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## Stanislaus SIR Branch 103

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### Big Sir Crows By Doug Imberi

By now all of you should have heard about our in-person meeting on September 22 at the Seasons. I was there for the first time last week and the place looks pretty good. I think we are going to be happy there. They have lots of room, nice decor, and the most important part is the camaraderie we share. This will be pretty much like what we had at the Elks. I think the only thing missing is the book exchange, which is too much work to bring over from our storage unit at the Elks.

Our SIRs branch is not coming back as strong as we should be. Even golf is struggling, which is surprising since our main activity is golf. We are only getting less than 23% of our golfers at our Monday tournaments. I know there is a lot of uncertainty out there, but we need your support. I also understand if you feel apprehensive about socializing. But if you are not bothered by playing golf, please look into signing up for our Monday tournaments

## Executive Committee

By Secretary Don Rowe (First Draft)

Attendance: Big SIR Doug Imberi, Little SIR Jeff Chin, Secretary, Don Rowe, Assistant Secretary Coe Barnard. Directors: Don Reed, Dennis Imhoff, Mike Filan, Gary Del Nero, and Gary Goodman.  
Absent: Treasurer Tim Anglim, Assistant Treasurer, Joe Stackhouse, Director: and Kerry Newman, and Bill Stires (travel)  
Committee Representatives present: Tom Evans, (programs), Jeff Chin (newsletter and Computer Club), Dennis Imhoff (Merchandise), John Reedy (Golf) (Bob Kredit (Membership and data processing)  
Guests: Governor, Richard Provost, Dick Nelson, Roger Smith, Dom Genova, and Paul Bender  
Call to Order: Big SIR Doug Imberi, called the meeting to order at 12:45 A.M. at Golden Corral. There were 9 Executive Board members present for a quorum.  
Reports:  
Secretary: June 23 Minutes were offered for modification. Motion to accept: Rowe, 2nd Chin-PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.  
July 28 minutes were offered for modification, Motion to Accept:-: Rowe, 2nd Chin-PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.  
Treasurer: Tim Anglim's July 28 report showed that the beginning balance was \$3,996.10. Receipts: \$180.00-dues, donations (include \$20 from prior year. Total receipts- \$280.00. checks written-\$497.17-Dennis Imhoff for mugs, \$276.50 for 2nd quarterly SIR Inc. assessment. Total deductions-\$773.67. Ending balance is \$3,502.4, Motion to accept: Rowe, 2nd Barnard-PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.  
Tim Anglim's Aug. 25 report showed that the beginning balance was \$3,502.43. Receipts: \$162.00-dues. Total receipts- \$620.00. No checks written. Ending balance is \$4,122.43. -Motion to accept: Rowe, 2nd Filan-PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.  
Big SIR: 1. Nominations from the floor was asked. Roger Smith was nominated



Big Sir Doug Imberi

## September Program

By Tom Evans

Sandy Howell from HICAP will be our speaker. HICAP is Health Insurance Counseling Advocacy Program in California that provides counseling to Medicare beneficiaries of all ages and the services are free. She has worked in the Medicare Advantage field since 1995. After retirement, she wanted to be involved with the HICAP office and is a Registered Insurance Counselor, the HICAP Community Outreach Educator, and SMP fraud liaison for Stanislaus County.

She grew up locally and graduated from Ceres High School and attended MJC.

# GOLF

By John Reedy



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.

**Mon. Sept. 13-Dryden, 8:00 SG,\$32 (cart opt.\$15)**  
Host 143

**Mon. Sept. 20-Micke Grove, 8:00 SG,\$45 (cart incl.)** Host 164

**Mon. Sept. 27-Creekside, 8:00 SG,\$34 (cart opt.\$15)** Host 144

**Mon. Oct. 4-Manteca, 9:00, \$45 (cart incl.)** Host 164

**Mon. Oct. 11-Atwater, 9:00, \$47 (cart incl.)** Host 143

**Mon. Oct. 18-Dryden, 9:00, \$32 (cart opt. \$15)**  
Host 103

**Mon. Oct. 25-Elkhorn, 9:00, \$48 (cart incl.)** Host 164

**Mon. Nov. 1-Creekside, 9:00, \$34 (cart opt.\$15)**  
Host 143

**Mon. Nov. 8-Tracy CC, 9:00, \$49 (cart incl.)** Host 103

**Mon. Nov. 15-Dryden, 9:00, \$32 (cart opt.\$15)** Host 144

**Mon. Nov. 22-Manteca, 9:00, \$45 (cart incl.)** Host 164

**Mon. Nov. 29-Creekside, 9:00, \$34 (cart opt.\$15)**  
Host 103

## Hole-In-One

On September 2, 2021, at Creekside Golf Course during the SIR Muni-Creekside Golf, Jeff Chin had a hole-in-one on hole #8, also the closest to the hole hole. The distance was 112 yards and he used a pitching wedge.

The hole-in-one earned the insurance that has been collected since the last one shot by Bob Kredit at Muni in 2014. Hole-In-One Insurance is \$1.00.



## Muni-Creekside Golf

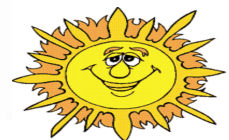
Muni-Creekside Golf is an activity that was created by Bob Kredit and Don Reed. This is now a SIR sponsored event. This is a weekly event held at Creekside Golf Course on Thursday mornings. Tee times are first come, first serve, and requests must be made by email or message to Bob Kredit at 9:00 pm the prior Wednesday to the golf tee time. You must have a tee time before coming to the course.

Each player must check-in with Bob inside or outside the Grill before checking in with the course. Bob will also collect your \$3.00. Course rules are in effect. Do not touch the flag. 2 players will ride in the same cart and split the cost, if you want to ride single, you will pay the full cost of the cart. No rakes in the bunkers. 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.

Sunshine



By Gary Del Nero

I talked with Ed Davis he sounded great but body hurting. He is going to try to make the meeting at the Seasons. Having more MRI on back area. Tried to talk with Dick Kirshiner but phone disconnected. Had word he was in a assisted living facility. If anyone knows where that is or if he is in a facility, I will visit, let me know.

# Members with Paid Dues for 2021

These members have paid their dues for 2021. Your membership dues for 2021 allow you to participate in all SIR activities, including: golf, bowling, travel, and luncheons.

Angelton Fred  
Angrim Timothy  
Axtel Bill  
Bak Donald  
Barnard Coe  
Bender Paul  
Bickner Jimmie  
Bishop Robert  
Bommarito Chuck  
Bracht Ted  
Bradley Joseph  
Brady Michael  
Brown David  
Bruk Roy  
Butrica Berry  
Cabusas Reynaldo  
Caldwell William  
Carney Donald  
Cherry Terry  
Cherry Oscar  
Chin Jeffery  
Coonce Donny  
Cooper David  
Cox Gene  
Davidson Robert  
Davis Ed  
Del Nero Gary  
DeOcampo Rick  
Doniak Mark  
Elms Kerry  
Evans Tom  
Fachner Rusty  
Faria John  
Fernandez Fernando  
Fersterer John  
Figeroid Bob  
Filan Michael  
Fitzgerald Donald  
Flagel Ron  
France Denis

Garza Ernie  
Genova Dominic  
Gianopoulos Tom  
Gibson Stephen  
Glenn Earl  
Goodman Gary  
Guida Edward  
Hall Robert  
Havener L.D.  
Hermreck Dennis  
Hoddy Lee  
Holly Steve  
Hott Gerald  
Imberi Doug  
Imhoff Dennis  
Irby William  
Kershner Richard  
Kredit Robert  
Lafreniere Cliff  
Laurenti James  
Lemos John  
Lim Mark  
Locke Donald  
Loudermilk Lon  
Luis Joe  
Maldonado Mike  
Manning Bob  
McCabe Robert  
McClellan Michael  
McGrath John  
McKay James  
Nelson Richard  
Newman Kerry  
North Gerald  
Owens Larry  
Palmer Charles  
Pezzi Raymond  
Pinon Ed

Prater Dave  
Provost Richard  
Quilici Lynn  
Rash Wesley  
Reed Donald  
Reedy John  
Reese Jerry  
Reeves Dan  
Roberts Marion  
Rodriguez Salvador  
Rowe Don  
Rualo Hervi  
Saito Ronald  
Salle Larry  
Savage Joe  
Seibert David  
Sherrard John  
Smith Roger  
Sparks Carl  
Stackhouse Joe  
Standart Jim  
Sterling Al  
Stevenson Donald  
Stowers Max  
Sykes Bob  
Taylor Johnny  
Tillery Raymond  
Underwood Lance  
Vasche Mark  
Von Buskirk Donald  
Wasmund Gary  
Waterman Jim  
Webb Murle  
Whaley Vic  
Wirowek James

## Branch 103 General Membership

### Luncheon

September 22, 2021

10:30 am –1:00 pm

The Seasons

945 Mc Henry Ave.

Modesto, CA



|              |            |      |
|--------------|------------|------|
| Ed Davis     | 09/01/1924 | #204 |
| Gary Wasmund | 09/06/1949 | #38  |
| Carl Sparks  | 09/26/1939 | #14  |



## LADIES' DINE-OUT

The Ladies' Dine-out will on September 23, 2021 at Dynasty Restaurant, 3500 Coffee Road, St. #1, Modesto, at 11:30

am. All SIR wives/significant others are invited to attend. No reservation is required, however, all will be required to provide a copy of their vaccination card.



## SIR AND CLASSY LADIES LEAGUES

The leagues started on September 7, 2021. All bowlers will have to provide vaccination proof and sign an activity waiver. Everyone is welcome to join the league. If you want to bowl and don't have a team yet, come to Mc Henry Bowl and we will find a team for you.

## SIR STATE BOWLING TOURNAMENTS

|               |                |                |
|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| Sept. 21 & 22 | Carson City    | Gold Dust West |
| Sept. 28      | Brentwood      | Harvest Park   |
| Oct. 19 & 20  | Citrus Heights | Fireside Lanes |
| Nov. 4 & 5    | Modesto        | McHenry Bowl   |

Contact Dom Genova, 523-1663, for more info.

## Membership

### New Members

Don von Buskirk (Joan) #80

2832 Health Care Way Apt.106

Modesto, CA 95356

(925) 408-5467

vonbuskirks@comcast.net

Al Sterling (Sheila) #77

1309 Serenity Ct.

Modesto, CA 95355

(209) 581-8344

alsterling@aol.com

Ted Bracht (Sheryl) #36

726 Jasmine Ct.

Oakdale, CA 95361

tfb5@sbcglobal.net

### Dropped

Mike Maldonado-moved

Robert Allendorf-transfer

Thomas Clark-transfer

# Travel

By Bill Stires

## Top of Switzerland and Oberammergau, Germany and the Passion Play

August 27-September 7, 2022

Price: \$5,025 double occupancy (Land only) Airfare will be added in October 2021. Deposit of \$750 per person to hold reservation. There are only 4 spots left for our group.

Highlights:

**2 night stay in Zurich, Switzerland.** Tour of city and leisure time on own to explore this great Swiss city.

**1 night stay in Interlaken, Switzerland.** A trip to the "top of Europe" with a panorama 360 degree experience of viewing France, Germany, and Italy.

**2 night stay in Brienz, Switzerland.** Visit a wood-carving museum, walk through the romantic Brunngasse, once awarded the title, "Most Beautiful Street in Europe."

**2 night stay in Lucerne, Switzerland.** A tour of the city and a farewell dinner to Switzerland. Travel through Innsbruck, Austria and on to the picturesque city of Oberammergau, Germany.

**2 night stay in Oberammergau and the Passion Play.** The Passion Play takes place only once every 10 years and is performed by people that live in Oberammergau.

**2 night stay in Munich, Germany.** Orientation featuring Olympic Stadium, Olympic Tower and Marienplatz. 17 meals, headsets throughout the tour, and much more.

Contact Bill Stires at 209-988-5445 if interested in this trip.

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

## Trip to Louisville to Nashville

September 16-24, 2021

Price: \$4,195 per person, double occupancy  
Pay in Full at time of reservation

Featuring a tour of Churchill Downs and the UNESCO World Heritage site of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, including 2 nights in Louisville, Ashville, 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. **Space is limited and sold on first come basis only.** There are only 6 spots left for the trip.

## Holland Tulip Festival Tour Featuring Mackinac Island's Grand Hotel

May 12-19, 2022

Price: \$3,895 per person, double occupancy, \$5,375 single. Deposit \$650 per person

Final payment January 10, 2022

**CURRENT PRICES EXTENDED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 15, 2021**

Space for 10 more passengers

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. As this trip was cancelled last year, it will fill up fast.

## STATE OFFICERS

State Pres. Stu Williams..... 510 865-5000  
 State Vice Pres. Richard Kindle ..209 652-8608  
 Reg. 2 Dir. Dale Decker.....209 533-0455  
 Gov. Area 18 Richard J. Provost..209 577-8219

## BRANCH 103 OFFICERS

Big Sir Doug Imberi ..... 596-1298  
 Little Sir Jeffery Chin.....602-3912  
 Secretary Don Rowe .....634-0100  
 Asst. Secretary Coe Barnard ..... 572-1937  
 Treasurer Tim Anglim .....578-4593  
 Asst. Treasurer Joe Stackhouse.....543-0972  
 Gary Goodman .....578-0848  
 Gary Del Nero .....681-1100  
 Dennis Imhoff .....846-9529  
 Don Reed .....524-5374  
 Kerry Newman .....579-7747  
 Mike Filan .....491-2555

## COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Membership Bob Kredit.....672-0326  
 Assistant Richard Provost.....577-8219  
 Program Chair Tom Evans .....551-1836  
 Program Chair Asst. Jeff Chin.....602-3912  
 Member Orientation, Bob Kredit .....672-0326  
 Public Relations Bob Kredit .....672-0326  
 Bowling Vern Masse .....544-1953  
 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

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

## NEWSLETTER EDITOR

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

## Executive Committee, continued from page 1

for Director, he accepted.No other nominations were heard. Motion to accept the nominees for the 2022 term -PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Election results: Big SIR, Jeff Chin, Little SIR, Dick Nelson, Secretary, Don Rowe, Assistant Secretary Coe Barnard, Treasurer Tim Anglim, Assistant Treasurer, Joe Stackhouse. Directors: Doug Imberi Dennis Imhoff, Mike Filan, Roger Smith, Gary Del Nero, and Gary Goodman.

2. Big Sir Doug asked if we would endorse Richard Provost for Area Governor. He was unanimously endorsed.

3. Discussion about Christmas meeting tabled.

4. Doug asked about our meeting place. A Motion was made: Big Sir Doug will contact Seasons to see if we could meet there-Rowe, 2nd Reed-PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Doug asked the Board members to discuss the results of phone tree. Many members were contacted, while some members did not answer or respond to emails.

6. The State Sir virtual meeting had a lot of coved 19 protocols discussion.

Ron Flagler, a Branch 103 member, was elected State Sir Secretary. Statewide, SIR has lost 11% of its members. State Sir wants to keep Image Branding for recruitment purposes.

Little SIR: 1. Jeff said he has not heard from Honorary Life Member, Lon Loudermilk. No one else had either.

Discussion was had about members who have not paid dues or indicated that they want to be dropped. Motion: Remove unpaid dues members, Chin, Goodman. -PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Membership: It was reported that we have 142 members. We have one new applicant who applied after our meeting.

Luncheon: NA

Correspondence: NA

Program: Tom Evans said that he would try to book a speaker for the Sept. meeting.

Sunshine. Gary Del reported that Ed Davis has fractured back, and read the notices of 3 of our members who had passed.

Health and Safety: NA

Thursday Golf: Don Reed said that they had 34 signed up for Thursday.

Golf: John Reedy reported that the End of the Year tournament will be Sept. 27, and the Banquet on Oct.13 at the Seasons.

Newsletter: Jeff said that 3 newsletters were returned by mail. The newsletters will be sent in envelopes to prevent this from occurring again.

Bowling: Jeff reported that the league is still scheduled to start Sept. 7 with a meeting. League members may practice 3 games for free. Sept. 14, league begins.

Merchandising: NA

Data Processing: Richard would like someone to take over as web master.

Travel: NA

Computer NA

Dine Out: NA

Other: Don Reed has paid the Microsoft memberships for \$99.99.

Old Business: NA

New Business: Little Sir Jeff made a motion: Branch 103 Honorary Life and Senior Life Members be exempt from paying dues beginning in 2022-Chin,2nd Goodman -PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

## SIR DISCLAIMER and ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

All trips and other activities arranged by and for SONS IN RETIREMENT, Inc., and its branches are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate. Sons In Retirement, Inc. and its branches do not assume responsibility for the well-being or safety of the passengers, or their property, in any matter pertaining to said tours or other activities. Regular members missing three (3) consecutive meetings shall be notified by Form Letter 4 of their pending membership termination. Certification of attendance at another Branch meeting will be considered as a credit to the attendance



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