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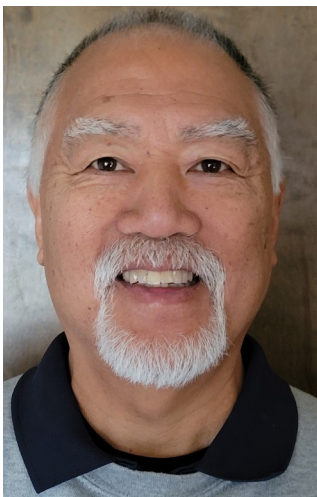


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Modesto SIR Branch 103

DEDICATED to the PROMOTION of INDEPENDENCE and DIGNITY for MEN

Big Sir Crows By Jeff Chin



Big Sir Jeff Chin

The ballots of the election for the 2023 officers for SIR Branch 103 have been tabulated and the results are: Dick Nelson, Big Sir; Lance Underwood, Little Sir; Don Rowe, Secretary; Coe Barnard, Assistant Secretary; Ted Bracht, Treasurer; Brian Donahue, Assistant Treasurer; Jeff Chin, Director; Gary Del Nero, Director; Dennis Imhoff, Director; Dave Cooper, Director; Kerry Newman, Director; and Roger Smith, Director. The officers will assume their offices on January 1, 2023.

Our end-of-the-year luncheon is set for December 14, 2022. Your spouse or significant other is invited and will attend free. You must purchase your ticket for the December luncheon at the October or November luncheon. When you purchase your ticket, you will receive two tickets to the luncheon. There will be a musical program at the luncheon. Mike Quinn will perform music from the '60's and the '70's, along with some seasonal music. There will be a raffle of items brought to the luncheon. Everyone

will receive one free raffle ticket each when they present their luncheon ticket.

There is a new 2022 Membership Roster out. New members will receive one complimentary when they join. All 2022 new members will get one. The rosters are available to members for \$2.00. The cost is to cover the printing charges. They will be available at the October luncheon.

SIR is a social club for men. We golf, bowl, travel and eat together. There will be a new activity planned for November 2, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. There will be a miniature golf competition at Funworks in Modesto. Everyone is invited, including spouses. The cost is \$3.00 per person to play. You can bring your own personal putter. The snack bar will be open and food will be available for purchase. Please let me know if you and your spouse would like to participate. The details are found in the newsletter. Prizes will be awarded for low scores.

There will be a new page added to the newsletter. This page is a monthly calendar listing all the SIR Branch 103 events for the month. This page will be the last page of the newsletter, so you can put the page on the refrigerator or another place to see the calendar.

SIR Branch 103 BEC Minutes

By Secretary Don Rowe (First Draft)

September 30, 2022

Attendance: Big SIR Jeff Chin, Little Sir Dick Nelson, Secretary Don Rowe, Treasurer, Joe Stackhouse, Assistant Treasurer, Richard Provost, Directors: Dennis Imhoff, Dave Cooper, Kerry Newman, Roger Smith, Doug Imberi, and Gary Del Nero.

Absent: Assistant Secretary Coe Barnard, Bill Stires (travel)

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

Guests:

Call to Order: Big SIR Jeff Chin, called the meeting to order at 7:30 A.M. at Denny's. There were 11 Executive Board members present for a quorum.

Reports:

Secretary: Aug.26 Minutes were delayed until November due to Secretary error.

Treasurer: Joe Stackhouse's Sept. 21 report showed the Beginning balance-\$4,833.74. Receipts: luncheon proceeds less contribution portion- \$1155.00, dues-\$0, Raffle- \$53.00, \$.09- bank error Total receipts- \$1208.09. Checks written- Season's Catering-\$1,168.29, Dennis Imhoff, \$38.30 for shirts, Sir Assessment, \$169.75, Bob Kredit-\$8.09-. Total deductions-\$1168.29. Ending balance is \$4,8573.54. -Motion to accept: Stackhouse, 2nd Rowe-PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Big SIR: 1. Jeff reported that we sold 10 rosters. 2. Jeff proposed a new activity- putt-putt golf at Funworks. We try it on Nov. 2 at 4 PM.

3. Tim told us about a singer we could have for our Ladies Day Luncheon in Dec. Motion: pay \$100 for the singer-Imberi, 2nd Imhoff- PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Little SIR: Dick's report included events Aug. and Sept. 1. He attended a meeting with Richard Kinde for Area 18 Big Sirs and Little Sirs in Stockton. 2. He attended the Aug. 16 Area 18 golf committee meeting and discussed the end of the year tournament. 3. Did a new member orientation for 3 new members. 4. He wrote the article on Paul Bender for the Newsletter. 5. Played in the State Tournament at Rancho Solono.

Membership: Bob reported that we have 105 with the reinstatement of Larry Owens

Luncheon: Good food! Jeff will ask that the tables be set up length-wise. \$5.00 FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT EACH LUNCH.

Correspondence: NA

Program: Tom reported for Oct., Jason Coulie, a former major league player, will be our speaker. In November, we will have Harrison Jones will tell us about Modesto landmarks.

Sunshine: Gary said Larry Owens Has returned. Steve Gibson is doing okay. Mark Doniak lost his father last week.

Health and Safety: Kerry reported that Covid 3rd booster and flu vaccination are available at pharmacies.

Thursday Golf: Don Reed and Bob Kredit said that Thursday golf is going well. Coe is also helping. Usually, 40 + show up.

Golf: 1. Roger reported that The end of the year tournament went well. 2. ALSO, PLAYERS NEED TO REPORT IN FOR EACH TOURNAMENT BY 8:30 (7:30 IN THE SPRING-SUMMER) TO ALLOW THOSE CHECKING YOU IN PLAY ALSO AND NEED TO WARM UP! 3. Bob Manning is securing tournament dates for next year.

Newsletter: Jeff said it is going nicely.

Bowling: Jeff reported that they have 11 teams.

Merchandising: NA

Data Processing: NA

Travel: NA

Computer: NA

Dine Out: WE NEED VOLUTEERS TO SET UP FUTURE DINE OUTS!!

Kerry Newman is hosting October Dine Out at the Outback Steakhouse. Contact him if interested.

Other: NA

Old Business: The nominating committee reported the election results for 2023: Big Sir- Dick Nelson, Little Sir- Lance Underwood, Secretary- Don Rowe, Assistant- Coe Barnard, Treasurer- Ted Bracht, Assistant Treasurer-Brian Donahue. Directors: Dave Cooper, Gary Del Nero, Dennis Imhoff, Kerry Newman, and Roger Smith. Jeff Chin will also serve as past Big Sir.

New Business: NA

Adjournment: 8:23 A.M.

ALL ABOUT ME

Branch 103 has 105 members. A member will be chosen to tell all about themselves. Little Sir Dick Nelson will interview members each month. The member who Dick interviewed this month is Roy Bruk.

I met a soft spoken man who wears Hawaiian shirts to special events and plays golf regularly. He mans the Sign In table at our monthly lunches with Jim Bickner. On the course, he is very even-keeled, "Ah, what the heck." That's as close to an expletive as you'll ever hear. He is a modest man, cultured, and intelligent. I asked him, "Roy how did you get to be such a nice guy?" He told me, "My parents." This is where the story begins in a rough outline. You'd have to ask Roy for some additional information.

Roy was born in Serbia, which was formerly Yugoslavia. (As you might remember, a young 18 year old Serbian shot an Austrian Archduke and started a chain of events, which spiraled into WWI.) Roy's Dad was a military officer who had graduated from the Serbian equivalent of West Point and served in the King's Army. During WW II, he was in a German POW camp. Roy's Mom was the first woman to graduate from a Serbian University. She was a Professor of Literature. Roy grew up in a country under German occupation for several years. Roy left Serbia with his family and came to San Francisco in 1955. He was 13 years old.

Roy graduated from Lincoln High School before attending UC Berkeley. He met his wife Lisa at Berkeley and eventually transferred to San Francisco State in 1963. Upon graduation, he came to work for Tri Valley in Modesto. His wife was both an editor and writer and worked for several area magazines and newspapers.

However, Viet Nam intervened. Roy wrote, "In 1966, I was commissioned as a 2nd lieutenant in the Army and after attending Psychological Operations School at Fort Gordon, Georgia, I was sent to Viet Nam. I served with the 25th Infantry Division at Cu Chi where I had a Mobile Civil Affairs/Psych Ops platoon." Roy was in Viet Nam from 1967-68 during the Tet Offensive. When asked whether he ever wanted to make a career out of the army, Roy responded. "I was the only Junior Officer on the General Staff at Fort Bliss. I was encouraged to stay, but I really wanted to get back home to my family and work." Roy worked for Tri Valley for 30 years handling national accounts and traveling all over the country.

He retired in 2000. He and his wife have traveled to Scandinavia, Ireland, Germany, England, Egypt, Jordan, Greece, and Serbia. They have two children. Their daughter is a Biology Professor at University of Colorado, whose daughter is a recent graduate of Oxford. Their son is an ex-military and commercial pilot who currently works for the FAA.

Roy has been a member of Sirs for 12 years. His other interests include reading (John Grisham, Dan Brown, Ken Follett), RV-ing on the central coast, golf, fishing and cooking. By all measures, he is a most interesting man.

GOLF



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 Roger Smith, 3612 Incline Ct., Riverbank, CA 95367-3123. Make all checks to SIRs Golf. Write on the bottom of the check the date of the tournament and the course. All fees, golf and cart fees must be paid with check.

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

- Mon. Oct. 17-Tracy CC, 9:00, \$52 (cart incl.) Host 144
- Mon. Oct. 24-Creekside, 9:00, \$34 (cart opt. \$15) Host 103
- Mon. Oct. 31-Manteca, 8:00, \$47 (cart incl.) Host 164
- Mon. Nov. 7-Micke Grove, 9:00, \$49 (cart incl.) Host 144
- Mon. Nov. 14-Dryden, 9:00, \$32 (cart opt. \$15) Host 103
- Mon. Nov. 21-Swenson, 9:00, \$46 (cart incl.) Host 064
- Mon. Nov. 28-Creekside, 9:00, #34 (cart opt. \$15) Host 144
- Mon. Dec. 5-Elkhorn, 9:00, \$48 (cart incl.) Host 164
- Mon. Dec. 12-Dryden, 9:00, \$32 (cart opt. \$15) Host 103
- Mon. Dec. 19-Creekside, 9:00, \$34 (cart opt. \$15) Host 144

Miniature Golf

SIR Branch 103 is scheduled for a miniature golf activity on Wednesday, November 2, 2022 at Funworks, 4307 Coffee Road, Modesto at 4:00 p.m. This event is for husbands and spouses. The cost is \$3.00 per person. You can bring your own putter. Eighteen holes of golf with prizes for the lowest scores. There will be snack food available for purchase. Contact Jeff Chin at (209)602-3912 or send email to jefferygar-yc@msn.com if you would like to attend.



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 6:00 pm the prior Wednesday to the golf tee time. You must have a tee time before coming to the course.



League Bowls Tuesdays at 1 p.m.

McHenry Bowl, 3700 McHenry Ave., Modesto

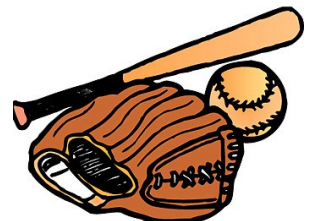
Results from week 5 of League:

First Place-Team 5 (D.Genova, M.Webb, V.Masse, D.Brown) **Season High Scores:** Men Scratch Game: A. Fidalgo-256, Men Handicap Game: A. Sterling-298, Men Scratch Series: B. Abujen-712, Men Handicap Series: R. Wilcox-719, Women Scratch Game: P. Abujen-165, Women Handicap Game: N. Brey-240, Women Handicap Series: B. Webb-641. **Individual High Average:** Men-B. Abujen-213, Women-B. Webb-148

October Program

By Tom Evans

Our Program Speaker for October will be Jason Coulie, a former professional baseball player. He was an outfielder who was drafted by the Anaheim Angels in the 9th round of the 2000 MLB June Amateur Draft. He played for Bates College in Lewiston, Maine



Branch 103 General Membership Luncheon

October 26, 2022
10:30 am - 1:00 pm
Masonic Temple
800 Rose Ave. Modesto, CA
Luncheon Price \$21.00

Couples Dine Out

Our Couples Dine Out will be on October 20, 2022. It will be at Outback Steakhouse, 2045 W Briggsmore Ave. Ste D, Modesto, at 5:00 PM. The restaurant will be open before 5:00 PM. If you would like to attend, please call Jeff Chin (209-602-3912), or send an email to jefferygaryc@msn.com.



LADIES' DINE-OUT

The Ladies' Dine-out will be at BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse, 3401 Dale Rd Ste 483, Modesto on October 27, 2022, at 11:30 am. All are invited and bring your friends, no reservations are required.



By Gary Del Nero

Talked with Mark Doniak and he said just a few days before he had visited his father, I believe in Southern California, his dad had passed. He was sad his father had passed, but very lucky to see him few days before. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and family. On another sad note, Richard Provost's wife, Betty, passed due to long illness. Very sad to lose her. From time to time, we all got to meet her, a wonderful lady. Again, thoughts and prayers with Richard and family.



Tom Evans	10/02/1942	#55
Donny Coonce	10/09/1966	#35
Joe Bradley	10/11/1942	#120
Joe Luis	10/12/1940	#39
Gene Cox	10/16/1939	#143
Lynn Quilici	10/17/1944	#43
Robert Manning	10/20/1952	#170

2023 SIR BRANCH 103 OFFICERS

Big Sir—Dick Nelson
Little Sir-Lance Underwood
Secretary-Don Rowe
Assist. Sec.-Coe Barnard
Treasurer-Ted Bracht
Assist. Treas.-Brian Donahue
Director-Jeff Chin
Director-Gary Del Nero
Director-Dennis Imhoff
Director-Roger Smith
Director-Kerry Newman
Director-Dave Cooper



BOOK CLUB: Bring a Book, Take a Book!

Earl Glenn is using the new book cabinet to display selections. You are encouraged to bring in your used books and take something back to read. There are usually some interesting and entertaining books available.



Bill Stires

Scenic Ireland Trip through Ireland and Northern Ireland

April 14-27, 2023

Price: \$5,395 Double Occupancy Single \$6,195
\$500.00 Deposit to hold your place.
Final payment due on December 15, 2022

Sign up early to reserve your spot on this exciting trip.

\$50.00 Discount extended to November 30, 2022. Still room for the trip. Airfare and transportation to and from the airport is included 18 meals. Includes gratuities on tour for Tour Manager & Bus Driver

Highlights: 12 nights in First Class Hotel Accommodations, 1 night in Limerick, 1 night in Clifden, 1 in Sligo, 2 nights in Belfast in Northern Ireland. Visit Cliffs of Moher, local farms, an Abbey, Giant's Causeway, Titanic Experience, Hillsborough Castle, Belfast's O'Connell Street, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Trinity College, House of Waterford Crystal, Blarney Castle and the Kissing Stone, Garnish Island, Ring of Kerry, Dingle Peninsula, and **much, much more**. Leisure time to explore most of the towns and villages.

Autumn Colors trip to East Coast

October 13 - 22, 2023

Price: \$4,330 double occupancy Single: \$5,325
Air Fare to be added in December 2022
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.

Remember that relatives and friends may also go on all trips.

Call Bill Stires at 209-988-5445 or email at bstires46@gmail.com to receive

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Golf Chair Roger Smith..... 209 614-8684	Table Setup Jim Bickner209 522-4345
Golf Co-Chair Kerry Newman209 579-7747	Lead Singer Ed Davis209 522-4080
Golf Co-Chair Gerald Hott209 602-2910	Backup Singer Gary Goodman209 578-0848
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209 544-2684	
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Computer Club Jeffery Chin 209 602-3912	
Dine OutMonthly Volunteer	

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OCTOBER 2022

No.	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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40	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		SIR GOLF	SIR BOWLING		SIR GOLF		CAF BREAKFAST
41	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
		SIR GOLF	SIR BOWLING		SIR GOLF		
42	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		SIR GOLF	SIR BOWLING		SIR GOLF COUPLES DINE OUT		CAF LUNCHEON
43	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		SIR GOLF	SIR BOWLING	LUNCHEON	SIR GOLF LADIES LUNCH- EON	BEC MEETING	
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