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## Stanislaus SIR Branch 103

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### Big Sir Crows By Doug Imberi



**Big Sir Doug Imberi**

I hope you and yours are in good health and are toughing it out against this predicament we are in. Tough times won't last, but tough people will. I sure miss not being able to get together with you in person, but it will come eventually. It has been a joy to see all the Thursday morning golfers. Thanks to Don Reed and Bob Kredit for making that happen. It will be some time before we will be able to get together in a person-to-person meeting. Many of you have said you will not come to a meeting until there is a vaccine for COVID-19. It will take some time to get back to our full compliment of attendance. We will be in a rebuild mode until then.

I'm sure you enjoy being a member of SIR and getting together with other retirees. Where else can you find a group like ours? We have a great network of diverse individuals and many of you have developed friendships in SIR that would not have happened otherwise. So please, do not keep SIR a secret. Share it with your friends and acquaintances. We need to build our membership to continue our existence. We are a basically a two-activity group...golf and bowling, but there is so much more that we can do. Think of an activity that you would like to enjoy with other SIRs and let me know what that is and I will do all I can to make it happen. I think we have a great organization, however, we are under-utilized. Let's grow Branch 103 and make it even better.

## Executive Committee

By Secretary Don Rowe (First Draft)

## July Program

By Tom Evans

The speakers for the July Zoom Meeting will be Anthony Butera, Big Sir, Branch 144, and Sean Burke. They will be speaking about Navigating Stock Market Volatility in a Coronavirus World. Anthony is the Regional Vice-President at Rimerica Financial Services and Sean is the Vice President-Senior Advisor Consultant at Franklin Templeton.

### General Member Zoom Meeting

Wednesday, July 22, 2020 10:00 AM

Meeting ID 841 2424 4456

Password 147842

#### Minutes of June 26, 2020

**Attendance:** Big Sir, Doug Imberi; Secretary, Don Rowe; Assistant Secretary, Coe Barnard; Treasurer, Tim Anglim; Assistant Treasurer, Joe Stackhouse; Directors: Don Reed, Gary Del Nero, and Jeff Chin.

**Absent:** Little Sir Mike Lenz; Directors: Gary Goodman, Dennis Imhoff, and Vince Ruco-bo. Committee Representatives: Bill Stires, (Travel), John Reedy, (Golf), Bob Kredit, (Membership and Data Processing), and Dennis Imhoff, (Merchandise).

**Committee Representatives present:** Jeff Chin (newsletter, Computer Club), Tom Evans, (Programs), Don Reed, (Thurs. Golf), and Gary Del Nero, (Sunshine).

**Guests:** Area Governor, Richard Provost and Kerry Newman.

**Call to Order:** Big Sir, Doug Imberi, called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M. via Zoom. There were 8 Executive Board members present for a quorum.

**Secretary:** June 3, 2020 minutes were offered for modification: Motion to accept minutes- Rowe, 2nd Reed-PASSED

**Treasurer:** Treasurer Tim Anglim reported that there was no business. He said that we will need to spend some money next month, which will be handled at the next Board Meeting. MOTION to accept: Stackhouse, 2nd Anglim-PASSED.

**Big Sir:** A few of the members of the Branch 103 BEC have not watched the state SIR video on "Fiduciary Responsibilities". Big Sir Doug appointed Kerry Newman to be the "Safety and Health Manager" for Branch 103. Further discussion on re-opening was held. There was a discussion about dues. This will be discussed further at a future date. We will try another Zoom General Membership Meeting on July 22, 2020. Branch 144 has started a Walking Club.

**Little Sir:** Absent

**Membership:** Bob Kredit provided Form 27-Monthly Branch Membership Report with no changes.

**Luncheon:** NA

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# Creekside Golf

## Thursday Mornings



SIR players who would like to play some golf, Bob Kredit and Don Reed have reserved tee times starting at 8:00 am on Thursday mornings. If you wish to play, please contact Bob by email or text, and he will schedule a tee time for you. First come, first served on tee times. Do not come to the course if you do not have a tee time from Bob. With the tee times we have setup, at check-in, you can determine if you want to play 9 holes or 18 holes. Hope this finds everyone well, and if you know of someone without email access, please let them know about golf.

Bob Kredit    209-672-0326    bkred8209@aol.com

Don Reed    209-524-5374    sir103\_57@yahoo.com

This is a SIR event, and these are the rules we will follow. Masks are now required inside the building and recommended while on the property. All tee times will be through Bob Kredit as we have been doing. Email, text, call or at check-in, you must have a tee time before coming to the course. Each player must check-in with Bob in the Grill before checking in with the course. Each player will have their temperature recorded by Bob at check-in. Temperatures over 100.4 will not play. Bob will also collect your \$3.00. Course rules are in effect. Do not touch the flag. 2 people are allowed to ride in the same cart. No rakes in the bunkers. You may remove your ball from the bunker and continue play keeping the bunker between you and the flag. No penalty. No 5somes are allowed. At the end of 9 holes you must turn in your card to Don in the Grill with 2 signatures. If you play 18, keep a separate card for the first nine. Closest to the Hole will hole #8. Hand sanitizer and wipes will be in the bag. Do not handle the equipment unless you are on the green. There will not be a common pencil provided. Use your own. There will be no gathering and prize pay-out will be the next time we see you. If you play 18, please post your own score. Don will post on the 9 hole scores. As for play through the month of July, we have 36 tee times, thanks to Larry for working with us.

# GOLF

This is the new URL for Area 18 Golf:

[https://sirinc2.org/public\\_html/area18golf/](https://sirinc2.org/public_html/area18golf/)

No Golf Until October

# Travel

**By Bill Stires**

14 Night Adriatic and Aegean Medley Cruise Aboard The Newest Princess Ship, the Enchanted Princess Including One Pre-Cruise Night in Rome and One Post-Cruise Night in Barcelona Price: Balcony Stateroom \$5,298 per person Double Mini-Suite Stateroom \$5,850 per person Double New Princess Premier Package: • Free Drinks, Wi-Fi, and Gratuities per person

Princess Premier Options are Subject to Change Without Notice. These prepaid options are a significant savings from what you will pay onboard at the conclusion of your cruise. April 22 – May 9, 2021

Ports of Call ITALY: Rome, Naples, GREECE: Athens, Heraklion, Mykonos, Santorini, TURKEY: Kusadasi, Istanbul, MONTENEGRO: Kotor, SICILY: Messina, SPAIN: Barcelona Tour Features: • Transfers from Modesto/Turlock roundtrip to Airport. • 15 day cruise aboard the Enchanted Princess. • One night hotel stay in Rome and one night stay in Barcelona Including all transfers from airport to cruise ship in Rome and hotel to airport in Barcelona. • All taxes including port taxes Airfare is not included. Rates available in June Approximate \$800.00 Ship is filling up fast don't delay and get in your deposit to hold your spot.

Cancelled Laguna Arts Festival Pageant of the Masters in Southern California July 26-29, 2020 Rescheduled July 25-28, 2021.

Top of Switzerland, Austria, Germany with Oberammergau and the Passion Play is postponed until August 27-Sept. 7, 2022.

Our annual trips to Reno for Apple Hill in October and Holiday trip to Reno in December are still being planned.

Bill Stires 209-544-2684, cell phone 209-988-5445, bstires46@gmail.com

# CORONA VIRUS INFORMATION

In critical time, please self-check every morning in an environment with clean air. Serious excellent advice by Japanese doctors treating COVID-19 cases: Everyone should ensure your mouth & throat are moist, never dry. Take a few sips of water every 15 minutes at least. Why? Even if the virus gets into your mouth, drinking water or other liquids will wash them down through your throat and into the stomach. Once there, your stomach acid will kill all the virus. If you don't drink enough water more regularly, the virus can enter your windpipe and into the lungs. That's very dangerous. Please send and share this with family and friends. Take care everyone and may the world recover from this Coronavirus soon.

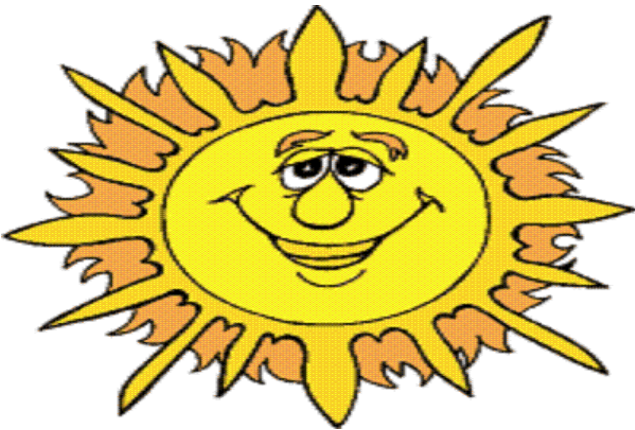
## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT - CORONAVIRUS

1. If you have a runny nose and sputum, you have a common cold
2. Coronavirus pneumonia is a dry cough with no runny nose.
3. This new virus is not heat-resistant and will be killed by a temperature of just 77 to 81 degrees. It hates the Sun.
4. If someone sneezes with it, it takes about 10 feet before it drops to the ground and is no longer airborne.
5. If it drops on a metal surface it will live for at least 12 hours - so if you come into contact with any metal surface - wash your hands as soon as you can with a bacterial soap.
6. On fabric it can survive for 6-12 hours. normal laundry detergent will kill it.
7. Drinking warm water is effective for all viruses. Try not to drink liquids with ice.
8. Wash your hands frequently as the virus can only live on your hands for 5-10 minutes, but - a lot can happen during that time - you can rub your eyes, pick your nose unwittingly and so on.
9. You should also gargle as a prevention. A simple solution of salt in warm water will suffice.
10. Can't emphasize enough - drink plenty of water!

## THE SYMPTOMS

1. It will first infect the throat, so you'll have a sore throat lasting 3/4 days
2. The virus then blends into a nasal fluid that enters the trachea and then the lungs, causing pneumonia. This takes about 5/6 days further. 3
3. With the pneumonia comes high fever and difficulty in breathing.
4. The nasal congestion is not like the normal kind You feel like you're drowning. It's imperative you then seek immediate attention.

Thank you, Branch 144, for the use of this vital information for our members.



## Sunshine By Gary Del Nero

During this Pandemic I still have a few reports to give out for our members. Call me or email and I will send a card or a call to those who have lost a loved one or surgery for one of our members. Garyd-elnero73@gmail.com or 209 681.1100. Larry Maxfield has had some serious medical issues. Talked to him a few days ago and he is optimistic and glad to hear

from us. New member Roger Rauch has had heart issues and is recovering, he appreciated the call I gave him, Roy Bruk had heart surgery and is recovering well , sent a card to Robert Manning family as his mother of 96 years passed, Glenn Earl spent 5 lonely days in the hospital ( Due to the Pandemic he had few to no visitors). He is healing fine and back to golf. I had 3 eye surgery's for a torn retina and on the mend (I sent myself a get well card LOL), For all our thoughts and prayers are with you get well soon and hopefully we can meet in person again.

# Bowling

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



Results from League Championship :

**CHAMPIONS Team 12** (Chuck Nichols, Tony Ferro, Tom Mickelson, and Larry Zabel)

PLAYOFFS: Team 4 def. Team 9; Team 12 def. Team 1

Championship: Team 12 (Chuck Nichols and Tom Mickelson) def. Team 4 (Gene Cox, Bick Wooley, and Steve Bruce)

**Season High Scores:** Scratch game: D.Brown-267, Handicap game: J. Schamante-291, Scratch series: D.Erreca-728, Handicap series: S.Hughes-771. Average: D. Erreca-214.19

**STATE BOWLING – SIR RENO BOWLING TOURNAMENT AUGUST 10-12, 2020**

SIR Ray DiBasillio, Reno Tournament Manager 530-558-9727

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By Bob Kredit

Clark Pearson	7/7/1944	#51
Oscar Cherry	7/9/1934	#109
Tim Anglim	7/10/1941	#234
Max Stowers	7/14/1939	#22
Ron Flagel	7/15/1941	#79
Rey Cabusas	7/16/1945	#147
Ream Lochry	7/16/1952	#151
Dennis Imhoff	7/17/1944	#135
Barrett Meiselman	7/17/1945	#184
Fernando Fernandez	7/18/1953	#195
Larry Lay	7/19/1941	#207
Denis France	7/23/1943	#69
Jeff Chin	7/24/1953	#42
Don Locke	7/25/1926	#225
Leo Havener	7/26/1937	#152
James McKay	7/26/1949	#6
William Douglas	7/28/1938	#242

## Branch 103 Officer 2021 Nominations

Being as there has been a shutdown of our luncheons, this year's officers have agreed to stay on as officers for the year 2021.

Nominated for the following offices:

Big Sir Doug Imberi

Little Sir Mike Lenz

Secretary Don Rowe

Assistant Secretary Coe Barnard

Treasurer Tim Anglim

Assistant Treasurer Joe Stackhouse

Board Directors:

Gary Del Nero

Vince Rucobo

Dennis Imhoff

Don Reed

Jeffery Chin

I am requesting an email or telephone call at 209-596-1298, if you wish to be added or want to nominate any SIR member to the Officers or Directors list. Any SIR member may volunteer or be nominated. If there are no more nominations or volunteers, I will declare by unanimous vote that the present Officers and Board be accepted for 2021. We will vote for 5 Board of Directors. Past Big Sir Gary Goldman will remain on as a director. Further nominations may be made from the floor at the July 22 meeting, which will be via Zoom. The vote will be held at the August 26, 2020 meeting via Zoom or at the Elks.

Big Sir, Doug Imberi

Submitted by nomination committee: Dennis Imhoff, Gary Goodman, and Vince Rucobo.

## 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 Imberi .....596-129  
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 Vern Masse .....  
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 Imberi .....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 ZOOM COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday following Regular  
Branch Meeting at 10:00 a.m.  
Meeting ID 862 6686 1729  
Password 180940

## Executive Committee, continued from page 1

**Correspondence:** none

**Program:** Tom Evans reported that next month, Big Sir, Branch 144, Anthony Butera, and Sean Burks will speak on the Stock Market, via Zoom. Tom is trying to set up further presenters.

**Sunshine:** Roy Bruk, who had quadruple bypass surgery, attended the General Membership meeting this past Wednesday. He said that he is recovering. Gary Del Nero as said that he had eye surgery on July 16. He feels okay, but one eye is still blurry; onto cataract surgeries. Larry Mansfield is doing better, while continuing with chemo treatments.

**Golf:** Big Sir, Doug asked Kerry to get some information on the status of Area 18 golf.

**Newsletter:** Jeff Chin will send out a Newsletter to all members.

**Thursday golf:** Don Reed reported that Larry at Creekside could schedule 9 holes at Creekside on Thursday mornings. Golfers will have to follow safety measures: 1. Get there 20 minutes early, no grouping. 2. Wear a mask in the clubhouse building. 3. Temperatures will be taken, if someone has 100.4 temperature, they will not be allowed to play. 4. On the Closest to the Hole, a single person measuring tape will be available. Wipes will be there so golfers can wipe it off- use your own pencil to write the distance. 5. If one ends up in a trap, drop outside the trap, no closer to the hole. 6. If you hit the pin, you are considered in the hole (no matter how hard it is going). 7. Do not hang around after you play, go home.

**Bowling:** The season has just ended.

**Merchandising:** NA

**Data Processing:** NA

**Travel:** NA

**Computer:** NA

**Dine Out:** NA

**Old Business:** Richard still has John Johansen's laptop computer, which he gave to the branch, is inoperable. MOTION: Dispose of the laptop at a recycling center. Barnard, 2nd Stackhouse-PASSED

**New Business:** Richard recommended that we purchase a new laptop for the Big Sir, with the idea that all the programs and files would be stored on it. It would then be passed on to the next Big Sir, and on and on. MOTION: Purchase a laptop for the Big Sir, with an expense of less than \$800.00 Chin, 2nd Rowe-PASSED

**Other:** Please call members you know that may be alone and comfort them.

Adjournment: 11:00 A.M.

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