



# SONS IN RETIREMENT



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## LAKE OF THE PINES BRANCH 170

Next Meeting  
NOVEMBER 4, 2009  
12:00



### BIG SIR: PHIL JONES

During my absence from the October 7 meeting I understand that Little SIR Larry Shelley did a fine job filling in for me. That good news tells us that he is ready to become the big Sir come January.

During the November 4, 2009 meeting, the newly elected members of the Branch Executive Committee for 2010 will be formally introduced to the members of Branch 170. Lets wish them a successful term.

And while on the subject of filling in when it was found out that Vern Bagby would be absent, Larry Straight went straight to the podium to lead the singing. Thanks again Larry.

Other items of interest was the introduction of three new members to our branch and also the news that we will have a team entered in the upcoming chili cook-off scheduled for February 27.

The year is rapidly drawing to a close with the cooler weather and shorter days, and as usual we are looking forward to our annual Christmas party on December 2nd. Steve Michalak and crew have everything under control like he always does, and with the same musical group as last year. Steve asked me to remind all planning to attend that wine will not be provided this year, however the good news is that Steve has negotiated a corkage fee of \$3.00 per bottle rather than the normal \$5.00 for those who wish to bring their own.

See you on November 4.

### SUNSHINE CHAIRMAN:

PHIL FRANK



We are pleased to have our Sunshine Chairman smiling at us again. Welcome back Phil

As I told the multitudes at the October Lunch, I was there to present the New Knee News. I've encountered nothing new since then, so, this is a recap of those kneecap escapades. I had seen so many new knees going through the Pro Shop that I decided to join the crowd. So, I had mine done at SAFH on 8/3, took two pints of blood to get from the hospital to Siena Care Center, had hiccups steady for nine days, shivered in super air conditioned rooms, watched the 49 Fire from my window and waddled home on 9/30. I'm still anemic, go to Physical Therapy twice a week, and am s l o w l y getting the knee cool and small enough to bend like it should.

Mack Leatham, was my mentor along the way. He started a month ahead of me. He had cellulitis and nausea that kept him in Foothill Oaks longer than expected, but his new knee is doing so well, at end of his third month, that he drove up to Oregon, instead of mowing his lawn and debuting on the course with the Niners. He has been keeping me well advised, urging me to match his progress.

Larry Achen was at the lunch to give me some walking lessons. You can't give him enough praise for the guts and willpower he's shown coming back after the removal of the spinal tumor that paralyzed him for awhile. He looks so debonair with that cane!

October is Dale Zinck's 89th year. He has been in aerobics since '98, (exercising with Vernita Bernadette and Frank Nole and others at the Clubhouse through the years). That's why he's doing so well after receiving a new aortic valve and a twin bi-pass. Thanks for showing us how, and for egging me on as I recoup, Dale.

And, Vern Dahl was a leader of the pack of SIRs who cheered me on while I was gone. Thanks to you all!



### LITTLE SIR: LARRY SHELLEY

White or Red? Our last regular meeting of the year needs to be about wine making. I have invited John Chase, the winemaker for the Sierra Knolls Winery to stop by and tell us a little about how he does it at our November meeting. Look forward to seeing you there!

### MEMBERSHIP: MEL PIMENTEL



**Active 103 Inactive 11  
New Members 3 Guests 2**

A quick reminder. We are getting our new roster for 2010 ready to go to print in December.

Bob Chan, new member  
Ron Covington, new  
members Steve Jairett &  
Chuck Lombard with  
Steve Michalak

Please let us know if there has been any changes in your address, email, etc. and let us know



**GOLF : CHUCK MERCER**



The next tournament is at Plumas Lake on Oct 20 an 8:00 AM shotgun. You should be on your way. The November tourney is at Darkhorse on November 16 a 9:30 AM shotgun. Cost is \$40. Sign up by Nov 5. See Chuck or put your money in the SIRS box in the golf trailer.

**NOVEMBER MENU**

**TIME 12:00**  
**PRICE \$12**

**MEAT BALLS AND SPAGHETTI**

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**TERRY SUTTON HAL WALLACE**

October Speaker  
Lt. Colonel  
Eric Armstrong



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