

SIR INC. MODESTO BRANCH 144 THE ALMOND CAPITAL BULLETIN

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



April 2024 Newsletter

Volume 04-2024

Message from Big Sir Fernando Gonzalez



We need SIR members to make more effort at attending our lunch meetings. We have been able to renegotiate the minimum lunches we need to pay for from 65 down to 55 but we are still experiencing slightly more than 45 paid lunches. We need to pay for the difference from the budget. We need to have more members attend the lunch so we can enjoy the company of all the other members.

I observe at our meetings all the discussion occurring at the tables and that members enjoy it. These conversations can be about hobbies: such as woodworking, gardening, fishing, golfing, or model building.

I hear members discussing past travel experiences or future travel plans, sharing tips and recommendations with each other.

I hear members' conversations about family including discussions about children, grandchildren, and family events.

I hear members' conversations about health concerns and strategies for maintaining wellness including exercise routines, diet tips, and medical issues.

I hear members' conversations about sports, recent games, favorite teams, and sporting events.

I hear members' conversations about current events and social issues.

I hear members' conversations about memories and nostalgia reminiscing about the past, sharing stories from their youth, or reflecting on significant life experiences.

I hear member conversations about personal projects such as home renovations, DIY projects, or creative endeavors.

The point of all this is to encourage members to please attend the monthly lunches and enjoy the company of all SIR members and the conversations.

Big Sir Fernando Gonzalez Branch 144

BIRTHDAY WINNER



Jay Norris won the March Birthday drawing.

The speakers for April are the owners of Black Orchard Brewing. Presenting will be the partners: Joffre Roberts & Henry Penado

\$24 dues are past due. Please pay now. If paying by check, make it payable to: "SIR Branch 144" & mail it to: "SIR" at 2509 Portofino Dr. Modesto, CA 95356 or bring cash to the luncheon. If dues aren't paid you will be dropped from membership.

Thank You.

REMEMBER, if you cannot attend the luncheon, please call *Gaylan King* at 209-380-9896 by Sunday April 14. (Luncheon is April 18). Thank you!

SIR INC
BRANCH 144 BEC MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 21, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Big SIR Fernando Gonzalez at 9:40 AM.

A quorum was established with the following members present:

Big Sir Fernando Gonzalez, Little SIR/Treasurer John Santillano, Secretary Jim Toepfer, Assistant Treasurer Jerry Miller. Absent: Assistant Secretary Jack O'Brien.

DIRECTORS: Gaylan King, Bob Lewis, Andre Dodd, Vince Sereno. Absent: Anthony Butera, Jerry Strain.

GUESTS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Gary Williams, Sam Graham, John Cardoza. Motion to approve minutes from February 15, 2024: MSP.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Report for February 2024, was presented by Treasurer John Santillano:

Checkbook Balance as of February 1, 2024.....	\$ 4,501.44
Total Receipts.....	\$ 1,380.00
Disbursements.....	\$ 1,613.78
Checkbook and cash as of February 29, 2024.....	\$ 4,467.66

The second quarter state assessment in the amount of \$242.50 has been paid. There being no voucher requests, a motion was made to accept the treasurer's report. MSP

Membership Report:

Gaylan King gave the membership report. Hold till further notice. MSP.

STATE HLM: Jerry Strain

HLM: Gary Williams and Sam Graham

Committee Reports:

Bowling: Bob Lewis – All is going well.

Golf: Jerry Strain – Absent.

Travel: John Cardoza – Pending cruises coming for Alaska and Panama Canal. Stay tuned.

Dining: Vince Sereno – Proceeding as per usual.

Sunshine: Edd Santwier – Absent.

Walking Group: Anthony Butera – Absent.

Old Business: Julius Manrique's memorial will be a privately held ceremony.

NEW BUSINESS: Big SIR Fernando reported on the topics covered at the Northern California SIR's meeting which he attended. All branches can now engage in charity work if they so desire. There are no rules for the duration of time that officers can hold office. Discussion was held on the timeliness for the appointing of new officers for the upcoming year. July is the month for the appointing of new officers and August is the month for voting on said officers. Elected officers will be invited to attend zoom meeting which will be held soon. A request was made for round tables at our luncheons.

Meeting adjourned by big SIR Fernando Gonzalez at: 10:10 AM.

The date and time of the next BEC meeting will be on April 18, 2024, at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted by: Jim Toepfer Secretary.



SIR TRAVEL



JOHN CARDOZA – TRAVEL CHAIRMAN 209-483-7722 or email: johncardoza@hotmail.com

11 NIGHT ALASKA INSIDE PASSAGE CRUISE ABOARD THE CROWN PRINCESS. MAY 26- JUNE 6, 2024

CONTROL + CLICK TO OPEN

[SIR Cruise Brochure](#)



16 NIGHT PANAMA CANAL CRUISE ABOARD THE CORAL PRINCESS. SAILING FROM SAN FRANCISCO TO FT. LAUDERDALE JANUARY 20- FEBRUARY 5, 2025

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[SIR Panama Canal Cruise](#)



Larry Parks won the March luncheon drawing.



DINING OUT CLUB

3 Evening Dining Out Clubs

2nd Tuesday Evening Club

Tues. April 9th – STRINGS ITALIAN

Tues. May 14th – OLIVE GARDEN

For Reservations: Contact Kathy Norris at:
209-596-0416

4th Tuesday Evening Club:

Tues. April 23rd – TASTY THAI

Tues. May 28th – STRINGS ITALIAN

For Reservations: Contact Hall Eubank at:
209-649-4148

4th Thursday Evening Club:

Thurs. April 25th – OLIVE GARDEN

Thurs. May 23rd – PAPAPAVOLOS

For Reservations: Contact Vince Sereno at:
209-524-9630

Weekday Humor

1. *It's better to grow old with a sense of humor than to grow old with no sense at all.*

2. *HUSBAND: I want you to have this bracelet. It belonged to my Grandmother.*
WIFE: Why does it say, "Do not resuscitate?"

3. *CAMPING: Where you spend a small fortune to live like a homeless person*

Secrets to Inner Peace

If you can start the day without caffeine,

If you can always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,

If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,

If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it,

If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time,

If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,

If you can conquer tension without medical help,

If you can relax without alcohol,

If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,

Then You Are Probably---The Family Dog!

And you thought I was going to get all spiritual Handle every Stressful situation like a dog. If you can't eat it or play with it, P__ on it and walk away.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

<i>Name</i>		<i>Date</i>	<i>Age</i>
Gary	Hubbard	04/14/46	78
Gaylan	King	04/25/46	78

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

<i>Name</i>	<i>Spouse</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Years</i>	
Gary	Williams	Susan	04/10/96	28
Tom	Brawley	Donna	04/21/91	33
Tom	McNett	Elizabeth	04/05/81	43
Kent	Faulkner	Truda	04/01/78	46

APRIL INDUCTIONS

<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Years</i>	
Larry	Hockenberry	04/21/22	2
Pete	Dutton	04/20/17	7
Ed	Jackson	04/21/16	8
Bill	Cardoza	04/01/10	14
Chuck	Sheaffer	04/01/10	14
Gary	Stroud	04/03/09	15
Ernie	Pinkston	04/07/08	16
John	Bernard	04/01/04	20
Roy	Hardison	04/20/00	24

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL BIRTHDAY, ANNIVERSARY, AND INDUCTION MEMBERS!



April 2024 Bowling Report

High Scratch and Handicap Series and Games

Scratch Games

Handicap Games

Week 28 March 5

Series: Mike Bowers 703 Mike Bowers 703
Game: Mike Bowers 257 Mike Bowers 257

Week 29 March 12

Series: Mike Bowers 600 Jim Long 673
Game: Mike Bowers 214 Mike Bowers 250

Week 30 March 19

Series: Bob Abujen 604 Phil Reed 681
Game: David Brown 225 Phil Reed 251
 Jim Long 251

Week 31 March 26

Series: Mike Bowers 706 Mike Bowers 706
Game: Mike Bowers 279 Mike Bowers 279

Come out for our hometown tournament.

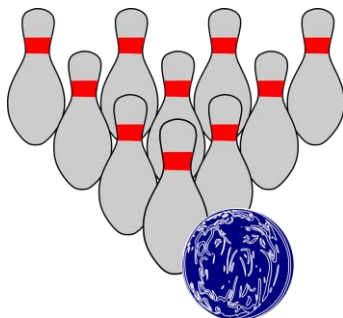
----- 2024 UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS-----

April 22-25 Gold Dust West, Carson City, NV
Tim Hall 775-241-9080
Dave Moore 510-825-2654

SIR Annual State Tournament:
May 21-22 Fireside Lanes, Citrus Heights
Art Tourtillot 916-635-6148
Ron Johnson 916-206-1483

June 6-7 Gold Country Lanes, Sutter Creek
Ray DiBasilio 530-558-9727

Branch 144 Bowling Chairman:
Bob Lewis 209-523-7387 bobalew69@msn.com



April 2024 Golf News



This is the new URL for Area 18 Golf:

<https://sirinc2.org/area18golf/>

MON. APR. 8	CREEKSIDE	COST: \$54.00
HOST: 144	8:00 AM	CARTS: OPTIONAL \$20
MON. APR. 15	TRACY C.C.	COST: \$59.00
HOST: 103A	8:00 AM	CARTS: INCLUDED
MON. APR. 22	DRYDEN	COST: \$52.00
HOST: 103B	8:00 AM	CARTS: OPTIONAL \$20
MON. APR. 29	MANTECA	COST: \$49.00
HOST: 144	8:00 AM	CARTS: INCLUDED
MON. MAY 6	ATWATER	COST: \$54.00
HOST: 103A	8:00 AM	CARTS: INCLUDED

THE 4 MAN SCRAMBLE (BEST BALL) TOURNAMENT WILL BE ON AUGUST 7th and 8th, AT THE RESERVE IN STOCKTON. NOW IS THE TIME TO MAKE UP YOUR TEAM. ONE PLAYER FROM EACH GROUP, A,B,C,D. ALSO, THE RENO TOURNAMENT IS ON JUNE 4th TO THE 7th. PLAYING LAKE RIDGE & TOIYABE G.C. FOR MORE INFO SEE THE STATE GOLF WEBSITE.

JAY NORRIS BRANCH 144 GOLF CHAIRMAN
3328 VINE CLIFF WAY MODESTO, CA 95355
209-606-1475

Sirgolfer144@gmail.com

2024 Napa Golf Tournament sponsored by Branch's 35, 149 and SIR State Golf.

**PRESS CONTROL & CLICK TO OPEN
2 SITES BELOW:**

[2024 Spring Fling Napa](#)

[2024 Spring Fling Entry Form, Fillable](#)



Make friends for life.

MEMBERS WHO PAID DUES IN 2024:

Abujen	Bob
Bistodeau	Fred
Brawley	Tom
Brooks	Patton
Brown	Cecil
Butera	Anthony
Chalk	Gary
Conkey	Hal
Cook	Deane
Dodd	Andre
Duran	Jim
Dutton	Pete
Eubank	Hall
Fetzer	Bruce
Fidalgo	Arnold
Gentry	Chuck
Gonzalez	Fernando
Graham	Sam
Grieshaber	Howard
Cardoza	Bill
Davis	Leonard
Hubbard	Gary
Medrano	John
Solario	Henry

Hardison	Brad
Hardison	Roy
Hawes	Jack
Jackson	Ed
Kincanon	John
King	Gaylan
Lawrence	Norm
Leffingwell	Charlie
Lewis	Bob
Lewis	Ernie
Martinez	Mike
Masse	Vern
Miceli	Joe
Miller	Jerry
Mountain	Jeff
Norris	Jay
Persons	Craig
Pinkston	Ernie
Rogers	Keith
Carrington	Glenn
Fallentine	Wayne
Honkenberry	Larry
Parks	Larry
Sereno	Vince

Rovere	Don
Salonga	Tony
Salvi	Lor
Santillano	John
Sheaffer	Chuck
Shoup	Chuck
Slocum	Michael
Sterling	Jim
Stires	Bill
Strain	Jerry
Stroud	Gary
Toepfer	Jim
Toschi	Gene
Walker	Jim
Weiss	Thomas
Williams	Gary
Yarbrough	David
Santwier	Edd
Burchell	Bill
Casiano	Nilo
Faulkner	Kent
Karlin	Dave
Prescott	Kevin
Vietor	Gerald

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
2022 Biff Galbraith
2023 Fernando Gonzalez



Modesto Branch 144 Officers

OFFICERS FOR 2024

Big Sir:..... Fernando Gonzalez 415-420-2440
Little Sir:..... John Santillano 209-544-1953
Secretary:.....Jim Toepfer 360-477-0930
Assistant Secretary:.....Jack O'Brien 209-542-7177
Treasurer:.....John Santillano 209-544-1953
Assistant Treasurer:.....Jerry Miller 209-601-8204

DIRECTORS FOR 2024

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 Vince Sereno 209-524-9630

STATE, REGION, & AREA OFFICERS FOR 2024

STATE PRESIDENT OF SIR IncDale Decker 209-573-0833
STATE VICE PRESIDENT OF SIR Inc ...Stu Williams 510-865-5000
AREA 18 REPRESENTATIVE.....Open

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:.....John Cardoza 209-483-7722
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: Fernando Gonzalez 415-420-2440
John Santillano 209-544-1953
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
Attendance: Tony Salonga 209-505-0915
Sunshine:...,Edd Santwier 209-605-9638
Nominating Committee Chairman: Gary Williams 209-578-3471
Members: Patton Brooks, Bill Burchell, and Sam Graham
Membership:Gaylan King 209-380-9896
Book Club:...Gaylan King 209-380-9896

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR 2024:

Big Sir: Fernando Gonzalez, Little SIR/Treasurer: John Santillano, Secretary: Jim Toepfer, Asst. Secretary: Jack O'Brien, Asst. Treasurer: Jerry Miller.

Directors: Anthony Butera, Andre Dodd, Gaylan King, Bob Lewis, Vince Sereno, and Jerry Strain.

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

The SIR website for the latest edition of SIR Happenings at: [February 2024 Happenings](#)

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

HLM: Gary Williams and Sam Graham; STATE HLM: Jerry Strain