

## Sons in Retirement (SIR)

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**The Mission of Sons in Retirement is to improve the lives of our members through fun activities and events while creating friends for life.**

In October, Richard Green, Past President of Branch 170 SIR, received a Special Presidential Recognition Award. He was recognized for his outstanding leadership and as he was instrumental in increased membership to Branch 170 during his tenure. In addition, he was an active member of Sons in Retirement for 30 years.



Richard Green and Robert Chan

I wanted to share a photograph of our photographer from the “Fun Day,” Hal Hawthorne.” He was busy taking pictures from the day and as you know it is kind of hard to take an action shot of yourself. I happened to capture Hal playing Bocce Ball. Look at the intensity and concentration of not only Hal, but of his wife Patricia too. Congratulations on your 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary!



Hal and Patty Hawthorne

Our November Luncheon was called to order by Big Sir Jim Goetsch. Shortly after Larry Shelley led the group in a nice rendition of “Hooked On A Feeling.” It was a fun song to sing but, it took over a week to get “Ooga-chaka, ooga-ooga” out of my mind.

LOP Board Member Rick Fowler shared information on the LOP Firewise meeting designed to help prepare your family for an evacuation and prepare your home in case of a fire. Rick also discussed the Long Range Strategic Plan Community Workshop scheduled in November. Hopefully, those who wanted to attend and give input on issues important to the quality of life at LOP, attended this important workshop.

The State SIR Golf Championship was held in Monterey. Ron Wolyn and Ray Tschirhart represented Branch 170 in the championship. It was well played round of golf with many trying to take the money from Ron but he held on to take the money and finish in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Congratulations to Ron on his nice finish and for both Ray and Ron representing SIR Branch 170!



Ron Wolyn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place State Sir Golf Championship

In October, there was an outstanding wine tasting at Besemer Cellars. Tom and Kristi Besemer are the owners of this family-run small boutique winery located at their home in Grass Valley. They are currently not open to the public but one can contact them to schedule wine tasting. From those that attended this event, Tom and Kristi made everyone feel welcome with plenty of food, drink and fun.



Tom and Kristi Besemer and Terry and Cindie Eberhardt

The latest golf event results:

Auburn Valley Golf Tournament  
Closest to the Pin Terry Eberhardt 5'5"

Flight #1

1<sup>st</sup> Place, Back Nine, Grego Kosinski  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Overall, Grego Kosinski

Flight #2

Front Nine

1<sup>st</sup> Place, Clark Phillips  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Daryl Chandler

Back Nine

2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Terry Eberhardt

Overall

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Daryl Chandler

Our guest speaker was Robert Welti, PhD. His discussion was literally way over my head. His topic of discussion was "Space Control". In his presentation, he discussed space warfare, battle space, space assets, adversaries, threats, space planes and future space fighters.



Robert Welti and Robert Chan

We all look forward to this year's Christmas Dinner Dance on December 6<sup>th</sup>. We will be socializing with good friends and enjoying Hors d' Oeuvres. Then comes some great food and refreshing drinks. After dinner we'll hit the dance floor to the sounds of "Mad Dash" until the evening ends..."Fun Times at the Lake"