

# 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"  
FEBRUARY 2024 Newsletter - Turlock Branch 143**



## Big Sir Message from Bob Holly...

Well, February (Black History Month) is here. The month of February has many special days, starting with Ground Hog Day, Valentines Day, and the birthdays of two of our presidents, (Washington and Lincoln). **We also have our SIRS general meeting on Wednesday the 21st of February at Black Bear Diner. With the doors open at 10:30.** It will be great to see each of you! We hope that each of you will bring a friend. We have added three new members and with your help hope to add many more. Remember that your yearly dues of



\$40.00 for the calendar year of 2024 are due! You can bring your dues to the meeting at Black Bear on the 21st of February, or send them to Leonard at 2645 Mira Flores, Turlock, California 95382.

Our BEC (Board Meeting) will be Friday the 23rd of February at My Garden Cafe, starting at 8:30.

***Remember that this is a Leap Year, so this month of February has 29 days.***

**See you at the general meeting!!!!!!  
Your Big Sir  
Bob Holly**

**NEXT DEADLINE: MARCH 1-2 and 3 of 2024**

### JOIN US IN FEBRUARY



**11:00 am - Sir Lunch meeting FEBRUARY 21st -  
WILL BE HELD AT BLACK BEAR DINER, doors open at 10:30.**

**Luncheon Location: BLACK BEAR DINER**

**3050 N. Tegner Rd., Turlock**



# SIR TRAVEL

John Cardoza, Travel Chairman  
209-483-7722 - johncardoza@hotmail.com



## 11 Night Inside Passage Cruise Aboard the Crown Princess

Sailing Round-Trip  
San Francisco, May  
26-June 6, 2024



Price: **Ocean View Stateroom:** \$2590 double  
occupancy, Single \$4795

**Balcony State Room - Double** \$2855, Single \$5325

**Mini-Suite - Double** \$3322, Single \$6259

**Deposit of \$500 per person to hold reservation**

**Tour Features: Transfers from Turlock/Modesto to the pier in San Francisco ROUND TRIP, 11 Night round-trip inside passage, All taxes including Port Taxes.**

**Escorted by John Cardoza 209-483-7722**

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- Sunday Board Crown Princess
- Monday at Sea, Tuesday at Sea
- Wednesday Ketchikan
- Thursday Juneau
- Friday Skagway
- Saturday Endicott Arm and Dawes Glacier
- Sunday At Sea
- Monday Victoria, Canada
- Tuesday at Sea, Wednesday at Sea
- Thursday Arrive San Francisco



CONDITIONS APPLY

**FINAL PAYMENT DUE: JAN. 31, 2024**

**ADD THE PRINCESS PLUS PKG FOR  
AN ADDITIONAL \$660 Per Person!**

**INCLUDES:** beverage package (drinks up to \$15 each),  
Wi-Fi, Crew Appreciation, Premium Dessert (2-per day),  
Fitness Classes (2 per Cruise),  
and Unlimited Juice Bar

## ★ 16 NIGHT Panama Canal Cruise

**Aboard the Coral Princess  
San Francisco to Ft. Lauderdale  
January 20-February 5, 2025**



**RATES: Double per person: \$4185 to \$6295  
Single: \$6965 to \$11125**

### TOUR FEATURES

- Transfers from Turlock and Modesto to cruise terminal in San Francisco and airport back to Modesto and Turlock post cruise
- Airfare from Ft. Lauderdale to Sacramento post cruise.
- 16 Night Panama Cruise
- Port Taxes, transfers from ship to airport post cruise.
- Baggage handling for one suitcase per person (excluding airline baggage fees)

**MORE INFO TO FOLLOW IN NEXT NEWSLETTER  
ESCORTED BY JOHN CARDOZA**

### PORTS OF CALL

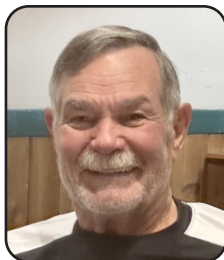
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**Contact John Cardoza at 209-483-7722, if  
you have any questions or need help!**

**YOU CAN CONTACT JOHN CARDOZA email at johncardoza@hotmail.com  
to receive a brochure and Remember that relatives and friends may also go on all trips.**

# SIR 143 - 2024 OFFICERS

## Working For You!



**Bob Holly**  
BIG Sir



**Roger Jackson**  
Little Sir



**Greg Back**  
Secretary/Web Master



**OPEN**  
Assistant Secretary



**Leonard Zumstein**  
Treasurer



**John Cardoza**  
Travel Chairman



**Mike Johnson**  
Membership



**Fred Courter**  
Newsletter



**Vern Segars**  
Assistant Treasurer



**Gary Toombs**  
Dine Out



**NEXT BEC MEETING**  
to be held at  
**MY GARDEN CAFE**  
**FRIDAY FEBRUARY 23rd**  
Meeting Starts at 8:30am  
Be there early for breakfast starting at 7:30am

Next Speaker for the month of FEBRUARY will be a Surprise - Be There  
Next DINE-OUT will be Thursday, March 21st (see next newsletter)

**YOUR 2024 DUES ARE NOW DUE AND PAYABLE**

Remember, you cannot participate in SIR activities unless your dues are current.



# BEC MINUTES

## BRANCH 143 - SIR EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

### Held on - JANUARY 19, 2024

**Officers Present:**

Bob Holly, Roger Jackson, Greg Back, Leonard Zumstein, Vern Segars, Kevin Byrne, Fred Courter, John Cardoza, Dan Gorman.

**Members/Guests Present:** Rick Kindle, Ken Kajioaka.

**Quorum:** Secretary Greg Back reported that a quorum is present.

**Minutes from Previous Meeting:**

Motion to accept the minutes as published in the newsletter by Roger Jackson and seconded by John Cardoza. Motion carried unanimously.

**Treasurer Report:**

Treasurer Leonard Zumstein reviewed Form 28 from last month and reported checking account balance \$2944.35 with cash on hand \$275.00 totaling \$3219.35. Dues collected were \$880.00 with reimbursement of \$32.10 for printing supplies and \$99.36 for office supplies to Rick Kindle. Leonard reported that \$2250.00 in tickets were sold for the December ladies day luncheon with payment to the Fruit Yard of \$2388.18.

A motion was made to reimburse Fred Courter \$12.00 for newsletter printing expenses and Leonard Zumstein \$16.28 for purchase of raffle tickets with first by Greg Back and second by Vern Seegars. Motion carried unanimously.

**Membership Report:**

Chairman Mike Johnson was not present. In his absence it was reported that we had 38 present at the January lunch. Membership applications were reviewed for Joe Blanc and Larry Hughes. Motion to approve the applications was made by Leonard Zumstein with second by Roger Jackson. Motion carried unanimously.

**Committee Reports**

**Bocce Ball:** Chairman Mike Johnson was not present.

**Golf:** Chairman Ken Kajioaka reported that our branch attendance at the Thursday Creekside outings has been averaging about a foursome or less and it would be good if we could get more branch participation. New and beginning players are welcome.

**Travel:** Chairman John Cardoza reports that the RENO TRAIN TRIP IS CANCELLED. Other upcoming travel will be an Alaska Cruise and a Panama Canal Cruise in January of 2025.

**RV:** Wagon Master Ken Kajioaka reported that the next RV outing will be this spring to the Black Oak Casino RV Park and that more participation is needed.

**Dine Out/Other Activities;**

Chairman Gary Toombs was not present. In his absence Greg

Back reported that the next dine out is January 25 at Latif's Restaurant and that interested parties should RSVP to Gary. Russ Winton was not present but he is working on a possible wine tasting in February.

**Program:** Gary Potter was not present but Assistant Chairman Ken Kajioaka reported that for the next Ladies Day lunch in December they will try to get a speaker from Sciabica's California Olive Oils.

**Recruitment & Publicity:** Chairman Rick Kindle had nothing to report.

**Old Business:**

Little SIR Roger Jackson reviewed the schedule of branch operations.

Rick Kindle raised the ongoing issue of membership dues. There was a discussion about sending invoices to members who have not paid dues. Greg Back will prepare a sample Invoice for review by BEC members. Will discuss again at the next BEC meeting.

**New Business:**

There was a discussion about our 2024 December Ladies Day luncheon and possible venues. It was decided that everyone seemed to enjoy the Fruit Yard and that we should return there for December 2024. There was a motion to approve up to a maximum of \$700 deposit for the Fruit Yard with first by Leonard Zumstein and second by Greg Back. Motion carried unanimously. Roger Jackson will make the reservation. There was discussion of setting a limit for miscellaneous expenditures without prior BEC approval that would cover small items such as raffle tickets, mailing, printing and office supplies, etc. Treasurer Leonard Zumstein moved that the limit be set at \$100 with a second by Greg Back. Motion carried unanimously.

There was discussion about the need to create a list of all assets owned by the Branch. Roger Jackson will do this. Several BEC members brought up the issue of our Branch rooster being in bad shape and starting to molt and fall apart. Big SIR Bob Holly entertained a motion to retire the rooster with first by Vern Segars and second by Leonard Zumstein. Motion carried unanimously.

Rick Kindle discussed our Branch Honorary Life Members (HLM) and that we now have an opening for 1 new HLM. Discussion of potential candidates to continue at next BEC meeting.

Big SIR Bob Holly awarded our Treasurer, Leonard Zumstein, a "Doing My Part" pin in recognition of his service to our Branch. Congratulations Lenny!

**Motion to Adjourn:**

Motion by Greg Back and seconded by Fred Courter. Motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at 10:02AM.

**Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Greg Back.**



# RV TRAVEL

Ken Kajioka  
RV Chairman



# Black Oak RV in Tuolumne County April 28 – May 3, 2024



**SUNDAY April 28** Arrival, meal decions to be made for week  
**MONDAY April 29.** Activities: Bocce Ball, Corn Hole, Card Games  
**TUESDAY April 30.**  
**WEDNESDAY May 1**  
**THURSDAY May 2,** Dinner, Casino Restaurant  
**FRIDAY May 3.** Drive home safely

Wagon Master: Ken Kajioka 209-602-8351  
kenkajioka@gmail.com  
Reservation Transferable  
Invite Friends and Neighbors

### SIGN UP PROCEDURE

1. Call Black Oak RV Park for reservation 1-877-747-8777
  2. IMPORTANT Let them know you are with KEN KAJIOKA group
  3. Call or text Ken Kajioka after registering. 209-602-8351
- Reservation will ask for a credit card # but will not be charged.

**IMPORTANT: RESERVATIONS ARE FILLING UP FAST!**

## BIRTHDAYS IN FEBRUARY

Richard Brown, Joe Bughi, Luis Duron, Ken Edwards, Jon Ellefson  
Mike Johnson, Mike Reed



## ANNIVERSARIES IN FEBRUARY

Gene Evans, Roger Jackson





# THE WINE LINE

By Russ Winton

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



### 30th Annual Calaveras Grape Stomp Scores

The Calaveras Wine Alliance is a non-profit organization dedicated to increasing awareness of wines produced in Calaveras County and/or produced from Calaveras grapes. The Calaveras Grape Stomp was started 30 years ago by winery owners and growers who wanted to create a fun event to celebrate the harvest and give back to the local communities. This year the 30th Calaveras Annual Grape Stomp silent and live auction brought in \$10,250. Recipients will be scholarships to four high school seniors and thirteen community organizations. The CWA also honored Doug Brown, who was the Grape Stomp MC for 29 years and a big supporter of many local organizations. He passed away earlier this year. The CWA made a donation in Doug's name to the AMA Boosters Club. Well done, CWA.

### Wine Tasting Fees Increase

The Navigator and I discovered wine tasting in the early 1970's. We wanted to learn about wine and fortunately, way back then, it was free. Reasonable wine tasting fees came in the 1980's. Some wineries waived the fee if you made a purchase. Most tastings were under \$20.

Times have changed. The pandemic caused a major shakeup in winery hospitality. Many wineries now require a reservation to taste, especially on busy weekends. Wineries are able to staff accordingly and it guarantees you will have a table or spot at the bar for a relaxed and informative experience. The Silicon Valley Bank's annual

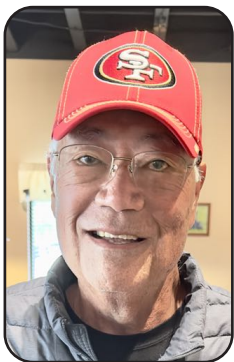
Direct to Consumer Report (DTC) reported what the current average tasting fees are. In Oregon, Paso Robles, Santa Barbara, Sonoma and Washington charge are between \$25-\$38. The average in Napa is \$81.

The DTC also reported that sales were down in 2022 compared to the record breaking sales of 2021. Many new consumers ordered wine online in '21 due to the pandemic lockdown. However, in 2022, consumers ordered fewer but more expensive wines. The average suggested retail bottle price per bottle from Napa Valley rose to \$108. The average bottle price in Sonoma County is \$57. Paso Robles, Santa Barbara, Washington and Oregon all are between \$50 and \$54. The "other" California regions like Mendocino, Amador, El Dorado, Calaveras, Lodi and Santa Cruz are a bargain at \$32.

### What's On Our Table

I like the five point scale in rating wine. One point means I really don't care for the wine. Two points says the wine is not that good. A three says the wine is good and a four says I really like it. A Wowza and an I Love it! will score a perfect five points. The 2019 Vinhas De Xisto, a Douro DOC Reserva scores 4.5. The blend is 40% Touriga Nacional, 30% Touriga Franca, 20% Tinta Roriz and 10% Sousao and is just \$6.99. The 2017 Suisun Valley Mangel's Vineyard Lava Vine Tempranillo is produced and bottled by Von Strasser Winery in Calistoga and is just \$8.99 (4.0). Both wines are from the Grocery Outlet. Trader Joe's Grand Reserve 2021 Russian River Valley Sonoma County Pinot Noir (4.0) is a great deal at \$12.99. Cheers!

Questions or Comments? Go to [rgwinton@yahoo.com](mailto:rgwinton@yahoo.com).



# GOLF

Ken Kajioka,  
Chairman

SIR AREA 18 GOLF SCHEDULE 2024										
MO	DATE	DAY	TIME	HOST	COURSE	GF	CART	PRIZE	TOT	REMARKS
Feb	5	Mon	9:00 SG	144	Creekside	\$25	\$20	\$9	\$54	Carts Optional
	12	Mon	9:00 SG	103A	Atwater	\$45		\$9	\$54	Carts Included
	20	Tue	9:00 SG	103B	Dryden	\$23	\$20	\$9	\$52	Carts Optional
	26	Mon	8:00 SG	144	Manteca	\$40		\$9	\$49	Carts Included
Mar	4	Mon	9:00 SG	103A	Creekside	\$25	\$20	\$9	\$54	Carts Optional
	11	Mon	9:00 SG	103B	Swenson	\$40		\$9	\$49	Carts Optional
	18	Mon	9:00 SG	144	Dryden	\$23	\$20	\$9	\$52	Carts Optional
	25	Mon	9:00 SG	103A	Drycreek	\$44		\$9	\$53	Carts Included



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Web Master .....	Greg Back	585-6862
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Directors: Kevin Byrne, Gary Toombs, Fred Courter,  
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