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Big Sir Crows By Doug Imberi

Things keep looking up for us getting back together in person. The golf guys have been working hard to get our Area 18 Monday golf tournaments up and running. Plans are being made to resume play starting in May. There are some details that need to be worked out, but you will be hearing about it soon. Tune into our next Zoom meeting on April 28 to get the latest scoop.

Things are also looking good on the vaccine scene. Results of the recent survey we took are very encouraging. SIRs are doing their part to get us up and running by getting vaccinated. Nearly 40% of our membership have had both shots, or are scheduled for their second or had Johnson & Johnson's one and done. Another 33 % have had one shot or are scheduled for next one. Only 2.5% said they don't plan on getting a vaccine. So things are looking good for us to get together in an in-person meeting sometime this summer. Of course it all hinges on county guidelines and the Elks. It looks like we are getting the upper hand in this battle. I have been overly cautious, and still I'm cautious, but I feel a lot safer two weeks after my second shot. However, this thing ain't over by a long shot. We need to keep our guard up and get the pandemic closed out.

April Program

By Tom Evans

The UC Davis MIND Institute is the world's leading autism research center, with more than 50 faculty and staff across five schools and colleges. They have a vision to pioneer a first-of-its-kind lifespan approach relevant to everyone living with autism. Our speaker this month will discuss autism, how it affects those living with it, and how to deal with autism.

Executive Committee

By Secretary Don Rowe (First Draft)

Attendance: Little SIR Jeff Chin, Secretary, Don Rowe, Assistant Secretary Coe Barnard, Treasurer, Tim Anglim Assistant Treasurer, Joe Stackhouse. Directors: Don Reed, Gary Del Nero, Mike Filan, and Kerry Newman.

Absent: Big SIR Doug Imberi, Directors Gary Goodman, Dennis Imhoff, and John Reedy (Golf)) and Bill Stires (travel)

Committee Representatives present: Tom Evans, (programs), Jeff Chin (newsletter and Computer Club), Bob Kredit (Membership and data processing).

Guests: Governor, Richard Provost, Paul Bender, and Jim Bitner.

Call to Order: Little SIR Jeff Chin, called the meeting to order at 11:00 A.M. via Zoom. There were 9 Executive Board members present for a quorum.

Reports:

Secretary: Feb. 24 Minutes were offered for modification: MOTION to accept Feb. 24 Minutes: - Rowe, Reed-PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Treasurer: No Activity.

Big SIR: NA

Little SIR: 1. Little Sir Jeff Chin reported, according to the Vaccine Survey, that 62% of Branch 102 members have gotten at least 1 shot, 2% refused, and 36% did not respond. 2. He also reported that Stanislaus County is now in the Red category. 3. He contacted the Elks Club about re-opening. They said that they have no idea yet when they will be able to re-open.

Membership: Bob Kredit reported no change in membership; we have 158 mem-

GOLF

By John Reedy



Here is the information about the golf restart. The schedule is below. All payments for golf must be made by 6:00 PM Wednesday before the Monday Tournament. There will be NO payments at the golf course. Mail all checks to John Reedy, 4637 Webster Road, Oakdale, CA 95361-9327. Make all checks to SIRs Golf. Write on the bottom of the check the date of the tournament and the course.

If you want to ride/play with somebody, please let us know, give us all the information (ride, walk, play with/ride, etc.)

The courses where it says Cart Optional, you must pay for the golf fees and the cart fees at the same time with the mailed check.

No cart fees paid at the course. Example: Creekside-\$33 plus cart fees-\$48 total check. If you have a punch card, then \$9 plus cart fee-\$24.

May	3	Mon	8:00 SG	144	Creekside	\$24	\$9	\$33	Carts Optional \$15
	10	Mon	8:00 SG	143	Swenson	\$20	\$9	\$29	Carts Optional \$15
	17	Mon	8:00 SG	164	Manteca	\$36	\$9	\$45	Carts Included
	24	Mon	8:00 SG	103	Dryden	\$23	\$9	\$32	Carts Optional \$15
Jun	1	Tue	8:00 SG	144	Tracy CC	\$45	\$9	\$54	Carts Included
	7	Mon	8:00 SG	164	Manteca	\$36	\$9	\$45	Carts Included
TQ	14	Mon	8:00 SG	143	Creekside (TQ)	\$24	\$9	\$33	Carts Optional @\$15
	21	Mon	8:00 SG	103	The Reserve	\$53	\$9	\$62	Carts Included
	28	Mon	8:00 SG	164	Atwater	\$42	\$9	\$51	Carts Included
Jul	6	Tue	8:00 SG	144	Dryden	\$23	\$9	\$32	Carts Optional \$15
	12	Mon	8:00 SG	164	Manteca	\$36	\$9	\$45	Carts Included
	19	Mon	8:00 SG	143	Creekside	\$25	\$9	\$34	Carts Optional @\$15
IQ	26	Mon	8:00 SG	103	Swenson (IQ)	\$20	\$9	\$29	Carts Optional \$15

Muni-Creekside Golf

Muni-Creekside Golf is an activity that was created by Bob Kredit and Don Reed. This is **not** a SIR sponsored event. This is a weekly event held at Creekside Golf Course on Thursday mornings. Tee times are first come, first serve, and requests must be made by email or message to Bob Kredit at 12:00 am the Thursday previous to the golf tee time. You must have a tee time before coming to the course. Masks are required inside the building and recommended while on the course. Each player must check-in with Bob inside or outside the Grill before checking in with the course. Each player will have their temperature recorded by Bob at check-in. Temps over 100.4 will not play. Bob will also collect your \$3.00. Course rules are in effect. Do not touch the flag. 2 players 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 inside or outside the Grill with 2 signatures. If you play 18, keep a separate card for the back nine. You are responsible to post your own back nine score. Closest To The Hole will be #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-outs will be the next time we see you. As for play, we can have 48 players with 12 tee times thanks to Larry for working with us.

SIR Back to Golf Protocol During COVID-19 Pandemic

(Revised 03/18/2021 & approved by the State Board of Directors on 03/24/2021)

Most Significant Changes

This document was revised to reflect recent changes in COVID restrictions throughout the State of California. The changes also reflect input from branch golf programs and the golf industry. While some items were removed from this document and typos and corrections made the following are the most significant revisions. ., Shotgun starts will be allowed provided the golf event chair assures social distancing is maintained prior to the start of the event and that golf carts have been placed at least six feet apart. Second, two riders to a cart are allowed as long as both riding in a cart agree to do so. Third, golfers can stay after the golf event as long as they again maintained mask and social distancing restrictions. Small groups are strongly encouraged. All changes to this document are noted in **ITALIC**.

The following revised protocol will be in effect for all SIR State Golf events until an update is published. Realizing each golf course has different capabilities of service, SIR golf program chairs should work with the golf courses to create safe playing opportunities for our members. **If a Branch BEC had approved the prior version of this document these changes are grandfather in.** If a Branch BEC has not approved the prior version of this document then this protocol document must be reviewed and accepted by the Branch BEC and Golf Chairs prior to any golf events being held. Acceptance shall be recorded in the Branch BEC minutes.

General Sanitation and Safety Protocols all SIR Golf Events

- Adhere to your County "Stay At Home" orders, these orders should be continually monitored because the order can be constantly changing week to week one way or another which will affect the suggested safety of the golf event.
- If a player believes they have a fever, have a recurring cough or other COVID-19 symptoms they should stay home. Do not come to the course. • Mask/facial coverings should be worn until the group is on their 1 st hole except while at the Driving Range or Putting green and only when the minimum six-foot distance can be maintained. If the minimum social distancing can't be maintained then a mask should be worn.
- Players are not to touch the flagstick and are to leave it in the hole.
- **unless a course does not provide it, a foam cup or similar device should be used in the holes**
- Bunker rakes should be removed from the course; if available, do not use them.
- Do not pick up a fellow golfer's equipment or golf ball to return it to them.
- Do not drink any water provided on course.

General Guidelines for Golf Events

- Do not hold any golf event if your County has a "Stay at Home" order in effect.
- It is highly recommended that the same foursome should play together at events when possible to reduce the risk of extended contact with other SIR members.
- Players must always maintain at least a minimum six-foot distance from other golfers (except for household members) while at the event **except when riding together in a golf cart.**
- Adhere to Social Distancing Policies for Practice/Warm-Up on the Driving Range and Putting Green; availability of these facilities should be included in each golf event's announcement Information.
- **Social events may be conducted in associated with a golf event providing all attending indicate they have received a COVID-19 vaccination shot(s).**
- **Shotgun start will be permitted if golf carts are placed no less than six feet apart. Players shall not congregate around carts. If these conditions can't be met then the event shall be run using tee times. • Closest-to-the-Pin contests are permitted as long as a hand sanitizer is available at the hole so that players can clean their hands. Results of Closest-to-the-Pin shall be record-**

ed on the groups scorecard not at the hole on a result's scoring sheet.

Groupings

- Assuming tee times are used groups are required to stay away from the first and tenth tees until the previous group has cleared.

If a course allows two riders per cart **the golf chair may approve players riding together if each player in the cart agrees.** Golfers who are members of the same household may also share a cart. Golfers using pull carts will be permitted.

Signing Up and Payments

- Players shall sign up for each golf event either online (preferred method) by sending a payment and indicating which event it is for or by signing up directly by calling the appropriate member of the golf committee. No signups for golf events shall be conducted at the golf course or at any other SIR event.
- If a player is paying the Golf Committee to participate in a future golf event they must make payment prior to the event either by check or credit card. No payments should be taken at the course for future golf events.
- If the Golf Committee is collecting prize monies for the golf event they shall collect this money prior to the event, no monies should be collected at the golf course.

Practice/Warm-Up (When available)

- Availability of practice facilities such as driving range, a chipping area and putting green will be subject to individual course and county policies and may not be available. Specific information regarding availability should be listed in the event Information.

Carts

- Cart sanitation policies are subject to county ordinance and will be maintained by host facilities. The Golf Chair should assure these policies are followed prior to the start of the event.
- Carts may have two riders when they are from the same household or if a course allows two riders per cart. The golf chair shall approve this if each player in the cart agrees.
- Golfers will be permitted to use their own pull cart. Pull carts supplied by the course are also permitted if they have been sanitized prior to use. The Golf Chair shall verify this is being done.
- Groups will be limited to only four motor or pull carts per group.

Scorecard and After Round Scoring Procedures

- At least one player in each group will be designated to keep the score of all golfers. This player will be responsible for depositing the scorecard in a secure storage receptacle.
- Scorecards should be supplied by either the course pro shop or the course starter who will in turn give the scorecard to a member of each group. Scorecards should be placed in some type of storage receptacle by a member of the group after the round. A member of the golf committee will collect the scorecards and sanitize them prior to processing them.

Flagstick and Hole

- The flagstick must not be removed or deliberately touched by hand during the round, including with a gloved hand or a towel wrapped around the flagstick.
- Working in concert with each individual facility, a device should be used to ensure players can retrieve the ball from the hole without touching the flagstick or hole. This may include:

A device allowing the ball to fall only part way into the hole,

A hole with the liner turned upside down so the ball can fall only part way into the hole; or

An approved flagstick attachment that allows a player to lift the ball from the hole with their club.

When a device that does not allow the ball to fall fully into the hole is used, the device is treated as being attached to the flagstick and thus is part of the flagstick. Per Rule 13.2c and the Definition of Holed, if any part of the ball is below the surface of the putting green and is leaning/resting on that device the ball is treated as holed. A ball that hits the device and does not come to rest with any part of the ball within the hole is not holed.

Bunkers and Rakes

- Bunker Rakes will be removed from the course. Players are encouraged to smooth the surface of the bunker with their foot or club before exiting the bunker.
- The condition and specific policies regarding bunker maintenance at a facility will be reviewed by staff.
 - When it is not possible to provide consistent conditions to all players, the golf committee will implement the following Local Rule:
 - Preferred Lies in Bunker: When a player's ball lies in a bunker, the player may take free relief once by placing the original ball or another ball in and playing it from this relief area:
 - Reference Point: Spot of the original ball
 - Limits on Location of Relief Area:
 - Must not be nearer the hole than the reference point, and
 - Must be in the same bunker.
- In proceeding under this Local Rule, a player may also have the option to remove the ball from the bunker and play it from a spot no closer to the hole, a 1 stroke penalty will be assessed.

Food and Beverage, Drinking Water Availability

- **If the course is offering drinking water on course, do not drink it. Players may buy beverages and food at the course while maintaining social distancing policies.**

Notification of Illness

- If a golfer who has participated in a SIR Golf event becomes ill and tests positive for COVID-19 they must immediately contact the SIR Golf Chair of their event and inform him. The SIR Golf Chair should in turn inform all participants of the event of this issue. Those members who were in the group with the ill member should be contacted directly. To assure privacy no names should be mentioned. **The SIR Golf Chair shall also inform the following individuals; Branch Big Sir, Branch Activities Chair, Area Governor and Area Golf Chair.**

Enforcement and Monitoring

- Violations will be addressed immediately. Remedies may include revocation of a branch conditional approval to restart their golf programs. Enforcement decisions after referral by an Area Governor will be reviewed and administrated by RD Dave Gonzales Restart Protocol committee.

ZOOM MEETING

Branch 103 General Membership/BEC Meeting

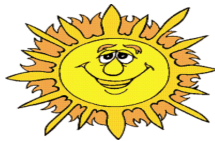
April 28, 2021 10:00 am –12:30 pm

Meeting ID 863 7659 5838
Password 163214

Breaking the Silence

Our speaker for February's meeting, Paul Schwarzbart, was outstanding. His autobiography, BREAKING THE SILENCE Reminiscences of a Hidden Child, can be purchased from Mr. Schwarzbart. Send him a check for \$25.00 to Paul Schwarzbart, 129 Wimbledon Way, San Rafael, CA 94901. He will autograph your copy of his book.

Sunshine By Gary Del Nero



I talked with Bob Allendorf, who had some medical procedures done. He is doing great (great to hear). Leo Havenor also had some medical procedures completed and he believes by middle April to be golfing again also great to hear. Our golf chairman, John Reedy, thankfully averted some surgery and is back to golf. Awesome. Anyone with info on our Branch 103 let me know I will call, comfort ,relay their condition and express our concerns.



Bowling

Mc Henry Bowl has reopened

McHenry Bowl has reopened starting Monday, April 5, 2021. There are no leagues or special events. Just bowling for exercise and practice. The hours are Noon to 10 pm daily. The rates are the regular bowling rates -per game or hourly rental rates. Reservations are not required, but suggested. Masks are required while in the bowling center. Membership for must be completed on the first visit. No membership fee is required. McHenry league members from last season are automatically registered. Call (209) 571-2695 between Noon-10 pm for more information.



Jerry Reese	4/03/1937	#194
Robert Kredit	4/03/1946	#10
Lee Hoddy	4/04/1943	#37
Randy Cherry	4/05/1954	#40
Michael Dareing	4/08/1948	#74
Lon Loudermilk	4/11/1929	#24
Ronald Halliday	4/13/1946	#54
Terry Cherry	4/15/1958	#78
Jim Standard	4/25/1947	#181
Ray Pezzi	4/26/1944	#243
Howard Wooley	4/26/1947	#52
Kerry Elms	4/28/1946	#172
Richard Kershner	4/30/1928	#63

COVID19 VACCINE

APPOINTMENT OPTIONS

There are multiple options for getting an appointment for a COVID19 vaccine.

1. Stanislaus County Health Department
schsa.org/coronavirus/vaccine/
2. Veterans Administration-call VA medical outpatient clinic to set up appointment.
3. Pharmacies-Walgreens and CVS-call to set up appointment
4. Kaiser Permanente-will contact eligible patients to schedule appointment
5. Sutter Health- call 844-987-6115 to make an appointment

Travel

Trip to Louisville to Nashville

September 16-24, 2021

Featuring a tour of Churchill Downs and the UNESCO World Heritage site of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, including 2 nights in Louisville, Asheville, and Nashville. Tour features included: Roundtrip airport transfers, Airfare into Louisville, returning from Nashville., 8-day guided tour with tour manager, guided tour of Churchill Downs, home of the Kentucky Derby, 9 nights first class accommodations, 12 meals. Gratuities on all included features, bus driver and tour guide. Price: \$3,895 per person, double occupancy, \$4,893, single occupancy. \$550 per person deposit required to hold space. \$850 per person deposit required after May 20, 2021. Space is limited and sold on first come basis only. Final Payment due June 1, 2021.

Holland Tulip Festival Tour Featuring Mackinac Island's Grand Hotel May 12-19, 2022

Trip highlights: airfare into Chicago, returning from Detroit, gratuities for tour manager and bus driver, spend one night in Chicago with a guided tour of the city, attend the annual Tulip Festival in Holland, Michigan, visit Veldheer-DeKlomp Musiekparade (music parade), spend two nights at the Grand Hotel, the crown jewel of Mackinac Island, tour Mackinaw Island via a horse-drawn carriage, take the River Rouge Ford Factory tour, \$40 in Mayflower Money. Price: \$3,565 per person, double occupancy, \$4,715 single. As this trip was cancelled last year, it will fill up fast.

By Bill Stires

Laguna Arts Festival Pageant of the Masters in Southern California

July 25-28, 2021

COVID-19 VACCINATION NEED FOR TRIP

Private bus for our group will be provided

Trip includes: Round trip airfare, deluxe motorcoach transportation, 3-night stay at 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 Juna Capistrano, admission into the Sawdust Festival, dinner at Terra Laguna Beach, reserved main tier center seats for Pageant of the Masters "Made in America" theme, guided tour of Los Angeles, admission to the Space Shuttle Endeavour exhibit, 5 meals: 3 breakfasts and 2 dinners, all taxes for features, all gratuities for bus driver and guides. Price: \$1,995 double, \$2,490 single. Deposit of \$500 to hold spot. Final payment due May 1, 2021. **Early reservation is urged to insure main tier center seating.**

If interested in any trips, call Bill Stires at home phone 209-544-2684, cell phone 209 988-5445, or email bstires46@gmail.com to receive a reservation form. Friends, neighbors and relatives can go on any of the SIR trips.

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

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Executive Committee, continued from page 1

bers.
Luncheon: NA
Correspondence: NA
Program: Our March video U-Tube presentation on Robert Mondavi had technical difficulties. We will try again in the future. Tom Evans is seeking to get a UC Davis group to talk about their program on autism for April.
Sunshine: Gary Del Nero called Dick Kirshner and he said he is doing better; however, golf is off for him for the time being. Bob Kredit reported that Leo Havener had back surgery.
Health and Safety: Kerry said that Jeff covered it in his report.
Golf: NA
Newsletter: Jeff said that the newsletter is going fine.
Bowling: The McHenry Bowl is open with reservations only.
Merchandising: NA.
Data Processing: NA
Travel: NA
Computer: NA
Dine Out: NA
Old Business: NA
New Business: NA
Adjournment: 11:16 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
 Don Rowe

Branch 103 General Membership/BEC Meeting

April 28, 2021 10:00 am –12:30 pm

Meeting ID 863 7659 5838
 Password 163214

SIR DISCLAIMER and ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

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