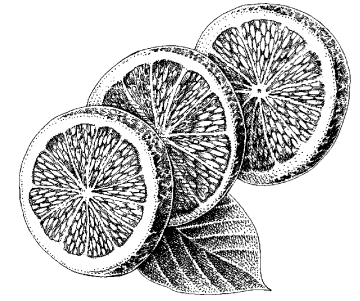




Orangevale Branch 150



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April 2007

Meetings - 3rd Wednesday of Each Month		Next Meeting - April 18, 2007
Location Rancho Cordova Elks Lodge 11440 Elks Circle Rancho Cordova, CA 95742	Regular Monthly Schedule Business meeting 10:30 Social time/registration 11:00 Meeting/luncheon 11:30	Menu: Sweet & Sour pork, rice, fried chicken, salad, desert Speaker: Hector Ortiz Topic: "Energy Conservation - You and SMUD"

From Big and Little Sir

Big SIR says: Well, March Madness has come to an end. For baseball fans it is the beginning of a new season, so anyone interested in seeing the A's, Giants, or River-Cats you can go on your own, or see them with the SIRS.

We now have two bowlers from SIR 150. They are both in the SIR Bowling League. It has over 100 participants (22 teams). If you are relatively new to our group and are interested in bowling, talk to either Tom Bittner or Brent Soulis. The bowling league is winding down this month, but will start up again in September. Tom or Brent will be glad to give you the details.

Our Bridge players have moved to a new location. They are now playing at the IHOP Restaurant near the corner of Sunrise and Coloma in Rancho Cordova. They meet on the first Monday of each month and play for about 3 hours. Tom indicated that the location is good and so is the food. So, if you know a little bridge, and want to play and have some fun, then corner one of the following: Tom Bittner, John Mahony, Charlie Martin, John Means, Art White, Norm Benz, Dudley Overmyer, Lee Peterson, Bob Miller, John Conyers, John Galik, Mac MacPherson, or Bruce Kennedy. Any of them can give you enough information to get started.

And, of course, Bob Bonner, Dudley Overmyer, or Leon Vann can let you know how to get connected with the Jolly Hookers and do a little fishing. The Jolly Hookers is primarily a fishing organization and has about 115 active members.

Finally, if you enjoy swinging that o' golf club and you want to get more playing time, talk to John Sigl or Harold Doppelmayer. They can set you up with a lot of duffers and a few golfers.

This club is designed to provide you with good activities and opportunities to develop new friendships. I hope you all take the opportunity to expand your participation level and get involved with some really great people.

Little Sir says: Looks like Spring has sprung. We had a great crowd for Friday golf a couple of weeks ago. Looks like the warm weather brought us out. Speaking of warm weather, it is not too soon to start planning for the June picnic. Look forward to seeing all of you there.

April Speaker - Hector Ortiz

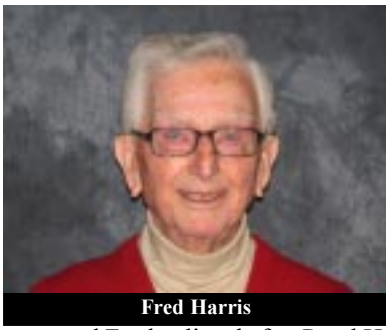
Hector has worked at SMUD for over 19 years in various departments, including meter reading, customer service, and field services. The last 5 years he has worked as a home energy auditor helping customers lower their electric use as well as a solar energy specialist in the PV rebate program.

Aside from his everyday duties, Hector has worked at over 100 events for SMUD; such as home shows, seminars, energy classes, presentations, and community events.

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Spotlighted Sirs

By Bruce Kennedy



Fred Harris

Fred was born in Long Beach back when it was the “*Second Largest City in Iowa.*” He attended Huntington Beach High School and Fullerton Junior College. Here he met Dorothy. Their courtship developed as World War II was starting in Europe and Fred enlisted after Pearl Harbor in 1942. He and Dorothy were married about 30 days before Fred went into the Navy.

Fred spent three plus years as a Radio man with one ship in the Pacific, the USS Aldebaran, named for a red giant star visible in our hemisphere. For those that share the honor, Fred is a certified “Shellback.” The Aldebaran was a refrigerated supply ship. Resupply was done while underway, and many times they had a ship on either side being loaded while sailing. The weather wasn’t great either. Fred was in a typhoon late in the war that took the planes off of the escort carrier USS San Jacinto and broke the bow off of the cruiser USS Pittsburgh. One time a “red alert” was called while the USS North Carolina was alongside, and the battle wagon’s stern put a hole above water line in the Aldebaran as it tore off to its new ordered location. That shortened that cruise a little bit. In the early part of the war, Fred’s ship came to Oakland to reload, but as the war progressed they only came back to Pearl Harbor every four or five months. This made for a lot of time away from family. Fred was about 600 miles north of Okinawa when the Japanese surrendered, and the Task Group ran for Guam for what Fred describes as the largest beer bust in history with Bob Hope and the USO thrown in.

After the war, Fred returned to Long Beach to work in his father’s residential construction firm. It was a boom time for houses and work was steady. He became involved with a developer building a housing project in Buena Park, up near UCLA. It was to include a golf course and Fred was involved in the underground irrigation system. The course superintendent ran afoul of the developer and Fred was thrown in to replace the poor fellow, despite knowing nothing at all about golf, or golf courses. I wouldn’t say the grass was greener in golfing than in residential, but progressing steadily, Fred became the state president of Golf Course Superintendents Association in 1969.

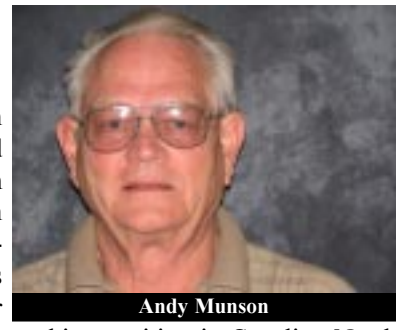
From there it was just a chip shot to building more courses, the first being San Vicente in Ramona in 1971. Fred’s next course was in Rancho Santa Fe down in San Diego County in 1976. Fred lived in Douglas Fairbank’s/Mary Pickford’s house during the construction. There was also a 3 hole golf course at Richard Nixon’s Western White House. After another course in Palm Desert, Fred retired in 1990. At that time the couple moved to Sacramento where both their son and daughter had established businesses. But, he was called by a group in Chile to train a superintendent at a course North of Valpariso in 1994. Fred found the principles are the same, but doing the job with picks and wheelbarrows, rather than graders and backhoes, put a whole new challenge into the effort.

Dorothy heard from John Mean’s wife about SIR Branch 150, and Fred joined in September 1995. They have cruised and spent time in Cabo San Lucas, but golf is the big thing for Fred. The couple celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary in January.

Has Anyone Seen Harold’s Ball?

I thought I would relate my experience on the third hole at Micke Grove. Hopefully no one else will have the same experience.

I pull hooked my tee shot over into that deep depression on the left to the fairway on the third hole. When we got to that area, we could not see a ball at first. Then a ball was spotted about 30 yards farther and to the right and slightly



Andy Munson

Andy was born and raised in Missoula, Montana around the end of the depression. He is a dyed in the fur Grizzly with a degree from the University of Montana in education. Not realizing that there was any other climate on earth, other than Montana climate, he took a teaching position in Cavalier, North Dakota, population less than 2,000. I mean -35 degrees is standard, right? From Cavalier you have to go south to see the Northern Lights. And, in a place as small as Cavalier you have to multi-task, so he taught geography, history and vocal music for the enormous sum of \$5,800 a year.

Andy left that plush assignment to join the Air Force as an education specialist, which is kind of like a training expert; a guy from out-of-county with a tie and a briefcase. This was going well until he was offered a tour in Vietnam and asked if there might be something else available. The answer was Third Air Force in England where it never gets below zero in South Wrightslip. (Is that a British name or what?) The second of Andy’s three children was born there. Andy’s next tour was to Mather AFB where he bought a house in Rancho Cordova, and this is where his son was born. Andy left the Air Force in 1969. He taught various subjects until a friend convinced him to become a Sacramento County probation officer in 1971. He remained with the probation department until he retired in 1998.

Andy is still involved with the probation department as a retired annuitant/irritant (Hey, it pays the greens fees!). He has been working with the major renovation being undertaken at the Sacramento Juvenile Hall for 350 kids. The job is expected to take until 2010 to complete.

Andy’s oldest daughter and a grandchild reside in Rosemont. His “British Bloke” second daughter lives in Austin, Texas with three children. His youngest, a son, lives in Cheyenne, Wyoming with the final grandchild. This would be called spreading the family out. Particularly since there are several relatives still living in Montana as well. In 2002 Andy undertook a 5,000 mile single person road trip to connect all the dots. While it was a great experience, he is not sure if he’ll try that again.

When asked about vacations or trips, Andy stated that last year he visited the Grand Canyon after spending time with his daughter in Austin. It was his first visit to that awe inspiring place, and like almost all of us, it captured him. He is definitely thinking about returning. Also, he does enjoy his Montana trips to visit family and get back to his roots.

It was Bob Williams (a January 2006 inductee to Branch 150) who introduced Andy to Branch 150. Like many here, Andy started in another Branch, but transferred to Branch 150 because of the golf group. And, if membership is at all like basketball statistics, an assist in getting Andy here goes to Tinker Qualls. And, with Andy’s checkered background, the teachers, the bureaucrats and the old military guys can all claim him as one of our own. Sorry engineers. Anyone going to ask him to sing?

out of the depression under a tree in long grass. I proceeded to hit the ball and upon reaching its resting place short of the green discovered that it was not my ball. We then went back to the depression to look for my ball. It could not be found. By that time the foursome behind us had hit their tee shots and had caught up with us. I then dropped another ball and played it. I took a two stroke penalty for hitting the wrong ball and another two stroke penalty for the lost ball, for a total of 4 penalty strokes on the hole.

Gail Rogers of Monterey said what I had done was correct with the exception of not going back to the tee box and hitting another ball from there. Under the rules of golf that is what I should have done. But in order to speed up play, I chose to use the SIR rule of taking a 2 stroke penalty and hit another ball from the approximate area where I thought the ball should be.

GOLF NEWS

Call Harold Doppelmayr 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

Cordova raising fees to \$11.00

End-of-Month Scramble

Every last Friday of the month

Prior sign-up required

2007 Away Tournaments

April 4th - Lockford Springs

April 16th - Alister Mackenzie

May 8th - The Reserve At Spanos Park

May 22nd - Rio La Paz

June 6th - Plumas Lake

June 19th - Wildhawk

July 10th - Dry Creek Ranch

July 24th - Ancil Hoffman

August 8th - Mace Meadow

August 21st - Mather

September 5th - Wild Wing

September 18th - Green Tree

October 9th - Bass Lake

October 22nd - Bing Maloney

November 5th - Alister Mackenzie

November 19th - Wildhawk

Poppy Hills Qualifier

The State Individual Championship at Poppy Hills takes place November 5 & 6th. The first qualifier round takes place at Mather on the 15th of May. The cost for golf is \$28 with \$14 cart rental. All Sirs are welcome to compete provided you have an established NCGA Index. If interested see Harold. A check (made out to SIR 150) and player information must be submitted before the 20th of April.

Record All Scores

Just a reminder to those who play nine holes once in a while. A 9 hole round must be posted as well as all 18 hole rounds. It doesn't have to be on the same course. The GHIN computer will combine the scores and average the course rating and slope to make an 18 holes round and then post it.

Important - Note these Changes

Some time ago, sign-up sheets were modified so players could indicate who they would be riding with. The cooperation, related to this feature, from the general population of away players has been a dismal failure. Starting with Alister Mackenzie, a computer program will determine the pairings. It will pair according to course handicaps. Each four-some will be competing with those who will be in the same flight. Low handicaps will be off first and high handicaps will be off last. **This policy will be in effect until everyone who car pools will indicate who they are riding with.**

New Cordova Green Fees

The green fees for Cordova are increasing to \$11.00 starting April first. Lockford Springs is Wednesday April 4th and Mackenzie is on Monday April 16th.

The problems with golf

The only problem with golf is that the slow people are always in front of you and the fast people always end up behind you.

TRAVEL & EVENTS

All SIR members are welcome to go on any trip with other branches when space is available. Put a little joy in your life traveling with your old and new friends on a SIR trip. A Branch 150 travel chairman is needed. If interested, contact Jerry Courter.

TRAVEL WITH BRANCH 33 & DALE

DALE MARTIN – 359-6121

dmartin@winfirst.com

Reno & Tahoe turnarounds lv CC Lanes @ 7:30

Local Indian Casino trips lv CC Lanes @ 9:30

OUR NEXT TRIPLE BAR DAY
April 20th

SILVER LEGACY – RENO

Receive \$10 & \$5 food credit

APR 20

Get \$10 instant rewards & \$5 food credit. Cost is \$25

MAY 18

Get \$10 instant rewards & \$5 food credit. Cost is \$25

JUN 15

Get \$10 instant rewards & \$5 food credit. Cost is \$25

Later in 2007 SPAIN, YELLOWSTONE PARK, BRANSON, MO

Planning is now being done for a tour in Spain. We will also be working on trips to Yellowstone Park & Branson, MO. Watch for details.

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.

At the March meeting we made the following membership changes:

Dropped Members: Leo Lozano

Added Members: Chuck Reed, and Jeff Rotz.

We now have 106 active members and 14 inactive members for a total of 120.

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 or visit our website at www.sir150.com

BRIDGE NEWS

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

We have only one problem with the bridge players! One of us, the oldest member of Sirs, who has fantastic luck, as well as great cards and skill, has won for third time in a row. Tom Bittner is the top winner along with Joan Bittner and Cristi Overmeyer with the next highest scores. I believe that it is time to establish a system of handicaps, something like the guys have in golf.

I have extended an invitation to new members of our branch and any members of branch 112 who would like to join to call me at 485-2449 to get more details. As I have discovered, bridge players are becoming similar to World War II veterans, they are just dropping out of circulation. Don't any of the younger members do anything but play golf? You need to exercise the brain cells! As the old saying goes, "use them or lose them." I hope to hear from some new members, even if they are beginners.

Tom will be calling all players the first week of April. Good luck and see you on the 9th.

Fun Stuff

The first person to provide the most solutions will receive a prize at the next regular meeting. Send your answers by e-mail to Bob Carlstroem at carlstroem@sir150.com or mail to 7990 South Lake Cir., Granite Bay, CA 95746. Last month's puzzle was solved first by **Leon Vann Jr.**, and a somewhat noble attempt by **Jim Rae**.

M&M Puzzle

Eight children divided 32 bags of M&M's as follows: April got one bag, Mary two, Jill three, and Kelly four. Nick Slick took as many as his sister, Tony Baloney twice and many as his sister, Ancil Hoffman three times as many as his sister, and Jack Sprat four times as many as his sister. The puzzle is to determine the full names of the girls.

Solution to Last Issue

- A. THE MAGNIFICENT SEVEN
- B. Each may be followed by WATER to give a new word.
- C. ALERTING, ALTERING, INTEGRAL, RELATING, TRIANGLE
- D. The number are the same 720 in each case.

Extra Credit

Submitted by Charlie Martin

If a farmer has a total of 30 cows and chickens, and the animals have 74 legs in all, how many chickens are in the coop?

Confucius Say:

- ...**Cow** with no legs, ground beef.
- ...**Two wrongs** not make right, but two rights make **U**-turn.
- ...**Man** who drive like hell, bound to get there.

Bob Carlstroem, Editor
7990 South Lake Circle
Granite Bay, CA 95746

Honored Members

Past Big Sirs

1989	George Erkson *
1990	Jim Eastlund
1991	John Mahony
1992	Lou Parton *
1993	Ken Allard
1994	Ruel Smith
1995	Bill McCarthy *
1996	Tom Wirth *
1997	John Means
1998	Jim Delk
1999	Bob Smith
2000	Bob O'Neal
2001	Lou Joaquin *
2001	Joe Ramay
2002	Bob Trathen
2003	Jim Rae
2004	Len Bloom
2005	Don Severance
2006	Bob Carlstroem

Honorary Lifetime Member

John Mahony 2001
Jim Eastlund 2002

* Deceased

Birthday Boys

Edelen	Rick	2-Apr
Barthel	Daniel O	4-Apr
Boone	Gerald E	5-Apr
Means	John W	5-Apr
Neubacher	Bob	7-Apr
Bland	Gregory R	9-Apr**
Livingston	Earl	10-Apr
Carlstroem	Bob	13-Apr
Rotz	Jeff R	14-Apr
Steele	Howard	15-Apr
Trathen	Bob	15-Apr
Reed	Chuck	21-Apr
Williams	Robert H	25-Apr

**Randomly Chosen: April 9th in History

- 1667:** First ever public art exhibition opens in Paris
- 1682:** La Salle claims lower Mississippi (Louisiana) for France
- 1770:** Capt James Cook discovers Botany Bay (Australia)
- 1865:** The American Civil War ends with the surrender of the Confederate forces
- 1940:** German forces invade Denmark and Norway during World War 2
- 1947:** Atomic Energy Commission formed
- 1957:** The Suez Canal, Egypt, is cleared and opens to shipping
- 1980:** Israeli troops move into Lebanon
- 1991:** Georgia votes to secede from the USSR

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