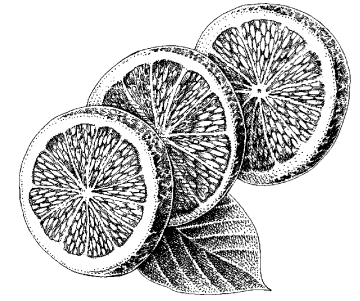




# Orangevale Branch 150



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## August 2006

Meetings - 3rd Wednesday of Each Month		Next Meeting - August 16, 2006
<b>Location</b> Rancho Cordova Elks Lodge 11440 Elks Circle Rancho Cordova, CA 95742	<b>Regular Monthly Schedule</b> Business meeting 10:30 Social time 11:00 Luncheon 12:00	<b>Menu:</b> Pork Ribs, Oven Fries, Baked Beans, and Potato Salad <b>Speaker:</b> Elizabeth Ware, Executive Director CCHAT Center <b>Topic:</b> Helping Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children Live Normal Lives

### August Speaker - Elizabeth Ware

Many young people will learn to "Chat" because of the dedication of the staff members of the CCHAT Center. CCHAT is the acronym for Children's Choice for Hearing and Talking.

Elizabeth is the Executive Director for the CCHAT Center. The CCHAT Center is Sacramento's auditor/oral school for children who are deaf or hard of hearing. The program teaches children who use sophisticated hearing aids and cochlear implants to listen and to understand what they hear. With intensive one-to-one training, sounds begin to take on meaning and language develops. At the same time parents learn skills they need to encourage their child's development. Children enroll at a young age with the goal of becoming sufficiently competent in oral communication to support mainstreaming in regular schools by kindergarten or first grade. The effectiveness of the auditory/oral approach to deaf education is underscored by the success of this subsequent enrollment in regular schools. The goal is for these children to transition into the regular school program with good speech and language skills, as well as strong scholastic skills, and the social confidence to make them capable



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The CCHAT Center has made a huge commitment is to these young children. Having Ms. Ware here to discuss the program gives us a great opportunity to hear about the sophisticated support programs available to deaf or hard of hearing children; programs that will allow them to live happy and productive lives.

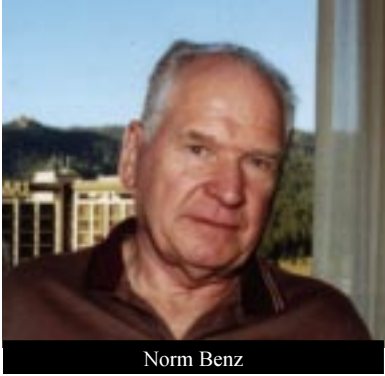


Elections of SIR 150 Branch Executive Committee will take place at the August Luncheon

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# Spotlighted Sirs

by Bruce Kennedy



Norm Benz

Norm started life in sunny Portland, Oregon 75 years ago. He completed school there and went into concrete construction work. Then, in 1951 Norm was drafted into the Marines for the Korean Conflict. This was one of the very few times the Marines participated in the draft. In fact, he was sure he was going to the Army when a Marine addressed the draftees and asked for volunteers. There were

none, so, the men were lined up and counting started, 8 for the Army, 4 for the Marines, and so on. Norm was #9.

Norm did basic at San Diego, further training at El Toro and then he was stationed at Santa Ana. He considered it the “War for Southern California.” And, looking back, Norm thinks we lost. The Marines recognized his work in construction and made him the Marine equivalent of a Seabee. Much of his time was put into construction and fabrication.

Returning to Portland, Norm went into sales for a while. Then during a visit with a friend at a boarding house and a couple of beers later, Norm waited as the “shy one” while his two comrades went to knock on the door of two girls down the hall. One of them, Josie, was visiting from Vancouver. The shy act must have worked - they were married in 1957.

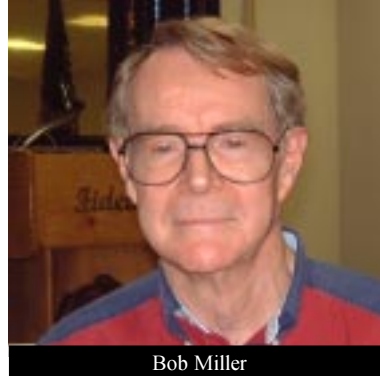
In 1962 (two girls and a boy later) Norm was working at a mortuary in Portland. After a month of 7 inches of rain and virtually no sunlight, he packed up the family and drove to Sacramento. He didn't have a job and had only three days to locate housing before the movers arrived from Portland with all their belongings.

He got a house and a job trucking for a lumber mill. He later moved from the trucks to the mill itself. With the near demise of the timber industry in the early 80's, Norm got a job with a firm involved with electronic scales. He retired in 1996.

Norm had taken up golf late in his career, but took to it with a vengeance. Al Dumont (current SIR Governor Area 31), introduced Norm to SIR Branch 112. Back then Branches 112 and 150 did some golf events together. At that time Branch 112 had about a year waiting list before you could participate as member rather than guest. During a joint match and bingo Jim Rae convinced Norm to transfer into 150. Norm became a member July 1996.

While the kids were growing up, Norm and family enjoyed camping and fishing. He now spends time in on-line investing and occasional trips to Tahoe/Reno to help the casinos spend some of their money. Viewing flying with all the anticipation of a root canal, travel has not been a big favorite for Norm. And, a dual hip replacement and shoulder surgeries have the golf game on hold for now. Norm does participate with the Bridge group frequently.

While the couple's son has moved to Portland to pursue his career, both daughters remain in the Sacramento area.



Bob Miller

Bob was born in the then “true” oil capital of the US, Bartlesville, Oklahoma, but moved to Albuquerque in 1934. He stayed there through High School. He started employment as a caddie at the University of New Mexico. At 14 he, barely intimidated, caddied for Babe Dietreichson Zaharias in a tournament. He also showed early entrepreneurial spirit using his spare time at the course to find and sell

scarce used golf balls during WW II.

He went to Oklahoma rather than Stanford and set out on a pattern of revising career decisions from then on. Bob may have one of the most successful cases of controlled Attention Deficit Disorder in history. He got into engineering in a university where everything revolved around oil. He was going to be a geological engineer until he realized that would take him to really desolate places. He switched to industrial engineering.

An ROTC commitment led him to the Army and possible straight line to Korea as a combat engineer. His uncle, a WW II colonel, took him aside and had him visualize building a bridge ahead of the troops over a hostile river. Bob quickly switched to Ordinance Corp., and was off to White Sands Proving Ground. There he helped test and develop various ordinances with folks from all service branches. As a junior officer, he also got thrown into becoming a trial counsel with a Uniform Code of Military Justice book. He found that fun and after his release went back to school at UO with an appreciation for non-engineers.

Bob had never been east, so at graduation he applied with TRW in Cleveland. Thrown in with a bunch of Harvard MBAs, Bob got his own MBA plus a couple of classes in economics. The allure of Cleveland rapidly faded and he interviewed with Aerojet in 1961 to work in San Francisco. He got the next best thing – Sac Town, where the hood ornament on his rental car melted driving up from SF in July. He settled in and added part-time efforts as an Economics Professor at American River college and the beginning of a hobby of real estate investment. Oh, God, another teacher.

In 1968 Aerojet downsized so it was time for a change. About that time, he came in contact with, and gained interest in the organization behind “You're OK, I'm OK” by Thomas A. Harris. Subsequently he became a lecturer and trainer taking him throughout North America until about 1980. He met his wife Caglar (Charlar), from Turkey, through this organization. This sort of marks the beginning of Bob's retirement. However, his hobbies and his jobs are indistinguishable.

Caglar went to Law School after they were married and currently works for the Franchise Tax Board. They have traveled a lot, but not always together. As an example, after their wedding she went to Turkey and Bob to Guatemala. Some honeymoon! She likes cities (Paris) and he likes rural areas (North West Ireland). When Caglar retires they will find a way to deal with this difference in opinion as Bob has with every other change in his life.

Bob is an avid bridge player. He once drove by the then Woodlake Inn and saw a sign announcing that a tournament was taking place. Bob went in and came out two days later. Bob was an easy catch for John Means to become a member of SIR.

## Did You Know?

The largest flower in the world, the rafflesia arnoldi, weighs 7 kg (15 pounds) and grows only on the Sumatra island of Indonesia. Its petals grow to ½ metre (1.6 feet) long and 2.5 cm (1 inch) thick.

However fascinating and beautiful the rafflesia arnoldi may be, it is also called “corpse flower” and really reeks, the latter to attract flies for pollination.



## Confucius Say:

Man who have clear conscience usually have bad memory.

## GOLF NEWS

Call Harold Doppelmayer at 922-6134 or his assistant John Sigl at 362-2429 if you have questions or concerns. Tournament sign-ups are available at each monthly luncheon and at all tournaments.

### Cordova Golf Course

#### **Weekly Tournament Play**

Every Friday except the last Friday of the month.

Sign-up when you show up

#### **End-of-Month Scramble**

Every last Friday of the month.

Prior sign-up required

### Away Tournaments

August 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mace Meadow	October 4 <sup>th</sup>	Bass Lake
August 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Mather*	October 16 <sup>th</sup>	Bing Maloney**
September 6 <sup>th</sup>	Wild Wing	November 6 <sup>th</sup>	Alister Mackenzie**
September 19 <sup>th</sup>	Green Tree	November 21 <sup>st</sup>	Wild Hawk

\* Schedule Change

\*\* Capitol City Cards must be up-to-date

### State SIR Golf Tournament at Solvang

September 10 -14 2006. Four Man Two Best Ball. Ladies 4 person scramble. If anyone is interested please contact Harold Doppelmayer and he will see that you get an entry form.

#### **Good Luck!!**

We wish the best for **Bob Trathan**, **John Sigl**, and **Jim Rae** as they compete in the next State qualifying round on August 1st at Empire Ranch:. *(Unfortunately the newsletter will go to press the same day the tournament takes place).*

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## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

For detailed information contact Jim Rae at 967-4951.

Printed rosters are available at the monthly meetings or an electronic copy can be requested from [jamesrae@earthlink.net](mailto:jamesrae@earthlink.net).

### **Changes for June**

**Added Members: Mark Warner**

**Dropped Members: Howard Sutliff & Larry Fries**

**Transferred to Inactive: Parke Blanton**

We now have 108 active members and 16 inactive members for a total of 124.

**Note: If you are bringing a guest to the luncheons, please let your caller, or Communications Chair, Bob Neubacher (685-7528) know for our lunch count. For membership applications, call Jim Rae**

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## BRIDGE

For detailed information related to bridge meetings and schedules, contact Chairman John Mahony at 485-2449

We had four wonderful tables of bridge players. As the scores show, we were overrun and out played by our ladies however, our newest player, Bob Miller, took top honors. Charleen Gaugler and Joanne Martin had the next highest scores and Dudley Overmyer came in fourth.

With our new design tallies, our players have not had any trouble locating the next table and partner to play with. This makes for an enjoyable day.

I (John Mahony) will be calling each player starting the week of August 7th. Be home and ready to answer the phone when I call.

## FISHING NEWS

Monthly Breakfast Meetings: Jolly Hookers meet at Folsom Elks on the 2nd Friday at 8:00 AM. Wheels & Reels meet at Coco's Restaurant on the 3rd Monday at 8:00 AM. If you are a fisherman and want to enjoy like company, why not join us for breakfast. For more information, contact Leon Vann at 359-2379

### **From Big & Little Sir**

**Big Sir says:** Last month we were within one of our count turned into the Elks Lodge. Fantastic!!! Thanks to all of you, the lunch went smoothly. As far as membership is concerned, we have room to grow. And we probably could use a bit more diversity of interest, so don't hesitate to mention our branch to non-golfers. Just a friendly remark can change someone's retirement. Pat Andrews joined because Roy Morrison, while in line at a supermarket, just happened to mention our branch.

As mentioned before, please let me know if you are at all interested in participating in the 2008 SIR cruise to Hawaii. In looking over branch 150 information, "travel" is the number two hobby. Naturally interest in that category can vary considerably, but we might be able to put some short trips together for just our branch. If you have any suggestions, send a note to our Travel Chairman, John Galik.

**Little Sir says:** *Editor's Note: Well Little Sir is off to the great Northwest so, for once, he doesn't have a whole lot to say. For sure he would want to relay that our next speaker is bound to be a hit. If not, he told me he might buy everyone's lunch. I know - fat chance! He also would probably indicate that since traveling keeps him off the golf course, his handicap can't increase.*

### **Scam Alert**

*As a follow-up to last month's speaker, the following information, in part, is distributed by the IRS*

The Internal Revenue Service has issued several recent consumer warnings on the fraudulent use of the IRS name or logo by scammers trying to gain access to consumers' financial information in order to steal their identity and assets. When identity theft takes place over the Internet, it is called phishing.

#### **Suspicious e-Mail/Phishing**

Phishing (as in "fishing for information" and "hooking" victims) is a scam where Internet fraudsters send e-mail messages to trick unsuspecting victims into revealing personal and financial information that can be used to steal the victims' identity. Current scams include phony e-mails which claim to come from the IRS and which lure the victims into the scam by telling them that they are due a tax refund.

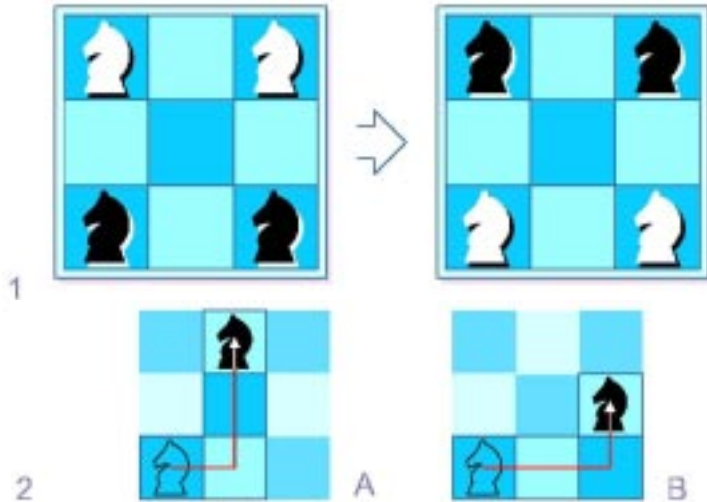
#### **Identity Theft**

Identity theft can be committed through e-mail (phishing) or other means, such as regular mail, fax or telephone, or even by going through someone's trash.

One e-mail scam, fraught with grammatical errors and typos, looks like a page from the IRS Web site and claims to be from the "IRS Anti-fraud Commission" (sic), a fictitious group. The e-mail claims someone has enrolled the taxpayer's credit card in EFTPS and has tried to pay taxes with it. The e-mail also says there have been fraud attempts involving the taxpayer's bank account. The e-mail claims money was lost and "remaining funds" (sic) are blocked. Recipients are asked to click on a link that will help them recover their funds, but the subsequent site asks for personal information that the thieves could use to steal the taxpayer's identity.

# Fun Stuff

The first person to provide the correct solution will receive a prize at the August meeting. Send your answers by e-mail to Bob Carlstroem at bcarl@surewest.net or mail to 7990 South Lake Cir., Granite Bay, CA 95746. Last month's puzzle was solved by only 3 members. The first solution was sent in by Skeeter Regan followed by John Sigl and last Jim Rae. This month's is a bit different.



Exchange the black knights with the white knights as shown in Figure 1 in the minimum possible number of moves. One move is a normal knight's move on any vacant cell of the board.

Figure 2 shows some moves of the chess knight which may be done as follows: A - one cell in one direction (horizontal or vertical), and then two cells in other direction (vertical or horizontal) - one such a move is shown in Figure 2.A; B - two cells in one direction (horizontal or vertical), and then one cell in other direction (vertical or horizontal) - Figure 2.B shows one of such moves.

### Extra Credit

How much does a fish weigh if it weighs 1 pound plus half its own weight?

### Amazing Fact

There are three kinds of people: those who can count, and those who can't.

### June Solutions

2	8	3	5	4	7	6	1	9
1	7	6	3	9	2	8	5	4
5	4	9	8	6	1	2	3	7
3	5	4	6	7	9	1	8	2
8	2	7	4	1	3	9	6	5
6	9	1	2	5	8	4	7	3
4	3	2	1	8	5	7	9	6
9	1	5	7	2	6	3	4	8
7	6	8	9	3	4	5	2	1

**A Ferry for  
Ferreirae &  
Ramay**

The distance  
across the river is  
1 mile or 1760  
yards

# Honored Members

Past Big Sirs		Birthdays	
1989	George Erkson *	Mahony	John L 7-Aug
1990	Jim Eastlund	McNamara	Tom J 10-Aug
1991	John Mahony	Rouseff	Richard M 11-Aug
1992	Lou Parton *	Duval	Larry 13-Aug
1993	Ken Allard	Teron	Fred A 15-Aug
1994	Ruel Smith	Hunt	Lee F 17-Aug
1995	Bill McCarthy *	Wirth	Stan T. 20-Aug
1996	Tom Wirth	Delk	James D 23-Aug
1997	John Means	Green	Norman 30-Aug
1998	Jim Delk	Severance	Rowland 31-Aug
1999	Bob Smith	Other Birthdays	
2000	Bob O'Neal	Garrison Keillor	07-Aug-1942
2001	Lou Joaquin *	Jimmy Dean	10-Aug-1928
2001	Joe Ramay	Rev. Jerry Falwell	11-Aug-1933
2002	Bob Trathen	Fidel Castro	13-Aug-1926
2003	Jim Rae	Napoleon Bonaparte	15-Aug-1769
2004	Len Bloom	Robert DeNiro	17-Aug-1943
2005	Don Severance	Connie Chung	20-Aug-1946
		Shelley Long	23-Aug-1949
		Warren Buffett	30-Aug-1930
		Richard Gere	31-Aug-1949
	* Deceased	<b>Honorary Lifetime Member</b>	
		John Mahony	2001
		Jim Eastlund	2002

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