



# Wine Valley Press

## SONS IN RETIREMENT WINE VALLEY BRANCH #149



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

MAY 2025  
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### MESSAGE FROM THE BIG SIR

I missed the April luncheon because I was on vacation in beautiful Kauai celebrating my wife's birthday. Had a wonderful time. But I heard I missed a great luncheon meeting, with 86 Sir members present and three new members installed including Bob Archibald, Rick Hayes and Brad Onstad.



Welcome Bob, Rick and Brad to Branch 149 and hope to see you involved in a lot of Sir activities in the future.

A big Thank You to Little Sir Daniel Harder for assuming the Chair responsibilities for the April meetings in my absence. You are all lucky because Daniel will also be assuming the Chair responsibilities for the upcoming May meeting since I will be out of town again. Perhaps in my absence, Daniel can get more of you guys to come out to a luncheon and get us closer to 100 guys. Anyway, have lots of fun. That's what it is all about. I will see all of you for the June luncheon.

REMEMBER, TICKETS FOR THE JULY 1 ST LADIES DAY CELEBRATION AT THE

ELKS LODGE ARE ON SALE FOR \$45 A PERSON AT THE MAY MEETING. INCLUDED WILL BE A DELICIOUS TRI TIP STEAK BBQ CHICKEN MEAL, BEER, WINE, CAKE & ALL THE FIXINGS. ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE BINGO, OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES LIKE BOCCE; CORN HOLE OUR FAMOUS RAFFLE PRIZE DRAWINGS.

Finally, if you have not been to a Sir luncheon in a while it is time to invite a new friend to accompany you and join us on April 1 st for lunch and fellowship with old friends. We would love to see you. Thank You for your help.

Remember, invite a friend to join us for lunch and you will earn a free lunch in the future.

Peter Dreier President/Big Sir 2025



### NEW MEMBERS

Bob Archibald  
& Brad Onstead



*Where Am I?*

**TO WIN A BOTTLE OF  
WINE. Email me the  
correct answer at  
dkwonder-  
ful@gmail.com**

### MAY'S MENU

Hamburgers; Condiments & Potato Salad

### MAY 2025 BRANCH 149 SPEAKER SUMMARY

Our May luncheon speaker will be Kelly Fuller a local singer who will entertain us with a variety of songs and salute to the Dream Bowl. The Dream Bowl was a wonderful Napa venue for 40 years; operating in the 1940s. LITTLE SIR DANIEL HARDER WILL ALSO BE SHOWING HISTORIC PHOTOS ALONG WITH THE SONGS. DON'T MISS THIS UNIQUE ENTERTAINMENT OPPOR-

## MESSAGE FROM YOUR LITTLE SIR

Thank you all for your reminders at the April Luncheon making sure nothing slipped through the cracks.

We will have some great entertainment for our May Luncheon, Kelly Fuller who is a one of Napa's treasures and a fantastic singer will be our guest. She will be singing her tribute to The Napa Dream Bowl, and I will put together a slide show to play during her performance. If you have any photos you would like to add please let me know and I can scan them and add to the presentation.



Upcoming speakers will include Laurence Koross from The Napa County Library discussing the resources and classes the

library offers, Kelly O'Conner from the Napa Historical Society will share some of Napa's rich history and explain what interesting items they have in The Goodman Library on First Street.

In coming meetings, we will explore consumer fraud with a Napa County Assistant District Attorney, and another visit from Melissa who will share the new resource guide Providence will be rolling out this year.

A reminder that The Ladies Day Picnic is coming up quickly so do not hesitate to get your tickets! Contact Bill Clark at the May Meeting to get your tickets.

Feels like spring has settled in and the weather is perfect to get out and enjoy some of our great activity groups.

Look forward to seeing everyone in May!

Respectfully,

Daniel Harder

Little SIR/ Vice President



### Statistics

Current membership = 204

Number of Sirs December 2024 = 86

Number of guests at our April meeting=4

Number of new members 2025 3      Number of new applications 3

### ACTIVITIES CHAIRMEN

<b>Bicycling</b>	Bill Shields	287-1246
Ass't.	Chuck Youngson	225-2814.
<b>Bocce</b>	Mario Mazzoleni	227-8977
<b>Book Exch.</b>	Bill Wheadon	224-3901
<b>Cards</b>	Bob Hairston	252-0252
<b>Classic Cars</b>	Dan McCabe	224-6835
Ass't.	Dan Silveira	252-2284
<b>Computers</b>	Adrian Fenderson	479-4688
<b>Cribbage</b>	Bob Benning	337-2614
Events	Dan McCabe	224-6835
<b>Fishing</b>	Daniel Harter	637-3859
<b>Golf</b>	Weekly Gary Garver	
Monthly	Jim Keller	415 827-4904
Sec./Treas.	Jim Keller	415 827-4904
HNDGP.	Larry Timmer	252-8079
Area 7 Golf	Chairman	
	Jim Keller	415 827-4904
<b>Trips</b>	Dan McCabe	224-6835
<b>Romeo</b>	John Lansingh	<b>254-1056</b>
<b>Travel</b>	Looking for a new chairman	
<b>RV's/Roving Roosters</b>		
<b>Coordinator</b>	David Dennis	392-8837
<b>Theater</b>	Bob Benning	337-2614
	Adrian Fenderson	479-4688
<b>Veteran's Act</b>	Vacant	
<b>Walkers</b>	Dave Henry	227-7413
<b>Website</b>	Adrian Fenderson	479-4688
<b>Wine Tasting</b>	Chris Bailey	925 8904630
<b>World of Beer</b>	Gary Toczylowski	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	Peter Dreier

\* Deceased

## COMFORT REPORT FOR THE MAY NEWSLETTER

I wish all of Branch 149 good health and much happiness.

Enjoy our beautiful valley and good weather.

Hope to see more of you at the May luncheon. And plan ahead to purchase tickets to the Ladies Day Picnic/Luncheon on July 1 st .

Sir Ron Irwin,

Comfort Chairman



Last month's speaker Carl Shellhorn of the Sea Scouts

## ACTIVITIES

### Bicycling with SIRs Bill Shields & Chuck Youngson

SIR bike riders meet every Thursday. For more information contact Bill by email [t.bshields6@comcast.net](mailto:t.bshields6@comcast.net) or phone/text at 707-287-1246; or At [chyoungson@yahoo.com](mailto:chyoungson@yahoo.com) or 707-225-2814.



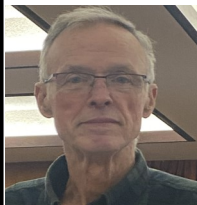
### Bocce with SIR Mario Mazzoleni

Thursday is BOCCE Day for SIRs on the Bocce Pavilion at the Napa Senior Center. For more information, please contact SIR Mario Mazzoleni at [1mariomazzoleni@gmail.com](mailto:1mariomazzoleni@gmail.com) or call or text to 227-8977.



### Book Exchange with SIR Bill Wheadon:

Bill and colleagues have a wonderful display of books for loan, covering several tables. The Book Exchange Table, invites you donate books! When the supply of books exceeds the Sirs storage area the overflow will be donated to the Napa Library and just about every month we take a large box of books to the library. Thanks for your generous gift of books **Your spouse of significant other may come before the meeting to pick out books.** For more info, contact SIR Bill Wheadon at 707-224-3901.



### CRIBBAGE WITH BOB BENNING

Cribbage is always the third Monday of the month. Therefore April 21 is the magic day. As always we meet at 2 pm and play for approximately two hours. April will be at John Langsingh's home at 1288 River Park Blvd.

If you have noticed, Spring is here, and time to shift cribbage to the usual outdoor venue at Bob Benning's home. MAY 19 (the May cribbage date) will be at 2571 Patricia Drive. All the other details are the same. Players of all skill levels are welcome to attend, even Jim Warren, our understated observer.



### Cards with SIR Bob Hairston

If the weather permits, bring your classic to our SIRs meeting. For more info., contact me at 707-224-6835 or [djmccabe547@comcast.net](mailto:djmccabe547@comcast.net).



### ROVING ROOSTERS

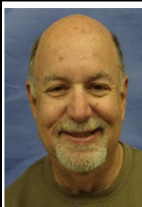
The Roving Roosters RV Club will begin another fun filled year. Our first outing will be to Lake Siskiyou near Mt. Shasta on June 1. We always enjoy two weeks of fishing, sightseeing, boating, hiking, dining and camaraderie with our club members. If this sounds like something you would like to participate in and have an RV, please contact me for more details. We always like inviting new members and guests to our fun filled events.

David Dennis

[davedenn888@gmail.com](mailto:davedenn888@gmail.com)



### NEWSLETTER



Please send any pictures or notification you need to put in the newsletter to me at [dkwonderful@gmail.com](mailto:dkwonderful@gmail.com)



## CARDS WITH BOB HAIRISTON



The poker group has changed their meeting day. We now play on Monday at 1PM at the Elks. No more Thursdays. Bob's email is [forebleepers@yahoo.com](mailto:forebleepers@yahoo.com)

## GOLF

Napa SIRS golf is coordinated by both Jim Keller ([jimkellerrealestae@icloud.com](mailto:jimkellerrealestae@icloud.com)) and Gary Garver. [gogsirsgolf@yahoo.com](mailto:gogsirsgolf@yahoo.com) Please contact them to get on their lists to be notified of upcoming events. There are weekly golf outings (both 9 and 18 holes) at a variety of courses generally within one hour of Napa.

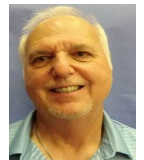
## COFFEE WITH MIKE MINUS BOB

**Weekly SIRS Coffee** Coffee with Mike and the guys) Every **Tuesday at 9 a.m. at Brewed Coffee at 865 Factory Store Drive** in the Factory Outlet Center off of Freeway Drive. **Mike Murrell** is chairing of this activity. This activity is open to members of both Branch 149 and 65. Come for coffee and serious or silly talk and to meet new friends with similar interests. One requirement: leave emotions and weapons at home. Bob and Mike's email addresses are: [mikemurrell.1@gmail.com](mailto:mikemurrell.1@gmail.com)



## WINE TIPPLERS WITH CHRIS BAILEY

"Sirs Wine Tipplers April tasting was Pinot Noir wines. We had 22 attendees! Everyone had great time at our monthly event. Next month we will not have an event as I will be in Europe.



## WALKERS WITH DAVE HENRY

### Monday Walkers,

We meet in the East parking lot at Nob Hill Market. At 8:00 AM we will cross Trancas Ave and walk the perimeter of Trancas Crossing Park. Then we will walk the River Walk from Trancas to Lincoln. The course is level and paved. So, there is no mud or strenuous hills to climb. I hope to see many of you there. Any questions please contact me.



Best Dave Henry

I: [dhenry91@comcast.net](mailto:dhenry91@comcast.net)

Mobile: (707) 227 7413



## WEB PAGE AND FACEBOOK

We are proud website. Note button that will of the new Please look at



of our SIR #149 that there is a be linked to a PDF person application. our site and suggest

any changes you would like to see so that we can make it very user friendly. We encourage all SIRS to keep up with what is happening between newsletters by signing up for Facebook and look at our SIR Branch 149 Facebook page. Also watch the Upcoming Events column and calendar on our website Home Page

at [www.branch149.sirinc2.org](http://www.branch149.sirinc2.org). Please send any happenings, updates, and photos of SIR events to SIR Adrian at [napadentist@sbcglobal.net](mailto:napadentist@sbcglobal.net) or contact him at 479-4688.

**SIRS 149 BRANCH REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE**  
**SEEKING RAFFLE PRIZE DONATIONS**  
**FOR THE 2025 LADIES DAY PICNIC CELEBRATION**

The raffle prize tickets that we sell at the Ladies Day Picnic on July 1, 2025, 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 PICNIC IS JULY 1, 2025 AND IT WILL BE HELD AT THE ELKS LODGE.**

Once you secure a donation, please contact either Jim Davis at 707 226-1119, [JimmyWD@comcast.net](mailto:JimmyWD@comcast.net) or Adrain Fenderson at 707 479-4688, [napadentist@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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 name of the member securing the donation.

**The deadline for submitting a donation to Jim or Adrain is Friday, 6/27/25.**

Thank you to all SIR 149 members who can help us obtain Raffle Prizes for the 2025 Ladies Day Picnic at Elks Lodge!

Peter Dreier

President/Big Sir Branch 149

## JOKES OF THE MONTH

- "I don't have wrinkles, I have wisdom highlights."
- "I'm not old, I'm a classic."
- "I'm not aging, I'm marinating."
- "Old age is like a fine wine - it gets better with time."
- "I may be old, but I'm still younger than Mick Jagger."
- "Old age is when you start looking forward to the end of your shopping trips."
- "I'm not old, I'm just chronologically gifted."
- "Why do seniors never trust stairs? Because they're always up to something!"\_

Many apologies if we have issued  
anyone's names!  
Please let us know if our data-  
bases are not correct!



### **MAY Birthdays**

Gerry	Closs	3-May-42
Paul	Pyle	3-May-52
Fred	Self	4-May-37
Chuck	Vanoncini	5-May-36
David	Anderson	9-May-47
Dennis	Rawlins	10-May-44
Alan	Miller	12-May-52
Gary	Toczylows	13-May-57
Larry	Timmer	15-May-41
Dan	McCabe	16-May-47
John	Patrick	22-May-40
Fred	Bonds	24-May-57
Bill	Clark	25-May-43
Brock	Brock-	27-May-50
Bill	Parks	29-May-52

### **May ANNIVERSARIES**

Daniel	Kathleen	Harder	3-May-97
Fred	Shari	Bonds	9-May-00
Arnie	Joetta	Bunter	15-May-88
Tim	Liane	Knutson	17-May-80
Gordon	Krista	Lopez	25-May-77
Dave	Susan	Loomis	27-May-13
Steven	Jan	Kim	30-May-83

### **50+ Years of Wedding Bliss**

Larry	Paulette	Timmer	2-May-64
Russ	Laurel	Barker	10-May-69
Jay	Maxine	Jacobs	19-May-60
Stu	Debra	Eisendrath	21-May-73
Larry	Sheree	Pollard	31-May-73

First meeting of the sirs beer group was held on 2/20 at Armistice brewing company on cottage street in downtown Napa. 15 sirs attended and all enjoyed a refreshing pint or two or a brewery sampler, while learning about armistice brewing company and the quality beers they offer. A lively discussion occurred regarding how beer is made and the many types and styles of beer, and planning for our next meeting in February as well as future activities. A good time was had by all. If you would like to attend future meetings please contact Gary Toczylowski at [Gary.honestbrewer@gmail.com](mailto:Gary.honestbrewer@gmail.com) who will put you on the list to receive notifications.



VISITING THE Cobra exhibit

The Cobra Experience in Martinez visited by some of our members.

Last month's blind tasting selection at the wine tippers. The y meet the third Wednesday of the month. 2:00 Riverpoint clubhouse



## \*\*\*\*\* REMINDER \*\*\*\*\*

For those who haven't paid their **2025 membership dues!**

Payment can be made at the April Luncheon. OR If you are unable to attend the luncheon, please send a check for \$35 made out to SIR Branch 149 to:

Bill Clark

Branch Treasurer

1635 San Vicente Avenue

Napa, CA 94558

We look forward to receiving your payment.





## ROMEO FOR MAY

SIR 149 DINNER INVITATION

Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 5:30

TARLA MEDITERRANEAN GRILL

1480 1st Street, Napa, CA 94559 [\(707\) 255-5599](tel:7072555599)



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CHOICE OF MEAT, FOWL, FISH, VEGETARIAN w/ SALAD, & DESERT,  
**NO CORKAGE FEE**

Make out checks to SIR 149 and send to:, John Lansingh 1288  
Riverpark Blvd., Napa, CA 94559 Phone: 707-254-1056, E Mail:  
[john@lansingh.com](mailto:john@lansingh.com) Space limited so reserve your spot soon!





Jeff Richards from Branch 65 had a hole in one at our golf outing this week at Blue Rock West, Hole 15 and above are all the lucky guys who had to drink the free beer Jeff paid for with his winnings

## FISHING REPORT

Hopefully you received the flier for the May fishing trip to Lake Berryessa, If not Give me a call 707.637.3859. We will be heading out May 13 th to round up some Kokanee. I will also be sending out an announcement relating to fly fishing, we have some spots close by with easy to fish waters. I along with a friend and flyfishing guide will have a beginners introduction to fly fishing and we will supply rods. Learn a few simple casts, setting up your rod and enough info to get you started. This is a great way to fish and very relaxing and fun as well. Keep our fingers crossed for a salmon season this year.



SON'S IN RETIREMENT

WINE VALLEY BRANCH #149

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