



# SIR Solano Branch 88 Newsletter

## January 2023

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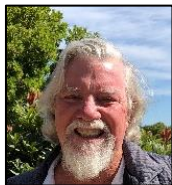
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### Big SIR ... My Two Cents

– Harold Persily



Hi SIR branch 88 members and *Happy New Year*. The new year should be fun with our ongoing activities and new ones in the works.

#### 2023 Board

We have a few changes to your branch board for 2023. I am, of course, now your Big SIR. David Muth did a great job; I hope to do as well. **Wayne Burdick** is our new Little SIR. **John Lawson** will continue as Secretary, **Roy MacGregor** and **Jerry Millard** will continue as Treasurer/Assistant Treasurer (thanks guys). Our directors will include **David Muth, Dave Krenzke, Jim Burcham, Sanford Gladding and Fred Warren**. Carl Mason is our new Sir State Treasurer, so he cannot be on our board, but he will continue to be a branch advisor. Finally, **David Muth** will continue arranging our speakers (thanks David). He has done a wonderful job the last few years.

#### ZOOM or Not to ZOOM?

The BEC had some discussion trying to decide if the Covid/RSV/flu etc. risk were enough to go back to ZOOM meeting in January. The decision was to continue in-person luncheons. This was based on city/county data and recommendation showing the risk is minimal at this time. However, if you are not feeling well, or are concerned, we recommend that you not

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## NEXT MEETING

**Thursday,**

**January 12, 2023**



### Zio Fraedo's

23 Harbor Way

Happy Hour 11:00

Lunch 12:00

Program 1:00

(BEC 10:00am)

Lunch \$25

### Today's Program

Brenda Plechaty

*Traumagic Brain Injury*



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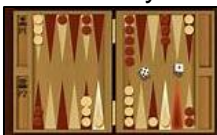
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attend the in-person meeting. We could broadcast future meetings via zoom for those unable to attend, but frankly this is beyond my skill...so if any member has the skills to help make this happen, it will be greatly appreciated.

## Cornhole or Backgammon anyone?



David Muth is trying to organize a Cornhole tossing group and I would like to start a backgammon activity. If



you are interested let us know. These would be additional winter activities along with Bowling, Pool, Cribbage, and "Pop the Cork". Once spring is here, our outdoor activities will resume (Bocce, Golf).

The state board held several zoom "forums" to discuss the current environment and the future of SIR. There were a lot of good ideas. We will discuss them in the future newsletters. One thing of note is Branch 88 was singled out during the discussion on how SIR has performed since 2014. Our branch is considered medium in size. In 2014 we had 100 members. In 2022 we had 130. That increase of was one of the largest of our size branch. We are already over 135 members, so we are continuing to grow. That is because of you, our members always looking to bring new members into the branch...Thanks to all of you.

Looking forward to a fun year. Hope to see you at our January 12 luncheon at Zio Fraedos at 11am.

*Harold*



# Little SIR — *Just Saying...*

Wayne Burdick

Before I joined SIR, I didn't know much about it. Since joining, I have seen

camaraderie and friendship developing across the table at lunch. What could be better? More friends having lunch together ... of course.

If you agree, spread the word about this great organization of senior guys looking out for fellow seniors. Let your friends, acquaintances, or just people you meet in the laundromat know about us. The more people know who we are, the more people will understand what we offer and join. The future of SIR depends on new members.

I will see you at lunch.

## About our Speaker January 12, 2023

— David Muth



Our guest speaker for January is Brenda Plechaty.

Brenda is a Commissioner for the City of Vallejo's Civil Service

Committee, and the President of the Straits of Mare Island Rowing Association. She is also a founding member and leader of the Traumatic Brain Injury Caregivers Support Group since 2018.

Brenda is going to speak about a work accident, including one that happened to one of our members (Tom McClure) when he fell headfirst onto a cement floor from a ladder. Tom suffered a severe traumatic brain injury (TBI). She will help us better understand the impact of TBI and the rehabilitation process.



# SIRs Holiday Party

Thursday,  
December 1, 2022





Edward Cardwell  
Dennis Clemente  
Lisso Dawson  
Philip Manriquez  
Harold Persily  
Joel Piper  
Rich Reza  
Dick Schumacher  
Paul Troxell  
Peter Wang  
Raymond Wilson

## Sunshine –

Mike McCamish



We have had several members and wives come down with the serious respiratory virus over the holidays. We hope Roy & Gerri MacGregor and Jim Burcham and Denise Clausen are completely back to normal soon.



If you know of any of our members who are sick or having problems, please let me know (707-747-9416).

The distance it takes for me to forget a number between 1 and 10



## Editor's View – Carl Mason



The holidays are over. We had a great holiday party this year with good food, good conversation, jokes, building towers from macaroni (our table tied for last), karaoke, festive decorations and even a funniest ornament contest. The karaoke showed a great range of talent, from amazing to some a little less than amazing. All participants were good sports and seemed to enjoy themselves.

The State is getting a new set of officers, including a new President. I was sworn in as the new Treasurer, and my first thought is “what have I gotten into?” One of the things I realized so far, SIR needs more members! This year will be an emphasis on growth. We can do this if we get some effective recruiting going. Based on our branch and other branch in our Area I have real hope we can turn this around.

The State is reorganizing. We will no longer have Regional Directors or Area Governors. Instead, we will have Area Representatives. They will not be responsible for enforcement but will provide advice and help to the branches. They will also communicate any problems the branches are having to the appropriate person in the State. I hope this improves the relationship between the branches and the State.

As far as our coming meeting on January 12, if you are not feeling well or have any symptoms, please do not come. There are some mean viruses out there. Several of our members have been laid up for weeks, and one spent time in the hospital. For your's and our members' sakes, use your best common sense. Wearing masks, as much as we hate them, maybe appropriate for the next month or so.

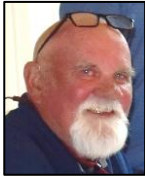


### Bocce Ball (Co-Ed) –

Tim Tarazi



The CoEd Bocce ball league will resume play in April. Sign ups will begin in February. We hope we have a great turnout again this year. See you there.



### Bocce Ball (Men) –

Steve Hazelton



Men's Bocce ball league will resume play in April. Sign ups will begin in February. We hope we have a great turnout again this year. See you there.



### Men's Poker –

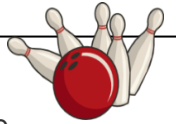
Steve Smith



SIR's low stakes

poker game is restarting after a break for the holidays. The first game is scheduled January 11. If you are interested in joining us, contact me at 707-750-5545.

I got myself a seniors' GPS. Not only does it tell me how to get to my destination, it tells me why I wanted to go there.



### Bowling – Don Ramsay



These are the final results for the first half of the season. The wins and losses will start over for the second half on Jan 4, 2023, and then combined to determine the final standings for the season.

#### Team Standings

Place	Team	# Wins
1st	THREE PLUS ONE	40.0
2nd	3 MEN AND A LADY	32.5
3rd (tie)	KINGPINS	31.5
	WE GOT EM	31.5
5th	PINOY N PINAY	31.0
6th	NO NAMES	29.0
7th	ONE AND DONE	24.5
8th	JUST US	20.0

#### Season High Scores

Handicap Series	Brandon Wroblewski	772
Handicap Game	Mario Pimentel	299
Scratch Series	Dalton Cox	638
Scratch Game	Jhun Patricio	255

We could use one bowler to bowl with WE GOT EM's team, or if others would like to bowl we can start up more teams. Let me know.

We bowl at Napa Bowling center at 10:15am on Wednesdays.

### Pool League –



Ed Droesch



Our Branch's 8-Ball League: In the second half of the winter league, the change to team plays ... when enough players come together ... is working well to level the scores. The deciding factor seems to be attendance. If players aren't there it is hard to move up in the standing. Now that the holiday season is over, things should stabilize.



### Cribbage – Michael McCamish

The Cribbage group is averaging 8 to 10 people each week. It is a lot of fun and good fellowship. We continue to meet on Mondays in American Canyon from 10:00am to 1:00pm. Y'all come! Knowledge of cribbage is not required. If you are interested, call Mick McCamish at 707-373-7395



### Pop-the-Cork

This month's Pop-the-Cork (wine tasting) is scheduled for another fun time ... full of good conversation, laughter, and almost incidentally, enjoying some fine wine.

We generally have three to four host couples and a total of 12 people. We may need to increase the number of tastings if we continue to grow.

If you are interested in joining in on the fun, call David Muth (707-332-3352).

This month's tasting will be January 22. Life is good.

### Golf – George Fuller [SIRS88GOLF@gmail.com](mailto:SIRS88GOLF@gmail.com)



Our golf program is underwater right now. For those of you die-hards who still golf in the rain and mud PLEASE be careful. It takes only one slip or fall to put you out of commission for months.



The Golf program will resume in March. If there are any courses you would like to play not on our regular schedule, please let Jim Jewell, Dick Schumacher or myself know and we will see about scheduling that course. Take care and stay dry.

**"The older I get, the more clearly I remember things that never happened."  
- Mark Twain**



# January 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Happy New Year	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 10:00 – Cribbage 2:00 – Pool	10 9:00 – Golf resumes in March 6:00 – Co-Ed Poker	11 10:00 – Bowling 6:00 – Men's Poker	12 10:00 BEC 11:00 – Luncheon 6:00 – Co-Ed Poker	13	14
15	16 10:00 – Cribbage 2:00 – Pool 	17 6:00 – Co-Ed Poker	18 10:00 – Bowling	19	20	21
22 4:00 – Pop the Cork	23 10:00 – Cribbage 2:00 – Pool	24 9:00 – Golf resumes in March 6:00 – Co-Ed Poker	25 10:00 – Bowling 6:00 – Men's Poker	26	27	28
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