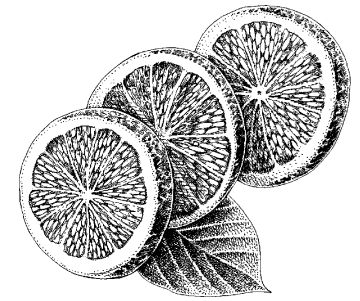




Orangevale Branch 150



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January 2010

Meetings - 3rd Wednesday of Each Month		Next Meeting - January 17, 2010	
Location	Regular Monthly Schedule	Menu:	What's Happening
Rancho Cordova Elks Lodge 11440 Elks Circle Rancho Cordova, CA 95742	Business meeting 10:30 Social time/registration 11:00 Meeting/luncheon 11:30	Swiss Steak, scalloped potatoes, macaroni/cheese, salad & dessert	To be determined
		Speaker:	

Big & Little Sir Tidbits



Big Sir Jim Dodge

Happy New Year Everyone!!! I'm honored to be your Big Sir for 2010 and look forward to talking and interacting with each of you this coming year. I had to stop and think why I accepted this position and I thought what I would be doing if I didn't belong to SIR. Probably not playing golf 56 times this past year, and NOT meeting most of you in our branch existing in life, not living the life. Thanks to all of you that have entered my life since 2002. Now dammit! Listen to me. I want each of you to bring in ONE new member in 2010 and we will all have a new friend. May God Bless!



Little Sir John Duffy

As a relatively new SIR (less than 2 years) I am excited about learning together how Branch 150 works - and why it works so well (Could it be a high rate of volunteerism?). With blessings of health and prosperity for 2010 I want to express my appreciation for all the past Little and Big SIRs who have declared their support and encouraged me to contact them for any help I may need. (Who said men won't ask for directions?) My challenge to you this year? Between all of you, bring in one new member each month.

Oh What a Party



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2009 Christmas Party

Thoughts and Thanks from Don and Jerry

We would like to thank everyone who attended our SIR 150 Christmas Party. Everyone had a great time. We were 100 strong, up from the 75 we had last year. Our count included 50 members and 50 guests. One member brought 3 guests and several members bought 2 guests. The hall was full with the sounds of music and conversation. The social hour went by quickly as everyone caught up with friends and made new acquaintances.

The Elks Hall was beautifully decorated with flowers and garland on the walls to promote the Christmas spirit. The tables were set with linen and each table had a beautiful centerpiece. The lighted Christmas tree completed the decorations for the event. We appreciate the extra effort the Elks made to decorate the room to project the holiday atmosphere. Their personnel worked diligently to make the party a success. And all three entrees turned out very good.

Again this year we gave small gifts to all of the ladies that attended the event. Each lady received a homemade "personalized wreath" and a rose as a remembrance of the party. Being able to give these gifts to the ladies, really added to the enjoyment of the occasion.

Don and I will sit down next month and discuss our ideas to make next year's Christmas party even better. We hope to see it continue to grow. We would like it to become an event that each member will see as a special time to get together during the holiday season. Prior to our meeting, if you have any suggestion or ideas for next year's Christmas Party, please relay them to Don or me and we will make it part of our discussion.







GOLF NEWS

Call **Harold Doppelmayer** 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

Changes may occur due to holidays

2010 Away Tournaments

Feb 02 (Tue) Bing Maloney - 9:00

Feb 16 (Tue) Cavanaugh - 9:30

Mar 08 (Mon) Teal Bend - 9:00

Mar 23 (Tue) Lockeford - 9:00

Apr 05 (Mon) Mackenzie - 8:02

Apr 20 (Tue) Micke Grove - 9:00

May 04 (Tue) The Reserve - 9:00

May 18 (Tue) River Oaks - 9:00

Jun 08 (Tue) Plumas Lake - 9:00

Jun 22 (Tue) Wildhawk - 8:04

Jul 06 (Tue) Dry Creek - 8:02

Jul 19 (Mon) Ancil Hoffman - 9:00

Aug 02 (Mon) Diamond Oaks - 9:30

Aug 17 (Tue) Mather - 9:00

Sep 02 (Thur) Woodcreek - 9:00

Sep 14 (Tue) Teal Bend - 9:00

Oct 05 (Tue) Cavanaugh - 8:30

Oct 18 (Mon) Mackenzie - 9:06

Nov 02 (Tue) Wildhawk - 9:00

Nov 16 (Tue) Bing Maloney - 9:00

There were no sandbaggers in December. Bing Maloney and Bartley Cavanaugh will be "pay for your own cart and green fee." Prize money will be collected starting with the first tournament in January.

The new policy of paying green and cart fees at the course will be done on a case by case basis. Some courses insist on one check for the green fees. Look at the top of the sign-up sheet for directions.

The Annual Golf Luncheon will be held at the Cordova Elks on Thursday January 14th. Social hour begins at 11:00 and lunch at 12:00. Your choices are steak or chicken sandwich, steak fries, family salad and cake for dessert. Table service is included. A no host bar will be available for the three hours.

The cost of the lunch is \$15. There will be no charge to those who have played 15 rounds or more at Cordova or the away tournaments. Those who have not played 15 times will be charged \$15 minus the times they have played. A firm count must be given by the 7th of January.

If you have to cancel, you must notify Harold or John Ramos. If you do not show up the club must pay for that lunch.

FISHING NEWS

Monthly Breakfast Meetings: Jolly Hookers meet at Cordova 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

December was a fun month, however we did not have any fishing trips. Just a great Christmas party. Ron Madsen won the Fisherman Of The Year award. The points were close but it was a clear victory. He received the 2009 Trophy and a Fisherman Of The Year jacket. Much like the golfer's green jacket. He can strut his stuff all year long. The January Derby is at Amador on the twelfth and the Non-derby outing is to Camanche on the nineteenth. Fish On!

Book Exchange

Dig deep, we could use some new books to pass around

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.

SIR BRANCH 150

2009 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT

These tables show the change in membership for 2009

	Jan 09	Dec 09	Change
Active	103	102	-1
Inactive	21	22	+1
Total	124	124	0

New Members Added in 2009

13

Members Lost in 2009

13

Net Loss in Members for 2009

0

Summary of results in membership changes for 2009:

- * Active members decreased by 1 to a total of 102 (-1%).
- * Inactive members increased by 1 to a total of 22.
- * 13 new members were received.
- * 13 members were lost.
- * Total membership remained the same at 124.
- * Bottom line is that the branch needs to keep recruiting new members.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Beginning cash balance January 1, 2009	\$1,916.94
General Accounts Receipts	1,877.00
General Disbursements	2,385.94
Gain or (loss)	(508.94)
Custodial Receipts	12,521.00
Custodial Disbursements	13,200.23
Gain or (loss)	(679.23)
Ending total cash balance	\$728.77
Annual Christmas Luncheon attendance, members and guests:	100.

BRIDGE NEWS

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

Four tables of intrepid Bridge enthusiasts enjoyed the last games of 2009, especially Kristi Overmyer whose top score was the first she has achieved since the group first met. Congratulations...and don't spend it all in one place. Tom, who came in second, can't say that nor can Joanne Martin, fourth place. Doug Hilton's third place completes the winners for December. Now, for January 11, 2010, we will again meet at the IHop and John will be calling, or you can call him. We have the capacity as well as the equipment for up to 5 tables. Join us and add to the fun! We welcome new Sirs whether you are a late starter or a experienced player Recap: First Place, **Kristi Overmyer**; second, **Tom Bittner**; third, **Doug Hilton**; fourth (Tie), **Joanne Martin & Jane Peterson**.

Tiger Nauer - at the Xmas party



Fun Stuff

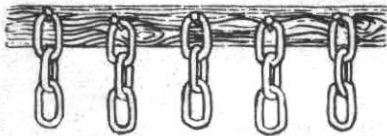
The first person to provide correct solution will receive a prize at the next regular meeting. Send your answers by e-mail to Bob Carlstroem at carlstroem@sir150.com or mail to 7990 South Lake Cir., Granite Bay, CA 95746. As for last month's puzzle, several returned an answer of 60 cents. Only **Jim Rae** got it right the first submission. He gets the popcorn again.

New Years

What was the first country to celebrate New Years and what time, on the 31st, was it here in Sacramento?

What was the last country to celebrate and what was our time then?

December Solution



Take the first chain and cut it into three links. This costs 15 cents. Use each of the three links to join, by welding, together the remaining 4 chains. This cost 30 cents. The total cost is 45 cents.

**Don't forget to keep a few
"Invitations To Join SIR 150"
cards with you.**

*These were passed out at the November meeting.
If you were not there, contact Jim Dodge to obtain some.*

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
2007	Jerry Courter
2008	Stan Wirth
2009	Chuck Reed

* Deceased

Honorary Lifetime Member

John Mahony	2001
Jim Rae	2007

Birthday Boys

Burns	Robert G	2-Jan
Yosgott	John A	2-Jan
Wolfgang	Albert E	9-Jan
Hoerl	Donald E	12-Jan
Doppelmayr	Harold	14-Jan
Becker	Donald H	16-Jan
Hull	Edgar L	17-Jan
Peterson	Lee	22-Jan
Bonner	Robert	27-Jan
Bittner	Thomas N	31-Jan

Well one more blond joke...

A blonde was playing Trivial Pursuit one night... It was her turn. She rolled the dice and she landed on Science & Nature. Her question was, 'If you are in a vacuum and someone calls your name, can you hear it?' She thought for a time and then asked, 'Is it on or off?'

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