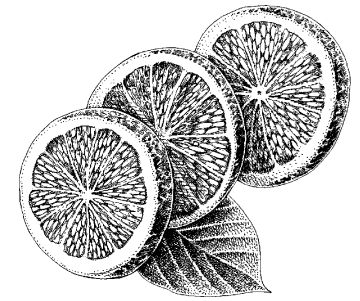




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August 2011

Meetings - 3rd Wednesday of Each Month		Next Meeting - August 17, 2011	
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: Corned beef and cabbage, salad, dessert. Speaker: Inspector Patrick Foy of the Department of Fish and Game Topic: Catching poachers	

Big & Little Sir Tidbits



Big Sir John Duffy

Summer is halfway over already! SIRs **Don (Severance)** and **Jerry (Courter)** have been working behind the scenes to organize our annual Christmas Ladies Day luncheon. We will be gathering this year at the Dante Club, near Fair Oaks Blvd and Howe Ave. They say we may have an update with some details, perhaps as early as this month's meeting.

We are well into this year's golf schedule and I note that last year's Big Sir, **Jim Dodge** is leading the point total for Golfer of the Year. I sure hope that the progression is "automatic" so I can look forward to my moment in the sun next year.

I will be joining other area Big Sirs in Vallejo next week to learn more about our state-wide organization. I expect to hear a lot about growth – so let me leap ahead to encourage you, once again, to invite a friend, former co-worker or neighbor for a free lunch to check us out!

Finally, a brief word about Nominations – each spring we circulate among the members to do some old fashion arm twisting or recruiting for next years leadership – most importantly, the position of Little Sir, as succession to Big Sir is "automatic." During my now 1 ½ years I have gotten to know many of you at a deeper level that would have otherwise been the case, and I can say that the time it has taken has been minimal. With that in mind, I encourage you to begin thinking about "stepping up to the plate," and seeing how your can serve your brothers for a year or two – you won't regret it.



Little Sir Fred Teron

I start off this month's tidbits on a sad note. Personally, **Roy Morrison's** passing was especially sad for me. When I joined SIRS in 2004, other than my friend **Jim Dodge** who brought me to a meeting, Roy was the first member to introduce himself and offer to buy me a drink. He made me feel very welcome. I always looked forward to seeing him at each monthly luncheon, playing with him on the golf course and sharing a drink with him in the Elk's bar. His unique insults and great one liners will be sorely missed by all of us in SIRS 150.

On a happier note, this month's menu for lunch will be a seasonal favorite out of season- corned beef and cabbage. Because St. Paddy's Day was the day after our March luncheon this year, I thought it would be a treat to have it later in the year so you all could enjoy it at home. Hope you agree. Hope to see all of you leprechauns at the luncheon. Be sure to invite a friend and show them what SIRS is all about.

The Nominations Committee Recommendations for 2012 Sir Branch 150 Executive Committee

Big Sir	Fred Teron
Little Sir	John Rizzardo
Secretary	John Yosgott
Asst. Secretary	Bruce Kennedy
Treasurer	Ralph Tomson
Asst. Treasurer	Tinker Qualls
Director	John Duffy
Director	Jim Dodge
Director	Chuck Reed
Director	Stan Wirth
Director	Jerry Courter
Director	Don Severance

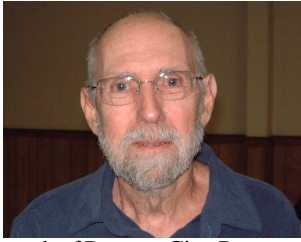
RULE 134. Election of the officers shall be held at the August luncheon meeting. Additional nominating may be made from the floor. A nominee from the floor must signify his agreement to accept the office if elected.

RULE 135. Voting for Branch Officers shall be by secret ballot. However, for any office for which there is but one nominee, voting may be by voice or by a show of hands.

Branch 150 Executive Committee			Branch 150 Committee Chairmen					
Big Sir	John Duffy	567-9940	Attendance	Norm Green	723-0973	Membership	Jim Rae	967-4951
Little Sir	Fred Teron	451-0667	Booster	Owen Denman	683-0252	Newsletter Editor	Bob Carlstroem	791-3608
Secretary	John Yosgott	966-1725	Bowling	Tom Bittner	723-1497	Nominating	Jim Dodge	638-2394
Asst. Secretary	Bruce Kennedy	363-5412	Bridge	Tom Bittner	723-1497	Nom. Asst.	Chuck Reed	363-8406
Treasurer	Ralph Tomson	354-2236	Chaplain	Joe Ramay	635-1158	Nom. Asst.	Stan Wirth	362-1748
Asst. Treasurer	Tinker Qualls	719-5119	Communications	Bob Neubacher	685-7528	Quartermaster	Walt Nauer	966-3588
Director	Jim Dodge	638-2394	Comm. Asst.	Ralph Tomson	354-2236	Recruiting	Jim Dodge	638-2394
Director	Chuck Reed	363-8406	Fishing	Bob Bonner	961-5403	Social Affairs	Jerry Courter	353-0715
Director	Stan Wirth	362-1748	Golf	Harold Doppelmayer	922-6134	Social Affairs	Don Severance	961-6668
Director	Jerry Courter	353-0715	Golf Asst.	Brent Soulis	726-6326	Travel & Events	Bill Hooper	988-6880
Director	Don Severance	961-6668	Greeter/Pub Relations	Bill Ferreira	635-6093	Webmaster	Bob Carlstroem	791-3608
Director	Len Bloom	961-2225	Historian	Doug Hilton	363-8751			
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						Governor Area 31	Bob Carlstroem	(916) 791-3608

Spotlighted SIR

by Bruce Kennedy



John Duffy was born at Portsmouth Naval Hospital in September 1940. Dad was a senior chief radioman. Soon after, John's father was on sea deployment most of the time during WWII. There was no shore assignment until 1947. This was at Farfan Naval Radio Station north of Panama City, Panama. John was there for 2nd and 3rd grades. He took his first cruise on a Navy contract vessel through the Canal to New York. For most of the trip he was in the ship's pool. But it was November 1949 when the family underwent "clothing shock" upon arrival in New York. This was NOT Panama. A month later the family arrived at even colder Newport, Rhode Island for the 5th and 6th grades. The last stop was cross country to San Pedro, California. John soon learned to love snorkeling in the ocean. In the 8th grade a presenter made two assembly presentations on scuba diving. The guy asked for a volunteer and John, in the first row, knocked the kid to his left onto the floor jumping up. He then convinced his Spanish teacher the presenter had made him an assistant for the second presentation. The presenter? Mel Fisher - the guy who would find the famed treasure of the Spanish galleon Nuestra Senora de Atocha.

John had a Los Angeles Times paper route in high school. A customer gave him a \$.25 tip when he collected so he always tried to get her paper just right. He found out her husband was a marine biologist. They talked and started doing diving trips. This would pay off later. First, John won a full LA Times scholarship to any school in the U.S. for a year. He chose UC Santa Barbara mostly for its marine biology program. Many dives and ocean specimens later, he became certified in scuba diving. His BA was in Analytical Marine Biology. He got a start at the Sandy Hook Marine Laboratory in New Jersey. But then he was drafted at the end of 1963. After basic training at Fort Dix, he was snapped up into an Army program involving lab experiments with many animals. Most of the unit personnel had BA's. John was basically a veterinary assistant. He did well enough to be chosen one of two to actually move to the clinic. No more KP, or yard duty. Then it was off to California and a wedding after his discharge in 1965.

After a short term as a lobsterman, John ran into the man from his paper route in 1966. He told him to apply for a Fish and Game test as a "Junior Aquatic Biologist." John put his friend's name on his resume, whom one of the State interviewers knew. The interviewer called about John becoming a biologist. The man said he did not know about that, but he was a "damn fine paperboy." A week later John was sailing on the research vessel Alaska doing sea surveys. This continued through the birth of two sons until 1974. Then John became the "Unit Biologist" in San Diego measuring commercial catches, and acquired his training certification for scuba diving. But, to move up, John would have to come to Sacramento. That opening came in 1988 for a senior biologist. No more on-the-job diving although he remained a certified trainer. This move imposed stresses that led to a separation in the family, and the marriage ended in 1990. In 1996 John met Joy at a church function writing Christmas card passages and they were to be wed in 1998. Joy worked as an office manager (insert *majordomo* here) for a legislative lobbying firm. John filled a 1999 opening for the Fish and Game Commission, and then became the executive director for regulations for Fish and Game. He retired in 2003 after 37 years. It was at church where John and Joy met Doug and Nancy Hilton. Doug was able to capture John for SIR by describing the golf opportunities, although John had only taken up the sport in 2006. He joined in September 2009. And, as we know, Big Sir still holds his metal detecting close and has returned over a dozen wedding rings to happy couples.

Of Course You (Men) Know!

by an anonymous lady SIR

Of course you men know why NASA chose Florida to launch their shuttles. We all know how many launches were cancelled because of bad weather, so why wouldn't they pick a sunshine state like southern California? It all started when NASA was established on October 1, 1958, and one week later, NASA started Project Mercury. Florida was chosen as the sight for the first human spaceflight program. Project Mercury's goal was to put a human in orbit around the earth.

Why Florida? One reason was the location needed to be on the east coast. During lift off if there was any falling debris or if something went wrong it would be better for it to happen over the ocean. The Atlantic coast would permit the shuttle to travel moving with the earth's rotation in an easterly direction rather than fighting against it. This would save fuel when the rocket attempted to escape the earth's gravity. The earth spins fastest at the center, and Florida is close to the equator. Any launch made close to the equator can take advantage of the rotational speed and can again save on fuel and rocket power. Another positive factor for the area was when the Kennedy Space Center was built it already provided decent roads and had a navy and army base nearby. Cape Canaveral was a rural beach with a low population density allowing the Space Agency privacy and isolation. Florida might have the subtropical climate resulting in launch delays, but the rest of the U.S. has its problems too; middle of the country has Tornado Alley, and the south has hurricanes. Speaking of bad weather and to insert a little history here - of course you men know Eugene Ely. He was no girly man, and didn't complain about the bad weather he faced as an aviation pioneer. On November 14, 1910, Ely took off in his Curtiss biplane from a temporary 83 foot platform runway on a naval vessel, the USS Birmingham, to a designated spot ashore. Ely decided to attempt his flight even though he faced squalls of wind and rain. The airplane plunged downward as soon as it cleared the 83 foot platform and the wheels dipped into the water before rising. His goggles were covered with spray, but he landed on the beach. Two months later he accomplished the first successful shipboard landing of an aircraft using a tailhook system. Hugh Robinson, a circus performer and aviator, designed the tailhook that was used during this historic moment.

Of course you men know this is all about saying good-bye to the 30 year era of the space shuttle. The space shuttle was intended to be reused 64 times per year at a cost of roughly \$54 million per launch. According to Dave Mosher, the program averaged fewer than 5 launches a year at the cost of \$1.5 billion per launch. If you think the cost stinks there are some pretty stinky issues about being an astronaut too. In Scientific American, Steve Mirsky, reports the Mercury, Gemini, and Apollo spacecrafts didn't even have toilets, and showers were too tricky to deal with there. So it's no surprise that the interior of your spaceship quickly winds up smelling very, very bad. Apollo 13, James A. Lovell, described the capsule was like living in a Porta Potty. On September 11, 2009, people took pictures and reported a mysterious bright sparkling glow in the night sky. It was reported that pilot Kevin Ford, aboard the space shuttle Discovery, had done a waste water and urine dump in preparation for a landing the next day. A number of astronauts find "urine dumps" very pretty. They described them as flash-frozen droplets that were illuminated and looked like silvery snowstorms. The space shuttle program is gone, and is suppose to spark and pave the way for private companies to satisfy our need for space tourism. I wonder if they will charge extra for a window seat to witness a "urine dump."

NASA is still going strong and 2011 is one of the busiest in planetary exploration. Aquarius was launched June 10, 2011, to study ocean salinity. Juno will launch August 5, to study the origins and interior of Jupiter. Mars Science Laboratory/Curiosity rover heads to the red planet no earlier than November 25. Scientific American, "Rethinking the Dream," describes human space travel as expensive, dangerous, and almost no scientific justification. A quote from the article, "We have sent robots to places humans could never have survived and peered into the cosmos with instruments far more capable than our human senses, all for a small fraction of what it costs to send a living, breathing person into Earth's orbit. The first rovers went to Mars for what it would cost to make a movie about sending Bruce Willis to Mars. The Hubble Space Telescope, perhaps the most important and expensive unmanned device sent into space thus far, has captured our imagination in a way the International Space Station never has. And our robotic technology continues to improve." Personally, I think robots should be used for space travel, because robots do not need to make "urine dumps."

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. The last Friday of each month (except Dec & Jan) is designated as a Scramble

Tournament for which sign-ups are required.

2011 Away Tournaments

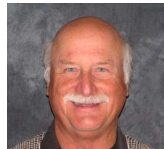
Aug 16 (Tue) Mather - 9:00
Sep 6 (Tue) Woodcreek - 9:00
Sep 20 (Tue) Teal Bend - 9:00
Oct 4 (Tue) Cavanaugh - 9:00

Oct 18 (Tue) Mackenzie - 9:22
Nov 1 (Tue) Wildhawk - 9:00
Nov 15 (Tue) Bing Maloney - 9:00

Sandbaggers of the Month

Home

Away



John Duffy and **Rick Lauther** shot a pair of net 56s, 7 under par at Cordova. Honorable mention to **Mark Warner** for a net 6 under par 57.

Skeeter Regan and **Bob Neubacher** for net 62s, 9 under par at River Oaks. Honorable mentions to **Chuck Caudle** and **Dan Barthel** for net 64s, 7 under par. **Bob Carlstroem** had a smooth 6 under par 66 at Ancil Hoffman.

Hit, Switch and Choose

The early votes are in regarding the Hit, Switch and Choose tournament are in. Considering we have 76 golfers, with approximately half whom play Cordova on a regular basis, the response was underwhelming to say the least. There were 12 votes total with 2 no and 10 yes. Looks like we were having a national election where apathy reigns.

The tournament will appear on the sign up sheet for September 16. It will be played on that date if there are enough signups for at least 7 foursomes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Beginning cash balance January 1, 2011	\$840.35
Cash receipts year to date	7,993.62
Disbursements year to date	8,090.97
Ending cash balance July 31, 2011	\$743.00

Be sure to read SIR Happenings:
<http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/>

Cal's Garden



I'm back this month. I don't know about you folks, but I'm starting to really enjoy the fruits of my labor in the garden. This is the first year for pole beans (bush bean in the past), and I've got more beans than I know what to do with. I planted French Fillet and used concrete reinforcement mesh staked in a row for the vines to climb. Unlike bush beans, these just keep growing and producing.

Previously we mentioned keeping the afternoon sun off of the peppers. Well, a neighbor cut down one of his trees, and I ended up having to get about 8 umbrellas from Good Will to shade the plants. Looks weird but adds a little color to the garden. The egg plant (Black Beauty) is doing very well. The wife steams it and adds a little butter - great!

Now is the time to add a shot of liquid Miracle Grow to the tomatoes to keep them going as they begin to ripen. See you next month.

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.

Bob Williams passed away 6/16/11, and **Roy Morrison** passed away 7/19/11. We now have 106 Active members and 15 Inactive members for a total of 121. **Gary Hatfield** has a new telephone number, 667-3565. **Dan Barthel** has a new email address, dvbarthel@comcast.net.

We need at least one new member each month just to replace our aging brethren so keep bringing in guests who receive a free meal on their first visit.

BOOSTER REPORT

Good news, sad news, or interesting news about our members should be sent to Owen Denman at owen.denman@gmail.com, 683-0252 (hm) or 947-0897 (cell)

We are all saddened by the passing of **Roy Morrison** last week just before the July meeting and luncheon. He will be missed by all. **Bruce Kennedy's** mother passed away in July and we send our condolences to his family as well.

On the good news side, **Ken Huseman** missed the July meeting to be able to attend the birth of his third great-grandchild. Congratulations Ken!

Keep in touch with these folks and send your best wishes. It always helps to hear a friendly voice during trying times.

The Green Thing

In the line at the store, the cashier told an older woman that she should bring her own grocery bags because plastic bags weren't good for the environment.

The woman apologized to him and explained, "We didn't have the green thing back in my day."

The clerk responded, "That's our problem today. Your generation did not care enough to save our environment."

He was right — our generation didn't have the green thing in its day.

Back then, we returned milk bottles, soda bottles and beer bottles to the store. The store sent them back to the plant to be washed and sterilized and refilled, so it could use the same bottles over and over. So they really were recycled.

But we didn't have the green thing back in our day.

We walked up stairs, because we didn't have an escalator in every store and office building. We walked to the grocery store and didn't climb into a 300-horsepower machine every time we had to go two blocks.

But she was right. We didn't have the green thing in our day.

Back then, we washed the baby's diapers because we didn't have the throw-away kind. We dried clothes on a line, not in an energy gobbling machine burning up 220 volts — wind and solar power really did dry the clothes. Kids got hand-me-down clothes from their brothers or sisters, not always brand-new clothing. But that old lady is right; we didn't have the green thing back in our day.

Back then, we had one TV, or radio, in the house — not a TV in every room. And the TV had a small screen the size of a handkerchief (remember them?), not a screen the size of the state of Montana.

In the kitchen, we blended and stirred by hand because we didn't have electric machines to do everything for us.

When we packaged a fragile item to send in the mail, we used a wadded up old newspaper to cushion it, not Styrofoam or plastic bubble wrap.

Back then, we didn't fire up an engine and burn gasoline just to cut the lawn. We used a push mower that ran on human power. We exercised by working so we didn't need to go to a health club to run on treadmills that operate on electricity.

But she's right; we didn't have the green thing back then.

We drank from a fountain when we were thirsty instead of using a cup or a plastic bottle every time we had a drink of water.

We refilled writing pens with ink instead of buying a new pen, and we replaced the razor blades in a razor instead of throwing away the whole razor just because the blade got dull.

But we didn't have the green thing back then.

Back then, people took the streetcar or a bus and kids rode their bikes to school or walked instead of turning their moms into a 24-hour taxi service.

We had one electrical outlet in a room, not an entire bank of sockets to power a dozen appliances. And we didn't need a computerized gadget to receive a signal beamed from satellites 2,000 miles out in space in order to find the nearest pizza joint.

But isn't it sad the current generation laments how wasteful we old folks were just because we didn't have the green thing back then?

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. The **first correct answer** last month was submitted, once again, by **Bob Bonner**.

Leaky Tank

A car has travelled 90 miles at 30 mph. It started its journey with eight gallons of fuel but its tank has been leaking throughout the journey and is now dry.

The car completes 30 miles per gallon.

How many gallons of fuel does it leak per hour?

Last month's puzzle:

Get off of the Merry-go-Round!

In Memoriam

Roy Morrison

10/22/1935 - 7/19/2011

Branch 150 member since October 1998

Don't Forget--- Most new members for 2011

Lobster or Abalone

First Place: 1st Choice

Second Place: 2nd Choice

Donated by Big Sir John Duffy

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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
2008 Stan Wirth
2009 Chuck Reed
2010 Jim Dodge

Senior Sir

Tom Bittner 2010

Honorary Life Member

Jim Rae 2007

Don Severance 2010

Birthday Boys

Odehnal	Robert N	Aug-03
Scott	Donald H	Aug-08
Teron	Fred A	Aug-15
Cravens	Donald W	Aug-18
Wirth	Stan T.	Aug-20
Green	Norman	Aug-30
Severance	Roland	Aug-31

Kindergarten Blonde

Mommy, mommy, in class today we did ABC but I said "ABCDEF." Is that because I am blonde?

Yes, dear that's because you're blonde.

Mommy, mommy, we counted one, two, three, but I counted one, two, three, four five, six. Is that because I'm blonde?

Yes, dear, it's because you are blonde.

Mommy, mommy, everyone else in the class doesn't even need a bra, but I wear a "C" cup. Is that because I'm blonde?

No, dear. It's because you're 22.

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