



# Sons In Retirement

## SAN JUAN BRANCH NO. 102

### FEBRUARY 2012

#### LUNCHEON MEETINGS

2nd Tuesday of the month  
 Executive Board meeting 10:00 A.M.  
 Social Hour: 10:45 — Luncheon: 11:45  
 Carmichael Elks Lodge

**Next Meeting**  
**Tuesday**  
**February 14th**

#### IF YOU CAN'T MAKE THE MEETING

Please let us know at e-mail  
[Sir102luncheonrsvp@gmail.com](mailto:Sir102luncheonrsvp@gmail.com)  
 or leave a message at 393-1142

#### **BIG SIR STUFF:**



One of the things that stand out when you look at this year's Executive Board and Golf Club Board is that each one of them has five new members. I want to thank each of them for volunteering to help continue keeping Branch 102 as one of the largest, most successful branches in Northern California. We still have a couple of committees that need members to help out a couple of hours each month. If you have the spare time and would like to contribute to our Branch's success, please contact a member of your Executive Board. On another note about volunteering, we had two members volunteering to help work on the Branch's new website.

A couple of unexpected things happened at last month's luncheon, not enough lunch setups and a larger than expected turnout of members. This caused a few members to leave and the Elks ran out of food. The Board apologizes for any inconvenience that the above caused any member. Please do not leave if it looks like there are not enough room to sit down, we will always find / make room for you. We are working with the Elks' new banquet committee to make sure we have five full rows of tables set up for future luncheons. We have to tell the Elks how many members we are expecting for lunch. It is very important to email a reply / call the Membership Committee if you plan not to attend or plan to attend, but not eat at the monthly luncheon. This helps us give the Elks an accurate count. There will be no increase in the cost of the monthly luncheon this year.

Our membership has again gone over 200 members. The vitality of our Branch continued to grow in 2011 with over 25 new members being sponsored by 20 different members (thanks guys). We had 10 resigned / terminated members, Pete Petersen (an original founding member) was put on inactive reserve, and unfortunately, Bob Morton, Bill Liphart, and Tom Genovese died.

**Jim Reese**



#### **ATTENDANCE: Tom Wight (393-1142) & Gus Kvick (967-7634)**

**WOW**, what a turnout. We had a whopping number of 148 active members plus three guests present at our January 10, 2012, luncheon meeting. This is the most we have had since--who knows when. It was especially good to see again some of our long term members who have been to--you don't want to know where--and back because of health and physical problems. Good to see you back, and other familiar faces we haven't seen for a while.

We had 26 excused absences, and we do appreciate you're letting us know you wouldn't be present. We have had some difficulty estimating and telling the Elks how many place settings to set up and how much food to prepare.

Here's hoping we have another good turnout at our February 14, Valentine's Day, luncheon meeting. Until then take care, stay well, and keep in touch.

**Your Attendance Guys: Tom, Gus, Bob**



#### **SUNSHINE REPORT: Bob Baker (961-4939)**

Tom McKinley had a gall bladder operation a little before Christmas. He had an attack which prompted a hurried call to 9-1-1, as he wasn't able to get help immediately. All worked well, however and the doctors did micro-surgery upon his arriving at the hospital by ambulance.

Ben Clark's earlier shoulder-attachment surgery is unsuccessful, so a new surgery has been set for the 7th of March. Going to get that darn thing taken care for sure this time.

Manny Trujillo new right knee is working well. He's already able to bowl and expects to be ready for golf before much longer.

**Bob**



#### **MEMBERSHIP; Dick Coleman (967-1578)**

Hi, Guys. We are steadily growing in membership, but we need to keep looking for new members. Please use the trifold brochures and IR business cards that are available at each luncheon.

**Dick**



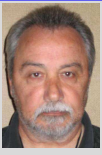
#### **LITTLE SIR:**

I would like to take this time and thank the Golf Board for the beautiful sculpture that was give to me and Marty Owen. It was very appreciated and sits on my desk. I would also like thank Don Neudeck for being my assistant golf treasurer these past 4 plus years and being my pay master at all the SIR 102 meetings. Don was there for every meeting and made sure that every-one got their refunds or prize money.

The speaker for the February meeting will be Jackie Boor. Jackie will talk about the book she has written on Inside The President's Helicopter, the memoir of LTC Gene T.Boyer. This book has been nominated for a US Army Historical Foundation 2011 Distinguished Book Award.

**Gary Bohn**

**February Luncheon Menu: Baked Chicken with mash potatoes**



**SIR of the Month :** Dick Coleman, our January SIR of the Month was born in Marquette, Michigan which is in the upper part of the State. He is part Chippewa Indian. Unfortunately for Dick his tribe doesn't have any lucrative investments in Indian casinos, but his grandfather did live on a reservation at one time.

When 15 years old his family moved to Glendora, California. While in high school was a drummer for several local dance bands and this music interest has carried onward. He tried out for the high school Varsity baseball team, but because of his age the coach told him he had to go to Junior Varsity first. Dick wanted Varsity only so he took this desire up the chain of command. Under pressure the coach reluctantly let him try out and low-and-behold he made the school's Varsity team as Shortstop.

Upon graduating he and a friend had a tryout with what was then called the *California Angels (now the L.A. Angeles)* His friend (Eddie Kirpatrick) was accepted, but Dick lost out because he couldn't pass the team's physical.

Upon completing Jr. college he went to work in an electronics company's manufacturing and production control center. While looking around, he saw an opportunity in selling real estate which was booming at the time and proceeded to get his agent's license. A related field enticed him to become an independent Mortgage Broker. (A Mortgage Broker provides early financing for agents, so they can more effectively match a buyer's finances to available properties.) This worked out very well as his real estate agent friends helped him develop his brokerage company. Life and business was good in those days and Dick purchased a 36-foot house boat which he named "The Office." This became very popular with his Contra Costa County customers. His "heavy work" schedule included golfing with friends 5 days a week from 12:00 to 3:30.

Because of heart problems (six heart surgeries to date) he set an early work goal to retire by age 50. He did this on schedule and it gave him time for other activities such as 15 years coaching Little League and several years of fellowship within the Jaycee organization. Dick joined SIR #102 in May of 2008. He quickly became heavily involved in Travel, Membership and is currently a Director. He and wife Lil have been big assets at our SIR event functions. In addition Dick supervises the monthly book exchange, and well as working at our picnic and Christmas parties. **Welcome Dick Coleman, our January SIR of the Month.**



**BOWLING: Foster Maxwell (969-5115).**

We bowl on Wednesday at the Fireside Lanes on Auburn Blvd. at noon. The following SIR 102 members have had some great bowling this past month:

- Dick Coleman (177 avg) 227, 224,202,205 games & a 625 Series.
- Jim Graves (163 avg) 214, 213, 204, 209, 203 games. & a 630 Series.
- Jim Johnson (168 avg) 225, 214 games.
- Bill Stephens (170avg) 246 game & a 605 Series

If you are interested in bowling or have any questions just give me a Call. **Foster**

**ACTIVITIES**



**Luncheon book swap:** The book swap is working well. So don't forget to bring your unwanted books to the luncheon in February and pick up something new to read. **Dick**



**Beale AFB trip:** We had terrific sign-up for our Friday February 24th trip to Beale Air Force Base. Because of the popularity of this trip, we are working into putting together a second Beale trip later in 2012. Those now on stand-by for the February trip will have preference at that time. **Bob**

**Volunteers Needed:**

3-5 members to be branch webmasters



**Requirements:**

- Willingness to participate in development and implementation of a new branch website
- Prior web development experience nice to have but not required

**Current Situation:** After over six years of providing HTML support, our current webmaster expects to resign his post in 2012. Additionally, our current website is on a 102 member's personal AT&T account and he anticipates changing telephone services in 2012 which would disable our current website.

A group of seven branch members (Ton Hanson, Max Kinsey, Bob Lamora, Dick Larsen, George Miller, Marty Owen and Mickey Wagner) are currently working on defining the requirements and goals of a new website. One of the major goals is to build the website with a content management system (CMS) which will allow the webmasters to create the site using CMS provided tools for authoring, publishing, and managing content without writing HTML code.

Drupal, Joomla, and WordPress are the three leading open-source CMS systems used extensively to create websites. Open-source means the software is free to use and is maintained by thousands of developers worldwide.

**On the Job Training:** Each of these CMS's has substantial online documentation, tutorials and video training to help and support "newbies." The initial implementation will rather simple and, after that, continue to grow to meet the ongoing needs of the branch.

**Interested?** Contact Marty Owen: [m.c.owen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:m.c.owen@sbcglobal.net) or (916) 612-1727.

**No volunteers, no website!**



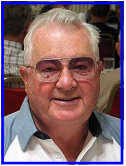
**February's Birthdays**

<u>Will be</u>		<u>Will be</u>	
84	Ron Czajkowski	72	Allan Goodmanson
81	Don Robinson	70	Tim Leslie
80	Allan Honer	67	Tom Hennessy
77	Tom Eyman	65	Ken Jansma
76	Don Dresbach	65	Jim Reese
75	Vic Jones	63	Bob Blake
74	Charlie Johnson	60	Jim Graves
73	Rich spire		

# BIRDIES AND BOGEY

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web site: [sirs102golf.org](http://sirs102golf.org)



**2012 GOLF CHAIRMAN: DON WHALEN( 962-0820) email: [ltcoldon@att.net](mailto:ltcoldon@att.net)**

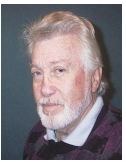
The new procedures and the new officers and sign in volunteers seems to be working quite good. The number of golfers has been very low over the last two months. I assume the holidays and the cold weather have been contributing factors. Let's increase the number of golfers and really test the system.

The signups for Greenhorn Creek has started. Signups will continue thru April. Cost is \$200 for two rounds of golf with cart, overnight accommodations, and prize fund.

The various ideas voiced in the January Golf meeting were greatly appreciated by the Board. The Tournament Director (Phil Hancock) will now discuss the proposed changes to the Policy Letter and have the Board vote.

I plan to have a golf meeting only when something of substance needs to be discussed. I hope the input from the members is as good as it was at the January meeting. Please keep in mind that the club is made up of many members so your individual desire may not be implemented, but your input is always welcomed.

*Don*



**TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: Phil Hancock, (916) 212-PHIL email: [phancock@surewest.net](mailto:phancock@surewest.net)**

Well, it has been a challenging week. The Weather People had predicted rain, rain, rain. Wednesday and Thursday were supposed to be rain all day. Well it didn't happen until Friday. Play at Mather 1/19/12 was on the cool side but a very good outing for the 19 brave souls who ventured out and hit the little white orb. There were a few calls, that went to several different people, cancelling golf on Wednesday last week even though I had completed the pairing sheet, Tuesday by 7 PM, and Pat had sent it out to the golf course. These calls tell me there are a few policy changes I need to get out to all of our golfers so we are on the same page. Some of these comments are repeats from the last newsletter.

1. The Tournament Director has changed to me, Phil Hancock ([phancock@surewest.net](mailto:phancock@surewest.net)), and the Assistant Tournament Director is now Larry DeZonia ([larryd@ctsweb.com](mailto:larryd@ctsweb.com)). Requesting a change to your participation in a golf tournament has to ultimately come to me since I do the schedules. If I can't be reached only then should you contact Larry.

Note: The person listed as #1 on the pairing sheet simply lets you know who is doing check in at the course for that tournament, not a contact for scheduling.

2. For several reason I changed the cutoff date for cancellations and it is now "by **7 PM Two Days** prior to the scheduled tournament date. The pairing sheet on the web site has this information in yellow at the top. Example: Cancellations for a tournament scheduled for 1/26/12 must be received by 7 PM 1/24/12. Our contract with the golf courses requires a pairing sheet two days in advance.

*Phil*

**SIR 102 2011 OFFICERS**

BIG SIR, Jim Reese.....451-4995  
 LITTLE SIR, Gary Bohn.....722-4446  
 SECRETARY, Floyd Barnett.....961-4918  
 ASST. SEC., Vacant  
 TREASURER, George Miller .....408-2247  
 ASST. TREAS, Hank Price

**DIRECTORS**

Mickey Wagner (2012)  
 Max Kinsey (2012)  
 Bob Lamora (2013)  
 Tom Hanson (2013)  
 Dick Larsen (2014)  
 Dick Coleman (2014)

State President: Jim Stedman  
 Region 3 Director: Maynord Rodland  
 Area 9 Governor: Jimmie Johnson

**SIR 102 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN**

AUDITOR: Don Lewis  
 ATTENDANCE : Tom Wight &  
 Gus Kvick  
 MEMBERSHIP: Dick Coleman  
 DATA ADMINISTRATOR Marty Owen  
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 SUNSHINE: Bob Baker  
 BOWLING/RV: Foster Maxwell  
 EDITOR: Mickey Wagner  
 CHAPLAIN: Warren Coffeen  
 GOLF: Don Whalen  
 Web Page Working on it

**Past 102 BIG SIR**

Gordon Nielson 1983	Don Wiles 1998
Pete Tapella 1984	Tom Eyman 1999
Roy Bostic 1985	Bob Simowski 2000
Don Johnson 1986	Stan Spalding 2001
Paul Siglin 1987	Chuck Shoemaker 2002
Wesley Fisk Jr. 1988	Lloyd Browning 2003
Ray Nyman 1989	Bob Baker 2004
Don Gaylord 1990	Don Wagner 2005
Les Jones 1991	Frank Mason 2006
Don Gaylord 1992	Speedy Sheetz 2007
Rock Sorgman 1993	Joe Virga 2008
Bill Spencer 1994	Mickey Wagner 2009
Tom Warburton 1995	Bob Lamora 2010
Don Neudeck 1996	Dick Larsen 2011
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**ATTENDANCE RULES**

Rule 60: Members are obligated to attend all regular luncheon meeting unless prevented by illness or absence from the Branch's locale.

RULE 100: Any member missing three (3) consecutive meeting without notifying his Branch Attendance Committee Chairman giving a valid absence reason or who attends less than six (6) regular meetings within the last twelve (12) consecutive months, may be notified of pending SIR membership termination.

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**NEWSLETTER INPUT:** Please contact me if you want to have the newsletter sent to a potential member for a couple of months or if you have any input for "your" newsletter. Phone me, 916-729-0267 or [emailrmw19@comcast.net](mailto:emailrmw19@comcast.net)

Thanks Mickey