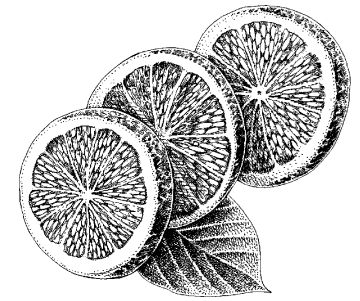




# Orangevale Branch 150



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**June 2008**

Meetings - 3rd Wednesday of Each Month		Next Meeting - June 18, 2008
<b>Location</b>	<b>Regular Monthly Schedule</b>	Menu: chicken cordon bleu, scalloped potatoes, green beans, salad and dessert.
Rancho Cordova Elks Lodge	Business meeting 10:30	Speaker: Hector Ortiz, SMUD energy specialist
11440 Elks Circle	Social time/registration 11:00	Topic: Energy Conservation
Rancho Cordova, CA 95742	Meeting/luncheon 11:30	

I HOPE THAT EVERYONE THAT ATTENDED THE PICNIC HAD A GREAT TIME

You are a hardy bunch, surviving the windstorm. We enjoyed putting it together, but it could not have been done without the help of many others. We would like to give a brief thank you to those who signed up to make the PICNIC a success.

Wally Nauer	Setup and Barbequing	Skeeter Regan	Golf contest
Bill Ferreira	Setup and Barbequing	Stan Wirth	Golf contest Asst., program
Bob Neubacher	Setup and Barbequing	Jim Rae	Program
Bob Carlstroem	Clean Up	Stan Wirth	Program
Brent Soulis	Clean Up	Chuck Reed	Program
Ralph Tomson	Ticket sales and finances	Joe Ramay	Program

We had a good turnout. There were 67 who were able to enjoy the great outdoors and the barbecue which was under the direction of Head Chef Wally Nauer. The weather was good and the temperature great. A slight breeze from the northwest supplemented the great weather. We know of only a few plates that forgot to file a flight plan before taking-off.

#### Competition Winners

Bob Turner	M & M Guess	Winning Guess 446 (actual 454)
Charlie Martin	Golf Ball Guess	Winning Guess 118 (actual 126)
Roy Morrison	Winner of Golf Competition	

There were 20 contestants, and a playoff round. Roy had to beat out Joe Ramay and Bob Neubacher in a playoff to win the BIG PRIZE. Roy guarantees to defend championship next year against anyone brave enough to challenge him.

We would also like to thank Norm Green for his idea of setting up a golf contest at the picnic this year. The results were great. We would like to do more activities at the picnic to make it interesting to more members. If you have any ideas, let one of us know. We would like to have more members take advantage of the opportunity to enjoy the good time we have at the picnic each year.

Jerry Courter, Social Chairman  
 Don Severance, Assistant Social Chairman

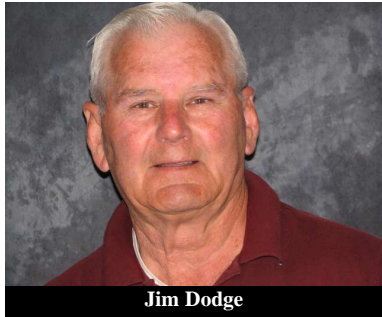
## Picnic 2008



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# Spotlighted Sirs

By Bruce Kennedy



Jim Dodge

Jim was born in October, 1935 in Fargo, North Dakota. The family actually lived in nearby Templeton (which is no more) where Jim's dad (1 of 15 brothers and sisters) had a bar and pool hall. His memories of the area are limited since they moved to Atascadero when Jim was five and he did not return for 40 years. In Atascadero his dad again acquired a bar/restau-

rant until he joined the Army during World War II and his mom kept things afloat until dad's return.

In 1954 Jim graduated in a class of around 60 from Atascadero having lettered in baseball for four years; also in basketball and football for three. He was offered a baseball scholarship to Pepperdine but was convinced by an older friend at Fresno State to go there because of the coach at the time. This didn't work out as well as hoped. Then a car accident kind of sealed the deal since he had to forego some practice time to repair the car. However, it was there Jim was introduced to golf, a sport he loved, but later had little time to enjoy because of his busy careers. After the car mishap, at 20 years old, Jim returned to San Luis Obispo and bought the service station at the corner of Highway's 1 and 101. It was in San Luis Obispo where he met his wife Darlene at a Valentine's Day dance and they were married soon after. They celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary a couple of years ago.

In time, the 15 hour days of a small businessman became wearing. So, Jim sold the service station in 1965 and took a job selling auto parts along with a Bardahl franchise for four counties including San Luis Obispo. In the late 60's the economy was not good and the sales racket was tough. A friend talked Jim into taking a temporary job in Bakersfield with Sears. He also continued his auto parts job for awhile as well. The young clerk was soon tapped for management and then sent, in 1969, to Merced to open the new Sears store. A year later it was further up the road to the Sears at Florin Mall where Jim retired in 1992. Jim is still in the Rancho Cordova house he bought at that time. One of the benefits of Sears was that it enabled a greater number of golf games. Under the philosophy that if you want something to get done give it to a busy person, Jim soon found himself the person to arrange games and tournaments for the company.

Even today when we say Jim is retired we really mean "sorta." He got into classes in real estate to further what had been a sideline ever since the service station days in San Luis Obispo where Jim had acquired 6 houses by the time he moved on. In fact, when he was assigned to Merced, he bought a house and had to wait for the previous occupants to move while he, Darlene, and the three kids stayed in a motel room for three months. Now that is impressive. He still conducts a part-time business in real estate, it's in the blood.

With long hours and multiple jobs, Jim and family did not have lots of vacations. Some time was spent deer hunting on a joint-partnership ranch Jim had with his father-in-law. Since retiring the couple has gone to Boise and Las Vegas a few times as Jim does like to gamble a little.

Jim met Bill Ferreirae when Bill was the 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher of one of his daughters. Through school involvement and Sly Park, they became friends. This included trips to South Lake Tahoe at a cabin the Ferreirae's used. Jim liked it so he bought it. With both daughters and his son residing locally and 6 of 8 grandchildren also in the area, this made a lot of sense and many memories have been made in the cabin. Although not listed, Jim has allowed his SIR brethren to rent the cabin as schedules allow. In another impressive accomplishment, even though Bill joined SIR in 1996 and they both played golf and stayed close, it took Bill 6 years to get Jim to join. Can any of us imagine how much talking that actually was?

# Big and Little Sir Tidbits



Big Sir Stan Wirth

Looks like it was another great picnic. No flies this time as we had a bit of a breeze to keep them away. I would like to thank Sir Jerry Courter and Sir Don Severance for all the work they did getting the picnic organized, bringing everything, and then hauling it all out. I could not believe there was so much "stuff".

Our "Gang of Three" (Wally Nauer, Bill Ferreirae, and Bob Neubacher) did a great job with the burgers and hot dogs. They even won the war of the 'hard to light fire'. Also, the "pot luck" plates were superb and enjoyed by all. Thanks again for all of the contributions!!!



Little Sir Chuck Reed

Little Sir was proud of himself because he had speakers for both June and July for the luncheons, but alas June had to cancel because of a new work assignment he has to attend down in Indian Springs. Being a resourceful old fart I called July's speaker and told him we were so anxious could he please appear at the June meeting and he graciously accepted. His name is Hector Ortiz and he works for SMUD. His program is titled Energy Conservation with lots of money saving tips. Lunch will be chicken cordon bleu, scalloped potato and green beans, salad and dessert. See you there, Chuck Reed

## How cold must it be to, "Freeze the balls off a brass monkey"?

It was necessary to keep a good supply of cannon balls near the cannon on old war ships. But how to prevent them from rolling about the deck was the problem. The best storage method devised was to stack them as a square based pyramid, with one ball on top, resting on four, resting on nine, which rested on sixteen. Thus, a supply of 30 cannon balls could be stacked in a small area right next to the cannon. There was only one problem — how to prevent the bottom layer from sliding/rolling from under the others. The solution was a metal plate with 16 round indentations, called a Monkey. But if this plate were made of iron, the iron balls would quickly rust to it. The solution to the rusting problem was to make Brass Monkeys.

Few landlubbers realize that brass contracts much more and much faster than iron when chilled. Consequently, when the temperature dropped too far, the brass indentations would shrink so much that the iron cannon balls would come right off the monkey. Thus, it was quite literally, *cold enough to freeze the balls off a brass monkey*. And all this time, you thought that was a vulgar expression, didn't you?

## Book Exchange

A reminder to bring one or more paperback books to exchange with other members at our next meeting.

## 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 [www.sir150.com](http://www.sir150.com) or 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

### 2008 Away Tournaments

June 10 (Tue) *Plumas Lake - 9:00*  
 June 24 (Tue) *Wildhawk - 8:04*  
 July 8 (Tue) *Dry Creek Ranch - 8:02*  
 July 21 (Mon) *Ancil Hoffman - 8:00*  
 August 6 (Wed) *Diamond Oaks - 9:00\*\**  
 (Note: above requires 10 day prepayment)  
 August 19 (Tue) *Mather - 8:00*

September 2 (Tue) *Wild Wings - 9:15*  
 September 16 (Tue) *Green Tree - 9:04*  
 October 7 (Tue) *Bartley Cavanaugh - 8:30*  
 October 22 (Wed) *Bing Maloney - 8:30*  
 November 3 (Mon) *Alister Mackenzie - 9:00*  
 November 18 (Tue) *Wildhawk - 9:00*

\*\* Note: this is a date change

### **Branch 150 vs. Branch 49**

The tournament with Branch 49 was played at Wildhawk on May 8th. We were defeated 12 to 18 but all had a good time and are looking forward to the next match which will be held at Arcade Creek on the Haggin Oaks golf course on August 14 2008. Time and cost will be published at a later date.

### **Have Clubs Will Travel**

If you like to take your clubs with you while traveling but don't have an adequate case for the airplane, see Dudley Overmyer. He has a couple SKR brand cases that he no longer uses.

## BRIDGE NEWS

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

There were 3 tables or 12 players at the May Bridge games. John wasn't needed, and so he stood in line for Music Circus tickets while the others were busy dealing, bidding, and getting set! BUT, the most amazing item to report is the score of the winner, Joan Bittner! In 5 rounds her total was 5960- almost 6000 ! Unheard of! Doug Hilton and John Means were also winners with 4310 and 2680 respectively. The rest scored somewhere below 2500 and are looking for a better score in June. Tom will be in charge of this meeting - same time, same place

## 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 [james.rae@att.net](mailto:james.rae@att.net).

No change: We have 100 active members and 17 inactive members for a total of 117.

## TRAVEL TIPS

The following destinations have been submitted by some of our members. If you would like to learn a bit more about these potential travel locations, these members are willing to share their experiences and provide you some tips such as touring company, costs, places to stay, things you must see, what to expect, and much more. Behind each members name you will find contact information. This is the preferred method. In other words, some might prefer to respond by the convenience of e-mail.

Where	When	Key	Where	When	Key	Key	Member	Preferred Method of Contact
Africa, East		7	Ireland	2002	13	1	Skeeter Regan	armondregan@sbcglobal.net
Alaska		7	Ireland (Treasure of Ireland)	Fall 06	6	2	Dick Clausen	padadick@hnet.us or (916) 704-4817
Alaska	Aug 07	8	Israel	2000	13	3	Jerry Courter	jcourter2@yahoo.com
Alaskan Cruise	Fall 01	6	Italy	Jun 06	10	4	Len Bloom	lenbloom4@comcast.net
Amazon River	Jan 08	15	Montana		7	5	Bob Carlstroem	bob@carlstroem.com
American Heritage Tour	Jun 01	6	Nevada, Mesquite	Apr 07	2	6	Charlie Caudle	chascaudle@cs.com
Australia/New Zealand		7	North Carolina (Elderhostel)	Mar 05	5	7	Jim Jorgensen	jorgensensports@starstream.net
China - Beijing, Shanghai, etc.	Mar 08	15	Norway (Grand Circle)	Aug 07	5	8	Dan Berg	(916) 989-4816
China Land/Yangtze River Tour (China Spree)	May 07	9	Norway (Grand Circle)	Aug 07	5	9	John Galik	johncg@aol.com or (916) 366-0195
Costa Rica	Jan 02	4	Nova Scotia (Elderhostel/Independent)	Sep 06	5	10	Bruce Kennedy	bandckennedy@sbcglobal.net
Costa Rica	Jan 04	5	Philippines	2007	13	11	John Means	jojohm@sbcglobal.net
Cruising, General	Apr 07	1	Rhine/Danube River Cruise	Spr 04	6	12	Al Dumont	(916) 635-7813
Durango CO, Silverton Railroad Trip	Aug 07	11	Russia, St. Petersburg (Grand Circle)	Aug 07	5	13	Ralph Grishaber	rgrishaber@value.net
East Europe	2005	13	San Jaun Islands	2007	16	14	Norm Green	g19thgreen@surewest.net
Greece	Apr 07	4	South America	05	12	15	Bill Hooper	bhoopk1g56@comcast.netasdf
Greece	07	12	South Dakota, Black Hills, Mt. Rush.	May 08	5	16	John Mahony	jm2w@sbcglobal.net
Hawaii		7	Texas, South Padre Island		14			
Hawaii, Big Island	Oct 07	13	Wyoming, Cody	Aug 07	2			
Hawaii, Maui	Jul 07	2	Yellowstone National Park	Jun 07	3			
Ireland	Apr 07	1	Yosemite National Park	Spr 07	3			

## TREASURER'S REPORT

For detailed information contact **Ralph Tomson** at 354-2236 or [rotomsonre@yahoo.com](mailto:rotomsonre@yahoo.com)

May 2008 - Year to Date

Beginning cash balance:	\$1,991.68
Contributions:	715.00
Operating expenses:	695.58
Net gain:	19.42
Custodial receipts:	4221.00
Custodial disbursements:	4151.67
Net Gain:	69.33
Ending cash balance:	2080.43

May picnic attendance: members-41, guest-26, total 67.

### **It doesn't look windy in these pictures.....**



# 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. There were no correct answers last month.

**What  
might  
this  
be?**



**Hint: Flooring**

## May solution

Cactus needle sharpener, as described by it's owner: "Back in the 78 RPM windup phono days, records were played mostly with steel needles, which wore out quickly, and which wore the records. As a remedy, some people used cactus needles, which could be resharpened. This is the sharpening tool."



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# 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
- 2007 Jerry Courter

\* Deceased

## Honorary Lifetime Member

- John Mahony 2001
- Jim Rae 2007

## Birthday Boys

Soulis	Brent N	1-Jun
Bloom	Leonard	6-Jun
McGill	Michael A	10-Jun
Peterson	Les	18-Jun
Ramay	Joseph S	19-Jun
Benz	Norbert L	26-Jun
Carson	John P	28-Jun
Hill	Michael D.	30-Jun

## June humor

Two blondes were working on a house. The one who was nailing down siding, would reach into her nail pouch, pull out a nail and either toss it over her shoulder or nail it in. The other blonde, figuring this was worth looking into, asked, "Why are you throwing those nails away?"

The first blonde explained, "If I pull a nail out of my pouch and it's pointed TOWARD me I throw it away 'cause it's defective. If it's pointed toward the HOUSE, then I nail it in!"

The second blonde got really angry and yelled, "You moron! The nails pointed toward you aren't defective! They're for the OTHER side of the house!"

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