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North Bay Branch No. 7, San Rafael

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May 2022

BIG SIR—*Michael Sommer*



Our May 5th meeting will be a Wild Neckties and/or a Wild Socks Contest. Prizes will be wine or golf balls. The same as last month's winners of the Crazy Hat contest.



Speaking of the Crazy Hat Contest winners, the 1st place was Jack Hartnett who at 92 years of age still has a great sense of the



bizarre. Jack took the large golf ball prize. In a race too close to call, I'll just say that we had a 3-way tie for 2nd with Bob Rigler, Kelley Reid and Dick Robinson all receiving prizes. Bob Bundy should have been in there as well, but I'll take care of that oversight this month.

At last month's Exec Board meeting a new guest/prospective member policy was adopted. You may now bring a guest who is legitimately a prospective member at no charge to the member or the guest. This will apply to a prospect on a one-time basis only. If they attend additional meetings without



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LITTLE SIR—*Bob Bundy*



Our May luncheon will feature a talk from the warden of San Quentin and the PR officer. They have weathered the usual prison issues that were exacerbated by the Covid outbreak early in the pandemic when prisoners were transferred from Chico State Prison without being adequately screened.

San Quentin is the oldest state prison in California having been established in 1852. The prison is the only site in California where executions can take place although there have been no executions since 2006. The gas chamber has been decommissioned and Governor Gavin Newsom declared a moratorium on executions in 2019. Warden Ron Bloomfield has been in charge since 2021; previously he served as Deputy Warden, beginning in 2017. Prior to coming to San Quentin he held a number of positions at Corcoran State Prison. He was raised in Mariposa County and graduated from California Lutheran University.

I was introduced to Lt. Samuel Robinson by Suzy Denning (wife of SIRS member David Denning) when she volunteered at the San Quentin Family Center. Suzy arranged a tour of the prison for members of our Corte Madera Lions Club which I describe as an eye-opening experience. Lt. Robinson initially introduced us to a small group of lifers who talked about life at San Quentin. Then he took us on an extensive tour of the interior of the prison including one of the blocks with four tiers of cells. When speaking to the group, other staff, and prisoners, it was always with courtesy and respect which is why he is sometimes known as the "Mayor of San Quentin".

May 5th Luncheon Menu

Baked Ham w/Penne Bolognese, or
Grilled Salmon w/Lemon Butter Sauce

MEMBERSHIP REPORT April 2022

<u>TOTAL ACTIVE MEMBERS - 4/1/22</u>	92
<u>GAINS DURING MONTH</u>	2
#19 Gary Gioglio	
#8 Don Edwards	
<u>LOSSES DURING MONTH</u>	0
<u>TOTAL ACTIVE MEMBERS - 5/1/22</u>	94

Call Don Beers at 332-3926 if you can't attend a luncheon

May 2022 Birthdays

73	Luke Lucchesi	May 3
11	Wil Swalberg	May 3
54	Dug Dugdale	May 5
40	Bob Testa	May 8
129	Dick Woodbury	May 19
65	Ron Radtke	May 25
13	Kirk Beales	May 26
10	Tom Balogh	May 30
71	Ken Kauer	May 30
103	Larry Bedard	May 31

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joining the Branch they will be expected to pay for their lunch. The 2 qualifications bear repeating. They must be a prospective member and not for example, a visiting brother-in-law from Des Moines. They may only receive one complimentary lunch. It also means that when they do sign up that there will not be a free lunch ticket given. We hope this will encourage all of you to become recruiters for our branch. There are a couple of members who recently paid for their guests/prospective member who then did sign up and they of course will still get a free lunch ticket for that.

I encourage all members to attend our May meeting as everyone had a great time in April and our speaker shared interesting information about her nonprofit's college scholarship program.

Ron DeCook, Secretary



Branch 7 Executive Committee meeting March 31, 2022:

Al Wuthnow stated that he has received 53 members' dues and is hopeful he will get many more at our next luncheon on April 7.

Mike Sommer asked about waivers of vaccination. I stated that I kept the list and will sit at the front desk at our next luncheon. I told Ralph Sherer that I will send him a list of names that he can add to his membership list.

Mike Sommer said he would like us to hire a webmaster to keep up our website. Bob Rigler will check with his granddaughter to see if she might be interested.

Bob Bundy discussed our upcoming list of speakers. Mike said that all members should also add names from other groups that they have heard speak.

Terry Aleshire brought up our newest members, Gary Gioglio and Don Edwards. They were voted on by the membership & approved.

Mike Sommer went over his questionnaire and possible activities we could pursue.

Ted Pullen discussed Wed September 7th to see *Oklahoma*. He passed out a flier.

By vote, it was decided that if you brought a prospective visitor to a lunch, you didn't have to pay for them. It was approved by the Board. Next meeting for the Board will be Thursday 4/28.

May 2022 Meetings

Luncheon Thursday May 5
Executive Committee Thursday May 26



SIR ON THE INTERNET

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www.sirinc.org/wearesir-2/

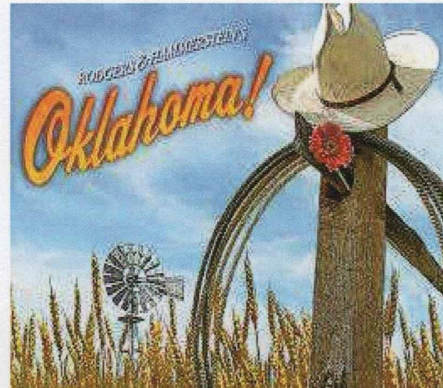
Gives SIR history, organization, locations, activities, travel programs etc.. Also the State newsletter, SIR Happenings. Suggested for those thinking of joining for an early orientation.

SIR #7

Invites you to join them for the performance of

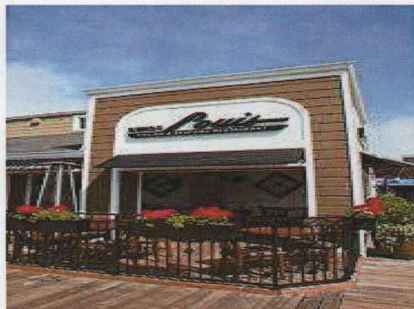
Oklahoma!

With hosted lunch at Swiss Louis Restaurant
Wednesday – September 7, 2022



OKLAHOMA! tells a story of a community banding together against an outsider, and the frontier life that shaped America. Upending the sunny romance of a farmer and a cowpoke, this production “lets you experience Rodgers and Hammerstein’s greatness anew.” (*The New Yorker*). Without changing a word of text, this visionary production allows the classic musical – and our country – to be seen in a whole new light!

Depart: 10:00 am / **Return:** @ approx. 5:15 pm
San Rafael – Park & Ride Smith Ranch Rd., parking lot



Cost per person: \$ 105.00

Cost Includes:

Deluxe Roundtrip Motorcoach transportation * Hosted Lunch at Swiss Louis Rest. Pier 39, Entrée choice of: Chicken Marsala, Fettuccine Napolitana or Pan Sauteed White Fish; all served with salad, dessert and coffee or tea * Side Orchestra Seating for the 1:00 pm Performance of **Oklahoma!** @ Golden Gate Theatre (SF)
* Driver Gratuity Included

Contact: Ted Pullen @ 415-499-4610 Make checks payable to: SIR #7

Mail checks to: Ted Pullen @ 455 Cedar Hill Dr., San Rafael, CA 94903

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-----Detach & Return-----

SIR #7 (Oklahoma)

September 7, 2022

Name (s): _____

Phone: (____) _____ Email Address: _____

Chicken Marsala _____ Fettuccine Napolitana _____ Pan Sauteed White Fish _____

LUCKY 7 GOLF



Chardonnay (Scramble) - March 30th

1	Radtke, Campas, Troya & Lucchesi	57.70
2	Erlingsson, Moresco, Miller & Leonard	59.95
3	Giambra, Pastorino, Toso & DeCook	60.60

Closest to Hole 5

Closest to Hole 16

1. Cosmo Violante	5'9"	1. Jens Erlingsson	15'9"
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Bennett Valley (Individual) - April 6th

A Flight Net

B Flight Net

1	Gary Gioglio	70	1	Ron DeCook	71
2	Paul Giambra	71	2	Jim Leonard	73

Closest to Hole 6

Closest to Hole 15

1. Cosmo Violante	12'2"	1. Terry Aleshire	58'
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Blue Rock Springs East (Scramble)— April 13th

1	Edwards, Radtke, Leonard & (Blind Draw)	59.90
2	Height, Pastorino, Land & DeCook	61.15

Closest to Hole 2

Closest to Hole 11

1. Dick Robinson	12'9"	1. Ron Moresco	14'8"
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Paradise Valley (Scramble) - April 20th

1	Gioglio, Phillips & Bearg	58.5
2	Campas, Land & Leonard	59.5

Closest to Hole 3

Closest to Hole 12

None		1. Ron DeCook	11'10"
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STENZEL CONTEST STANDINGS

1. Gary Gioglio	2'7"	2. Ted Pullen	4'2"
3. Cosmo Violante	5'9"		

From the State Golf Chairman:

To All Sir Golfers,

The State Golf Committee would like to invite you to our second golfing event of the year to be held in Reno the week of June 13th. This four-day event includes an option for either playing two or three days of golf. Atlantis Hotel and Casino will again be our host hotel.

You can also find information on other future events, golf committee member contact information, golf policies and so much more by clicking on the State Golf website or by entering "www.sirgolf.org" on your computer, tablet, or phone.

Look forward to seeing you all in Reno and our other events throughout the year.

The 2022 SIR State Golf Committee, Mark Stuart, State Golf Chair, 916 218-2287

2022 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Big Sir: Michael Sommer **Little Sir:** Bob Bundy
Secretary: Ron DeCook **Asst Secretary:** Vacant
Treasurer: Al Wuthnow **Asst Treasurer:** Dick Robinson
Directors: Dave Bernardi, Ken Kauer, Ted Pullen, Bob Rigler, & Ralph Sherer
Advisor: Dick Robinson
Publisher: Kirk Beales — 415-492-2686, bear38@outlook.com
Webmaster: Vacant

AREA 8 MONTHLY MEETINGS

Branch 7 McInnis Park 1st Thursday
 Branch 22 McInnis Park 1st Tuesday
 Branch 47 McInnis Park 4th Tuesday
 Branch 58 Elks Lodge Petaluma 3rd Tuesday
 Branch 68 McInnis Park 2nd Tuesday
 Branch 134 Embassy Suites 1st Tuesday
 Branch 147 Elks Lodge Petaluma 2nd Tuesday

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SUNSHINE & SHADOWS

Ken Kauer, Chairman, 472-2334
 (No e-mail)