



BULLETIN

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Ed's Elaborations



April always is a month of new growth, and filled with enjoyable events. This month our Branch added two new members whom we welcome: **Roger Carlson** and **Duane Porter**. I hope you will walk up to them and introduce yourselves so they will feel welcome in our group.

Jerry Jensen announced a great hike to see the wildflowers on the top of Table Mountain. Contact him for the April 15 hike: 928-1278.

Announced also is the SRT Theater event for *Around The World In Eighty Days*, a MAY 20th matinee, followed by dinner at the Lazy Z Resort. For information and tickets contact **Dennis Honeychurch** or **Bill Bamford**. Do it now, because these tickets go quickly.

Ray Pfoutz is taking the movie group to *Fast And Furious*, a race car film. I see it got top box office this week. Contact Ray to get on the movie email list: 533-9309 or foutzer3@sonnet.com.

Thanks to **Gerry Morrow** for standing in at our luncheon for Wayne Bolitho who was ill. Wayne, we hope you get well. Gerry did a fine job with the invocation.

We enjoyed having Don Bilotti and Reb Sayle of Stage 3 Theater. Reb told us a bit about their group and Don prepared us all to become actors. Before quitting our jobs, we probably should practice this "overcoming obstacles" bit with our friends and wives, and see how we do. We're already probably pretty good at "wanting it now"!

NEXT LUNCHEON

Elks Club - Sonora

THURSDAY

MAY 7th, 2009

Refreshments - 11:00 a.m.

Luncheon at Noon

Price **\$13**

MENU

BAKED HAM

CANDIED YAMS

MIXED VEGETABLES

SALAD GREENS

CAKE

OUR SPEAKER

Our May speaker will be **Todd Kleinert** with **Friends of the Film Commission**. This non-profit group is dedicated to preserving the history of movies and television shows filmed in Tuolumne County. They are also committed to do what is necessary to bring the filming companies back.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Your Executive Committee is actively seeking members who would like to get more involved in Branch 172. There will be a number of positions opening up next year, from checking members in at the door, overseeing attendance, arranging for our lunch menu, Board Member or even Treasurer. If you are interested, call Earl Nelson at 586-5661, or email : earlnelson@aol.com.

See ya' for lunch **Thursday, May 7.**

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.

Our local SIR board has eliminated the need for the "Extended Leave Of Absence" forms to be submitted to the Attendance Chairman. All existing forms will be continued to be honored, but no more will be needed. Instead, when a member knows he will be absent from our meetings for an extended period, he must call the answering machine and specify the period he expects to be absent (clearly state badge #). State SIR rules still apply - members must physically attend at least 5 meetings within the previous 12 consecutive month period, and must not have 3 consecutive unexcused absences.

Herb Spierling, Attendance Chair

herb@sierrasurfin.com

Bill Bamford, Assistant

MAY BIRTHDAY BOYS

John Barton	Gordon Kavanaugh
Ed Bolitho	Ralph Legg
Bill Bryant	George Leontovich
Clifford Dunn	Dick Mannini
Dick Feaster	Jim McCracken
Ed Geritz	Bill Schoonmaker
Scott Gray	Bill Steel
Dennis Heppner	Al Wilhelm

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.

We had a few Sirs show interest in the July 29 GIANTS vs. PIRATES game at ATT Park, but could use a few more to make it a viable trip. Call me for the details.

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

BULLETIN DEADLINE

The deadline for the next Bulletin is **MONDAY, MAY 11th**. Please send your articles to **STU HELLER**

lakewoodancers@goldrush.com

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Twain Harte, CA 95383

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Big Sir	Ed Nissen	586--3307
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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
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Chaplain	Wayne Bolitho
Computer Group	Dick Chimenti
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Golf	Richard Broddie
Hiking	Jerry Jensen
Historian	Jim Schneider
Joke Master	Arlen Richardson
Luncheon	Henry Beltran
Luncheon Asst.	Jim McCracken
Membership:	Ralph Legg
Asst. Membership	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

SIR Branch 172 General Golf Playing Policies Approved 03-30-09 by Branch 172 Executive Committee

All Branch 172 Sirs in good standing are eligible to participate in any or all Branch golf tournaments, subject to the following:

- a) All players must have a current NCGA Index Number, regardless of club affiliation, to participate in a SIR golf tournament and to be eligible for prize money or end of year awards. In addition, all Sirs who participate in a Branch 172 golf tournament shall pay a nominal fee of \$10 dollars per year to the SIR golf club to offset administrative costs.
- b) Any Sir in good standing, but not having a NCGA Index Number may participate in any Branch 172 sponsored golf tournament. However, he shall not be eligible for any prize money or awards resulting from the tournament as determined by the golf committee.
- c) Any Sir in good standing and not having a NCGA Index Number derived through the Northern California Golf Association designated club SIR GC Area 27 Br 172, and desiring to play in a Branch 172 golf tournament shall present to the golf committee chairman or his assistants, his most current NCGA Index Number from his home club no later than the second day of the month in which the golf tournament is to be played.

(for a complete copy of the Policies, contact Richard Broddie 586-3151)

RESULTS - LAKE DON PEDRO TOURNAMENT - MARCH 10, 2009

FIRST FLIGHT	SECOND FLIGHT	CLOSEST TO HOLE #6	CLOSEST TO HOLE #14
1. Richard Broddie 71	1. Harold Granados 67	1. Vernon Moore 15'	1. Harold Granados 9'
2. Rich Brandau 72	2. Gerry Emerson 72	2. Richard Broddie 35'	2. Rich Brandau 16'
Dick Jobe 75	3. Ralph Legg 72		3. Wayne Bolitho 19'

Attention Golfers!

Get ready for the second annual **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** golf tournament. \$100 gets you 18 holes of golf, cart, dinner, free range balls and lots of fun. Several Sirs from our branch are already planning on going. **The date is Saturday, May 16th, at MOUNTAIN SPRINGS.** Call Dick Feaster for details at 536-9106

SIR HIKING GROUP OUTING - by Jerry Jensen

Table Mountain Area – Melones Reservoir

West Side from O'Byrnes Ferry Rd.

Wednesday April 15, 2009

Where: West end of Table Mountain south of Melones Lake. Peoria Flat Rd Trail Head.

When: Meet at 8:00 AM at Junction Shopping Center, in front of Gottschalks, and car pool.

Length: Approximately 4 miles round trip.

Starting Elevation: 1,200 feet. Elevation Gain: Approximately 500 vertical feet.

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

Driving: Take Hwy 108 south from Sonora to O'Byrnes Ferry Rd (County Rd E15). Turn right on Peoria Flat Rd. to trail head.

Features: Views of Melones Dam and Lake, Quail, shore birds, and possibly raptors. Visit the USBR web site for complete description of this unique area.

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

Weather: Expect variable spring 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, MAY 4th, 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 his spouse who is ill or has passed away, and I will send an appropriate card on behalf of our Branch. Thanks,

Larry Bertuccelli, 533-3738

WELCOME NEW Sirs



ROGER CARLSON



DUANE PORTER

SIR RULES & REGULATIONS

All activities arranged for or by, or sponsored by, Sons In Retirement, Inc. and its branches, are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate. Sons In Retirement, Inc. and its branches do not assume any responsibility for the well being or safety of the participants or their property, in any matters pertaining to said activities. (Rule 345). Checks, money orders or credit cards for travel for one day or less (no overnight), where a bus/busses is/are used as the primary means of transportation, may be made payable to the branch sponsoring the event. All other checks, money orders or credit cards for travel must be made payable to the travel agency (Rule 420 & 421). Members are obligated to attend all regular luncheon meetings unless prevented by illness or absence from the branch locale. (Rule 60). **REQUIRED ATTENDANCE** - Article 8 - Required Attendance

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 - David Reiser
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Websites: State website - www.sirinc.org
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