



SIR Solano Branch 88 Newsletter

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A Message from Your Big SIR –

David Muth



Hello Everyone. Our August 11 lunch meeting will again be at Zio Fraedo’s in Vallejo. Our guest speaker will be Dana Hanson from the Neptune Society.

To help with planning and to give Zio Fraedo’s an estimate of the number expected to attend we call you each month. PLEASE

RETURN OUR CALLS. Last month we way under-estimated the attendees causing Zio to be short of food. Lunch still costs \$25. Let’s have a good turnout and we hope to see you there.

Several people have commented about our guest speakers, saying how much they have enjoyed the different kinds of speakers we have had over the last two and a half years. Some asked how I decide on the speakers. It is an interesting experience asking people to speak to our group. I have learned that being afraid to ask is not an option. I am excited by the thought of having an interesting person speak to us about their knowledge or life experiences. The speakers help us be better informed are more fun.

To start finding a speaker I often start by looking at the interest surveys you filled out back-when. I also look for any topics men our age might be interested in. You are also a great source. If you know someone that would be a good speaker, please let me know.

Our speaker this month is Dana Hanson from the Neptune Society. Why would I want to have someone from the Neptune Society speak to us? Whether it is you or a family member, having your wishes known on how to handle your final arrangements (and paid for) really reduces stress for loved ones. Maybe you have been putting this off because you just don’t want to deal with it. Understandable. This is a chance to see some strategies for dealing with “end of life” planning. It should be interesting.

I’ve called places like Ames Research Center, Oakland Airport Museum, Travis AFB, San Francisco Historical Society, Sacramento Railroad Museum, and lots of other places. I would love to have someone from the state of California talk about our complex state water system; but that could easily be a mini-series of talks.

All the Best, *David Muth*

Thursday August 11, 2022

NEXT MEETING

Zio Fraedo’s

Happy Hour 11:00

Lunch 12:00

Program 1:00

(BEC 10:00am)

Lunch \$25
Reservations
Please!



Today’s Program

Dana Hanson

Neptune Society

My 2 Cents ... Little SIR — Harold Persily

Hi everyone.

Hard to believe it is August already. The year is going to fast.

So what's in a name? Interesting discussion during last month's luncheon. Most of the recent Branch 88 'signage' is *Branch 88 Benicia-Vallejo*. Not sure how far back, but I am told we used to be *Branch 88 Carquinez*. So I asked Carl Mason (recently nominated for State SIR treasurer) what the branch is called by the SIRs State committee. His answer was *Branch 88 Solano*. Guess it does not matter what we are called, just so we continue to have fun together. Maybe we can have a vote or something. I personally like Carquinez, but it is a bear to spell without spell checker.

I would like to ask that members who attend the luncheon sign in at the attendance sheet at the front table (well ... at least check your name off on the sheet). Just trying to know who is attending the luncheons. Also, be sure to pick up your blue badge so those around you can remember names. If you have an issue with a badge (has a magnet and you have a heart valve) or a pin and you prefer a magnet, let me know, I can fix that.

We had over 50 members attending the last luncheon. It appears members are getting away from the Covid (and monkey pox) concerns and getting out. I know there were issues, and we are looking into and improving the lunch process. But the real purpose of these luncheons is for members to meet and get to know each other. In that, it was successful. Thanks to all who attended.

I would like to encourage members to talk to their friends and neighbors. See if they want to have fun doing any of the many activities the branch offers. New members help invigorate the branch.



Bocce Ball (Men) —

Steve Hazelton

Men's Bocce Ball keeps on rolling at the Veterans Park in American Canyon.



As of the end of July Team #5 (the Ball Busters) lead with 23 wins.

Team #1 (Wats a Matta U) - 16 wins
Over The Hill Gang - 12 wins
The Golfers/ Warriors - 11 wins
Late Bloomers - 11 wins

Warm weather has been enjoyable for the teams to play.

I am still shooting video of games. The end of the season is September 1, celebrated by a Pizza Party at Mountain Mike's in Vallejo.

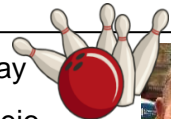
Bowling — Don Ramsay

We are restarting the Vallejo SIR LEAGUE on September 7. The practice will start at about 10:15am, with actual play beginning at 10:25am.

We require that at least 50 percent of the league members be SIRs members, preferably two SIR members per team.

Note that all bowlers who have not yet done so, are required to sign a liability waiver and show proof of being fully vaccinated for COVID 19 before the bowling meeting August 24 at 10:30am. If you are interested please call me.

Don Ramsay, League Secretary / Treasurer
707-644-2194 or donram2@comcast.net





Bocce Ball (Co-Ed) –

Steve Smith



SIR's COED bocce is rolling along having started the 2nd half of the season. Yours truly will be out in the Pacific chasing tuna when the next games are played.

The league continues until the 1st week of October and if you are interested in playing let us know. Still have room for more players.

Tim Tarazi has graciously agreed to take over the league next season. Steve Smith has agreed to be Tim's backup next year. Thanks Tim and Steve for this!

SIR COED Bocce Results

07/29/2022

Team #	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Win	Lose	PTs	Against
8	12	12	12	3	0	36	18
5	7	3	8	0	3	18	36
6	12	12	12	3	0	36	28
7	10	9	9	0	3	28	36
1	8	12	12	2	1	32	23
4	12	3	8	1	2	23	32
2	6	12	12	2	1	30	25
3	12	3	10	1	2	25	30

Cumulative Scores Week #2 Second Half

Team	Won	Lost	Pts 4	Pts Against
4	6	3	93	78
2	5	4	93	84
3	5	4	83	81
6	5	4	80	90
1	5	4	79	83
8	4	5	89	84
5	4	5	81	77
7	2	7	84	80

Editor's View – Carl Mason



Who Are We?



In response to Harold, I got the "Solano" title from the State Roster. This may or may not be the correct Branch name. To really know we will have to look at our original charter, wherever that is. Maybe we should request a copy from the State. I guess we need to know who we are?

Luncheon

I am still looking into lunch options. So far, after looking at the alternatives available, I think the first step is to talk to Zio's about improving their food. I talked to them, and they agreed to try to upgrade the menu. We will see. It is always better to negotiate with other option in your pocket. If you have any ideas about different venues or how to improve our luncheon experience, let us know.

Where's the Food?

Last month Zio's ran out of food, but that was our fault. Based on the calls to the members we made, we had only 19 yes's and 2 maybe's. The real problem is that almost half of our calls were "no answers" that did not return our messages. So, we assumed there would about 40 based on the prior month. When 52 showed up, we ran short of food. PLEASE RETURN OUR CALLS!

Another factor is we have a problem with portion control. Translated that means some members take a lot more food than they should. Come on guys. this is not fair to those at the end of the line.

State News

The focus at the State is on our annual meeting scheduled on the 25th where next year's officers will be voted on and other administrative matters discussed. It will be a ZOOM meeting (Oh Boy!) with probably two or three hundred members. It may not be as boring as it sounds. Almost every year there are some surprises and interesting discussions. I will be there, hoping for the surprises.

Sunshine –

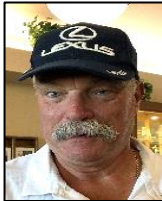
Mike McCamish



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

Golf – George Fuller

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The Golf program is moving right along. That last round at Rancho Solano was a killer with the heat and humidity. Glad everyone finished OK. Great turnout with 30 players hitting the course.

Next tournament is August 16 at Blue Rock East. There are still plenty of open spots. Just let me know if you want to play. I am glad to see more guests show up to play. Not only does it help to fill the field but anything we can do to highlight SIR Golf is a plus for the entire organization.

We are currently sending three teams to the *SIR Fall Classic Golf Tournament* September 14-15 at Blue Rock. If you want to try to form a fourth team let me know and I will assist you as best as I can. Specifics have been posted via E-mail but if you need more information on this event just give me a call.

See you all on the 16th at Blue Rock. Take care and pay attention to the heat this time of year out on the course.



T.K. Burnside

Milton Henderson



Dave Creed

Michael McCamish



Robert Farnell

Mike Prolo



George Fuller

Armand Seguin



Dan Gillen

Steven Smith



Sanford Gladding

John Thompson



Long ago, when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft. Today it's called golf.

Pool League –

Ed Droesch



Into the second half of play, I retain my lead over the pack, with Ed Brice charging hard since coming back from vacation, cutting my lead to 3.

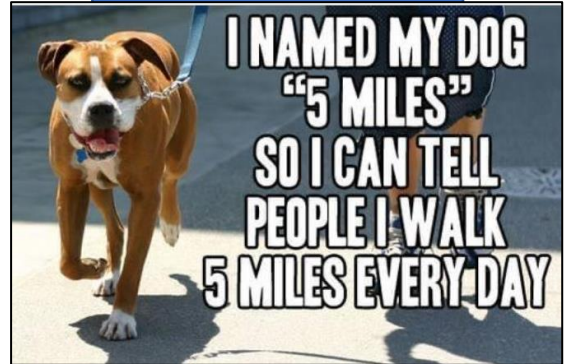


– David Muth

Our next date for our wine group is August 28.

July's Pop the Cork was fun with a slightly different format. We drank wine, ate some good food and laughed a lot. We got rid of blind judging the wine for the most part and just talked about which wine we enjoyed the most.

The wine variety for July was Merlot and in talking to this month's hosts, people enjoyed it and had a good time. If all goes well, we will visit a winery ... either Caymus or Duckhorn ... in August. That should be fun. Stay tuned.



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Bill Hester	2009
Richard Stone*	2008
Don Waterbury*	2007
Ed Sweet*	2006
Ed Bradley*	2005
Gerald Davis	2004

August 2022



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

September 14-15 - SIR Fall Classic Golf Tournament, Blue Rock



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