



SIR HAPPENINGS

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The Mission of SIR is to Improve the Lives of Our Members Through Fun Activities and Events—While Making Friends For Life



As I read through the SIR Branch Newsletters that I receive, what comes to mind is the fact that many of us have put forth a lot of effort to help SIR grow. I don't seem to have a lot of special photos or articles as in the past so I thought that the Happenings should include several comments from now Ex Big Sirs. I know that many of you received a message from President Derek Southern, but I plan to include many of his comment also. Finally, I would like to include my own going away message as Ex State SIR Bowling Chairman. It has been an interesting past three years. I congratulate our new State Bowling Chairman, Russ Salazar. I want to wish Russ a great year, and thank the rest of the hard working State Bowling Committee—Eric Miller, Joe Young, Tim Hall, and especially Dan Weller, and Ray DiBasilio. The new Committee still needs a Vice Chairman.

Jerry Sabo

Big Sir Comments



It has been my privilege and honor to have served as your Big SIR this year. I greatly appreciate the support you have shown me throughout the year. I hope you all have enjoyed, as much as I have, the fellowship we share at our monthly lunches and special events. You are a great bunch of guys!

I encourage each of you to consider taking a part in the running of your Branch by volunteering on a committee, taking a position as a Committee Chairman or a Director; perhaps consider a role as a Branch Officer. Not sure about the commitment? Just have a conversation with any of the Officers, Directors or Chairmen. It is not as hard as it might seem and you can transition in by assisting your current BEC members. The vitality of our Branch relies on a sound administrative group. Give it a try.

Big Sir Jim Walton
Branch 152
Arnold, CA



We are fortunate in having all our positions filled at this time; however, if you would like to volunteer, I'm sure we can find something for you. We have one new activity for 2019; John Roberts has volunteered to start hosting day tours to various locations in the Bay Area. This is an activity that his father, Chuck Roberts, ran for several years that included wives and other guests. We went to places like the San Jose History Museum, Almaden Quicksilver Park, the Tesla factory, and the San Jose recycling plant. I for one am looking forward to joining John on future tours.

Big Sir Roger Danielson
Branch 125
Westgate, San Jose



I want to thank all of you that helped me through my year as Big Sir. To all of the Officers and Directors, the Committee Chairs, the monthly callers and all of the individual members who participated in the meetings and activities. This is what the organization is all about, helping each other that have taken on the administrative responsibilities and those participating in the programs that so many that have given a lot of time and effort to provide for the membership. In addition, I would be remiss in not mentioning those that prepared and provided all of our paperwork and recordkeeping to meet the State SIR organization requirements. Thank you all so much.

Big Sir John Gerard
Branch 160
Lake Tahoe



To our members at large, thanks for your support in recruiting new members and attending our luncheons. Please continue to bring a guest to our luncheon for potential SIR membership. Remember, we also need volunteers for our committees, so please step up next year and be an active member. You will find it rewarding. Well, It's time to sign off. Again, thanks for allowing me be your Big SIR this year. It was truly memorable meeting so many nice people and attending most of our awesome events. I wish you all the Merriest Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year. Until we meet again, stay safe and be well.

Big Sir Bob Chan
Branch 170
Lake of the Pines

Big Sir Comments



This coming year will bring some new fun and adventures for our club. I would like to challenge each member to think about the reason each of us became members. For me, it was a fellow member who invited me to a luncheon. As I got to meet other members, I feel I have a whole new list of guys that I have enjoyed meeting and getting to know. The reason I have considered being Little Sir and now Big Sir is because I feel everyone should do their part in making our club successful. That doesn't necessarily mean being an officer, but it could be helping set-up and tear down the luncheon supplies, helping with the various interest groups in our club.

Big Sir Gary Goodman
Branch 103
Stanlslaus



Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and I hope you had a great holiday season, and that your 2018 was a good year. I know some of you had some sadness in the year but I do certainly hope that 2019 will be a banner year for us all! As I look to 2019, I plan to have our Sir Brothers to be comfort to those that have sadness and a place to get a good lunch, hear a good speaker and to be with a friend or find a new friend.

Big Sir Harvey McAninch
Branch 59
Fremont



That's a LOT of people who made things happen this year, not to mention the enormous number of volunteers who performed quietly and diligently in every Branch..

I thank you all for making my job easier, and for making your Branch a better place to Make New Friends.

Please remember Past President Sir Don Dill, a personal friend and supporter, who recently passed away. He introduced the focus on Making New Friends. We will miss him.

With best wishes to all Sirs for the New Year, and especially the Leaders you have elected for 2019

Sincerely
Derek Southern
President of SIRinc, 2018



Ask yourself, what do you want from SIR this year? What do you want to contribute to the purpose of the club? Let's remember why we joined SIR. Having lunch or dinner with the guys is better than eating alone. Commiserating with our buddies is a good way to deal with the stress of today's crazy politics. Just growing old with the friendship of fellow Sir members is better physically, intellectually and emotionally than growing old alone. SIR is a low-pressure way to meet others and doesn't cost much in time or money.

Big Sir Dennis Mangan
Branch 17
Santa Rosa

President's Letter

New Year, New Leaders, Change is in the Air

Welcome to 2019. The State Leadership Group is excited about the upcoming year, as we work to build SIR.

I believe that my election created a mandate that organized, thoughtful change is necessary if we are to bring SIR back to the status it deserves. Last year, we lost another five percent of our net membership, in spite of all the actions we have taken. We cannot continue down the road we have been traveling and suddenly expect different and improved results.

So, where are we headed? What is our focus, our vision? It's stated below in seven key points:

SIR Vision

- Commit to growth, member satisfaction, recognition and effective communication
- Fully staff SIR with competent and energized leaders
- Develop consistent understanding and display of our Member Expectations and Leader Expectations which include volunteering when asked and bringing guests to build SIR membership
- Increase spouse/partner participation in activities, and build alliances with women's organizations to improve recruiting opportunities
- Build recognition in our communities that SIR is THE social activity organization for men
- Focus the State Board on strategy development and the implementation of associated operating plans, and most importantly,
- **Work as a team to Turn SIR Around**

We are already working on programs to bring this vision to life. We also convened a 22 member SIR Leader's Workshop to provide us with recommendations and guidance. Our initial initiatives will be explained and discussed at our February 12 Town Hall meeting in Rossmoor for Big and Little Sirs. Please ensure that your leaders are represented there.

Stay tuned,



*2019 SIR President
Ed Benson*

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News from the Branches



New Members Branch 103, Stanislaus. Tom D. Dios, Vic Whaley and John Lemos. Gary Del Nero at right presented the members.



New Member, Cliff Joseph LaFreniere

*New Officers Branch 103—
Left to Right: Secretary Don Rowe, Bill Caldwell, Little Sir Imberi, Bob Dredit, Gary Del Ner, Don Reed, Dennis Imhoff, Treasurer Tim Anglim, Big Sir Gary Goodman. Presentation by past Big Sir Richard Provost on the Right.*



Branch 160, Lake Tahoe

Now that we are all members or not members, this sort of inclusion in your newsletter might be a good reminder for your members:

*New Member Ed Pinkiert
Branch 152 Arnold*



TO: SIR BRANCH 160

C/O SIR John Lilygren
P. O. Box 7982
S. Lake Tahoe, CA 96158

I'm enclosing my donation in the amount of
\$ _____

For ___ Missed meeting donations
 ___ I'll be gone for a while
 ___ Just because

Name _____

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News from the Branches

RVing THE SOUTHEAST - Paul Ventre Branch 152

May 29th was a sunny morning. I fired up the truck, hooked up the 5th wheel camper and off Marion and I went to tour the Southeast. This was our fourth trip to see the continental USA and took four months with 14,700 miles of driving.

It's one thing to study history in school and a whole different thing to stand on the ground where it happened. We walked some of the underground railroad in North Carolina. We stood in abandoned rice fields in sweltering 90 degree weather wondering how slaves could work from sun up to sundown in those conditions. We learned how insidious the British were in the Revolutionary War. It took eight years to win and would not have been won if not for assistance of the French, (not my favorite country, but I'm now more tolerant). The Civil War was brought to life by the walking and self guided driving tours through battlefields and visiting museums. It was a sad time in our history.

Driving across the nation exposed us to all walks of life. Campgrounds had everything from million dollar class A's to people living full time in tiny tow behinds. For the most part people were more than friendly. We believe this type of traveling opens you to the flavor and essence of the area more than any other means of travel. Camping allows you to stay in a small town where the hotels/ motels leave a lot to be desired. We found many nice surprises visiting such towns. Bicycles were a nice addition. We got sore asses riding bike paths along various rivers, beaches and through small towns.

The Carolinas were gorgeous. There were grassy lawns everywhere. Carolinians must constantly be mowing. It brings Arnold pine needles to mind. As for the food in the South, well let's just say I gained 10 pounds on the trip. But I was smiling the whole time!

In many cities there are "Hop on-Hop off" buses which I highly recommend. The drivers narrate and you learn each city's points of interest.

We did several boat excursions in the Florida Keys.

The waterways are lined with mansions and filled with alligators. A "must see."

While traveling we would typically stay from one to four nights in a town. Considering that we made over 150 stops, you would think we saw everything, but we barely scratched the surface. We have seen the highest mountains, caves 1600' below ground, buffalo (loved them), night sky gazing in National Parks, fishing in the gulf, white water rafting and more. We have a beautiful nation filled with exceptional people!



Thanks to Veterans and Celebrating our Membership at the November lunch



New SIR Video is available at

https://drive.google.com/file/d/155epeeru7k0LE4R_20nFmDVylfaUsTjd/view

News from the Branches



This story is about the end of the Western Slope fishing season in California. As of November 15th each year, the fishing ends on river waters that are above the last impoundment before entering the Delta. If that is confusing, here is an example; the North Fork of the Stanislaus above New Melones

Dam is closed, but the lakes that feed the North fork i.e.; Spicer, Alpine are open. It all has to do with protecting the spawning habits of trout and reducing the fishing pressure at low water flows in the fall. So, all lakes are open and all west slope rivers are closed till April 2019.

New Melones has a great fishery just before closing day. It is at Camp 9 by the Collierville and PG&E powerhouses. This area is where the river ends and the lake begins. Around November 1st, the Kokanee Salmon start spawning and attract the big brown trout to a pre-Thanksgiving feast of fish eggs. The fishing can be very exciting in this rugged canyon with some

nice brown trout to be taken on a fly line.

The shore is rocky and good shoes are a must. Also the flows from the powerhouse fluctuate as power needs change. So, one has to keep an eye on the water levels.

Fly fishing with a 6 or 7 weight rod is best. A sink tip line works well and 3X tippet is a must. The flies of choice should be red or pink and resemble eggs. Sometimes just the color will do the trick, as in, Copper Johns or San Juan Worms. Strong hooks in the #10/12 range work well as Browns can be strong fighters and have been known to break a hook or two. A road trip into Camp 9 is quite spectacular. The road is primitive and paved with no painted lines or guard rails and some hairy corners. Well worth the time on a sunny fall day.



This fishing tale features my favorite fishing geography, Montana. In particular an area in Southwestern Montana centered around Dillon. The area is pure cowboy country with rivers and creeks that are loaded with fish. A few of the world class streams are The Beaverhead, The Big Hole, The Ruby, Poindexter Slough, The Madison and The Jefferson. My fishing buddies and I travel to the area in late October and keep our fingers crossed that the snow stays at higher elevations. By then the irrigators have shut down water flows and the Brown Trout respond with spawning activity and the Rainbows show up for the caviar that is floating in the current. As you can imagine this situation makes for a wonderful fly fishing experience. We rent a 4 bedroom farmhouse a few miles out of town amongst the hundreds of whitetail, who love the alfalfa fields. This is also the start of Elk

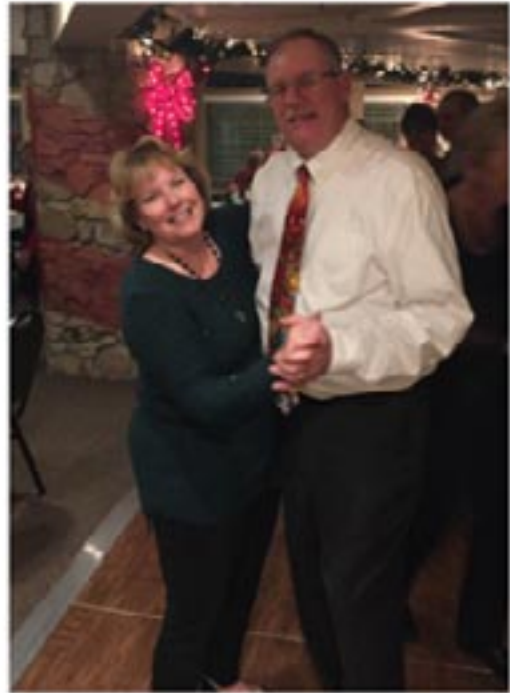
hunting season and World Series time. I was there for the last Giants World Series win with Baumgardner being the hero of the series. Good stuff...

All our fishing activity is wading the streams/rivers. We access the streams through the many state developed fishing areas. The low water allows easy access to great fishing runs. We are normally using 5 weight rods with floating lines. Our fishing method is nymphing with very small bugs, mostly size 18, typically silver or copper color. To give you an idea of what a size 18 is; you can fit 3 bugs on a dime. Try tying that on a line with frozen fingers on a frosty morning. The Beaverhead River Browns are legendary for healthy, aggressive, large fighters. I guess that is why we go to Southwestern Montana.

REELING WITH RYNIEC -
Dave Ryniec Branch 152

News from the Branches

Christmas Dance Branch 152—Arnold



Motley crew of Branch 59 Bowlers—(Needed a photo to fill the space)



A Look at a State Committee Meeting

—Photos by Lee Moy



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—Photos by Lee Moy



Leadership Workshop 1/17/2019



SIR Board
Meeting

Leadership
Workshop

1/17-18/19



Pictured from bottom left going clockwise: Rules Committee, Initial workshop intro, Award presentation, Break-out session amongst Board members, President Ed Benson, and Branch 8 sous chefs. Rules (left to right): Dwight Sale Dale Decker, Pat Reed, Richard DeVoe; Workshop Facilitator: Barry Leskin; HLM Treasurer Karl Ryden; Chefs: Jack Sagen and Ron. Photos by Lee Moy

State Bowling updated information similar to the Schedule Below can always be found on the SIR State Bowling website at <http://www.sirinc3.org/sirBowling/index.html>

2019

SIR BOWLING TOURNAMENTS

Stockton	Jan.	Tues 8	Pacific Ave. Bowl	4	Gil Quinonez	209 -242 -1579
Napa	Jan.	Tues 22 Weds 23	Napa Bowl	4	Keith Knox	707 -257 -7537
Livermore	Feb.	Tues 12 Weds 13	Granada Bowl	4	Dick Braden	925 -455 -8633
Concord	March	Tues 19 Weds 20	Diablo Lanes	4	Dan Weller	925 -935 -5510
Carson City	April	Mon 8 Thru Thurs 11	Gold Dust West	3	Ray DiBasilio	530 -558 -9727
Sutter Creek	April	Fri 26 Sat 27	Gold Country Lanes	4	Emil Leese Ray DiBasilio	209 -560 -3038 530 -558 -9727

SIR ANNUAL STATE TOURNAMENT

Brentwood	May	Weds 15	Harvest Park	1	John Fry Paul Elmer	925 -783 -5614 925 -634 -5690
Pacheco	June	Weds 5 Thurs 6	Paddock Lanes	4	Del Locke	707 -745 -3475
Paradise	June	Tues 18 Weds 19	Check Website	4	Paul Plaskiewicz	530 -413 -9373
Yuba City	July	Mon 8 Tues 9	Nu Generation	4	Ray Buttacavoli	H-530 -671 -5599 C -530 -329 -2038
Pollock Pines	July	Fri 19 thru Mon 22	Knotty Pine Lanes	4	Ray DiBasilio	530 -558 -9727
Carson City	Aug.	Mon 12 thru Thurs 15	Gold Dust West	3	Ray DiBasilio	530 -558 -9727
Carson City	Sept.	Fri 13 Sat 14	Carson Lanes	4	Hall	H-775 -246 -1027 C -530 -409 -3494
Citrus Heights	Oct.	Tues 1 Weds 2	Fireside Lanes	4	Art Tourtillot Ron Johnson	916 -635 -6148 916 -206 -1483
Brentwood	Oct.	Tues 15	Harvest Park	4	John Fry Paul Elmer	925 -783 -5614 925 -634 -5690
Modesto	Oct. Nov.	Thurs 31 Fri 1	McHenry Bowl	4	Jim Pastorelli Vern Masse	209 -406 -8156 209 -538 -4275
Concord	Nov.	Tues 12 Weds 13	Clayton Valley Bowl	4	Mike Kropf Doug Schuster	925 -689 -1453 925 -687 -4543
Danville	Dec.	Weds 4 Thurs 5	Danville Bowl	4	John Monahan	925 -837 -1598

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SIR STATE GOLF SCHEDULE 2019

JANUARY

Divisions, Areas and Branches should hold Golf meetings to spread the word of their 2019 Schedules. Division and Area Golf Chairmen should work together to coordinate these events.

APRIL

Information and Flyer will be posted here at a later date
Springtime in Napa April 15 & 16 2019

JUNE

June 17 thru June 21

Three days of scramble golf. First day at Red Hawk Lakes Course

Second day at Red Hawk Hills Course

Third day at Lakeridge

Welcome reception and awards banquet

Slot tournament

AUGUST

State Team Championship Tournament ("The Chairman's Tournament")

Monday, August 12 at Rancho Solano

Division Qualifying for the Individual Championship Tournament

August 7 and September 7 (reports to State by 9/25/19)

Results of Division Tournaments will be posted on the Division Info Page

SEPTEMBER

The Fall Classic is a Member/Guest Event – Ladies Welcome

NOVEMBER

Individual State Championship and Open Play

Day 1 will be Open Play – Ladies Welcome

Day 2 will be the Championship & Open Play

Date and Place TBD

GOLF RULE # 4:
Yell "fore"
Shoot six
Write down five

See SIR State Golf Website for Current Updates: <http://www.golf.sirinc2.org/>



Golf Brief -Branch 170—Lake of the Pines

Lake of the Pines SIR Branch #170 golfers dominated the Area, Region and Northern State this year!

At the completion of each tournament this year there were a dominance of LOP SIR golfers in the Win-Place & Show columns! The SIR State Individual Championship was held at Bayonet Golf Course in Seaside on November 13th & 14th. There were seven flights in which you could qualify and you needed to place either first or second in your flight to have qualified to play in the State Championship. LOP SIR golfers qualified for six of seven flights. This was a two day tournament, with the first round as an open round with only four flights

with 73 players entered. The two lowest net scores were, Duane Heaton at 64, easily winning flight #2 and Ron Wolyn winning flight #4 with a net 68. The second day of the State Individual Championship included the original seven qualifying flights with a total of 110 players competing. The lowest two net scores in each flight won a cash prize. Tom Wright came in second in flight #3, with a net score of 79. Ron Wolyn won flight # 6, with a net score of 70. The overall two day low net out of all players was Ron Wolyn with a net score of 69.

Sir Ron Wolyn, Golf Chair Branch 170)

News from the Branches

Travel -Branch 103, Stanislaus

By Bill Stire

Baseball Spring Training aka.

Adult Spring Break

March 11 to March 15, 2019

(We are flying this year) Price: \$1,648 per person

Double Occupancy \$2,148 single

Includes: Air transportation, hotel, 3 baseball games, all bus transportation, gratuities, game bucks, dinners at Rustlers Roost, Don and Charies Dinner Show, plus much, much more.

Maximum of 20 passengers, trip is guaranteed to go.

LAND TOUR OF DENALI

CRUISE OF ALASKA

AUG.23-SEPT. 3, 2019

Cruise on the Crystal Symphony (848 passengers). All inclusive, all transportation, hotels, all beverages, free Wi-Fi, pre-paid gratuities, enrichment classes and more. Shore excursions are not included.

4 day land tour of Denali and 8 day cruise of Alaska (Anchorage to Vancouver) Cruising the Inside Passage and Tracy Arms.

Prices \$5,350 to \$6,525 per person. \$300 per person discount at time of presentation, \$125 discount if paid by check, save 2.5% of cruise fare if paid by February 15, 2019.

FUTURE TRIP

Switzerland, Austria and Germany. Stay in Oberammergan, Germany for the Passion Play (only per-formed once every 10 years). August 29-Sept. 9, 2020.

Your help is requested!

Please submit Photos and news Articles for SIR Happenings preferably in Document format. It is extremely difficult to import many of the Branch Newsletters because of the color blending, and fixed layouts etc. when in pdf format.

The play is a staging of Jesus' passion, covering the short final period of his life from his visit to Jerusalem and leading to his execution by crucifixion.

Price: Approximately \$5,700 per person. Air Fare to be determined in Oct. 2019.

Price includes all transportation, hotels, gratuities for tour manager, and more. \$500.00 deposit per person holds spot. Final payment not due until March 1, 2020.

All the reservation forms are available on the SIR Area 22 website for printing:

<http://sirinc2.org/branch144/travel>

Note that friends, neighbors, family, etc. can go on these trips. they do not need to be SIR members to enjoy the trips.

Contact Bill Stires for detailed Flyers and Applications for all SIR travel at 544-2684. Mail to Bill at 241B Leveland Lane, Modesto, CA 95350.

bstires46@gmail.com Travelers are urged to carry with them an up to date list of their medications.

Golf:

The USGA has relaxed some of the rules of golf to make the game simpler and hopefully faster. Follow the video link below to get an idea as to how you need to change your game for 2019. Too bad that they still don't allow the use of the Foot Mashie to get a better lie.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=chPOtfLUHC0>

Publication Deadline for Future Issues

SIR Happenings will be published Quarterly

Deadline for future issues will be:

- *January 15 for the February Issue*
- *April 15 for the May Issue*
- *July 15 for the August Issue*
- *October 15 for the November Issue*

News from the Branches

Travel -Branch 170—Lake of the Pines

AMERICAN DUCHESS MISSISSIPPI RIVER CRUISE March 24-April 1, 2019

9-Days New Orleans to Memphis on the newest luxury all-suite paddlewheeler! Includes a pre-night in New Orleans, complimentary wines and beer at dinner, single seat dining and free shore tours! Ports include Nottoway, St Francisville, Natchez, Vicksburg and Tunica. Airfare and transfers are included! \$3,525 double, \$5,345 single occupancy.

GRAND TOUR OF ITALY! May 7-18, 2019

Join us on a fabulous 12 day trip covering the highlights of magnificent Italy. Stay 10-nights in only three locations! Montecatini, Florence, Venice, Siena, Assisi, Rome, Vatican, Pompeii, Sorrento, Amalfi Coast & Isle of Capri. 20 meals, airfare and transfers included! \$5,355 double, \$5,995 single occupancy.

OBERAMMERGAU May 9-21, 2020

Be a part of history at the world-famous Oberammergau Passion Play. Located in the heart of Bavaria, the quaint and picturesque village is known for its spectacular Passion Play, performed by residents just once every decade. It's the re-enactment of the crucifixion of Christ preserves the health and well-being of the town to this day. **13 Days visiting Munich, Prague, Budapest, Vienna, Salzburg and Oberammergau. From \$6,015 double occupancy.

For Detailed Brochures, with Prices and Booking Information Contact:

Terry Eberhardt 530 278-3362 teberhardt@suddenlink.net

Passing of the Gavel



Past State Bowling Chairman Jerry Sabo, left, hands over the gavel to newly appointed State Bowling Chairman, Russ Salazar



Not sure if everyone has been in on this discussion, but as you will note, this edition of the SIR Happenings has our Mission Statement as a part of the Banner Heading. There has also been discussion about changing our logo. In the Lake Tahoe Branch 160 Newsletter, a request for input from members was requested. Apparently most of the member from other Branches are against the Logo change, but it does reflect the Mission of our Organization.



News from the Branches



**Branch 170 Holiday Dinner
and new Officers.**



Assemblyman Bill Quirk was a recent Branch 59 guest speaker. Bill also happens to hold a PhD in Astrophysics. He is the only “scientist” serving in the California Legislature, and continues to use his expertise on energy and climate to better our lives.

Branch 59, Fremont Holiday Luncheon



News from the Branches

Derek Southern former SIR State President, myself and others have been working to get some aid to our fellow SIRs who have been so affected by the fires in Paradise and other nearby towns. To that point I'd like to challenge you as members of our organization to help show our 13,800 plus members we are in full support of this very worthy effort by making a donation. The size of the donation is irrelevant, no need to match mine or any others' donation. It's more a matter of stepping up to support others in our organization and setting an example as leaders of our organization, "We Are ALL SIRs."

Hope you will take on my challenge.

Here is the link to a GoFundMe page. If you would like to use this method please note select "Other" when it prompts for a tip as part of the donation transaction. That tip is to offset GoFundMe's operation expenses as their normal fees will not be charged.

<http://bit.ly/Donate2ParadiseSirs>

SIR, a Northern California, multi-activity, non-profit organization for men is raising funds for the 139 members from our 2 branches based in Paradise, CA who have been devastated by the recent Camp Fire. I am Derek Southern and honored to be the 2018 President of SIR.

For 60 years we have improved our members' lives through fun activities, luncheons, and events. Our 116 Branches cover most of Northern California from Bakersfield to the Oregon border and San Francisco Bay to Nevada. Our organization is run exclusively by volunteers, we have no offices or paid staff, so all the money we raise will be shared among the members of the 2 Paradise branches. The collected funds will be withdrawn from GoFundMe to an independent bank account. We will take guidance from a local advisory team as to how the funds should be shared. We will have an audit team to confirm that all the collected funds are distributed to the stated beneficiaries.

Our 139 members from around Paradise will appreciate your generosity. Further information about the SIR organization can be found at www.sirinc.org

note:

For those who do not like using the GO Fund Me web page, please bring your donation to our January luncheon in the form of either cash or check and give to Bill Kemper. Please make the checks out to The Sirs Foundation and note on the check fire donation.

Another note: If you have suggestions or want to volunteer to help go to the web page and sign up. The web page is <http://bit.ly/CampFireSupport4Sirs> (Kevin Mahoney)

Mark Stuart Region 1 Director Acting Area 1 Governor





GOLDEN GATE FIELDS

*Golden Gate Fields
Present*

SIR Day at the Races!

When: Friday, March 29th, 2019

Where: Golden Gate Fields

Time: Please arrive at 11:00 a.m.

Gates Open: 11:00 a.m.

Buffet Hours: 12-3:30 p.m.

First Race: 12:45 p.m.

Cost: \$41.00 per adult

Includes: Parking, admission & reserved seating, daily racing program, Prime Rib Buffet and tax & tip for the food servers.

*The first 12 groups of 6 or more guests will also receive a named race!



For more information, please call Sheri Espique at (510) 559-7549 or email
sheri.espique@goldengatefields.com

Make checks: Pacific Racing Association
Send checks: GGF, 1100 Eastshore Hwy
Berkeley, CA 94710
RE: SIR Day at the Races

Lee Moy, State SIR Sports
(559) 709-9851
LeeHealthStudio@gmail.com

Upcoming Events



SIR Day at the Park A's vs Giants

AT THE OAKLAND A's



**2nd Annual "Battle of the Bay Bridge"
Sunday, 1 pm, August 25th, 2019, Coliseum
\$ 52, deadline June 1st, section 106-shaded**



**Make check to: Lee Moy, Amount: \$ 52
Mail: 127 N. Helm Ave, Clovis, CA 93612
include: self-stamp return envelope**

Lee Moy-(559) 709-9851
State SIR Sports
LeeHealthStudio@gmail.com

News from the Branches



CIGAR AFICIONADO



SIR Fresno Branch #159 members:

**Richard Fimbres, Fred Martinez, Ed Beier,
Dana Hamparzoomian, Harry Kutumian,
Bob Moore, Mike Horsley**



Special "thanks" Micah Johnson, owner of Cigars, Ltd.
Let's support the locale business.
Next event: Jan 23, 2019, 2 pm, Cigars, Ltd.

Lee Moy, Director
Cigar Aficionado

Coming Soon— SIR Apparel

At the last State SIR Committee meeting, Stu Williams, Chairman of the Growth & Membership Committee and Tony de Losada, Vice-Chairman, announced that a new Single Source vendor would be assigned for On-Line Ordering of SIR Merchandise. A preview of some of the many items that will be available are shown on the next two pages.



Coming Soon— SIR Apparel

