Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Friday of each month at the Scottish Rite Center, 600 Acacia Ln., Santa Rosa, CA

For Excused Absences, Guests Lunches or Alternate Lunch Selection, please, you must call or email before 10:00 am on the Monday preceding the meeting for an excused absence, otherwise you will be charged for a meal.

Contact:  John French, sonomaink@yahoo.com  707-280-4120 or Marv Schouweiler, mschouweiler@att.net  707-484-3070

**Meeting Schedule**

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Please place your badge into the collection buckets when leaving!

**Lunch Menu**

1st Course: Caesar salad

Main Course: Lasagne with beef and tomato sauce, roasted seasonal vegetables.

OR

Vegetarian lasagne, roasted seasonal vegetables.

Either entrée served with: Local Sourdough bread, butter, coffee, iced tea and water.

Dessert: Vanilla sundae with chocolate sauce

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**BIG SIR**  Ted Scapeccia's Message

tescape@sbcglobal.net  707-539-5049

Here we are in August! Memorial Day and Fourth of July holidays are history. Next month we will celebrate Labor Day and see summer approach its end.

Speaking of celebrating, in July we had a new member join our group, Chuck Stark, who was sponsored by our super-recruiter Doug Weber. If Doug can bring in new members, so can you. Be sure to get acquainted with Chuck and make him feel welcome. We also had a guest, Chris Nolen, sponsored by Bob Reuther. Let's hope we are inducting Chris in August.

Unfortunately, our active membership is down to 93. We had Bob Sinai regrettably pass away and had another active member resign. I hope to see more guests in August. Remember, history tells us it takes three guests to get one new member.

Still no news on the sale of the Scottish Rite building. Looks like we will be holding our lunches there for a while. Our Venue Selection Committee has been diligently reviewing all the alternative sites brought to their attention. They have organized the list by rank with three sites, St. Rose, Saturday Afternoon Club and Druids receiving a "high" ranking. Six sites were either ranked "low" or "no." Five additional sites have not yet been ranked.

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**LITTLE SIR**  Robert Reuther's Message

rareuther@yahoo.com  707-588-8954

Here we are in August, and headed towards the end of the traditional vacation season. If you have been away for the summer, we look forward to having you back.

We've had feedback that some members have a tough time hearing the speaker. In the future, we will ask the speaker to speak clearly into the microphone. The apparent audience solution is not to wait until the meeting is over, but to correct the situation while the speaker is giving his or her talk. The loss of hearing is a widespread problem in our age group, so we should not be hesitant to speak up; so many of us have the same problem. The obvious solution for some is to sit in the front of the room. If this is not practical, then when you can't hear raise your hand or signal the speaker orally that you cannot hear. We also understand that questions from the audience cannot be heard. The solution will be to have the speaker repeat the question, which we will monitor more closely.

As Little Sir, I have many activities and responsibilities while the speaker is speaking: (1) eat the meal I paid for; (2) listen to the speaker; (3) make sure the speaker can be heard; (4) take notes for a Bark article; (5) keep track of time so we adjourn at 1:30;

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**JULY Attendance**

**John French,** Chairman  
sonomaink@yahoo.com  707-280-4120

There were 67 members, one visitor and one guest that attended the meeting. There were 23 excused members and only three members that were unexcused this time—it’s getting better!

**Chaplains’ Corner**  
(by Herb Percy)

*Like an Owl, I am Alert, Patient, and Objective.*

Jonathan Huie

Thinking about the things that occurred in the month of August, I thought it would be good to look up the origin of the name. August was the 6th month in the early Roman calendar, named after Julius Caesar Augustus. Anglo-Saxons called it weed month, because it is the month weeds and other plants grow most rapidly. August is the busiest time for tourism. Hoping your August is educating, interesting, fun and Blessed.

SIR Branch news, some of you may not know that we lost our “100 year young member,” Bob Sinai, on 7/16/17. Let’s keep his family in our thoughts and prayers as they make their adjustments.

Contact Herb Percy, email dadpercy@yahoo.com or call 707-575-7787 OR assistant chaplain Mike Heinzelman, email mdheinz2@gmail.com or call 707-579-6615.

A closed mouth gathers no foot.

**JULY Membership**

**Doug Weber,** Chairman  
zzzweber@aol.com  707-545-3188

There was one new application from Chris Nolen and one induction of new member Chuck Stark. Roy Sprague and Bill Lee resigned. Bob Sinai passed away on July 16th. We now have 93 active members & three inactive members.

**New Member**

#129 Charles Stark, is our newest member, sponsored by Doug Weber. Charles was married but his wife passed away 11 months ago. He has three children and five grandchildren.

Upon graduating from Penn State he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the US Army but was granted a delay of active duty to attend law school.

After law school and his active duty commitment was completed, Charles spent 23 years in the Active Reserves and attained the grade of lieutenant colonel. He had his own law practice in Santa Rosa for more than 30 years, finally retiring in 2006. He held several local, nation and international offices in the Active 20-30 Club, has been active in the Rotary Club and several other clubs.

Charles has traveled extensively and is interested in astronomy, dining out events, (maybe Boys Night Out) fishing, GOLF, travel, wine tasting and is experienced in websites.

We welcome you, Charles to Branch 17!
Program for August 18 Meeting

The speaker for August is Ms. Nizza Sequeira, Public Relations Director of the Marin/Sonoma Mosquito and Vector Control District. Their mission statement is: “The Marin/Sonoma Mosquito and Vector Control District, founded in 1915, protects the health and welfare of the communities it serves from mosquitoes and vector-borne diseases by utilizing cost-effective, environmental responsible integrated vector management practices.”

The district was founded in 1915, when the State Legislature passed the Mosquito Abatement Act and it became the first District in the State located in Marin County and known as Mosquito Abatement District Number 1. Sonoma County started to be voluntarily annexed in 1976, and the whole county joined in 2004. The name was changed in 1995 to its present name because of the added services. The current headquarters since 2000 is in Cotati. The District has 24 Trustees who represent their county at large or their city. The District now serves 736,000 people in about 2,300 square miles.

This special District in two Counties covers all vectors as defined by the California Health and Safety Code at Division 3, Chapter 1, Article 3: “Vector means any animal capable of transmitting the causative agent of human disease or of producing human discomfort or injury, including, but not limited to, mosquitoes, flies, mites, ticks, other arthropods, rodents and other vertebras.”

Currently the emphasis is on fleas, mosquitoes, rats, ticks, and yellow jackets. There are several programs: rodent infestation control is important to prevent rat fleas that carry plague bacterium; tick surveillance looks for bacterium that causes Lyme disease; mosquito control which prevents the vector-borne diseases known as West Nile virus and yellow jacket control that prevents the deadly interaction with ground yellow jackets.

The talk by Ms. Nizza Sequeira, should be very interesting as we all know the importance in our lives of the control of these diseases.

(Article by Robert Reuther)
**ACTIVITIES:**

**Bowling**  
(Article written by Mike Heinzelman)

If you have an interest in joining the SIR bowling league, or just want to see how Bob is progressing, come-on-down to Double Decker Lanes in Rohnert Park any Monday at 10 AM. Ask for the SIR bowling group. (Remember, it’s not a weekly commitment--just come when you can.) Whether you are a good bowler or a beginner, you are welcome. For more information call Mike Heinzelman at 579-6615 or send an email to him at mdheinz2@gmail.com.

**Boys Night Out**  
(Article by Roy Thuestad)

Last month five of us "die-hard diners" wandered off to the Haku Shusi Restaurant in Santa Rosa. Though sushi was on our minds as we walked in, it was the traditional Japanese entrees that ended up on our plates. With chop sticks in hand, we devoured a variety of dishes and found the "hot and spicy chicken" to be favored by most. Luckily there was plenty of sake and beer available to cool things down.

On Wednesday, August 9th we're heading off to Charlie's Grill at the Windsor Golf Course.

If "Americana Cuisine" and great wine & beer selections are what you're looking for - this is the place to be. We should have a mild evening so we'll take advantage of their patio dining - bring a light jacket just in case it cools down though. RSVP - ASAP we'll have to adjust the reserved seating as necessary. Check out their website for location and menu selections.

http://www.windsorgolf.com/charlie-s-restaurant

For those of you golfers who might be interested, we'll be combining a 9-hole round of golf with the BNO soiree. We'll tee off around 3:00 PM, and when finished, head over Charlie’s Grill to join the rest of the BNO crew for drinks and eats. If you really like to play golf, you could possibly start at 1:00 PM and do 18 holes, meeting the other guys at the turn.

Sign-up ASAP by sending me an email, but you're still responsible for your fees at the course.

- Twilight Rate for 9 holes of golf - $41 w/shared cart – The food’s on you.
- Senior Rate 18 holes of golf - $45 w/shared cart – The food’s still on you.

Anybody else interested?

Hope to see y'all there...this should be great fun.

Roy Thuestad
975-4406
roymond@comcast.net

**Bridge**

Bridge is an important activity with many of our members not only within our own branch but with participation of members from other branches in our area. Bridge activities are coordinated by chairman Al Black, email to rosaridge@comcast.net or call 707-578-3210.

We welcome new and interested members who are thinking of joining the pool of players.

Bridge days scheduled this month for play at Legends Restaurant Bennett Valley starting at 10:00 AM on Tuesdays, Aug. 8th and 22nd.

**Couples Night Out**  
(Article by Fred Rose)

Our July Special Dining Event of A TAVOLA at Coppola Winery was a “HUGH success!”

By far the most fun we have had at CNO. Dinner with great comedy entertainment. Ate too much, laughed too hard and had wine too. For those who came for the first time, I hope you enjoyed it. Join us again if you can. For those of you who missed it, maybe next year.

For all of you who said to me after dinner, "How you gonna top this?"

Well, the August CNO will be held at the Wynn in Las Vegas August 23rd. Three night min., $510 per night, Diana Ross dinner show, $206 per person includes taxes and gratuities. Send your deposit to me, $1,000.00 by August 1st, and you are on your own at the tables.

Fred (kidding of course)

A decision could not be made in time for this publication but you will be informed as soon as possible!

(Photos by Dennis Mangan)
GLOBAL FORUM (Article written by Marvin Mai)

The August Global Forum will still be held at its new location, while still we await Adu’s recovery. Topics remain similar and as in the past with no major changes. They include the usual: North Korea, ISIS, refugees, BREXIT, as well as any new topics of interest by attendees. We meet once a month to discuss these and other events that are in the news and how they impact us as individuals, our state and our nation. We bring multiple viewpoints and a wide variety of background information to a lively discussion. They will be a change in venue for next month, so be sure to attend this month to find out about the possible changes.

All SIR members interested in exploring our global environment are invited to join the monthly confab. We meet from 9:30 to 11:30 am on the second Friday of the month and the next gathering will be Friday Aug. 11th at the Marvin and Pat MAI’s home: 4743 Woodview Drive, Santa Rosa. (Go south on Summerfield Rd. to the end, turn left up the hill about 1/3 mile, house is on the left. PARK IN THE DRIVEWAY or in the bay across the street, as there is NO PARKING ON THE STREET.)

Should you have any questions, please email Marvin at maimarvin57@gmail.com or if you do get lost, then call him at 707-545-2224 for more directions. We hope to see more new SIR members there for our discussions!

Fishing (Article as reported by Glenn Seime)

The July 21st fishing trip aboard the Miss Anita sailing out from Bodega Bay was a very successful day for the fishermen: Jim Jones, Bob Naddell, Jim Oswald, Don Salazar and Glenn Seime. After spending the day out on the boat, they managed to catch seven salmon. The biggest weighing in at 22 pounds was caught by Jim Jones who won all the big prize money for his big “heavy duty” fish. Believe it or not NOBODY got seasick!

There were some dispute about some of the charges and license fees but they all got worked out. Everyone claims, if you did not go then you missed a good time!

Garden Club Announcements

We meet at one of the tables near the door to share our gardening interest at 11:15 am on our next SIR meeting day, which will be on August 18th.

I am too busy gardening so no current outings are scheduled (unless someone else wants to plan an outing). I recently read that commercial growers are calling some of their new fruit varieties with the old variety names. However, for the newer varieties taste is often toward the last as the commercial traits are for production and keeping-quality. So, if planting a new fruit tree for your home garden look for varieties that are for the home garden and have good taste recommendations!

For outing suggestions, please let me know of any. Also, pass on to me emails and contacts, as I will then contact those on the list for an impromptu outing (preferable during the week).

Any questions, contact Lance Thompson at lance@pon.net (please put SIR in the subject heading) or call 707-527-3438. (Article by Lance Thompson)

POKER FEST (Article written by Steve Edelstein)

This new activity has gained quite a bit in popularity and is looking to set up another day to play. We are also always looking for some new members wishing to play.

The new date is Thursday, Aug. 31st from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. at Legends at the Bennett Valley Golf Course area.

If you would like to join this exciting new group in a rousing game of Poker, then contact Steve Edelstein by email at 1hatisland@gmail.com or call 707-206-8084.

Please leave a message, I will return your call.
GOLF:

On Thursday, August 17th we’ll kick off the 5th Annual Sebastopol Golf and BBQ. This year’s event will be semi-catered, as we’ll have all the fixins prepared and dropped off by a caterer just as we’re finishing golf. On the Menu will be: BBQ chicken; tri-tip; beans with pulled pork; potato salad and coleslaw. We’ll throw in some appetizers; beer & soda, and then cap it off with a cold watermelon for dessert. As usual, we’ll have all our regular golfing prizes for Low Net and Closest to the Pin, then follow it up with a “Closest to the creek - Without getting wet” contest. To top it off, we’ll hold a 50-50 raffle where you can walk away with a pocket full of jingle to add to your day’s winnings. I want to remind everyone that there are only 5 golf carts available for 10 shared riders. We’ll reserve these carts on a first come - first served basis for those who NEED a cart to play. If riding in a cart is something you like to do rather than need to do -- plan on walking. Send me an email to reserve a cart early, or be sure to make a note of it when you see the sign-up sheet in the Pro Shop. Oh, by the way, ladies are invited also.

Sign-up and pay up by August 7th.
Fee - $25 walking rate, prize fund - shared carts are extra. The cost of the BBQ is on us and is our way of saying thanks for being an active club member and Travel Golfer.

Until next time, Good Golfing.

Roy Thuestad
707-975-4406
roymond@comcast.net

Recap of Speaker for July 21, 2017
General meeting from the BUCK Institute

At our last meeting, our speaker was Kevin Perrott, a PhD. candidate in biomedical engineering, from the University of Alberta. He is working in the lab of Dr. Judith Campisi at the Buck Institute, an expert in biogerontology.

The Buck Institute in Novato has 300 employees and a budget of $35 million, of which $6 million annually is given from the Buck Foundation. Their mission is to expand the lifetime of mankind.

Kevin was part of his family’s $25 million a year family Honda motorcycle business in Canada until 1999, when he discovered that he had thyroid cancer. After a successful recovery, he decided to change fields and work in healthcare. Besides his educational pursuit for a PhD. in bioengineering, he has started three nonprofit organizations, and one for profit to kill cancer cells.

Kevin Parrot can be reached at:
kevin.perrott@gmail.com

For those interested in following Kevin, he has left us with the following material at:
(Article written by Robert Reuther)

The Tide Rises, the Tide Falls
By Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

The tide rises, the tide falls,
The twilight darkens, the curlew calls;
Along the sea-sands damp and brown
The traveller hastens toward the town,
And the tide rises, the tide falls.

Darkness settles on roofs and walls,
But the sea, the sea in the darkness calls;
The little waves, with their soft, white hands,
Efface the footprints in the sands,
And the tide rises, the tide falls.

The morning breaks; the steeds in their stalls
Stamp and neigh, as the hostler calls;
The day returns, but nevermore
Returns the traveller to the shore,
And the tide rises, the tide falls.

Joke of the day!

I read that 4,153,237 people got married last year. Now not to cause any trouble but shouldn’t that number be an EVEN number???
Our fifth 2017 Travel Golf outing was on Thursday, July 20th, at the Blue Rock Springs GC (East). This course is always a delight to play and that beautiful, sunny day made the golf outing all that more delightful and our overall scores proved my observations about the course. Jim Gurke, Dennis Mangan, Jack Rosetti, Kent Richmond and Rod Mooney walked away with some healthy winnings for our efforts. Closest to the pin honors when to Kent Richmond, Dennis Mangan, Bob Nadell and Rebecca Jones. Rebecca was closest to the pin on #16 and for her accuracy she won free round of golf for two at Blue Rock Springs GC.

Our next travel golf outing will be on Thursday, August 24, 2017, when we will be playing at the Rooster Run Golf Course in Petaluma. The first tee time is 9:30 AM.

So, if you plan on playing this very respectable, well maintained and challenging course, please forward your $55.00 check (made out to SIR1776 Golf) to:

Jim Jones  
1016 Aleppo Drive  
Santa Rosa, CA 95409

The deadline to have your checks in is Thursday, August 17, 2017. As always, please get your money in so you can play at the Rooster Run GC. DON’T HESITATE! Time is not to be wasted! “For an opportunity ignored is an opportunity lost forever – especially in the case of a good game of golf played at this course!”

The remaining 2017 SIR 1776 Travel Golf schedule:

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As you are aware, we are required to commit to tighter booking, rate and payment obligations at this year’s participating golf courses. These new obligations require a change to our SIR 1776 travel golf policies, and player payment schedules and obligations. Please note: No refunds will be made within 7 days prior to the scheduled play date, UNLESS cancellation is permitted by the contracting golf course, or if the cancelling member or the cancelling member’s guest can furnish a paying replacement. Remember to have your payments to Jim Jones NO LATER THAN Thursday, August 17, 2017. Remember, payment is by CHECK ONLY & YOUR PAYMENT MUST BE ON TIME IN ORDER TO PLAY!