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Modesto SIR Branch 103

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Big Sir Crows By Dick Nelson



Big Sir Dick Nelson

The Executive Committee of Branch 103 met on Sep 29. Two surveys were conducted in September to determine members attitudes towards our monthly luncheon in light of various complaints which centered on food quality, price, and location. The results of the survey are available in our newsletter. For the past couple of months, a Food Committee has evaluated several alternative locations for luncheons. For the remainder of the year, we will stay at our present location.

Our annual dues for 2024 will be increased to 25 dollars in response to the State Sirs increased liability which in turn makes our quarterly assessment higher. We would appreciate it if this was paid by the November meeting. Tickets will go on sale for the December Christmas dinner at the October Luncheon.

The State Sir Meeting was held Aug 31 via Zoom. Richard Provost is the Area State Representative and Jeff Chin is the Director of State Documents. Dale Decker from Sonora is the new President for 2024.

Our end of year golf tournament, was held at Manteca. A special thanks to the men who make our golf outings an enjoyable social experience: Paul Bender for his behind the scenes accounting, Roger Smith for his patience and good humor in handling our weekly tournaments

Membership Dues for 2024

Branch 103 Annual Membership Dues have been increased to \$25 for 2024. Your dues are mandatory to participate in any SIR activity including golf, bowling, travel, and luncheons. The liability insurance paid to the State SIR has increased for 2024. We would appreciate the dues paid in November because no money will be collected in December.

SIR Branch 103 BEC September Minutes

By Secretary Don Rowe (First Draft)

Attending: Big SIR Dick Nelson, Secretary Don Rowe, Assistant Secretary Coe Barnard, Treasurer Ted Bracht, Assistant Treasurer, Brian Donahue. Directors: Dave Cooper, Kerry Newman, Jeff Chin, and Gary Del Nero.

Absent: Director Barry Brutica, Dennis Imhoff, Bob Kredit (Thursday Golf)

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

Guests: Richard Provost, Roger Smith, and Paul Bender.

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

Reports:

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

Treasurer: Ted Bracht's Aug.28 report showed the Beginning balance- \$3,063.26. Receipts: luncheon proceeds less contribution portion- \$1,224.00, Donations- \$14.00, Raffle- \$35.00, Total receipts- \$1,273.00. Checks written- Margarito's Catering-\$1,339.81. Ending balance is \$2,996.35. Motion to accept: Bracht- 2nd Donahue-PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. Ted pointed out that because the Branch pays \$1.71 more than the \$23 collected for lunches has led us to have concerns about our balance. In order to get in better financial shape, we need to take action. MOTION: Increase dues to \$25.00 for next year. Members are asked to begin paying in November-Bracht, 2nd Newman- PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Big SIR: 1. Big Sir Dick reported that The State SIR meeting was held Aug. 31. Branch 103 members Richard Provost and Jeff Chin were elected to offices on the SIR State Board.

Little SIR: NA

Membership: 1. Dave Cooper reported that we have 107 members. He presented Rex Silvera as a new member. Motion to accept: Cooper, 2nd Barnard PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Luncheon: Good food! \$5.00 FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT EACH LUNCH.

Program: Tom reported that in November, we will have Juan Sanchez, a bail bondsman. TOM WANTS HELP FINDING SPEAKERS FOR NEXT YEAR!!!

Sunshine: Gary called Dom Genova because we haven't seen him lately, and he said that he was doing fine. Gary also called Ed Davis. He said he sounded wonderful.

Health and Safety: Kerry said its time for us to get our vaccinations-Covid, flu, and RSV.

Golf: An audit of Area 18 Golf was recently completed. The Auditors found that the Golf Treasury was impressive! Paul Bender did an excellent job. WE NEED TO GET AN ASSISTANT FOR PAUL. This year, the winnings for golfers was \$16,300! Checks will be available at the October luncheon.

Thursday Golf: NA

Newsletter: Jeff reported that the State Sir is considering a change in policy to allow members to place "want ads" in the newsletter for a reasonable price.

Bowling: SIR Winter League has begun.

Merchandising: NA

Web Master: NA

Travel: NA

Activities: Jeff Chin's list of October activities will be at the end of the newsletter. Motion to accept: Cooper, 2nd Rowe- PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. JEFF WILL NOT BE DOING ACTIVITIES AFTER DECEMBER. WE NEED SOMEONE TO TAKE ON THAT TASK.

New Business: 1. Dates for luncheons earlier because of the holidays: November 15 and December 13. 2. New officers will be installed at the Nov. luncheon. 3. Area Governor Richard brought an idea to promote getting new members. He brought a copy of the View stating the prices for ads. Motion: ask Branches 144 and 143 if they had any interest of purchasing an ad in the View for 2 months- Donahue, 2nd Barnard-PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Old Business: A discussion about our luncheon and venue began with Big Sir reporting the results of the survey taken at our luncheon. Price of luncheon: 22-too high, 29-reasonable, Food quality: 25-good 17-variable, 9-poor, food quantity: 42-just right, too little-1, too much-9, number of entrees: 1 entrée-17, 2 entrees-34, New venue: 12-yes, no-30. The Food committee reported that at another venue, the price was comparable-\$25. There would be a bar and sodas available, no storage for our stuff. Given the results of the survey, no action was taken about changing venues.

Other: NA

Adjournment: 9:02

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. Sep. 11-Swenson, 8:00, Ride \$46 (cart incl)
Walk \$29 Host 144
Mon. Sep. 18-Creekside, 8:00, \$34 (cart opt. \$20)
Host 103B
Mon. Sep. 25-Manteca, Year End Tournament,
8:00, \$38 (cart incl.)
Mon. Oct. 2-Castle Oaks, 8:00, \$49 (cart incl)
Host 103
Mon. Oct. 9-Dryden, 8:00, \$32 (cart opt. \$20)
Host 144
Mon. Oct. 16-Tracy CC, 8:00, \$52 (cart incl) Host
143
Mon. Oct. 23-Creekside, 8:00, \$34 (cart opt. \$20)
Host 103
Mon. Oct. 30-Manteca, 8:00, \$47 (cart incl) Host
144
Mon. Nov. 6-Dry Creek, 8:00, \$52 (cart incl) Host
103B
Mon. Nov. 13-Dryden, 8:00, \$32 (cart opt. \$20)
Host 103
Mon. Nov. 20-Swenson, 9:00, Ride \$46 (cart incl)
Walk \$29 Host 144
Mon. Nov. 27-Creekside, 9:00, \$34 (cart opt. \$20)
Host 103B
Mon. Dec. 4-Elkhorn, 9:00, \$48 (cart incl) Host
103
Mon. Dec. 11-Dryden, 9:00, \$32 (cart opt. \$20)
Host 144



The Pickleball Activity will be scheduled the first and third Fridays of every month at the courts at Graceda Park at 9:00 am. Please come out and give it a try. There

will be experienced players to help introduce you to the game. All the equipment will be provided. All members and their spouses are invited.

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

High Scratch and Handicap Series and Games

Week 1 September 5

Series: Arnold Fidalgo 615 Arnold Fidalgo 693
Game: Arnold Fidalgo 234 Marv VanMiddendorp 270

Week 2 September 12

Series: David Brown 602 Clark Pearson 668
Game: David Brown 232 David Brown 242

Week 3 September 19

Series: Bob Abujen 567 Phil Reed 690 Game: Arnold Fidalgo 207 Phil Reed 249

Week 4 September 26

Series: Al Sterling 587 Jeff Chin 706 Game: Bob Lewis 226 Bob Lewis 263



Branch 103 General Membership Luncheon

October 25, 2023
10:30 am - 1:00 pm
Masonic Temple
800 Rose Ave. Modesto, CA
Luncheon Price \$23.00



Tom Evans	10/2/1942	81 yrs. old
Joe Bradley	10/11/1942	81 yrs. old
Joe Luis	10/12/1940	83 yrs. old
Gene Cox	10/16/1939	84 yrs. old
Bob Manning	10/20/1952	71 yrs. old

Couples Dine Out

The Couples Dine Out is on October 18, 2023 at Verona Cusina Italiana, 1700 McHenry Ave., Ste I-46, Modesto at 5:30 pm. If you would like to go please call Bob Kredit @ (209) 672-0326 or email bobkredit68@gmail.com.



LADIES' DINE-OUT

The Ladies Dine Out will be at The Secret Garden, 2101 E. Orangeburg Ave., Modesto on Thursday, October 26, 2023 at 11:30 am. No reservations are required, please join us.

Holiday Celebration Luncheon

Our Holiday Celebration Luncheon will be held on December 13, 2023 at 10:30 am—1:00 pm. Your spouse, significant other, or partner is invited and will have lunch at no cost. Members will have to purchase their own ticket for the December luncheon at the November luncheon because no tickets will be sold at the December luncheon. You will receive two tickets when you pay for your December luncheon. A raffle will be held at the December Luncheon, so please bring items for the raffle.

Luncheon Date Changes

November 15, 2023

December 13, 2023



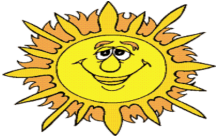
The Commemorative Air Force Central California Valley Squadron holds fund-raising meals twice a month. A

Second Saturday Pancake Breakfast and a Fourth Saturday Lunch. The breakfast time is 7:30 am to 11:00 am. The lunch time is 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. The cost is \$10 per person. No reservations required. The meals are served at the hangar 1-S at 700 Tioga Dr., Modesto. The pancake breakfast will be on May 13, 2023 and the lunch will be on May 27, 2023.

October Program

When someone is arrested and charged with a crime, the process of posting bond can be overwhelming and confusing. This is why it is important to seek professional help when dealing with bail bonds. The speaker for October will be Juan Sanchez, a bail bondsman in Modesto.

Sunshine



By Gary Del Nero

Sunshine report: Claude McMillen is having some serious medical issues our thoughts and prayers are with him, I talked with Don Geneva. He is doing ok and will try to get to next meeting soon. I talked with Ed Davis, who sounded wonderful. He has had some medical issues and apologies for not being at the meetings. Wow ,he apologize for not being there and he is only 99 years old . How wonderful is it that we could all use that kind of dedication. He will try to make the next meeting. Great news, Jim Bickner's wife, Betty, is at home and doing a lot better.



SIR DAY AT THE RACES

GOLDEN GATE FIELDS

9/25/23

The SIR Day at the Races was held on September 25, 2023. The attendance from the SIR Branches in Northern California was 160 members and guests. Attending from Branch 103 were Brian Donahue and his wife, Joan, and Jeff Chin and his wife, Deb. The racetrack, Golden Gate Fields, is closing at the end of the year.



Bring a book, take one!

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.

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State Vice Pres. Dale Decker..... 209 573-0833
Area 18 Rep. Jeff Chin.....209 602-3912

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Bowling Jeff Chin 209 602-3912	Table Setup Jim Bickner209 522-4345
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HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Bob Kredit

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October

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	SIR Golf – Castle Oaks			Creekside Golf	Pickleball – Graceda Park	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	SIR Golf - Dryden			Creekside Golf		CAF Breakfast
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	SIR Golf – Tracy CC		Couples Dine Out – Verona Cucina Italiana	Creekside Golf	Pickleball – Graceda Park	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	SIR Golf - Creekside		Branch 103 Luncheon	Creekside Golf Ladies Luncheon	BEC Meeting	CAF Luncheon
29	30	31				
	SIR Golf - Manteca					