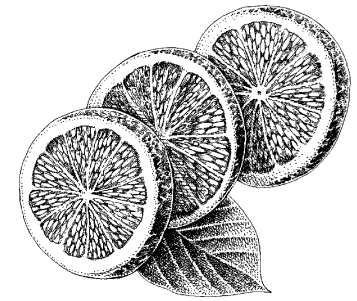




# Orangevale Branch 150



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## August 2007

Meetings - 3rd Wednesday of Each Month		Next Meeting - August 15, 2007	
<b>Location</b>	<b>Regular Monthly Schedule</b>	<b>Menu:</b>	Pork ribs, oven fries, baked beans, potato salad, and dessert
Rancho Cordova Elks Lodge 11440 Elks Circle Rancho Cordova, CA 95742	Business meeting 10:30 Social time/registration 11:00 Meeting/luncheon 11:30	<b>Speaker:</b>	Eric Schalansky
		<b>Topic:</b>	Indian Gaming in California

### August Speaker: Eric Schalansky

Eric will speak on the role of the Federal Government in overseeing the Indian gaming application process and after-licensed operations.

2005 to present— He is the region director of the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC), Region 2 Office (all of California and northern Nevada). He is the NIGC's regional representative to the Indian nations involved in gaming. He manages the daily operation of NIGC investigators that provide regulatory oversight to the gaming conducted by tribes under the authority of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act passed by Congress in 1988.

2000 to 2005—He was a field investigator for NIGC, Region 2. He conducted investigations and assessed the compliance of tribal gaming operations under the authority of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

### What's up with Big and Little Sir

**Big Sir:** I guess my days of leisure have come to an end. We had the great SIR picnic in June and I took off for Yellowstone National Park early in July. I was able to get into the tournament at Ancil Hoffman at the end of the month without embarrassing myself too much.

My wife and I left on the fifth of July and got back on the twentieth of the month. We had a great trip. We saw lots of geysers, elk, deer, buffalo, thunder showers, wind storms, triple digit temperature days, and the results of fires in Nevada that were started by lighting strikes the day before we got there. There were quite a few fires in Utah and Nevada when we were coming back.

Little Sir, Stan Wirth had such a good time at the July meeting, he is thinking of sending me on another trip (with no expenses paid), so he can run the August meeting too. I will actually be going on a short trip in August to Vallejo. Can you imagine a trip to Vallejo? The first of the month I will be attending the annual SIRS meeting that will be held on the August sixth. But if I make it back from Vallejo in time, Stan will just be out of luck. He might have to wait until January to run another meeting.

If you are considering broadening your horizons, maybe August or September would be a good time to do it. When BRIDGE starts up in September, I am going to go to that meeting, deal the cards, "pass when possible" and learn what I can from some of our "experienced" Bridge players. It will be a good experience. I can learn a lot and they can laugh a lot. If you have played any Bridge in the past, and are interested in playing again, give John Mahony or Tom Bittner a call. They can set you up for the September meeting.

We have a lot of people in the club that have varied interests and are willing to share information with those who are interested, but not yet involved. Remember we have: Bowling, Bridge, Fishing, and Golf.

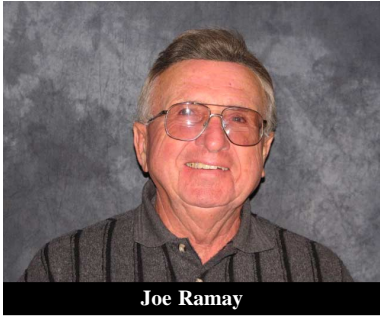
In the area of travel we are only connected by the "written word" (newsletter), because, at the present time, we do not have a Travel Chairman. That, in itself, can be a new experience for someone who is interested in travel. We still need a Travel Chairman to work with our branch and coordinate activities with other local SIR Branches. The job is there, if you have an interest, give me a call or check with me at the August meeting.

**Little Sir:** This month the Little Sir will endeavor to do a better job of remembering first names. Bill Ferreirae got the brunt of my name weakness in the last executive meeting. Also, for the golfers and others who are out in the heat, remember, it is hot and dehydration can sneak up quickly; so make sure you drink plenty of water during the summer season.

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# Spotlighted Sirs

By Bruce Kennedy



Joe Ramay

Joe was born to dry land farmers in Clarita, in south central Oklahoma, a metropolis of about 150 persons. Caught up in the dust bowl, his dad and uncle headed west in 1929 to Bakersfield. Joe, now 3, came on the train and remembers the wooden seats and clatter.

His dad worked in the orange and cotton crops at the height of the

Depression. The family moved to Compton after Joe completed the fourth grade. His dad got a job with Mobil Oil. Two years later the family purchased a house in Inglewood.

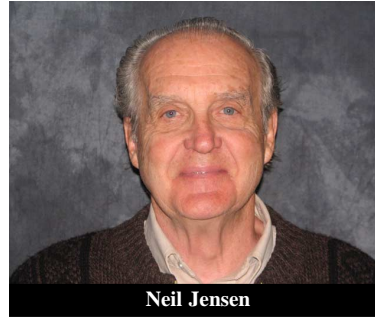
Joe graduated from Inglewood High in 1944 and left the next day by bus for Navy basic training in San Diego. After graduation he was assigned to Hawaii, Guam, Iwo Jima, Tokyo, and San Francisco before leaving the service as a Yeoman 2<sup>nd</sup> Class in San Pedro in 1946. Unusually, none of this time involved officially setting a foot on any ship.

Joe grabbed the GI bill and started at Pepperdine. While there he took dancing lessons, and eventually became an instructor. During this time three sisters from rural Minnesota showed up for lessons and Joe took a shine to one. After one year in school, Joe switched to broadcasting as an announcer in Deadwood, South Dakota. Absence made the heart grow fonder and he married Alyce Mary in 1948. Then it was to the University of Denver where Joe earned his bachelor degree and acquired daughter number one.

Then they were off to Clovis, New Mexico and later across the border to Amarillo, Texas with daughter number two, to continue Joe's radio career. While in Amarillo, Joe did a radio interview of a young man performing as a backup act at the auditorium, Elvis Presley. Joe suggested he needed to get on with a bigger record label, such as RCA. Elvis returned two years later as the headliner and did not have time for a second interview. Joe did not get his "agent's" commission.

In 1961 the family moved to Rancho Cordova and bought their present home a year later. They acquired daughter number three and completed raising their family. Joe started in sales with KFBK, and later with KFSM. He also worked with the Woodland Democrat on the press side of the fence. His last employment stop was with the California State Disability Insurance program. This included unannounced visits to individuals receiving disability payments to validate their condition. He remembers two visits to recipients with severe back injuries. They were rototilling the front yard and putting on a new roof. Not smart.

The Ramays supported their children in athletics and other activities, and became very involved in the youth program at their church. They also traveled much of the western United States. They have continued to travel since retirement. Joe enjoys golf, bridge and yard work. And, of course, the ten grandkids and three great-grand kids. Norb Benz brought Joe to SIRS in 1996. He has been Secretary, Little and Big Sir, and appears to have Chaplain nailed down permanently.



Neil Jensen

Neil is another émigré to Sacramento after growing up just south-east of Portland. He finished High School there in 1952 and decided to try logging. After five deaths of crew members in one year, he determined there might be a better decision. So, he enrolled in Lewis and Clark College. After a year Neil went to San Francisco and obtained

a job driving truck in the city on a graveyard shift. This left time in the evening for a bowling league that a fellow talked him into. Turns out it was a mixed league and his companion's daughter was on her father's team. Despite Neil beating them in a playoff, both father and daughter (Phyllice) still thought Neil was an OK guy, and Neil was married in 1954.

Neil continued to work and attend school part time. First at San Francisco Community College, and ending at UC San Francisco Dental School, where he obtained his Doctor's Degree in Dental Surgery in 1965. The family with their two daughters enjoyed traveling around in the Sierra's. After his internship, Neil and Phyllice found an opening for a practice in Placerville close to Marshall Hospital.

The next few years were very busy with his expanding practice, kids, obtaining a commercial pilots license and airplane, and opening a second practice in Hayfork. Yes, Hayfork, a tiny town in rural Trinity County. There were good professional reasons, but Neil confesses it was really so he could fly the plane. This came to an exploding halt in the early 1970's. Planning a trip to a dental convention in Houston, Neil decided to take a commercial flight. On the return in the American DC-10, the right engine threw a fan blade, blew up, and caught on fire. The explosion threw pieces into both decks of the plane causing an emergency decompression at 39,000 feet. The force pulled one person out and that person, with other parts from the explosion, went in the engine in the tail section requiring that to be also shut down. The pilot went into emergency dive since the fire suppression system had shut off the deployment of the oxygen masks. A one engine emergency landing was made at Albuquerque that used the entire available runway. The saga ended when an escape chute collapsed just before Neil stepped on it. An E-Ticket ride for sure! A couple of days later, Neil went for a physical examination only to find out that he had experienced a heart attack during the event and didn't know it. They conducted an exploratory operation, told Neil he had some life changes to make and started him on rehabilitation.

He sold both practices and went on a summer long road trip with his family. That got the family into RV'ing. However, Neil got bored and obtained his cardiologist's OK to go back to work. So in 1975 he opened a new practice in Sacramento and then added an assignment as Director, Dental Division for the UCD Med Center. He sold his practice in 1993 and fully retired in 1996. Jim Rae knew Neil from a church couples group and brought him to Branch 150 in the middle of 2004. The lure was golf, but like several of us, this was the first time Neil could play consistently. They still travel, and make special trips to New York and Washington so see their daughters and grandkids.

## Confucius Say:

...Man who have clear conscience usually have bad memory too.

...Man who sink into woman's arms soon have arm in woman's sink.

...Man who keep feet firmly on ground have trouble putting on pants.

## In Memory of Jerry Boone

SIR member since February 1993

## GOLF NEWS

Call Harold Doppelmayr at 922-6134 or his assistant Brent Soulis at 726-6326 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

#### **2007 Away Tournaments**

*August 8th, 9:00 - Mace Meadow*

*August 14th, 8:00 - Mather \**

*September 5th, 8:30 - Wild Wing*

*September 18th, 9:04 - Green Tree*

*October 9th, 9:00 - Bass Lake*

*October 22nd, 9:45 - Bing Maloney*

*November 5th, 9:00 - Alister Mackenzie*

*November 19th, 9:00 - Wildhawk*

\* Note: This is a change in the original schedule.

### Rules

The following "Ask the Rules Expert" in on page 16 of the NCGA Summer edition:

**Q:** When a player makes a practice swing or putt and accidentally moves the ball does he count that as a stroke? Does he play the ball from its new position?

**A:** Find the definition of a stroke in the Definition section at the beginning of the Rules of Golf book. This tells us that the player has to have the intention of striking and moving the ball. When making a practice swing we move the ball by accident, we do not intend to hit the ball. Moving your ball in play by accident is a 1-stroke penalty under Rule 18-2a and the ball MUST be replaced. If it is played from its new position on the course, the penalty increases to **2 penalty strokes**.

## 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).

### **At the July meeting we made the following membership changes:**

Beder Clifton was dropped for nonattendance.

We now have 100 active members and 14 inactive members for a total of 114.

Two applications for membership were received from Peter Mackerness and Ira Watson. They will be acted on at the next meeting.

Something unusual happened at the July Executive Committee meeting. Little Sir, Stan Wirth, finished the meeting in only 20 minutes and 10 minutes of that was the roll call. This gave your leaders 10 extra minutes of socializing time.

## 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 Bob Bonner at 961-5403

## 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](mailto: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**

**AUGUST 17 - SILVER LEGACY – RENO**

**Receive \$10 instant rewards & \$5 food credit**

**Cost is \$25**

### **SEP 21 TRIPLE BAR DAY – SILVER LEGACY – RENO**

Get \$10 instant rewards & \$5 food credit.

Cost is \$25

### **AUG 21-24**

### **PANDAS, PLANES & PRESIDENTS**

3 nights at Pechanga Resort Casino, the San Diego Zoo (giant Panda exhibit), shopping at the Old Town Horton Plaza, wine tasting at Callaway Winery, & Air Force One exhibit at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library.

Cost is \$560

### **SEP 18-23**

### **BRANSON, MO**

Travel from Sacramento International. Spend 5 nights at the Branson Radisson (includes breakfast & dinner each day. See as many as 12 different shows

Cost is \$1755

### **NOV 2-18**

### **SPAIN & PORTUGAL**

Enjoy 15 days touring Spain (begins in Madrid) & Portugal. Flyers will be at the travel table following approval.

Cost is \$3760

### **NOV 27-28 TONY ORLANDO AT THE EL DORADO**

Includes one night at the El Dorado, dinner buffet, admission to show, \$5 food credit, private cocktail party in tour leader's suite, & area casino stops. This fills fast. **Don't procrastinate.**

Cost is \$145

### **PLANNING NOW FOR 2008 YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK**

## BRIDGE NEWS

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

Bridge is in recess for the months of July and August. Calls will be made to the players during the week of September 3rd thru 7th for the meeting on September 10th. All Sir members and wives/lady friends or guests are welcome to our tables, but please sign up with John (485-2449) or Tom (723-1497) before joining in the fun. Remember that it is not how well you play the game—it is what cards are in your hand. See you on the 10th.

### **Did You Know?**

*In the 6th century BC Greek mathematician Pythagoras said that earth is round - but few agreed with him. Greek astronomer Aristarchos said in the 3rd century BC that earth revolves around the sun - but the idea was not accepted. In the 2nd century BC Greek astronomer Erastosthenes accurately measured the distance around the earth at about 40,000 km (24,860 miles) - but nobody believed him. In the 2nd century AD Greek astronomer Ptolemy stated that earth was the centre of the universe - most people believed him for the next 1,400 years.*

# Fun Stuff

The first person to provide correct solution 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 not solved so a detailed solution is shown below.

## The Round Trip

If a man drives to work at the rate of 15 miles per hour and returns along the same route at the rate of 30 miles per hour, what is his average rate for the entire round trip?

## The Solution to July's Puzzle

Don't feel bad, this one is not easy to solve

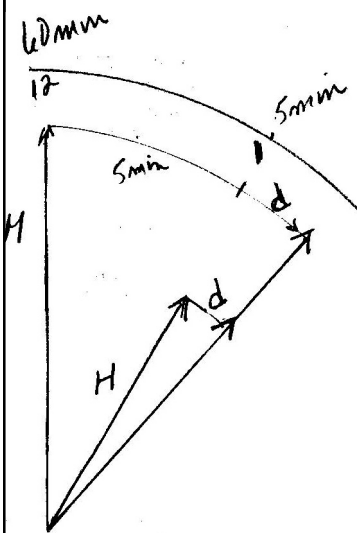
Instead of dividing the clock's face into 360 degrees it may be easier to divide it into 60 minutes. Since the clock didn't stop at exactly 12:00 we can assume that the clock hands tangled sometime after 1:00. The drawing on the left shows the first time this could happen. The minute hand would have to travel 5 min. plus an angular distance  $d$  and the hour hand would travel the same distance  $d$ .

Let  $T$  = time in hours from 1:00 until the hands tangle.  
 Rate of hour hand = 5 min/hr  
 Rate of minute hand = 60 min/hr

Using our good old formula Distance = Rate X Time:  
 Minute hand:  $5 + d = 60T$   
 Hour hand:  $d = 5T$

Substituting  $d$  we have:  
 $5 + 5T = 60T$  or  $T = 1/11$  hr. or 5.45 min. Since 0.45 min is approx. 27 seconds. The hands couldn't tangle at around 1:05 (the problem stated that the second hand showed 5 1/2 Seconds).

However after 9:00 we have :  
 $45 + 5T = 60T$  or  $T = 9/11$  hr. or 49.09 min. Now since .09 min. is approx 5.5 seconds the hands tangle at approximately 5.5 seconds after 9:49.



# Honored Members

## Past Big Sirs

- 1989 George Erksen \*
- 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

\* Deceased

## Birthday Boys

- |           |         |        |
|-----------|---------|--------|
| Mahony    | John L  | 7-Aug  |
| Jorgensen | James   | 10-Aug |
| Duval     | Larry   | 13-Aug |
| Teron     | Fred A  | 15-Aug |
| Hunt      | Lee F   | 17-Aug |
| Wirth     | Stan T. | 20-Aug |
| Delk      | James D | 23-Aug |
| Green     | Norman  | 30-Aug |
| Severance | Roland  | 31-Aug |

### August 31st in History

**1888:** First 'Jack the Ripper' victim discovered in Buck's Row, London

### August 31st birthdays

- 1928:** James Coburn, American film actor
- 1945:** Van Morrison, American song writer
- 1955:** Ed Moses, American track athlete

## Honorary Lifetime Member

- John Mahony 2001
- Jim Eastlund 2002

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