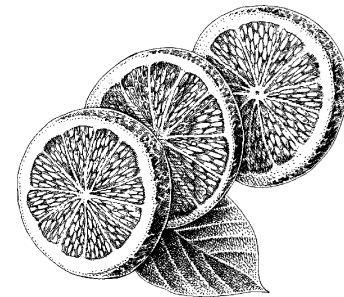




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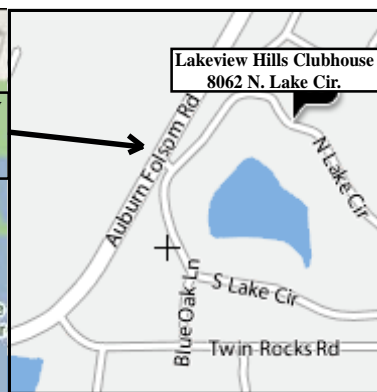
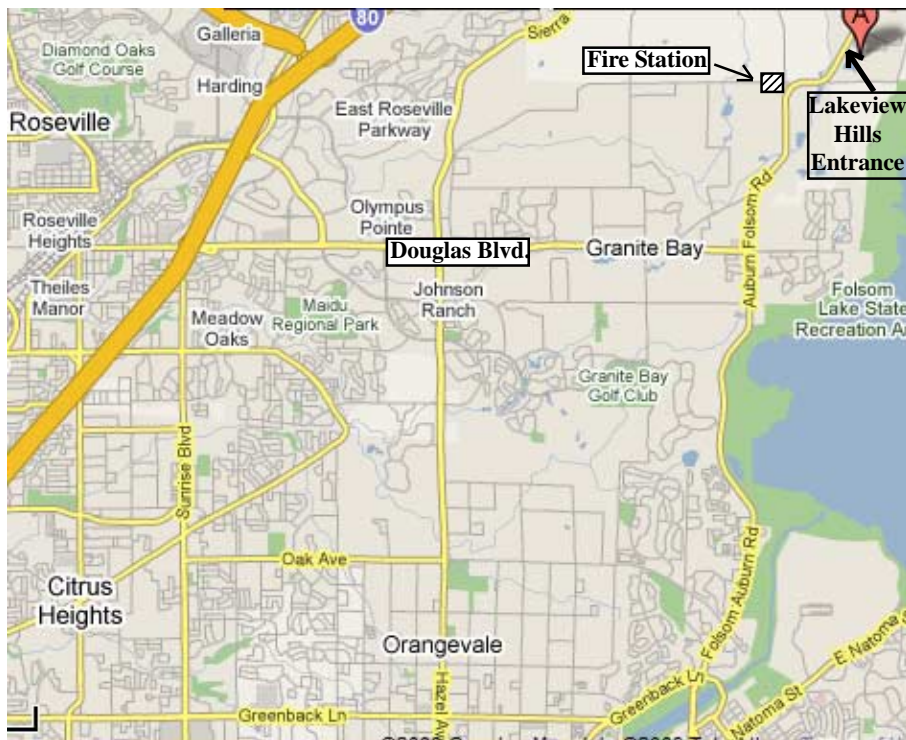


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May 2010

Meetings - 3rd Wednesday of Each Month		Ladies Day - May 26, 2010
Location	Regular Monthly Schedule	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	Menu: Shared dishes, hamburgers, hot dogs, beer, wine Speaker: Nobody important Topic: Bingo, great company, contests, good food, having fun, etc.

There is no regular meeting this month. So Let's Party!
11:00 Social hour and contests---12:00 BBQ---1:00 Bingo and Raffle for the ladies



Directions

- From Douglas Blvd. heading east, turn left on Auburn-Folsom Rd.
- After approximately 1.6 miles you will see a fire station on your left.
- About 0.5 miles further you will pass Twin Rocks Rd. on your right.
- The next right turn will be into Lakeview Hills.
- Turn left on North Lake Circle and watch for the entrance to the clubhouse on your right.

Ladies don't forget to bring your favorite dish. Use as a guide only:

Last name begins with
 A - F.....Side Dish
 G - R.....Salad
 S - Z.....Dessert

There is still time for those who have not yet signed up.

Contact one of us for the details and/or tickets as soon as possible.
 The cost is \$10 pp

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 Don Severance: 916-961-6668

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Spotlighted Sir

By Bruce Kennedy



John Rizzardo

John's father came to New York in 1935. He did not like it and went back to Italy. He tried again in 1938 for a more rural location and arrived in Winnipeg as a welder to work on the Al-Can highway. He sent back to Italy for his fiancé. They were married and the next stop for the newlyweds was Juneau where John's dad got a job in the Hard Rock Gold Mine. John was born in 1938 and his younger brother in 1940. As war approached Dad determined more money could be made in the Bay Area and moved to San Francisco. He worked in a shipyard and died in 1943 from mine related conditions.

John's mother moved with the two boys to Weed, where family lived. John started in Weed Elementary School but moved to Mt. Shasta Elementary in the fifth grade. He graduated from Mt. Shasta High in 1956 with a class of about 50 kids. He participated in basketball and football and spent a lot of time fishing. During this time his mom remarried a man from the same city in Italy John's father had come from who worked in the lumber mills, and whose family had been close for years. John then came down to Sacramento City College to major in drafting. Shortly afterwards a major fall, while participating on the College Gymnastics team, scotched that plan. He still sets off airport alarms.

John returned to Siskiyou County and after recovery went to work with forest service fire crews. A supervisor really pushed a teaching career at John and it seemed like a good idea. So, it was back to Sac City to earn an AA degree and then to Chico State to finish up his BA and teaching certificate in January 1961. John played on the Chico State Tennis Team. Being "off-schedule" for hiring, John went back to Mt. Shasta where he worked in the lumber mills and was the assistant tennis coach at the High School for his wife-to-be, Sarah, who was on the team.

John received an offer in September from La Puente High School to start his teaching career. His second day of teaching marked the arrival of the draft notice from Siskiyou, his home county, where no teaching shortages existed as they did in LA. So, it was off to Fort Ord in 1962 where he completed basic training. After basic he was put in the personnel section at Fort Ord where a couple of Army lawyers took pity and got him an early out to return to teach at La Puente. At this point, John and Sarah had determined they needed to be together - not 500 miles apart. They were married in 1964. John got an offer from Rio Linda High School where John would teach mechanical and architectural drafting for the next 34 years before retiring in 2000.

John and Sarah have three children. Both boys work for the Department of Water Resources where the oldest is in charge of security for California's aqueducts. The younger, is in charge of the snow survey's, as seen on TV. Their daughter is an ESL teacher in Center School District. Together they provide six grandchildren, five girls and one boy. The family spent many summers vacations back up in Siskiyou. Trips to Disneyland and Seaworld also figured in. They are now seriously into cruising. With the help from a daughter-in-law, their best trips, which included his sons and daughter (at different times), were to Alaska. This gave John the opportunity to return to Juneau to find his home, see the hospital he was born in, and to get a copy of his birth certificate. Besides traveling, John has an unusual hobby, collecting \$5 casino chips from around the world.

Bob Carlstroem finally convinced John to join SIRS Branch 150 with golf as bait. John describes himself as a "hacker" who has fun. That describes a lot of us.

Big & Little Sir Tidbits



Big Sir Jim Dodge

In memory of the people we've recently lost, I've learned a lot about them that I didn't know before which reminds me of the story of the 'DASH'. DASH....What matters the most of all was the dash between the years you were born and died. For that dash represents all the time that person spent alive on this earth...and only those who really knew and loved that person knows what that little line is worth. For it matters not how much we own, the cars, the house, the cash. What matters is how we lived, loved, and spent our dash.

So think long and hard: Are there things you'd like to change? You never know how much time is left - you could be at "dash mid-range."

If we could just slow down enough to consider what's true and real, and always try to understand the way other people feel. And if we could be less quick to anger, and show appreciation more; and love the people in our lives like we've never loved before. If we could just treat each other with respect and more often wear a smile.....remembering that this special dash might only last a little while, so when your eulogy is being read with your life's actions to rehash, you would be proud of the things they say about how you spent your dash. To the world you may be one person. But to one person, you may be the world.....

God Bless Andy Munson, Fred Harris, Herb Sanders, and John Mahoney....



Little Sir John Duffy

May is a good "breathing spot" for the Little Sir as we replace our regular meeting with a "Ladies Day Picnic," so there is no menu to prepare and no speaker to arrange. And of course, the Picnic creates an opportunity to share our SIR 150 experiences and friends with our significant others - thereby enlisting their support for our participation.

This brings to mind two important points: 1) there is still time to make a reservation for you, your significant other, or guests to join the fun at the Picnic. Contact Jerry Courter or Don Severance to get signed up; 2) now is the time to consider "stepping up" to serve your Branch as an officer. Big Sir Jim Dodge will be looking for nominations for next year's Little Sir and other elected positions - feel free to ask Jim or myself about the process.

Of Course You (Men) Know!

By an anonymous Lady Sir

As I stared into my skillet and watched two buttermilk pancakes run together, I told my husband, "Honey, you get the two Siamese Twins." AND, of course, you men know the origin of the term "Siamese Twins."

Chang and Eng Bunker were born on May 11, 1811 in Bangkok, the capital of Siam (now called Thailand). The twin's name, Eng and Chang, in Siamese mean "left" and "right." They were joined at the lower end of the Sternum and their livers were fused together but functioned independently. They left Siam when they were 18, spending time in both the United States and England. They gained international fame through the P.T. Barnum Circus and by becoming successful businessmen. They decided to become farmers and settle in to marriage, Eng and Chang married two sisters and were quite prolific. Chang and his wife had 10 kids; Eng and his wife had 12. In 1874 Chang passed away and Eng followed a few hours later. The parents of Eng and Chang were Chinese, not Siamese. Ironically, the Siamese called them "Chinese Twins." The term Siamese Twins is no longer considered appropriate. Conjoined twins are not limited to any racial or ethnic group. Conjoined twins occur once every 200,000 live births and about 35 percent survive only one day. From now on when I watch my buttermilk pancakes run together I'll be thinking of Eng and Change; the "Left" and "Right."

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

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

Sandbagger of the Month

(Cordova - away tournaments rained out)



Doug Hilton

Recorded a 75 for a net 53.

Honorable Mention

Harold Doppelmayer and **Roy Morrison** for their net 56, and to **Jim Rae** for his net 57.

Clarification of Rules for Cordova

The club policy of dropping from tree wells at Cordova has to be clarified: If grass is growing up to the trunk of a tree, there is no tree well, the ball must be played utilizing the 12 inch relief we have at Cordova. If there is dirt surrounding or partially surrounding the tree and the ball is resting on dirt, then there is a tree well and the ball may be dropped one club length from the perimeter of the tree well, no nearer to the hole. Penalty for an improper drop is 2 strokes. REMEMBER that at all other locations, normal rules prevail i.e. there is no relief, other than the SIR 6 in bump, unless the tree is staked.

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 occurred at our April meeting: **John Mahony** passed away on 4-5-10. **Art White** transferred to Inactive status. Applications for membership by **John Rizzardo**, and **Steve Mayer** were approved.

We now have 102 active members and 20 Inactive members for a total of 122.

So far this year you have brought in three new members and we have one application pending approval so we are on track to meet our State goal of bringing in ten new members (10%). Please keep up the good work recruiting. As an added inducement the Executive Committee approved a policy to offer a free lunch to each guest potential member when they attend their first meeting. To offset this cost, last year's policy to award a free lunch to sponsors was rescinded.

SUNSHINE REPORT

Good news, sad news, or interesting news about our members should be sent to **Bill Hooper** at bhoopk1g56@comcast.net or call him at 988-6880

No new sad news this month so that is the good news. Please forward any news sad or happy about our members so that we can share it with the membership. Of course we will miss John Mahoney.

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

April was a very pleasant month of outings for the Jolly Hookers. The fish catching was good for some and not as exciting for others. The fishing derby for trout fishing at Collins Lake was won by Tom Grube with a 2 lb. 11 oz. rainbow. Bob Skinner was second 2 lb. 5 oz., Guy Brown was third 2 lb. 4 oz. and Tom West caught his twin at 2 lb. 4 oz. The rescheduled Brannon Island launch site for the delta stripped bass outing was won by Bill Kishi, Hill Felton and Ralph Schuhriemen in that order. May is the three day house boat trip to Shasta Lake. The lake will be close to full. Three house boats lashed together and thirty one fishermen. That is always a fun and memorable trip. We should end up with three species; trout, kokanee and salmon. Then back to Lake Berryessa for the May Derby. Life is good! Come join the fun.

BRIDGE NEWS

For detailed information related to bridge meetings and schedules, contact **Tom Bittner** at 723-1497 or at joanbittner@yahoo.com

We had three tables: First was Bob Baker, a Carmichael Sir. Second was Bob Oneal, Former Branch 150 Sir. And third was Joan Conyers

BOWLING NEWS

For bowling information contact **Tom Bittner** at 723-1497 or at joanbittner@yahoo.com

The regular season ended with Tom's team in second place. Brent Soulis's team was in sixth place. There are twenty teams in the league.

TREASURER'S REPORT

For detailed information contact **Ralph Tomson** at 354-2236 or rotomson@att.net

Beginning cash balance January 1, 2010	\$728.77
Receipts	5,640.00
Disbursements	5,045.98
Ending total cash balance March 31	1,322.79
Cash balance includes advance sales for the picnic of \$620.00.	
Luncheon attendance: members-63, guests-1. Total: 64.	

IN MEMORANDUM

HONORARY LIFE MEMBER JOHN MAHONEY

John was born on August 7, 1927 and died on April 5, 2010 at the age of 82. He joined Branch 150 in October 1988 shortly after it's inception and was our second most senior member. He served as Big Sir in 1991; organized the Branch Bridge Group and served as it's Chairman for many years; and served the Branch as editor of the newsletter for more than five years.

For his distinguished service to the Branch he was awarded an Honorary Lifetime Membership in 2001.

Jim Rae

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 solved first by **Earl Boyd**. Next, in order solved: **Jim Rae, John Duffy, Pete Eres, Grover Daniel, Len Bloom**.

For You Golfers

- Q1. Does the location of the ball on the course, i.e., the fringe, a bunker or the putting green, have a bearing on determining the order of play?
- Q2. May a player putt with one hand while holding the flagstick with the other?
- Q3. May a player use the toe of the putter to mark the position of the ball before lifting it.
- Q4. In the case of a ball being marked and lifted, may someone other than the player to whom the ball belongs replace it?
- Q5. Is my opponent or fellow-competitor permitted to stand on an extension of my line of putt or line of play behind my ball while I am making a stroke?
- Q6. May a player repair spike marks on the putting green?
- Q7. Is a hole-in-one valid if made at a hole with a temporary tee **and/or** putting green?
- Q8. If a player runs out of golf balls during a round, may he borrow a ball from another player?
- Q9. Your opponent or fellow-competitor has hit a wayward shot and is searching for his ball. Then you happen to stumble across his ball. Are you obliged to tell him where his ball is?
- Q10. If the wind moves your ball after you are at address, do you have to take a penalty?
- Q12. Your ball is off the green, but close enough that you want to putt; however, directly in your putting line - between your ball and the green - is a sprinkler head. Do you get to move your ball so that you don't have to putt over the sprinkler head?
- Q12. In Match Play, if your opponent hits out of order, can you have the shot cancelled and require him/her to play the shot over, in the correct order?

Answers to last month's puzzle: "A Chair."

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
Senior Sir	
Tom Bittner	2010
Honorary Lifetime Member	
Jim Rae	2007
* Deceased	

Birthday Boys

Jack Boyd	Delbert Joseph T.	May-10 May-27
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Old Golfers

Four old men went into the pro shop after playing 18 holes of golf. The pro asked, 'Did you guys have a good game today?'

The first old guy said, 'Yes, I had three riders today.' The second old guy said, 'I had the most riders ever. I had five.' The third old guy said, 'I had 7 riders, the same as last time.' The last old man said, 'I beat my old record. I had 12 riders today.'

After they went into the locker room, another golfer who had heard the old guys talking about their game went to the pro and said, 'I have been playing golf for a long time and thought I knew all the terminology of the game, but what's a rider?' The pro said, 'A rider is when you hit the ball far enough to get in the golf cart and ride to it.'

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