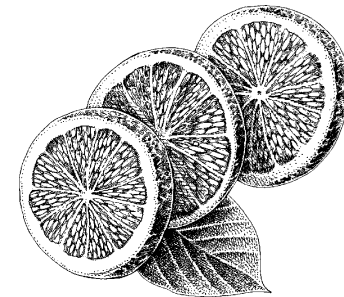




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May 2008

Meetings - 3rd Wednesday of Each Month		Next Meeting - May 21, 2008
Location	Regular Monthly Schedule	Ladies Day Picnic
Rancho Cordova Elks Lodge 11440 Elks Circle Rancho Cordova, CA 95742	Business meeting 10:30 Social time/registration 11:00 Meeting/luncheon 11:30	Menu: A variety of dishes brought by the ladies to be shared along with hamburgers, hot dogs, beer, wine, soft drinks and water. Speaker: Jim Rae Bingo caller Topic: You guessed it - Bingo!

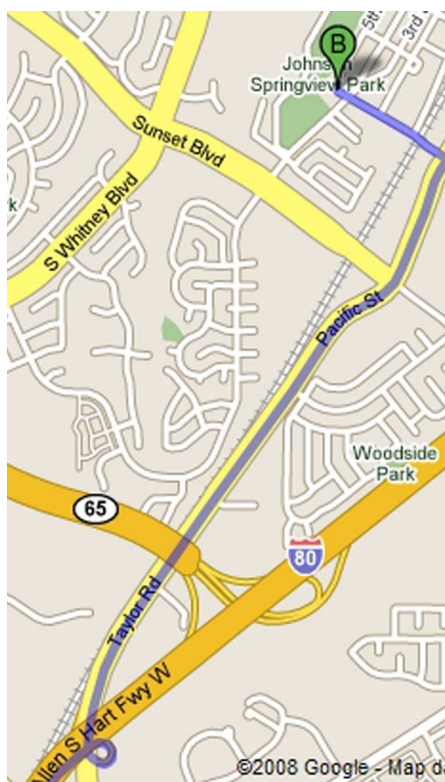
Ladies Day May 21, 2008

If you have not attended a picnic before, this might be a good year to attend. Traditionally the ladies bring their favorite dish to share (by the way there are a few electrical outlets available). It is a great atmosphere. We have a lot of fun with the activities and we have open seating, so you can sit with anyone you want. If you decide to attend, I am sure it will not be your last picnic. Currently we have 11 individuals and 20 couples for a total of 51 attendees. We would really like to have the number closer to 65 or 70. So here is a chance to support your club and have a good time. It is on our regular May meeting date, so that date should be open. Come by yourself, bring other members, or bring a guest if you would like.

The preparations for the picnic are moving right along. We have purchased prizes for the raffle, the "bean count" is ready, the bingo cards are dusted off, and the golfer challenge is ready to go.

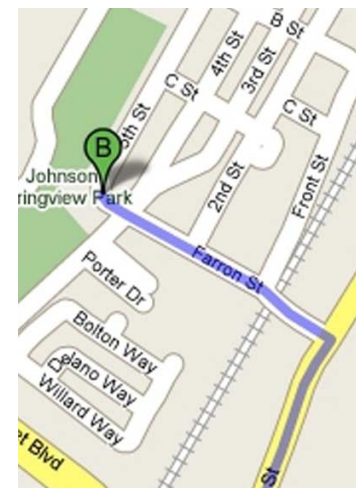
- The picnic will be at Johnson-Springview Picnic Pavilion in Rocklin
- The date will be May 21, our regular meeting date in May
- The picnic will begin 11:00 a.m. Golfers and bean counters be ready
- Lunch will be served at 12:00 p.m.... hot dogs, hamburgers and many special dishes
- Tickets will be on sale at the gate for \$10.00 per person
- You can bring your wife, or guest, and your favorite dish

For those who have not yet signed up, but plan to attend the picnic let me know. It will help me plan the food purchases more accurately. You can reach me by e-mail at jourcourter2@yahoo.com, or by phone at 353-0715. If you cannot reach me you can contact Don Severance at 961-6668 to make your reservations. Please try to contact us by May 10th to allow time for the final preparations.



Johnson-Springview Park

5480 5th St.
Rocklin, CA 95677



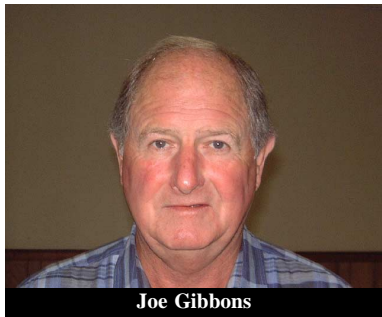
Directions

- * From I-80 heading east, exit on Taylor Rd. toward Rocklin
- * Taylor Rd. becomes Pacific St.
- * Turn left on Farron St. to 5th St.

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Spotlighted Sirs

By Bruce Kennedy



Joe Gibbons

Joe was born a month before the attack on Pearl Harbor in Denver, Colorado. His dad worked for Gates Rubber Company, a local company. He went all the way through high school there and played football, baseball and a little basketball. This earned him a football scholarship to Denver University which folded its football program after his sophomore season.

He did have complete football eligibility remaining and San Jose State called. So, it was off to California to play and earn a degree in political science in 1963. As many of us remember, there was a military draft in operation at the time and Joe was in their sights. So, he headed up to Alameda and the Naval Aviation Recruiting Office. From there it was off to Aviation Officer Candidate School in Pensacola, Florida in February 1964. Joe completed the navigator flight training program in Corpus Christi, Texas. This was where he met Josephine, his wife to be. She was teaching 6th grade. Joe's home base was NAS Moffett Field in the Bay Area. He was assigned to VR-7 flying C-130 Hercules aircraft in and out of Vietnam. At this time, this meant he was a Naval officer flying in an Air Force airplane in an Air Force program, Military Air Transport System (MATS). Midway through his service the Navy withdrew from MATS. As Joe and Jo had determined they wished to remain in California, Joe asked for a West Coast assignment until his expected release date. He was sent to Brunswick, Maine to report to Fleet Air Wing 8 to learn about the antisubmarine warfare world for the remainder of his tour.

After his release he returned to San Jose State using the GI Bill benefits, and completed his masters degree in political science with focus in public administration. At that time General Electric was trying to compete with IBM in the new field of computers and they offered Joe an 18 month training program to become a specialist in computers. He took it and, while learning much of the technical side, he focused on sales. After two years he moved to Honeywell, then to Digital Equipment Corporation. A friend then told him about a new and growing company, Hewlett Packard, headquartered in Palo Alto. He liked the company and accepted a position in 1977 to the small (15 person) Sacramento sales office. There he would happily stay until his retirement in 1998. Jo took some time off after the birth of their two sons in 1970 and 1972, but would return to teaching and later retire in 2001.

When the family moved up to Sacramento, the next years were filled with soccer and little league, with Joe frequently coaching in both sports. He was also still in the Naval Reserve drilling at Alameda, but the commute to and from, loss of weekends, and work requirements in Sacramento resulted in his decision to terminate his affiliation in 1978.

When both of their boys started college in the early 90's, Joe and Jo decided to try bicycle touring. Over the next decade plus they made several trips to Europe for extended tours in several countries. Their last trip was a tour in Canada. Joe and Jo also have gone back and rented a villa in Tuscany (Sienna) for a two week vacation with six other families experiencing great history, art treasures, beautiful views, food and, of course, wine. A lot of their other travel relates to family situations. Their younger son has lived many places around the world, but he is currently in Montana, no easy day visit. And, their older son, and first grandchild live in New Zealand. They recently returned from a one month visit there.

Joe's good friend, Rich Sabbagh, introduced Joe to Wally Nauer, who promptly invited both Rich and Joe to a SIR Branch 150 golf tournament and a monthly meeting. Both enjoyed the game, the food, and camaraderie; and joined up in September 2002. Such a recruiting feat today would now be worth two free lunches. Joe is hoping to get back on the courses this year.

Big and Little Sir Tidbits



Big Sir Stan Wirth

Well, May is already upon us and it is time for our annual Ladies Day Picnic. As stated in last month's newsletter the picnic will start at 11:00 a.m. with lunch at 12 noon on May 21st at Rocklin's Johnson-Springview Park. If you have not gotten your tickets yet contact Jerry Courter at 916-353-0715 or Don Severance at 916-961-6668 to make your reservations. Be there or be square!!!



Little Sir Chuck Reed

Little Sir has nothing exciting to talk about or brag about, except to say that I had to cancel the best guest speaker we have had since I've been a member of Sirs. Tried to reschedule for June but that was a conflict, so was July, August, September and October but he gave me a little hope that November is a possibility and to call back in September when his new basketball schedule is set. I won't say who the speaker is but his favorite color is purple and he looks like a potential candidate for Sirs. So to find out who he is come to the Nov. luncheon. Enough bellyaching for now, see you at the picnic.

Book Exchange

by Bob Carlstroem

At the last meeting I noticed Tom Bittner with a book. Since Tom would never resort to rudeness and tune out the goings on at the meeting, I figured there had to be another reason. It turns out that he had brought the book to give to another member. The idea struck me that since many of us read paperbacks, why not exchange books at our regular monthly meetings. Since our next meeting is the picnic, I figure we might hold off until the June get-together. I will remind you again in the next newsletter to bring a paperback (easier to handle) book or two to exchange. Bring what you have and let's get this off the ground.

Growing Things

This is a new column that hopefully will share expertise in horticulture. In looking over our database indicating hobbies and interest, it is quite apparent that gardening strikes the fancy of many of our members. Hence, I hope "Growing Things" will be well received by the membership. I also hope many will contribute their positive and negative experiences of growing things.

Bob Carlstroem, Editor

A look at aphids

Aphids are one of the most common pest we find in our gardens. In early spring we notice aphids on the tender new growth of plants. This sudden appearance occurs because the fertilized aphid eggs remain attached to the foliage over the winter months. Females hatch and bear live young asexually as many as twelve a day without mating or laying eggs. It is not until autumn that both male and female are born, and the males fertilize the eggs that will remain dormant all winter to begin the cycle all over again.

To reduce aphids, prune out infested leaves and stems. Also knock aphid populations off the plant by spraying with a strong stream of water. By mid-June most of the aphids will be gone because they are heat intolerant.

Consider a non-chemical control, because most insecticides will destroy beneficial insects along with the pest. An old remedy is a soapy spray. The soapy spray is one teaspoon of mild detergent in one gallon of water. Never spray in the heat of the day or in the direct sun. The spray must contact and smother the aphid in order to kill it. The aphid dies rapidly from lack of oxygen. Some gardeners suggest hosing off the soap a few minutes after application or it might harm your plants.

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 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

May 6 (Tue) *The Reserve* - 8:30
 May 20 (Tue) *Rio La Paz* - 9:00
 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**

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: above requires 10 day prepayment)

** Note: this is a date change

Branch 150 vs. Branch 49

The pairings for the inter branch match play tournament with Branch 49 at Wildhawk on May 8th will be formed after the new indexes are received on May 1st. Players will be notified by e-mail or by telephone for those who do not have internet access. The first tee time is 7:00. Presently we have 28 players signed up to play. All will be playing if Branch 49 also has 28 players. If they have less, then some players may not be able to participate.

2008 State Championship

The division 2 area 31 individual qualifier for Poppy Hills will be held at Mather Golf Course Tuesday May 13th. Green fees are \$30, buy your own cart. First tee time is 9:00.

The individual division 2 qualifier for Poppy Hills will be held at Butte Creek in Chico. On Monday August 18th. Cost is \$57 which includes green and cart fees and a box lunch. It will be a 9:00 shotgun start.

The individual Championship and open play at Poppy Hills will be on November 3rd and 4th.

Rules of Golf

For those interested, a one hour program on the Rules of Golf will be playing on channel 13 on Sunday May 4th from 11:00 to 12 noon preceding the PGA golf tournament.

Index Cards

Due to lack of interest the monthly index cards for those who do not have internet access will no longer be printed for distribution.

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

Gone Fishing!

BRIDGE NEWS

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

Just like the great Tiger Woods, our "great" Tom finished April's games in second place. Art and Leona White took first and fourth places respectively, and Doug Hilton captured 3rd (place, i.e., not base!) John will call for May's meeting on the 12th and hopes to fill at least 4 tables again... JLM

To all those new SIRS members, If you play bridge, we would like you to join us. Our players range from almost beginner to semi pro but we all have a great time.

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.

The following membership changes were made at our April meeting: **John Galik** resigned from our Branch as he is moving to San Diego. **Ralph Grishaber** has a new e-mail address: ralphgrishaber@att.net. We now have 100 active members and 17 inactive members for a total of 117.

Free Lunch Tickets were awarded to the four sponsors of new members in 2008. They are **Jimmy Gould, Dick McKechnie, Doug Hilton, and Norm Green**. There is still time to bring in a new member in 2008 and win a free lunch.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

For detailed information contact **Ralph Tomson** at 354-2236 or rotomsonre@yahoo.com
 April Year to Date

Beginning cash balance:	\$1,991.68
Contributions:	715.00
Operating expenses:	643.70
Net Gain:	71.30
Custodial Fund:	314.00
Ending cash balance:	\$2,376.98

River Cats SIR Day

This year the SIR Day River Cats Event will be held on May 21 (Wednesday) The River Cats will host the Colorado Sky Sox and game time will be 11:30 with the Stadium opening at 10:30. Tickets are bought directly from the River Cats. The flyers/orders will be in the Branches this month and will also be posted on the SIR Website and "Happenings".

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	Apr 07	1	1	Skeeter Regan	armondregan@sbcglobal.net
Alaska		7	Ireland	2002	13	2	Dick Clausen	papadick@hnet.us or (916) 704-4817
Alaska	Aug 07	8	Ireland (Treasure of Ireland)	Fall 06	6	3	Jerry Courter	jcourter2@yahoo.com
Alaskan Cruise	Fall 01	6	Israel	2000	13	4	Len Bloom	lenbloom4@comcast.net
Amazon River	Jan 08	15	Italy	Jun 06	10	5	Bob Carlstroem	bob@carlstroem.com
American Heritage Tour	Jun 01	6	Montana		7	6	Charlie Caudle	chascaudle@cs.com
Australia/New Zealand		7	Nevada, Mesquite	Apr 07	2	7	Jim Jorgensen	jorgensensports@starstream.net
China - Beijing, Shanghai, etc.	Mar 08	15	North Carolina (Elderhostel)	Mar 05	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	jojohnm@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	bhoopkls56@comcast.netasdf
Greece	07	12	Texas, South Padre Island		14	16	John Mahony	jm2w@sbcglobal.net
Hawaii		7	Wyoming, Cody	Aug 07	2			
Hawaii, Big Island	Oct 07	13	Yellowstone National Park	Jun 07	3			
Hawaii, Maui	Jul 07	2	Yosemite National Park	Spr 07	3			

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. Only one correct answer last month by **John Mahony**.

**What
might
this
be?**



Hint: Music

April Solution

Fire starter, kept near a hearth and used to start a fire with no kindling or paper. The container was filled with kerosene, the rod was removed, lit, and held under the logs, by the time the kerosene had finished burning five or ten minutes later, the fire had been set.



Bob Carlstroem, Editor
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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

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| Jack | Delbert | 10-May |
| Boyd | Joseph T. | 27-May |

May Humor

Two West Virginia lawyers hired a secretary from a small town in the hills. She was attractive, but it was obvious that she knew nothing about city life.

One attorney said to the other, "Mary is so young and pretty she might be taken advantage of by some of those fast-talking city guys. Why don't we teach her what's right and what's wrong?"

"Great idea," said the partner. You teach her what's right."

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