



SIR Solano Branch 88 Newsletter

January
2022

"Live Longer, Live Happier, Join SIR"

State Web Site – sirinc.org

Chapter 88 Website – sirinc2.org/branch88/



REMEMBER!
*Dues are due
for '22!*

To minimize risk from
Omicron ...
**Come ZOOM
with us!**
Thursday, January
13, 2022

NEXT MEETING
Due to Omicron we will meet via
ZOOM!
Thursday, January 13, 2022
(BEC 10:00am)
Zoom Meeting 11:00am
Program - Jim Schein
Author and collector of historical
prints, maps and books

A Message from Your Big SIR – David Muth



Hi Everyone. Our BEC met Tuesday (via ZOOM) to determine if we should cancel our in-person luncheon meeting in January due to Omicron virus. After much discussion, the BEC decided, for the safety of our members, to go with a January ZOOM meeting instead. Omicron is extremely contagious, and at our age is still very dangerous. We hope to resume in-person meeting in February.

With that, Happy New Year 2022! I hope everyone had a nice holiday. As with every January, new officers come in to guide the branch and this year is no different; although we were in strictly Zoom meeting mode, Fred Warren served two years as Big SIR. I want to express my thanks and appreciation to Fred for his leadership, easy-going attitude and the new ideas he brought forward during a difficult time.



Here are my goals for 2022:

1. As of October 2021, add at least 15 new members. Here's how you can help - Bring a friend to our lunches and help people realize it's a lot more fun being part of our branch than sitting at home or doing things alone.
2. I want to help create opportunities for members to get to know one another better and build relationships.
3. I want our meetings to be fun. If we are laughing together, we are enjoying our time together. If you have an idea that will make our group meeting more enjoyable and interesting, send me an email at david66muth@gmail.com. No idea is a bad idea and every idea helps us grow and makes us better.

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A Message from Your Big SIR – David Muth

4. To encourage each person to be more involved in SIRs. Giving back to something is internally rewarding. We all benefit from the help that you give.
5. As the pandemic allows, I would like for us to expand our activities and opportunities for us to go places and visit new venues. Let's make 2022 an opportunity to expand our horizons.

We will be collecting 2022 dues in February. Dues are \$20 and the fees are used to help us run the organization. We are also doing signup for co-ed Bocce Ball at the February meeting. Sign up for 2022 is \$15.00/person. See Steve Smith for the sign up. I would like to highlight some recent changes we have instituted. These include:



- A new Facebook page
- An updated website <https://www.sirinc2.org/branch88/>
- We have instituted a greeting committee to welcome new members and guests.
- We have added a social activity called, "Pop the Cork" wine tasting.
- New audio speakers were purchased to use as part of our audio-visual package for meetings.
- We purchased a video recorder and tripod to record our guest speakers to add content to our webpage and social media.
- We have added new branding materials and ideas from the State organization. We plan to use a Sandwich Board at various venues to help spread the word about SIRs.

Expect a call prior to our Thursday, January 13 Zoom meeting to remind you of this temporary change.

We always have room to grow and improve and we hope that you will join us in that effort. I am looking forward to a positive year in 2022.

Membership – Gary Savelli

Member Notice

Membership due are due starting in January ... \$20 for the year.

See Gary Savelli at the next luncheon.



Sunshine –

John Flanagan



We hope Gary Savelli is recovering well from his broken ankle received last month on the Golf Course. We hope you are back In the Golf Cart soon.



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

Why you shouldn't wait until retirement to travel.



My 2 Cents ... Little SIR — Harold Persily

Happy New Year everyone. May the year 2022, bring you joy and happiness. It may sound corny, but heck, 2021 did not seem to be a good year to many, so let's look to the future with some optimism.



December Luncheon

The luncheon in December had a good turnout (40+). We are now handing out the badges as members check in. The badge has a star sticker to indicate SIR88 has seen your proof of validation and we have a signed waiver. Since Covid is not going away, having the stars on our badges will be helpful for future check-ins. We will get through this.

During the luncheon social hour, it was great to see everyone enjoying their time visiting with old and new friends, at the table and around the room. I am sure everyone had good stories to swap.

The luncheon meal was upgraded for December. This included three different appetizers and multiple entrees. I heard many good comments regarding the food, which is promising for the future. Davey Crockett who was scheduled to speak on Coit Tower was stuck in Boston so we had no speaker. The time was filled by Big SIR David Muth. He had two SIR88 recognition awards. One to Carl Mason, who recently termed out as SIR Area governor and is a former Big SIR. Fred Warren who was our most recent Big SIR received a recognition award for guiding the branch through the Covid mess. David Krenzke received an honorable mention as our retiring branch Secretary.

Sports

John Madden passed, and listening to his many friends talk, there was one thing that caught my ear: **Bocce ball**. Apparently, John loved it, everyone played it with him, and there were fund raising tournaments. As he would say ... *who would have known?* We have two sets of bocce games within SIR88 ... Thursday morning men in Vallejo, and Friday morning co-ed in Benicia. If Bocce is a great game for John, it could be a great time for you. Think about it. Games will be starting in the spring. Signups will be soon.

It is hard to talk about expanding SIR's during the seemingly never-ending pandemic, but this is the right time to do it. When friends need something besides their four walls to do, SIRs is a great place to be. If we don't have an activity someone wants, we can start one.

About our Guest Speaker January 13, 2022

Our Guest speaker for January is Jim Schein.

Jim is an author, collector and seller of historical prints, maps and books. He has done research on many aspects of early San Francisco and the Bay Area and has rediscovered many details I think you will find interesting. He has done YouTube videos for Coit Tower and the San Francisco Historical Society. Jim has an online store that you can visit:

<https://www.scheinandschein.com/>



**BEHIND EVERY ANGRY
WOMAN, STANDS A
MAN WHO HAS
ABSOLUTELY
NO IDEA WHAT
HE DID WRONG!**

Greetings from the Editor –

Carl Mason

January In-Person Meeting Cancelled!



I hope you all had a great holiday. It was certainly different with the COVID as a potential unwanted guest. Your BEC has decided to cancel the in-person luncheon this month (January) due to the Omicron virus. The BEC is wrestling with how to continue our activities and keep you safe, especially with current increase in infections. State SIR has required we embraced the CDC guidelines in all our activities, which require members to follow California and County requirements, including proof of vaccination and wearing masks for indoor activities like our luncheon. These are reasonable steps to keep our members healthy and alive.

How is SIR helping you live longer?

A recent study showed the two most important factors in living longer are having 1) loving relationships and 2) having a community of friends to share activities. That is where SIR comes in.

Thank you!

As the outgoing Area Governor, I would like to thank Fred Warren for his leadership of our branch during the past two years. He provided calm and effective leadership during a difficult time of limited activities and lack of member direct contact. Thanks Fred!

David Muth, our new Big Sir, has hit the floor running as far as improving the branch. He has set up goals for bringing in new members, making our luncheons fun, and new activities. I am looking forward to the next year.

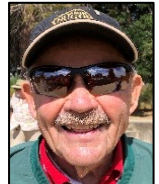
Finally, I would like to thank Harold Persily for taking on the Newsletter while I was convalescing from my bout with COVID. He did a great job, and I am really not sure how it would have been done without him. You're one of the good ones Harold!



Dennis
Clemente



Harold
Persily



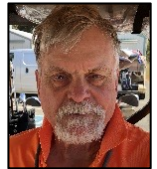
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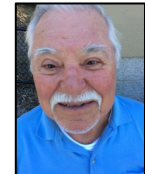
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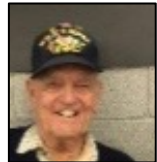
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Treasurer's Report –

Roy MacGregor



The Branch 88 2022 budget has been prepared and approved by the Board, with the Understanding that changes may be required during the year depending on membership revenue and other circumstances that may arise as a result of the COVID-19 situation.

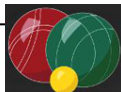
Our current treasury balance is \$3,192.24 and a decision has been made to keep membership annual dues at \$20 for 2022.

Thanks.

Men's Bocce Ball –

Gary Savelli

We are excepting bocce fees for the year in February. The season will start in April. Fees are \$10 for the year. Contact Gary Savelli.



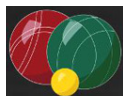
Bocce Ball (Co-Ed) –

Steve Smith



Co-Ed bocce ball is currently scheduled to start April 1, 2022. Sign-ups will start early February (\$15 per person fee) and teams will be defined by middle of March.

Playoffs in late September, and end-of-year picnic October 7.



Cribbage –

Michael McCamish

The Monday morning cribbage group (11am-2pm in American Canyon) has been going on now for a few weeks. We play three- and four-handed depending on how many people are there. These are friendly games, and we help each other count scores. We don't track wins.

- Harold Persily for Michael McCamish



State Bowling Tournaments –

George Fuller

The State Bowling tournaments are located all over Northern CA as well as Reno and Carson City, NV. The cost per tournament is usually less than \$50.00 and includes Singles, Doubles and for several tournaments a team event. This is a great way not only to explore different bowling alleys in the area, but more importantly, to make new friends and acquaintances within the SIR organization.



Following the completion of the State SIR Tournament Schedule for 2021, it was believed that Branch 73, located in Pinole would no longer be hosting the May Tournament held each year at Paddock Bowl in Pacheco. Our Branch 88 stepped up and agreed to host this Tournament so that it would not be discontinued. Great News!! Branch 73 rallied together and once again has become the host Branch for the May Tournament. Way to go Branch 73!!!!!!!

In order to participate in these events with SIR bowlers from all over the State just go to [SIR BOWLING \(sirinc3.org\)](http://sirinc3.org). For further information on these tournaments or for help in registering to bowl in these events contact either SIR Mike McCamish, SIR Chuck Royster, SIR George Fuller, or SIR Don Ramsey. The next tournament is scheduled to take place January 18-19 at Napa Bowl so get those applications in quickly.

Advice to Old People

Do not sit on the floor without a plan on how to get back up.

Golf – George Fuller
SIRS88GOLF@gmail.com



Hello Golfers. For those of you who do not already know we crowned Pete Paner as our Branch 88 Golf Champion at the December Luncheon. Congratulations Pete on a job well done!!!!

It is renewal time for the NCGA. We will try a \$50 renewal fee this time around – a \$10 reduction from the last few years. I hope this will cover all club expenses and still leave a few dollars left over to supplement the prize fund from time to time. Just send me a check made out to SIR Branch 88 Golf or give it to me at the next luncheon. The mailing address is 1136 Sherman Street, Vallejo, CA, 94591.

Last year we managed to cap all tournament fees at \$50 or less. That may not be possible this time around. I know that the Fairfield courses have raised their rates by \$2 per round for 2022. Not sure yet how this will affect our tournament prices, but common sense says this cost will also rise. I will do my best keep the costs down for everyone and negotiate tournament costs to our benefit.

Prior to the first tournament of the year, which I anticipate being March 15, 2022, I will attempt to speak with each golfer regarding several issues of interest to all. Some of the issues will include how to implement the decision to allow women to participate in our golf tournaments, the future of the hole-in-one prize, whether to continue to play Hiddenbrooke, and how far from Vallejo are golfers willing to travel for a tournament. Looking forward to talking with everyone again.

We will continue to allow our golfers to invite friends and prospective members to join us for the tournaments. These people will be eligible to win tournament prizes, with the exception of the hole-in-one pot, as long as they pay into the prize fund. The more people we invite to play the more people will eventually join SIRS. The more the merrier.

If anyone has any questions or has any suggestions about where to play, please do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail or phone to let me know. I will start scheduling tournaments the second week of January, so time is of the essence.

Wishing everyone a Happy, Safe and Prosperous New Year. Take care.

Pool League –

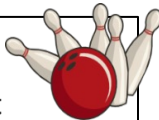
Ed Drosch



There are five of us so far, playing the Spring League. Currently leading is Harold Persily with 11 wins.

More players are welcome. Come to the Rancho Benicia MHP club house, Mondays at 2:00pm and join the fun.

Bowling – Don Ramsey



We have completed our first half of the season. It ended up with a tie between the T-BIRDS and THREE AND ONE. A one-game roll-off was



held with the T-BIRDS winning by two pins, so congratulations to Fred Beeghley, Gene Brock, Dalton Cox, and Gary Savelli.

Our second half of the season starts on January 5, 2022.

The Seasons High Scores are:

Handicap Series	Loyd Holbrook	750
Handicap Game	Rey Andres	297
Scratch Series	Dalton Cox	621
Scratch Game	Mike McCamish	237
	Rey Andres	237

If any new members would like to start up a team let me know at 707-644-2194, or donram2@comcast.net.

January 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 New Year's Day
2	3 11:00 – Cribbage 2:00 – Pool	4 6:00 – Co-Ed Poker	5 10:00 – Bowling 6:00 – Men's Poker	6 6:00 – Co-Ed Poker	7	8
9	10 11:00 – Cribbage 2:00 – Pool	11 6:00 – Co-Ed Poker	12 10:00 – Bowling	13 10:00 BEC 11:00 – ZOOM Meeting 6:00 – Co-Ed Poker	14	15
16	17 MLK Jr. Day 11:00 – Cribbage 2:00 – Pool	18 State Bowling Tournament – Napa (18-19) 6:00 – Co-Ed Poker	19 10:00 – Bowling 6:00 – Men's Poker	20 6:00 – Co-Ed Poker	21	22
23	24 11:00 – Cribbage 2:00 – Pool	25 6:00 – Co-Ed Poker	26 10:00 – Bowling	27 6:00 – Co-Ed Poker	28	29
30	31 11:00 – Cribbage 2:00 – Pool					

Activity	Meeting Day	Meeting Time
Branch 88 Business 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.	
Cribbage	Mondays	11:00am
Bowling	Wednesdays	10:00am
Poker – Co-Ed	Tuesdays & Thursdays	6:00pm
Pool	Mondays	2:00pm

As you get older, you've got to stay positive. For example, the other day I fell down the stairs. Instead of getting upset, I just thought, "Wow, that's the fastest I've moved in years!"

HOW TO JOIN A ZOOM MEETING

– David Muth (707-332-3352 / david66muth@gmail.com)

1. If you don't have the ZOOM app on your computer, notebook or smart phone, you will need to download the free Zoom app from an App Store or the Zoom website.
2. I will send out an email invitation to the Zoom meeting the Friday before the meeting.
3. The email invitation will have a Meeting ID and a Passcode that you will need to get into the meeting. For your convenience I have provided the ID and Passcode for the Luncheon meeting below in advance:

Meeting ID: **945 125 9325**

Passcode: **SIRS88 914**



4. On your device, call up ZOOM and click on "Join a Meeting".
5. Enter the Meeting ID (click open when asked) and enter the Passcode.

If you have any trouble in downloading the Zoom app, or making it function, you can call me and I can help you.



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Past Big SIRs

Fred Warren	2020-21
Jim Burcham	2019
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