



Sons In Retirement SAN JUAN BRANCH NO. 102 November 2011

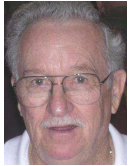
LUNCHEON MEETINGS

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
November 8th

IF YOU CAN'T MAKE THE MEETING

Please let us know at e-mail
Sir102luncheonrsvp@gmail.com
or leave a message at 393-1142



BIG SIR STUFF:

This will be our last general meeting for the year, as you know December is our Christmas party. This is shaping up to be a real blow out Bob Baker tells me so don't miss it!!!! My thanks go to all the officers, Directors and committee chairman for making my time as Big Sir easy and enjoyable... Just as a reminder to all of you, to run a club like this it takes auditors/attendance/membership/hardware/sunshine/bowling/travel/editor/chaplain and a whole golf committee to make the great Sirs 102 the best branch in town... Not bad for an

all-volunteer group!!!!

Our attendance at the October luncheon was outstanding; we were around 140, that's great!!! I haven't mentioned the gold pan all year because we're pretty solvent but just a note we have no DUES so the golf pan pays the state Sirs and branch expenses plus paper, postage and just miscellaneous expenses... Please don't forget to drop a couple of bucks in... More thanks, and they are for all you sponsors that went out and got new members, without new blood we can't exist...

Even though it's the end of the year don't forget we have lots of activities to go (Christmas party, bowling, golf, awards banquet and the luncheon). Again everyone it's been a great year and don't forget to bring a joke to the luncheon... (Remember the longer you stay at the mike the shorter Don Wagner's duck joke will be because I'm cutting it off at 1/2 hour.)

One last note you'll know you're an old redneck when you take the dog for a walk and you both use the same tree!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Dick Larsen

October Luncheon Menu

Green Salad, Sliced Beets with Onions, Three Bean Salad, Chef's Choice Vegetables, Roast Turkey, Desert, Coffee



LITTLE SIR:

We all enjoyed last month's speakers Sacramento Zoo's Board President Starr Walton Hurley and Director of Development Pam Williams. Their presentation had the perfect mix of informing us of their mission, interacting with the members, and a chance to win coupons to the zoo. Starr not only gave the history of the zoo; she explained how the donations are used to improve the zoo; and how the zoo helped jump start Betty White's resurging stardom. The questions posed by Starr gave our members a chance to not only win coupons to the zoo, but also show off the varied, vast interests our membership holds.

I was in the perfect position the last few months to take all the credos for all the speakers we had and was ready to blame Richard Larsen, if we had any negative comments about the speakers - since he scheduled all the speakers this year. Thank you for the wide range of interesting speakers this year. This month we will hold our annual November Laugh Off after the luncheon. Mr. Larsen had such good time scheduling speakers, running the Board meetings, and handling the podium at the luncheons this year, he wants to do it again for 2012, oh wait, that was going to be my joke at the Laugh Off. Guess I will have to come with another one, hope to see you all there.

Jim Reese



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

At our October 11 luncheon meeting we had another good turnout. The badge count was 130, but I think some noneating members neglected to get their badge. Consequentially, a more accurate count would be closer to 136 members present, and five guests. We had 33 members excused, and we do like to know if you are not going to make the meeting. Also if you are bringing a guest, make sure to pick up a guest badge.

We look forward to seeing you November 8, the last luncheon meeting of the year. But, if not, let us know via e-mail reply or a phone message.

Your Attendance Guys: Tom, Gus, Bob



SUNSHINE REPORT: Bob Baker (961-4939)

Jim O'Neal leads off our Sunshine report this month with a delicate operation from which he's recoveringthe ream job. All is going well, but it has been a trial and don't we all cringe even ever so slightly when talking about it? One more Doctor office visit (this time routine) and then he can stay away for a full year.

Don Braatz is recovering from pneumonia. Its that time of year when this can happens. Have you gotten your flu shots yet?

Tom Eyman has completed 50% of his knee operations. The first operation was on October 11th and in this one they removed a knee cap and put in a "temporary filler" designed to fight whole body infection. He'll have this about a month then go back for a second one which is a permanent fix. When the second operation is healed he may try out for Eppie's 26-mile Marathon Race....then again maybe not.

Good to see indestructible Joe Virga taking nourishment at October's SIR's meeting. He is no worse for wear after learning he had a diabetic coma which required an ambulance trip to the hospital.

Bob



Sir of the Month : Max Kinsey, our October Sir of the Month was born near Hot Springs, Arkansas. His family actually lived country -miles away in modest home accommodations with no electricity or even water. He attended a 1-room "all-grades-schoolhouse" and well remembers his grade-school-teacher mother's admonition that "although we are poor, we work hard and keep a good name." When nine years old, his Dad died and a necessary family decision was made to travel all the way to Campbell, California and live with accommodating aunts and uncles. Upon arriving, his mother (who later died when he was 14) drilled into him the idea that he should "g-r-a-d-u-a-t-e from high school." While in high school athletics he was on the school's Track Team as a pole vaulter using a 14' steel pole. (Fiberglas..what's that?) He finished high at many State Track Meet events and even had a college scholarship offered, but turned it down because he was anxious to begin to work. He started as an apprentice carpenter then moved into warehousing first at Sears, then McKesson and Robbins, and finally at Bergen-Brunswig Drug Company. For many years he was a Teamster then he moved into Distribution's middle management. He later returned to the Teamsters for several years until retirement. He also had other money-making activities. At 20-years of age with a payment of \$400 he began buying rental properties. He joined two other partners and at one time the trio had 42 rentals. Max and wife Shirley worked hard learning "Land lording 101" which included planting lawns, shrubs, fixing plumbing and even dealing with lady tenants who were later found to be "working girls" at a local truck stop. Since retirement the Kinseys have downsized to only three rentals which makes "land lording" much easier. In 2000 Max retired and at Haggin Oaks in met Sir Warren Coffeen who sponsored him to join SIR #102. During one of his very first SIR golf tournaments Max made quite a foursome impression with what he calls a "wind-aided" 350-yard hit to a par four at Wild horse. Sadly perhaps, drives today have shrunk to an average of 225 yards and there never seems to be any damn wind, but he still keeps a 7.9 index. Over the years Max has been a very helpful worker at SIR events and is currently one of our six Branch Directors. The Kinseys have four children, 15 grandchildren and 4 great-grand children. "I have been so fortunate in my life" Max states simply, "and am quick to pass on to all of my family.... what I was taught about the importance of 'working hard and keeping a good name'."



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



Treasure: George Miller(408-2247)

We began October 2011 with a cash balance of \$4,764.41 which was increased by \$247 from the Gold Pan, \$1,914 from Luncheon receipts , and \$2,016 from 42 Christmas Party reservations. The beginning balance was reduced by our 4th qtr assessment of \$188, Luncheon Adjustment of \$56.53, Newsletter costs of \$30.60, Luncheon cost of \$1,970.53 (131 plates), Luncheon Drawing of \$35, and Day on the SF Bay bills of \$575.69 giving an ending cash balance of \$6,028.57.

This is a tentative report until I get the ending statement from the Golden One Credit Union and balance that against my checking account. However, it is fairly a good look at October as of today.

Have a good one.

George



BOWLING: Foster Maxwell (969-5115).

Our SIR's 49er league bowling season is in full swing. 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:

- Don Dresbach (189 avg) 205, 201 games.
- Jim Graves (163 avg) 225 game.
- Jim Johnson (168 avg) 236 game.

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 and pick up something new to read.



REMINDER: There will be no luncheon in December and no newsletter printed. The golf sign-up sheet does include January schedule and this newsletter has included December birthday boys.

Enjoy all the upcoming Holidays. Stay sober and be Safe.

Editor

November's Birthdays

<u>Will be</u>	<u>Will be</u>
85 Chuck Jensen	76 Fred Plutchak
85 Joe virga	71 George Miller
81 Harry Flanigan	68 Mike Oldham
81 Bill Stroebel	65 Roger Siler
79 Tony Rizzo	64 Randy Oliver

December's Birthdays

<u>Will be</u>	<u>Will be</u>
86 Bob Baker	76 Jim Tilley
84 Dave Locy	75 Bob Hamilton
83 Duane LaBar	74 Ron Gross
83 Joe Schmidt	72 Lee Narramore
81 Pat Facciola	71 Gary Bohn
81 Stan Spalding	70 Norm Malsby
80 Foster Maxwell	68 Don Kruse
80 Neil Throckmorton	67 Larry Myers
79 Evans Warne	64 Keim William
78 Dick Louie	

UPCOMMING EVENTS



Annual Christmas Dinner:

This traditional party welcomes our members, their wives and a bunch of your friends who need not even be SIRs. Come one....come all... for this fun filled evening. Ticket sales are going real but we do have room for more. We will be selling tickets at our November meeting.

The Christmas party will be held on December 13th at the Elks Lodge. We will have a no host cocktail hour at 6:00pm with dinner starting at 7:00pm. Food choices for this year's sit-down dinner are Salmon Steak or New York Steak and you'll be at friendly 8-person or 10-person tables. These round tables allow an excellent opportunity to meet -and-greet new as well as old friends. Your night includes a festively decorated setting, a good meal, wine w/dinner, sales tax and tip. All this for \$24 per person. How about that? Hold still...because there is more. As a special additional treat this year we will have entertainer Harry Jordan who works throughout the Gold Country's wineries and its hotels. You'll like him.

Your Executive Board



Beale Air Force Base trip

We've made arrangements to take a busload of Sir's (and their Significant Other of course) to tour **Beale Air Force Base** on Friday February 24, 2012. We leave the Elks parking lot at 9:00 a.m. with donuts and coffee en-route. On arrival the first stop will be Beale's

Static Display area, then next we'll see the specialized space suits today's pilots use when traveling 4,000 miles per hour. You'll have a buffet lunch about 11:30 then on to other fantastic planes stationed there like the SR71 Blackbird spy plane, U2, T-38 Talon and KC-135 Stratotanker. If we're lucky we'll see the *Global Hawk* which is currently being used so effectively in Afghanistan.

Throughout our trip we'll have a military escort, as this is a high profile working base. (Drivers License numbers for all travelers will be needed a couple weeks before our trip.) Expect to be back at the Elks about 3:00 pm. The tour charge (which includes lunch and tips) for this very memorable day is \$40 per person. We are limited to only 40 tour numbers. We'll take reservations in November but not ask for money until the January SIR meeting. It should be a sell out so make your reservations early.



Bob Baker and Joe Virga

BIRDIES AND BOGEY
November 2011
web site: sirs102golf.org



GOLF CHAIRMAN: Don Wagner (967-1124) email: dwagner@pacbell.net

TIME TO CELEBRATE

It's been an interesting year with our golf club playing a variety of golf courses under varies formats from Scrambles to Match Play.....and now as the year comes to a close, it's time to **CELEBRATE !!!** Join us as we relive the past year of SIRs 102 golf including those two footers that we missed when no one would say "gimmie"! Don't forget to make your reservations with **Marty Owen** for our Award Banquet which will be held at the Elks Club (same place we meet every month) on Nov. 11th @10:00AM. You must notify Marty no later than one week (Nov.5th) before so we will have a count for the luncheon. No one knows what the "contest" will look like but based on past years, whatever Marty provides us with will slide, glide, flip, fly, bounce or jump. One thing is certain.....it will not roll like a golf ball!

Speaking of the Banquet, that's when you will vote on our new officer slate and also the policy changes that we reviewed at our Oct. golf meeting which received support from everyone in attendance. We will also pass out the new schedule for 2012.

Our golf schedule is finished thanks in a large part to our new ATD team (to be elected at the Awards Banquet); **Larry DeZonia, Pat Dwyer, Bob Blake and Mike Anderson**. This team has already put in a lot of hours on our behalf to prepare this schedule. I know it took a lot of time and effort. **Thank you!**

The banquet is your time to sit back and relax, we are all playing from the same spot and handicaps will not be in play.....Enjoy!

Don



ASSISTANT TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR; DON WHALEN(962-0820) email: ltcoldon@att.net

RAMBLINGS FROM A RETIRING ATD. It's been a gratifying four years as the Assistant Tournament Director (ATD), it has allowed me to meet a lot of the SIR members. I've gotten to know almost all of the golf course Tournament Directors in the area. I've had the pleasure of working with some great people in Don Wagner, Marty Owen, Gary Bohn, Jim Reese and many others, and I've been kept alert by the many challenges of the job. Most people have been understanding when things got off track (all though there are a couple I could do without). Some things have improved, but some still need to be worked on. Slow play could still be made faster. Actual scores could still be counted ((oh! just give me an eight. (actual score was 12)). Remember you are playing against a hole group of people. Some people socialize on the course when they should be getting ready to hit. Some people think a two foot putt is a gimmie! (Believe me, it's not.) The four ATDs (yes it took four to replace me) are doing a great job. They have taken a different approach to the 2012 schedule, they have gotten a lot more people involved in the sign-in at the golf course, and are working well with the Tournament Directors. They even bargained with me to stay on as the Special Events Coordinator. This means I will be after you to sign up for the overnights and Carson City. All these trips have been very enjoyable so plan for some extra good times on May 21,22; August 1-4; and October 1,2. We still have things to work on, but I believe we have the best SIR golf group in the State.

Don Whalen, ATD (Retiring)

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DIRECTORS

Joe Virga (2011)
 Don Dresbach (2011)
 Mickey Wagner (2012)
 Max Kinsey (2012)
 Bob Lamora (2013)
 Tom Hanson (2013)

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 Area 9 Governor: Jimmie Johnson

SIR 102 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

AUDITOR: Don Lewis
 ATTENDANCE : Tom Wight & Gus Kwick
 MEMBERSHIP: Dick Coleman & Marty Owen
 HARDWARE: Dick Louie
 SUNSHINE: Bob Baker
 BOWLING/RV: Foster Maxwell
 EDITOR: Mickey Wagner
 CHAPLAIN: Warren Coffeen
 GOLF: Don Wagner
 Web Page Lindy Lindenschmitt

Past 102 BIG SIR

Gordon Nielson 1983	Don gayner 1997
Pete Tapella 1984	Don Wiles 1998
Roy Bostic 1985	Tom Eyman 1999
Don Johnson 1986	Bob Simowski 2000
Paul Siglin 1987	Stan Spalding 2001
Wesley Fisk Jr. 1988	Chuck Shoemaker 2002
Ray Nyman 1989	Lloyd Browning 2003
Don Gaylord 1990	Bob Baker 2004
Les Jones 1991	Don Wagner 2005
Don Gaylord 1992	Frank Mason 2006
Rock Sorgman 1993	Speedy Sheetz 2007
Bill Spencer 1994	Joe Virga 2008
Tom Warburton 1995	Mickey Wagner 2009
Don Neudeck 1996	Bob Lamora 2010

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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Thanks Mickey