



BULLETIN

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Ed's Elaborations



What a great luncheon speaker we had in Chris Bateman. His pictures were great and so must have been his legs to bike 3900 miles across the USA, but he didn't show them. Thanks to Earl for getting us this fine speaker.

Our guys enjoyed a fine hike, enjoyed a movie and popcorn, and asked all kinds of geek questions of Dick Chimenti at the computer group meeting this last month.

We hope that all of you will partake in upcoming SIR events. On the calendar this month is a movie with members bringing a significant other. They'll do dinner after it. See inside the Bulletin about contacting Ray Pfoutz to join in. Jerry Jensen has a good hike planned, detailed inside. Also, a few tickets remain for *Fiddler on the Roof*, followed by a nice dinner for all to enjoy together. Richard Robbie announced addtiona to his Golf group schedule, so you golfers will want to learn about that and take a swing with him.

Next month our *Bulletin* will come out a week later than usual (the Editor needs to ski Utah). Find out about events planned in early March by contacting the Activity Chairmen, or by hearing their announcements at our Luncheon.

I wish you all a happy, healthful month until we meet again for lunch, Thursday, March 5th.

NEXT LUNCHEON

Elks Club - Sonora

THURSDAY

MARCH 5TH, 2009

Refreshments - 11:00 a.m.

Luncheon at Noon

Price **\$13**

MENU

CORNED BEEF

STEAMED CABBAGE

DICED RED POTATOES

GREEN SALAD

ICE CREAM

OUR SPEAKER

The speaker at our March Luncheon will be **Peter Carillo**, who operates **Practical Dreamers**, sponsored by the Area 12 Agency on Aging. He will give a presentation entitled *Getting Old is not for Wimps*.

Movie Group Report

On Tuesday, January 20, seven SIR members treated themselves to lunch at Applebee's and a very interesting movie, "Grand Torino". Most likely others of you have seen the film as well. We will pick out a film next month and send the notification to those on the Movie list. If you want to be on the list, send an e-mail to **Ray Pfoutz** at **"pfoutzer3@sonnet.com"**.

ATTENDANCE

Planned Absence: Call in to our answering service HOTLINE at **536-6333** before **12:00 Noon**, the day before the luncheon, if you are requesting an excused absence. Anything later than that is considered an un-excused absence. **Remember to clearly state your NAME & BADGE # when leaving a message.**

GUESTS ONLY: Please phone Bill Bamford, our Ass't Attendance Chairman, no later than the Sunday preceding the Thursday meeting if you plan to bring a guest. Your help to keep the number of meals correctly ordered is appreciated. You can contact Bill at 586-7279 for GUESTS only scheduling.

Anyone planning a lengthy absence must submit an Extended Absence Form to Herb at least 30 days prior to the effective date.

Herb Spierling, Attendance Chair

herb@sierrasurfin.com

Bill Bamford, Assistant

MARCH BIRTHDAY BOYS

Dick Anderson
Dick Bezerra
George Brown
Larry Carrington
Ronald Clark
Sprague Edwards
Lynn Felber
Richard Froisness
Ron Hawke
Ron Humann
Charles Joseph
George Lowder
John McCreary
Bob Nylander
Jerry Redfern
Robert Wellwood

BULLETIN DEADLINE

The deadline for the next Bulletin is **MONDAY, MAR. 9th**. Please send your articles to **STU HELLER**.

lakewooddancers@goldrush.com

snail mail: 19511 Michigan Drive

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TRAVEL

by Earl Nelson

The **two** big trips for 2009 still have room for more travelers.

On May 23 we fly to Alaska, do a land tour and cruise home. Trip length is 15 days and starts at \$3,650. Also, we will be taking a River Cruise on Sept 11, for 16 days. It starts in Budapest and concludes in Amsterdam. Pricing starts at \$4,499.

SIR is sponsoring a trip to Golden Gate Fields on March 6. Sorry for the short notice but I was just notified. If there is interest in this, I will look into transportation. The cost is \$25 for entrance to the Turf Club and includes Prime Rib Buffet.

Please e-mail me at earlnelson@aol.com, or call at **586-5661**, if there is an interest in any of the above.

WELCOME NEW Sir



DON ELDER

Twain Harte Branch Officers

Big Sir	Ed Nissen	586--3307
Little Sir	Earl Nelson	586-5661
Secretary	Dan Mohn	586-4430
Ass't Sec.	Dick Feaster	536-9106
Treasurer	Rich Brandau	586-3399
Ass't. Treas	Rich. Robinson	588-9519

Board of Directors

2nd Year: Bill Bamford 586-7279
Paul Desrosiers 532-575
Dennis Honeychurch 586-2117

1st Year: Jerry Jensen 928-1278
Ralph Legg 533-4228
Harry Vacca 586-7580

Activity Chairmen

Attendance	Herb Spierling
Ass't Attend.	Bill Bamford
To Be Absent:	536-6333
To Bring Guest:	586-7279
Bulletin	Stu Heller
Bulletin Distrib.	Dan Schroeder
Chaplain	Wayne Bolitho
Computer Group	Dick Chimenti
Fellowship	Larry Bertucelli
Golf	Richard Broddie
Hiking	Jerry Jensen
Historian	Jim Schneider
Joke Master	Arlen Richardson
Luncheon	Henry Beltran
Luncheon Asst.	Jim McCracken
Membership:	Ralph Legg
Asst. Membship	Bob Wright
Movie Group	Ray Pfoutz
Ass't. Movie	Gil Wesson
Publicity	Gil Wesson
Drawing	Rick DeSambad, Dean Squires
RV Group	Bob Becker
RV Ass't.	Jim Nolan
Song Master:	Jerry Lewis
Sound Master	Dennis Honeychurch
Theater	Ralph Bushnell
Ass't Theater	Rich Brandau
Travel	Earl Nelson
Website	Dick Chimenti

SIR GOLF GROUP NEWS by Richard Broddie

SPRING TOURNAMENT: TUESDAY, MARCH 10 AT LAKE DON PEDRO. COST \$23 includes green fees, cart and prizes. TEE TIME - 9AM. Complete Breakfast available for \$4.95. SIGNUPS at the MARCH 5th LUNCHEON.

(remaining Tournament schedule was posted in a prior Bulletin - call me @ 586-3151 if you need it)

West Coast 2 for 1 Books will be used by each golfer to pay green fees and cart fees at the course on the day of the Tournament. Signup and prize money payments will occur at the SIR Luncheon on the Thursday prior to the Tournament. If you are unable to make the Luncheon you must call me @ 586-3151 to signup. If you want to walk the course, you must have a walking partner as well. All golfers who belong to any SIR Golf Group are eligible to play for prize money. GUESTS can play also, but not for prize money, and are required to pay an additional \$2 to cover club costs.

Branch 172 members will again be competing for the BLUE and GOLD Championships, based on handicaps. Points will be awarded as follows: 10 points for 1st place, 6 for 2nd, 5 for 3rd, 4 for 4th, 3 for 5th, 2 for 6th, 1 for 7th. In addition, each player will receive 4 points just for playing in the Tournament. Total points for all Tournaments will determine the year end winner, and prizes will be awarded for First through Fifth places. Additional prizes will be awarded for Most Improved.

Your West Coast Golf Book has two free rounds of golf listed, and may be used to play in other SIR Tournaments in the area, as well as the SIR State Individual and/or Team Championships. Contact me if interested. Have a great golfing year.

SIR THEATER GROUP NEWS by Rich Brandau

The first play of the 2009 season is on track to be very well attended. One hundred tickets have been secured for **Fiddler on the Roof on March 18th**. Ninety four tickets have been snapped up so far. If you have any interest in attending this highly regarded play, please contact **Rich Brandau at 586-3399 ASAP**.

As for the other plays throughout the year, I should expect similar attendance results. I'm told that the initial theater attendance was about 15 and now we are close to 100 for a matinee show. All the thanks should go to those members who started this program and to those members who volunteer to host a play and dinner. Well done.

It's always a big help for the host to know ahead of time how many are interested in attending a particular play and dinner. There are certain deadlines that must be met for both the play and dinner arrangements. The more information he has on attendance early in the planning process, the better he can accommodate as many members as possible. We have not yet embraced the notion of splitting the play into two matinees or having the dinner at two separate restaurants, so it's particularly important to make your intentions known to the host as early as possible. The host can usually accommodate a late ticket request, but dinner seating is generally much more limited. Either email or call them to have your name placed on their email list for the plays of your choice.

SIR Hike - Glory Hole @Melones Reservoir, Tuesday, February 17th

Where: Melones Visitor's Center, east of Hwy 49 at New Melones Reservoir

When: Meet at 9:00 AM at **Junction Shopping Center, in front of Gottschalks**, and car pool.

Length: Carson Creek Trail 2.3 mile loop; optional Gold Rush trail 2.2 mile loop.

Starting Elevation: 1,200 feet. **Elevation Gain:** 300 vertical feet.

Bring: Hiking clothes in layers, lunch, water, camera, and sun block and/or light rain gear.

Driving: Take Hwy 49 north from Sonora to New Melones Lake. Turn right past boat ramp and park in the Visitor Center Parking Lot where we will meet our Recreation Area Ranger. We will then proceed to the Glory Hole Recreation Area just north of the bridge across the lake.

Features: This is a guided hike with a Visitor Center Ranger. Views of the Lake, Quail, shore birds, and possibly raptors. Visit the USBR web site for complete description of this unique area and operations of the Melones Reservoir. The web site also has information on other guided activities at the Reservoir and the Visitor's Center, which we can visit following the hike depending on the wishes of your car pool occupants.

http://www.usbr.gov/mp/cao/field_offices/new_melones/index.html

Note: Please let me know if you plan on coming on this hike so that I can tell our Ranger how big a group to expect.

Weather: Expect variable winter weather. Hike will be postponed for heavy rain. Call Jerry Jensen if in doubt. 928-1278.

BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting will be held on **Monday, March 2, 2009** at Papa's New Roost. Breakfast starts at **7 AM** and the meeting at **8 AM**. All officers, board members and activity chairmen are urged to attend. Other members of our branch are also welcome to come and sit in.

FELLOWSHIP

Please give me a call if you know of a fellow Sir or member of his family who is ill or has passed away. An appropriate card will be sent to the member or his family.

Larry Bertuccelli, 533-3738

R.V. GROUP - 2009 SCHEDULE

by BOB BECKER & JIM NOLAN

April:	26 – May 1: Pismo Beach	Pendleton
May:	25 – 27: Carson Valley Inn	Parr & Eachus
June:	Casa de Fruta	TBD
July:	6 – 12: Lake Tahoe(SIGNUP NOW)	Parr
August:	6: Railtown Picnic	Becker & Nolan
	16: Oregon Coast & Inland (2 - 3 weeks)	Bertelli
September:	(See above)	
October:	18 – 24: Felton, CA	Ray
November:	9 – 13: Petaluma	TBD
December:	Christmas Party (Date TBA)	Becker & Nolan

SIR RULES & REGULATIONS

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Rule 100. A member may be notified in writing by his Branch of the pending termination of his membership (Rule 107) should he be responsible for any of the following:

a. Miss three (3) consecutive regular luncheon meetings without having been excused by contacting the designated Branch Attendance person prior to the meeting date.

b. Did not attend one-half of the regular luncheon meetings within the previous twelve consecutive month period. Note: Excused meetings cannot be included to achieve the minimum attendance. (Revised 6/6/06)

Rule 101. Certification of attendance by a member at another Branch meeting will be considered as a credit to his attendance record. Individual Branches may limit the number of make-ups during a 12 month period.

Rule 102. Attendance by a State elected or appointed officer, State Advisor or State Committeeman at a meeting of the State Board, a meeting of a State standing committee or a meeting required by the Bylaws or Standing Rules, shall be a credit to his requirements. The attendance by any other member at such a meeting may likewise be so credited by the Branch Executive Committee.

State Officers: President - Arthur E. Pufford; Director Region 3 - Al "Rock" Sorgman; Area Governor, Area 27 - Norman D. Whitsed; Editor, *Sir Happenings*, Dwight Sale.

Websites: State website - www.sirinc.org Twain Harte 172 - www.sirtwain.org; Jackson Branch 96 website - www.sir96.org; Sonora Branch 136 - www.sonorasirs.org.

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