



SIR Solano Branch 88 Newsletter

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A Message from Your Big SIR –

David Muth



Luncheon Meeting Speaker

Our October 13 lunch meeting will again be at Zio Fraedo's in Vallejo. Our guest speaker will be Chuck Myers, a docent for the USS Hornet. The Hornet is

a World War II aircraft carrier, now a museum in Oakland. The Navy's aircraft carrier hull number 12 was originally slated to be commissioned as the USS Kearsarge.

However, the ship's name was changed to honor the fallen USS Hornet (CV-8) after she was sunk at the Battle of Santa Cruz Islands while protecting US forces holding Guadalcanal. USS Hornet (CV-12) was commissioned November 29, 1943, becoming the eighth ship to bear the name.

Chuck's presentation concentrates on the nearly 250-year heritage of ships named Hornet, the WWII actions of the 2 Hornets, the Apollo Program and the features and programs of the museum.

As for the lunch at Zio Fraedos, 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.

Holiday Party

We are actively planning our Holiday Party for Thursday December 1. We are moving it from our normal second Thursday of the month to the first Thursday of December. The lunch will cost \$40 per person. Tickets will go on sale at our October 13 lunch meeting. We are strongly advising that you buy your tickets early since we expect a large turnout with

Thursday October 13, 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

Chuck Myers

USS Hornet Docent

your wives, partners, or friends, (up to 100, a very tight fit for the size of that room). In the past, people who showed-up without reservations (tickets) caused some chaos in finding seating and challenging Zio's to find enough food.

Gary Savelli has agreed to come back to be our DJ. We will have a karaoke contest with a \$50 prize. We will also have "the funniest Christmas ornament" contest with a \$25 prize for the winner. So, bring your funniest ornament. We will have the expanded holiday Zio Fraedo's menus as well as other fun things. The doors open at 11:00 for social time, with the program starting at 11:30 and lunch being served at 12:00. The program will conclude by 2:00pm. Please bring your tickets with you on December 1 for admittance.

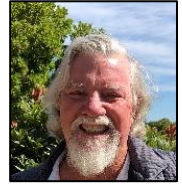
New Badges

We will have a signup sheet for new style name badges for our next meeting.

Hope to see you at our next meeting.

David Muth

My 2 Cents ... Little SIR — Harold Persily



Well, I am glad we are getting 1-2 new members each month. Progress is slow but it is progress. Remember to tell you family, friends, and others you meet about the fun we have at SIRs.

Our September luncheon was fun. It had a picnic theme with hamburgers and Polish dogs, with all the fixings. Our next luncheon is Thursday October 13 at Zio Fraedo's. Hope everyone can attend.

Reminder, the December luncheon will be on **Thursday December 1**. This is our ladies' luncheon so be sure to invite your significant other. David Muth is promising a fun time for all. If you want to help David, he more than welcomes that assistance.

The SIR Branch 88 BEC (Branch Executive Board) had a lengthy discussion related to starting every luncheon with the Pledge of Allegiance and singing *God Bless America*. It seems to be a tradition but is it appropriate for the SIR social organization? Nothing was decided. We are looking for input from the members. Feel free to contact me if you want to provide your opinion.

Be sure to VOTE! I was told a long time ago, that *if you don't vote, you can not complain*. I think I have missed one municipality election is my 50 plus years of being eligible. I cannot encourage you enough to do your civic duty.

Here is something scary. The web site <https://sealevel.climatecentral.org/maps/> contains a map that shows the impact of sea rises on the bay area and Solano County. Use the slide bar to raise and lower the sea change amount, and then see the impact on the surrounding land. Very interesting ... and scary.

Everyone be safe and take care.

About our Speaker - October 13, 2022

Chuck Myers is a docent serving on the USS Hornet in Alameda, a member and 3-time chairman of the Docent Council and current chairman of the museum's speakers bureau. He is a Navy veteran, having served as an officer on the USS Yorktown, an Essex-class aircraft carrier and a sister ship of the Hornet.



After his Navy service Chuck joined what was then The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company and worked for that firm for more than 26 years, mainly in San Francisco and San Ramon. He took an early

retirement from Pacific Bell / Pacific Telesis in 1992 and then spent nearly eight years living and working in Europe as a telecommunications consultant. His principal residence was in Holland, and he mainly worked in and around The Hague, but also spent time working in places like London, Paris, Brussels, Warsaw, Oslo, Zurich, and Stockholm - something he attributes to serendipity more than talent or personal enterprise.

He retired from it all in 2001 and returned to Alameda where he now resides. In 2018 Chuck was a technical advisor working on the Roland Emmerich movie, *Midway* filmed in Montreal and Pearl Harbor. He reprised that role in 2021 on the movie, *Devotion*, a movie about action during the Korean War around Chosin Reservoir and filmed in Georgia, scheduled for release in 2022.

Treasurer's Report –

Roy MacGregor

Our current balance is \$4,430. In October we will be paying the State Pro Rata assessment of \$227. We have also budgeted \$750 for the Holiday party scheduled for December 1. There are no other expected major expenses, so we should end the year with about \$3,500 in the bank. We began the year with \$3,192 so we are in good shape. I will prepare a budget for 2023 and submit it for Board approval next month.



Sunshine –

Mike McCamish



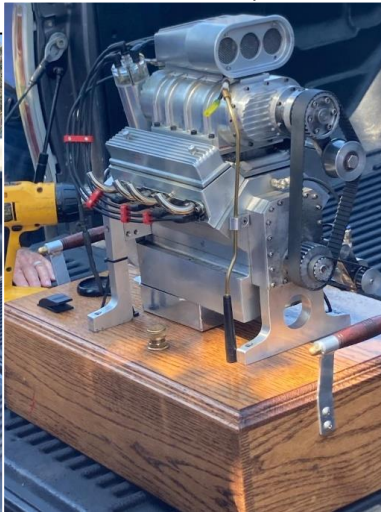
If you know of any of our members who are sick or having problems, please let me know (707-747-9416),

LAST MEETING



September 8, 2022

Steve Hazelton was our fill-in presenter in September. He shared his passion for small engine building and brought a small replica of a V8 engine built by a member of his club. It was very impressive and in my opinion was a work-of-art. He fired it up with his power drill and ran it for all us to see and hear. It smelled and sounded like I remember V8's used to. Well done!



HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
October

John Baptista
Jim Burcham
Herman Bustamante
Gregory Daly
Edwin Gibson
Scott Johnson
Donald Landry
Randy Loe
Cel Naraval
Rodney Smith



Editor's View – Carl Mason

SIRs as an organization is still trying to recover from the impact the pandemic had on our membership. We had many members pass away or move out-of-state during these two years. Without any activities and recruiting, we were not able to replace them. Another impact is that the average age of our members has risen about two years.



Our branch 88 has done fairly well in recruiting new members and are only about 10 under our pre-pandemic level of 140. Not all branches have had the same success. Some six branches did not survive the pandemic, and our overall membership total is down to 10,000.

The State is trying to find ways to counter the loss in membership and is trying to remove any barriers that prevent the branches from surviving. One of the most controversial is to allow branches to accept women as members. This will be totally up to the individual branches. Several branches have expressed their opposition to this saying it will change the character of the organization. Time will tell the final outcome.

At any rate, all this means is we need more and younger members. If you know anyone who would like to join, please invite them to our meetings or activities.

Don't forget to buy your tickets to the Christmas party scheduled for December 1. It should be a lot of fun (as usual).

SIRs Holiday Party

Thursday,
December 1, 2022
11:00am - 2:00pm

\$40 per person

Zio Fraedo's
23 Harbor Way, Vallejo

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Holiday Buffet
No-Host Bar

- **Karaoke with Gary Savelli**
\$50 prize best performance per applaud-o-meter
- **Funniest Ornament Contest**
Voting per table / then Best-of-the-Best judging

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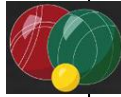
Tickets: David Muth ... 707-332-3352
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I'm So Old

That I've actually dialed a rotary phone before, while listening to an 8 track, next to a black & white TV with aluminum foil on top of its rabbit ear antennas!



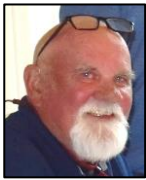
Bocce Ball (Co-Ed) – Steve Smith



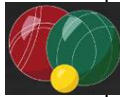
Well, it had to happen. The last scheduled games of 2022 took place on Friday September 30.

Team #4, which won the 2nd half, beat Team #3 (1st half winners) for the overall championship. The SIR's COED Bocce potluck will be held on Friday October 7 with a men versus ladies game on the agenda.

Look for news on the 2023 season starting in January of next year.



Bocce Ball (Men) – Steve Hazelton



Sirs Bocce at the Vets Park in American Canyon is over. We celebrated with pizza at

Mountain Mike's in Vallejo on Sonoma Boulevard on 9/6/22.

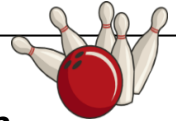
During the season I shot video of our expert players having a great time on Tuesday mornings. Below is our last game on the 6th.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LF13wCArZy4>

It is 13 minutes long.



Bowling – Don Ramsay



Team Standings as of 9/28/2022

Place		# Wins
1ST	THREE PLUS ONE	15
2ND	KINGPINS	10
3RD	PINOY N PONAY	8
	NO NAMES	8



Individual Standings

Handicap Series	Wayne Budick	733
Handicap Game	Mario Pimente	299
Scratch Series	Jhun Patricio	588
Scratch Game	Dalton Cox	258

More bowlers are needed to fill two (2) vacancies.



Cribbage – Michael McCamish

The Cribbage group continues to meet on

Mondays in American Canyon from 10:00am to 1:00pm. Y'all come!

Knowledge of cribbage is good but not required.



Pool League -



Ed Droesch

Pool league was completed on 9/26. I was able to retain the coveted traveling Rooster Trophy since my main competitor, Ed Brice, was called out of town for the last two weeks. The Spring league is looking to start this month on 10/17. League cost will be \$10 for the celebrations at the end of play. Come join us!



Golf – George Fuller
SIRS88GOLF@gmail.com

Hello Golfers.

We are winding down towards the end of the golf season and still no one has claimed the \$2,750 hole-in-one prize. Please someone hit an ace before the last tournament!

Our last tournament at Blue Rock was very small, I believe we had 15 golfers. The sign-ups for the October 11, tournament at Chardonnay is a bit better, but we still have plenty of open spots. Make sure you invite family or friends who may want to play the beautiful Chardonnay Course and let's try to enter a full field of 32 golfers.

Please keep in mind that SIR Branch 88 is in need of a new Golf Chairman for the 2023 season. It has been a pleasure and honor to hold this position the last couple of years, but I just plain have to many other commitments to be able to give the golf program the attention it deserves.

Hope to see everyone October 11 at Chardonnay or at least at one of the last few tournaments. Take care.



Pop-the-Cork

We had a great time again this month with three hosted tastings of sparkling wine and champagne. As usual we had some tasty appetizers and desserts and a lot of good conversation and laughter. If you wish to join us next month, call David Muth at 707-332-3352.

Below is a picture of last month's wine tasting at the Hazelton's ... a wonderful time.

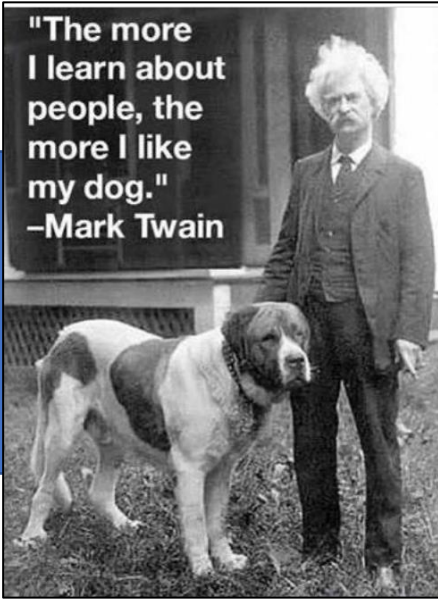
Cheers!



When I was a KID
I wanted to be older...
this CRAP is not
what I expected



"The more I learn about people, the more I like my dog."
 –Mark Twain



"The older I get, the better I used to be."
 – Lee Trevino

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

October 2022



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



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