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MAY-HEM IS HERE! Seniors Social Club Monthly Newsletter May 2025 Edition – Fueled by sunshine, strong coffee, and stronger opinions about golf swings. Hello Members! Spring is in full swing—and so are we! May is shaping up to be a month full of sunshine, laughs, and enough social fun to keep your calendar buzzing. Whether you're swinging golf clubs, knocking down pins, firing up the RV, or reeling in a fish or two, there's no shortage of ways to enjoy the great outdoors (and even better company)! We'd love your help in improving Branch 103! If you have ideas, suggestions, or would like to get more involved, please reach out—your input and participation make all the difference!

MONDAY GOLF MADNESS – Tee It High, Let It Fly! Join us every Monday for our golf tournaments and tee it up with the crew. See the schedule.

Big Sir Juan Salinas COUPLES' NIGHT OUT – Let's Outback & Unwind! Mark your calendars! On Wednesday, May 21st at 5:00 PM, we're heading to Outback Steakhouse in Modesto for an evening of great food and even better company. Bloomin' onions and bloomin' good times await. Bring your sweetheart and your appetite.

Modesto Memorial Classic – Saturday, May 24 at East La Loma Park Join a community run/walk for a cause. Events include a 1-mile, 5K, and Kids' Fun Run, with a pancake breakfast and medals for all. 2001 Edgebrook Dr | Starts 7:00 AM Proceeds support Delta Vet Center. Great way to honor, move, and mingle!

That's it for now, friends. Keep moving, keep laughing, and don't forget your sunscreen. May's going to be a blast—see you out there! – Your Fun-Lovin' Juan Salinas (Big Sir) Happy Mother's Day !!!

SIR Branch 103 BEC March Minutes

Secretary Don Rowe (First Draft)

Attending: Big SIR, Juan Salinas, Secretary Don Rowe, Assistant Secretary Ray Tillery, Treasurer Ted Bracht. Directors: Vic Whaley, Dennis Imhoff, Roger Smith, Lance Underwood, and Paul Bender

Committee Representatives Present: Gary DelNero (Sunshine) and Bob Kredit (Thursday Golf).

Absent: Little Sir Brian Donahue, Director Dave Cooper, and Tom Evans, (Program).

Call to Order: Big SIR Juan Salinas, called the meeting to order at 7:28A.M. at Denny's. Nine Executive Board members present for a quorum.

Secretary: March Board Meeting minutes was offered for modification. Motion to accept: Rowe, 2nd Tillery- PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Big SIR: 1. We discussed having a booth at the Graffiti show in June. 2. We also discussed ideas to get members to attend the luncheon. 3. Juan brought up the idea about discussing merger with Branch 144.

Treasurer: Ted Bracht reported that the Apr.26 report showed the Beginning balance- \$3,615.68. Receipts: luncheon proceeds less contribution portion- \$1,245.00, Raffle- \$43.00 2025 dues, \$150.00, Total receipts- \$1,438.00. Checks written- Margarito's Catering, \$1,277.716, Kindle and Associates- Ad campaign-\$137.50, STATE SIR quarterly assessment -\$272.25, Ted Bracht, computer repair and upgrade-\$120.00. Total deductions \$1,806.715. Ending balance is \$3,245.77. Motion to accept: Bracht- 2nd Rowe-PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Membership: We have 2 new member applications: Julian Serrano and Louis Revira- Motion to accept: Rowe 2nd Tillery-PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Sunshine: Gary reported that Kerry Newman had a hip replacement. Joe Stackhouse visited Coe Barnard.

Golf: The State SIR golf tournament schedule will be in the newsletter. NEED TO GET AN ASSISTANT FOR PAUL.

Thursday Golf: Bob Kredit reported that it is going great!

Bowling: Previous League Champion team repeats as this season's champions.

Merchandising: Dennis reported that he had some sales at the luncheon.

Activities: We will have a car show at our June luncheon. Call Lance Underwood.

Dine Out: Kerry Newman will host on April 21 at the Outback Steakhouse. Contact him-209-579-7747 or kerrynewman07@comcast.net.

Old Business: Dick Nelson put out a survey reaching out to members to consider becoming an officer or director.

New Business: 1. State Sir recommended the Branches taking members' email addresses off the website. Bob Kredit said that we don't put them on the website. 2. Ladies Lunches may be ending due to lack of participation. 3. We will be seeing about getting the hope-in-one feather and shooting your age. 4. Dennis will see about getting invitations to join cards.

Other: In May, we might ask those members who have classic cars to bring to the meeting for a small car show.

Adjournment: 8:27AM



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.

Mon. May 5-River Oaks, 8:00, \$44 (cart incl.) Host 144
Mon. May 12-Tracy CC, 8:00, \$59 (cart incl.) Host 103A
Mon. May 19-Creekside, 8:00, \$36 (cart opt.\$20) Host 103B
Tue. May 27-Swenson, 8:00, \$45 (cart incl.) Host 144
Mon. Jun 2-Dryden, 8:00, \$34 (cart opt. \$20) Host 103A
Mon. Jun 9-Elkhorn, 8:00, \$53 (cart incl.) Host 103B
Mon. Jun 16-Micke Grove, 8:00, \$62 (cart incl.) Host 144
Mon. Jun 23-Creekside, 8:00, \$36 (cart opt. \$20) Host 103A
Mon. Jun 30-Tracy CC, 8:00, \$59 (cart incl.) Host 103B
Mon. Jul 7-Dryden, 8:00, \$34 (cart opt. \$20) Host 144
Mon. Jul 14-Castle Oaks, 8:00, \$58 (cart incl.) Host 103A
Mon. Jul 21-Creekside, 8:00, \$36 (cart opt. \$20) Host 103B
Mon. Jul 28-Swenson, 8:00, \$45 (cart incl.) Host 144
Mon. Aug 4-Elkhorn, 8:00, \$53 (cart incl.) Host 103A

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.

Bowling



2024-2025 SIR BOWLING LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

The team of Terry Wilcox, Rick Wilcox, Juan Salinas, and Jeff Chin won the championship for the second year in a row.



The Pickleball Activity is be scheduled the first and third Fridays of every month at the courts at Beyer 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.

Branch 103 General Membership Luncheon

May 28, 2025

10:30 am - 1:00 pm

Masonic Temple

800 Rose Ave. Modesto, CA

Luncheon Price \$25.00



Couples' Dine Out

The Couples' Dine Out will be at Outback Steakhouse, 2045 Briggsmore Ave., Modesto on Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at 5:00 PM. If you would like to attend, please call Kerry Newman at 209-579-7747 or email at kerrynewman07@comcast.net.



LADIES' DINE-OUT

The Ladies' Dine-Out will be at Dynasty Restaurant, 3500 Coffee Rd. Modesto at 11:00 am on Thursday, May 29, 2025. No reservations required.

Sunshine Report

By Gary Del Nero



Good news Kerry Newman is on the mend. He is out and about using a cane. Maybe few weeks/months back to golf hopefully our thoughts are with him. Today is May 1st and Earl Glens' wife's birthday, but the best news is she was in rehab and again going home on her birthday. Great day for Earl and wife. Don Rowe pace maker worked again (3rd Time). Don says he is a cat, and after the pacemaker worked it third time, he has 6 lives to go. A bit of humor or truth, we may find out. Glad to have Don at our executive meeting was wonderful to see him there.

Don Genova	5/07/1935	90 Yrs. Old
Richard Ramirez	5/07/1944	81 Yrs. Old
Jim Long	5/15/1947	78 Yrs. Old
John Reedy	5/19/1943	82 Yrs. Old
Gary Goodman	5/21/1944	81 Yrs. Old
Don Fitzgerald	5/21/1948	77 Yrs. Old
Lance Underwood	5/27/1954	71 Yrs. Old
Coe Barnard	5/31/1939	86 Yrs. Old
Jerry North	5/31/1944	81 Yrs. Old
Ray Tillery	5/31/1952	73 Yrs. Old



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 for breakfast and \$13 for lunch. No reservations required. The meals are served at the hangar 1-S at 700 Tioga Dr., Modesto. The breakfast will be on May 10, 2025. The lunch will be on May 24, 2025.

Branch 103 Website

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Highlights

- *Roundtrip airfare from Sacramento
- *Transfers to and from the Sacramento Allport
- *1-night pre-cruise hotel stay at the Guest House at Graceland with free ground-transfers airport to hotel and hotel to ship
- *Post cruise Premium New Orleans City excursion with drop off at the New Orleans Allport
- *All meals and snacks
- *24/7 alcoholic/non-alcoholic beverages and nightly evening cocktail hour with hors d' oeuvres and top shelf liquors
- *Wi-Fi
- *Prepaid gratuities
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- *Full enrichment package with guest speakers and nightly entertainment

*7 night cruise on the American
Splendor with all meals, drinks
and shipboard activities*

Questions? Please contact John Cardoza (209) 483-7722

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Bob Kredit

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May

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Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					Creekside Golf	1 Pickleball-Beyer Park, Modesto	2 Pickleball-Beyer Park, Modesto
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4		5 SIR Golf-River Oaks	6	7	8 Creekside Golf	9	10 CAF Breakfast-Modesto Airport Hangar 1S
11		12 SIR Golf-Tracy GC	13	14	15 Creekside Golf	16 Pickleball-Beyer Park, Modesto	17
18		19 SIR Golf-Creekside	20	21 Couples' Dine Out-Outback Steakhouse	22 Creekside Golf	23	24 CAF Lunch-Modesto Airport Hangar 1S
25		26	SIR Golf-Swenson	27 General Membership Luncheon	28 Creekside Golf Ladies Luncheon-Dynasty Restaurant	29 BEC Meeting-Denny's Restaurant	30 BEC Meeting-Denny's Restaurant