



SIR Solano Branch 88 Newsletter

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2022

“Live Longer, Live Happier, Join SIR”

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A Message from Your Big SIR –

David Muth



Hello Everyone. Our June 9 lunch meeting will again be at Zio Fraedo’s in Vallejo. Our guest speaker will be Trevor Scott Allen from the Vallejo Historical Museum.

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

NEXT MEETING

Thursday June 9, 2022

Zio Fraedo’s

Happy Hour 11:00

Lunch 12:00

Program 1:00

(BEC 10:00am)



Today’s Program

Trevor Scott Allen

Vallejo Historical Museum

The State SIR’s office asked us to fill out the branch assessment form last month. Some of the results included the age of our branch members. Our age breakdown looks like this:

55% of our members are 78 years old or older;

16.5% are between 76-78;

45% are under 76.

From pre-pandemic days of 2020, we have gotten slightly younger. If there is one area we could improve on, it is how many of you are coming to our meetings. Last month, we had 45% of our total members come to our monthly meeting. It would be nice to see more of you at our meetings. The State has also requested that we send out to you an activity list so more activities can be created. When you get the email containing the activity list, please fill it out and send it back to me. We want to start up some new things and the activities we start up should really come from what you are interested in.

New SIR’s Covid Protocols are posted in this newsletter. Please review (page 3).

The deadline for signing up and paying for a night at Fratellanza Supper Club is June 4. Fratellanza is at 1140 66th Street, Oakland, CA. It is all you can eat and drink. It should be a fun night.

I am presently experiencing life at a rate of several WTFs per hour.

That quote is from someone Anonymous, although I wouldn’t mind taking credit for this one.

All the Best, *David Muth*

My 2 Cents ... Little SIR — Harold Persily

Hi all. I hope you are enjoying the weather lately. Although we need the rain, the days have been beautiful.

We need active members. One way you can be active besides participating in our activities, is to attend our monthly Thursday luncheons. We have interesting speakers and there is always a great energy of friendship and belonging (and some corny jokes). Right now only about 50% of our members attend the luncheon. The State SIR indicates that healthy branches usually have 60-70% attending. Please come for a fun time and good company on June 9 at 11:00am at Zio Fraedo's, or the following one July 14.

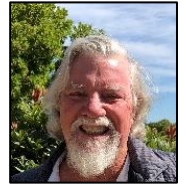
SIRs is a social group whose goal is to provide fun activities and a chance to make life-long friends. Like all organizations it take a lot of work to function. Remember when you joined you were told there are three things expected of members ... be friendly, introduce others to SIR, and volunteer occasionally to help your Branch out.

You have probably noticed that our officers and board of directors put in a lot of time and energy to ensure our branch is one of the best in the region. Fred is the chair of the nomination committee this year. If you look at the end of this newsletter you will see names of past Big SIRs and current branch leaders. They are familiar names; most have been the ones that have consistently stepped up in the past years. Some of them are stepping down or moving away.

We need your help. It is you - the new members – that can bring new blood into the organization ... new energy and new ideas, help to organize meetings, set goals, and decide on the way forward for the branch. Keeping our branch strong and active is not hard, but it does take a commitment. We all help each other make it happen. Consider contacting Fred Warren (707-552-7261) to see how you can help out.

Finally, do you have any ideas for new activities? ... be it backgammon, bridge, pickle ball, model railroading, etc. While starting a new activity is challenging, if there is something you do, or want to do, let us know. I am sure there are other members who would enjoy participating in that activity.

Thanks, and be safe.



Sunshine –

John Flanagan



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



COVID Protocol from State

(Revised May 30, 2022)



Below are some relevant excerpts from the State SIR's COVID Protocols just passed on May 30, 2022. Since insurance companies have decided to no longer cover any COVID related lawsuits, we need policies to limit our liability and keep SIRs from going out of existence. The major change in the new policy is the elimination of the need for you to sign a waiver. This is no longer considered necessary and will reduce administrative effort for branches.

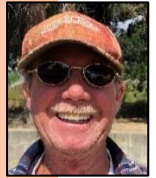
Branch Protocols for COVID-19 LIABILITY (Updated 5/19/22)*

- 1) Branches shall require branch members, all Attendees at functions:
 - a) to be fully vaccinated (2 shots, if required) as a condition of being allowed to attend branch activities which are conducted wholly or partially indoors or,
 - b) as an alternative, unvaccinated Attendees can attend such activities if they provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test administered within 3 days prior to the event. Self-administered test results are acceptable with the member's signed statement that the results are his.
- 2) Branches shall require Attendees to show the original, a copy, or photo (in hardcopy or via a phone) of their vaccination record cards or test result documentation.
- 3) Branches shall maintain an updated list of members who have submitted proof of vaccination and use it to check them in for branch activities involving any indoor components. Branches need not require members who are on the vaccinated list to show proof of vaccination thereafter.
- 4) Branches shall require all Attendees participating in SIR activities to comply with all then-current state and county requirements related to COVID-19 protection, such as wearing masks and social distancing.



Edward Brice

John Kroan



Skeeter DeMartini

Roy MacGregor



Larry Fade

Bert Parker



Tim Farrell

Jhun Patricio



Bob Gearhart

Mario Pimentel



Paul Gonzales

Michael Savelli

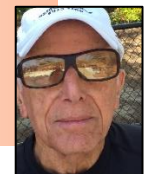


Bill Hester

Lefty Serpa



Kenneth Tacconi



Bocce Ball (Co-Ed) –

Steve Smith



What can be said about an early morning bocce game? Some days it's warm, some days it's cold, and most days one wonders, "How the hell did I miss that shot?"

Substitutes

SIR's COED Bocce needs substitutes. We have had the normal attrition with some folks needing to take a short break and others leaving on vacation. If you would like to play, please contact Steve Smith at 707 750-5545.

Sharing Players

Even with substitutes, some teams have had fewer than the four players needed to play. If your team has extra players on a given Friday, please consider "loaning" one or two of your players to the short team.

2nd half of Season Consideration

It has come to my attention that three teams are doing very well (currently winning 61% of all games played) and the remaining five teams are not doing as well (some losing 85% of all games played).

This is primarily a "social" league, but the question has been raised if it is necessary to reconstitute the teams starting in the second half in an attempt to even out the collective abilities of the eight teams.

Please think about this as we may have all league players vote in late June to see if this makes sense.



Bowling – Don Ramsey



Correction for League Champions and Runner-Ups:

T-BIRDS won the league championship and PINOY N PINAY were the runners-up.

We have started POT BOWLING on Wednesday mornings at 10:15am. Anyone is welcome to attend. This is not a SIR's activity, and anyone is welcome to bowl. The more the merrier

POT BOWLERS WINNERS

Week 1

1 st place	Ed Aleman	745
2 nd place	Erika Meyers	719
3 rd place	Don Ramsay	666

Week 2

1 st place	Loyd Holbrook	703
2 nd place	Lou Fuhrer	682
3 rd place	Mike Savelli	681

Week 3

1 st place	JR Little	730
2 nd place	Loyd Holbrook	685
3 rd place	Don Ramsay	678

Week 4

1 st place	JR Little	712
2 nd place	Jim Swindle	
3 rd place	Arline Fuhrer	693

Week 5

1 st place	JR Little	685
2 nd place	Jim Swindle	662
3 rd place	Loyd Holbrook	650

The league members elected new Officers:

President - Phil Less

Vice President - Jim Calhoun

Secretary/Treasurer - Don Ramsay

Also, our league rules were modified and approved.

We restart the league on Sept 7, 2022. We will need some bowlers to replace the bowlers who moved out of the area and some other bowlers who dropped out for medical reasons.

Golf – George Fuller
SIRS88GOLF@gmail.com



Hello Guys.

The next tournament will be Tuesday June 7, 2022, at Chardonnay Golf Course in Napa. I have lots of slots still open so please get back to me so I can sign you up. For those of you who have never played Chardonnay course, it is a very nice, very challenging course.



We will be teeing off from the Green tees. Our most senior members (80 and over) can tee off from the white tees.

The dynamics of our golf group has changed dramatically over the past 12 months, and we have lost many skilled players. As our collective handicap continues to grow it is even more important that we maintain a decent pace of play. I know everyone is getting tired of hearing that term, but it matters to our group as a whole and to the other golfers on the course. Some of these golfers behind us may someday be SIR Branch 88 members. Everyone has been doing great lately so keep up the good work!!!!

There will be fairly small payouts this time because of the high greens fees but there will still be some limited prize money. Take care and I look forward to seeing everyone Tuesday.

SO I WAS AT THE BAR LAST NIGHT
AND THE WAITRESS SCREAMED...
"ANYONE KNOW CPR?"
I SAID "HELL, I KNOW THE ENTIRE
ALPHABET."
EVERYONE LAUGHED...
WELL EVERYONE EXCEPT THIS
ONE GUY.



– David Muth

Our next wine group gathering is June 26.

May's Pop the Cork was a lot of fun in the group that we were in. We drank wine, ate some good food and laughed a lot. One group had three people bring the same wine. I wonder if that will ever happen again. This idea of our wine tasting group is taking shape and I have heard that people are enjoying the intimacy of the groups, getting to know people better and walking away having a good time. It isn't about knowing wines. It's about being your own judge ... Is this a wine I like? It's also about getting to know people better. Thank you to May's hosts. Life is an adventure.

**Me: Please bring me a
screwdriver.
Wife: Flat head, Phillips, or
Vodka?**

**And that was when I knew
she was the one.**

Pool League –

Ed Drosch



We are into the third week of our "Summer League". We have eight members signed up and it is too early to call the winner of our coveted glass-blown rooster, our traveling trophy. Come and join us at 2:00pm each Monday at the Rancho Benicia Club House. See you there.



Editor's View – Carl Mason

We just got a real compliment from our Area Governor. He said he sees our branch as very strong, we are recruiting new members on a regular basis and have one of the youngest average age of the region (partially due to some of our recent recruits) and have a wide range of activities and a very effective BEC. He said some of the other branches could learn a lot from ours.

I wholly agree with Jerry on this. The energy, the feeling of belonging, and the fun we see at our luncheon exceeds other branches I have been to.

We hope to participate in the Benicia 4th of July parade again this year. The last time we participated it was a lot of fun. George pulled his 6-foot rooster, Chuck Maddux drove his unique car, we handed out candy to the kids and a card to all those men with grey hair. Two things we learned was to buy more candy and check the phone number on the card. We hope we can get at least a dozen or so members to participate. If anyone has a unique car please join us. It is a lot of fun, and only about a half a mile walk. Please come.

The Pop-the-Cork wine tasting group is going strong. While we meet in different members' homes to taste a different type of wine each month, the main benefit is getting to know each other better. If you are interested in joining the group, or just acting as a sub, give David Muth a call, you will not be sorry.

Keep up the good work. We have a branch to be proud of. See you at the luncheon June 9.



Bocce Ball (Men) –

Steve Hazelton



Sixteen plus players meet at the Veterans Park in American Canyon Thursday morning at 10:00am for bocce. As I arrive all the parking spaces are full and the players were setting up the scoring and brooming the courts. Players grab the balls and start practice, so we are ready at 10:00 to play.

The teams are:

- #1 - What's Amata Yous
- #2 - Late Boomers
- #3 - Over the Hill Gang
- #4 - Golfers/Bocce Warriors
- #5 - Ball Busters.

I have not recorded all the scores yet, for the standings, but will have it this week at the games. Players are serious about the game, and I am getting the gist of it. Great activity for all of us to enjoy and enjoy comradery.

I am also taking a video to record the competition for Sirs 88 web site. I plan to interview players to help promote our activity.

Benicia July 4th
Parade 2019



June 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10:00 – Bowling 6:00 – Men's Poker	2 9:00 – Mens Bocce Ball 6:00 – Co-Ed Poker	3 9:30 – CoEd Bocce Ball	4 Deadline for Fratellanza Reservations
5	6 9:00 – Men's Bocce Ball 11:00 – Cribbage 2:00 – Pool	7 9:00 – Golf Chardonay 6:00 – Co-Ed Poker	8 10:00 – Bowling 6:00 – Men's Poker	9 10:00 BEC 11:00 – Luncheon 6:00 – Co-Ed Poker	10 9:30 – CoEd Bocce Ball	11 6:00 - Fratellanza Dinner
12	13 9:00 – Men's Bocce Ball 11:00 – Cribbage 2:00 – Pool	14 6:00 – Co-Ed Poker	15 10:00 – Bowling	16 9:00 – Mens Bocce Ball 6:00 – Co-Ed Poker	17 9:30 – CoEd Bocce Ball	18
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26 4:00-6:00 – Pop the Cork	27 9:00 – Men's Bocce Ball 11:00 – Cribbage 2:00 – Pool	28 6:00 – Co-Ed Poker	29	30		



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Past Big SIRs

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