

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"

MAY 2022 Newsletter - Turlock Branch 143

BIG SIR GREG BACK SAYS...

I would like to give a big "shout out" to the 52 members who joined us last month for a lunch of delicious smoked ribs, peach cobbler and a very interesting presentation from Karina Mendoza about the services available to the community at the new Turlock library facility.



We have another tasty lunch planned for this month... smoked brisket sandwiches, potato salad, drinks and a dessert. You should be getting a call from your phone committee soon to get your RSVP. If you haven't joined us for a while now is a good time to come to a meeting. If you miss the call from our phone committee you can also RSVP directly to Big SIR Greg Back at 209-585-6862. Remember that if you don't RSVP there won't be a lunch for you at the meeting. I hope you can join us.

We have been struggling with branch attendance which is making it very difficult to provide lunches for our meetings. We have to order take-out and go and pick it up. We don't have enough attendance to allow us to get full catering service that we can afford without a drastic increase in the price of our lunch tickets. In the meantime we can continue with sandwiches and pizzas or switch to a "bring your own -

brown bag" lunch. That would allow you to have exactly what you want for lunch, either bring something from home or get something to go from a local restaurant or drive-through. We would still need to collect a small fee to cover the cost of the community center, drinks and possibly desserts. Please give it some thought and make your opinions heard at our next meeting.

Finally, let's continue the good work recruiting new members. We have added several to our roster over the past few months so let's keep the momentum going. If each of you bring just one guest to a meeting or activity this year we can convert enough of those guests to members to keep our branch going and healthy. Also remember that SIR runs on the spirit of "Volunteerism" and we need members to step up and volunteer for branch leadership or even assistant positions. Please see Rock Libby to find out how you can help your branch.

I will close this with a little trivia... this month in addition to Memorial Day and Mother's Day, we are also celebrating Cinco De Mayo, National Hamburger Day, National Wine Day and National Lumpy Rug Day. I hope to see you all at our lunch meeting on Wednesday, May 18.

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

JOIN US IN MAY

11:30 am - Sir Lunch meeting MAY 18th - WILL BE HELD AT DENAIR COMMUNITY CENTER the luncheon will be catered.

**8 am - BEC meeting MAY 20th - Will be at MY GARDEN CAFE
8 am start time.**



SIR TRAVEL

BILL STIRES
TRAVEL CHAIRMAN



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

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

Highlights: 2 nights stay in Zurich, Switzerland. Tour of city and leisure time.

1 night stay in Interlaken, Switzerland. A trip to the "Top of Europe".

2 night stay in Brienz, Switzerland.

2 night stay in Lucerne, Switzerland.

2 night stay in Oberammergau and the Passion Play.

The Passion Play takes place only once every 10 years.

2 night stay in Munich, Germany.

17 meals, Headsets throughout the tour, and much more.

Autumn Colors trip to East Coast

October 11, 2022 – October 20, 2022 Price: \$4,825 double occupancy
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:

- Ireland: April 15 – April 27, 2023

-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.**

PAST DUE MEMBERSHIPS!

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



LUNCH THIS MONTH

will be **SMOKED BRISKET SANDWICHES** with a side of POTATO SALAD, DRINKS and DESSERT. **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 MAY 14th.

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 - APRIL 22, 2022

Call to Order: 8:02 AM - Site My Garden Café:
Quorum is present:

Guests: Richard Provost, Area Governor, Mike Fultz and Vern Segars

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

Absent: Greg Back and Fred Courter

Treasurer's Report: Leonard Zumstein reports a bank checking balance of \$4,373.78 and cash drawer amount of \$325 for a total of \$4,698.78. We collected \$240 in dues and \$1,200 lunch receipts at our Wednesday luncheon. Expenses were \$1,004.40 to Slick Fork for lunch, \$275 hall rental and \$28.54 for supplies totaling \$1366.08. A net loss of \$166.08 for the lunch. Per Big Sir Greg Back via Little Sir Gary Toombs there is no need for a motion to approve the Treasurer's report.

Larry Hughes was reimbursed \$86.54 for luncheon supplies and stamps. The motion was approved with a 1st by Joe Adams and 2nd by Ed Darrah.

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

Committee Reports:

Membership Report: Chairman Larry Hughes reports membership at 104 per the Form 27 with half or 52 attending the 4/20 luncheon and 52 absent. A motion to reinstate Ed Friedberg and Sam Pulido was passed with a 1st by Ed Darrah and 2nd by Joe Adams. Ed Heaton, voted in as a member at our last BEC Meeting withdrew his membership at the luncheon.

Nominating Committee Report: Committee Chair Rock Libby named Ed Darrah, Bob Holly, Joe Adams, Gary Toombs and Kevin Byrne to the committee. This morning's meeting resulted in Vern Segars taking the Assistant Treasurer position and Rock Libby agreeing to take the Assistant Secretary position. This leaves us with one Director position and that of Big Sir to fill our slate of Officers and Directors. The committee will meet next month and hopefully complete our task. Mike Fultz will take over the responsibility for setting up the hall and purchasing of luncheon supplies from Larry Hughes.

Phone Tree: Greg Back will handle calls for Bob Holly next month. We are hard at work trying to simplify this process for Bob since he is assuming the position of Little Sir.

Golf report Joe Adams: Joe reports Golf is, like most things, off

about 50% in participation. There is a Team Qualifier Tournament in May.

Dine in/Dine Out: Chairman Gary Toombs reports attendance at Toscana's last month was 28. This month we dine at Olive Garden on 4/28 and at present have 27 attending. Gary says it is very difficult to find a facility that can accommodate a group of our size and provide a full menu with separate checks.

Bocci Ball: Chairman Mike Johnson was absent but we expect that activity to kick off very soon.

Travel: Bill Stires reports that he will be absent from next month's BEC Meeting. He will be guiding the Holland Festival in Michigan. Worse yet, Bill advised that he will complete this year and next as Travel Chairman and resign the position effective 12/31/23. When you see Bill, please extend your appreciation for a run of 15 years doing an excellent job as our Travel Chairman. We will certainly miss his energy and his expertise. Thanks to his lovely wife Mary as well.

Walking Group: Rock Libby reports the group is off to a rather slow start after initially being greeted with enthusiasm. We will give it a bit more time.

Old Business: We discussed the need for a Golf Chairman to replace Joe Adams. If no one steps up to assume that position there will be no more golf as an activity for our Branch. For that matter, if we cannot locate some one to take the Big Sir position, we may be closing the entire Branch. We desperately need someone in the position. Help!

New Business: We discussed the option of a bring your own "Brown Bag" lunch in lieu of catering at least until our membership increases to a number that makes a Caterer option realistic. Lunch from Slick Fork was excellent but as you can see from the numbers in the Treasurer's report, even with our increasing the cost to \$20, we continue to lose money on lunch. We cannot support that trend for much longer. On the bright side, with a Brown Bagger you get exactly what you want for lunch.

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. I hope so.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 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
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

DATE: TBD

Just a note, we had a great time at the Olive Garden in April. I will pick a place for June. I should be back in town by the end of May.



SPEAKER FOR THE MONTH OF MAY:

We have a delicious lunch and another great speaker lined up for this month's meeting.

The speaker for the meeting will be

James Brenda

the subject will be solar energy



THE WINE LINE

By Russ Winton

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



A Perfect Day at Las Positas Winery

The Navigator said we needed to escape. I agreed. Our cats, Ernesto and Julio, think we are just door monitors. We let cat in, let cat out, let cat in, starting at 5:00 AM! So off we went to Livermore Valley to taste the wines of Las Positas Vineyards. The winery hit a grand-slam of sorts in the 2022 SF Chronicle Wine Competition. Las Positas won 5 Double Gold Medals of which 3 became Best of Class winners and 9 Gold Medals. Wowza!

Las Positas Vineyards is a family winery that produces small lots of estate grown wines from a 20 acre vineyard. The winemaker is Brent Amos, a graduate from Fresno State University (Go Bulldogs!), with a degree in Oenology and Viticulture. He was winemaker at Livermore's Fenestra Winery for seven years before taking on and guiding Las Positas' successful run.

The 5 Double Gold wines were the '21 Verdelho, the '19 Reserve Barbera, the '19 Syrah, the '18 Garnacha and the '19 Garnacha. For the 9 Gold Medal winning wines, go to www.winejudging.com. Make sure you also check out their 12 Silver Medal winners. This is quite an accomplishment for a winery whose total production is just 3,000

cases.

The tasting is \$20 with five generous pours, all carried to the table in a wrought iron glass holder. The servers are very knowledgeable and helpful. We tasted a Sparkling wine, the Estate Rose', the 2019 Estate Monastrell, the '18 Estate Tempranillo and Conspiritus IV. I suggest you order a charcuterie plate (\$15) and the featured flatbreads (\$17). Ours delicious flatbread was a Caprese Mozzarella. Desserts are also available (\$15). The \$20 tasting fee is waived with a two bottle purchase.

Las Positas is a place where you can slow down, take in the views and soak up the sunshine, sip and appreciate award winning wines and nibble and savor the excellent food. After our wonderful escape day, unfortunately, we headed home and resumed our daily ritual of let cat in, let cat out, let cat in, let cat out.....

What's On Our Table

The well balanced and refined tannins of the 2017 Chateau Franc Couplet Bordeaux from the Left Bank make this a Grocery Outlet **steal** at \$5.99. The 2017 Acacia Carneros Pinot Noir, marked down to \$10.99 at Costco is a real **deal**. The **splurge** this week is the 2017 Red Phoenix Napa Valley Rubeus Red Wine. It is mostly Cabernet Sauvignon with a touch of Merlot and aged 24 months in 100% new oak. It's a perfect dinner gift, or that special celebration or just enjoy it right now, \$60. Find it at



BIRTHDAYS IN MAY

Joe Adams, Wardee Bruce, Glen Elder,
Pat Gibbs, Jan Pyle, Jeff Wilson



ANNIVERSARIES IN MAY

Harry Carlson, Bill First, Mike Fultz, Larry Hughes,
Robert Lotspeich, Ray Rhodes, Hartley Spycher

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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	

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