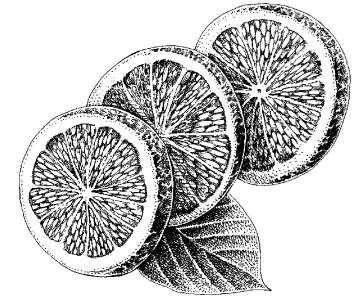




# Orangevale Branch 150



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**November 2008**

Meetings - 3rd Wednesday of Each Month		Next Meeting - November 19, 2008
<b>Location</b>	<b>Regular Monthly Schedule</b>	<b>Menu:</b> Beef and chicken enchiladas in green sauce, refried beans, Spanish rice, salad, salsa and chips, and cake for dessert.
Rancho Cordova Elks Lodge	Business meeting 10:30	<b>Speaker:</b> Max Miller, Cordova High football coach
11440 Elks Circle	Social time/registration 11:00	<b>Topic:</b>
Rancho Cordova, CA 95742	Meeting/luncheon 11:30	

## Ladies Day Xmas Luncheon Wednesday, December 17, 2008

Get your ticket to the SIR 150 Winter Luncheon on Wednesday, December 17, 2008. We are looking forward to a large turnout by the membership and a lot of fun for all. The festivities will start at 11:00 a.m., with lunch to follow at noon. Mike Morris Branson will be entertaining again this year. He received an excellent rating by those who attended last year. Our new officers will be installed around 1 o'clock and there will be additional social time and music after the installation.

We have an excellent menu this year.

Main dishes to choose (in advance) from:

- Beef Burgundy, with baked potatoes
- Chicken Marsella, with Rice Pilaf and Orzo
- Tilapia, with Rice Pilaf and Orzo

The side dish will be Rosen Vegetable Medley

Dessert will be: Peach Cobbler

Drinks will be: coffee, tea, and/or water

The no-host bar will be set up for additional beverages.

Don Severance and Jerry Courter will be selling tickets at our November meeting. Be sure to purchase your ticket or tickets from one of them so we can get an accurate count for the Elks kitchen crew. See you there!

## Big and Little Sir Tidbits



Big Sir Stan Wirth

As I type this, it looks like the seasons are changing. It is raining tonight and looks like it will through the week-end. I think it is safe to say fall has really arrived. With fall comes Thanksgiving and Christmas. Needless to say time flies when you are having fun.

In any case, our Christmas lunch is right around the corner, and I am looking forward to a great luncheon. We have some great entertainment and great food. I am looking forward to seeing you there. If you haven't gotten your tickets, they will be available at November's luncheon.

Last thing. As noted before, don't forget to bring books to the book exchange. It is a great way to get some new reading material



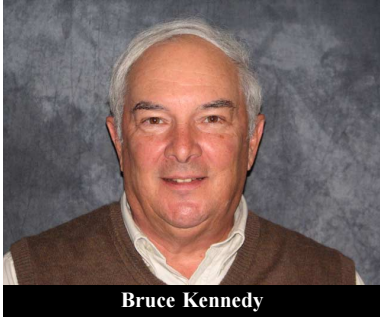
Little Sir Chuck Reed

Our speaker this month will be High School football coach Max Miller. Max has been on the local scene for over 30 years and he just retired after the 2008 school season. He has coached in a number of local schools but has had two long stints with the Cordova Lancers, in which he has had much success and had his team high in state rankings. I know we have members whose sons and grandsons have played football in high school and have crossed paths with this highly successful man. You should enjoy Max Miller and his presentation.

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# Spotlighted Sirs

By Bruce Kennedy



Bruce Kennedy

I was born in December 1945. My dad had served his tour as a P-38 Lightning pilot with the Fifteenth Army Air Corps in North Africa and Naples. At war's end he was released from an advanced fighter flight instructor billet at what became Luke AFB in Arizona. He transferred to the reserves, at Camp Beale, and I was born in Marysville, California. He then started a small

tile contracting business with a good friend.

I grew up there doing things kids did: Little League, Boy Scouts and a paper route. I got to the Colorado Springs National Jamboree in 1960. Things had changed abruptly when my dad died of a heart attack in June 1957. My mom got a job as a secretary in a slaughter house and things were tight. There she met my step-father-to-be who was the USDA Government Meat Inspector. They were married in 1960 and we moved up the road to Gridley for my sophomore year.

After graduating I went to Chico State. Got my diploma and thought I graduated in June of 1967 with a degree in sociology. So, I was on my way to the University of Illinois to get a masters degree and eventually become a professor. Not so fast. On July 13, a Friday, I received my Army draft physical notice and a letter from Chico saying I needed 1/2 unit more. I quit my summer job and returned to Chico to take a tennis class. I decided to try to become a pilot and went to the Air Force recruiter, but they could not move fast enough. I found my way to Naval Aviation and signed up for a January class in Pensacola. And, no, it was not much like *Officer and a Gentleman*. Staying in Chico allowed me to meet my wife Carol. She was starting as a junior transfer and we had apartments across from each other.

After earning my commission I completed Primary and Basic training before I got back to California for our wedding in December 1968. I then went to Corpus Christi for Multi-engine Advanced Training. After getting my wings, I flew P-3 Orion Anti-Submarine Aircraft pretty much all around the Pacific while stationed at Moffett Field, in Sunnyvale. This included Vietnam. As my active tour ended in 1973 Carol and I had decided that the Navy could not allow me the family time we both thought necessary. So, we left and I joined the Naval Reserve. That kept me going around the Pacific until I retired in 1992.

The airlines were laying off in 1973, aborting my second career choice. With two kids and a dog, I needed a JOB! I found an entry level analytical position with the State Department of Social Welfare in Sacramento. For the next 31 years I would stay in the orbit of social programs before retiring in 2004. At various times I was an administrator for Foster Care, Child Abuse Prevention, Refugee Resettlement Services and Child Support Services with earlier supervisory assignments in six other programs. Every time it seemed I finally had my assigned area the way I liked it, they moved me again.

Carol and I have three children, all of whom reside in the Sacramento area. Our older boy is a deputy sheriff, my daughter a teacher, and my younger son is in commercial real estate appraisal. We enjoy traveling, cruising and family gatherings. I owe my involvement with Branch 150 to Lee Petersen who promised all the golf I could handle.



## 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
Acapulco		17
Africa, East		7
Alaska		7
Alaska	Aug 07	8
Alaskan Cruise	Fall 01	6
Amazon River	Jan 08	15
American Heritage Tour	Jun 01	6
Australia/New Zealand		7
British Isles - Cruise	Jul 07	18
China - Beijing, Shanghai, etc.	Mar 08	15
China Land/Yangtze River Tour	May 07	9
Costa Rica	Jan 02	4
Costa Rica	Jan 04	5
Cruising, General	Apr 07	1
Durango CO, Silverton Railroad	Aug 07	11
Europe - Eastern	2005	13
Florida		17
France		17
France - Normandy/Paris/Mt. St. Michael	Jun 0817	
Greece	Apr 07	4
Greece	07	12
Hawaii		7
Hawaii, Big Island	Oct 07	13
Hawaii, Maui	Jul 07	2
Ireland	Apr 07	1
Ireland	2002	13
Ireland (south)		17
Ireland (Treasure of Ireland)	Fall 06	6
Israel	2000	13
Italy	Jun 06	10
Italy		17
Italy-Venice, Florence	01/07	18
Montana		7
Nevada, Mesquite	Apr 07	2
New Mexico-Sante Fe		18
New York-Upstate		18
North Carolina (Elderhostel)	Mar 05	5
Norway (Grand Circle)	Aug 07	5
Nova Scotia (Elderhostel/Independent)	Sep 06	5
Panama Canal	May 08	18
Philippines	2007	13
Rhine/Danube River Cruise	Spr 04	6
Russia, St. Petersburg (Grand Circle)	Aug 07	5
San Jaun Islands	2007	16
South America	05	12
South Dakota - Black Hills, Rushmore	May 08	5
Spain/Portugal		17
Spain/Portugal-Lisbon/Fatima	Jun 08	18
Texas, South Padre Island		14
Wyoming, Cody	Aug 07	2
Yellowstone National Park	Jun 07	3
Yellowstone National Park		17
Yellowstone National Park		18
Yosemite National Park	Spr 07	3

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## 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

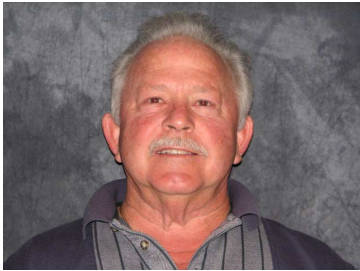
Prior sign-up required

### **2008 Away Tournaments**

*November 3 (Mon) Alister Mackenzie - 9:00*

*November 18 (Tue) Wildhawk - 9:00*

### **Sandbagger of the Month**



**The Sandbagger of the month is Cal Lamberson with a round of 75 at Bartley Cavanaugh for a net score of 61, 10 under par. Excellent round Cal!**

### **Golf Luncheon**

The sign up sheet for the January 7, 2009 Luncheon at Cordova Elks is on the website: [www.sir150.com](http://www.sir150.com). Select "Golf" from the left hand menu and when the new golf page comes, up select "Current Sign-ups." You will see a column for the luncheon sign-up and the ability to directly e-mail me to place you on the list. My phone also works.

### **NCGA Dues**

NCGA dues are now being collected. The cost is \$30. The renewal period started on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October and will end on December 31<sup>st</sup>. Make checks to SIR 150. All members must be paid up by December 15 to allow enough time to transmit to GHIN by the 31<sup>st</sup> of December. You can check to see if you paid at [www.sir150.com](http://www.sir150.com).

### **Putting Relief**

Sometimes the greens keeper is negligent in reinserting the old hole plug when he changes the pin position on the green. He will either leave the old plug above the surface of the green or it will be below the surface of the green. If this condition exists on the line that exists between the golfer's ball and the hole, the golfer may take relief until the abnormal condition is not in the putting line, no nearer to the hole.

### **Cordova Schedule Update**

**The November Scramble will take place November 21.** We will **not** be playing the day after Thanksgiving (Friday, November 28) or the day after Christmas (Friday, December 26). Cordova imposes holiday rates and many of our players are with their families.

**I asked my wife if old men wear boxers or briefs?  
She said Depends.**

[www.pmcaregivers.com/Humor.htm](http://www.pmcaregivers.com/Humor.htm)

## BRIDGE NEWS

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

Before you put up your 2009 (WOW) calendar, take a red pencil and circle the second Monday of every month (except July and August). That way you can plan all other activities such as trips, doctor's and dentist's appointments (.hair and nails too) so as not to interfere with the greatest bridge games sponsored by our SIR branch on that day! We will be holding our November meeting on the 10th. Check in with Tom, who already revealed last month's winners at the October meeting. There has been talk that if a winner does not stay to pick up his/her reward, the next high scorer may do so. Let us know what you think! Thank you for your participation and a Happy Thanksgiving!

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

Beginning cash balance:	\$1,991.68
Contributions:	1,525.00
Operating expenses:	1,367.62
Net operating gain:	157.38
Custodial receipts:	9,146.00
Custodial disbursements:	8,686.67
Net gain/loss:	459.33
Ending cash balance:	\$2,608.39

October attendance: members 69 guest 2. Total 71

### **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).

The following membership changes were made at our October meeting:  
New Members added: Ernie Wells and Chuck Hollmer.  
We now have 104 active members and 19 inactive members for a total of 123.

**SIR Branch 150  
Xmas Party  
December 17, 2008**

**Great Entertainment**  
Mike Branson  
Formerly with "The Fabulous Drifters"

**Great Menu**  
Beef Burgandy  
Chicken Marsala  
Baked Tilapia

**All for just \$20!!!!**

**Tickets on sale at the November luncheon**

# 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 correct solutions were provided by **John Duffy**. Jim Rae had 3 correct answers and Harold Doppelmayer had 2.

## Answer as many as you can

<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
Rearrange these letters to give the name of a famous jazz musician:  ROUSING MORTALS	A driver sets out on a 20-mile trip. When he has gone halfway he finds he has averaged 25 mph. At what speed must he travel the rest of the way to make his overall average speed for the trip 40 mph?
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
Complete the word inside the brackets that means the same as the words outside the brackets.  BEAR (B ____ ) STREAM	Which of these words is the odd-one-out?  BENEFIT FLOTSAM HIJACK ROSEBUD SUITED TRUMPETER

### October Solutions

- Lloyd, Aidan, Ernie, Lenny
3. (The series shows the number of letters in the words one, two, three, etc.)
- 80
- Acerbic, Concern, Viceroy

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# Honored Members

Past Big Sirs		Birthday Boys	
1989	George Erkson *	Nauer	Walter 3-Nov
1990	Jim Eastlund *	Severance	Donald 4-Nov
1991	John Mahony	Belford	Richard 6-Nov
1992	Lou Parton *	Schuering	Mike 7-Nov
1993	Ken Allard	Toledo	Allen 9-Nov
1994	Ruel Smith	Bullard	Alton F 10-Nov
1995	Bill McCarthy *	Shumate	Charles 11-Nov
1996	Tom Wirth *	Silva	Thomas W 11-Nov
1997	John Means	Sabbagh	Richard J 14-Nov
1998	Jim Delk	Berg	Daniel 19-Nov
1999	Bob Smith	Gibbons	Joseph D 19-Nov
2000	Bob O'Neal	Sanders	Herbert H 19-Nov
2001	Lou Joaquin *	Gould Jr.	James J. 20-Nov
2001	Joe Ramay	Johnson	Robert E 20-Nov
2002	Bob Trathen	Alsop	William T 21-Nov
2003	Jim Rae	Hilton	Douglas R 22-Nov
2004	Len Bloom	Rae	James W 25-Nov
2005	Don Severance	Rumsey	Michael E 28-Nov
2006	Bob Carlstroem	<b>November Humor</b> Four guys were out on the golf course. As one of them was teeing off at the 10th hole, which was next to the highway, they saw a funeral procession go by. Instead of teeing off, the guy removed his cap and placed it on his chest until the funeral had passed. At this point, the other three said, "You know, that was the most touching thing I've ever seen." And the guy answers, "Well, I was married to her for 15 years. It was the least I could do!"	
2007	Jerry Courter		
* Deceased			
<b>Honorary Lifetime Member</b>			
John Mahony	2001		
Jim Rae	2007		

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