



MAKING LIFELONG FRIENDS



MAY 2026
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A non-profit organization for retired men
MEETS EVERY FIRST TUESDAY, 11:00 AM
ELKS LODGE NAPA

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Coed Bocce enjoying
the day



Last month's speaker Kevin Miller of Napa Recycle



New Member Alan Johnson

The next Mixed Nutts baseball game will be on Sunday, April 26 FIRST PITCH: 10:00 AM LOCATION: Cleve Borman Field, Yountville Veterans Home

BIG SIR'S MESSAGE FOR MAY

I hope you enjoyed our April speaker, Kevin Miller from the City of Napa Waste and Recycling, and thank you for the thoughtful questions. His insight into how the system works was very interesting. If anyone would like to do a deeper dive into recycling, I am happy to set up a tour of the facility. If there is enough interest, I will facilitate a group tour—just shoot me an email and I'll take care of the details.



Our speaker for May will be Christine French, daughter of our own Sir Ruben Madrid. Ms. French is the Executive Director of Napa Valley Landmarks. Her organization works to document, protect, and actively promote Napa County's historic, architectural, and cultural heritage through advocacy, education, and research. Whether you are a Napa history buff or new to the area, you will gain fascinating insight into the history of Napa and its buildings and landmarks.

The Summer Picnic is rapidly approaching, and we need your help in several ways. Tickets are available and easy to obtain if you forgot to pick them up at the last meeting. You can also order tickets by contacting our Treasurer, Bill Clark, or myself. Tickets will also be available at each meeting.

We are also seeking auction prizes. Reaching out to local businesses you frequent and asking for a donated item or service is a great way to participate meaningfully in supporting both the branch and the event. If you need donor letters, please contact me and I will provide them. The letters include our tax ID number, letting donors know their contribution is tax deductible as we are a nonprofit organization.

I greatly appreciate each member and your contributions to Branch 149. I hope that what you give is returned to you through our lunches, social activities, and organized events.

We have also resumed hosting our information booth at the Saturday Farmers Market. If you'd like to spend a few hours with your fellow Sirs on a Saturday morning, this is a great opportunity to build our membership, share what we do, reconnect with friends, and make new ones. Please contact the RAMP Committee to sign up for a shift. The booth runs on the first Saturday of each month.

Respectfully,
Daniel Harder

Little SIR Message for MAY 2026

32%



That's the percentage of SIR 149 members who attended our luncheon meeting April 7, 2026.

For some members, this is the biggest event of their month. For others, our luncheon meetings are boring, have terrible food and are cliquish - something to avoid every month. Most of us are somewhere in between.

An Increase in attendance makes our luncheon meetings more valuable for everybody.

In order to improve attendance SIR 149 must consider:

- A. Getting more members to meetings who want to attend but don't, and
- B. Making luncheon meetings events that more members want to attend In time, we need to address. Making luncheon meetings more attractive to more members is going to be a longer process. However, accommodating those members who want to attend our

luncheon meetings but don't can be addressed right now! If you or a buddy needs help getting to the meeting, let us know. We know how to solve that problem.

Many members advise that their wives are beneficial in getting them "out the door at 10:30" the first Tuesday of each month. That is why, next month, SIR Branch 149 will offer each member the opportunity

to add their wives to the mailing list for luncheons, our summer picnic and holiday dinners. This opportunity is only for members who desire this service. Wives will continue being invited to only the picnic and holiday dinner.

There are other reasons for why members want to attend our luncheon meetings, but don't. Please join me in identifying them so that we address the ones that can be fixed.

Thank you.

Craig Ruess, Little SIR
SIR Branch 149

LUNCH MENU:

Chicken Swrama w Basmati Rice and Pita Bread



WINE TIPPLERS ENJOYING THEIR SELECTIONS OF WINE

Comfort Chair Report – May

Welcome to the May edition of the Comfort Report! As the weather warms up, our club is gearing up for a month filled with fun, friendship, and exciting activities. Whether you're looking to get active, enjoy good food and drink, or simply connect with others, there's something for everyone this month.

Golf enthusiasts can look forward to weekly rounds at our local course, offering both casual play and friendly competition. Our dining highlight will be a special evening at the Grove Restaurant, known for its welcoming atmosphere and delicious cuisine. For those who appreciate the arts, we'll be attending a Lucky Penny theater production, *The Drowsy Chaperone* and May 28, an excellent opportunity to enjoy culture and camaraderie. If you prefer to get moving, join our bicycling or walking groups for scenic outings around town. Bocce remains a club favorite, so come toss a ball and enjoy some laughs. Wine and beer tastings will be held at select venues, featuring local varietals and brews; it's a great way to unwind and discover new flavors. Game lovers can join our weekly poker and cribbage tables—perfect for sharpening your skills and meeting new friends. Other activities are always popping up, from group

SIRS ACTIVITY SPOTLIGHTS

Connection • Conversation • Good Times

Cards with Bob Hairiston

New Day, Same Great Game!



The poker group has changed their meeting day. We now play **Mondays at 1 PM at the Elks** — no more Thursdays.

Bob's Email: forekeepers@yahoo.com



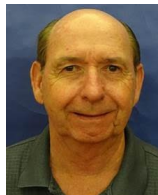
Golf

Tee It Up with SIRS!

Napa SIRS golf is coordinated by **Bob Jim Keller** and **Gary Garver**.

imkellerrealestate@icloud.com

gsirsgolf@yahoo.com



Contact them to get on the list for upcoming events. We offer **weekly golf outings** (both 9 and 18 holes) at a variety of courses, generally **within one hour of Napa**.

Coffee with Mike (Minus Bob)

SIRS Coffee Chaos — Caffeine, Banter & Zero Productivity

Finally — a group activity that requires *no actual activity*.



We meet at **Brewed Coffee Shop in the Outlet Center**, grab the communal table at **8:30 AM**, and proceed to... well... basically do nothing except sip, chat, and solve the world's problems.

We usually drift out around **10 AM** — or whenever caffeine, conversation, or patience runs out.

Come for the coffee. Stay for the laughs.

Wine Tiplers with Chris Bailey

Sip, Swirl & Socialize

April Tasting - Chardonnay

Sirs Wine Tasting was Chardonnay and we had a fun crowd of 12 attendees.

May Tasting is undetermined as of now. Check back at the luncheon contact me if interested.



Chris Bailey

Monday Walkers

with Dave Henry

We meet in the **East parking lot at Nob Hill Market** at the corner of **Trancas and Old Sonoma Road. 8:00 AM**

We cross Trancas Ave and walk the **River Walk from Trancas to Lincoln and back**. The walk takes

about **one hour** and features beautiful river views with occasional wildlife sightings.

The course is **level and paved** — no mud, no strenuous hills. Just good exercise and great company.

✉ dhenry91@comcast.net ☎ (707) 227-7413

Best,

Dave Henry



Web Page & Facebook

Stay Connected with SIR #149

We are proud of our SIR #149 website. Note the new button linked to a **PDF personal application**.

Please suggest any updates so we can keep it user-friendly. Stay informed between newsletters by joining us on **Facebook** and checking the **Upcoming Events** column.

Visit us at: www.branch149.sirinc2.org

✉ Send happenings, updates, and photos to **SIR Adrian** at:

napadentist@sbcglobal.net

☎ 479-4688



Bicycling with SIRs Bill Shields & Chuck Youngson



Get your heart pumping, enjoy the fresh air, and share the road with friends — the **SIR Bike Riders** hit the trails **every Thursday!** Whether you're a seasoned cyclist or just dusting off your wheels, all levels of riders are welcome. It's a great way to stay active, explore beautiful routes, and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow SIR members.

For more information, contact: **Bill Shields** – bshields6@comcast.net | 707-287-1246

Chris Youngson – chyoungson@yahoo.com | 707-225-2814

Book Exchange with SIR Rich Hanf:

Please put returned and donated books in the box marked as such. Most of our books are novels but we do have a few non-fiction books, which are marked with a white dot. There are a number of books that may appeal to our significant others. These are marked with pink dots.

We get new books donated each month so check out our library for a book that might interest you. If you got a new book as a Christmas present and have read it rather than let it set on a shelf gathering dust how about sharing it with your fellow SIRs.

We have a number of books that your wife or significant other might enjoy. Many are marked Take 2 or 3 home to give her a choice. On these cold, wet winter days putting together a jigsaw puzzle is a fun way to pass the time. Bill Wheaton has a large selection available.



with a pink circle. puzzle is a fun

Cars with SIR Dan McCabe

The second Sunday of each month from 8 am to 10am is Cars & Coffee at Brewed in the Napa Factory Stores parking lot. This is a free event for all to enjoy whether you have a classic car or not.



Newsletter from Don Krieger



Please send any pictures, announcements, or items you'd like included in the upcoming newsletter to: dkwonderful@gmail.com **We are in need of some help with the newsletter. Just collecting info and cutting and pasting. So if you are able to help let Craig Ruess or myself know.**

BOCCE WITH JIM DAVIS

Thursday is BOCCE Day!

Join your fellow SIRS every **Thursday** at the **Bocce Pavilion, Napa Senior Center** for some friendly competition, laughter, and plenty of camaraderie. Whether you're a seasoned player or brand new to the game, bocce is easy to learn and a whole lot of fun! So dust off your throwing arm, bring your best aim, and get ready for a great time with friends. For more information, contact: Chairman Jim Davis 707-2261119

jimmyWD@comcast.net



CRIBBAGE WITH BOB BENNING

. May is just around the corner and this month the third Monday is May 18. As usual, players of all skill levels are invited to play. Bring your cribbage board and plan to meet some new SIR. Play starts at 2 pm and goes for about 2 hours, rotating partners between games. **NOT usual, is the location!! It will be at one of three locations to be announced the week before the event. In the meantime, circle May 18 on your calendar but do not put a location under it.**



ROVING ROOSTERS

The Roosters are done roving for the year, but we are looking forward to more adventures into new and familiar places in the coming year.

David Dennis



FISHING REPORT FOR APRIL 2026

SIR members and guests are welcome, and indeed encouraged, to participate in fishing trips as well as attend the monthly meetings. Contacts are Pedro Contreras, 925-837-4847; and Carl Moyer, 925-685-5243. Next meeting will be at the Legends restaurant at the Diablo Creek golf course at Port Chicago Highway and Highway 4 on Thursday, March 26th at 8:30am. Come early.

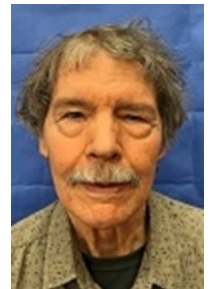
Fishing for stripers in the delta was productive for Tom Kostik, Harry Sherinian, Matt Richards, and Mike Pruett. Ron Lew and Ken Bellinder got bigger fish working the north bay. Stan Wong, Phil Scimonelli, Carl Moyer, Dennis Lee, Bob Lively, and Ray Pixton fished for trout from San Pablo Reservoir. Stan limited, most others did not. March at our meeting on the 26th we have our annual swap meet. We bring our excess fishing gear and buy the excess fishing gear brought by others. BARGAINS GALORE!!!! And, on April first the ocean season for rockfish opens up at all depths. There has not as yet been any decisions about salmon fishing, but we are hopeful.

SIR 149 COED BOCCE BALL ACTIVITY

Coed Bocce with John Iding and Dave Loomis

Monday Rollers!

Hey SIR members, grab your partner and do-si-do, or rather play coed bocce ball at the Napa Senior Center Bocce Pavilion! Join us on the 2 nd and 4 th Mondays each month at 1:30 pm for a good time on the courts. This activity is open to all skill levels; the games are played for fun with maybe a little competition. What a fun way for SIR 149 couples to get to know each other better. If you have any questions, contact the activity coordinators John Iding (541) 218-2177 John@jfinet.com or Dave Loomis (415) 272-5426 loomis.dt@gmail.com.



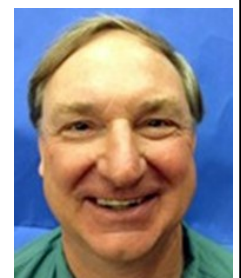
URBAN HIKING:

We meet in the parking lot at the corner of Main and Pearl at 9AM every Wednesday. The hike is a 2.5 mile walk that circles Oxbow, Napa's Riverwalk and downtown before finishing at the Barnhouse for Coffee. The hike lasts about 45 minutes and coffee another 30. For more information please contact Craig Ruess, craigcargo@gmail.com.



FUN W/ H BEER

Once a month we have an outing to discover the wonderful taste of beer at various locations in The Napa Valley. Contact Gary Toczykowski At gary.honestbrewer@gmail.com 510-507-6870



Tug McGraw Foundation's | 2026 Schedule

11
APR

BORMAN FIELD | 10:00 AM
FRESH OUT OF THE BOWL-SEASON OPENER

26
APR

BORMAN FIELD | 10:00 AM
THE SECRET INGREDIENT GAME

02
MAY

BORMAN FIELD | 10:00 AM
ROOTS AND SHOOTS

10
MAY

BORMAN FIELD | 1:30 PM
THE NUTTS UNDER FIRE CLASSIC

30
MAY

BORMAN FIELD | 10:00 AM
NUTTS ABOUT MOM CLASSIC

07
JUN

BORMAN FIELD | 1:30 PM
JUSTIN-SIENA GIRLS SOFTBALL

14
JUN

BORMAN FIELD | 1:30 PM
THE HOOAH ARMY CLASSIC

27
JUN

BORMAN FIELD | 10:30 AM
THE FINAL CRUNCH-SEASON CLOSER



Did You Know? The Mixed Nutts are carrying on a Yountville Veterans Home tradition of Sunday Baseball for Veterans that dates back to the 1800s. **Tradition: Honored**

www.tugmcgraw.org



Many apologies if we have issued anyone's names!

~~names are not correct.~~

MAY BIRTHDAYS

| | | |
|--------|-------------|------------|
| Paul | Pyle | 05/03/1952 |
| Gerry | Closs | 05/03/1942 |
| Fred | Self | 05/04/1937 |
| Chuck | Vanoncini | 05/05/1936 |
| David | Anderson | 05/09/1947 |
| Dennis | Rawlins | 05/10/1944 |
| Scott | Griffin | 05/11/1972 |
| Alan | Miller | 05/12/1952 |
| Gary | Toczykowski | 05/13/1957 |
| Larry | Timmer | 05/15/1941 |
| Dan | McCabe | 05/16/1947 |
| Fred | Bonds | 05/24/1957 |
| Bill | Clark | 05/25/1943 |
| Brock | Brockmeyer | 05/27/1950 |
| Bill | Parks | 05/29/1952 |

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

| | | | |
|--------|----------|---------|-----------|
| Daniel | Kathleen | Harder | 5/3/1997 |
| Fred | Shari | Bonds | 5/9/2000 |
| Arnie | Joetta | Bunter | 5/15/1988 |
| Tim | Liane | Knutson | 5/17/1980 |
| Alan | Katrina | Johnson | 5/23/1983 |
| Gordon | Krista | Lopez | 5/25/1977 |
| Dave | Susan | Loomis | 5/27/2013 |
| Steven | Jan | Kim | 5/30/1983 |

50+ Years of Wedding Bliss

| | | | |
|-------|----------|---------|-----------|
| Larry | Paulette | Timmer | 5/2/1964 |
| Russ | Laurel | Barker | 5/10/1969 |
| Jay | Maxine | Jacobs | 5/19/1960 |
| | | Eisen- | |
| Stu | Debra | drath | 5/21/1973 |
| Larry | Sheree | Pollard | 5/31/1973 |

ACTIVITIES CHAIRMEN

| | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| Bicycling | Bill Shields | 287-1246 |
| Ass't. | Chuck Youngson | 225-2814. |
| Bocce.: | Jim Davis | 226-1119 |
| Book Exch. | Rich Hanf | 224-7464 |
| Cards | Bob Hairston | 252-0252 |
| Clasic Cars | Dan McCabe | 224-6835 |
| Ass't. | Dan Silveira | 252-2284 |
| CoedBocce | John Iding | |
| Computers | Adrian Fenderson | 479-4688 |
| Cribbage | Bob Benning | 337-2614 |
| Events | Dan McCabe | 224-6835 |
| Fishing | Daniel Harter | 637-3859 |
| Golf Weekly | Gary Garver | |
| Monthly | Jim Keller | 415 827-4904 |
| Sec./Treas. | Jim Keller | 415 827-4904 |
| HNDCP. | Larry Timmer | 252-8079 |
| Area 7 Golf | Chairman | |
| | Jim Keller | 415 827-4904 |
| Trips | Dan McCabe | 224-6835 |
| Romeo | John Lansingh | 254-1056 |
| Travel | Looking for a new chairman | |
| RV's/Roving Roosters | | |
| Coordinator | David Dennis | 392-8837 |
| Theater | Bob Benning | 337-2614 |
| | Adrian Fenderson | 479-4688 |
| Veteran's Act | Vacant | |
| Walkers | Dave Henry | 227-7413 |
| Website | Adrian Fenderson | 479-4688 |
| Wine Tasting | Chris Bailey | 925 8904630 |
| World of Beer | Gary Toczykowski | 510-507-6870 |

PAST BIG SIRs

| | | | |
|------|---------------|---------|---------------|
| 1992 | Lou Hughes | 1993 | F. Heid * |
| 1994 | W. Barber* | 1995 | T. Tomlinson* |
| 1996 | D. Gibson * | 1997 | P. Miller |
| 1998 | D. Westover * | 1999 | E. Coyne* |
| 2000 | B. Johnson * | 2001 | D. Newell * |
| 2002 | M. Jack * | 2003 | D. Brooks* |
| 2004 | K. Pieper* | 2005 | J. Gibbany* |
| 2006 | A. Brambrink | 2007 | T. Jensen |
| 2008 | E. Suden | 2009 | G. Greco * |
| 2010 | C. Harris | 2011 | J. Chandler |
| 2012 | D. Collins | 2013 | R. Barker |
| 2014 | J. Cox | 2015 | T. Borman |
| 2016 | D. Pangburn | 2017 | Stu Williams* |
| 2018 | J. Prudhomme | 2019 | Carl Hammond |
| 2020 | Carl Hammond | 2021-22 | Tom Dawson* |
| 2023 | Ron Irwin | 2024-25 | Peter Dreier |

* Deceased

2026 OFFICERS

| | | |
|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Big Sir | Daniel Harder | 637-3859 |
| Little Sir | Craig Ruess | 650-544-3909 |
| Secretary | George Clark | 812-5385 |
| Asst. Sec | Byron Petterson | 337-1971 |
| Treasurer | Bill Clark | 253-2477 |
| Asst. Treasurer | Bob Klein | 310-5947 |
| Email | branch149@sirinc2.org | |

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|--------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Richard Brockmeyer | 1st Year | 479-5406 |
| Neil Barker | 2nd Year | 235-6645 |
| Rex Williams | 2nd year | 707-255-5834 |
| Dave Loomis | 1st Year | 415-272-5426 |
| John Lansingh | 2nd year | 254-1056 |
| Peter Dreier | Past Big Sir | 257-3630 |

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

| | | |
|------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Attendance | Bill Wheadon | 224-3901 |
| Membership | Craig Ruess | 650-544-3909 |
| Newsletter | Don Krieger | 925-548-5714 |
| Auditors | Rex Williams | 707-255-5834 |
| | Bill Parks | 707-326-9596 |
| Birthdays | Steve Smith | 326-3914 |
| Greeters | (open) | |
| Statistician/Historian | | |
| Dennis Pangburn | | 224-9231 |
| Photos | Adrian Fenderson | 255-6502 |
| Nominating Chair | Peter Dreier | 226-8586 |

HONORARY LIFETIME MEMBERS

| | |
|-----------------|------------------|
| Paul Miller | Al Brambrink |
| Keith Pieper | James Schlatter |
| Bobbie Hairston | Dennis Pangburn |
| Ed Suden | Adrian Fenderson |
| Ron Irwin | |

DESTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

| | | | |
|------------------|-----------------|--------------|--------|
| Adrian Fenderson | Byron Petterson | Mike Murrell | |
| Carl Hammond | Tim Borman | Peter Dreier | Dennis |
| Pangborn | Jim Prudhomme | Ron Irwin | |
| Rex Williams | Bill Clark | Bob Weeks | |



**WHERE AM I? EMAIL ME BACK AT
DKWONDERFUL@GMAIL.COM
TO WIN THE PRIZER**

SIRS 149 BRANCH NEEDS YOUR HELP

GETTING RAFFLE PRIZE DONATIONS

FOR THE 2026 SUMMER CELEBRATION

ON JULY 14, 2026, AT CHARDONNAY GOLF COURSE

The raffle prize tickets that we sell at our Summer Celebration (formerly called the Ladies Day Picnic) are our major fundraiser of the year and help us to subsidize and keep costs affordable for both the picnic and the Christmas Dinner. We depend upon members to help us secure raffle prize donations from the community. We need the help of all SIR members.

THE DATE & LOCATION OF THE SUMMER CELEBRATION PICNIC IS JULY 14, 2026, AND IT WILL BE HELD AGAIN AT CHARDONNAY GOLF COURSE.

Once you secure a donation, please contact either Jim Davis at 707 226-1119, JimmyWD@comcast.net or Adrain Fenderson at 707 479-4688, napadentist@sbcglobal.net and they will coordinate with you to collect the donations. They will need a description of the donation, the name of who donated the item, the value of the donation, and the name of the member securing the donation.

The deadline for submitting a donation to Jim or Adrain is Friday, 7/10/26.

Thank you to all SIR 149 members who can help us obtain Raffle Prizes for the 2026 Summer Celebration Picnic at Chardonnay Golf Course!

Peter Dreier

Past Big Sir Branch 149

Dues can be paid at the April luncheon. Remember that after the April luncheon dues will increase by \$15 to \$50. If you can't make a luncheon, you may send payment to:

Bill Clark 1635 San Vicente Avenue Napa, CA. 94558

Make check payable to SIR Branch 149.

May 2026

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 3 | 4 Hiking 8:00 am Riverwalk Poker 1:00 ELKS GOLF | 5 Coffee at Brewed 8:30 Monthly Meeting | 6 Urban hiking 9:00 Golf | 7 Bocce 9:30 Senior Center BIKING 9:00 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 | 11 Hiking 8:00 am Riverwalk Poker 1:00 ELKS COED BOOCE 1:30 | 12 Coffee at Brewed 8:30 | 13 Urban hiking 9:00 Golf | 14 Bocce 9:30 Senior Center BIKING 9:00 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 Hiking 8:00 am Riverwalk Poker 1:00 ELKS CRIBBAGE | 19 Coffee at Brewed 8:30 | 20 Urban hiking 9:00 Golf Wine Tippers 2:00 Riverpoint | 21 Bocce 9:30 Senior Center BIKING 9:00 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 Hiking 8:00 am Riverwalk Poker 1:00 ELKS COED BOOCE 1:30 | 26 Coffee at Brewed 8:30 | 27 Urban hiking 9:00 Golf | 28 Bocce 9:30 Senior Center BIKING 9:00 | 29 | 30 |
| 31 | NEWSLETTER GOES OUT | | | | | |