



# SIR Solano Branch 88 Newsletter

February  
2022

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## REMEMBER!

*Dues are due  
for '22!*

**Join us at our  
NEXT in-person  
meeting...**

**Thursday February 10, 2022**

### Zio Fraedos

Happy Hour 11:00

Lunch 12:00

Program 1:00

(BEC 10:00am)



### Today's Program

Gloria Lenhart

from the San Francisco Historical Society  
will speak about *Ghost Ships*

**"Far and away the best prize that life has  
to offer is the chance to work hard at work  
worth doing."** Theodore Roosevelt

## A Message from Your Big SIR – David Muth



Hello Everyone. The branch board recently held a special Zoom meeting to discuss and vote on holding our February meeting live at Zio Fraedos or by Zoom. As you know, we did not meet last month live because of the Omnicom variant of Covid 19. However, we **are** meeting live this month on Thursday, February 10. Our guest speaker is from the San Francisco Historical Society, Gloria Lenhart. Her topic is *Ghost Ships*.

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

Here are a few important reminders:

- Dues are due in February. The \$20 dues are used to run the organization.
- See Steve Smith for co-ed Bocce Ball sign ups. The fee to join is \$15. Steve can also be reached at [syorksmith@gmail.com](mailto:syorksmith@gmail.com) or (707) 750-5545.
- Please plan to pay by cash or check as we do not accept credit or debit cards.

### Community Involvement

- In November 2021 the State SIR introduced a pilot Program for Branches to work as volunteers on community projects. Branch 8 Walnut Creek has started the program and the Branch provides t-shirts to the volunteers with the SIR logo and the words "I am a SIR Volunteer".
- The Board approved this program on a branch-by-branch basis.
- If you would like to organize work with other SIR members to give your time to a worthy cause, we would love to hear from you. Please contact David Muth at [david66muth@gmail.com](mailto:david66muth@gmail.com) or (707) 332-3352 if you are interested.

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## A Message from Your Big SIR – David Muth

### Did You Know???

- Our members live longer because they are active and socially engaged.
- We are the largest golfing group in the Northern California Golf Association.
- Our bowlers can bowl in at least 15 State tournaments across Northern California.
- Our spouses/partners love SIR because it gets us out of the house.
- In many Branches our wives/partners gather together and form lasting friendships.
- Our activities keep us physically fit and mentally alert.
- We travel – be it a day trip to an exciting local event or internationally, to see the wonders of the world.

### Introducing the “I’m Doing my Part” Program

Program Objectives:

1. Energize our members and their spouse/partners to recruit new members
2. Encourage more members to help run the branch activities.

How it Works:

Members who bring a guest (including spouses/partners who made the contact) or performed significant volunteering service will receive:

- Recognition at the Branch luncheon
- Recognition and a picture in their Branch bulletin

## Membership – Gary Savelli

### Reminder Message

The first of the year the dues will be \$20 for the year. Bring it to the luncheon or mail it to Roy MacGregor, 560 Buckeye Court, Benicia, CA 94510.

### Membership Message

We have 141 members in SIR 88 currently on our roster. We have had several new members this year despite the COVID. Thank you to those who have sponsored them.

We need to keep SIR going and growing. We hope you want to continue with us in 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),



## Treasurer's Report –

Roy MacGregor



We finished last year with \$3,392 in our treasury, compared to \$5,625 at the beginning of the year.

The decrease is a result of not charging dues last year, as well as subsidizing the extra cost of \$1,100 for the upgraded December luncheon.

Our 2022 branch budget is based on 130 paid memberships; to date only 38 have paid their annual dues of \$20. If you have not yet paid your dues, please send a \$20 check made out to "SIR Branch 88" to: Roy MacGregor, 560 Buckeye Court, Benicia CA 94510. Alternatively bring \$20 cash or check to our luncheon at Zio Fraedo's on February 10.

With the able assistance of Harold Persily and Wayne Burdick, we completed the annual audit of our financial records and found no discrepancies.

## My 2 Cents ... Little SIR — Harold Persily

Hi SIRs. I hope everyone is doing well. The branch board (BEC) met and decided to have this month's luncheon LIVE at Zio Fraedos. We all had a great time at the December luncheon, so it was disappointing to miss last month. But better safe than sorry. Look forward to seeing ya'all on February 10 ... 11:00am gossip; 12:00noon lunch; (10 am BEC meeting). This month's speaker is Gloria Lenhart from the San Francisco Historical Society. Topic is **Ghost Ships**. Remember, **if you don't feel well, do not attend**. Thanks.

We are expanding the raffle this month. We will be adding some special raffle prizes in honor of Valentine's day ... something to take home and share (or stash away for personal use). They will be part of the raffle prizes, so be sure to buy raffle tickets.

Sir Branch 88 membership dues are being collected for 2022 ... \$20 bucks and you have access to all the activities, friendship, and fun the branch has to offer. *Such a deal*.

It was great to see the branch events calendar in the newsletter again. Nice that we can have activities again ... Looking good Carl.

### Birthdays

You all know we love to celebrate our members' birthdays. If you have a birthday and you don't see your name and picture in the newsletter, then you probably won't get our birthday card either. That means we do not have your birthday on record. Please let Gary Savelli know your birthday (at least the month) so we can celebrate with you.

For those who enjoy crafts, there is a Craft Fair at Rancho Solano Golf course April 3, 10:00am-5:00pm. I hope to see you there.

Let your family and friends know about SIRs. It is a good way to get people out of the house and enjoy life.



## About our Guest Speaker February 10, 2022

Ghost Ships of the Gold Rush: Why are they there? ... and how to find them. Historian Gloria Lenhart will share the amazing stories of some of the more than 40 Gold Rush-era ships that remain buried under San Francisco skyscrapers today. Gloria has been a tour guide for more than ten years and currently works with the San Francisco Historical Society. She is the creator of City Explorer San Francisco, a smart-phone app that allows you to take self-guided tours of some of the most interesting parts of San Francisco.

Wife crashed the car again today....  
She told the police the man she collided with was on his mobile phone and drinking can of beer !  
Police said he can do what he likes in his own living room !



## Editor's View –

Carl Mason



It will be fun to see you all on February 10. These are scary times, but the BEC decided that the State protocol requiring all attendees to be vaccinated and masked, are sufficient to keep us safe.

One of the new State policies encourages members to organize and/or participate in community projects/worthy causes as a branch function. Other branches have done this, and it has added to the community and given the members a feeling of accomplishment. I think this is a great idea. If you know of something we can do as a branch to help the community, such as working at a food bank or cleaning up a park, etc., let us know so we can approve it and help you get volunteers.

We plan to find ways to do a better job recognizing members who have contributed to the success of the Branch or State SIRs. The BEC is considering several options. We have a lot of people that work behind (and in front of) the scene who make our branch work, and we need to let them know we appreciate them.

Again, I am looking forward to seeing you guys at the luncheon. It seems like a little piece of normal at last.



# Happy February Birthdays



Larry Ayers



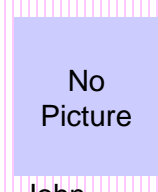
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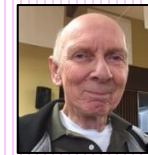
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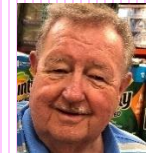
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Don Ramsey



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Leo Guison



## Cribbage –

Michael McCamish



Cribbage is going along nicely. We currently have 8 players, so it works out nicely with two tables. But more players are welcome ... Mondays 11:00am at the American Canyon Senior center.

## Men's Bocce Ball –

Gary Savelli



We will be collecting bocce reservation money starting the first of the year ... \$10 for the season next year. The season starts in April.





## Bocce Ball (Co-Ed) –

Steve Smith



Recently I attended the Benicia Sports Board meeting for all sports being played in Benicia in 2022. Our league will begin playing on Friday April 1, 2022, at the Benicia Bocce courts. I anticipate having an 8-team league again. All players will be picked randomly prior to the 1st game of the season. I will attend the next SIRs 88 meeting on February 10 to begin signing players up. The cost is \$15 per SIR member, and an additional \$15 per spouse. If you have more than one spouse we can accommodate you.

I anticipate also sending out an email the first week of March to all the players from our Bocce league in 2021. The email will contain the same information as the newsletter. I will need a confirmation on your part no later than March 18, 2022 as to whether or not you will be playing. As we did last year, we already have potential members who want to join SIRs and play Bocce.

The COED members will also be contacted by me at the same time. Several ladies have let me know through Fred that they again wish to participate.

You can expedite your sign-up by sending your check (payable to SIRs Branch 88) to: Steve Smith, 129 White Chapel Drive, Benicia, CA 94510. This would make it easier than collecting all the checks and cash on the first day. Please show the name of any additional person you are inviting to play. This will prevent the minor kerfuffle from last year when I did not have the correct names for several wives. I noted that on team #4 last year, the three married men had different last names than their spouses. Coincidence or is there a deeper secret?

Anyone who wishes to help in pulling names at random for the teams is welcome to assist.

## Basketball - Golden State Warriors Tickets –

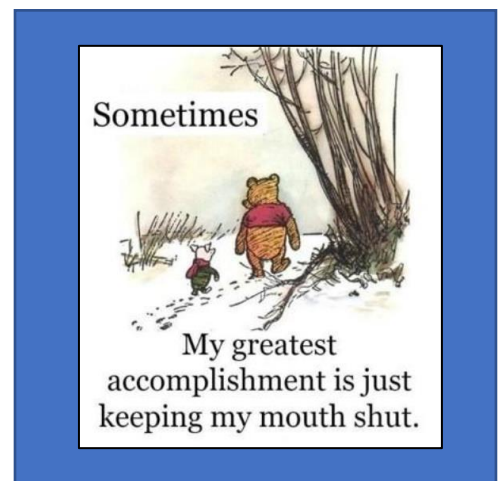


Well, gentlemen after my tour at the Chase Center and subsequent queries regarding "reasonable" tickets, we have two options (other than "nose-bleed" seating) and the prices go up as the days pass.

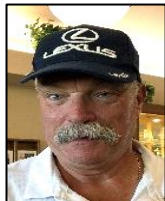
1. Monday, March 14 against the Washington Wizards (they beat the Warriors in their recent visit). Tickets NOW available at \$145 in the Pepsi Club area (handicap seats currently available). Ticket includes limited food & drinks.
2. Weekend games are expensive - one available option is Saturday March 12 against the Milwaukee Bucks for \$210 ("together" groups of 4, 2 & 2 currently) - Clippers and Lakers are more expensive.

Sorry guys, it will be TV for me, but you can contact the Warriors' Adam Postiglione at 415-349-3100 and he will serve you better than an on-line ticket pursuit. You might also check with SIR Branch 8 Walnut Creek as they will be getting a group together per Adam. **GO WARRIORS !!!**

Fred Warren



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



Hello SIRs Golfers. So far we have only 22 players signed up to play this upcoming season. I will be making a few calls to speak with everyone and try and boost that number back up to 40 where it should be. For the most part I have scheduled the upcoming tournaments with the exceptions of Hiddenbrooke and Fairfield; those courses have failed to get to back to me so far. Hopefully we should have the schedule out in the next week or so. I have added two new courses this year with the addition of Franklin Canyon in Martinez and Wildhorse in Davis. The drive to Davis and back will be easy since we are going against the traffic flow both ways. Along with the usual courses we will once again be visiting Diablo Creek in Concord and Cypress Lakes in Vacaville.

The payment system we put in place last year will remain in effect for the foreseeable future. Just pay at the course the morning of the tournament. This makes it much easier on me and no one has to worry about signing up ahead of time at the luncheons which have been sporadic at best due to COVID over the past year.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone out on the course again. Please feel free to call anytime you have a question, comment or suggestion regarding the golf program.

Take care.

**Pool League –**

Ed Drosch



Play continues each Monday at 2:00pm in the Rancho Benicia clubhouse; some players are also playing Cribbage so start times can slide a bit. Currently leading the pack is a tie between Harold Persily and David Krentzke with 17 games won each. More players are welcome. It's only \$10 to cover the cost of the awards celebration.

**Bowling – Don Ramsey**



We just finished week 20 and the results are:

**Team Standings as of 2-2-22**

Place	Name	# Wins
1 <sup>st</sup>	King Pins	13
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Pinoy N Pinay	12
	One and Done	12
	Three Plus One	12

**Individual Standings**

Handicap Series	Chuck Royster	751
Handicap Game	Rey Anders	297
Scratch Series	Jim Swindle	627
Scratch Game	Dalton Cox	240

**How do you check out the lane conditions during practice?** You shoot at four different pins ... 7 pin, 10 pin, 2 pin and the strike pocket. Check how your ball reacts shooting at these pins. You must adjust to the right or left to hit the pin squarely.

This will work if your delivery is correct, as it takes consistency in your ball delivery.

**HUSBAND:**

I want you to have this bracelet. It belonged to my Grandmother.

**WIFE:**

Why does it say, "Do not resuscitate?"

## February 2022




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

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

Did you know!

By replacing your potato chips with grapefruit as a snack you can lose up to 90% of what little joy you still have left in your life.



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So... What do you plan on growing this year?

Older and crankier



**ON TURNING 70 - "I still chase women, but only downhill."  
ON TURNING 80 - "That's the time of your life when even your birthday suit needs pressing."**



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**Past Big SIRs**

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