (360) 477-0930
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

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:.....Gaylan King 209-380-9896



Jay Norris(R) receives Big SIR Award from Biff Galbraith



Julius Manrique(R) receives Senior Award from Big SIR Biff Galbraith



SIR League Champions(L-R) Dom Genova, Jim Wirowek, Jim Sterling, & Jeff Chin

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

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

If anyone knows if someone has an illness, accident, or passes, please let Edd Santwier (209-605-9638) or Julius Manrique (209-576-1077) know. Thanks!

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