



# SIR Solano Branch 88 Newsletter

May  
2022

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## A Message from Your Big SIR –

David Muth



Hello Everyone. Our May 12 lunch meeting will again be at Zio Fraedos in Vallejo. Our guest speaker will be is a futurist, Terry Scott. In order to help with planning and to give

Zio Fraedos approximate numbers, please expect a call prior to our meeting to see if you plan to attend. Lunch costs \$25. Let’s have a good turnout and we hope to see you there.

Benicia and men’s Thursday Bocce Ball started in American Canyon last month. We had our second hosting of our wine group, Pop the Cork. We had 24 people attend and it was fun. What’s not to like? You learn about and drink wine, eat tasty treats and talk to friends. I think it’s called socializing.

Speaking of getting together with friends, there is a SIR, Branch 88 event in North Oakland at a Fratellanza Supper Club on June 4 located at 1140 66th Street, Oakland, CA. It is all you can eat and drink. The last time we were there it was great fun! See you there.

I am in the planning process of creating a wine event called **Wine with a View** which will take place in Benicia. It is scheduled for July 16 if all goes according to plan. It’s a chance to sample wines, eat some food and while seeing incredible views of the Carquinez Straights. This will be a CO-ED event. There will be much more about this event in the upcoming weeks.

Golf, bowling, poker, cribbage and pool are all doing fine.

If you want to start a new activity for the branch, let me know. If you know of someone who would be a guest speaker, please send me their contact information.

All the Best, *David Muth*

## Thursday May 12, 2022

### Zio Fraedo’s

Happy Hour 11:00

Lunch 12:00

Program 1:00

(BEC 10:00am)



**NEXT MEETING**

### Today’s Program

Terry Scott, Futurist

## Sunshine –

John Flanagan



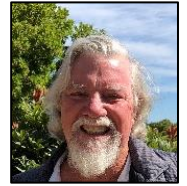
If you know of any of our members who are sick or having problems, please let me know (707-747-9416),

*Better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak out and remove all doubt.*

- Abraham Lincoln

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

Hi all. Must say it was great to get out on the Bocce courts again. Both the Thursday Men's Bocce at American Canyon (formerly Vallejo) and the Friday COED Bocce at Benicia started this week. It was a blast to see everyone outside, enjoying the weather and socializing. Vacations are starting, so if anyone wants to play Benicia Co-ed bocce as a substitute, please let Steve Smith know. We will especially need subs in late May and early June. Also, team captains might want to forward the newsletter to non-SIR players.



### Luncheons

We would like to give credit and know who attends our luncheon. Using the badges as the tracker is not working. Starting in May, we will have a 'sign-in sheet' at the front table. Just initial it to show you were there. We will also have our master member list so you can be sure your info is correct.

### Parades?

There will be parades celebrating the Fourth of July in both Vallejo and Benicia. It would be great if SIRs could be represented. In the past all participants commented on how much fun it was. I will participate, but I can not organize the event. If anyone would like to help get the ball rolling, it will be greatly appreciated. Stepping up to help our branch is the foundation of our existence. Please consider helping us show the public who we are and learn about SIRs.

### Helping Others

If you know anyone who needs food or other necessities such as diapers, etc., there is a free food giveaway every Tuesday and Thursday at the Sage gate of the Solano County Fairgrounds from 4:00 to 6:00pm. If you want to help, you can show up at 3:30pm and help distribute the food. I want to contribute. Additional canned and boxed goods, diapers, depends, pads, etc. are always welcome. Take your tax-deductible donations to the location above around 3:30pm on Tuesdays or Thursdays. Ask for Heather Pierini, director. FB/Food is free Solano.

## Computer Class

*SIR Branch 88 Benicia/Vallejo is offering to its members a one-day computer class for those with minimal to no computer skills. This is a chance for you to learn enough about the operation and workings of a computer to know the basics in a safe, non-threatening environment. The content will be based on the skills of the people who are attending along with the where and the when. To sign up, contact David Muth (707-332-3352).*



## Treasurer's Report -

Roy MacGregor



We have \$5157.64 at the end of April. We now have 126 members who have paid their dues. We had a good turnout for our April luncheon. We had 58, including four free lunches for visitors, speaker and free lunch winner costing a total of \$100. Cost of the paid luncheons was offset by \$70 collected from 50/50 event.



## Pool League -

Ed Droesch



The Spring season of our 8-ball league finished with a tie between Harold Persily and Ed Droesch (me). Harold and I will play a one-game tie-breaker before the start of the summer league to decide who will possess the coveted glass rooster trophy till next season.

We will be starting up our summer season on May 9. If you are interested, please to come to the Rancho Benicia club house Mondays at 2:00pm and enjoy some competition. A modest \$10 fee will cover the cost of beer and pizza at the end of the season



Lawrence Burne

Al Johnson

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John Flanagan

Steve Pressley



Lou Furher

Jim Radulovich



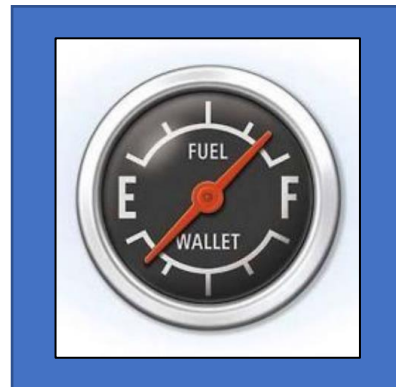
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### Bocce Ball (Co-Ed) –

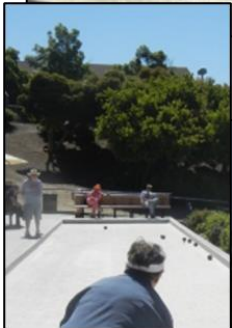
Steve Smith



SIR's COED bocce had its first week of rolling on April 29. Eight teams enjoyed the courts and over 60 folks seemed to have an excellent day.

The season runs all the way thru October. We play every Friday at 9:30am. If you ever had an interest in playing, please drop by the courts in Benicia adjacent to the library and tennis courts, directly behind the Vets building. Several teams would welcome a substitute. We had a player show up on Friday (1st time playing) and proceeded to assist in the team's second win of the season.

Any questions, please contact Steve Smith at (707) 750-5545.



### Bocce Ball (Men) –

Steve Hazelton



Vallejo Bocce has moved to American Canyon for SIR. Since I live in American Canyon, and Gary Savelli is moving to Loomis, I was asked by David if I would take over the competition in AC.

The story is, I have never played Bocce, so I said SURE. I looked up the rules on YOUTUBE, and headed over to the Veterans Park here in AC.

I got there and the parking lot was full with SIR player's cars. Gary was there to hand over the balls and equipment. He had previously emailed me the rules, list of players, and scoring sheets.

I joined a team, the "The Over The Hill Gang" team, captained by Ron Gervasoni, and it was game-on. Due to a rain out, on 4/21, we played on 4/27 as a makeup, and 4/28, as a regular scheduled game for the season.

On the 27th the "What's A Matta You" (Team #1) took two games from "Over The Hill Gang" (Team #3). On court 2, the "Ball Busters" (Team #5) won 2 games out of 3 from the "Bocce Warriors" (Team #4).

Results of 4/28, the "Bocce Warriors" (Team #4) took 3 games from "Whats Amata You", (Team #1) . On the South court, the "Late Bloomers" (Team #2) took 2 out of 3 games, from The Over The Hill Gang, (Team #3).

As a side note, there are 4 courts at the park, and the teams switched to the south courts on the 28th. Looking forward to May events.

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

Hello Guys.

The next tournament will be Tuesday May 10, 2022, at Wildhorse Golf Course in Davis. I have lots of slots still open so please get back to me so I can sign you up. Don't worry about the trip to Davis, it is an easy drive that time of day and is against the flow of traffic. For those of you who never have played Wildhorse it is a very nice, very clean course.

As always, our most senior members (80 and over) can tee off from the red tees and hopefully for the first time we will have a lady golfing with us. It goes without saying that we as a group expect this young lady to feel welcome and eager to return for more tournaments. Plus, she is a 17 handicap so eat your heart out guys. The more diverse the group of players we have the better the program will be in the long run.

Look for an e-mail in a day or two before I release the next pairings list regarding "ready golf." It is not a hard concept; the pace of the play needs to be fast enough to clear the hole in time to keep those behind us from having to wait. The number of shots a person takes during the round has minimal effect on the pace of play. Pace of play is determined by what happens between those shots. We need a little help here guys. Thank you in advance and I can't wait to see everyone in Davis. Take care.



## State Golfing –

To All Sir Golfers,

The State Golf Committee would like

to invite you to our second golfing event of the year to be held in Reno the week of June 13. This four-day event includes an option for either playing two or three days of golf. Atlantis Hotel and Casino will again be our host hotel. For much more information on this event click on the Tournament Information tab below. You can also find more information on other future events, golf committee member contact information, golf policies and so much more by clicking on the State Golf website tab below or by entering "[www.sirgolf.org](http://www.sirgolf.org)" on your computer, tablet or phone.

Look forward to seeing you all in Reno and our other events throughout the year.

The 2022 SIR State Golf Committee  
Mark Stuart, State Golf Chair  
916-218-2287

Did you know that  
14 muscles are  
activated when  
opening a bottle  
of wine? Fitness  
is my passion 🤘



FOR MANY YEARS FRED'S SECRET  
SUNDAY AFTERNOON NAPS  
WENT UNDETECTED

## Editor's View – Carl Mason

Finally, things are seeming normal again. The COED Bocce started last week with some 60+ players with everyone seeming to have a great time playing but mainly enjoying people they haven't seen in nearly two years.



Men's bocce started in their new location in American Canyon, with actual shade structures and better courts. We had our second wine tasting and golf is in full swing.

Overall Branch 88 is healthy and growing. Even though we lost some 20 members in the past two years, new members are coming in at such a rate that we should more than recover by the end of the year, exceeding our goal of nine new members we set earlier this year.

I have had a chance to see a lot of other branches and I can honestly say, we are up there with the best. We are growing, we are expanding our activities, we are starting service to worthy causes, and more than anything we seem to enjoy each other and have fun ... two things that will help us live longer and happier.

Personally, I have been asked to accept the nomination as State Treasurer for the coming term. My background is in financial management, and I guess the nominating committee was desperate, so here we go!

See you soon.

**Do you know  
how weird it  
is being the  
same age as  
old people?**

## Bowling – Don Ramsey



The season has ended. The PINOY N PINAY team won the league championship with the T-BIRDS the runner ups.

The team standings for the year are as follows:

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>TOTAL WINS</u>
THREE PLUS ONE	68.0
NO NAMES	63.5
THREE AND ONE	62.5
KING PINS	59.5
PINOY N PINAY	58.5
T-BIRDS	56.0
ONE AND DONE	56.0
WE GOT EM	56.0

We have started POT BOWLING on Wednesday mornings at 10:15am and anyone is welcome to attend. This is not a SIR'S ACTIVITY.

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 will start our next season on Sept 7, 2022. We will need some bowlers to replace the bowlers who moved away or dropped out for medical reasons.

**SOME DAYS THE SUPPLY  
OF CURSE WORDS IS  
INSUFFICIENT TO MEET  
MY DEMANDS**

# May 2022



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

## Morgan Stanley

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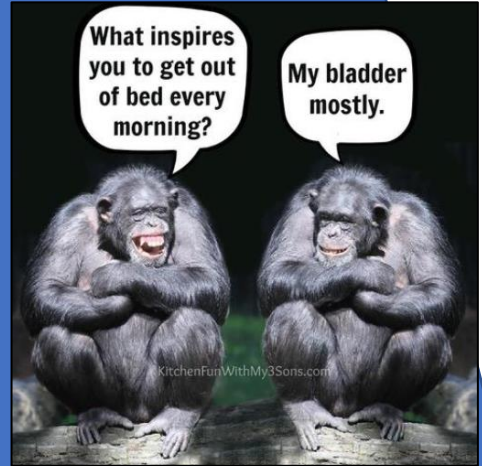
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### Past Big SIRs

Fred Warren	2020-21
Jim Burcham	2019
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# **JUNE 11**

## **SIR COED DINNER PARTY**

**The SIR & Guest**  
**Italian dinner** *at Fratellanza  
Supper Club*

A four-course dinner to die for. Bring your appetite and join the fun and fellowship. All you can eat & wine to drink. Family style serving. We will all sit together as a group. Raffle prizes are available if you want to take a chance. Make check payable to SIR 88 and send it to Roy MacGregor at the address below.



**Fratellanza  
Supper Club**

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**1140 66<sup>th</sup> Street  
Oakland, CA**

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**No host Cocktails  
6:00pm**

**Dinner  
7:00pm**

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**Cost: \$25 per person**

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**Reservations by  
June 4**

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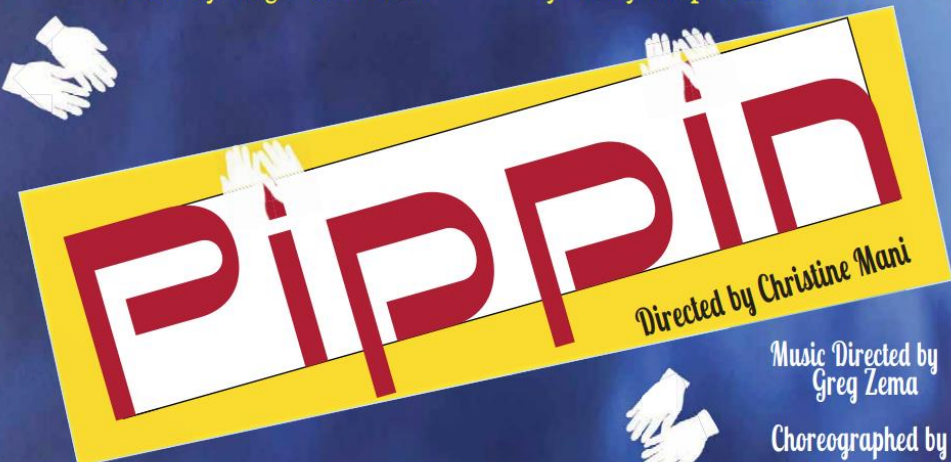
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