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## Stanislaus SIR Branch 103

DEDICATED to the PROMOTION of INDEPENDENCE and DIGNITY in RETIREMENT



### Big Sir Crows By Doug Imberi

I think it is safe to assume that everyone reading this newsletter enjoys being a SIR. Whether it is golf, bowling, travel, our speakers, or just the camaraderie, you must like being a SIR. Something besides a \$19 lunch brings you to our meetings. I'm sure many of you have friends that would enjoy the same things you do. So, why not share this with your friends? I became a SIR a few years back, and my only regret is that I didn't join earlier. It was the golf program that hooked me, and I told my friends about the great tournaments we were having and brought in a couple of new members. Well, folks, our membership is headed in the wrong direction, we are losing more members than we are gaining. In 2016, we had 224 members. Today, we have 159. We need to keep our members happy and recruit, recruit, recruit to keep us a viable organization. Please bring your friends and share with them what we enjoy. Also, we need volunteers to help with the administration of our group. Lots of you have talents we need. Please help us out. Finally, if you have not already done so, please get your dues in so you remain a member in good standing. Those who haven't paid their dues by the end of March will be suspended from all activities. Thanks, see you in the Spring.

### Executive Committee

By Secretary Don Rowe (First Draft)



Big Sir Doug Imberi

### March Program

By Tom Evans

Big Sir Doug Imberi will give his State of Branch 103 Address. Doug will speak about his vision for this next year for Branch 103 and his view of moving forward, including steps to increase membership and improving what the Branch does for its members.

**Note: Remember your \$20 Branch 103 Membership dues for 2020, if not paid! Write check to SIR 103**

#### Minutes of February 28, 2020

**Attendance:** Little Sir, Mike Lenz; Assistant Secretary, Coe Barnard; Treasurer, Tim Anglim; Assistant Treasurer, Joe Stackhouse; Directors: Don Reed, Dennis Imhoff, and Jeff Chin.  
**Absent:** Big Sir Doug Imberi; Secretary, Don Rowe; Directors: Gary Goodman, Gary Del Nero and Vince Rucobo.  
**Committee Representatives present:** Bill Stires (travel), Jeff Chin (newsletter, Computer Club), Tom Evans, (Programs), Don Reed, (Thurs. Golf), Dennis Imhoff, (Merchandise), and Bob Kredit, (Membership and Data Processing).  
**Guests:** Area Governor, Richard Provost; Kerry Newman (Branch 103 financial auditor).  
**Call to Order:** Little Sir, Mike Lenz, called the meeting to order at 7:25 A.M. at Denny's, Modesto. There were 7 Executive Board members present for a quorum.  
**Secretary:** January 24, 2020 minutes were offered for modification: Motion to accept minutes- Barnard, 2nd Chin-PASSED  
**Treasurer:** Treasurer Tim Anglim reported: Beginning balance: \$4,455.51. Deposits: lunch, \$1,748.00; Donations (dues) \$655.00, raffle, \$54.00; contributions from lunch, \$4.27; bank charge reimbursement, \$5.00; additional error on January deposit slip, \$20.00. Total receipts: \$2,482.00. Checks written: Robert Bishop for supplies- frames for speakers, \$77.42; Bob Kredit for frames for new members, \$30.41; less \$5.00 for bank charge for error, \$5.00; \$1,743.73 for Lunch. Deductions Total: \$1,856.56. Total Balance \$5,060.95. Motion to accept: Anglim, 2nd, Chin - PASSED.  
**Membership:** We have 3 new member applicants: Charles Frye, Dennis Hermreck, and Roger Rauch. Motion: Accept the new members, Kredit, 2nd Imhoff-PASSED. We have 160 active members. We have collected dues from 129 members.  
**Luncheon:** Little SIR Mike Lenz reported that lunch was just OK. Several comments from members regarding increased price versus quality.  
**Correspondence:** none  
**Program:** Tom Evans reported that February speaker was a bit "long-winded". Big SIR Doug Imberi will give his State of Branch 103 Address in March. Pete Vella, from Gallo Wine, will speak in April. Mike Lella will speak in May (no book sales from speaker).  
**Sunshine:** none  
**Newsletter:** Jeff said the newsletter is going well.  
**Thursday golf:** Don reports good turn-outs (as long as the weather cooperates). There

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# GOLF

By John Reedy



Our new website for Area 18 golf is: [https://www.sirinc2.org/public\\_html/area18golf](https://www.sirinc2.org/public_html/area18golf). The old website:

<http://sirinc2.org/area22golf/> will work until June 2020. Please start using the new secure website.

- Mon., Mar. 2-Manteca**, 9:00 SG, \$44 (cart incl.) Host 164
- Mon., Mar. 9-Creekside**, (Match Play), 9:00 SG, \$33 (cart opt.) Host 143
- Mon., Mar. 16-Reserve**, 9:00 SG, \$54 (cart incl.) Host 144
- Mon., Mar. 23-Swenson**, 9:00 SG, \$27 (cart opt.) Host 103
- Mon., Mar. 30-Dryden**, 9:00 SG, \$32 (cart opt.) Host 144
- Mon., Apr. 6-Creekside**, 9:00 SG, \$33 (cart opt.) Host 103
- Mon., Apr. 13-Dryden**, 9:00 SG, \$32 (cart opt.) Host 143
- Mon., Apr. 20-Manteca**, (Match Play), 9:00 SG, \$44 (cart incl.) Host 164
- Mon., Apr. 27-Dryden**, 9:00 SG, \$32 (cart opt.) Host 103

**Golf chairman for Branch 103 is John Reedy.** Mail your checks (made out to SIR Golf) to John at 4637 Webster Rd., Oakdale, CA 95361-9327, 209 869-6888, e-mail: [jrbaldeagle@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jrbaldeagle@sbcglobal.net)  
John's co-chairmen: Kerry Newman, 579-7747 and Jerry Hott, 602-2910.

**All Golfers Welcome to Play --** Modesto Muni 9-holes of golf Thursdays at 8 a.m., every week, except holidays and if it rains too hard. NCGA membership not required to just golf and take part in closest to the hole contest. Sign-ups start at 6:30 a.m. on a first come first served basis. We have coffee and \$1 donuts for those wishing to purchase on a first come first served basis. **Call Don Reed at 524-5374 or Bob Kredit at 672-0326.**

## Spring Fling in Napa



You're invited to the annual SIR spring fling in Napa Valley on Monday, April 20, 2020 and Tuesday, April 21, 2020. Come out and enjoy golf with other SIR members from branches around the state at one of the valley's more picturesque courses, Eagle Vines Golf Course, Chardonnay Golf Course, 580 S Kelly Rd, American Canyon, CA 94503.

Entry fee is \$160/person. Ladies are welcome.

Day One 9:00 am Shotgun Start, Men-individual low net by Flight, Ladies-Scramble. After Golf-Burger Luncheon and No Host Bar.

Day Two 9:00 am Shotgun Start, Men- 4 Person Team, 2 Best Balls. Ladies- 4 Person Team, 2 Best Balls.

Applications at [www.golf.sirinc2.org](http://www.golf.sirinc2.org).

For questions about the tournament, contact Pete Morelli at one of the two options: phone (916) 772-3257 or email at [pmorelli2@comcast.net](mailto:pmorelli2@comcast.net).

# Membership

By Bob Kredit

- NEW MEMBERS:**
- |  |                  |
|--|------------------|
| <b>Charles Frye</b>  | <b>Badge #66</b> |
| 1821 Devin Drive   |                  |
| Modesto, CA 95355  | 209 324-3590     |
| <a href="mailto:charlesfrye123@gmail.com">charlesfrye123@gmail.com</a>   |                  |
| <b>Dennis Hermreck (Vicky)</b>   | <b>Badge#53</b>  |
| 4605 Via Giardiano   |                  |
| Modesto, CA 95357  | 209 505-8320     |
| <a href="mailto:dennis.hermreck@yahoo.com">dennis.hermreck@yahoo.com</a> |                  |
| <b>Roger Rauch</b>   | <b>Badge #60</b> |
| 1459 Standiford #13  |                  |
| Modesto, CA 95350  | 209 287-4230     |
| <a href="mailto:rogerrrauch@sbcglobal.net">rogerrrauch@sbcglobal.net</a> |                  |

**MEMBERSHIP DROPS:**  
Terry Mc Chesney  
Arthur Long

# Travel

By Bill Stires

Laguna Arts Festival  
Pageant of the Masters in Southern California  
July 26-29, 2020

Price: Double \$1,895 Single \$2,290  
Tour Includes: Airport Transfers, roundtrip airfare to Los Angeles 3 night stay at the Best Western Plus in Long Beach. Tour of Ronald Reagan Library. Gondola Cruise, Dinner at Naples Rib Company. Roundtrip transportation aboard the Catalina Express. Avalon Scenic Tour of Catalina Island. Tour of Mission San Juan Capistrano. Admission in the Sawdust Festival. Dinner at Tivoli Terrace. Reserved Main Tier Center Tier seats at the Pageant of Masters. Guided Tour of Los Angeles. Admission into Space Shuttle Endeavor exhibit.  
5 meals: 3 breakfasts and 2 dinners  
Gratuities for bus driver and step-on guides.  
Early reservation is urged to insure Main Tier Center Seats at Pageant. Must have 20 passengers by March 1, 2020 to make trip a go.  
\$500 per person deposit to hold place for trip.  
Final payment Due May 18, 2020

**GOLDEN GATE FIELDS**  
April 18, 2020

Price: \$143.00 per person  
The SIR Area 18 & Friends will be traveling on a Storer Tours bus to beautiful Golden Gate Fields Race Track for the day. Here we will try our luck to Win, Place or Show at the horse races. Upon arrival, we will receive a racing program and seating in the Turf Club. You will enjoy a delicious buffet lunch and a fun afternoon of horse racing. Turf Club Dress Code: All guests are requested to dress in smart casual style. Ladies Stylish festival hats and stylish casual footwear including tennis shoes are welcomed. Sweat pants, T-Shirts, baseball hats, flip flops, shorts of any style and tank tops are not allowed. Golden Gate Fields reserve the right to deny access into the Turf Club if wearing inappropriate attire. Minimum of 30 passengers needed by March 18, 2020 or the trip will be cancelled. Maximum of 44 passengers, sign up early to guarantee your seat!

Note that friends, neighbors, family, etc. can go on these trips. they do not need to be SIR members to enjoy the trips.

Contact Bill Stires for detailed Flyers and Applications for all SIR travel at 544-2684 or cell ph. 209 988-5445. Mail to Bill at 241B Leveland Lane, Modesto, CA 95350. [bstires46@gmail.com](mailto:bstires46@gmail.com)



New members Martin Fauria, David Seibert, and Mark Vasche receive their membership certificates from Richard Provost, Assistant Membership Chairman and Area Governor.

# Bowling

League Bowls Tuesdays at 1 p.m.  
McHenry Bowl, 3700 McHenry Ave., Modesto



Results from week 28 of league:  
**First Place-Team** 4(G.Cox, B.Woolley, W. Rash, S.Bruce)  
**Season High Scores:** Scratch game: D.Brown-267, Handicap game: B.Lewis-288, Scratch series: D.Erreca-728, Handicap series: S.Hughes-771. Average: D.



The present Bowling Chairman, Jim Pastorelli, has resigned due to health issues. He has been the Area 18 Bowling Chairman for many years. A new Bowling Chairman has volunteered to take on the position, Mr. Vern Masse, from Branch 144. Vern will be able to help you get applications for the State SIR Tournament, or go to [sirinc2.org](http://sirinc2.org) for applications.

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**STATE BOWLING** — State SIR Bowling tournaments are held many times during the year: **Area 18 will hold the 2020 State SIR Tournament at McHenry Lanes on May 13-14, 2020. Local bowlers take note and plan on taking part!**



By Bob Kredit

Chuck Bommarito	3/01/1932	#12
Robert McManus	3/01/1951	#206
David Seibert	3/08/1951	#49
Dave Prater	3/11/1947	#128
Mike Maldonado	3/11/1950	#8
Roy Bruk	3/13/1941	#166
Larry Walters	3/17/1942	#26
David Cooper	3/19/1947	#156
Mark Vasche	3/20/1948	#62
Tom Gianopoulos	3/21/1940	#203
Don Baade	3/21/1941	#122
Vernon Cowan	3/23/1939	#64
Robert McCabe	3/23/1940	#16
Stephen Gibson	3/23/1948	#61
Don Bak	3/25/1948	#47
Charles Palmer	3/26/1937	#167
Mike Lenz	3/27/1957	#3

## Couples Branch 103 Dine-Out

The next couple's Dine-Out will be at  
**Shangri-La China Bistro**  
1300 McHenry Ave., Modesto  
March 24, 2020  
Meet 4:30 pm, Dinner 5:00 pm  
\$10 corkage fee for wine.  
Your hosts will be Richard and Betty Provost. Please confirm your reservation by email  
([r\\_provo@comcast.net](mailto:r_provo@comcast.net)) or call 209-577-8219.

## LADIES' DINE-OUT

The Ladies luncheon Every 3rd Thursday At 11:30 A.M.  
**Thursday, March 19**  
At  
**Round Table Pizza**  
2441 Claribel Rd. Ste. J,  
Riverbank  
Please call Barbara Webb  
if you will be attending  
at 209-526-6511

**Guys you need to start telling your wives about this SIR**



**STATE OFFICERS**

State Pres. Ed Benson..... 925 943-7011  
 Reg. 2 Director Richard Kindle .....209 652-8608  
 Gov. Area 18 Richard J. Provost..209 577-8219

**BRANCH 103 OFFICERS**

Big Sir Doug Imber .....596-1298  
 Little Sir Michael Lenz .....480-8556  
 Secretary Don Rowe .....634-0100  
 Asst. Secretary Coe Barnard ..... 572-1937  
 Treasurer Tim Anglim ..... 578-4593  
 Asst. Treasurer Joe Stackhouse.....543-0972  
 Jeffery Chin .....602-3912  
 Gary Goodman .....578-0848  
 Gary Del Nero .....681-1100  
 Dennis Imhoff .....846-9529  
 Don Reed .....524-5374  
 Vince Rucobo .....968-8931

**COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN**

Membership Charles Palmer .....836-4164  
 Assistant Richard Provost.....577-8219  
 Program Chair Tom Evans .....551-1836  
 Program Chair Asst. Michael Lenz .....480-8556  
 Member Orientation, Bob Kredit .....672-0326  
 Public Relations Bob Kredit .....672-0326

Bowling Jim Pastorelli .....406-8156  
 Bowling Dominic Genova .....523-1663  
 Golf Chair, John Reedy, .....869-6888  
 Golf Co-Chair, Kerry Newman .....579-7747  
 Golf Co-Chair, Gerald Hott .....602-2910  
 Golf Handicap Barry Meiselman .....574-9301  
 Book Exchange, Earl Glenn .....537-7254  
 Travel Area 18 Bill Stires 988-5445, 544-2684  
 Merchandise Sales, Dennis Imhoff .....846-9529  
 Lunch Menu, Doug Imber .....596-1298  
 Data Processing Richard Provost .....577-8219  
 Computer Club Jeffery Chin .....602-3912  
 Dine Out Dennis Imhoff .....846-9529  
 Sunshine Chair: Gary Del Nero .....681-1100  
 Chaplain Joe Stackhouse.....543-0972  
 Asst. Chaplain, Gary Goodman .....578-0848  
 Meal Tickets Don Rowe .....634-0100  
 Raffle .....Roy Bruk, Jim Bickner, Mike Filan  
 Table Setup, Don Rowe .....634-0100  
 Table Setup, Bill Caldwell .....529-4125  
 Table Setup, Jim Bickner .....522-4345  
 Lead Singer, Ed Davis .....522-4080  
 Backup Singer, Gary Goodman .....578-0848  
 Audit Committee: Kerry Newman, Kerry Elms  
 Nominating Committee: Gary Goodman, Dennis Imhoff, and Vince Rucobo

Honorary Life Members: Bill Caldwell, Lon Loudermilk and Don Reed

**NEWSLETTER EDITORS**

Jeffery Chin ..... jefferygary@msn.com .....602-3912

**EXECUTIVE  
 COMMITTEE MEETING**  
 Friday following each Regular  
 Branch Meeting at 7:30 a.m.  
**DENNY'S**  
 1525 Mc Henry Ave., Modesto

**Executive Committee, continued from page 1**

were 24 golfers yesterday.said the number has gone down the last few rounds due to the weather.  
**Bowling:** Vern Masse, from Branch 144, will take charge as the Area 18 Bowling Chairman, replacing Jim Pastorelli.  
**Merchandising:** Dennis will be getting information on a vendor.  
**Data Processing:** Richard Provost said that Bob Kredit will take over.  
**Travel:** Bill Stires reports that travel is going well. Golden Gate Fields (April 18, 2020) is still a go and there is still room. Laguan Arts Festival (July 26-29, 2020) is a go and there is still room to sign up.  
**Computer:** Jeff reported that he has had members seeking help and asking questions.  
**Dine Out:** Richard and Betty Provost report that the next Dine Out will be March 24, 2020 at Shangri-La China Bistro, 1300 McHenry, Modesto.  
**Old Business:** N/A  
**New Business:** Kerry Newman presented the financial audit of SIR Branch 103 for the year ending December 31, 2019. Motion to accept report: Lenz, Barnard: PASSED  
**Other:** N/A  
 Adjournment: 8:00 A.M.

**NOTICE!!**

**If you are unable to attend the  
 Monthly Luncheon, please call**

**Bob Kredit**

**At 209 672-0326**

**bkred8209@aol.com**

**NEXT MEETING  
 March 25  
 Elks' Lodge**  
 645 Charity Way  
 Modesto  
 Phone 524-4421  
**FELLOWSHIP: 10:30 AM  
 LUNCHEON: 11:20 AM**

**Any complaints about SIR must be  
 conveyed to BIG SIR or LITTLE SIR**

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