



SIR Solano Branch 88 Newsletter

April
2022

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**NEXT
MEETING**

Thursday April 14, 2022

Zio Fraedo's

Happy Hour 11:00

Lunch 12:00

Program 1:00

(BEC 10:00am)



Today's Program

David A. Castleberry, Napa Morgan Stanley
Investing

SIR Branch 88 meetings are held the second Thursday of each month.

A Message from Your Big SIR – David Muth



Hello Everyone. Our April 14 lunch meeting will again be at Zio Fraedo's in Vallejo. Our guest speaker will be David A. Castleberry. David works for Morgan Stanley in Napa and will be talking about investing.

In order to help with planning and to give Zio Fraedo's approximate numbers please expect a call prior to our meeting. Please remember that lunch costs \$25. Let's have a good turnout and we hope to see you there.

The Mission of SIR is to enrich the lives of our members through fun activities and events – while making friends for life.

I think we are fortunate that we have something like SIR in our lives. We are in an organization that we don't need to worry about offending or being offended by other people's belief systems with regard to politics and religion. We don't have those arguments which are often pointless and offer a no-win confrontation. More importantly, we get together to have fun, socialize and get to know each other better.

To that end, we started our wine group, Pop the Cork on Sunday March 27. Our turnout was 20 people of the 24 who signed up to be part of it. We were divided into three groups - one group of eight and two groups of six - hosted in three homes. All three hosts reported having a really good time socializing and getting to know people better and having fun with the blind judging of the wine.

Pop the Cork will meet next on April 24 and the groups will rotate so there will be some new people in each group. This is our branch's first newly created activity since the start of the pandemic and it was great to be part of it.

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A Message from Your Big SIR ... (continued from page 1)

Here are a few important reminders:

- If you have not paid your annual membership dues, please do so. The \$20 dues are used to run the organization.
- Please plan to pay by cash or check as we do not accept credit or debit cards.
- If you ordered a new style name badge, they will be available at the April luncheon.
- Computer class sign-up offered at our next meeting.

All the Best, *David Muth*

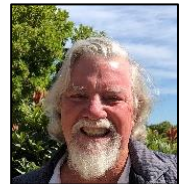


It takes considerable knowledge just to realize the extent of your own ignorance.
- Thomas Sowell

My 2 Cents ... Little SIR — Harold Persily

Hi everyone. I hope everyone is enjoying the great weather even though we need rain.

Thanks to the over 50 members who attended the March luncheon. I think Big Sir David did an admirable job interviewing Benicia Mayor Steve Young. Very informative.



Volunteering

We are trying to see who is interested in participating in one or both of the following worth causes:

- **Food Bank** - Last month I mentioned the opportunity to volunteer with the Solano-Contra Costa food bank with some of their local food giveaways.
- **Habitat for Humanity (H4H) -Yountville** - The H4H teams up with Home Depot to help improve the Veterans Home in Yountville. We collaborate with Home Depot, and the Veterans Home staff in completing a "wish list" of improvements needed by residents and staff for the Yountville grounds. We serve as the Team Captains and lead the Home Depot folks in completing the tasks. We do not do the work but help to coordinate it. It is truly an amazing effort. It takes two days - Wednesday/Thursday, **June 21 and 22**. The team captains are assigned to specific projects the first day and the HD buses arrive the next day. We take our HD team and complete our assigned project.

If you are interested in getting additional details about either of these programs, I will have a signup sheet at our luncheon. *No commitment!*

Birthdays

Any member with a birthday in the last five months should have received a branch birthday card from me. Did you know that your name appeared in the Vallejo Times-Herald Birthday list on your birthday? Just an extra bonus from your SIR branch.

Be safe and healthy.

Membership – Gary Savelli

Attendance Message

It's time to get all of your activity fees in. We are looking forward to seeing you all for lunch in April. Make your reservations to attend.



Reminder Message

If you have not paid your dues for 2022, it's time. The April meeting is the deadline. Bring your check to the luncheon or mail it to Roy MacGregor (560 Buckeye Court, Benicia, CA 94510).

Membership Message

We have 137 members in SIR 88 currently. Thank you to those who have sponsored new members. We need to keep SIR going and growing. We hope you want to continue with us in the year of 2022. Let's pray this year will be better.

Sunshine –

John Flanagan



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



Fred Beegley



Paul Cowles



Ed Drosch



Bill Ellis



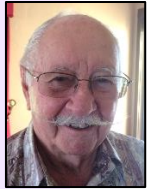
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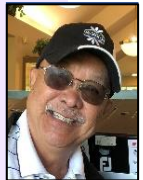
John Krishna



Troy Martin



Ken Mohr



Pete Paner



Bob Silver



Hank Sosine



Russ Surgeon



Fred Warren





Pop the Cork – David Muth

Pop the Cork met for the first time on Sunday, March 27. Twenty people were divided into three groups. Thank to to the first-round hosts Randy & Carol Loe, Carl & Gail Mason, and David & Rami Muth.



Treasurer's Report -

Roy MacGregor



Our current bank balance is \$5,072 with about 25 memberships dues yet to be paid (\$500). This is our primary source of income for the year. Our SIR State assessment (mainly for insurance) is about \$245 per quarter. Our first payment will be paid in April.

We broke even on the March luncheon and do not anticipate any unexpected expenses in the short run.

Overall, we are in good shape.

This morning my son said his ear hurt, so I asked, "on the inside or outside?" So he walked out the front door, came back in, and said, "Both". Moments like this have me wondering if I'm saving too much for college.



Cribbage – Michael McCamish

Cribbage is continuing to do well. We added a new member who is an American Canyon resident. We now have between five and nine members attending regularly.



The longest drum solo was 10 hours and 26 minutes and was performed by the child sitting behind me on Delta flight 963 from LA to Tokyo.

Editor's View – Carl Mason

Hi All.

At last, the pandemic seems to be waning with spots of normalcy returning.

I hope you are all enjoying the great Spring weather and your new freedom to be out in it.

SIR is trying to assess where we are now and the damage to our membership rolls after the past two years of losses without recruiting or even activities. Our branch has lost some 20+ members over this period due to their passing, moving, or other reasons. The good news is that we have gained six new members in the past months thank to you. It is important that we all invite potential members to our luncheon and activities so we can continue to grow and have our activities and start new ones.

Pop-the-Cork

Speaking of new activities, last month we started "Pop the Cork" a new wine tasting group which meets once a month. Each month we taste a different varietal. This month it was Cabernet.

While the tasting was fun, and we all learned something about wine, the real joy was meeting and getting to know each other better. If you are interested in joining us, call David Muth (707-332-3352). I think you will enjoy it.

New Web Site

Finally, I am working on a new web site for our branch. After buying several books of the web design software Word Press (WP), and watching YouTube, the main thing I learned was how little I know. I am getting some help from the State webmaster, Alan Baker, but at this rate it will be a while before it is finished. If anyone has WP experienced, HELP! Please give me a call.



Bowling – Don Ramsey



Our **Annual Awards Meeting** is on April 20 at Napa Bowl right after Sweepers. If anyone would like to purchase a lunch while I finish up determining the sweepers winners, I have a list of items that are available at a reduced price, or you can order from the Café 33 menu.

Season's First Half Winners

The T-BIRDS: Fred Beeghley, Gene Brock, Dalton Cox and Gary Savelli. They will have a roll-off against the Second Half winners on April 20 to determine the League Champions.

We need more bowlers. We are losing some of our long-time members - the Hester's and the Savelli's - who are moving from the bay area. Please join us next year (bowling skill or talent is optional).

I would like to thank Gary Savelli for being the League President for the past few years. I will miss him and the Hester's!

March 2022 Results:

League Standings

1 st Place:	PINOY N PINAY	33½ wins
2 nd Place:	THREE PLUS ONE	33 wins
3 RD Place:	ONE AND DONE	29 wins

Season High Scores

High Handicap Series	JR Little	814
High Handicap Game	Lou Fuhrer	318
High Scratch Series	Ed Aleman	686
High Scratch Game	Rey Andre	258

Pool League –



Ed Drosch

Harold Persily has a three-game lead with four weeks to go in the Spring league. TK joined us the last few weeks to add a new face to the group and we hope that job adjustments with Kaiser will allow us to spend more time with him.



Golf – George Fuller
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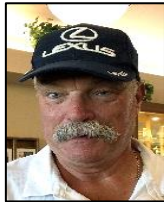
Hello Hackers and Duffers.

The first two tournaments of the year have been completed without a hitch. Congratulations to Alan Close (Branch 73) and Bert Parker for placing first in their respective flights in the March 15 Tournament at Blue Rock, and to Jim Wilson (Branch 73) and Pete Paner for finishing first in their respective flights March 29 at Hiddenbrooke.

For some reason there are a bunch of slots left open for the next tournament April 12, at Blue Rock East. So far, we have only 19 golfers signed up. Please get to me ASAP if you intend to play. Also bring your friends and family to these outings. Who knows, they may even want to join.

I want to welcome three first-time golfers from last week - John Hilsenbeck, Ed Cardwell and Michael Ladd. If they can hang tough at Hiddenbrooke they can hang with us at any other course, we play. Look forward to playing with each of them through the season.

Remember, drive for show and putt for dough. That old saying fits my game to a tee. Stay safe and I look forward to seeing you at the next tournament at Blue Rock,



Bocce Ball (Co-Ed) – Steve Smith



SIRs COED bocce will start on Friday, April 29. We have eight teams, and 61 players signed up.

The first introductory session (for newbies) is planned for Wednesday April 6 at 9:30am, with additional sessions later in the month.

The Benicia Recreation Department stated that the fields will be prepared starting in the middle of the month. Anyone with questions, please feel free to contact me directly.

I need to have the teams designate captains (capos) before we start play. Just a reminder ... SIR's 88 members need to have paid their annual dues to play. So please send in your \$20 dues to Roy MacGreagor before April 29.

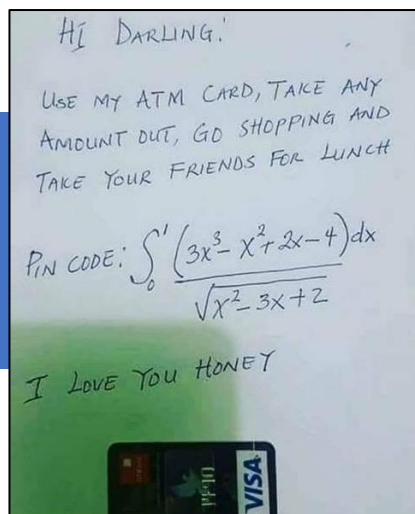
Men's Bocce Ball –

Gary Savelli



We are collecting dues for the men's bocce - \$10 for the season this year. Season starts on April 21. We are changing our location to American Canyon this year due to a significant increase of use fee at the Vallejo Courts. The new courts are at the Veteran's Park (2801 Broadway, American Canyon).

Devices used to find water

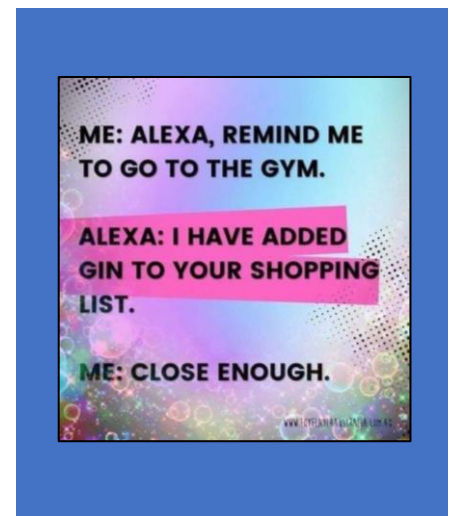


April 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 April Fool's Day	2
3	4 11:00 – Cribbage 2:00 – Pool	5 6:00 – Co-Ed Poker	6 10:00 – Bowling 6:00 – Men's Poker	7 6:00 – Co-Ed Poker	8	9
10 Palm Sunday	11 11:00 – Cribbage 2:00 – Pool	12 9:00 - Golf Blue Rock Springs East 6:00 – Co-Ed Poker	13 10:00 – Bowling	14 10:00 BEC 11:00 – Luncheon 6:00 – Co-Ed Poker	15 Good Friday	16
17 Easter	18 11:00 – Cribbage 2:00 – Pool	19 6:00 – Co-Ed Poker	20 10:00 – Bowling 6:00 – Men's Poker	21 6:00 – Co-Ed Poker	22	23
24	25 11:00 – Cribbage 2:00 – Pool	26 6:00 – Co-Ed Poker	27 10:00 – Bowling	28 6:00 – Co-Ed Poker	29	30

Activity	Meeting Day	Meeting Time
Branch 88 Business Meetings	2nd Thursday of each month	BEC – 10:00 Luncheon – 11:00
Bocce Ball – Co-Ed	Meetings will start in April.	
Bocce Ball – Men	Meetings will start in April.	
Cribbage	Mondays	11:00am
Bowling	Wednesdays	10:00am
Golf	Meetings will start March 15	
Poker – Co-Ed	Tuesdays & Thursdays	6:00pm
Pool	Mondays	2:00pm



Two things to make
your day better:

1. Do not watch the News.
2. Stay off the bathroom scale.

I finally did it!

Bought a new pair of shoes with memory foam insoles.
No more forgetting why I walked into the kitchen.



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Past Big SIRs

Fred Warren	2020-21
Jim Burcham	2019
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