

# 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"**

**MARCH 2022 Newsletter - Turlock Branch 143**



## BIG SIR GREG BACK SAYS...

Wow! We are three months into 2022 already. Time really does fly. We had a great turnout for last month's meeting and our membership campaign is going strong. We had four guests attending our lunch meeting and one has followed up to potentially join our branch. For those of you who brought guests to the lunch meeting, did you invite them to join? Did you give them an application?



Getting them to come to a meeting is just the first step, you then need to close the deal. Invite your guest to join. Give them an application (available from our membership chairman Larry Hughes at the front table) and a pen to fill it out. Make it easy peasy for them. Keep the guests coming - SIR is not a secret organization. If each of our members brings one guest this year and also invites them to join we will gain enough new members to keep the branch strong and healthy for years to come.

In addition to the always popular golf program, we have other fun activities that will be starting or restarting soon. Bocce ball is a branch favorite and will be restarting soon, just in time to take advantage of our great spring weather. A new activity just starting up is a branch walking group. Rock Libby is organizing this activity and will have more information soon. Come join in, get your exercise and enjoy being out in the fresh air. We had a good crowd pre-COVID that were interested in learning to fly RC airplanes and we are trying to get that restarted. We have two RC flight instructors in the branch that would love to share their hobby with you. We will ease you into it; starting with a ground school followed by flight instruc-

tion through your first solo flight. You don't even need to have your own RC airplane, we have trainers and RC equipment available. If interested talk to Greg Back or Larry Date.

This month we are all Irish and celebrate Saint Patrick's Day. St. Patrick's Day is celebrated annually on March 17, the anniversary of his death in the fifth century. The Irish have observed this day as a religious holiday for over 1,000 years. On St. Patrick's Day, which falls during the Christian season of Lent, Irish families would traditionally attend church in the morning and celebrate in the afternoon. Lenten prohibitions against the consumption of meat were waived and people would dance, drink and feast—on the traditional meal of Irish bacon and cabbage.

We have a great lunch meeting planned for you this month. Our telephone committee callers will be reaching out to you soon for your RSVP. If for any reason you miss receiving their call please RSVP directly to Bob Holly. Lunch will be a BBQ Tri Tip sandwich (Texas style – cooked low and slow) with a side of potato salad. Following lunch will be an interesting program by Eric Julien. Eric is retired from Turlock High School after 37 years teaching science with 19 of those years as the Chair of the Science Department. Eric will be talking about the biology of COVID-19.

That's it for now and I hope you can all make the lunch this month. Please feel free to bring a friend and treat them to a delicious BBQ lunch. **See you all there and remember to wear green.**

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

### JOIN US IN MARCH

**11:30 am - Sir Lunch meeting MARCH 16th - WILL BE HELD AT DENAIR COMMUNITY CENTER the luncheon will be catered.**

**8 am - BEC meeting MARCH 18th - Will be at MY GARDEN CAFE 8 am start time.**



# SIR TRAVEL

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to receive a brochure and reservation form for any of the trips.**

## "A FEW GOOD MEN"

As Past Big Sir it is my responsibility to head our nominating committee in our search for "A Few Good Men" to help us by assuming positions of leadership with the operation of our SIR chapter. Most of you are familiar with the 80/20 rule of many organizations that shows 80% of their membership are eaters and 20% are workers. Our chapter is no different. Now is the time to step up and offer your time, energy and help by filling positions of which we are sadly in need of volunteers. Specifically, we are in need of a Big Sir, Little Sir, Secretary, assistant Secretary, Assistant Treasurer and perhaps Board Member. Most of these positions will require your participation once each month, a few two times each month. There is not a lot of effort required but we do need help. **If you have any interest in assuming one of these roles**



**please contact me. My email address is [riderlib@gmail.com](mailto:riderlib@gmail.com) and my phone is 209-988-8396.** Rest assured you will have plenty of support in whatever position you choose to serve.

Trust me, you will realize a much more complete experience with SIR and make lifelong friendships and relationships with your fellow Officers and Directors. You WILL enjoy the experience. The fact is, your volunteering may just save this SIR Chapter. We cannot operate without people willing to assist in these positions. I am available to discuss this with anyone, any time.

Thank you,  
Rock Libby, Past Big Sir



# NEWS & NOTES SIR 143

## LUNCH THIS MONTH

will be **BBQ Tri Tip sandwiches** with a side of potato salad. **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, March 12.

## 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 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.**



## PAST DUE MEMBERSHIPS!

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

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## ***SPEAKER FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH IS: ERIC JULIEN***

The program for March will be Eric Julien who will be speaking about the biology of the COVID-19 virus. He has a great Powerpoint presentation.



## **NEW SIR AUCTION COMING IN 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. 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 - FEBRUARY 18, 2022

**Site:** My Garden Café, Turlock    Quorum is present:

**Guest:** Rick Kindle, State SIR President

**Attendance:** Greg Back, Fred Courter, Kevin Byrne, Ed Darrah, Bob Holly, Leonard Zumstein, Larry Hughes and Rock Libby

**Absent:** Gary Toombs, Joe Adams and Bill Stires

**Treasurer's Report:** Leonard has completed and emailed Forms #28 and #29 to the appropriate recipients. February report includes a bank balance of \$3885.13 and cash on hand in the amount of \$375.00 for a total of \$4260.13. Our 2/16/22 luncheon produced \$850.00 plus \$76 in our post-meeting raffle. Dues collected in January total \$750. The report was unanimously approved with a 1st by Larry Hughes and 2nd by Bob Holly.

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes of the 1/21/22 BEC Meeting were unanimously approved as emailed and printed in the Newsletter with a 1st by Leonard Zumstein and 2nd by Bob Holly.

#### Committee Reports:

**Membership Report,** Larry Hughes: Larry reports 84 paid members. Those members who have not paid their dues will have their memberships terminated effective 2/28/22 as discussed at our October BEC Meeting. These members are eligible to reapply for membership upon payment of dues for the year 2022.

**Golf report,** Joe Adams: Joe was absent  
**Travel,** Bill Stires was absent but reported no changes at our Wednesday luncheon  
**Dine in/Out** Gary Toombs: Gary was absent but mentioned at the luncheon that he is working on finding a restaurant to accommodate us however staffing shortages makes it difficult.

**New Business:** A nine-hole Thursday golf activity at Creekside Golf Course, Modesto with tee times be-

ginning at 7:30 (with the green fees good for 18 holes) was approved unanimously with a 1st by Rock and 2nd by Ed Darrah.

A "Walking Group" was suggested as a new activity. Meeting places and destinations will be discussed by the participants. With acceptable associations with appropriate organizations, this could evolve into a litter cleanup and/or gleaning group and is expected to enhance the exposure of SIR in the community, hopefully attracting new members. This activity was approved unanimously with a 1st by Bob Holly and 2nd by Kevin Byrne.

Expense reimbursements for Greg Back for lunch supplies was \$70.44 and was approved with 1st by Bob Holly and 2nd by Ed Darrah, Larry Hughes in the amount of \$20.49 for supplies was approved with 1st by Bob Holly and 2nd by Kevin Byrne and for Rick Kindle for SIR Brochures in the amount of \$355.85 approved with 1st by Bob Holly and 2nd by Larry Hughes.

An application for membership for Mike Lazar was approved with a 1st by Leonard Zumstein and 2nd by Ed Darrah. This approval was with the stipulation that Mike can only participate in outdoor activities until his Vaccination status meets our chapter Covid protocols.

Upcoming programs include an October visit by the "Daughters of the Tuskegee Airmen and retired Chemistry teacher Eric Julien next month.

Old Business: Per our Annual Schedule of Branch Operations chart, the Forms #64 and #65 will be sent to the appropriate recipients. The nominating committee will be meeting this month to field nominations for the positions of Big Sir, Little Sir, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Assistant Treasurer and Golf Chairman.

Motion to adjourn the BEC Meeting was made by Rock Libby with 2nd by Leonard Zumstein.  
 Meeting adjourned @ 10:07

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
Mar	7	Mon	8:00 SG	164	Manteca	\$38	\$9	\$47	Carts Included	\$47
	14	Mon	9:00 SG	103	Creekside	\$25	\$9	\$34	Carts Optional @\$15	\$49
	21	Mon	9:00 SG	144	Tracy CC	\$43	\$9	\$52	Carts Included	\$52
	28	Mon	9:00 SG	103	Dryden	\$23	\$9	\$32	Carts Optional @\$15	\$47
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	\$47
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



## 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](http://www.sirgolf.org)**



# WINE TASTING

By Russ Winton



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

### Mendocino Pinot Noir Festival Celebrates 23 Years

The Anderson Valley Pinot Noir Festival will celebrate the region's signature grape on May 20-22. The festival takes place throughout Anderson Valley but the largest event, the grand tasting, will move to a new location at Scharffenberger Cellars. The festival will highlight both Pinot Noir's sparkling wines and its exceptional still wines. The festival will feature a VIP Bubble Lounge sponsored by the Roederer Estate Family of Wines featuring wines from Roederer Estate, Scharffenberger Cellars and Champagne Louis Roederer Family Estate.

The grand tasting will feature 50 producers pouring Pinot Noir ranging in style from sparkling to still to rose'. Wineries pouring include Anderson Valley producers and more than a dozen Napa and Sonoma producers that source fruit from the region. Other events include a technical conference led by industry experts, a gourmet sunset BBQ at Goldeneye Winery and open houses throughout Anderson Valley. This is a Pinot Noir lover's dream weekend and events usually sell out. For more info and tickets, go to [avwines.com](http://avwines.com).

### 2022 SF Chronicle Wine Competition Winners

Forty-eight judges tasted 5,800 wines from the US, Canada and Mexico in mid-January. Medals were flowing in the largest wine competition held on US soil. The event determines the class based on retail cost. The Best of Class award is the best Chardonnay under \$11 and that went to

2020 CK Mondavi, \$7. Below are Double Gold awards which notes that all the judges voted gold. Here are the DG winners: Box Wize \$4.50, Free Reign \$6.95, Black Box \$4.99 and Four Vines 2020 Central Coast \$10.99. Gold Medals indicate the majority of the judges voted gold. Here are some to look for in your local market: Fetzer \$8, Bogle \$10, Gen 5 \$9.99, Barefoot \$6.99, Barefoot Buttery \$6.99 and Challis Lane \$9.99.

The lowest price class for Cabernet Sauvignon was under \$13 and that BC Award went to Bar Dog 2020 \$12.99. DG Awards went to Line 39 2019 \$10.99, Tiny Umbrellas NV \$5.99, Redwood Vineyards 2018 \$8.99, Momentous 2019 \$12.9 and Sutter Home NV \$6.00. Gold winners available locally are Challis Lane 2020 \$9.95, 1924 2020 Lodi Double Black \$12.00 and Vampire Wine 2020 \$12.95. If you're tired of your Monday or daily wine, I hope these gold winners give you a few options.

### What's on our Table

Depending on your budget, here are two Washington State reds that are either a steal or a deal. The Mercer Family Vineyards Horse Heaven Hills 2017 Reserve Heritage Red Blend and the 2017 Browne Family Vineyard Columbia Valley Red Blend, each \$9.98, are at the Grocery Outlet. Yikes! A bit steep but both drink like a Friday wine, so I think they're a real steal. Cheers!

Comments? Find me on Facebook or at [rgwinton@yahoo.com](mailto:rgwinton@yahoo.com).



## BIRTHDAYS IN MARCH

Gordon Aldrin, Kevin Byrne, Earl Hamilton, Bob Holly, Al Miroo, Don Nordell



## ANNIVERSARIES IN MARCH

Larry Ashabraner, Lon Bishop, Wardee Bruce, Joe Bughi, Larry Date, Robert Newell, Marvin Souza, Bill Stires, Lenny Zumstein

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Bowling .....	OPEN	
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Program .....	Gary Potter	667-8516
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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
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