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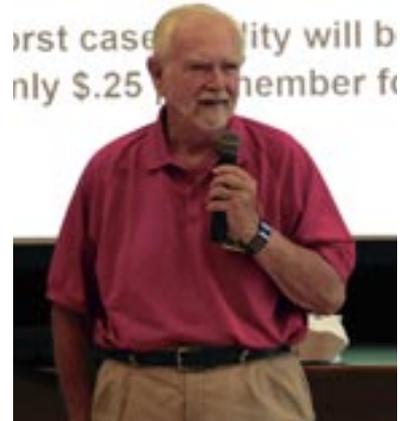


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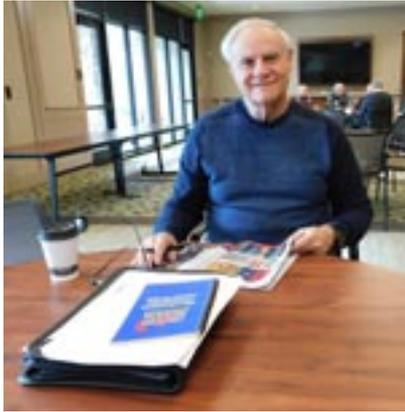
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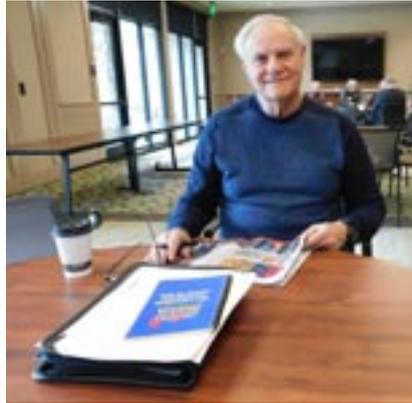
SIR Leaders'  
Workshop



Row 1: Training Chairman Barry Leskin, Row 2: HLM Treasurer Karl Ryden  
Row 3: President Ed Benson, Executive Committee,  
Row 4 T&D member Dave Heflich, Growth & Membership Chairman Stu Williams  
G&M vice-chairman Tony de Losada.

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# Leader's Workshop January 2019



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# Please Read—Sir vs SIR etc.

## *Editors Note—*

*Every time I send a draft copy of our Branch 59 newsletter (called the Pathfinder), or a draft of the SIR Happenings, to my Assistant Editor, Fred Gotthardt, he has me change as many articles as can be change to reflect the correct usage of our organization's name. I have mentioned this usage issue previously but Fred and I thought that the information below should be shared.*

*Fred sent me a copy of "A SIR Primer" written by Dwight Sale in 1998 and then revised.*

## **Sons In Retirement**

### **A SIR Primer**

**April 23, 1998**

**Revised May 31, 2001**

When I first became involved with Sons In Retirement administration as Branch Secretary I was never quite sure how to refer to either my fellow members or the organization in my written documents. I have not been able to find a good "guide" for this but have found little snippets of information here and there and will put them all together for your information.

"SIR" stands for "Sons In Retirement, Incorporated." Note that there are no periods. S.I.R. stands for a gay rights group in San Francisco and they do not want to be confused with us.

SIR can never be plural as there is only one "Sons In Retirement, Incorporated" even though "Sons" is plural. That is why we write "Sir" when referring to a member and not SIR as it makes no sense, in my opinion, to say he is a "Sons In Retirement, Incorporated."

The possessive would be: "I gave the **SIR's** Manual to John."

A single member reference is the most difficult for me. "John is a member of SIR" seems OK to me but "John is a SIR" meaning "John is a Sons In Retirement" is very awkward (probably because of the plural "Sons"). I suggest we say "John is a Sir." What this means is that "a member of SIR" is a "Sir."

A group of members would be: "Many **Sirs** gave their SIR's manuals to their Big **Sirs**."

"Sir" is also used as a courtesy title and serves to recognize the individual as a member of SIR. As an example: "Sir Dwight Sale wrote this Primer"

Combined: " **SIR's** activities include outings with many Branches of **SIR** having picnics to which **Sirs'** wives attend. At one picnic a **Sir's** brother came as a guest. **Sir** Dwight Sale furnished this information"

If you agree with this "Primer", great. If you don't agree, then let me know your suggestions/ideas. This "Primer" has no official sanction and I promise to never bring it up as a rule change.

Dwight B. Sale  
State Secretary, 1998

# News from the Branches

## Branch 105, Stanislaus



Golf Chairman John Reedy, left; presented Joe Bradley with his State Championship jacket back in November 2018



New member, Donny Coonce, left, was presented his membership by Big Sir Gary Goodman

## Branch 160, Lake Tahoe

### How to sponsor a New Member. . .

He should be able to attend the monthly meetings. Make him aware that there is an assessment of \$6 once a year, but some members make voluntary donations to help cover our expenses. Tell Him that dress is casual and to arrive at Tep's Villa Roma during the social hour - -after 11 a.m. but well be for 12 noon -Introduce your guest as a prospective member when called upon. He won't have to make a speech. Pick up an application. Help him fill it out and then return it to the Membership Chairman. His application will be processed and, typically, he can be introduced as a **New Member** at our next regular luncheon meeting.

## Branch 125, Westgate-San Jose



Receiving free sleeves of balls and the widely-acclaimed and highly-coveted title of Golfer of the Month at the March

Luncheon meeting were, left to right, (above) Pat Quast, Henry Melin, Dave Anderson and Dale Momii. Pictured (below) receiving their golf balls are, left to right, Vince Endter, Dave Butt, Peter Marrone, Pat Quast, Bob Fowler, and Dennis Carelli.



### Lake Tahoe Branch 160 Badge Color Scheme

Charter Member...**RED**

Honorary Life Member... **GOLD**

New Member...**BLUE**

The rest of us...**BLACK**. When you see a badge with **BLUE** lettering indicating a **NEWER MEMBER**, be sure to make him feel welcome.



John Feemster was presented with the SIR Branch 125 Outstanding Member Award for 2018. John has served in a myriad of Branch activities since 2001!

Alan Patmore received a SIR Senior Member Award acknowledging his 20 years of membership and service to Branch 125.



# News from the Branches

## Branch 127, Blue Yonder Branch Carmichael

### God's Plan for Aging.

Most seniors never get enough exercise.

In His wisdom God decreed that seniors become forgetful so they would have to search for their glasses, keys and other things thus doing more walking. And God looked down and saw that it was good.

Then God saw there was another need. In His wisdom He made seniors lose coordination so they would drop things requiring them to bend, reach & stretch. And God looked down and saw that it was good.

Then God considered the function of bladders and decided seniors would have additional calls of nature requiring more trips to the bathroom, thus providing more exercise.

God looked down and saw that it was good. So if you find as you age, you are getting up and down more, remember it's God's will. It is all in your best interest even though you mutter under your breath.

### Nine Important Facts To Remember As We Grow Older:

#9 Death is the number 1 killer in the world.

#8 Life is sexually transmitted.

#7 Good health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.

#6 Men have 2 motivations: hunger and hanky panky, and they can't tell them apart. If you see a gleam in his eyes, make him a sandwich

#5 Give a person a fish and you feed them for a day.

Teach a person to use the Internet and they won't bother you for weeks, months, maybe years unless you give them your email address.

#4 Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in the hospital, dying of nothing.

#3 All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.

#2 In the 60's, people took LSD to make the world weird.

Now the world is weird, and people take Prozac to make it normal.

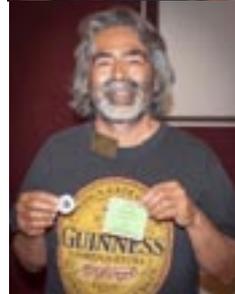
#1 Life is like a jar of jalapeno peppers. What you do today may be a burning issue tomorrow.

Please share this wisdom with others while I go to the bathroom.

## Branch 125, Westgate-San Jose



Dale Momii left was welcomed into Branch 125 by sponsor Kevin Kavanaugh.



Sal Ventura was presented a "Paulie" Award for his eagle shot at the Par 5 14th hole at Skywest. A "Paulie" is presented each month to a SIR who shoots his age or as close to his age (within 5 strokes) during a Branch Wednesday Tournament.



Branch 125 also welcomed two new members: Steve Young, sponsored by Al Mistretta, and Bruce Augason sponsored by Chris Fernandez.

Dave Mayekawa, officially joined SIR Branch 125. He was sponsored by Sal Ventura.



Rob Moore, left, is presented with a Super Senior award by Big Sir Roger Danielson.

# News from the Branches

Branch 125, Westgate-San Jose

## CELEBRATING GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Twenty-two Sir Branch 125 members and their wives were honored for achieving Golden Wedding (50+ years) milestones. Some of the awards were handed out at the Christmas Luncheon in December and others were presented at the January Luncheon meeting.



Jim and Judy Welsh and Ed and Kay Kinney



Dean (Ellen) Coleman, Larry (Frieda) Flocchini and Brian (Pat) Schubert



Lou (Bunny) Montini, Lloyd (Barbara) Hayes, Peter (Sandy) Barats and Dave (Nadine) Grant



Jim and Marsha Hamner and Phil and Joyce Fallo



Rol and Delores Parsons and Brian and Sandy Serpa



Bard and Sharon Johnson and Carl and Diane Stalions



Rod and Judy Ulibarri and Joe and Sydne Ross

# News from the Branches

## Branch 17, Luther Burbank Santa Rosa

### Boys' Night Out:

In the darkness of night on February 13th, neither rain nor bad weather could keep 12 SIR members from enjoying a fun filled evening at The Washoe House. As usual, there was a lot of talk about wine and food and anything else of interest. The highlights of the evening were the stories of the world famous Washoe House fried chicken and what looked like a one pound rib eye steak. Needless to say, everyone had a good time.

The next BNO will be on Wednesday, March 13th at the La Cantina Mexican Restaurant, 6599 Montecito Blvd., (NW corner at Middle Rincon Road and in north eastern Santa Rosa.) This is a new restaurant that has only been open a month plus. For more information and to view their menu, go to their website: <https://lacantinasantarosa.com> or call 707-791-7571.

Reservations are a must!

Contact Don at [malvestitidon485@gmail.com](mailto:malvestitidon485@gmail.com) or call him at 707-539-0677, by Sunday, March 11th. Leave a message if he does not answer.



### *Joke of the day*

Someone asked an older man: "Even after 70 years, you still call your wife by: darling, honey, sweetheart and luv.

What's the secret?"

Old Man: "I forgot her name years ago and I am afraid to ask her what it is."

New Luther Burbank Branch  
Website: <http://www.sir17.org>



On February 8th there were 22 of our SIR wine aficionados, including wives, friends and one cute little dog,

that gathered at Hook & Ladder winery.

We were treated to a private tasting of some of their award winning wines, except for the dog. Their host, Devin, gave a history of the winery, its founders and the various varieties of grapes grown on the property. Following the tasting, several of us gathered for lunch at Charlie's Grill at the Windsor Golf course. We enjoyed some social time and conversation along with some good food, and a little more wine! Our next outing will probably be in late March. We may change things up a bit by visiting a local craft brewery. Stay tuned for more info in an email. Hope those that attended enjoyed their day and look forward to many more of you joining us next time.

Thanks, Gary Bondi



New Member

Larry Helmke

He is sponsored by his former co-worker Ted Scapaccia.

### *Joke of the day*

I was in the six item express lane at the check-out quietly fuming. Completely ignoring the sign, the person ahead of me had slipped into the check-out line pushing a cart piled high with groceries. Imagine my delight when the cashier beckoned the person to come forward, looked into the cart and asked, "so which six items would you like to buy today?"

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## Branch 17, Luther Burbank Santa Rosa



### *Couples' Night Out*

(Article by Dennis Mangan)

Another delicious night on the town for 14 SIR Branch 17 members and their partners on February 28th. We gathered at three long tables at La Gare Restaurant in Railroad Square and were treated to terrific service and outstanding dishes. Dave, our server, and his colleagues recognized a group of hungry, hard-of-hearing old guys and talked loudly, kept the food coming and got us our checks right away. Our conversations ranged from recap of yesterday's flooding in our area, to TV shows, to costume design. After the flambés were extinguished and devoured, we waddled out to our cars with some very nice memories of an evening well spent. Again, THANKS to Fred Rose for his organizing of another fine event. Our next outing we be returning to another favorite, the Ca'Bianca Ristorante Italiano, 835 Second St., on Thursday, March 28th.

Come for cocktails at 5:00 pm and order dinner at 5:30pm. For more information and a look at their menu go to: [cabanca.com](http://cabanca.com) or call 707-542-5800.

Reservations are a must!

Contact Fred Rose: [fredicrose@comcast.net](mailto:fredicrose@comcast.net) or call 707-548-5797 to make your reservations by Friday, March 22th or sooner if possible. Hope to see more SIR members and guests at our next Couples' Night Out dining experience!

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SIR Holiday Dinner Dance at Poppy Ridge Country Club on Dec 5, 2018. Good friends, good food and good music. Photos by Dick Edwards



**Report - "Christmas on the Danube" by Bill Britton:** We had a wonderful group of 16 people who traveled to Germany, Austria, and the Czech Republic on December 1 and returned on December 12, 2018. Half the group were from SIR 101 and 34 and half were friends. We had very little rain and everyone came prepared for cold weather. Most of the time



One of 40 Christmas Markets in Vienna Austria.

the weather wasn't much colder than Livermore. Hot mulled wine seemed to take the chill off. We visited a mix of historic sites and Christmas Markets. Plenty of great food on our cruise ships and in the towns. I said ships because the Danube was too low for ships to pass at one point. We started the cruise on the Amadeus Elegant and transferred to the Amadeus Queen half way through. Amadeus and Collette handled everything seamlessly other than our having to pack up in the middle of the cruise. The advantage of cruising with a bigger company was that they had the ships to make it work. I have heard of other companies having to cancel or convert to a bus and hotel stays. Photos provided by Bill Britton.



Our merry group on the Amadeus Queen, including our wonderful tour manager, Bobbie, far left.

Enjoying some Gluhwein in Dürnstein, Germany.



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*See Branch 101 Newsletter on their website at:*  
[http://sirinc2.org/branch101/Home\\_files/newscurrent.pdf](http://sirinc2.org/branch101/Home_files/newscurrent.pdf)

# News from the Branches

## Branch 101, Livermore

### Kayaking

**When:** 1st Thursdays **Next:** Feb 7, 2019, 10:00 am  
**Where:** Lake Del Valle Boat Launch Ramps and docks  
**Contact:** Dick Ryon, 925-447-8907, [dickryon@comcast.net](mailto:dickryon@comcast.net)  
Doug Mansur, 925-449-4332, [dmansurgm@gmail.com](mailto:dmansurgm@gmail.com)

The next scheduled Kayakers outing will be at Lake Del Valle, Thursday February 7, 2019 at 10:00 AM at the boat launch ramp. In addition, other impromptu outings may be scheduled. Note that all boats used in the Lake Del Valle must be inspected prior to launch to insure that troublesome mussel species do not invade this drinking water reservoir. What "inspection" means in practice is that your boat and all gear (PFD's, spray skirts, external clothing like wet suits) must be completely dry. Allow about 15 minutes for inspection, which means leaving Livermore about one half hour before the 10:00 AM meeting time at the boat launch ramp.

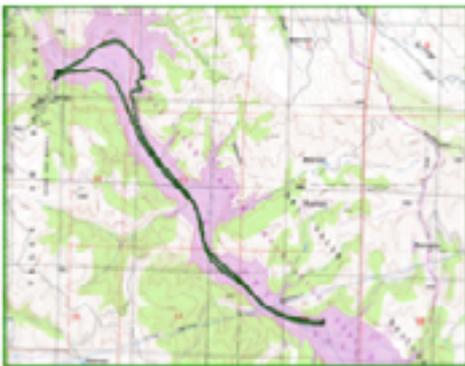
**>>If you are planning to attend an outing, please let Dick or Doug know so that we can watch for your arrival.<<**

We intend to have other trips to various locales throughout the coming months. First Thursdays at Lake Del Valle is a standing event. We continue to encourage folks to propose a trip on our google group email list [kayaking-friends@googlegroups.com](mailto:kayaking-friends@googlegroups.com) at any time. If you do this, state the place, time, distance, and any other pertinent information about the environment and intended skill level.

For those who do not have a kayak, but are interested in trying some kayaking, there are those in the group that have a spare kayak and are willing to share. Also, if you need to share a ride in order to transport yourself, boat, and gear, let us know and that can be arranged.

Our last outing was at Lake Del Valle on January 3, 2019. After a frosty morning, it was a very pleasant day on the lake. Water level remains low, but there remains plenty of water for us to do a leisurely 7.4 mile tour from the boat ramp to the dam. Come join us next time!

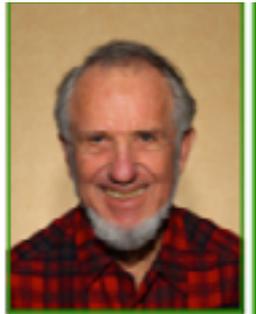
Paddle and live long, Dick Ryon and Doug Mansur



**L:** Track of our January outing.  
**R:** December outing: Ron Colvin, Doug Mansur, Dick Ryon, Joe Clark and Roger Perry.



As a kid I used to watch The Wizard of Oz and wonder how someone could talk if they didn't have a brain. Then I got Twitter.



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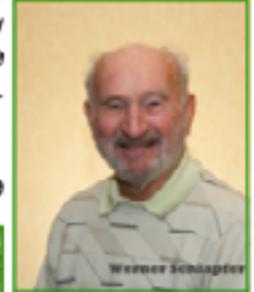
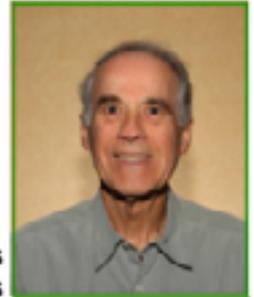
## Hiking and Walking

**When:** Wednesdays at 8:30 AM

**Where:** southeast corner of South L St. and Railroad Ave, Livermore

**Contact:** Art Hull, Chairman, 925-443-5479, [alhull@gmail.com](mailto:alhull@gmail.com)

Werner Schlapfer, Chairman, 925-443-8291, [werner@schlapfer.com](mailto:werner@schlapfer.com)



The SIR hikers meet every Wednesday morning and enjoy hikes on the various trails in the Tri-Valley. We form three groups of various hiking levels (Amblers, Ramblers and Scramblers) and carpool to the hike location. The **Amblers** do a level hike usually at a park such as Sycamore Grove. The **Ramblers** do a moderate hike, and the **Scramblers** do a more strenuous hike at one of the many surrounding regional parks. Bring plenty of water.

**Our Motto:** Remember, there's no such thing as bad hiking weather, just inappropriate clothing.

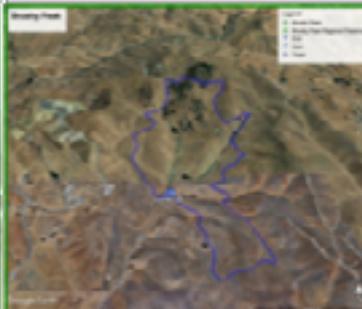
SIR Hikers in Morgan Territory on Dec 19, 2018. We did not dodge the bullet today. It was real foggy for most of the hike.



Brushy Peak on Dec 12, 2018. It was a foggy, windy and rather cold day when we started, and by the end, the fog had cleared and the sun was shining. The hikers enjoyed the camaraderie and the transition.



Track of our hike (in blue).



SIR Hikers in Dublin Hills Regional Park on Jan. 2, 2019.

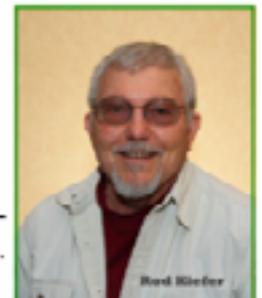


## Investments

**When:** The last Friday of the month from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM.

**Where:** Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1020 Mocho St, Livermore

**Contact:** Rod Kiefer, Chairman, 925-447-4173, [rdkiefer@comcast.net](mailto:rdkiefer@comcast.net)



The goal of our activity is to share investment experiences, strategies, market research tools, and other investment topics the group may be interested in discussing. If you're interested in joining the investment group, please contact Rod Kiefer.

Warren Buffet: "Be fearful when others are greedy and greedy only when others are fearful."

# News from the Branches

## Branch 152, Arnold



**THE CALL OF THE WILD** - Dave Baugher  
“Space, the Final Frontier,” oops, wrong phrase. “Alaska, the Last Frontier!” That is the right quote. The SIR Board of Directors asked me to write about a trip that

Luann and I took this last month to Alaska. You might ask “Why did they go northwards in the winter?” Well, let me tell you the story. Luann has always wanted to see the aurora borealis, or the northern lights as more commonly known, so I arranged a trip. The aurora borealis is the fancy name for a natural light display, predominantly seen in the northern latitudes. Auroras are produced when the earth’s magnetism is sufficiently disturbed by the solar wind. The resulting ionization emits light a varying color and complexity.



Did we see the aurora? Yes, as the picture above shows. However this trip was not just a fancy light show in the sky. Here are a few other things we did over the week:

**World Ice Championships:** Annually held over the last 30 years, the event attracts 100’s of carvers and over 45,000 visitors. The month long competition features multi-ton ice sculptures in a variety of competitions – single & multi ice blocks, single carvers & teams, and timed trials. **Arctic Circle:** From Fairbanks, our group flew to the town of Coldfoot in the Arctic Circle. From there we drove back to Fairbanks along the Dalton Highway (as featured in the TV show “Ice Road

Trucker’s). This trip allowed us to visit the Alaskan pipeline, go sledding in the arctic, and even walk along the frozen Yukon River in the ice-covered north. **Chena Hot Springs:** Discovered in 1905 the hot springs have been a destination for the cold weary residents of Alaska for over 100 years and a world destination once the word got out. Currently, the resort features an ice hotel and ice bar where your drinks are served in ice carved martini glass. Supposedly, when the outside air reaches -20 D you can sit in the 105 D hot spring and feel your hair begin to freeze. **Aurora Winter Train:** Traveling between Fairbanks and Anchorage, this 12 hour journey shows off the quiet serenity of the pristine Alaska landscape. Our trip features views of Denali, snowy forests, a wolf, caribou, and moose. This is the same train featured in the “Railroad Alaska” TV show. **Dallas Seavy Racing Kennels:** Dallas Seavy became the youngest Iditarod racing winner in 2012, and he later won the event in 2014, 2015, and 2017. The Seavey family has been racing for generations and Dallas has set up a premier kennel in the town of Talkeetna. Our group went on a dog sledding tour (even Luann mushed the sled), learned about the Iditarod Race and romped with adorable Alaskan puppies, who are in training to become future Iditarod Champion’s. Overall, it was an excellent opportunity for Luann to realize her longtime desire to see the northern lights and for us to experience “Alaska, the Last Frontier.”



Past Big Sir, Jim Walton receiving recognition from Area Governor, Dale Decker.

# News from the Branches

## REELING WITH RYNIC

Winter is still here till March, 20th, but it is a good time to think about the first fishing for 2019.

And, that would be Bass on the fly rod. In the Mother lode, we have a lot of



opportunities to chase the Largemouth Bass. There are abundant cattle ponds and small reservoirs that hold the Black Largemouth Bass... Sometimes getting on the private ponds can be a “who do you know” deal or pay a gate fee to get in for the day. One of our good locations is Salt Springs Reservoir, located near Milton. It holds some large Bass and for a small entry fee can provide a fun day of catching. The Bass become active in spring based on water temperature. If the water temp is below 50 degrees, you probably will not get any action. If the water temp is 50-60, the fish will bite, but slowly and sometimes just mouth the bait. Above 60 the war is on and surface fishing can be crazy. The fly rods are usually a 6 or 7 wt. with floating or sink tip line. Poppers are our favorite bait, but nymphs and rubberleg pigboats can be productive also... The smaller cousin is the Smallmouth Bass, which is active in mid-summer when the waters are warm and lazy.

Most of the smallmouth action happens in the Delta or in spring runoff rivers that flow slowly during the summer. Eastern Oregon has some great river and reservoir Smallmouth fishing. The action can be ferocious at times, because these fish have a lot of power in the water and they do not leap in the air as much as a Largemouth do. I have seen rods break fighting smallmouth Bass. We usually fish Smallmouth with subsurface baits, like; crayfish patterns, nymphs, imitation worms, minnow patterns, mice, etc. And may use an 8 weight rod. I call them garbage eaters. So for action fishing, Bass can be your ticket to fun.

Tightlines, Dave



*Smallmouth Bass, caught on the Grande Ronde River in Oregon*



New members and their sponsors. (L to R): David Johns, Steve Jones, Paul Nord, Jim Gong, Kevin Andel, Harry Tittle, and Jack Harris.

# News from the Branches

## Branch 98, Sun City Roseville

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### SIR TRAILS

By Alan Ensign

SIR Branch 98 walking & hiking group activity for members, spouses and guests. A fun, healthy group activity

**What's up next: (Pending dry trails)**



**Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> (or Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>)** – Hike: Griffith Quarry Park  
Guide: John Benbow

**10:00 AM – Meet at: 7405 Rock Springs Rd. Penryn, CA 95663**

(Located at the corner of Taylor and Rock Springs Roads, the park is easy to find and has ample parking.) Little known, but once nationally renowned, Griffith Quarry has been around since 1864. Now a park and museum it offers views, wooded trails among several small quarries, picnic areas, artifacts of the quarryman's trade and nearby restaurants. Placer County Museums will meet us there and open the small museum for a special tour.

The hike is easy with some elevation change. Shoes with good tread or a walking stick will be helpful in a few places with unstable ground. Expect the hike to last about an hour and a half plus the time we spend in the museum. Plan on joining the group for a post hike meal at either Beach Hut Deli or the Valencia Club (with its all day breakfast). Both are located across the street from the park. The restaurants will also be open and available as an alternative to the Park's chemical toilets if desired.

If you have questions feel free to contact John Benbow at 916-624-5317 or [jlorenbenbow@gmail.com](mailto:jlorenbenbow@gmail.com)

#### SIGN UP AT THE APRIL LUNCHEON

For more info on SIR TRAILS, Contact: Alan Ensign, Assistant Activity

Coordinator 925 407-5335 / [aensign3941@gmail.com](mailto:aensign3941@gmail.com)

#### SIR BRANCH 98 GOLFER GETS HOLE IN 1

Nelson Carlock scored a HOLE-In-one on the 116 yard 17th hole at Serrano Country Club Monday March 11. Nelson took out his trusty #9 Iron and sank his drive. Congratulations Nelson.



NELSON CARLOCK



### SSS Sir Search for the Superb Burger 2019

Wow, can I say it again WOW!! We had 20 people show up to taste burgers in February. That set a new record of attendance and I would like to thank you very much for attending. We went to the Burger Lounge and there were mixed reviews. Some people loved the burgers and a couple people rated them a "2". So Burger Lounge came out a 4.34 on our Search for the Superb Burger.

Next month we are going to be going to the Yard House located at 1166 Roseville Parkway in The Fountains. I hope to see each of you there. The time is 11:30AM. You can RSVP me at [stepheneastman68](mailto:stepheneastman68) or just show up. See you there,

Stephen Eastman (916) 548-6641

[stepheneastman68@gmail.com](mailto:stepheneastman68@gmail.com)

#### FINANCIAL GROUP II IS G2

Alan Ensign, Coordinator

Finance/Investment Group II (G2) first met in June, 2017 to give those on a long waiting list for the highly successful original SIR Branch 98 activity access to a new group with similar interests. We began building and maintaining individual model fantasy portfolios and added a "Portfolio by the Numbers" analysis using modern portfolio theory predicting risk adjusted, optimal annual returns.

#### IN 2019 WE'RE OPEN TO NEW IDEAS AND NEW MEMBERS

We'll focus more on ways to improve and protect our personal investment portfolios. We'll broaden our discussions to include individual member studies of interest and topics, exchange info on promising stocks, sectors, option trading, fixed income ideas, asset allocation and current economic conditions that impact us all. We may need to extend our meetings to 2 hours to cover all the topics of interest. For now we meet monthly through October from **9:30 - 11:00 AM, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday** at a neutral sites (such as La Bou or other convenient locations).

At G2 you'll meet with friends for an enjoyable, challenging and educational group activity. Doesn't cost a thing, either!

#### IF INTERESTED...

SIGN UP AT OUR APRIL LUNCHEON

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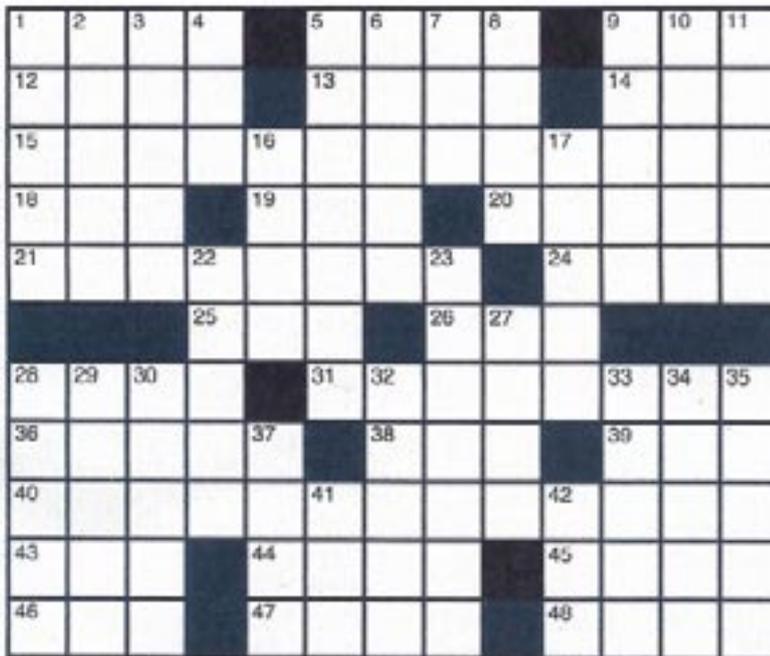


SIR Branch 98

## Humor & Brain Teasers

### Game Center, APRIL

#### APRIL PUZZLE: JUST ADD ONE



#### CROSSWORD

#### Just Add One

##### ACROSS

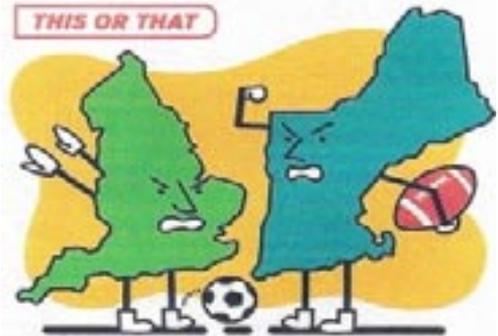
- 1 "LT Abner" cartoonist
- 5 Rubberneck
- 9 Bikini top
- 12 Diva's big moment
- 13 Neighbor of Yemen
- 14 Amscrayed
- 15 Menswear that comes with two vests?
- 18 Suffix with "count"
- 19 Vacation spot
- 20 Santa Ana's, e.g.
- 21 Revolver with an extra chamber?
- 24 More than curious
- 25 \_\_\_ culpa
- 26 Letters on a wanted poster
- 28 We Bought \_\_\_ (2011 Matt Damon movie)
- 31 Morris' breakfast of champions? ....

##### DOWN

- 36 Tell
- 38 Word after "spelling" or "quitting"
- 39 "\_\_\_ been thinking..."
- 40 Quaint B&B furniture that's a bit off-kilter?
- 43 Exist
- 44 To help at a heist
- 45 Michael of Juno and Superbad
- 46 Spanish king
- 47 Pickup shtick?
- 48 Part of NAACP (abbr.)

- 7 WWII female
- 8 Didn't need to guess
- 9 Pop star Mars
- 10 Midnight visits to the fridge
- 11 On pins and needles
- 16 Christmas candle scent
- 17 Biblical mount
- 22 Overplay the scene
- 23 "No, No" Broadway girl
- 27 Swiss artist Paul
- 28 Equally distant
- 29 The Congo, formerly
- 30 Yiddish "yipes!"
- 32 Buddy of *The Beverly Hillbillies*
- 33 Feelings, hippie-style
- 34 "Tinker to \_\_\_ to Chance"
- 35 Rent-a-car choice
- 37 Iridescent gem
- 41 Kimono sash
- 42 Elvis' label after Sun Records

#### THIS OR THAT



Which is bigger in area?

England  New England

Many people know that the most commonly used letter in English is E. What's next?

S  T

Would you find more 3s or 8s in the numerals from 1 to 60,000?

3s  8s

What color is the top stripe of the American flag?

Red  White

#### PUZZLER

#### Where Does **B** Belong?

The letters in this brain-teaser have been arranged based on a fairly simple rule. In this case, where would B belong—above or below the line?

**DEFHIKLMNPR**  
**ACGJOQSUVWXYZ**

**SOLUTION**  
**Next Page**

# News from the Branches

SIR Branch 98

## Humor & Brain Teasers

### WORKING

1. At my first job I was working in an orange juice factory,  
But I got canned. I just couldn't concentrate.
2. Then I worked in the woods as a lumberjack,  
But I just couldn't hack it, so they gave me the axe.
3. After that, I tried being a tailor,  
But I wasn't suited for it - mainly because it was a sew-sew job
4. Next, I tried working at Starbucks,  
But I had to quit because I got tired of the same old grind.
5. Then, I tried being a chef - I figured it would add spice to my life,  
But I just didn't have the thyme
6. Next, I tried working in a deli,  
But any way I sliced it, I just couldn't cut the mustard.
7. My best job was as a musician,  
But I eventually found I wasn't noteworthy.
8. I studied for a long time to become a doctor,  
But I didn't have any patience.
9. Next up was a job in a shoe factory - I tried hard,  
But I just didn't fit in.
10. After that, I became a fisherman,  
But I discovered I couldn't live on my net income.
11. Next, I managed to get a job at a pool maintenance company,  
But the work was too draining.
12. So after that I got a job at a workout center,  
But they said I wasn't fit for the job
13. After many years of trying to find steady work, I finally got a job  
as a historian, But I realized there was no future in it.
14. My last job was when I tried working in a muffler factory,  
But that was too exhausting.

Submitted by Phil Lander

### So I Retired



### CHURCHILL QUOTES

Submitted by Tom Werth



Diplomacy is the art of telling people to go to hell in such a way that they ask for directions.

You will never reach your destination if you stop and throw stones at every dog that barks.

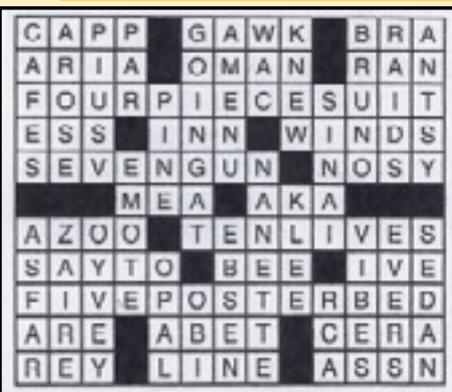
The POSITIVE THINKER sees the INVISIBLE, feels the INTANGIBLE, and achieves the IMPOSSIBLE.

There is nothing government can give you that it hasn't taken from you in the first place.

A good speech should be like a woman's skirt: long enough to cover the subject and short enough to create interest



### APRIL GAME CENTER SOLUTIONS



#### PUZZLER

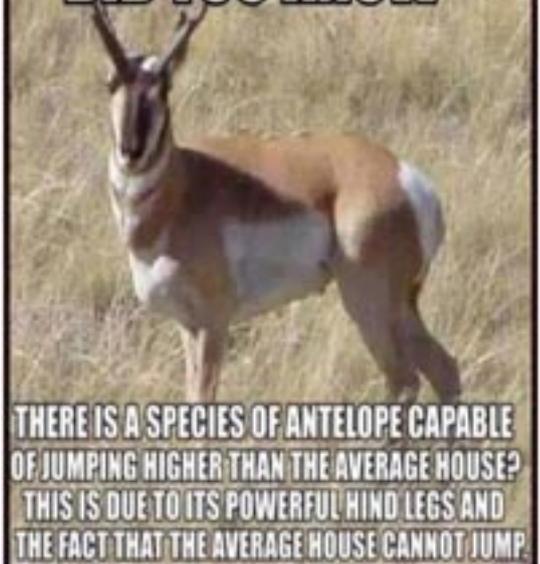
Where Does **B** Belong?

The "B" belongs above the line, with all the other letters that have at least one straight vertical line.



- 1) New England is larger with a combined area of 72,000 sq miles. England is close to 50,000 sq. miles. There are 11 states larger than England, however, none of them are in New England
- 2) The answer is "T". The letter "S" is the seventh most-used letter, after E, T, A, O, & N.
- 3) More 3's. Just in the number 30,000 to 39,999 there are more than 10,000 3's.

### DID YOU KNOW



THERE IS A SPECIES OF ANTELOPE CAPABLE OF JUMPING HIGHER THAN THE AVERAGE HOUSE? THIS IS DUE TO ITS POWERFUL HIND LEGS AND THE FACT THAT THE AVERAGE HOUSE CANNOT JUMP.

# News from the Branches

## Branch 124, Alta Sierra

Photography - Chairman Rick Waller  
Hi SIR Photographers,  
Please contact me if you are interested  
Rick Waller  
Rick@WildDestinationsPhotography.com  
530-575-4800  
Please go to my Facebook page for my weekly Photo  
Tips!  
<https://www.facebook.com/wilddestinationsphotography/>



### Tapas/Appetizer Group - Chairman Dave Gates

Wine & Beer Tasting Club  
George Simko will host the second quarter event  
and the Big Sir will host the third quarter event.  
Some consideration is being given to expanding  
our horizons to include a craft beer event.  
George Simko  
530 205-9767



A favorite  
logo from  
Branch 127  
in  
Carmi-  
chael, CA.

## Branch 59, Fremont



Branch 59's Annual Chuck Pereira Tournament held annually in March. Dotie Pereira and her daughter hold the winner trophy presented annually in memory of Chuck. Chuck was a member of Branch 6 which joined with Branch 59. In the background are Don Henry, Frankie Cordova, Victor Okamura, Gary Bennett, Rich Bowers, Carlie Houseworth and John Pesek. We usually have about 30 bowlers participate in the local tournament.

### DO YOU KNOW WHO ELSE I AM? I AM THE MEMBER WHO NEVER CAME BACK!!

Do you remember me?



Do you know who this person is? If you do, call them and ask them to come back or call me (510-441-3803) I have a position or activity that they can participate in.

Big Sir, Harvey McAninch

### SIR Wine Group Tasting

Saturday, May 18, 2019 // 6:30-8:30 P.M.  
Each couple or person is asked to bring 1 bottle of their favorite **White Varietal** or 1 bottle of their favorite **ROSE**, and a **small** wine friendly snack such as cheese, fruit or sweet treats.

20-25 guests can attend. Saturday, May 18, 2019 // 6:30-8:30 P.M.

Hosts: Joe and Joanne Stanley

32445 Darlene Way

Union City, CA 94587

Sign-up April 17 or May 15 or RSVP to [joestan@mac.com](mailto:joestan@mac.com)

# Veteran's Honor Flight

Our Mission: To transport America's Veterans to Washington, DC to visit those memorials dedicated to honor the service and sacrifices of themselves and their friends.

***Honor Flight Network is a non-profit organization created solely to honor America's veterans for all their sacrifices.*** We transport our heroes to Washington, D.C. to visit and reflect at their memorials. Top priority is given to the senior veterans – World War II survivors, along with those other veterans who may be terminally ill.



Of all of the wars in recent memory, it was World War II that truly threatened our very existence as a nation—and as a culturally diverse, free society. According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, an estimated 640 WWII veterans die each day. Our time to express our thanks to these brave men and women is running out. Get application on-line at:

<https://www.honorflight.org/applications/>



# Veteran's Honor Flight



## ***Note to Editor:***

Bill Shankles, member of Branch 145 in Lodi asked me to pass on this information to you to see if you could include is SIR Happenings. Bill is a Korean Vet and wanted other SIR members know about the Honor Flight.

Rick Kindle

## ***Note to Rick Kindle:***

I heard about the Honor Flight organization by word of mouth. Got on their Web Site and got information needed to apply for a trip to Wash DC to visit the military memorials. To qualify, You must be a WW11 or Korean veteran and had not been to Wash DC to visit any of the memorials. Once selected to go , you attend a Mandatory Orientation where you get the details regarding the trip. They give you a shirt, windbreaker, and a gym bag that will carry all that you will need for the 3 day trip for clothing , and medication. Each veteran will have a wheelchair. The veteran will have a Guardian. One of their own choosing or a volunteer who will push them in the wheelchair and assist them when needed. There will be a doctor and nurse to travel with the group

Consisting of 25 vets and 25 guardians. The group will travel on Alaska Airlines. You stay at the Hilton Crystal City Hotel where you are served a buffet breakfast and dinner and Potbelly Deli provides the lunches. You are taken by bus with police escort to 12 memorials over a two day period and its timed so you are there at the tight time for the main events. At both SFO and Reagan Airports, You receive greetings and acknowledgement for your service in the military that you have never received before. You will never be more proud to be

called a veteran, Was a trip of a lifetime for me.



Bill Shankles  
US Air Force Veteran

# Monthly Gathering

Get out of the Rain

and pour yourself

FSU summer sausages-n-  
cheese with a shared bottle  
of Armenian cognac

Cigar LTD fine selection



Next gathering: April 17-Wed-2pm-Fig Garden



Branch 159 Members: Bob  
Moore, Bill McCallum, Rick  
Lewis, and Harry Kutumian.  
Other members on a cruise.  
Thanks Harry for sharing!!!

Lee Moy  
Cigar Aficionado



Note to reader: This is not intended to be an add, however, Sir Lee Moy left out a few details about where they met.

Cigars Limited  
Located in Fig Garden Village  
5160 N Palm Ave, Fresno

## On-going Event

Subject: A New SIR outing is in the works (Sent to Ed Benson in February)

Members of the Modesto SIR branches have started attending the Commemorative Air Force Breakfast and they are extending and invite for all SIR members to join the fun. Here is all the information on this idea.

### SIR AREA BREAKFAST GROUP

Commemorative Air Force Hanger, 700 Tioga Drive, Hanger 1-S  
Modesto Airport (Private Side)

Every second Saturday of the month. Next breakfast is Saturday March 9th.

Hours 7:30 to 11:00am

Cost \$7.00 per person.

SIR has arranged to have tables set aside for SIR members. So look for the SIR signs.

Menu: Fried eggs or scramble eggs; three types of pancakes, plain, pecan, chocolate chip and/or blueberry; bacon; biscuit and gravy; beans and fruit cocktail. Drinks: coffee, orange juice and bottled water  
Casual and friendly. Bring wives, friends, relatives, future members. Make sure to introduce yourselves. See you there.

Larry Hughes

mailto:[larado.hughes@gmail.com](mailto:larado.hughes@gmail.com)

***Your help is requested!***

***Please submit Photos as jpg files and news Articles for SIR Happenings in Document format. It is extremely difficult to import many of the newsletters pdf files because of the color blending, and fixed layouts etc. when in pdf format. I can still use the pdf files but it would be nice if I didn't have to choose what goes into the Happenings. For example, the feature about Veteran' Honor Flight was not taken from a pdf.***

***I do appreciate the newsletters and other information that has been sent as you can tell from the large file size of the Happenings e-file.***

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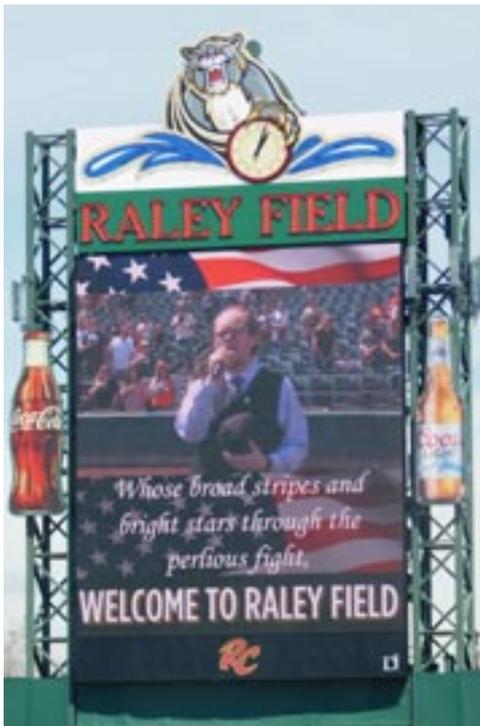
CHIEF ADMIN OFFICER  
Dean Steichen

### Publication Deadline for Future Issues

**SIR Happenings will be published Quarterly**

**Deadline for future issues will be:**

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



**Sacramento River Cats  
Raley Field-SIR Auburn Branches**

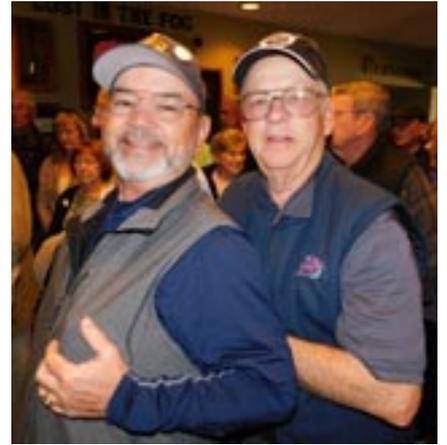


Photos by Lee Moy

## Golden Gate Fields

attended by 350 SIR members  
20 Branches

29 March 2019



Photos by Lee Moy  
State SIR Sports

# Upcoming Events



All-Fresno Area Branches' SIR DAY  
 Sacramento River Cats vs Fresno Grizzlies  
 (AAA affiliate SF Giants vs Washington Nationals)

May 18th, 2019-Saturday-7 pm  
 Chukchansi Park



[Ticket Details](#)



[Schedule](#)

- Seats \$20; need 7 members
  - Seating behind home plate
  - Hat giveaway
  - SIR recognition on video board
  - Make check to Lee Moy
  - Send check and a self-stamped return envelope
  - **Deadline: May 1, 2019**
- 4pm-Carpool from Lee's
  - 4:30-Beers at Tioga-Sequoia
  - 6pm-Gates open
  - 7pm-Game starts

Lee Moy  
 127 N. Helm Ave  
 Clovis, Ca 93612

## Note Deadline!

### FOUR GREAT SIR BASEBALL GAMES



SIR Area 11  
 San Jose Giants  
 SJ Municipal Stadium  
 588 E. Alma Ave



Single A Baseball  
 all Friday 7 pm starts  
 \$10/pp/game; \$15 parking/car  
 after game fireworks

May 17	Lake Elsinore
June 14	Visalia
July 19	Rancho Cucamonga
Aug 16	Inland Empire

Bob Grandey  
 Area 11 Governor

Lee Moy  
 State SIR Sports

# Upcoming Events



**It's that time of the year!**

**BASEBALL  
SEASON**

**Please have a SIR Branch  
representative collect checks  
(\$52 pp), and send them to:  
Lee Moy, 127 N. Helm Ave, Clovis**

**Deadline: 1 June**

## **SIR DAY At the BALLPARK "Battle of the Bay"**

**Sunday, 8/25/2019, Oakland Coliseum  
1 pm; \$52; section 106, shaded area**



**Once your checks come in, by the deadline, I will order the 80 seats for our SIR members and guests. Last year we almost had 50 show; this year we're anticipating a much larger crowd. When the tickets come to me, then I will mail them to you using your **self-stamped return envelope**. So please talk it up at your Branches, and "take me out to the ball game".**

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

# Upcoming Events



VS



AAA Affiliates  
SF Giants vs Seattle Mariners

**SIR Day at Raley Field**  
**Sunday, April 7th, 2019, 1 p.m.**

## **AAA Baseball Prices**

Section 104                      Senate  
Price                                \$ 21.12  
[groupmatics.events/event/sirsnight](http://groupmatics.events/event/sirsnight)  
or see SIR Branch activities director

## **Carpooling/Parking**

[lasherautogroup.com/rivercats](http://lasherautogroup.com/rivercats)  
4 in a group/print voucher  
save \$ 10

Raley Field, 400 Ballpark Drive, W. Sacramento

## **Pre-Game Gathering**

Knee Deep Alley  
Craft Beers  
Noon

## **Another Game**

June 13, Thirty Thursday, 7 pm, Sec 115  
AAA Omaha-Kansas City Royals  
same cost/parking arrangements

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