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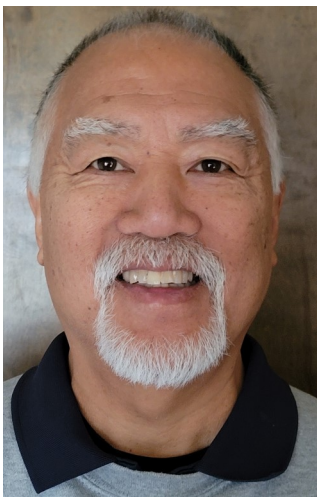
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Big Sir Crows By Jeff Chin



Big Sir Jeff Chin

My term as SIR Branch 103 Big Sir is coming to an end. So, this will be the last you will hear of my ramblings. Dick Nelson will be your Big Sir for 2023 and he will assume the duties of this monthly article.

Although the Big Sir is the leader of the branch, the leadership is truly a team effort. Many individuals work together to provide the services for our members. We have done a good job this year. Covid and the pandemic has set us back because we are a social club. Branch 103 has lost membership because of the forced isolation that the disease has caused. However, we are moving forward and not spending our time thinking about how it used to be.

There are many activities planned for 2023 to bring us together. I am planning to become the Activity Coordinator for Branch 103. Trips to Castle Air Force Museum, Apple Hill, and Blackhawk Museum are in the planning stages. The Couples Dine Out and the Ladies' Dine Out will continue. A "Search for the Best Burger in Modesto" is an activity that will involve visiting different restaurants monthly. Pickleball and miniature golf are activities that will be offer to members and guests. Bowling No-Tap tournaments for members will be scheduled. Movie Nights will be a movie combined with dinner in Modesto. I want to offer activities for all the members to choose from. Numbers will not be a problem, if there are only a few members taking part in an activity, a few of us will enjoy the time.

December Program

By Tom Evans

Mike Quinn will perform music from the 60's and the 70's along with seasonal music. There will be a raffle of items brought to the luncheon by members. Everyone will receive one free raffle ticket. Please bring something to add to the raffle.



SIR Branch 103 BEC Minutes

By Secretary Don Rowe (First Draft)

October 28, 2022

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

Absent: Directors Roger Smith, and Doug Imberi. Bill Stires (travel) Bob Kredit (Membership and data processing)

Committee Representatives present: Tom Evans (programs), Jeff Chin (Newsletter and Computer Club)

Guests: Lance Underwood-Little Sir-elect

Call to Order: Big SIR Jeff Chin, called the meeting to order at 7:31 A.M. at Denny's. There were 10 Executive Board members present for a quorum.

Reports:

Secretary: Oct.28 Minutes was offered for modification. Motion to accept: Rowe, 2nd Stackhouse-PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Treasurer: Joe Stackhouse's Nov. 18 report showed the Beginning balance-\$4,783.76. Receipts: luncheon proceeds less contribution portion- \$1008.00, Contributions from lunches- \$933.00 dues-\$0, Raffle- \$19.00, Ladies Day- 477.00, Merchandise sales-\$156.00, Total receipts- \$1960.00. Checks written- Margarito Garcia lunch-\$1,127.59, Total deductions-\$1127.50. Ending balance is \$5,616.26. 73 lunches for Dec. Joe needs a letter to our bank to put our new Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer. Motion to accept: Stackhouse, 2nd Cooper-PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Big SIR: 1. Jeff said that he will be on the State SIR Board as the Area Representative. Three others were appointed. 2. Branch 164 has been dissolved. If the members of 164 want to continue playing SIR golf, they will need to join another SIR Branch-103, 143, or 144. 3. Our Ladies Day Luncheon is Dec. 14. Don Rowe will get the wine for the Dec. Luncheon. 5. Storer Buses are not scheduling trips for 2023.

Little SIR: NA

Membership: Bob reported to Jeff that we have 106 members, same as last month.

Luncheon: Food was good again! \$5.00 FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT EAT LUNCHESES

Correspondence: NA

Program: Our November speaker Harrison Power did a great job! January will be the new Big SIR's address. Tom has the Tuskegee Daughters for Feb. It was suggested that a form be developed for speakers listing needs-screen, computer, etc, and other information. It should also tell the speaker our time lines.

Sunshine: Gary said that Gene Fruechtenicht has died. He reported that Jay North is doing better. Health and Safety State SIR rescinded the requirement of wearing masks at luncheons and other indoor activities.

Thursday Golf: Thursday golf is going well. Tee times and groups will be emailed.

Golf: 1. 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! 2. Bob Manning is securing tournament dates for next year. WE NEED TO INCREASE PLAYERS FOR OUR TOURNAMENTS SO THAT WE CAN SECURE SHOTGUN STARTS. 3. Dryden is closing front 9. Creekside has replaced our tournament scheduled at Dryden.

Newsletter: Jeff said it is going nicely.

Bowling: NA

Merchandising: Dennis had merchandise sales at our last luncheon.

Data Processing: NA

Travel: NA

Computer Club: NA

Dine Out: Bill Caldwell is hosting Jan 19 at Mimi's. Contact him if interested.

Other:

Old Business: 1. We will require that members attend at least 3 luncheons this year. 2. Jeff is working on getting ads. 3. Discussed recruiting new members

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 John Taylor.

John Taylor was born a long time ago in Broken Bow, a small town in S.E. Oklahoma, bordering the Quachita National Forest which extends almost all the way to Little Rock, Arkansas . He was the youngest boy with five older brothers and three sisters. “ My sisters, were always patching me up from scraps with my older brothers. You know how older brothers treat a younger brother.”

“ My Dad was a carpenter, and he worked in the oil field. He spoke once and that was it. In 1943, we came to Ceres. I was 4 years old.”

I went to Turlock High school, played football and broke both collar bones my freshman year. I was not much of a student. My sophomore year I worked a night shift at Swanson Foods. I got A's in auto mechanics and electronics . “

Taylor went into the Navy in 1958 and trained as an aircraft mechanic for the J-33 and later for the A-3D, the Navy's biggest plane, a bomber . When asked how a large bomber could land on a carrier, Taylor responded, ”it was like a controlled crash on a postage stamp.” Taylor's carrier, Franklin Roosevelt, was involved in the Caribbean rescue operation of survivors and refugees from the failed Bay of Pigs operation in 1961 .

“I worked for Pacific Industries for a couple of years. I was installing a garage door for a man who asked me what I did in the Navy. I told him I had been a jet aircraft mechanic. He was the director of helicopter maintenance at the Sharp Depot in Lathrop. I have always been lucky in that way, things turned up. I worked there for 10 years on helicopters coming back from Viet Nam until 1975. Later I worked out of McClellan Air Base for the DOD as a heavy radar mechanic and then as an inspector for electronic installation. I'd get my orders, get on a plane and go to England, Turkey, and Bangor Maine. We'd stay for a couple of days or a couple of months. “

“One job I really enjoyed. I was a Christmas tree salesman. Everybody was happy. I sold Christmas trees for 20 years and owned four lots. My last year, we sold about 14,000 trees. Every year we had very few left over. I'd go up to Corvallis and buy trees from the same guy.”

John is a serious car guy. I had seen pictures of his almost fully restored 1956 Ford pickup, with green metal flaked paint. It has a 350 Chevy engine with an R 700 transmission and a 10 bolt rear end. Air bags front and rear which enable the truck to go up or down. The wheel wells have been widened by 2” in order to run wider tires. The bed of the truck fitted with wood strips and high-lighted in the rear by a subdued and sunken metal locking gas cap. The cherry on top of the ice cream float, the sound... a reverberating, righteous roar which takes you back down memory lane to cruising on 10th Street.

John has been a member of Sirs since 2008. “I have been addicted to golf ever since I was a kid. I used to play at Dryden, early and then go home, hitch up the boat and ski all day at Don Pedro.”

GOLF

Bowling



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. Dec. 12-Creekside,9:00, \$34 (cart opt. \$15)
Host 103

~~(Mon. Dec. 19-Creekside,9:00, \$34 (cart opt. \$15)
Host 144) CANCELLED!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!~~

Mon. Jan. 2-Creekside,9:00, \$34 (cart opt. \$15)
Host 103

Mon. Jan. 9-Elkhorn,9:00, \$48 (cart incl.) Host
144

Tues. Jan. 17-Atwater,9:00, \$47 (cart incl.) Host
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Mon. Jan. 23-Creekside,9:00, \$34 (cart opt. \$15)
Host 144

Mon. Jan. 30-Swenson,9:00, \$46 (cart incl.) Host
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**NEW SCHEDULE FOR REMAINDER OF SEASON
WILL BE PUBLISHED ON-LINE SOON.**



Creekside Golf

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

Congratulations to Team 4 (J. Salinas, R. Wilcox, P. Reed, J. Chin) for winning the first third of the league. Results from week 14 of League:

First Place-Team 2 (F. Bistodeau, P. Abujen, J. Santillano, B. Abujen) **Season High Scores:** Men Scratch Game: D. Brown-258, Men Handicap Game: A. Sterling-298, Men Scratch Series: B. Abujen-712, Men Handicap Series: G. Del Nero-728, Women Scratch Game: N. Brey-166, Women Handicap Game: P. Abujen-242, Women Handicap Series: B. Webb-681. **Individual High Average:** Men-B. Abujen-210, Women-B. Webb-149

2022 Tisdall Memorial Tournament

Official results of the 2022 Tisdall Memorial Bowling Tournament.

Division 1 Singles (175 average and above)

(1) Joseph Miceli, \$97.00 (2) Jeff Chin, \$77.00 (3) Rick Lazaro, \$50.00 (4) Bob Abujen, (5) Bert Abrahamzon, (6) Sam Griffis, (7) Michael Coe.

Division 1 Doubles (350 average and above)

(1) D.Brown/R. Lazaro, \$139.00 (2) B. Akers/S. Griffis, \$75.00 (3) J. Fry/K. Jones, (4) R. Brown/C. Hanley

Division 2 Singles (174 average and below)

(1) Larry Lardie, \$103.00 (2) Harvey McAninch, \$82.00 (3) Lynn Salazar, \$50.00 (4) Raymond Garcia, (5) Miguel Ferras, (6) Rob Brown, (7) Ernie Lewis

Division 2 Doubles (349 average and below)

(1) R. DiBasilio/C. Akin, \$150.00 (2) P. Abujen/B. Abujen, \$85.00 (3) V. Okumura/H. Look, (4) T. Abrahamzon/B. Abrahamzon

Division 1 All Events Handicap(175 average and above)

(1) Rick Lazaro, \$45.00 (2) Bert Abrahamzon \$30.00 (3) Joseph Miceli, \$10.00 (4) Rick Bronner, (5) John Fry, (6) Bob Abujen, (7) Dave Brown

Division 2 All Events Handicap(174 average and below)

(1) Larry Lardie, \$49.00 (2) Rob Brown, \$31.00 (3) Ernie Lewis, \$10.00, (4) Harvey McAninch, (5) Miguel Ferras, (6) Cindy Akin, (6) Ray DiBasilio

All Events Scratch

(1) Rick Lazaro, \$35.00 (2) Joseph Miceli, (3) James Brodie, (4) Dave Brown, (5) Keith Jones, (6) Joe Brad-

Branch 103 General Membership Luncheon

December 14, 2022

10:30 am - 1:00 pm

Masonic Temple

800 Rose Ave. Modesto, CA

Luncheon Price \$21.00

Couples Dine Out

There will be no Couples Dine Out in the months of November and December because of the holidays.



LADIES' DINE-OUT

There will be no Ladies Dine Out in the months of November and December because of the holidays.



By Gary Del Nero

Sad news with the passing of Don Reeds wife Mable. Our thoughts and prayers to the family. Funeral was Wednesday, December 7, and a great gathering by our fellow SIR members were in attendance. Again, Don we are with you in deepest sympathy.

To all a great holiday season including the New Year. Gary Del Nero
Sunshine 103



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.



Ted Bracht	12/01/1947	#36
Robert Sykes	12/14/1935	#89
John Lemos	12/23/1955	#17
Bob Hall	12/26/1945	#229
Sonny Crim	12/27/1952	#9
Robert Bishop	12/28/1937	#56
Fred Angleton	12/30/1950	#72

The True Meaning Of The Holiday Season

December is supposed to be a season of "giving" yet it's become more a season of greed, competition and expectations. It's geared towards those who have money, as the seemingly best presents are the ones you buy and spend the most money on. What happened to sentimental gifts? I don't care if that labels that person as "cheap" - those gifts are more expensive as they require more thought. I'd much rather receive a carefully crafted gift, whether it be a letter from a friend recalling old memories and expressing their gratitude for me or a playlist of songs. I can hang up those letters on my wall and cherish them for as long as they last; the songs then remind me of that person and of the occasion with which they were shared.

There shouldn't be a time limit on presents or a scale that marks a gift as "good" or "bad"; unexpected gifts are the best because they are usually the most thoughtful. When you see a gift and it immediately reminds you of someone in your life, you shouldn't be discouraged from buying said gift just because there's no special occasion; just buy it and give it to them!

Expectations exist not only with gifts but also in terms of relationships. The holiday season is a time to be spent with loved ones - family, friends and significant others. We must not take these people for granted; we must also remember that not every one of these categories exist in people's lives. While I am very fortunate to have a very loving and welcoming family, that is not true of all people. Could you imagine dreading going home for Christmas because of family troubles? It would be even more difficult watching other families spend time together. Focus on enjoying this holiday season with whomever and with whatever makes you happiest; keep it simple and joyous, as it's meant to be.



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.

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