



SIR Solano Branch 88 November 2023 Newsletter

"Live Longer, Live Happier, Join SIR"

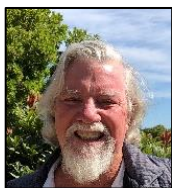
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Big SIR ... My Two Cents

– Harold Persily



Hi everyone. November already. Time for turkey and fixins ... one of my favorite times of the year, although I do eat turkey all year long, though not usually freshly roasted.

Hope everyone had a good Halloween. We do not have a good tricker treater turnout. Our neighborhood aged out of trick or treating aged kids, or maybe we should up our quality of handouts 😊

I came across a local adventure that sounds like fun ... Dolphin Charters. I could see a SIR outing next year of a cruise going up and around the Napa sloughs. We have all seen the sloughs, but how many have traversed them? Dolphin Charters is a locally-owned tour company that has a 40-foot boat that will take us on an excursion around the Napa delta. The ship holds 40 people. Partners are welcome for the 3-hour tour (no Gilligan references needed!). Leaves from dock (K) near Zio's. Assuming a full boat, the cost split is \$50 per person. We bring our own food and beverages. Details to follow but (hopefully) building up interest for 2024.

I also learned that in a few years, Hyde Pier in San Francisco will be undergoing a multi-year renovation and many of their vintage (old) ships will be coming to Vallejo. It is expected that those here will be available for visitors! Something to look forward to.

I welcome our newly voted-in officers and board members. It should be a good year for Branch 88.

Be safe and take care. Be safe and take care.

Harold

NEXT MEETING

*Thursday,
November 9, 2023*



Zio Fraedo's

23 Harbor Way

Happy Hour 11:00

Lunch 12:00

Program 1:00

(BEC 10:00am)

Lunch \$25

Speaker

Mary Lichty



Mary will speak about what it is like to work in a winery year-round and what this year's harvest has been like. You will be surprised.



Little SIR – *Just Saying...*

Wayne Burdick

Did you know that some of our members belong to other clubs or service organizations in addition to SIRs88? One of these works on recycling eyeglasses with the Lions club. If you have glasses that you no longer need, consider donating them for reuse for people who need glasses but can't afford them. Bring them to our luncheon, we will have a container for collection them.

I am still setting up a table at the Vallejo Farmers Market to give people information on our branch. My table is near Georgia Street & Marin on Saturday mornings. It would be great if you could come down and keep me company. Just bring a chair and share our story. It is also great opportunity to do some people watching.

See you there!



Sunshine –

John Lawson



Our get well wishes go out to Chuck Royster who is dealing with some health issues.

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

Never trust an electrician with no **eyebrows**.



November

- Bill Kopple
- Felimon Ladiero
- Paul Lary
- John Lawson
- Chuck Maddux
- Doc Maltsberger
- Alan Switzer
- Doug Valine
- Louis Orantes

Help Spread the Word About SIR!



Our little SIR Wayne Burdick has been setting up a table at the Vallejo Farmer's Market each Saturday to pass the word about SIR88. Thanks Wayne! You are a good ambassador.

Wayne could use some help if you are interested. Call Wayne for the time and "Sales Pitch".

“
 The trouble with quotes on the internet is that it's difficult to determine whether or not they are genuine.
 - Abraham Lincoln
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Pool League – Ed Drosch

Pool is going great. We have seven teams with 14 players. We are now back at Rancho Benicia.

Park resident Don Reasoner leads by 3 games with 7 weeks of play left to the end of the league. Our 8-ball gurus are agog at the level of play.



Pop-the-Cork - David Muth

On October 22, Pop the Cork was a celebration of Oktoberfest at the Muth's. We barbecued five kinds of sausages and brats, and people brought German beer and a side dish.

The feedback was that people had a great time. We had German music and a little bit of rain to give it that real fall flavor.

As with any Oktoberfest party, that one thing that is left over is BEER. I will be bring the left-over party beer to our next meeting for you to claim, if you want some, so don't miss out.



- **That's right ... Free beer while it lasts.**
- **This is leftover beer from our Pop-the-Cork Oktoberfest party in October.**
- **Just claim it and it is yours. Limited supply.**

Editor's View – Carl Mason

Gail and I went to Spain, Paris and Morocco in October. We did the tourist things,



rode a camel, dined on the Eiffel Tower, and walked our feet off. Just getting away from the emails and daily routine was refreshing. However, when I got back I had over 1,000 emails to deal with!

Did you know there are three requirements to be a SIR member?

1. You should be a friendly guy,
2. You are expected to participate in the running of the branch,
3. You are expected to help recruit new members.

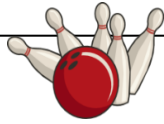
Being friendly comes naturally to all of us (OK most of us). The second, volunteering to help in running the branch, is not as easy. The branch does not run itself, and it seems much of the effort is made by a small number of our members. A lot of you are familiar with the Pareto Principal that states 20% of the people perform 80% of the effort in running an organization. It may be less than 20% in our branch.

The fact is our branch has difficulty each year in filling our officer and director positions, in getting people to take on tasks like updating the web site, organizing the badges, or organize parties and events.

Please consider stepping up to fulfil the number two requirement above. Teddy Roosevelt once said, "Complaining about a problem without posing a solution is called whining". If you want a more active, interesting, growing branch, we need you to help.



Bowling – Don Ramsay



Standings as of 25 October

PLACE	TEAM	# OF WINS
1ST	PINOY N PINAY	20
2ND	TWO AND TWO	19
3RD	ONE AND DONE	18

INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS:

High Handicap

Series Barbara Battin 779

High Handicap

Game Rodney Bush 287

High Scratch

Series Dalton Cox 605

High Scratch

Game James Little 232

We are finally learning how to work the monitors for making corrections as needed.

We have eight teams; most teams have four bowlers.

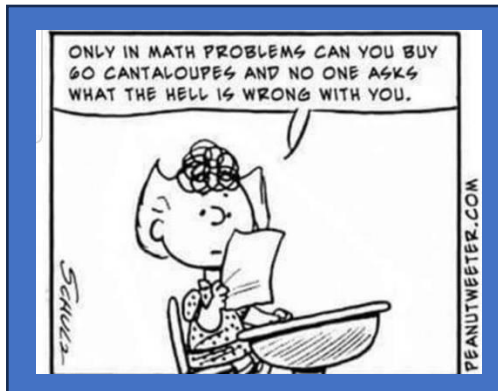


Bridge – Tim Tarazi



Wednesday practice bridge is ongoing.

If any new players are interested in starting their bridge career, please contact me. I'm sure I can arrange for beginners' classes.



Golf – Jim Jewell / Dick Schumacher



The SIRS 88 GOLF season is almost complete. The last tournament will be on November 14 at Blue Rock East and will represent the second half of your SIRS88 " FED EX"



CHAMPIONSHIP with almost \$500 in prize money awarded to the lucky golfers.

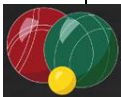
For those golfers who have not yet signed up to play in November please contact Dick or Jim ASAP to guarantee a tee time. Our second-best ball scramble was played at Hiddenbrooke Golf Course on October 13 - tons of fun with fantastic golf scores.

The 2024 golf season will begin next March, and we will be collecting money for the NCGA membership in February.



Bocce Ball (Co-Ed) –

Tim Tarazi



Our last outing for the 2023 season was our October 6 potluck which was quite successful.

Thanks to all who brought all the good foods.

My sincere thanks to all the players. I felt we had a very enjoyable season.

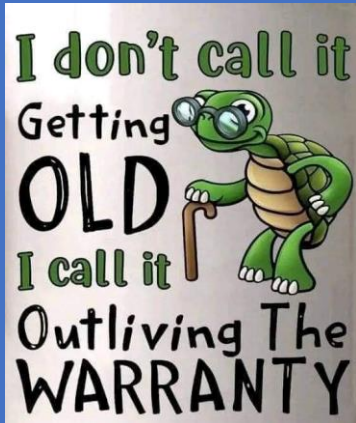
Our 2024 season is anticipated to start next February. We hope to see a lot of participants.

November 2023



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





I wonder if the people paying \$300 for a colon cleanse even know about Taco Bell's \$4.99 deal.



State Officers 2023

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Dave Gonzales

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Past Big SIRs

David Muth	2022
Fred Warren	2020-21
Jim Burcham	2019
Carl Mason	2018
Gary Savelli	2017
Ron Darling	2016
Dick Schumacher	2015
Stan Turrini	2011-14
Tom Hebson*	2010
Bill Hester	2009
Richard Stone*	2008
Don Waterbury*	2007
Ed Sweet*	2006
Ed Bradley*	2005
Gerald Davis	2004