



Orangevale Branch 150



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November 2011

Meetings - 3rd Wednesday of Each Month		Next Meeting - November 16, 2011
Location Rancho Cordova Elks Lodge 11440 Elks Circle Rancho Cordova, CA 95742 (916) 635-8038	Regular Monthly Schedule Business meeting 10:30 Social time/registration 11:00 Meeting/luncheon 11:30	What's Happening Menu: Roast Turkey, Mashed Potatoes with gravy, vegetables, salad, dessert Speaker: Robert Born - FBI Special Agent Topic: Bombs in Afghanistan

Big & Little Sir Tidbits



Big Sir John Duffy

As we swing into full fall foliage I reflect back on the past two years with awe and delight. One more meeting and our Winter Luncheon and I will once again have to take my place in the lunch line, based solely on the luck of the draw. All kidding aside, I am grateful for having had the opportunity to both serve and be served as your Little and then Big Sir. The many hands, hearts and minds that make our monthly meetings flow so smoothly is truly a gift to receive and to give.

That said, I do want to draw your awareness to volunteering in some capacity for Branch 150. We have a vacant Booster chair position and I know Ralph Tomson would love to have someone step up to become our new treasurer. Kudos goes to our new Greeter/Public Relations Chairman, Jerry Wall, who stood up at our September meeting and said "Yes! I will do it."

Also, a brief reminder about the importance of attending our monthly luncheon meeting – that is the only "requirement" for maintaining active membership status and it is a measure of the health of our Branch, relative to other branches throughout the region. I look forward to seeing all of you at our November meeting and the Winter Luncheon, to be held at the Dante Club.



Little Sir Fred Teron

Hello, it's time for tidbits once again. It looks and feels like it's time to really move into fall with the leaves changing colors and the temperature cooling sufficiently. What a delightful speaker we were entertained by at the last luncheon. The "Beer Professor" was indeed very knowledgeable about his subject of America's favorite past time "Beer". Professor Charles Bamforth had the ability to hold the audience rapt with his delightful sense of humor and quick wit. Those who missed the Professor really lost out on a wonderful presentation.

This month's speaker is Special Agent Robert Born who is an FBI Bomb Technician. Rob was born and raised on the East Coast and graduated from Virginia Military Institute in 1982. Upon graduation, he served in the US Marine Corps, stationed at Camp Pendleton until 1985. He then joined the San Diego Police Dept. as a Patrol Officer until 1987.

Next Rob joined the US State Dept. and served as a Special Agent in a Counterterrorism unit within the Diplomatic Security Service for eight years. In this position, he served in El Salvador responsible for the safety and security of the US Ambassador. During his time with the State Department, Rob traveled around the world several times and visited over 40 countries.

In 1995, Rob was transferred to the FBI- stationed in Sacramento. Here he worked International Terrorism and Espionage matters for two years. He is currently assigned as part of the Domestic Terrorism Squad, Joint Terrorism Task Force as the Assistant Weapons of Mass Destruction Coordinator and as the Special Agent Bomb Technician Coordinator.

Some of the major cases Special Agent Born has worked include several hostage kidnappings/assassinations in Beirut during the 1980s, the Pan Am 103 bombing, the hunt for Pedro Escobar, the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Centennial Park bombing and the attacks of September 11, 2011.

His presentation covers his deployment in Afghanistan where he served a tour as an FBI Bomb Technician. He will cover our mission in Afghanistan, working with the military bomb technicians, the Afghan country and people and how the military lives over there. Sure hope to see all of you at our pre Thanksgiving luncheon.

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Spotlighted SIR

By Bruce Kennedy



John Rizzardo was born in Juneau, Alaska in October 1938. His Dad worked the hard rock mines in the mountains that mark the boundary between the United States and Canada. When World War II started, the family moved to San Francisco where

John's father got a job in shipbuilding with the Navy. However, the stay was to be short-lived as John's father was taken by lung congestion in 1944 from years of quartz mining. John's mother moved with John and his brother to a cousin's home in Weed where John went through grades 1-3. Then John's mother married a man she had known before John's father. The family moved to nearby Mt. Shasta where John graduated in 1956. He played most sports during the school years and worked in the summers. A summer in the lumber mill gave him enough money to move to Sacramento and attend Sacramento City College studying engineering and drafting.

He transferred to Chico State in 1958 and graduated with a BA in industrial education in 1960. He was offered his first teaching assignment at La Puente, just northwest of Whittier. He settled into his first year of teaching. Surprise, he received his draft notice during his first semester and soon found himself at Fort Ord. His college degree was noticed and he was offered a slot in officer training program. John declined. He wanted to get back to his teaching career as quickly as he could. Furthermore, he already had settled on asking Sarah to spend the rest of her life with him. John and Sarah's families knew each other well growing up. Waiting for orders he was put in the Postal Section at Fort Ord and worked with a group of Army lawyers. They decided to help and, presto, he was out of the Army. He drove out of Fort Ord on his very last day and walked into his classroom in La Puente the next day. He served seven years in the National Guard. Smog, traffic, and Sarah had this Siskyou County kid wanting to get back north so he accepted an offer at Rio Linda High School. He and Sarah wed in 1964, the same year she finished Sacramento State with a degree in what was still called home economics. With that degree she went to work for (then) Pacific Bell.

John remained at Rio Linda High until retirement in 2000. He taught mechanical and architectural drawing. Toward the end he was a department chairman for a couple of years. He and Sarah raised three children, two boys and a girl. Vacations were largely outdoors, fishing, and camping. John maintains a home in Mt. Shasta and they venture up that way periodically for short vacations. Sarah left Pacific Bell and then worked for Macys. She retired in 2004. They love cruising and traveling. They've done Alaska five times. John's boys did not fall far from the tree. His oldest is the engineer in charge of water security for the State. That includes all the snow monitoring. His second son is a civil engineer, also for the State. Their daughter is an English as a Second Language (ESL) teacher in the Center School District. They have six grandchildren. John is a member of a close group of previous Rio Linda teachers that, for over 30 years, have met for breakfast, camped, fished, and played golf together. So, it was no stretch when Bob Carlstroem asked him to join Branch 150. However, that sling you may have seen on John's left arm is due to Bob's "gentle" persuasion to accept, and vigorously campaigned to become our next Little Sir. The doctor thinks John will eventually be fine but Sarah thinks he has a hole in his head.

Of Course You (Men) Know!

By an anonymous lady SIR

Of course you men know that many nursery rhymes have hidden meanings. I'm sure the grandchildren of SIR 150 members know that Humpty Dumpty was really a cannon.

*Humpty Dumpty sat on the wall,
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall:
All the king's horses and all the king's men
Couldn't put Humpty together again.*

The town of Colchester, in 1648, had a castle and several churches that were protected within a city wall. A huge cannon, call Humpty Dumpty, was on top of one of the church towers. The Royalist forces during the English Civil War used One-Eyed Thompson as the gunner for the powerful cannon Humpty Dumpty. He successfully held off the Parliamentarian troops for eleven weeks. Then the Parliament cannon succeeded in damaging the wall beneath Humpty Dumpty which caused the cannon to tumble to the ground, according to *Wikipedia*. The Royalists and all the king's men tried to raise Humpty Dumpty onto another part of the wall, but the cannon weighed too much. The nursery rhyme sums up that moment in history with, "*All the king's horses and all the king's men couldn't put Humpty together again.*"

Of course you men know why police vans are called "paddy wagons." One theory that is explained in *Wikipedia* is based on the term, "Paddy" (a common Irish shortening of Patrick), which was slang to refer to Irish people. Many American policemen at the time were of Irish descent, and the term "paddy wagon" was used to describe the vehicles driven by the police. Another theory similarly based on the origin of the term "Paddy," has a different twist on the behavior of the Irish. Paddy is a slur against the common Irish name Patrick, because the Irish were considered the lowest in the social order. The Irish immigrants were often arrested because of their spirited behavior, or if the police just wanted to crack down on crime. The Irish were then profiled and rounded up in large numbers, and thus put in police wagons that became known as paddy wagons.

The term, "spirited behavior," spurred my curiosity as to why we have the term "lush." It has its origin in London around 1750, when a group of actors and artist would meet for a drink at a tavern. The group decided to form a club and called themselves, The City of Lushington. Lush, the abbreviation of Lushington, became a common slang reference for beer in early England. *Big Site of Amazing Facts* claims it later crossed the ocean, where in America the term lush became a reference to a heavy drinker.

Of course you know it's impossible to lick your elbow and - I know you're going to try it - before you pull your eyes away from this article I have another fact you can't live without. In English pubs, ale is ordered by pints and quarts. So in old England, when customers got unruly, the bartender would yell at them, "Mind your pints and quarts, and settle down." This is where we get the phrase, "mind your Ps and Qs."

Oh, I could go on, but I think I'll break for a glass of wine!

Remember the Attendance Requirements

The "Gold Pan" is our primary source of operating funds. Lunch charges (\$15) are a straight pass-through to the Elks Lodge. If you miss a meeting, please make up for the absence at the following meeting.



In Memory of

Senior Sir Arthur White

February 5, 1919 - September 20, 2011

SIR (inactive) since July 1992

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. The last Friday of each month (except Dec & Jan) is designated as a Scramble Tournament for which sign-ups are required.

2011 Away Tournaments

Nov 1 (Tue) Wildhawk - 9:00 | Nov 15 (Tue) Bing Maloney - 9:00

Sandbagger of the Month



Bartley Cavanaugh: **Jim Boles** came in with a net 60, 11 under par. Honorable mentions go to **Paul Carrillo** with a net 64, 7 under par and **Fred Teron** with a net 65, 6 under par.

NCGA Dues

October 1st is the beginning of the 2012 NCGA renewal period. It ends on December 31st. As of now the fees are \$36 for renewal and \$46 for new members who join during this period. Everyone will be notified if those fees increase.

Poppy Hills State Championship Results

Congratulations to **John Sigl** for a valiant run at the championship. John shot a net 66 at Poppy Hills and tied for first place. He lost the jacket because of a tie-breaker. **Brent Soulis** shot a net 76, but no cigar. Thanks you two for representing Branch 150.

Phantom Players

Currently there are 13 members who have not recorded any rounds for the year. Those members will be put on inactive status after December 31st unless they have indicated a desire to remain active

Score Cards - Disqualifications

Score cards shall be added correctly with all entries in the proper place on the card. Each member of the group will attest to the accuracy of their own score by initialing or signing the card.

There are two OFFICIAL CARDS that are turned in to the committee. These cards will be error free. If there are any discrepancies between the entries (such as different scores listed on a hole or the totals on the front and back nines, or the eighteen hole totals) the golfer whose score is in question will be disqualified. If the cards are not signed or initialed by a golfer it will be assumed he does not want it recorded and he will be disqualified.

BOWLING NEWS

For detailed information related to bowling meetings and schedules, contact Brent Soulis at 726-6326 or at brent_42@msn.com

We bowl each Wednesday at 12:30 with the SIR's 49'er League at Fireside Lanes in Citrus Heights from August through April.

The good news is that our sole representative from Branch 150 bowled a 248 game last week, 580 series. In 2nd place for yearly high game, high game is 251. Our 4 man team has 2nd highest game of 774 for the year. The bad news is our team is tied for 11th out of 18 teams. A little rusty over summer layoff.

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	11,486.02
Disbursements year to date	11,004.57
Ending cash balance October 31, 2011	\$1,321.80

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 October, 2011 Meeting: We lost two members. **Art White** died 9/20/11, the day before our September meeting. He was our eldest member at 92 and had been honored by receiving his Senior SIR Certificate. He was also our 2nd most senior member having been a faithful member of Branch #150 since July, 1992. **Bill Ferreirae** died 9/22/11, the day after our September meeting. We now have 105 Active members and 16 Inactive members for a total of 122

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

The fishing has been great. The catching has been spotty on the Sacramento river. Sometimes very productive and other times we do not get the stink off the boat. Such was the case for the Derby trip for stripers on the delta. Just a few weighed in to 4 1/2 lb. max. The annual Eagle Lake four day outing was great this year as usual. Beautiful weather for a change and lots of fish caught. Earl Kennedy from SIRS 150 took first place prize money the second day. The NDO was held at Camanche Lake. Fun fishing and OK catching but fun for all. Good food and fellowship topped off the day. Life is good!

Winter Luncheon at the Dante Club

****Ladies Day****

December 15, 2011

*****ATTENTION – ATTENTION – ATTENTION*****

We will not be having our regular meeting on Wednesday, December 14, 2011, but the next day we will be having our:

WINTER LUNCHEON

**at the DANTE CLUB IN EAST SACRAMENTO
DECEMBER 15, 2011**

- Again, this year, we will have special gifts for the ladies, so plan on bringing your wife or significant other to this enjoyable holiday event.

- You have a choice from three main entrees:

*****Prime Rib*****

*****Lemon Chicken*****

*****Vegetarian Plate with pasta*****

- Wine, along with water, coffee, or tea is included with the meal.

- We will also have an open bar during the event.

- Our musical entertainment, again, this year will be "Victorian Noel" a Dickens Carolers Quartet. They will be singing Christmas carols and will sing your favorite song upon request.

- Price: \$25.00 per person, which includes food, gifts for the ladies and great entertainment. Ticket sales will continue at our November meeting. Don Severance and Jerry Courter will be selling the tickets near the stage.

Social Hour 11:00 to 11:55

Short Meeting 11:55 to 12:10

Lunch 12:10 to 1:30

Hope you can make it! - Don and Jerry

All Sir Branch #150 golfers

are invited to attend the annual Awards Luncheon

Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2012.

Time: 11:00 a.m. Social Time; 12:00 Noon Lunch served; 1:00 P.M. Awards.

Place: Dante Club, 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95825.

Menu: Choice of Chicken Marsala or Rib Roast Beef, salad, pasta, vegetables, and ice cream. Beverages include water, coffee, red or white wine.

Cost: Free to golfers who have played in at least 19 of our tournaments. Those who have played less than 19 times will pay \$19 less \$1 for each time they have played. Check the web site to see how many attendance points you have. This is the number of times you have played.

RSVP by December 1, 2011 to:

Jim Rae; 967-4951 or e-mail james.rae@att.net.

Bob Trathen; 927-5987 or e-mail papaami@msn.com

Or sign the reservation sheet at any of our golf tournaments

Forgot if you signed up? Check the web site www.sir150.com

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 by **Harold Doppelmayer**. Shortly afterwards answers arrived from **Grover Daniel, John Means, and P.J. Andrews**.

They now teach algebra in the 8th grade

A red car and a blue car set off from the same point to travel the same journey.

The red car has a start of three minutes before blue car sets off.

If the red car travels at 40 mph and the blue car travels at 60 mph, how many miles will be travelled when the cars are at the same point.

Last month's puzzle:

The answer was 60

Looking at the numbers in line through the center number 6, the larger number is derived by adding the smaller number and the center number 6 and then multiplying that by 6. So 48 was derived by $(2 + 6) \times 6$. For our problem $(4 + 6) \times 6 = 60$

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 * Deceased

Birthday Boys

Nauer	Walter	Nov-03
Severance	Donald	Nov-04
Herlache	Richard H	Nov-05
Schuering	Mike	Nov-07
Toledo	Allen	Nov-09
Shumate	Charles	Nov-11
Silva	Thomas W	Nov-11
Gould Jr.	James J.	Nov-20
Johnson	Robert E	Nov-20
Alsup	William T	Nov-21
Hilton	Douglas R	Nov-22
Collison	James M	Nov-25
Rae	James W	Nov-25
Wheeler	Dick E	Nov-27

A Little Slow

There were 3 girls: a blonde, a brunette, and a red head. They found a pyramid. They read a tablet that said "This is the pyramid of 100 steps. If you get to the top of it, you will get what you've wanted all your life. But be warned, every 5 steps a person will pop out and tell a joke, and if you laugh, you can never try again."

So the brunette gets to the 5th step and laughs, so she could never try again.

The red head got to the 20th step and laughed, so she could never try again.

Then the blonde got to the 99th step and laughed.

Then the guy who was going to tell the joke said "Why did you laugh, I didn't tell the joke yet." Then the blonde said, "I know, I laughed because I just got the first joke!"

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