February 2025



Next Luncheon: February 20, 2025 at the Robert H. Miller III
Rotary Clubhouse located at 7150 Baldwin Dam Rd. in Folsom

State SIR Website https://www.sirinc.org/

Branch 49 Website https://www.Sirinc2.org/branch49



Speakers: Dan Awe and Vinny Jacobs, Golf Pros at Mather Golf Course

Board Meeting @ 10:00 a.m. Social Hour @ 11:00 a.m. Golfer's Meeting @ 11:00 a.m. Lunch @ 12:15 p.m.

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2012	Joe Lapilusa
2013	Karl Ryden
2014	Gary Stout
2015	Fred Jacobs
2016	Robert Eplett
2017	Vic Brewer
2018	Ed Puchi
2019	Jerry Helmey
2020	
2021	Joe Artim
2022	Joe Artim
2023	Allen Wong
2024	Max Hartley

State SIRs

AREA 3 REPRESENTATIVE Jim Gragg (retiring 2/28/25)

SIR STATE OFFICERS PRES. — Rich Carlston V.P. — Lee Lamp SEC. — Jeff Chin TREAS. — Carl Mason



Welcome January inductees Eli Flores, Steve Lewis, and Steve Dowling.

Dave Ward is our new "Sunshine" Reporter! Please let him know about folks who are ill and unable to attend meetings, passed; or recognition for personal events in their lives.

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Karl Ryden—SHLM Frank Donner Joe LaPilusa Jack DuBé emeritus

- * Roy Estep
- * Bob Grigģs *SHLM*
- * Frank Reetz
- * Bill Staiger— SHLM
- * Gordon Vinther
- * Ralph Housley

* Deceased



Welcome Brad Carter to our branch.





Big SIR - Roland Kleinman The groundhog may have seen its shadow in Pennsylvania, but this is California!

It's nice to see the daylight lasting later and later each day! Spring is less than six weeks away! I've yet to get up and

hit the slopes, so hopefully we'll get some good ski-able snow this month!

As usual, we had a great lunch in January! At our next lunch, please make a point to give your personal thanks to the folks working the check-in table, the bartenders, and our food purveyor Joe Artim. These guys unselfishly volunteer their time to make our monthly luncheons so enjoyable; they are a well-oiled machine! If you have any interest in participating with these activities, feel free to ask them how you can help.

If you haven't already done so, please pay your \$25 SIR annual renewal fee at the lunch check-in table this month.

I am happy to see the social activities consistently taking place with impressive attendance, including quarterly wine tasting and monthly happy hours. If you are interested in participating, please reach out to David Butt. Also, if you have suggestions for other social activities, please discuss that with David, and consider stepping up to help with their coordination.

We have gained some new members recently, which is nice to see! Please introduce yourself to these new members and take some time to explore similar interests. This goes a long way in making them feel welcome, and strengthens the cohesiveness of our branch.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our February meeting! We will also have interesting guest speakers, thanks to the efforts of our Little SIR Mike Panelo.

Roland J. Kleinman Big SIR 408-431-8393 rjkleinman@gmail.com



Me—marshalling at the AT&T Pro-Am in Pebble Beach!



Little SIR - Mike Panelo Be my Valentine!

We're into February, and hopefully you are settled nicely into the new year. Though time is moving forward, my expanded waistline and snug pants are a stubborn remind-

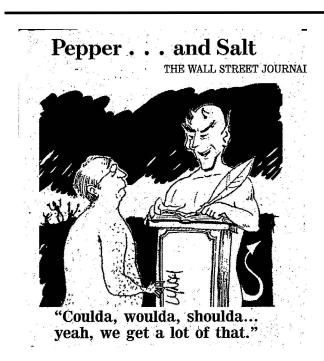
er of the holiday. Unfortunately, the upcoming Super Bowl promises more good eats. Hopefully your team is still in the running.

Kudos to our new BIG SIR. While we have hopefully been enjoying some downtime, Roland has been doing the work to fill the big shoes left by our outgoing BIG SIR, Max Hartley. I don't care what Tim Hammon says, Roland seems to be doing a great job. Whatever, Tim.

Our speakers for February will be Dan Awe and Vinny Jacobs. They are coming to us from Mather Golf Course. Dan is currently in his 23rd year of teaching golf. I'm curious to learn how new technologies have affected golf instruction. Credit to Roland for the lead on this month's speaker.

Branch 49 inducted 3 new members at our last luncheon. Welcome to the group, Steve Lewis, Steve Dowling, and Eli Flores! We are happy to have you join in the fun. Great job to their sponsors for introducing them to the gang.

Mike Panelo Little Sir, Br 49 mike.panelo@gmail.com 916-201-5668





MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership Chairman: Bill Bertsch (916) 791-3570 workready247@hotmail.com Asst. Membership Chairman: Joel Reisman (916) 983-2492 j.reisman@comcast.net

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP: Active: 96

Inducted in Jan: 3
Bob Luther
Steve Dowling
Steve Lewis

Applications for Induction for Feb: 4

Ken Davis
Justin Periquet
Ernest Valdez
Jeff Chang

Member Lost: 1
Charles Toby

February Anniversaries:

Manny	CORDERO
Sil	DeLEON
Al	EDWARDS
Bob	HAINES
Jerry	HELMEY
Dean	HUNT
Ray	JERD
Cory	LINDHOLM
John	McKIM
Doug	MOONEY
Ron	PETERS
Ed	PUCHI
Joel	REISMAN
Woody	WOODSON
Tom	WEST





A big thank you to our speakers from (Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Sacramento County





Branch 49 Golf Club

Chairman: Steve Sims

916-365-6062

Asst. Chairman/Handicap

Chair: Don Fuller 916-791-4581

Tournament Directors: Ed Nishio, Tim Hammon & Robin

Williams

Treasurer: Pat Flynn Secretary: Robin Williams

Lead Tournament Leader: Jerry Nakamura

Rules Chairman: Roland Kleinman

Advisor/Special Projects: TBD

Where the heck did January go? February already, and warmer temperatures on the way, thank the good golf gods. We are heading straight into the beginning of the regular season, also known as the summer season. Just a reminder, we have added a month to it, and the first tournament is Lincoln Hills-Hills Course, weather permitting.

This is the time of year when things are slow moving and there is not a lot to share or report. So, it occurred to me this would be a great time to recognize a few people on the scene and behind the scenes that really make "our" golf club tick.

Many thanks to Robin Williams and Don Fuller for directing the whole successful winter season. Along with these guys, they got an assist from Jerry Nakamura, Chuck Bradshaw and Gary Veffredo leading tournaments perfectly.

Although, we have been missing Steve Alfonso on the golf course, have no fear he is around and does an amazing job on monthly payouts as well as a very active sitting golf board member.

We do not recognize tournament winners in the winter league, but I would be remiss if I did not mention the Hammon brothers. Tim continues to create and produce our winners' tags, and Kim keeps the Branch 49 website current with all pertinent information. Last but certainly not least, Joel Reisman, kind of the Swiss army knife of the Branch, his newsletters keep everyone informed and entertained.

What I hope does not get lost is the fact that our Branch and golf club has a plethora of talent, and we are blessed to have them. Thanks guys.

Last Three Tournaments

Bing Maloney

Stroke:

Robin Williams won flight A (74 Net) edging out Roland Kleinman

Dave Butt won flight B (78 Net) edging out Don Fuller Cory Lindholm won the C (74 Net) flight Max Hartley won the D flight (73 Net)

CTP:

Mike Panelo: 4'7" Robin Williams 45'4"

Bartley Cavanaugh-Skins Game

Stroke:

Flight 1: Pat Flynn (4)

Flight 2: Jerry Nakamura (2)

Flight 3: Joe Artim (3) James Monroe (3)

CTP:

Joe Artim 12' .5" Tim Hammon 12'4"

Empire Ranch

Stroke:

Flight 1: Pat Flynn 84/69 Flight 2: Cory Lindholm 91/72 Flight 3: Gene Phelps 102/73

4X3 BB:

Joel Reisman, Warren Myers, Kim Hammon, Ed Puchi -8

CTP:

Steve Sims: 9' 6" Gary Veffredo: 14' 9"

Antelope Greens 3 clubs and a putter 1/27/25 Last Winter Event

February

Regular Season

 2/3/2025
 Lincoln Hills-Hills

 2/10/2025
 Ancil Hoffman

 2/18/2025
 Wildhorse

 2/25/2025
 Teal Bend

USGA Fees & Hole in One Insurance

Almost everyone has paid their USGA fees, thank you very much as you know we write one check at the end of January, so that payment is appreciated. Also, if you have not paid the \$5 for hole-in-one Insurance please do so, you may thank me later.





The Social Corner

Dave Butt (408) 295-9933

davidwbutt@gmail.com

Our last happy hour was on February 6 at La Sienna in El Dorado Hills (see photo below). The next happy hour will be March 13th at

Daniello's, a speakeasy in Roseville. Their happy hour begins at 4, so we will be doing 4-6 instead of our usual 3-5.

We still have had no one volunteer to host the next wine tasting event. I know that everyone who has been participating in these events has been enjoying them and it would be sad if we stopped doing them.



Poker Corner
Rick Horewitch
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Contact Rick Horewitch if interested in joining a game.

ricklh@sbcglobal.net





L/R: Dave Butt, Allen Wong, Joe Artim, Jerry Hudson, Gary Bazel, Bob Losik



L/R: Bob Hedges, Gary Rawlinson, Gary Veffredo, Dave Farrelly, Tom Conrad, Sil DeLeon, Don Fuller



L/R: Dave Ward, Robin Williams, Steve Sims, Tim Hammon, Kim Hammon, Steve Lewis, John Herrmann, Pat Flynn



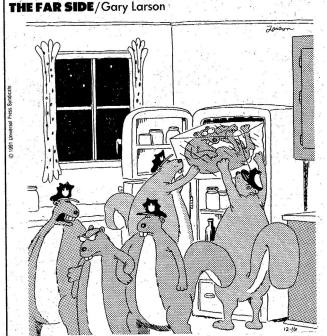
Big SIR Roland Kleinman presents Certificates of Appreciation for the contributions of Fred Jacobs and Mike McCormack.

Pepper . . . and Salt

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL



"I didn't say I think you're onto something, Nagel, I said I think you're on something!"



Come with us, ma'am, and if I were you, I'd get a good lawyer.

No one's gonna buy that my-husband-was-only hibernating

story

If you find yourself in the position of having to provide a reference for someone who may not be up to snuff, but you don't want to give a negative reference, which may open you to a lawsuit, here are some suggestions. These ambiguous statements may be used to offer a negative opinion of the personal qualities, work habits, or motivation of the candidate while allowing the candidate to believe that it is high praise. (Credit goes to Robert Thornton is a professor of economics at Lehigh University in Pennsylvania.)

To describe a person who is extremely lazy: —In my opinion, you will be very fortunate to get this person to work for you.

To describe a person who is totally inept: —I most enthusiastically recommend this candidate with no qualifications whatsoever.

To describe an ex-employee who had problems getting along with fellow workers: —I am pleased to say that this candidate is a former colleague of mine.

To describe a candidate who is so unproductive that the job would better left unfilled: —I can assure you that no person would be better for the job.

To describe an applicant who is not worth further consideration: —I would urge you to waste no time in making this candidate an offer of employment.

To describe a person with lackluster credentials: —All in all, I cannot say enough good things about this candidate or recommend him too highly,