

SENIOR SIR TIMES

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR MEN

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

JUNE 2022 Newsletter - Turlock Branch 143

MESSAGE FROM THE ROCK...

This is the slate of Officers and Directors for the coming year to be voted on at our August BEC meeting.

Big Sir: At present we will rotate 3 or 4 Past Big Sirs each month

Little Sir: Bob Holly

Past Big Sir: Greg Back

Secretary: Robert Lotspeich

Treasurer: Leonard Zumstein

Directors:

Joe Adams

Kevin Byrne

Fred Courter

Ed Darrah

Bill Stires

Gary Toombs

Ass't Secretary: Rock Libby

Ass't Treasurer: Vern Segars

Any volunteers for the position of Big Sir Call me.

634-6508

Rock

...and BIG SIR GREG BACK

Enjoying a few days in France I will be **back** (PUN INTENDED) by the time of our luncheon on June 15th. **Boy does time fly when you are on vacation. Oh-La-La-La !**



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

JOIN US IN JUNE

11:30 am - Sir Lunch meeting JUNE 15th - WILL BE HELD AT DENAIR COMMUNITY CENTER the luncheon will be catered.

**8 am - BEC meeting JUNE 17th - Will be at MY GARDEN CAFE
8 am start time.**



SIR TRAVEL

BILL STIRES
TRAVEL CHAIRMAN



Top of Switzerland and Oberammergau, Germany and the Passion Play. August 27 - September 7, 2022

Price: \$6,425 double occupancy
Deposit of \$750 per person to hold reservation

This trip is full, but there are 2 cancellations.
If you are interested, call Bill Stires - 209-988-5445

HIGHLIGHTS: The Passion Play takes place only once every 10 years.

Scenic Ireland Trip through Ireland and Northern Ireland April 14-27, 2023

Price: \$5,395 Double Occupancy Single \$6,195

\$500.00 Deposit to hold your place. Sign up by June 15, 2022 to get \$50.00 discount
Final payment due on December 15, 2022

This is a small group Departure limited to 24 passengers.

Sign up early to reserve your spot on this exciting trip.

Highlights (not a complete listing): 12 nights in First Class Hotels Accommodations

1 night in Limerick, 1 night in Clifden, 1 in Sligo, 2 nights in Belfast in Northern Ireland, 2 nights in Dublin,
1 night in Waterford, 1 night in Kinsale, 2 nights in Killarney, 1 night in Limerick

18 meals. Includes gratuities on tour for Tour Manager & Bus Driver

Autumn Colors trip to East Coast

October 13 - October 22, 2023 Price: \$4,330 double occupancy

Air Fare to be added in December 2022. Deposit of \$500 per person to hold reservation

Highlights: 2 nights stay in Boston. Tour of city, free time on own.
Visit Manchester, Vermont; Burlington, Vermont; North Conway,
New Hampshire; Bar Harbor, Maine; Acadia National Park;
Portsmouth, New Hampshire.
Scenic drives along the Mohawk Trail and Kancamagus Highway.
Professional local tour guide for entire trip.
9 nights of First-Class Hotel accommodations.

14 meals including a regional lobster feast.
This trip will fill up fast, so sign up early.

Mark your calendars for upcoming trips:

-America's Canyon Lands October 29 - November 4, 2023

More details and prices to come in the future for these trips.

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.

NEWS & NOTES SIR 143

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 handicap. 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.**

SIR ACTIVITIES:

Here are a few of the activities offered by Sirs #143

POOL & BILLARDS - Ken Kajioaka 602-8351

COMMERATIVE AIR FORCE -

Ken Kajioaka 602-8351

BOCCE BALL - Mike Johnson 613-6801

CHESS - Kevin Storms 277-7644

Radio Control Planes - Greg Back 585-6862

WINE TASTING - Russ Winton 394-8930

WALKING GROUP - Rock Libby 634-6508



LUNCH THIS MONTH

will be **PULLED PORK SANDWICHES** with a side of 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, SATURDAY JUNE 11th.

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.

BEC MINUTES

BRANCH 143 - SIR EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Held on - MAY 20, 2022

Call to Order: 8:01 AM Site: My Garden Café Quorum is present:

Guests: Rick Kindle, SIR State President, Don Nordell

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

Absent: Bill Stires

Treasurer's Report: Leonard Zumstein reports a Bank Balance of \$4,388.34 and cash drawer amount of \$320 for a total of \$4,708.34. We collected \$90 in dues and \$1,190 lunch receipts at our Wednesday luncheon. Expenses were \$886 to Slick Fork, \$275 Hall rental and \$50.79 to Mike Fulz for supplies totaling \$1,211.79. A net loss of \$21.79 for the lunch. The report was unanimously approved with a 1st by Larry Hughes and 2nd by Gary Toombs.

Secretary's Report: The Secretary's minutes were unanimously approved as emailed and included in the newsletter. 1st by Bob Holly and 2nd by Joe Adams.

Committee Reports:

Membership Report: Chairman Larry Hughes reports membership at 106 per the May Form 27 with 56 attending the 5/18 luncheon and 48 absent. A motion to reinstate Mike Reed and Charlie Crivelli was passed with a 1st by Leonard Zumstein and 2nd by Joe Adams

Nominating Committee Report: Committee Chair Rock Libby reports we need only fill the positions of Big Sir and one Board Member. Any takers?

Phone Tree: We had 63 RSVPs and 52 members attending. Those who confirmed they would be there for lunch and did not show will be billed the \$20.00 lunch cost to which they committed.

Golf report Joe Adams: Joe reports Golf is off about 50% in participation. Other than that, no news. Things are moving along.

Dine in/Dine Out: Chairman Gary Toombs is hard at work in search of facilities to accommodate our group. He is currently looking at Great American Grill in Hilmar and Crostini's in Turlock. Crostini's is a promising possibility for our monthly luncheon as well.

Bocci Ball: Chairman Mike Johnson was absent but we expect that activity to kick off very soon. If the Dust Bowl courts are unavailable due to their new hours of operation we may rely on "Generous Gary Toombs" and utilize his back yard court.

Travel: Bill Stires was absent but provided information for two upcoming trips for next year. The first, Scenic Ireland scheduled for 4/14-27/23 and the second, Fall Colors, 10/15-22/23. These trips were unanimously approved with a 1st by Leonard Zumstein and 2nd by Ed Darrah

Walking Group: Rock Libby reports the group is now up to eight walkers and we will soon decide where and when to hold our first walk/stroll/amble.

Pool & Billiards: This new activity will be headed up by Ken Ka-jioka and will take place at Sharkey's Billiards. Schedule to be determined. The activity was approved unanimously with a 1st by Joe Adams and 2nd by Ed Darrah.

Confederate Air Force (no longer called that if I recall) Lunch/Breakfast takes place at Modesto Airport with Lunch the 4th Saturday of the month and Breakfast on the 2nd Saturday. Contact Gary Toombs for information.

Old Business: There was review of the Branch Schedule of Operations by Greg Back.

There was once again discussion of the possibility of having "Brown Bag" lunches to stop the bleeding of our losses with ordered lunches. Our guest Don Nordell reported on his research with different restaurants that will provide lunches to go at decent prices. We are considering a "trial run" Luncheon at Crostini's 7/20. Our June Luncheon will be held in Denair and feature "pulled pork" by Slick Fork.

New Business: There was discussion of a long-standing issue with one particular member consistently eating yet failing to pay for his lunch. This problem goes back four or more years. Additionally, he has failed to provide proof of vaccination despite being asked on repeated occasions to show proof that he has received the Branch protocol required vaccine. The BEC approved the sending of a letter requiring him to address these items or be disallowed entrance to future lunch meetings and other indoor activities. This action was approved with a 1st by Larry Hughes and 2nd by Bob Holly. State President Rick Kindle reports at the State Executive Meeting a motion was passed to discontinue the required signing of Covid Waivers. As of now our Branch still requires these waivers.

Please join us at the BEC Meetings on the Friday following our Lunch meeting. You will learn more about what goes into our operation and you may want to participate as a BEC member. Motion to adjourn with 1st by Ed Darrah and 2nd by Joe Adams. Meeting adjourned at 9:42 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
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

DATE: TBD



SPEAKERS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE:



State President of Sirs Rick Kindle, will provide a brief update on current SIR issues. Also, Big Sir Greg Back will present a "State of the Branch", and also all Committee Chairmen will talk a little more about their activities. We also have an Activities Survey form that will be handed out at the meeting to members to update their interest in new activities.



THE WINE LINE

By Russ Winton

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



If You Grow it, They Will Come

One of my favorite family owned wineries is Balletto Vineyards. Their Pinot Noirs are incredible and so is their story. Here's a brief summary. In 1977, John Balletto graduates high school and in the same year, his father dies. He decides to pass on a collegiate athletic scholarship and stay home to help his mother on their five acre vegetable farm. Three years later, a big supermarket chain asks him to be their vegetable supplier. In 1981, John buys his first property. This expansion phase continues into the early 90's making Balletto Farms was the largest vegetable farm in Northern California, growing 70 different vegetables on 700 acres. The water damage of three El Nino Storms and the NAFTA Agreement in the 90's created challenges for vegetable farmers. In 1999, John decided it was time to turn his 700 acres into estate vineyards.

Balletto Vineyard's first vintage was in 2001 with 391 cases of Chardonnay and 689 cases of Pinot Noir. Today, production is about 25,000 cases of estate wines using just the top 10% of their harvest. The rest is sold to well known Sonoma wineries who recognize the quality of Balletto fruit. Consumers also become aware of his award winning wines made under the direction of winemaker, Anthony Beckman. John Balletto's success in growing vegetables or grapes or producing wine, would not be complete without mentioning the continuing help and support of his wife, Terri, and their two daughters.

Field of Dreams

In 2002, Balletto workers asked their boss if he would support their Mexican-American baseball team. John said yes. He would supply the equipment and materials if they would supply the labor. He surprised the workers by tearing out 4 acres of Chardonnay, Pinot Gris and Pinot Noir right behind the winery. One year later, Los Uveros (the Grappers), had their own regulation sized baseball field, one of the best kept in Sonoma County. Every Sunday the field of dreams is packed with families big and small. Cheers to Balletto Vineyards!

What's on Our Table

The **Steal** this week is the 2019 Coppola Cabernet Sauvignon. It's an easy drinking house red for just \$5.99 at the Grocery Outlet. The **Deal** is the 2019 g3 Red Blend from Goose Ridge Vineyard in Washington. The SRP is \$15. It is sale priced around \$12 and available at most markets. The **Splurge** (\$27) goes to Casto Oaks Winery in Mariposa. The 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon Red Blend, called Man's Best Friend is a Gold Medal winner in the SF Chronicle Tasting. A day trip to the Casto Oaks tasting room followed by a lunch would be a perfect reason to take a Friday off. Cheers!

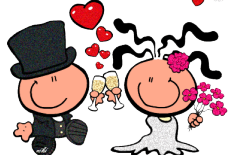
Comments? Find me on Facebook or at rgwinton@yahoo.com



BIRTHDAYS IN JUNE

John Chenault, Ben Dorsett, Art Pargament, Wes Peterson, Wayne Rickey, William Sargenti IV, Hartley Spycher, Ross Clark, Howard Knapp

Happy Anniversary



ANNIVERSARIES IN JUNE

Charles Greer, Bill Nixon, Kevin Storms, Mel Aamodt, Jon Ellefson, Gordon Alldrin, Michael Green, Dennison Parolini, Greg Back, Vernon Segars, Pat Gibbs, Dan Dias, Ray Land, Mark Taylor, Frank Watts

Please Support our Branch Sponsors

DON'S MOBILE GLASS advertisement with contact info and image of a truck.

THE GREENERY Nursery and Garden Shop advertisement with phone number and website.

Neto's Catering advertisement with menu items and contact information.

Rigo Arteaga Cars ETC advertisement for auto body and paint services.

JAYS Tires advertisement with address and phone number.

PMZ REAL ESTATE advertisement for Tracee Storms with photo and contact info.

CRUST & CRUMB Artisan Pizza & Bakery advertisement with address and description.

PMZ REAL ESTATE advertisement for Kevin Storms with photo and contact info.

TURLOCK BRANCH NO. 143 OFFICERS AND CHAIRMEN OFFICERS FOR 2022

Big Sir/Web Master	Greg Back	585-6862
Little Sir.....	Gary Toombs	604-8406
Secretary.....	Rock Libby	634-6508
Assistant Secretary.....	OPEN	
Treasurer.....	Leonard Zumstein	634-8878
Assistant Treasurer.....	OPEN	
Membership.....	Larry Hughes	578-1194
Assistant Membership.....	Bob Holly	668-2786
Recruiting.....	OPEN	
Bowling.....	OPEN	
Travel.....	Bill Stires	544-2684
Roster/Mailing.....	Larry Hughes	578-1194
Golf.....	Joe Adams	632-8197
Assistant Golf.....	Ray Walker	606-9889
Sunshine.....	Ted Thorn	535-8696
Newsletter Editor/Photo.....	Fred Courter	226-1173
Bocce Ball.....	Tom Bundy	668-5163
Program.....	Gary Potter	667-8516
Assistant Program.....	OPEN	
Catering/Hall Set-Up.....	Earl Hamilton	606-4525
Chaplain.....	Earl Hamilton	606-4525
Wagon Master.....	Ken Kajjoka	602-8351
Trail Boss.....	OPEN	
Dine-In ~ Dine-Out.....	Gary Toombs	604-8406
Nominating Committee Chair.....	Rock Libby	634-6508
Directors:	Bob Holly, Larry Hughes, Kevin Byrne, Fred Courter, Joe Adams and Ed Darrah	

STATE OFFICERS

State President: Rick Kindle - 209-652-8608
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