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PEACH BOWL BRANCH 45

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

Meets the first Monday of every month at 11:45 in the Plaza Room, Julie Drive, Yuba City

Maintenance of membership requires regular attendance. Branch Executive Committee (BEC) meeting follows the monthly luncheon at 1:40 p.m.

SIR Branch 45 Website: branch45.sirinc2.org

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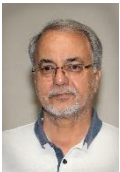
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BIG SIR MESSAGE



Bijan Parhizgar, 530-301-8740

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Dear SIRs, as your Big Sir I am excited to see all of you again on **Monday, May 6, 2024**.

Important: it has been brought to my attention that someone impersonating me has sent emails to a few of our members asking for money. It is a scam and please do not click on any links within the body of the email nor provide a response. I would never ask for this kind of help.

Every year, the last Monday of May is designated to honor many men and women who lost their lives while serving the United States of America. Something for many of you veterans to be proud of for serving your country and thank you.

I just learned that the city is constructing four (4) new Bocce Ball courts in Sam Brannen Park. That sounds like good news for our Bocce Ball Club and you the participants.

Finally, I have invited a couple of friends to our May luncheon. I'm sure they will enjoy the company and the food. Any goodwill effort on our part to help them feel welcome would be greatly appreciated. Would you please ask/invite a friend or two to our great monthly meetings when you get a chance?

That is all for now and see you soon.

Sincerely Yours,

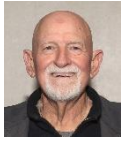
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Guest Speaker for May

Pranav A Amin, MD

Ophthalmology

Education

Sarojini Najdu Medical College

Medical School

Wayne State University

Internship Program

Gujarat University

Internship Program

Duke University

Residency Program

University of California at Los Angeles

Fellowship Program

Board Certifications

Ophthalmology

American Board of Ophthalmology, 2002

SINCE WE LAST MET



A SEARCH FOR NEW BLOOD

Bill Crocker

We **NEED** a secretary. Assistant Secretary Bill Craig has been acting as secretary for three years and wants to return to his assistant position. It's a simple job of attending the BEC meeting after the luncheon, recording the meeting, and creating a one-page boilerplate report.

Now, for my plea.

Dennis Dempsey worked on me for a year to get me to join SIR. He finally got me when he asked that I write the history of our branch. I was installed in August 2013, researched the branch, and created a written history that dates from 1973. I will continue to update it every month. I took over attendance in 2015 from Mike Gyorfi, the roster in 2016 from Bill Clark, the installation of new members in 2019 from Brock Smith, and the website in 2021 from Carl Puchalski.

I am now in my late 80s and, although I am in excellent health and continue to enjoy these responsibilities, I feel the need to begin to unload some of these duties to younger men to ensure continued branch leadership. This is where you come in. I want to give up the roster and the website. I will continue with history, attendance, installation, and birthdays.

For the roster, I use the Word program. I maintain the roster on my computer and add and subtract branch members each month as well as update state and branch leadership. Printworx is contacted in November for the printing of next year's edition.

I created the website using WordPress as the host with the help of the state webmaster. Since the website is in place, all that is necessary is to update state and branch leadership once a year, add our latest branch bulletin, and add an occasional photo.

The branch membership is 203. Of that total, there are 31 members whose ages range from 49 to 70. Although a member of any age can step up, this is the age range in which most of the members are healthy and able to carry leadership roles. So, let's hear from you. We need a secretary, a roster manager, and a webmaster.

DINING OUT



Tom Bethards, 530 632-6751



Assistant, Phone

2024 will be a new year of dining activities.

Tom Bethards, Peachtree Dining Out Activity Coordinator. chevyman61@comcast.net is my email or call me at 530 632-6751. Bon appetite.

Committee Chairs

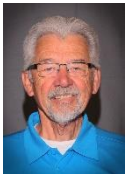
Attendance: Bill Crocker
Asst. Attendance: Mike Gyorfi
Badges: Bill Smith
Bicycling: Bill Craig
Asst. Bicycling: Gilbert Corchado
Bocce Ball: Carey Saunders
Asst. Bocce Ball:
Bowling: Ray Buttacavoli
Asst. Bowling: Jeff Brockman
Card Guy: Roy Meli
Asst. Card Guy: Bob Penix
Cashier: Fred Preston

Asst. Cashier: Darel Abbott
Chaplain:
Asst. Chaplain: Dieter Rex
Fine Dining: Tom Bethards
Fishing: Pat Dilling
Asst. Fishing: Rodney Jorgensen
Golf: Dennis Dempsey
Asst. Golf: Peter Brennan
Historian: Bill Crocker
Membership: Bill Crocker
Photography: Bob Engen

Photographer: Richard Grant
Pool: Ruben Gomez
Asst. Pool: Bob Penix
Roster: Bill Crocker
Asst. Roster: Roy Meli
Sunshine: Dennis Dempsey
Asst. Sunshine: James Anderson
Website: Bill Crocker
Asst. Website: Gary Kim

ACTIVITIES

BOCCE BALL

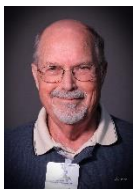


Carey Saunders, 530-671-5155



Tuesdays 10:00. Played at Kingwood Park on Gray Ave. We are looking for more participation so that we can enter tournaments with other branches.

YUBA CITY/MARYSVILLE BOWLING



Ray Buttacavoli, 530-329-2038



Jeff Brockman, 530-755-0746



As promised in last month's article, I'll attempt to explain our weekly bowling fees and the optional games we play each week. First, our weekly bowling fees are \$11.00, which includes the cost of bowling, the secretary/treasurer's fee, and a weekly sweeper fee (which is accumulated for the two sweeper mini tournaments we run each season). Next, we have three optional games each week that each cost \$3 or \$1 per game.

The first optional game is Hi/Lo where we record each bowler's score at the 5TH frame (midpoint of each game). Then the bowler with the highest score is paired with the bowler with the lowest score, and then the next highest and next lowest are paired, and so on. These bowlers then bowl as a doubles team and the team with the highest score at the end of the game wins the pot (\$1 per bowler). If we happen to have an odd number of bowlers, then the lowest bowler at the 5TH frame is out of that game. The extra \$3 from having an odd number of bowlers is put into the sweeper fund.

The second optional game is a skins game based on strikes. Generally, the bowlers are divided into two skin pots based on the lane on which they bowl. Usually, lanes 1 to 3 are one pot, and lanes 4 to 6 are the other pot. Again, each bowler in the skins has paid \$1 per game or \$0.10 per frame. We track the strikes by the bowler and by frame, and if a bowler has a strike in a particular frame and no other bowler in his pot has a strike, he wins the skins. If more than one bowler has a strike, the skins carry over to the next frame. However, skins do not carry over from game to game. Thus, two bowlers can have bowled strikes in all ten frames, and then everyone in that game gets their \$1 back.

The final optional game is the Weekly Awards for High Game and High Series for the week. The bowlers are divided into two divisions based on their averages with an equal number of bowlers in each division. The divisions are adjusted each week to keep the bowlers as evenly distributed as possible. We generally pay two places for each Game and Series in each division. It is interesting to note that all the bowlers participate in each of the three optional games.

We continue to bowl every Wednesday at 11:00 AM. All are still welcome to bowl with us, but if you have not bowled with us since we moved to Beale AFB, it will be necessary to contact me so that we can start the paperwork for the Guest Pass, that is unless you have a valid military ID. You can contact me at the phone number above or via email at rd0416@comcast.net.

SLOW TROLLERS



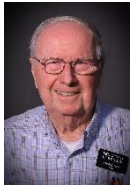
Pat Dilling, 530-218-0641



Rodney Jorgensen, 530-415-3724



Back Row: Jim Merrell, John Krohn, Butch Hodgkins, Tom Pickett, Gene Trujillo, Don Allen, Paul Breitag, Darel Abbott
Middle Row: Richard Minor, Robbie Merwin, Lou Altomar, Bob Thomas, Dennis Wilson, Pete Gilb, Jim Coats, Tony Mello, Gary Scaggs
Front Row: Dave Jone, Carry Saunders, Fred Preston, Neal Brookman, Al Deabel, John Perkins, Julian Rogas, Pat Dilling



PHOTOGRAPHY

Bob Engen, 530-845-8360

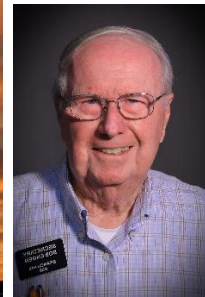


Richard Grant, 530-713-1919

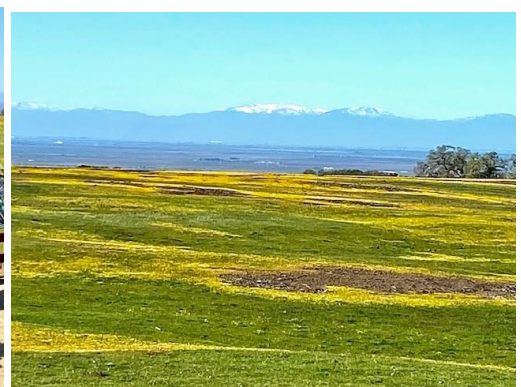
The SIR's Photo Club meetings are held at a new location, **Dancing Tomato**, which is located by Sam's Club at Highway 20 and Walton Ave. There are usually about 10 of us that meet there regularly at 9:00AM on the 2nd Tuesday each month. Our May meeting is on 14th. We have a great time and all are welcome.

Photo of the Month by Bob Engen

Yuba City Sunset



We took a field trip up to Table Mountain and Oroville Dam on March 21st.



POOL



Ruben Gomez, 530-743-0477



Bob Penix, 530-790-0723



Mondays at 2:00 PM. Play at Gold Rush Billiards next to Papa Murphy's Pizza on Gray Ave. Even if you never played pool, come on out and learn. You'll enjoy it.

CARDS



Roy Meli, 916 826-4772



Bob Penix, 530-790-0723



Wednesdays 12:00-4:00. Played at different players' houses each week.

BICYCLING



Bill Craig, 530-763-5476



Gilbert Corchado, 530-434-6525

Whether it's a couple of us or a dozen, the group has so much fun together we want to share our joy with you. We are noticed in the community and meeting new people. Spouses and guests are always welcome. We currently ride as a SIR activity on Fridays from Regency Park in north Yuba City, **starting at 10:00 am**. Please call Bill Craig, 530-592-6592, or Gilbert Corchado, 530-845-2854, to get updates on ride times.

Try it, you'll like it!

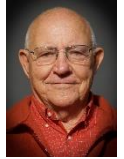
 Look at this post on Facebook [SIR Bicycle Club on Facebook](#)



GOLF REPORT



Dennis Dempsey, 530 487-3830



Pete Brennan, 530 674-7234



Good day, gentleman. We have a couple of events coming up and we need your cooperation. Please sign up so we can have good counts for the golf course. Last month we had 4 guys show up who didn't sign up and 2 guys who signed up but didn't show up. This makes it so much harder for the directors and makes the golf course angry and they want to charge us more money. Please, if you sign up show up, and if you don't sign up and want to play at least give us a call. We are here for you guys to have fun and enjoy and create good camaraderie. So, let's swing good enjoy us, and be the best you can be.

Dennis Dempsey

Golf Director

TREASURER'S REPORT



Brad Johnson, 530-632-7943

The ending March balance: \$6,408.16

The ending April balance: \$6,162.02