

SENIOR SIR TIMES

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SOCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR MEN

“OUR MISSION IS TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF OUR MEMBERS THROUGH FUN ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS WHILE MAKING FRIENDS FOR LIFE”

APRIL 2022 Newsletter - Turlock Branch 143



BIG SIR GREG BACK SAYS...

Wow, another month gone by - 2022 is sure flying by. It was nice seeing a larger turnout for our lunch meeting last month. Everyone seemed to enjoy the Tri-Tip sandwiches and the program by Eric Julien. Our membership drive, "Each One, Bring One," is doing well. We added 3 members to our branch last month, Tom Pannier transferred from Modesto and Don McCoon and Ed Heaton joined as new members. If you see them at a meeting be sure and say hello and welcome them to the branch.



The weather is getting better and we hope to be starting more outdoor activities soon. In addition to the always popular Golf program, we also have Bocce Ball, RC Flying and a new Walking Group. The very popular Dine-Out activity is also off and running with a great turnout last month at Toscana's Restaurant in Turlock. Another Dine-Out is being planned for this month, it will be at the Olive Garden, call Gary Toombs for more info at 209-604-8406. We also have a few members that are making the trek to the Modesto Airport hangar of the Commemorative Air Force on select Saturdays for a great breakfast or lunch. I went to the lunch last weekend and had a very enjoyable time (both the lunch and also perusing the airplanes on display). If you are interested in joining any of these activities

please call our activities chairman, Gary Toombs, for more information.

We have a delicious lunch and another great speaker lined up for this month's meeting. We will be serving smoked ribs with a side of baked beans and a slice of peach cobbler for dessert. The speaker for the meeting will be Karina Mendoza, a 15 year veteran of the Stanislaus County Library System. Karina grew up in Denair and now lives in Turlock. She has been the Supervisor of the Keyes, Denair, Oakdale and now Turlock Libraries. This should be an interesting presentation about the new Turlock Library facility. If you plan to attend, please make sure and RSVP so that we will have enough lunches on hand. If you don't hear from our phone committee please RSVP directly to Bob Holly.

Easter will have come before we get together for our next meeting, so let me pass along my best Easter wishes to all of our SIR members – may you celebrate this day with your loved ones and experience great joys in your life. And just because, here is a little Easter Bunny humor... What do you call the Easter Bunny the day after Easter? Eggshasted!

I hope to see all of you at our April meeting, and remember to bring a friend.

DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER IS:
MAY 1-2 and 3 of 2022

JOIN US IN APRIL

11:30 am - Sir Lunch meeting APRIL 20th - WILL BE HELD AT DENAIR COMMUNITY CENTER the luncheon will be catered.

**8 am - BEC meeting APRIL 22nd - Will be at MY GARDEN CAFE
8 am start time.**



SIR TRAVEL

BILL STIRES
TRAVEL CHAIRMAN



**Top of Switzerland and Oberammergau, Germany
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August 27 - September 7, 2022

Holland Tulip Festival Tour

Featuring Mackinac Island's Grand Hotel May 12-19, 2022

This trip is sold out and now there is a wait list. Deposit will be charged when the trip opens back up.



**Call Bill at 209-988-5445 or 209-544-2684 or email at bstires46@gmail.com
to receive a brochure and reservation form for any of the trips.**

SPEAKER FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL:

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About:

I run the day to day operations of the fourth largest library in our system. I ensure the library is well maintained and problem solve issues as they occur to ensure that our customers enjoy their experience at the library.

I provide programs and services for all ages. This includes singing, dancing and teaching early literacy skills to preschoolers, so that they can start school ready to learn. I also teach adults how to use their tablets and smartphones, so that they can access our e-services and stay in touch with their family members. I can successfully provide reader's advisory for emergent readers and also to those who want a James Patterson read-a-like.



NEWS & NOTES SIR 143

LUNCH THIS MONTH

will be **SMOKED RIBS** with a side of Baked Beans and Peach Cobbler. **Lunch tickets will be \$20.** Bob Holly's phone committee should start making calls soon, but members can call Bob Holly direct with their RSVP if they don't get a call for some reason. RSVP's are needed by Saturday, APRIL 16.

A NOTE ABOUT THE RSVP LUNCH:

Any RSVP for luncheon meeting who does not show up for the RSVP lunch **WILL BE BILLED FOR THAT LUNCH.**

**EVERYONE ATTENDING THE
LUNCH MUST WEAR A MASK
and BE FULLY VACCINATED
and HAVE A WAIVER.**

CREEKSIDE 9 HOLE GOLF

Every Thursday there is a SIR activity consisting of a 9 hole golf tournament at Creekside Golf Course to keep us active. All SIR members are welcome. You do not need to have a NCGA handi-cap. If you are interested please contact Bob Kredit at 209-672-0326 or by email at bkred8209@aol.com. We have room for 48 golfers with our 12 tee times starting at 7:30am. Our tournament is 9 holes but the tee time is good for 18 holes. **SIRS having fun. Come join us.**



PAST DUE MEMBERSHIPS!

Any members who has not paid there memberships by **MARCH 31, 2022 WILL BE DROPPED FROM SIR MEMBERSHIP BRANCH 143.**



SIR AUCTION THIS MONTH (April)

Fred Courter is donating this Gallery Wrap of Horsetail Falls in Yosemite. **The picture measures 20" X 32" it is a print on canvas. The value on this piece is \$1200.00.** You don't want to miss this opportunity to bid on one of **Fred Courter's Award Winning Images.** All proceeds go to Sir Branch 143.



BEC MINUTES

BRANCH 143 - SIR EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Held on - MARCH 18, 2022

Site My Garden Café, Turlock
Quorum is present.

Meeting called to order at 8:02 AM

Guest: Richard Provost, Area Governor

Attendance: Greg Back, Fred Courter, Kevin Byrne, Ed Darrah, Bob Holly, Leonard Zumstein, Larry Hughes, Joe Adams, Gary Toombs, Bill Stires and Rock Libby

Absent: None

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the 2/18/22 BEC Meeting were unanimously approved as emailed and included in the newsletter with a 1st by Leonard Zumstein and 2nd by Bob Holly.

Treasurer's Report: Leonard has completed and emailed Form #28. March report includes a bank balance of **\$4057.49** and cash on hand in the amount of **\$325.00** for a total of **\$4382.49**. Our 3/16/22 luncheon produced **\$825.00**. Dues collected at the meeting totalled **\$240**. A bill for supplies presented by Larry Hughes in the amount of \$60.34, along with the report, were unanimously approved with a 1st by Bob Holly and 2nd by Bill Stires. \$23.97 for cookies was approved for Greg Back with a 1st by Gary Toombs and 2nd by Fred Courter.

Committee Reports:

Membership Report, Larry Hughes: With the approval of new members Don McCoon and Ed Heaton, the transfer of Tom Pannier, the reinstatement of Del Ahlberg, the removal of 11 members for non-payment of dues and the resignation of four members, Larry Hughes reports 102 paid members. The eleven members dropped are eligible to reapply for membership upon payment of dues for the year 2022.

Golf report, Joe Adams: Joe reports about one half the normal number of golfers participating which is about normal for the State at this time.

Travel, Bill Stires reported no changes.

Dine in/Out Gary Toombs: Gary reports we have a dine out evening scheduled for Toscana's on 3/24/22 with cocktails at 5:30 and dinner to follow.

Nominating committee: Rock Libby reports that for 2023 we have a Little Sir in Bob Holly and a Secretary in Bob Lotspeich. We continue to seek a Big Sir, Assistant Secretary, Assistant Treasurer and Assistant Membership Chairman. We need a Golf Chairman as well. We are making progress in filling of vacant positions and we have some excellent prospects left to approach.

Walking Group: Rock Libby reports that we have several members expressing interest in the walking group and we will gather after our luncheon next month to discuss what the participants want to do with the group. Where and how far do we walk?

Old Business:

Our "Schedule of Branch Operations" is on schedule. There was discussion of newsletter ad renewals and Budget projections. Lunch plans for April include Slick Fork. Program will likely be Fred Courter on his excellent photography. Hopefully a short financial presentation will follow.

New Business: No New Business

Motion to adjourn the BEC Meeting was made by Bob Holly with 2nd by Rock Libby

Meeting adjourned @ 9:40 AM

Respectfully submitted by
Rock Libby,
Secretary, Branch 143





SIR AREA 18 GOLF SCHEDULE 2022

MO	DATE	DAY	TIME	HOST	COURSE	GF	PRIZE	TOT	REMARKS	TOT w/Cart
Apr	4	Mon	9:00 SG	164	Dry Creek	\$39	\$9	\$48	Carts Included	\$48
	11	Mon	9:00 SG	103	Creekside	\$25	\$9	\$34	Carts Optional @\$15	\$49
	18	Mon	9:00 SG	164	Swenson	\$37	\$9	\$46	Carts Included	\$46
	25	Mon	9:00 SG	144	Dryden	\$23	\$9	\$32	Carts Optional @\$15	\$47
May	2	Mon	8:00 SG	103	Atwater	\$38	\$9	\$47	Carts Included	\$47
	9	Mon	8:00 SG	164	Micke Grove	\$40	\$9	\$49	Carts Included	\$49
	16	Mon	8:00 SG	144	Creekside	\$25	\$9	\$34	Carts Optional @\$15	\$49
	23	Mon	8:00 SG	164	Manteca	\$38	\$9	\$47	Carts Included	\$47
	31	Tue	8:00 SG	103	Dryden	\$23	\$9	\$32	Carts Optional @\$15	
Jun	6	Mon	8:00 SG	144	Elkhorn	\$39	\$9	\$48	Carts Included	\$48
	13	Mon	8:00 SG	103	Creekside	\$25	\$9	\$34	Carts Optional @\$15	\$49
	20	Mon	8:00 SG	164	Teleli	\$50	\$9	\$59	Carts Included	\$59
	27	Mon	8:00 SG	144	Dry Creek	\$39	\$9	\$48	Carts Included	\$48
Jul	5	Tue	8:00 SG	103	Dryden	\$23	\$9	\$32	Carts Optional @\$15	\$47
	11	Mon	8:00 SG	164	Castle Oaks	\$50	\$9	\$59	Carts Included	\$59
	18	Mon	8:00 SG	144	Creekside	\$25	\$9	\$34	Carts Optional @\$15	\$49
	25	Mon	8:00 SG	103	Swenson	\$37	\$9	\$46	Carts Included	\$46



IT'S DINE-IN-DINE-OUT TIME

This month it will be at the Olive Garden Restaurant in Turlock. Meet, enjoy cocktails at 5:30 pm and dinner at 6 pm. **REMEMBER TO RSVP TO GARY TOOMBS at 209-604-8406**



DATE: Thursday, April 28th

2022 SIR State Golf Tournaments

The Sir State Golf Committee would like to invite you to

The Spring Fling – A 2 Day Event

Tuesday, April 19th & Wednesday April 20th

Play One Day or Both!

Eagle Vines GC, Napa CA

Chardonnay GC, Napa, CA

All players (members & guests) must submit

a signed waiver with their Application!

A Member/Guest Event

Ladies Welcome!

This information and more can also be found on the SIR State Golf website at www.sirgolf.org



THE WINE LINE

By Russ Winton

Wine Investigation for Novices and Oenophiles (W.I.N.O.)



Plenty of Gold in Calaveras Wine Country

Plenty of gold has come back to the Sierra Foothills. In January, the family wineries of Calaveras County held their own in the 2022 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition. While all medals are well deserved, it's the Best of Class, Gold and Double Gold awards that really get our attention.

Here are some of the best of the best, out of 5,800 wines from North America. Frog's Tooth Winery brought home 2 Gold Medals. Ironstone Vineyards scored 4 Gold Medals. Milliaire Winery was awarded 2 Double Golds and 1 Gold. Villa Vallecito Vineyards was a Best of Class winner, and won 3 Double Golds and 1 Gold. Vina Moda scored a Best of Class, 3 Double Golds and a Gold. Wowza, that's tons of gold! If you'd like to taste and find out what these winning wines are, just save this special weekend in April.

Calaveras Spring Wine Weekend 2022

Enjoy two days of weekend fun in Calaveras Wine Country, April 23-24. Tickets for 1-day or 2-days include a commemorative wineglass, a wristband for special tasting flights at 27 participating tasting rooms and a weekend guide with maps. Witness the early bud break as you explore the vineyards, listen to some live music and taste those Best of Class, Double Gold and Gold winning wines listed above. The event is co-sponsored by the Calaveras Winegrape Alliance and the Calaveras Visitors Bureau. Ad-

vance ticketing is required as this event will sell out. For reserve tickets, go to

www.calaveraswines.org/spring-wine-weekend-tix.

Best White Wine

The SF Chronicle Sweepstakes Award for Best White Wine went to Acquiesce Winery & Vineyards 2020 Viognier from Lodi. Seventeen white wines were up for this prestigious award, including Grenache Blanc, Picpoul and Roussanne. These wines were also from Acquiesce. That's right, Four Best of Class White wines from one winery competing against each other and the other 13. Are you kidding me? Cheers! to winemaker, Susan Tipton and her Sweepstakes Winner, the Acquiesce Winery & Vineyards 2020 Lodi Viognier.

What's on Our Table

Costco originally had the 2020 Lockwood Vineyard Santa Barbara Pinot Noir listed for \$10.99 which is a pretty good deal but with another \$4 off it is even a better. At \$6.99 it is a **steal**. The Mettler Family Vineyards NV Copacetic is a Zinfandel leading red blend that won the Best of Class Award and at \$19.99, it's a **super deal**. The **splurge** this week is the 2019 Santa Maria Valley Sierra Madre Vineyard Pinot Noir from CRU Winery. The SRP is \$50, perfect for a Sunday dinner and a Gold Medal winner in the SF Chronicle Competition. Cheers to all the winners!

Comments? Find me on facebook or rgwinton@yahoo.com



BIRTHDAYS IN APRIL

Jim Artrip, Greg Back, Lon Bishop, Larry Carlson, Charles Crivelli, Mike Fultz, James Jensen, Rick Kindle, Bernie Mailloux, Rick Martin, Ray Rhodes, Michael Sakaguchi, Anthony Silva, Ken Veitch



ANNIVERSARIES IN APRIL

Jerry DeGraff, Ken Kajioka, Rock Libby, Ron Martella, Jan Pyle, Wayne Rickey, Jeff Wilson

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Bowling	OPEN	
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Newsletter Editor/Photo	Fred Courter	226-1173
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Wagon Master.....	Ken Kajjoka	602-8351
Trail Boss.....	OPEN	
Dine-In ~ Dine-Out.....	Gary Toombs	604-8406
Nominating Committee Chair.....	Rock Libby	634-6508
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