



SIR Solano Branch 88 Newsletter

August 2023

“Live Longer, Live Happier, Join SIR”

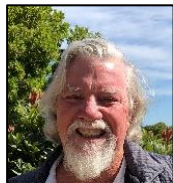
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Big SIR ... My Two Cents

– Harold Persily



Happy August everyone. We are already in the eighth month of 2023. Summer is here, I hope you are all enjoying the sun. I hope for more, but not the long heatwave version. At lease we aren't in Phoenix ... 30 days of over 110 degrees...UGH.

Last month we did a survey of the luncheon attendees. It followed pretty much what the branch leaders found during the pow-wow earlier in the month.

Most members find the meetings interesting, fun and enjoy the speakers. However, they also felt the meetings were too long. We are trying to tighten up the timing of the meeting, starting, and ending on time, limiting the business and activity reports to a minimum. It seemed to work last month, let's see.

Our **August meeting** will be led by Little Sir Wayne Burdick. He is slated to be the Big Sir next year, and just making sure he gets some practice in.

Our meeting speaker coordinator, David Muth has set up the **September meeting** with **Hula Dancers** as the 'speaker'. This will be a Lady's Day event, so bring your significant others. Lunch will be \$30 to cover the cost of decoration, prizes etc.

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NEXT MEETING

*Thursday,
August 10, 2023*



Zio Fraedo's
23 Harbor Way

Happy Hour 11:00
Lunch 12:00
Program 1:00
(BEC 10:00am)

Lunch \$25



Program
Michelle Dicky
Solano Land Trust

About our Speaker June 8, 2023

– David Muth

Hello Everyone.



Our Guest speaker for August is Michelle Dicky. Michael is from the Solano Land Trust. She is going to be speaking to us about what the Solano Land Trust is and what it does. She will also list some of the properties that are in the Land Trust program.

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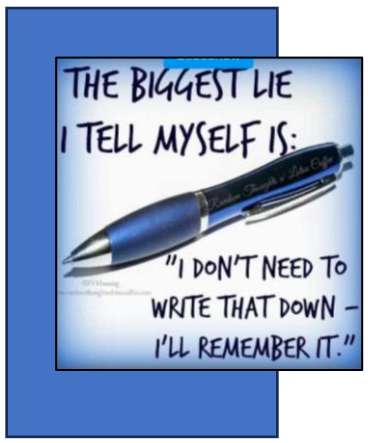
Food Committee

When I was in college at a residence hall, we had a vendor-based cafeteria. I found(ed) a food committee to work with the vendor on foods to serve, focused mainly on dinners. I always scheduled liver on days I was visiting my family. Carl has had the responsibility for communicating with Zio's in the past and dealing with member complaints. He would like to have someone else assist with this. So, if any member wishes to be constructively involved, let me know. Last month we had hamburgers and hot dogs. There were some issues ... we ended the meeting a little early, and the food layout was not ready. There were some complaints that the burgers were medium, and some preferred them well-done. Zio's had two luncheons going on simultaneously, so I guess the kitchen got hectic. Not an excuse, just an observation.

Anyway, hope all our members are having fun and enjoying our activities. We continue to strive to make the branch the best for our members. Let us know if there are things we should change.

Say safe and healthy.

Harold



Little SIR — *Just Saying...*

Wayne Burdick

SIR is a great club, and we always need to bring in new members. I find that most people don't know about us. It would help if we all told as many people as we can about who we are and what we do.

Lately I have been going to the Vallejo farmers market on Saturday mornings to hand out information. I always see someone I have met before, giving me a chance to talk about SIR. Steve Hazelton has helped me with this. He pointed out that if we have more guys there, we will get more attention to our information booth. I you can, please join us, it is actually a lot of fun.





August

Dave Creed
Robert Farnell
George Fuller

Sanford Gladding
Milton Henderson
Michael McCamish
Gerald Millard
Mike Prolo
Armand Sequin
Steven Smith
John Thompson
TK Burnside
Dan Gillen

Sunshine –

John Lawson



If you know of any of our members who are sick or having problems, please let me know (707-853-6972).



Pop-the-Cork –

David Muth

Our next Pop-the-Cork will be August 27.

This month we had an all-hands gathering (some 30 plus member and wives) at the Muth's. As usual we all had a great time talking and enjoying each other, and oh yea, drinking some amazing wines.

The main purpose of the gathering was to discuss ways of improving future tastings. We came up with a lot of good ideas on how to make our events even more fun, including visits to wineries, a beer tasting for Octoberfest, and ways to bring more members into our expanding group.

Overall, it was a fantastic time. Thanks to David and Rami for hosting.

Editor's View – Carl Mason



We have had a fairly quiet month, you may have noticed. Our luncheon meeting was a bit more efficient. Earlier in the month the BEC had what Harold has called a POW-WOW, to see if we can improve these meetings. We believe that past meetings were too long. We suggest that we reduce the business and activity part of the meeting, stick to the schedule and ensure the speakers stay within their allotted time.

The BEC decided to hand out a survey at last month's meeting. The responses were encouraging. Some 70 percent of the responses said they enjoyed the meetings and have fun. Many of the comments mirror the comments above ... less business, more time for fun and enjoying each other. Most thought our speakers are interesting and most are enjoyable.

Speaking of fun, in September, on our normal Luncheon Day, we are having a group of Hawaiian Dancers. (Sorry, no grass skirts, but they are a lot of fun.) This will be Lady's Day, so bring your significant others. There will be a best Hawaiian outfit contest, one for the men and one for the women. We will have Hawaiian decorations etc. Like most of our parties, it should be a lot of fun. Zio's has agreed to provide appropriate food.



As far as the State goes, we are preparing for the Annual Meeting on August 31. All the Big and Little Sirs from some 90 branches are invited. It is a time to be informed about what is going on and where we want to be.



Bocce Ball (Co-Ed) –

Tim Tarazi



Games are going into the fourth week of this season, and we are going strong. Everyone looks like they are having a good time.



Bocce Ball (Men) –

Steve Hazelton



As the picture shows, the parking lot in the American Canyon Vets Park is full each Thursday morning for our Bocce. We are well into the season with all four teams taking the play seriously



Great comradery. The play is fun, yet taken seriously. We get a lot of exercise, mainly bending down and trying to get up, after measuring the closest to the panino. Just shows how evenly matched we are.

Pool League – Ed Drosch

Park resident Don Reasoner



bested Ed Brice by two wins over 20 weeks of play to earn temporary possession of the coveted Rooster trophy.

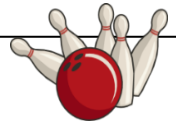


Also, I will be handing over the lead for the next league to Ed Brice.



Bowling –

Don Ramsay



June Tournament – Dublin

Singles

Div 1: Jim Swindle 744 4th Place \$32.00

Div 2: Chuck Royster 630 20th Place

Doubles

Div 1: Jim Swindle and Chuck Royster 1380
1st Place \$142

Div 2: Gordon Dinsdale and Rodney
Busk 1375 2nd Place \$78

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Div 1: Jim Swindle 2nd Place 1472 \$30
Gordon Dinsdale 1375 T-5th
Place \$7.50

Div 2: Rodney Bush 1389 10th Place

July Tournament – Auburn

Singles

Div 1: Jim Swindle 721 T-7th \$23.00

Doubles

Div 1: Jim Swindle and Surratt 1334 11th
Place

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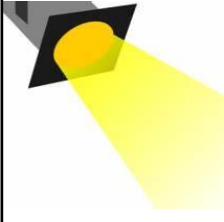
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Bridge – Tim Tarazi



We had our last bridge class on July 31. Our instructor Wayne offered practice games on Wednesdays at the Senior Center at 10:00am provided he has 4 players ready to play. I'll continue to coordinate. It is a challenging game, but the attendees are close to no longer being beginners.



Member Spotlight Sanford Gladding

The US Navy paid for me to attend Brown University. In return I was required to serve for four years. I started on a destroyer, the *USS Mullinix*, which was sent to escort a Russian vessel from Cuba back to the USSR. This was part of the operation in the Cuban missile crisis. I was then transferred to the *USS Shakori*, an ocean-going tug, based in Norfolk, VA. As the Executive Officer, I had the responsibility of Navigation. During the early days of the Vietnam war, ships were being sunk in Saigon Harbor to disrupt navigation. Although the Americans did not have any, the British had "lifting craft", left over from Suez Canal clearance in WWII, which were needed for harbor clearance. Our ship was directed to proceed to Rosyth Scotland with an *en route* stop at Argentia, Newfoundland. We towed our craft astern through significant squalls, passing Gibraltar, into the Mediterranean. Our next stop for a little R and R in Greece. Off again to Egypt and a transit of the Suez Canal. We passed by Saudi Arabia and headed for our

next rest stop in Trincomale, Ceylon. We delivered our craft to our Navy counterparts in Vietnam and headed north for a rest stop in Yokosuka, Japan. Heading south we encountered heavy seas and rain, making navigation very difficult. (No GPS yet!) Using a sextant we charted one line from Canada to Australia, and another from China to South America. Where the lines crossed is approximately where we were! When we sighted the first lighthouse north of the Hawaiian Islands, the Captain and I were very relieved. A stop in Hawaii, and off to San Diego. Then south through the Panama Canal, and north to home. We had travelled a total of 27,173 miles in 198 days. So I truly circumnavigated the globe! I have always been most proud of that trip!

Barbara and I have been happily married for 58 years. We have three children and seven grands. They all live not too far away. I have enjoyed all of the friends I have met through SIRS. Life is good.



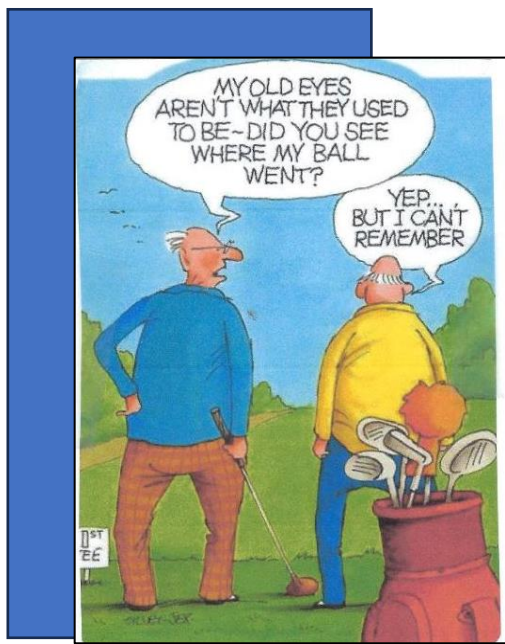
Golf – Jim Jewell / Dick Schumacher



The 2023 SIR88 golf season continues with seven tournaments left. Next match is August 8 at Paradise. Please let Jim or Dick know ASAP if you plan to play in this tournament.



Congratulations to Michael Ladd on winning the free 4-some at Franklin Canyon golf course. We have added three new players to our membership ... Steve and Scott Riley plus Mike Smith. Welcome new members!!





IT'S A LUAU PARTY

Authentic Hawaiian Dancing and Singing

Please join us for a SIRs
Ladies Day Luau

Thursday, September 14, 2023
11:00 – 1:30
Zio Fraedo's
23 Harbor Way Vallejo

Break out that crazy Hawaiian
shirt or ??

Prizes for the best Hawaiian dress

\$30 per person
RSVP by 9/1/23
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August 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 10:00 – Cribbage 2:00 – Pool	8 9:00 – Golf Paradise Fairfield	9 10:00 – Bowling 6:00 – Men's Poker	10 10:00 BEC 11:00 – Luncheon	11 9:30 – Co-Ed Bocce	12
13	14 9:00 – Men's Bocce 10:00 – Cribbage 2:00 – Pool	15	16 10:00 – Bowling	17 9:00 – Men's Bocce	18 9:30 – Co-Ed Bocce	19
20	21 10:00 – Cribbage 2:00 – Pool	22 9:00 – Golf Blue Rock East Vallejo	23 10:00 – Bowling 6:00 – Men's Poker	24 9:00 – Men's Bocce	25 9:30 – Co-Ed Bocce	26
27 4:00-6:00 – Pop the Cork	28 10:00 – Cribbage 2:00 – Pool	29 9:00 – Golf Kennedy Golf Course	30 10:00 – Bowling	31 9:00 – Men's Bocce		

A police officer called the station on his radio. "I have an interesting case here. An old lady shot her husband for stepping on the floor she just mopped." "Have you arrested the woman?" "Not yet. The floor's still wet."

IF YOU ARE IN IT UP TO YOUR EARS KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT

Coming in September ...



The **September Ladies Day program** will be a presentation of hula by the Hawaiian dance group Na Pua Lehua. Group members hail mainly from Pittsburg and Antioch.

Hula is a means of communication ... a physical way of expressing one's feelings, experiences and desires. It uses the human body as an instrument for storytelling while it informs, entertains, heals and inspires.

Instructor Ehukai Sako Alidon is native Hawaiian and was raised in the village of Keanae located on the rugged Hana Coast of Maui.



Nothing spoils a good story like the arrival of an eyewitness.

~ Mark Twain



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