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Modesto SIR Branch 103

DEDICATED to the PROMOTION of INDEPENDENCE and DIGNITY for MEN

Branch 103 Website: www.sirinc2.org/branch103

Big Sir Crows



**Big SIR Fernando
Gonzalez**

At our next luncheon I am honored to present our annual report on the health of our branch. Not just our financial health, but our operational strength, and overall sustainability.

Over the past year, our branch has continued to operate in a challenging environment. We have successfully merged our two branches and all of us are coming together without any issues.

In terms of health, our board has continued to demonstrate dedication, professionalism and compassion for our members. The health of our branch is about members talking and interacting with other members, exempting our differences and celebrating as one group.

Financially, we have maintained stability while exercising responsible stewardship of our resources. While we continue to face funding constraints—as many non-profits do—we have managed our expenses carefully and transparently. Every dollar spent has been directed toward advancing our mission and supporting our members' activities.

We also recognize that organizational health is not just about success, but about growing our membership. This is what we need to concentrate on in this coming year.

None of this would be possible without you and our board members. Your trust, guidance, and commitment are the foundation of our branch's health and success.

In closing, I am confident in the future of our branch. We are healthy, we are learning, and we are moving forward with purpose. Together, we will continue to create meaningful friendships.

The true strength of our branch lies in its members. Many of our members volunteer to help in many of our activities, from golfing, bowling, dining out groups, providing merchandise, putting in long hours, often quiet and without recognition. Their commitment is the heartbeat of this branch, and I want to sincerely thank them for their dedication and resilience.

Thank you for supporting me in being your Big SIR for 2026.

Big Sir Fernando Gonzalez Branch 103

\$25 dues are due. Please pay asap. They are due no later than March 31. Thank You!

SIR Branch 103 (Region 2-Area 18) BEC Minutes January 28, 2026

Secretary Don Rowe

Attending Little Sir Ray Tillery, Secretary Don Rowe, Assistant Secretary, OPEN, Treasurer John Santillano, Directors: Dave Cooper, Bob Lewis, Juan Salinas, Jerry Strain, and Ted Bracht.

Committee Representatives Present: Gary Del Nero, (Sunshine) and Bob Kredit Thursday Golf.

Absent: Big SIR Fernando Gonzalez. Director: Dennis Imhoff, and Tom Evans: Program.

Guests:

Call to Order: Little SIR, Ray Tillery called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M. at The Masonic Lodge, Eight Executive Board members were present for a quorum.

Secretary: Dec. 18 Minutes were offered for modification. Motion to accept: Rowe, 2nd Lewis- PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Big SIR: NA

Little SIR: Little Sir Ray Tillery ran the Board meeting.

Treasurer: Treasurer John Santillano reported that the beginning balance for Dec. was \$7,647.07. Receipts: Raffle \$0.00, Member Luncheon Purchase- \$660, Bowling refund \$220.12. Total receipts-\$880.12. Checks written: Luncheon- \$4,104.78, Bank balance-\$4,422.78 petty cash-\$250.00, Total balance-\$4,672.41 Motion to accept: Santillano 2nd Rowe - PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. The setting suggestion for the dues will be given to the budget committee, and it will make a recommendation to the Board in Feb.

Membership: Dave Cooper presented 3 new member applications: Mike Mungaray, Ron Shimada, and Bob Abujen. Motion to accept new members-Bracht, 2nd Lewis **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Jerry Strain will be the Membership Assistant.

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

Correspondence

Program: NA

Health and Safety NA.

Golf: NA

NEED TO GET AN ASSISTANT FOR PAUL.

Thursday Golf: going nicely.

Newsletter: Bob Lewis said that the newsletter is going fine.

Bowling: Bob Lewis reported that bowling is rolling along.

Merchandising: NA

Travel: NA

Activities: WE NEED TO HAVE SOMEONE TAKE ON THIS TASK!

Dine Out. To be determined.

Old Business: NA

New Business: NA

Other: NA

Adjournment: 10:04 A.M.

Respectfully submitted, Don Rowe



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. Feb. 2- Elkhorn 9:00 \$60 (cart inc.) Host 103C
- Mon. Feb. 9- River Oaks 9:00 \$45 (cart opt.) Host 103B
- Tue. Feb. 17- Atwater 9:00 \$60 (cart inc.) Host 103A
- Mon. Feb. 23- Dryden 9:00 \$61 (cart opt.) Host 103C
- Mon. March 2- Pheasant Run 8:00 \$65 (cart inc.) Host 103B
- Mon. March 9- Creekside 8:00 \$63 (cart opt.) Host 103A
- Mon. March 16- Tracy GC 8:00 \$63 (cart inc.) Host 103C
- Mon. March 23- Dryden 8:00 \$61 (cart opt.) Host 103B
- Mon. March 30- Swenson 8:00 \$58 (cart inc.) Host 103A

[SIR-Area-18-South-2026-Tournament-Schedule.pdf](#)

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.

Sunshine Report

By Gary Del Nero



Sunshine Report for February.

Jerry Hott is in Memorial Hospital. Our thoughts and prayers for him and family. Pam Holly had shoulder replacement and is doing awesome, she stopped by bowling to say hi to everyone. As of this day, 2-3-26 Bob Kredit was in Doctors Hospital with swelling. He is being treated and our thoughts are with him. Jeff Chin is in the hospital. Very serious times for Jeff and family with prayers going out to them. Obviously it is very serious times for our SIR colleagues.

Gary Del Nero: Phone 209 681-1100

Amos: 209 605-9638

Email: garydelnero73@gmail.com

Gary Del Nero



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.

February 2026 Bowling Report

High Scratch and Handicap Series and Games

Scratch Games

Handicap Games

Week 17 December 23

Series: Bob Abujen 662
Game: Bob Abujen 248
Series: Barbara Webb 395
Game: Barbara Webb 169

Steve Gibson 687
Bob Abujen 252
Barbara Webb 563
Barbara Webb 225

Week 18 December 30

Series: Steve Gibson 633
Game: Bob Abujen 234
Series: Barbara Webb 413
Game: Barbara Webb 148

Steve Gibson 705
Steve Gibson 250
Barbara Webb 584
Terry Wilcox 206

Week 19 January 6

Series: Steve Gibson 591
Game: Steve Gibson 238
Series: Barbara Webb 431
Game: Barbara Webb 169

Al Kusters 691
Steve Gibson 260
Dolores Bavaro 609
Barbara Webb 226

Week 20 January 13

Series: Bob Abujen 623
Game: Bob Abujen 213
Series: Dolores Bavaro 413
Game: Barbara Webb 157

Al Sterling 672
Gene Cox 243
Dolores Bavaro 608
Barbara Webb 213

Week 21 January 20

Series: Bob Lewis 594
Game: Bob Lewis 235
Series: Barbara Webb 451
Game: Barbara Webb 160

Al Kusters 689
Arnold Fidalgo 258
Barbara Webb 622
Barbara Webb 217

{Team 3 (Steve Gibson, Don Stephens, and Al Sterling) won the 2nd third}

Come out for our hometown tournament.

----- 2026 UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS-----

February 18-19 Country Club Lanes, Sacramento- Tod Davis 916-722-3575

March 5 Fireside Lanes, Citrus Heights- Art Tourtilott 916-635-6138

March 24-25 Clayton Valley Bowl, Concord- Gary Kaufmann 925-360-9260

Branch 103 Bowling Chairman: Bob Lewis 209-523-7387 bobalew69@msn.com

[Bowling Tournament Calendar 2026 pdf](#)

February 2026 Dining Out Club Information

Since 2001

2nd Tuesday Evening Club:

Tues. February 10, 2026 – Strings Italian Cafe

Tuesday March 10, 2026 -- Mimi's Cafe

For Reservations: Contact Kathy Norris at 209-596-0416

4th Tuesday Evening Club:

Tuesday February 24, 2026—Thailand Restaurant

Tuesday March 24, 2026 – El Casador Mexican

For Reservations Contact Hall Eubank at: 209-649-4148

4th Thursday Evening Club:

Thursday February 26, 2026 – Outback Steakhouse

Thursday March 26, 2026 -- Lee's Chinese Kitchen

For Reservations: Contact Vince Sereno at: 209-524-9630, or Cell at: 209-552-1539

If you like to eat at different restaurants in our local area and are interested in joining one of our 3 social, fun loving, evening Dining Out Clubs, please contact Chairman Vince Sereno at (209) 524-9630. He will provide you with all the information needed to become a member. Open to all SIR members, Couples or SIR members with Lady friends, singles, Widows of Deceased SIR Members, family members, Etc. who enjoy eating out.

Chuckle: 3 Women in a Sauna

THREE WOMEN, TWO YOUNGER, AND ONE SENIOR CITIZEN, WERE SITTING NAKED IN A SAUNA. SUDDENLY THERE WAS A BEEPING SOUND. THE YOUNG WOMAN PRESSED HER FOREARM AND THE BEEP STOPPED.

THE OTHERS LOOKED AT HER QUESTIONINGLY. 'THAT WAS MY PAGER,' SHE SAID. I HAVE A MICROCHIP UNDER THE SKIN OF MY ARM.

A FEW MINUTES LATER, A PHONE RANG. THE SECOND YOUNG WOMAN LIFTED HER PALM TO HER EAR. WHEN SHE FINISHED, SHE EXPLAINED, 'THAT WAS MY MOBILE PHONE. I HAVE A MICROCHIP IN MY HAND.'

THE OLDER WOMAN FELT VERY LOW -TECH. NOT TO BE OUT DONE, SHE DECIDED SHE HAD TO DO SOMETHING JUST AS IMPRESSIVE. SHE STEPPED OUT OF THE SAUNA AND WENT TO THE BATHROOM. SHE RETURNED WITH A PIECE OF TOILET PAPER HANGING FROM HER REAR END. THE OTHERS RAISED THEIR EYEBROWS AND STARED AT HER THE OLDER WOMAN FINALLY SAID WELL, WILL YOU LOOK AT THAT I'M GETTING A FAX!!

"Gotta love the old gals !!!"

Branch 103 Luncheon

Wednesday February 25, 2026

10:30 am - 1:00 pm

Masonic Temple

800 Rose Ave. Modesto, CA

Luncheon Price: \$25



Couples' Dine Out

The Couples' Dine Out will be at Black Bear Diner on February 18, 2026 by 4:30. If you would like to attend, please call Juan Salinas at 209-605-6762 or email at juangolfnut.yahoo.com. by February 13, 2026



LADIES DINE-OUT

The Ladies' Dine-Out will be taking some time out. Please read the upcoming newsletters to find out the next date.



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 hangar 1-S at 700 Tioga Dr., Modesto. The breakfast will be on February 14, 2026. The lunch will be on February 28, 2026.

Last	First	Birthdate	Age
Gentry	Charles	2/14/1954	72
Slocum	Michael	2/19/1953	73
Smith	Roger	2/23/1952	74
Carrington	Glenn	2/13/1952	74
Imberi	Doug	2/22/1950	76
Rogers	Keith	2/22/1949	77
Rowe	Don	2/19/1949	77
Alves	Mike	2/09/1948	78
Persons	James	2/23/1945	81
Holly	Steve	2/19/1945	81
Medrano	John	2/18/1944	82
Hockenberry	Larry	2/11/1943	83
Owens	Larry	2/4/1943	83
Glenn	Earl	2/21/1942	84
Kincanon	John	2/06/1939	87
Miller	Jerry	2/09/1937	89
Solario	Henry	2/07/1932	94



Ad For Anthony Butera



Anthony Butera
Regional Vice-President at
Primerica Financial Services



16 NIGHT HAWAIIAN ISLANDS CRUISE ABOARD THE RUBY PRINCESS

SAILING ROUND TRIP SAN FRANCISCO OCTOBER 23-NOVEMBER 8, 2026

PORTS OF CALL

Hilo, Big Island/ Kahului, Maui/ Honolulu, Oahu
Nawiliwili, Kauai and Ensenada, Mexico

THE RUBY PRINCESS



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Includes: Beverage package, Wifi, Crew appreciation, Premium
desserts (2 per day), Fitness classes (2 per cruise) and unlimited Juice Bar, 2 Casual
Dining meals per guest, Room service delivery**

ESCORTED BY JOHN CARDOZA (209) 483-7722 cell



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State Pres. Fred Serena.....510-489-0964
State Vice Pres. Nick Feimer.....650-341-3015
Area 18 Rep. Anthony Butera.....209-985-3473

SIR BRANCH 103 OFFICERS

Big Sir Fernando Gonzalez.....415-420-2440
Little Sir Ray Tillery.....209-499-0955
Secretary Don Rowe.....209-634-0100
Asst. Secretary Ray Tillery.....209-499-0955
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Asst. Treas.....OPEN

DIRECTORS

Ted Bracht.....209-573-1690
Dave Cooper.....209-578-3789
Dennis Imhoff.....209-846-9529
Bob Lewis.....626-252-5484
Juan Salinas.....209-605-6762
Jerry Strain.....209-551-8220

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Membership: Dave Cooper 209 578-3789
Assistant:
Program Chair: Tom Evans.....209 551-1836
Assistant:
Member Orient.: Brian Donahue 209 988-2748
Public Relations: Bob Kredit..... 209 672-0326
Bowling: Vern Masse 209 544-1953
Bowling: Bob Lewis..... 626 252-5484
Golf Chair: Roger Smith. 209 614-8684
Golf Co-Chair: Kerry Newman 209 579-7747
Golf Co-Chair: Gerald Hott 209 602-2910
Golf Handicap: Jerry Strain..... 209 551-8220
Book Exchange: Earl Glenn 209 537-7254
Travel Area18: John Cardoza 209 483-7722
Merchandise Sales: Dennis Imhoff.... 209 846-9529
Lunch Menu: Juan Salinas 209 605-6762
Computer Club: Jeffery Chin..... 209 602-3912
Activity Chair: Lance Underwood.....209 681-6989
Sunshine Chair: Gary Del Nero 209-681-1100
Dining Out Chair: Vince Sereno.....209-524-9630



Health & Safety: Kerry Newman...209 579-7747
Chaplain: Dick Nelson.....209 701-8108
Asst. Chaplain: Gary Goodman209 578-0848
Meal Tickets: Don Rowe, Roy Bruk
Raffle: Roy Bruk, Jim Bickner
Table Setup: Don Rowe209 634-0100
Table Setup: Jim Bickner209 522-4345
Lead Singer:
Backup Singer: Gary Goodman209 578-0848
Audit Committee: Kerry Newman, Coe Barnard
Nominating Committee:
Ladies Dine Out: Barbara Webb....209 526-6511

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS:

Sam Graham, Bob Kredit and Gary Williams

STATE HONORARY LIFE MEMBER: Jerry Strain

SENIOR HONORARY LIFE MEMBER:

Don Reed

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

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SIR DISCLAIMER and ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

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FEBRUARY

February

2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 SIR Golf- Elkhorn	3 SIR League Bowling 1:00	4	5 Creekside Golf	6 Pickleball- Beyer Park, Modesto	7
8	9 SIR Golf- River Oaks	10 SIR League Bowling 1:00 xxxxxxxxxxxx Dining Club- Strings Italian Cafe	11	12 Creekside Golf	13	14 CAF Breakfast- Modesto Airport Hangar 1S
15	16 President's Day	17 SIR Golf- Atwater xxxxxxxxxxxx SIR League Bowling 1:00	18 Couples Dine Out—Black Bear Diner 4:30	19 Creekside Golf	20 Pickleball- Beyer Park, Modesto	21
22	23 SIR Golf- Dryden	24 SIR League Bowling 1:00 xxxxxxxxxxxx Dining Club- Thailand Restaurant	25 General Membership Luncheon 10:30	26 Creekside Golf xxxxxxxxxxxx Dining Club- Outback Steakhouse	27	28 CAF Lunch- Modesto Airport Hangar 1S

All Dining Clubs meet no later than 5:00 (Please arrive by 4:45)

Couples Dine Out meets this month at 4:30

New Members



Pictured L-R: (NM)* Ron Shimada, Director Juan Salinas, (NM)* Ernesto Villarreal, (NM)* Mike Mungaray

Ron Shimada retired from Shibuya International Inc. as the Accounting Division Manager. He likes Bowling, Fishing, Golf, Pinochle and Veterans. He served in the USAF. His wife is Aiko.

Ernesto likes to play Golf with his buddies. He served in the US Navy. His wife is Rosemary.

Mike retired from Vulcan Materials as a Truck Driver Maintenance. He likes Football Day and Golf. He served in the US Army

*(Note: (NM) is New Member)

Couples Dine-Out at Mike's Grillhouse

January 21, 2026

