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A nonprofit public benefit organization for retired men devoted to the promotion of independence and dignity of retirement

Meet the first Monday of every month at 11:45 a.m. in the Plaza Room, Julie Drive, Yuba City

Maintence of membership requires regular attendance

Branch Executive Committee (BEC) meeting follows after the monthly luncheon at 1:40 p.m.

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Jack Moseley, 674-8506–SUNSHINE

Who would like to fill this vacant position? TRAVEL

Well, half the year has passed. The first half was good, but could have been better. Our active membership is 285, down 8 from Dec. 2014. We need to bring that up to 294 or 295 by year’s end. In the next month or two, we will have a membership drive at Sam’s Club and will be looking for a few volunteers to assist. Membership solicitation in Branch 45 is primarily for the purpose of maintaining our luncheon subscription. In the meantime, please keep handing out invite cards and asking acquaintances, friends, and neighbors to visit us for lunch.

While on the subject, I can’t over express the importance of volunteering. We all know that great organizations like SIR are kept going by a small percentage of members willing to volunteer a little of their time. There are several committee and activity chairmen who could use an assistant to cover them in their absence. The same goes for luncheon activities that often need someone to fill in for a missing person. We have a serious need for a travel chairman to fill the vacancy due to the loss of Larry Garvin. Dennis Dempsey is doing his best to keep that very important activity alive, but he is spreading himself pretty thin. Anyone having an interest in travel planning, and some knowledge of dealing with travel agencies and travel arrangements, please contact me or Dennis Dempsey. Travel is one of the largest and most popular activities in the branch and having a dedicated chairman would be a huge asset.

I will be in Concord for the annual Sirinc meeting on August 3, so I will miss the luncheon. Little Sir Bill Craig is more than capable and will do a great job. Don’t forget, stay cool and bring a friend to lunch.

LITTLE SIR MESSAGE

Bill Craig, 763-5476

Many of you completed a short survey on SIR Branch 45 at the July luncheon. Big Sir Phil Higgason had asked me to develop and conduct the survey. Like a good Little Sir, I said sure. He had told me it would take a few hours to compile the results, knowing full well, and keeping it to himself, it would be considerably longer. The sly rooster knew because he did pretty much the same survey last year. After seven to eight hours compiling the data, I now feel rewarded because I can share these results with you.

- Nearly 90% feel very welcome, 9% somewhat.
- 94% very or adequately informed about activities.
- Nearly 60% willing to see membership grow, with another 39% willing for some growth.
- 72.7% felt Branch 45 leadership performed excellently with no ranking lower than good.
- 55.3% felt speakers were very good, 41.3% good. Only three members ranking them fair.
- 96.7% rated the facilities very good or good. 60% rated the food quality very good, 39% good. Five members rated it fair.
- 66.4% rated the service quality very good, 31.5% good.
- About 25% of respondents use the website. It was suggested that a demo, and training would help.
- Overall, the branch was rated 62.7 excellent, 35.3% very good, one member marking good.

ACTIVITY CHAIRMAN

Audits: George Healy
Badges: Glenn Clingman
Badges: Hal Beeso
Boys and Girls: Buck Foster
Bowling: Ray Buttacavoli
Ass’t. Bulletin: Len Royat
Card Guy: Hal Beeso
Cafeteria: Dutch Plautz
Ass’t. Chaplain: Gary Mitchell
Ass’t Computers: Tim Bass
Dining Out: Rich Dettmer
Door Prizes: Guy Rector
Fish and Game: Jim Rausuhasee
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Golf Ass’t: Terry Hoyd
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Roster: Bill Clark
Photographer: J. Villapando
Sunshine: Robert Hight
Interim Travel: Dennis Dempsey

Please note:

Bill Crocker 673-8982
Takes calls regarding attendance and changes in personal info

Jack Moseley 674-8506
Takes calls regarding illness

Dennis Dempsey 671-2341
Takes calls regarding travel

NON-RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION

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More LITTLE SIR MESSAGE

The majority liked the fellowship and camaraderie of the branch, followed by activities, speaker programs, then food. Thank you all for the wonderful improvement suggestions. There are too many to discuss in this article, look for more results in the near future on our website. See you August 3. Bring a friend.
AUGUST 2015

TRAVEL
Dennis Dempsey (Interim), 671-2341

There is no smoking or drinking of alcoholic beverages on buses. Until further notice, you may select seats on the bus in the order in which you pay for the trip. On longer trips, we change seats daily. A reasonable tip for the bus driver is included in the total cost of the package. No collections for tips will be conducted on the buses.

There will be a sign-up sheet for the October 22 trip to Golden Gate Fields at the August, September, and October luncheons. The cost is $75 per person.

BOCCE BALL
Buck Foster, 743-6210

The group continues to meet Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. at the bocce courts, Kingwood Park on Gray Avenue, just north of Butte House Road. Please join us.

DINING OUT
Rich Dettmer, 755-4418

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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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Ed Betschard
Steve Lesser
Frank Rosa
Manny Castro
Bob McClard
Duane Rose
Dennis Faron-Wilson
Pat Molder
Bob Singh
Leon Fitts
Bill Paden
Albert Ulmer
Don Hayward
Bill Perkins
Jerry Williams
Terry Hiber
Rex Pharis
Wilbur Wright
Norin Jones

YUBA CITY/MARYSVILLE BOWLING
Ray Buttacavoli, 671-5599

Twelve bowlers competed in the June tournament in Paradise. Some were more successful than others. The team of Jeff Brockman and Jessy Hernandez placed 4th in Division A Doubles, while the team of Cal Beutler and his wife placed 3rd in Division B Doubles. Cal Beutler also placed 8th in All Events, earning a nice payday.

We hosted our Round Robin mini-tournament in June with 34 bowlers from Paradise, Auburn, and Yuba City participating. A prize of $393 was divvied up among the bowlers. We will be bowling this event in Paradise at the end of July.

By the time you read this article, we will have completed hosting the Yuba City tournament at NU Generation Lanes. We are expecting a good turnout, although across the state, there has been a decline in tournament participation. The results will be in next month’s article.

Our bowling league continues every Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. at NU Generation Lanes, and all are welcome. For more information, call Ray Buttacavoli.

SLOW TROLLERS
Chuck Brown, 671-9007

The summer is here, and you would think there would be more opportunity to fish. That is not always the case, as it can get pretty hot, there are campers, and increased boat traffic. These are “tournament months” for the club. Whether fishing is good or bad, it is great to be outdoors and nothing is better than a good fishing day, event, or tournament.

The recent tournament at Englebright Reservoir was successful for Tom Pickett who took the fiscal honors for the largest, and heaviest trout. Al “Diallo” Debel took the honors for the largest and only legal-sized bass. Our last tournament was held at Oroville Thermolito After Bay. This is a hard body of water to fish, as water grass growth is extreme during the summer months. Top water and shallow running lures work best for the largemouth bass. The land-locked steelhead trout are hard to find and catch as the water warms. A report on fishing success will follow next month.

We have a great membership and plenty of activities for all. New members, with or without boats, are always welcome. You can contact any club member or call President Jim Chausse, 713-0413.

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB
Bob Engen, 845-8360

Plan to attend our next meeting, Aug. 11, 8:30 a.m., at Waffle Barn. The schedule of up coming field trips will be discussed. It is important that all photo club members bring their 5x7 entry photos for the August photo contest to the August luncheon. July entries were well received and drew much interest. Remember, they must by your shots. Richard Grant’s July aviation photo was the most popular. If you have questions, call Bob Engen or Richard Grant, 674-5180. Buck Foster, we missed you. Hurry back.