



~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

FEBRUARY 2026

NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 23rd our 421st.

FANDANGO CASINO CARSON CITY



Greetings Sirs,

I hope everyone is enjoying our very mild Winter! Punxsutawney Phil projects five more weeks of winter?

Happy Valentine's Day to You and Yours!

Golf and Bowling is rolling along but Skip is still offering Pickleball if anyone is interested? We are attempting to provide more Activities for your enjoyment. Special thanks to Edward Schnabel for the Fishing opportunity at Lake Tahoe. Also, thanks to Vincent Schantz for offering Texas Hold-Em Poker and Dave Tiongco for a future Bocce Ball Event!

I hope to see many of You at our next luncheon Meeting Monday, February 23rd at the Fandango?

Be Safe, Take Care and Warmest Regards. Big Sir, John Gooding



Hello SIRS,

Our speaker for February will be Brian Main, an entrepreneur, who has created a successful business entitled Pretty Odd Weiners. He will share with us his recipe for success and give us an insight into his business.

We have great speakers lined up for our luncheons: in March from Golftec will be Jeff Bender, who is a certified personal golf coach and will be speaking to give us some insights that we can all use.

Other great speakers are lined up in the following months.

Happy Birthday to our February Birthdays: Joe D'Angelo, Wayne Feletar, Alan Norton, Ron Russell, Gordon Salas, Don Felkins and Kip Steele.

We have been lucky this year having very bearable weather for our winter golf - let's hope that it continues.

Your Little Sir, Larry Finkel



We have had a relatively mild Winter golf season so far – one and possibly two cancellations due to snow or wet/cold weather. That said, participation has been pretty good for Winter golf.

Our trip to Red Hawk Lakes was successful with good participation given the travel distance for some of our golfers. The course was not in very good shape, and carts were restricted to cart paths, but it was a sunny day, and we had fun. We will play there again (perhaps for the last time) in late April, and hopefully there will be no restrictions.

The regular season schedule has been set with only a few details to be finalized. Sig Heidemann has secured lodging and golf for our annual Plumas trip June 8th, 9th, and 10th. The cost will be \$620 per person. We have twenty-four golfers signed up already, but Sig says we may be able to accommodate a seventh foursome.

Everyone seems to be enjoying the variety of games we have been playing. We’ve tried most of the games BlueGolf supports, but I will look for some variations for changes of pace. Most of our tournaments are variations of 4-Man best balls, but the 2-Man games have worked out well, too. The regular season schedule lists specific formats for all the tournaments, but they are subject to change depending on various factors.

Thanks for all your support! And thank you Tom Sawyer for being the paymaster.

Jim Maxedon – Golf Chair

SIR Winter 2025-2026 Golf Tournament Schedule

Date	Tuesday	Start Time	Course	Game	Fees
2/24/2026	Tuesday	9:00	Eagle Valley East	TBD	30.00
3/2/2026		9:00	Sunridge	TBD	35.00
3/9/2026		9:00	Empire Ranch	TBD	35.00
3/16/2026		9:00	Silver Oak	TBD	45.00
3/24/2026	Tuesday	9:30	Washoe	TBD	40.00
3/30/2026		9:00	Eagle Valley West	TBD	35.00

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER January 26, 2026 10:00 AM BY BIG SIR JOHN GOODING

12 attendees. John Gooding, Larry Finkel, Scott Wadsworth, Joe Young, Neil Wolf, Sig Heideman, Tom Kerns, Jim Maxedon, Larry Coffman, Joe Tomlin, Larry Root and Ed Schnabel.

Big Sir reports his goal and plan to include Sir's Vision Statement and Mission Statement. Approval of branch activities

Treasury report: Joe Young thanks Neil wolf for his Christmas party involvement. 88 attended

Motion to vote in Free music piped in from Fandango, eliminate live entertainment to save \$450.
Passed

Talk about giving a carnation stem flower to the ladies at the Christmas party.

Motion to increase individual assessment to \$12 from \$11.60 passed.

Open assistant secretary spot.

1st time guest only gets one free meal.

Three new member packages. 1, welcome new guest package, 2. Application package, 3. New member package

2 new members voted in, Chris Knox and Donald Felkins

Golf: Motion to approve new summer schedule passed. Talk about two new golf tournament formats, NASA and 4 ball match play. Talk about 3 day Plumas Golf trip. June 8-10 cost \$620.00

Attendance: 108, 4 delinquent, 2 snowbirds, 1 no response and the other, Wayne Bradley has last chance after several attempts going on a year.

Newsletter: Motion to print 75 new rosters passed. Deadline for next newsletter is 2/12/26

MEETING ADJOURNED 11:00 AM

Next meeting Feb 23, 2026 Lunch.

SIR State Golf held 11 tournaments in 2025 and is planning on 13 tournaments in 2026.

In 2025 we started two new programs. The first was annual competition for both team and individuals. The 3 best rounds posted would determine the winners. We also introduced an "Over 80" flight in all events, except scrambles, and an annual award for the 3 lowest net rounds (yes, we had a few sub-par net rounds). This experimenting hope to encourage players and teams to participate (at least 3 times at SIR State events), which helps build our event turnout numbers.

We also suspended the Area and Regional Qualifiers as these act to eliminate good players and teams and reduce the total golfers at our team and individual tournament events. We might in the future again return to this elimination style of championship--maybe do it in parallel with the Annual Awards. Another event we conducted was an Inter-Branch golf competition. For 2025 we had one such event between Branch 35 and the Santa Cruz-Monterey golf group. We are now planning Ryder Cup format events in Feb and March of 2026 between these 2 groups. We would like to see this type of event in the Sacramento and Napa/Fairfield areas in 2026.

Our first 2026 SIR Golf event will be in Napa on Weds/Thurs April 22-23, followed by another event in Fairfield (Rancho Solano and Paradise Valley) May 20-21 and another at Blue Rock Springs (East and West) in Vallejo on June 24-25.

In August we will hold the annual Team Scramble Championship at Hiddenbrooke, but with a slightly different set of rules--no more ABCD requirements. There will a separate tournament and practice round on Wednesday and the official Team Championship event on Thursday.

Area 3 Golf Chair Mike Kearns is working on a 2-day tournament in the Sacramento area and the Individual Championship on Oct. 1.

We will complete the year with the 3 days in Monterey the first week of November.

Please look at the SIR State golf website, WWW.SIRGOLF.ORG, for all of the event's information and their entry forms. We expect large entries for the 2026 events, so get your entries in early.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at these great events!!

Ben Gikis, 2026 State Golf Chairman
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Date	Course	Event *	Time	Gree Fees	Lunch
4/6/2026	Eagle Valley East	4-Man Odd/Even	8:30	\$42	Yes
4/13/2026	Lakeridge	4-Man 1 Fr 2 Back	8:30	\$60	
4/20/2026	Dayton Valley	6x6x6	8:30	\$50	Yes
4/28/2026 Tues	Red Hawk Lakes	4-Man Cha Cha Cha	8:30	\$75	
5/4/2026	Eagle Valley West	4-Man Scramble	8:30	\$47	Yes
5/11/2026	Toiyabe	2-Man Cha Cha	8:30	\$60	
5/18/2026	Sunridge	4-Man Shamble	8:30	\$55	
5/26/2026 Tues	Carson Valley	2-Man Scramble	8:30	\$50	Optional \$5
6/1/2026	Wolf Run	4-Man Lone Ranger	8:30	\$60	
6/8/2026	Plumas Pines	4-Man 1 Best Ball	12:00	TBD	
6/9/2026	Graeagle Meadows	4-Man Shamble	9:00 TT	TBD	
6/10/2026	Plumas Pines	4-Man Scramble	9:00	TBD	
6/15/2026	Sierra Sage	4-Man 3-2-1	9:00 TT	\$53	
6/23/2026 Tues	Washoe	4-Man 2 Best Balls	8:00	\$50	
6/29/2026	Eagle Valley West	\$5 Nassau	8:30	\$47	Yes
7/6/2026	Dayton Valley	Club Championship ISP	8:30	\$50	Yes
7/13/2026	Silver Oak	4-Man Odd/Even	8:30	TBD	
7/20/2026	Washoe	4-Man Cha Cha Cha	8:00	\$50	
7/28/2026 Tues	Empire Ranch	6x6x6	8:30	\$35	Optional \$15
8/3/2026	Silver Oak	Heidemann Cup ISP	8:30	TBD	
8/10/2026	Apple Mountain	4-Man 1 Best Ball	9:00 TT	\$63	
8/17/2026	Silver Oak	4-Ball Match	9:00	TBD	
8/25/2026 Tues	Dayton Valley	Match Play	8:00	\$50	Yes
8/31/2026	Lakeridge	4-Man 1 Fr 2 Back	8:30	\$60	
9/8/2026 Tues	Carson Valley	2-Man Scramble	8:30	\$50	
9/14/2026	Lake Tahoe	4-Man 1 Best Ball	9:00 TT	\$65	
9/21/2026	Sierra Sage	4-Man Cha Cha Cha	9:00 TT	\$53	
9/29/2026 Tues	Eagle Valley East	4 Ball Match	8:30	\$42	Yes
10/5/2026	Sunridge	4-Man Scramble	8:30	\$50	
10/12/2026	Toiyabe	\$5 Nassau	8:30	\$60	
10/19/2026	Wolf Run	4-Man Lone Ranger	8:30	\$60	
10/27/2026 Tues	Silver Oak	4-Man 3-2-1	8:30	TBD	

* Subject to change

FORM 28, SONS IN RETIREMENT MONTHLY CASH REPORT						160	
Branch	160	Month	January	Year	2026		
Area	6					Month	YTD
BEGINNING CASH BALANCE (Total Cash)						Line 1	\$7,395.07
GENERAL ACCOUNTS							
Receipts							
	101	Dues / Contributions				\$500.00	\$500.00
	102	Interest				\$0.13	\$0.13
	103	Other				\$0.00	\$0.00
	Subtotal General Receipts					Line 2	\$500.13
Disbursements							
	201	Printing, Supplies etc				\$30.00	\$30.00
	202	Postage				\$31.20	\$31.20
	203	Officers' Expense				\$35.50	\$35.50
	204	Guest Expense				\$0.00	\$0.00
	205	State Board Pro Rata Assessment				\$296.40	\$296.40
	206	Other				\$0.00	\$0.00
	207	Other				\$0.00	\$0.00
	Subtotal General Disbursements					Line 3	\$393.10
	NET GENERAL gain/(loss)					Line 4 (2-3)	\$107.03
CUSTODIAL ACCOUNTS							
Receipts							
	301	Monthly Luncheon				\$1,350.00	\$1,350.00
	302	Special Activities				\$0.00	\$0.00
	303	Travel				\$0.00	\$0.00
	304	Bowling				\$0.00	\$0.00
	305	Golf				\$0.00	\$0.00
	306	Rooster Items				\$0.00	\$0.00
	307	50/50 Split Pot Drawing				\$200.00	\$200.00
	308	Other				\$0.00	\$0.00
	Subtotal Custodial Receipts					Line 5	\$1,550.00
Disbursements							
	401	Monthly Luncheon				\$1,584.00	\$1,584.00
	402	Special Activities				\$0.00	\$0.00
	403	Travel				\$0.00	\$0.00
	404	Bowling				\$0.00	\$0.00
	405	Golf				\$0.00	\$0.00
	406	Rooster Purchase				\$0.00	\$0.00
	407	50/50 Split Pot Drawing				\$100.00	\$100.00
	Subtotal Custodial Disbursements					Line 6	\$1,684.00
	NET CUSTODIAL gain/(loss)					Line 7 (5-6)	-\$134.00
ENDING CASH BALANCE (Total Cash)						Line 8 (1+4+7)	\$7,368.10
CASH ELEMENTS		Membership					
Checkbook	\$7,368.10	Total Last Month	108				
Savings	\$0.00	New This Month	2				
Petty Cash	\$0.00	Lost This Month	0				
Other	\$0.00	Total This Month	110				
Total Cash	\$7,368.10	#Applications	0				
				2/10/2026	<i>Joe Young</i>		
				Date Report Prepared	Treasurer		
Dist: SIRForm28@YAHOO.COM, Big Sir, Branch Secretary							
FORM 28, Rev 10/09/2024							

Sons In Retirement – Lake Tahoe Branch 160
Membership & Luncheon Report
Tom Kerns Director



JANUARY 2026

Total Member previous report (108)

Members Dropped (1) Bob Pitcock

New Member voted in (2) Felkins, Knox

Long term illness (1) Lee Edwards

Short term illness (1) Pat Caldwell

Excused Snow Birds (9) Dow, Fox, Myers, Patton, K Schantz,
Scott, Tinker, Waggoner, Smith

Total Members this report (109)

(6) 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 (2) Kirk
Schantz, (2) Wayne Bradley, (2) Dan Norman, (2) Robert
Reifenburg, (2) James Cooper, (2) Steve Tillman

Total excused members (13)

Total Active Members minus Excused Members (96)

Prospective New Member (1)

Total number unexcused not at meeting (42)

Speaker (2)

Guests (0)

Total Members attending meeting (57)



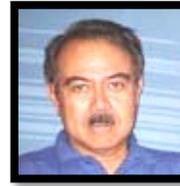
**BADGE DRAWING WINNER FOR
FEBRUARY LUNCHEON
LARRY ROOT**

*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...*

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



SUNSHINE REPORT

Our Sunshine Chairman is Jim Beilstein His phone
number is 775-790-5180. Let Jim know if someone is
under the weather or if a family member is not well.

ROSTER CHANGES

Welcome TWO New Members

58 Donald R. Felkins
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How to sponsor a New Member. . .

He should be able to attend the monthly meetings. Make him aware that there is an assessment of \$12.00 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 – 11:00am– 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

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.



The State Sir has increased our assessment per quarter. Your assessment of \$12.00 is due now. You can pay at the next meeting or you can mail a check to Joe Young 3345 Coloma Dr. Carson City. NV 89705.



**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY BOYS
HAPPY BIRTHDAYS**

*RON RUSSELL, DONALD FELKINS,
ALAN NORTON, WAYNE FELETAR,
KIP STEEL, GORDON SALAS,
JOSEPH D'ANGELO*



**MEMBERS ANNIVERSERY
FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY
2017 MICHAEL PARAPID
2025 LOUIS FILATREAU**

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



January speakers Keep Tahoe Blue (The League to Save Lake Tahoe).

Left to right, Little Sir Larry Finkel, Julie Lytle, Adrian Escobedo and Big Sir John Gooding

NEWSLETTER

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