



~The SIR LAKE TAHOE BRANCH 160~

CHARTERED APRIL 22, 1991

**MEMBERSHIP OPEN TO MEN REGARDLESS OF AGE, RACE, COLOR, OR RELIGION
GETTING TOGETHER FOR LUNCH AND ENJOYING OUR VARIOUS ACTIVITIES**

HIGH MOUNTAIN NEWS



**NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 26, 2024 our 396th
FANDANGO CASINO CARSON CITY**

My Fellow SIR Members,

We had a respectful turnout for our January lunch last month; just over 40 members attended. Our meeting was held in Casino Fandango's Club 55 room which made for cozy accommodations. Planning our meal count gets dicey in the Winter, and we had a few people from the Lake who couldn't make it.

Speaking to our group was one of our members, Richard Gwinn, who spoke to us about his background in the gaming industry, from running legal poker games to providing "eye in the sky" security for several casinos. Richard had many interesting stories to tell.

Our Little SIR John Gooding has been working to fill out our speaker calendar and has some good guests coming up. I've also arranged for the Northern Nevada Golf Association's Director of Rules Education to speak to us at our February lunch. She will explain the World Handicap System and the changes to handicap calculations that the USGA has implemented in the past few years. She will also take questions on rules of golf. She told me that the questions that come up most often are regarding taking relief (from hazards, etc. guys). Have your questions ready! This should be interesting.

Our BlueGolf communication problems have been improved, and we have had several outings in between poor weather where we have played some fun new games including a Cha Cha Cha and Lone Ranger. We had planned a Pinehurst competition at Eagle Valley West for February 12th, but it was snowed out. As of this writing we are looking to reschedule this for the 19th.

Thanks goes out to Neil Wolf who completed our Branch audit and to Mike Patton who verified Neil's results. Neil determined that our finances are in ship shape and our SIR Regional Rep says it looks good. Approving the audit by our BEC will be on the April agenda. My thanks goes out to all the members, both officers and volunteers who work each month to complete the tasks and reports required by the Branch Schedule of Operations.

I'm looking forward to our February lunch and hoping for another good turnout. I'm also looking forward to our "snowbirds" returning for Spring lunches and the coming golf season.

Jim Maxedon, Big SIR

Dear Fellow Sirs



I hope the New Year has been treating everyone happy and well! We have been experiencing a very calm and mild winter so far this year as compared to last winter's storms. In January we had 3 gloriously beautiful sunny days to play our winter golf. We also experienced some surprising changes to our golf format and playing handicaps that brought some confusion as to how these changes affected us.

Fortunately, this month's guest speaker will be Brenda Lawrence, who is the Director of Rules Education for the Northern Nevada Golf Association. So, with Brenda's presentation we will have the opportunity to better understand the Rules and Working Handicap System. Ask questions? get answers!

I want to recognize and express my sincere appreciation to our beloved Sig and Lila Heidemann who for over 20 years have served us as our Golf Director and Assistant in organizing our weekly tournaments and posting our scores and results. Sig and Lila have given us their time efforts in this regard providing for us the opportunity to play the game we love sharing our joy and happiness with each other. Thank You Sig and Lila!

On Groundhog Day If you saw our furry weather forecasting groundhog Punxsutawney Phil emerging from his shelter, he didn't see his shadow. So, Phil is predicting we will be expecting an Early Spring. Enjoy the Weather, Stay Warm and Safe!

Your Little Sir, John Gooding.

BEC MEETING BUSINESS MEETING
BRANCH 160
22 January 2024

Call to Order 10:08 am by Big Sir Jim Maxedon

First order of Business to vote in Tim Durkin as a member and as secretary. Moved and seconded, passed.

Approval of Agenda – hand out.

Approval of Minutes - not available

QUORUM – Following Executive Committee Members present:

Big Sir - James Maxedon, Little Sir – John Gooding Secretary – Tim Durkin, Asst. Secretary – Skip Hempler
Treasurer – Joe Young, Director – Tom Kerns, Director – Terry Cannon, Director – Jim Beilstein
Director – John Lilygren, Director – Steve Butts, Director – Joe Tomlin

REPORTS:

Big Sir: Jim Maxedon

A thank you for all members present.

Goals:

Big Sir: Jim would like all officers to learn and understand their duties which can be found on the Sir's website. He also handed out "Annual Sir schedule of Branch Operations" to all members present so they could understand what is going on behind the scenes to make these meetings and activities happen.

He would also like to see more participation behind the scenes to keep the branch vital. For example, someone needs to volunteer to take over the website and help expand the use of social media and online resources like google forms to register for meetings.

He is going to start more user surveys to see what are the general membership concerns and wants. He would like to engage members more.

Little Sir: John Gooding

John wrote a letter for the current newsletter and has nothing to add. John mentioned that he is not an online kind of guy but he is here to serve the members.

Treasurer: Joe Young

A Sir's form 28 detailing our monthly cash report was included in the newsletter. As of today, branch 160 has \$7423.28 in checking and \$202.00 in petty cash. We were reminded that we are not making money on the lunches. That means there is no extra funding in the lunch fees. So, the branch needs to be careful about spending money.

Attendance: Tom Kerns

Nothing to report and still learning the job.

Bowling: No report

Golf: Sig Heidemann and Jim Maxedon

Before starting his report, Sig stated he is depressed and feels the organization is becoming too bureaucratic he feels Activity Chairmen need more recognition for the work they do.

Sig stated he is unhappy, feels Blue Golf is not working. He feels that communication is lacking about tournaments, he is not receiving emails and knows nothing about the results at Dayton Valley last week or the tournament tomorrow. He also feels a number of members are also not receiving emails. A number of members confirmed that they also were not receiving emails and were dissatisfied with Blue Golf. Sig, stated he feels "Golf" is broken now and the problem is Blue Golf and people are not happy with the new system. He feels it should be thrown out. Sig brought up the cost of playing Red Hawk had risen to \$75 for the hill course and \$80 dollars for the lakes course. Genoa also had exorbitant fees. He felt this was excessive and that cost was important, therefore we would not be playing Red Hawk or Genoa. As he sets up the summer schedule he will stay with local courses that have more reasonable fees.

Sig also reported that only 44 people have paid their NCGA dues. Non-payment could lead to being put on inactive status and losing your handicap.

Sig also reported the passing of several members (Jim Beard and Jim Sand) and that another member (Jerry Beacham) was in hospice with leukemia.

Summer league will start April 1st.

Big Sir Jim explained that he sent the results of Dayton Valley tournament only to the participants. That is why nobody else received the results. Jim stated he is trying to handle the issues with Blue Golf and is supplementing it with direct emails. He feels the program is basically good and a real time saver but here are glitches in the program and problems with communication. Jim will meet with Sig and try to come up with a solution. Jim thought a survey may help. But in the meantime, he will use email to communicate with all members.

There was much member discussion about Blue Golf and the tournaments. No consensus was reached. There was also discussion about NNGA membership. It is not required to belong to both NCGA and NNGA to play in our tournaments.

Membership: Joe D'Angelo

Voted in Tim Durkin, No guests today.

Joe made a **motion** seconded by John Gooding - to do away with certificates for new members. **Passed.** There was discussion about finding something more utilitarian.

Newsletter: Larry Coffman not present but requested \$525.00 for roster printing. Jim Maxedon suggested we transition the roster to online to save money. Joe Tomlin made a **motion** seconded by Jim Beilstein that Larry be given \$525.00 for printing expenses. **Passed**

Pickle Ball: Skip Hempler reported that pickle ball is played on Wednesday at 10 am. But there would be no games for the next two weeks due to a scheduling conflict at the convention center.

Rooster Sales: Dave Tiongco reported Hats and shirts have been ordered.

Sunshine: Mike Vadnais reported that Carol the wife of one of our members passed.

Web Master: Jim Maxedon reported he had no report and was waiting on receiving password protection for the roster.

OLD BUSINESS

Big Sir Jim Maxedon reported that we need to form a nominating committee for next year's officers. He will be reaching out via email and the newsletter. The committee should be selected by March and they should have a slate by June.

NEW BUSINESS

There was discussion about continuing to present the speakers with a certificate of appreciation. It was decided to continue the practice.

NEXT MEETING: February 26, 2024

A motion was made to Adjourn the meeting by Big Sir Jim Beilstein, seconded by Little Sir John Gooding. Passed

Meeting was adjourned at 11:08

Respectfully Submitted
Timothy Durkin
Secretary Branch 160



45ORM 28, SONS IN RETIREMENT MONTHLY CASH REPORT			Branch No.- 160	
Branch No. - 160	Area - 2	Region - 6		
Month - January	Year - 2024	MONTH	YTD	
BEGINNING CASH BALANCE (Total Cash)		Line 1	\$7,625.28	\$7,625.28
GENERAL ACCOUNTS				
Receipts				
102 Interest			\$0.12	\$0.12
103 Other—Assessments R.David-paid \$4 from 2023			\$4.00	\$4.00
Subtotal General Receipts		Line 2	\$4.12	\$4.12
Disbursements				
201 Printing, Supplies etc			\$36.00	\$36.00
202 Postage			\$39.60	\$39.60
205 State Board Pro Rata Assessments			\$255.00	\$255.00
Subtotal General Disbursements		Line 3	\$330.60	\$330.60
NET GENERAL gain / (loss)		Line 4 (2-3)	-\$326.48	-\$326.48
CUSTODIAL ACCOUNTS				
Receipts				
301 Monthly Luncheon			\$1,075.00	\$1,075.00
306 Rooster Items – 3 shirts and 2 Hats			\$95.00	\$95.00
307 Other 50/50 DRAWING			\$180.00	\$180.00
308 Other—Picnic raffle sales				
Subtotal Custodial Receipts		Line 5	\$1,350.00	\$1,350.00
Disbursements				
401 Monthly Luncheon \$25 @ 42			\$1,050.00	\$1,050.00
407 Other 50/50 PAYOUT			\$90.00	\$90.00
Subtotal Custodial Disbursements		Line 6	\$1,140.00	\$1,140.00
NET CUSTODIAL gain / (loss)		Line 7 (5-6)	\$210.00	\$210.00
ENDING CASH BALANCE (Total Cash)		Line 8 (1+4+7)	\$7,508.80	\$7,508.80

CASH ELEMENTS		MEMBERSHIP	
Checking	\$7,306.80	Members	102
Savings		Include HLM's	
Other	\$202.00		
Total	\$7,508.80		

02/02/2024 Patrick M. Patton & Joe Young
 Report Date Branch 160 Treasurer



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY BOYS

ALAN NORTON, WAYNE FELETAR,
KIP STEEL, GORDON SALAS,
JOSEPH D'ANGELO

One is 75, One is 65



MEMBER ANNIVERSARY
FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY
2017 MICHAEL PARAPID

Visit the SIR Website at sirinc.org and read
"SIR HAPPENINGS"—
the SIR State Newsletter.
Sir Branch 160 Web Site
https://sirinc2.org/z_branch160/index.html

SUNSHINE REPORT

Our Sunshine Chairman is Mike Vadnais His phone number is 775-546- 0810. Let Mike know if someone is under the weather or if a family member is not well.

How to sponsor a New Member. . .

Present him with a business card for his free lunch on Sir Branch 160.

He should be able to attend the monthly meetings. Make him aware that there is an assessment of \$8 once a year, but some members make voluntary donations to help cover our expenses. Tell Him that dress is casual and to arrive at Fandango Casino in Carson City during the social hour - -after 9:30a.m. but well be for 10am – Introduce your guest as a prospective member when called upon. He won't have to make a speech. Pick up an application (or go online) help him fill it out and then return it to the Membership Chairman. His application will be processed and, typically, he can be introduced as a New Member at our next regular luncheon meeting.

Lake Tahoe Branch 160 Badge Color Scheme:
Charter Member...**RED** Honorary Life Member...
GOLD New Member...**BLUE** the rest of us...**BLACK**. When you see a badge with **BLUE** lettering indicating a NEWER MEMBER, be sure to make him feel welcome.



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Membership & Luncheon Report
Sons In Retirement – Lake Tahoe Branch 160
Steve Butts Director Branch 160



January 2024

Total Member previous report (106)

Members Dropped (2) Jim Sand, Jerry Beauchamp

New Members voted in (0)

Prospective New Member (1) Jim Manning

Total Members this report (104)

Medical Leave: (1) Neil Fox

Excused Short Term Illness or Recovery (1) Bruce Beegley

(9) Members on activity suspension for failure to attend 3 meetings in the last 12 rolling months. Members must also pay their overdue assessments before resuming activities. David Agee, Harold Allan, Bill Bumbaca, Duane Collins, Lee Edwards, Neil Fox, John Greenhut, Bill VanHoosen, Ed Waggoner

Total excused members (11)

Total Active Members minus Excused Members (93)

Total number unexcused not at meeting (50)

Total Members attending meeting (43)

Speaker (1) Richard Gwinn

Visitors (0)

Total present (44)



Celebration of Life for Jim Sand
Friday, Feb. 23, from 1 to 3 PM at the Minden Civic Hall across the street from the C.O.D. Casino.
Everyone is welcome.
Jim was a member of our SIR organization since 2009. Jim was 83 years old.

ROOSTER SALES

~NOTICE ON SALE NOW~
SUPPORT "The SIR" ~ DRESS IT UP
WITH ROOSTER PINS,
HATS AND SHIRTS.
SHOW HOW PROUD
YOU ARE TO BE A
SIR!!



HATS ~\$15

VESTS ~\$29.50

POLO SHIRTS~ \$16/\$21

WICKING SHIRTS~\$20/24/30

PINS ~ SMALL \$2/LARGE \$3

GOLF/BOWLING TOWELS ~\$9

Start looking good!

DAVID TIONGO



**BADGE DRAWING WINNER FOR
FEBRUARY LUNCHEON
JOHN LILYGREN**

**Come to a meeting, have lunch, hear our guest speaker
and have your badge pulled from the bucket for a
lunch on the SIR at the next meeting.**



Passing of Jerry Beauchamp. Joined Sir in 2008,
Resigned and rejoined in 2022

NEWSLETTER

LAKE TAHOE BRANCH 160 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

BIG SIR-----JAMES MAXEDON-----209-914-5669	DIRECTOR-----JOE TOMLIN-----775-790-7160
LITTLE SIR-----JOHN GOODING-----775-450-6242	DIRECTOR-----TOM KERNS-----925-202-5922
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