



Orangevale Branch 150



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February 2012

Meetings - 3rd Wednesday of Each Month		Next Meeting - February 15, 2012
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: Swiss Steak, mashed potatoes w/gravy, vegetables, salad, dessert Speaker: Dick Stultz, retired AF Pilot Topic: Combat over North Viet Nam

Big & Little Sir Tidbits



Big Sir Fred Teron

Boy how time flies! I looked at the calendar only to discover it was Tidbits time again. It saddens me to report that our good friend and fellow SIR, Tom Bittner is not recovering as quickly as we would wish. His wife reports to Bob Nuebacher that Tom has been moved from the hospital to a nursing

home. Thinking of SIRs, he has asked that we find a new caller and a new bridge chairman. I hope in our 100 plus members these positions will be filled smoothly. On this same note our branch has functioned without a booster since Owen Denham moved about a year ago. It is an important role so that we are all kept abreast of our members and their families health issues. The booster serves as a contact person for our branch. There are no hidden duties or reports attached. As you check your personal schedules, I hope that someone can find the time to volunteer for this important position.

Moving to a little more upbeat news, I am delighted to welcome our two new members Larry Sargeant and Bill McDonald. I would also like to thank everyone for your cooperation with the change in our last meeting. Your flexibility allowed our guest speaker, Pat Foy to fulfill both of his commitments that day. I hope you all enjoyed his presentation. See you all at the next luncheon and remember to bring a friend to enjoy our activities.



Little Sir John Rizzardo

Now that February is here, I feel that I am starting to feel more comfortable in my role as your little sir. Obtaining speakers has kept me busy. It has been very rewarding being able to speak to each individual speaker. My other responsibilities, such as purchasing wine for the drawings, setting up the menu for future meetings, and numbering the tables have all been rather easy.

I would like to take this time to express my thanks to both Jim Rae and Bob Trathen for the great job they did with the golf luncheon on January 11. I would also like to thank both Harold Dopplemayr and Brent Solus for the outstanding job they do with the golf program.

The speaker for February is Retired Airforce Pilot Dick Stultz who flew F-4s in Viet Nam during the conflict. His talk will cover experiences in combat over North Viet Nam.

2012 Membership Roster Updates

For a copy of the Membership Roster see Jim Rae at a regular meeting

- Page 2 - Change Golf Away Tournaments: Jun-05 Plumas Lakes
- Page 5 - Remove Al Casillas
- Page 8 - Remove Ted Haag
- Page 14 - Change John Rizzardo's email: sjrizzardo@yahoo.com
- Page 18 - Add Larry Sargeant, 985-7454, lsergeant@comcast.net
- Page 18 - Add Bill McDonald, 363-3264

Please notify Bob Carlstroem or Jim Rae of any changes to the Membership Roster

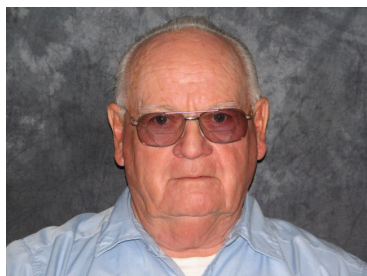
The Winners - Most New Members:

- Abalone Steaks - Bob Bonner
- Lobster Tails - Tony Sesso

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Spotlighted SIR

By Bruce Kennedy



Dan Kilgore I'm beginning to think we have enough members from the Golden Gopher state to start their own branch. With Kilgore Road and Kilgore Cemetery very close to our meeting place, I assumed that Dan was a native Californian. Not so. This Dan was born in Minneapolis in the middle of December 1930. He doesn't

remember the temperature. Dad was a Patent Attorney and Mom, like most of the time, ran the home. Dan went from kindergarten through high school in Minneapolis and graduated in 1949. This was about the time the Korean War, oops, Conflict was starting. Dan soon joined the Army. After training he was assigned to the 2nd Infantry Division and shipped to the dead center of Korea. He wound up mostly at place called Ch'orwon which is equally between the Yellow Sea and the Sea of Japan and about 10 miles south of what is now the De-Militarized Zone (DMZ). This was a war of surges and our Army traded a mountain known by the 2nd as Old Baldy back and forth several times. In less than three years Dan had won, among other honors, the Combat Infantry Badge and was discharged in November of 1952 as a 23 year old Master Sergeant. A month later he and a friend were having some drinks and decided they wanted something else. They discussed Alaska and California. They flipped a coin and it came up for California and off they went to sunny Southern California.

Jobs were not hard to find and Dan explored several. Somehow he met his wife to be, Barbara, who was also from Minneapolis. They were married in June 1953. After short stints with Lockheed and an electrical manufacturing company Dan saw an advertisement for the California Youth Authority (CYA) and applied. He was accepted in 1954 and he and Barbara bought a home in Anaheim, a small town of about 5,000. Orange County still had orange groves back then. They would stay there and raise three children, two sons and a daughter. Early in his career Dan also moonlighted driving moving and storage vans. That ate into weekends and vacation times. But, whenever he could squeeze it in, he headed for the hills for camping and usually associated with hunting and fishing. Several of those trips were just Dan and his black lab and it didn't matter whether he got his deer or bear or not. The kids loved it, Barbara was a good sport. There were also many trips back to Minnesota. The family once motored all around the boundaries of the country, a journey of over 8,000 miles. Over the years he also managed to build his own 14 foot fishing boat, get a private pilot's license and take four parachute jumps. Dan saw several changes in the CYA demographics and how the mission has also moved over his time there. When he started it was mostly kids and guards. Dan transported many inmates, broke up many fights, and chased more than a few escapees. He believes he did help many kids. Dan offered one of the really hard nut cases a ride in his plane if he would (excuse the pun) straighten up and fly right. The kid took the bait and changed his life. He got his ride. He watched the number of psychologists and social workers rise and the age of the inmates increase to 23-25 on average. The crimes also varied. Dan and Barbara moved to Sacramento in 1974 and Dan retired in 1987

Dan is a long term golfer starting at 12 with his grandmother's wooden clubs. During his working career he was a sporadic golfer, but after joining SIR 107 in 1987 he really went after it. He has 6 holes in one. One at Bartley Cavanaugh last year. Dan sort of sponsored himself into SIR 150 in 2003 and has remained. Back surgery last year has slowed him but he ONLY plays in a group on Tuesday, one on Thursdays, all scrambles, some Fridays with 150 and away games. Wow. Dan lost Barbara in 2008 but does have lots of family around. All three of his children have moved to the Sacramento area and he has six grand-children and eight great-grand-children. Holidays fill the house.

SIR State Travel Opportunities

For details contact Bill Hooper at 916-988-6880 or bhoopk1g56@comcast.net

Feb 22-Mar 1, 2012: The Wonders of Costa Rica: Costa Rica is Central America's greatest hidden gem, Includes air, motor coach, hotels, professional naturalist and guides 9 days for \$2579, Mike Console, San Jose, Br. 32, 408-246-1080 or John Pletsch, 408-274-2992.

Mar 19-Apr 3, 2012: Hawaiian Islands Cruise: Round trip from San Francisco aboard Star Princess, Will visit 5 ports of call, Hilo, Honolulu, Nawiliwili, Lahaina and Ensenada. 16 day cruise from \$2140 to \$3090, Brian Serpa, San Jose, Br 141 408-227-7658 or Rollo Parsons, 408-268-5245.

Mar 22-26, 2012: Giants Spring Training: Three Spring Training games in Scottsdale, AZ The trip includes pick up/return, air, transfers, accommodations, all breakfasts, and 1 free dinner. \$1295 dbl, \$1745 sgl, Jim Hohenshelt, Br62, Sunnyvale, 408-241-4421 or Roy Jordan, 408-735-8765.

Apr 9-26, 2012: Hong Kong to Tibet Via the World's Highest Railway: Visit Hong Kong, Shanghai, and take the Yangtze River cruise. From Chongqing fly to Lhasa, Tibet for 3 full days, return to Xi'ning via the luxury Tibet Express Train. Then return to Beijing. 16 nights for \$5191 pp/\$6291 sp, Neil Jameson, Garden City, Br 39, 831-336-2476.

Apr 11- 16, 2012: National Cherry Blossom Festival: Tour includes reservations at Cherry Blossom parade, tram tour of Arlington, Kennedy Center, Smithsonian, Space Shuttle Enterprise, Mt Vernon and Potomac River cruise 6 day trip for \$2170, John Pletsch, San Jose, Br 32, 408-274-2992 or Mike Console- 408-246-1080.

Apr 12-20, 2012; Ama Waterways Tulip Time Cruise: Discover the beauty and history of the Dutch and Belgian waterways in the springtime aboard the new 160 passenger ship Amaverde, ports include Antwerp, Ghent, Amsterdam, and Bruges. 9 days cruise for \$2546 to \$4445 plus air. Richard Small, Pleasanton, Br 34, 925-4621204.

Apr 13-28, 2012: Cruise Hawaii: 15 night Cruise aboard the "Star Princess" sailing RT from SF to Hawaii. Excursions in Hilo, Honolulu, Kauai, Maui, and Ensenada. Cost \$2090 to \$2990, David Abrahams, Livermore, Br 101, 925-447-9386. or Bruce Bentley, Santa Cruz, Br 20, 831-465-6590 or Henry Puccinelli Br. 22, 415-457-3990.

May 18-24, 2012: Southern Sights & Southern Lights: This 7 day trip features the lovely Southern cities of Savannah, Jekyll Island, Beaufort and Charleston. The tour includes a riverboat ride in Savannah and a narrated carriage tour of downtown Beaufort Cost \$2695, Bill Kurtz, San Jose, Br. 21, 268-8830, or Dick Kohl, 268-0428.

May 19-24, 2012: Seattle/San Juan Islands: Tour the Boeing Aircraft factory, and Downtown Seattle (Space Needle) Center. Crab Pot Restaurant dinner, 3 days cruising and whale watching, \$2195 dbl, Jim Hohenshelt Br. 62, Sunnyvale, 408-241-4421 or 408-394-7226.

May 19-Jun 3, 2012: Romance of the Rhine & Mosel: Cruise begins in Basel with stops at Strasbourg, Baden-baden, Speyer, Boppard, Koblenz, Issel, Trier, Bonn, Kinderdijk and Antwerp. 16 days \$3895 to \$5295, includes meals, wine W/ dinner, 12 guided tours, cruise director, wireless internet, personal head sets, and experienced program director. Ken Richter, Walnut Creek, Br 146, 925-689-6217.

Jun 15-23, 2012: Harbor Hopping in New England: 2 nights in Boston, 6 nights aboard the American Star. Ports include Providence, Newport, Bristol, New Bedford, Fall River, Martha's Vineyards and Block Island. 9 days for \$4408-\$5268, Ralph Hunt, Mt View, Br153, 650-967-8467 or Alan Patmore 408-867-4197.

Jul 13-22, 2012: Bermuda Plus 2 nights in New York: 2 nights at the Best Western President Hotel at Times Square with guided tour of New York. Then set sail for Bermuda aboard the Holland America's MS Veenadam for 7 night cruise. Ports of Call include, St George, Hamilton Cost is \$2995 To \$3775. John Pletsch, San Jose, Br. 32, 408-274-2992 or Mike Console, 408-246-1080.

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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.

2012 Away Tournaments

14-Feb	Tue	Bing Maloney	9:00	11-Jul	Wed	River Oaks	8:00
28-Feb	Tue	Cavanaugh	9:00	24-Jul	Tue	Ancil Hoffman	9:00
13-Mar	Tue	Teal Bend	9:00	14-Aug	Tue	Diamond Oaks	9:00
27-Mar	Tue	Lockeford	9:00	28-Aug	Tue	Mather	9:00
10-Apr	Tue	Mackenzie	9:30	11-Sep	Tue	Woodcreek	9:00
24-Apr	Tue	Micke Grove	9:00	24-Sep	Mon	Teal Bend	9:00
8-May	Tue	Empire Ranch	9:00	9-Oct	Tue	Cavanaugh	9:00
22-May	Tue	Diamond Oaks	9:00	23-Oct	Tue	Mackenzie	9:30
5-Jun	Tue	Plumas Lake	9:00	13-Nov	Tue	Bing Maloney	9:00
19-Jun	Tue	Wildhawk	9:32	27-Nov	Tue	Wildhawk	9:00

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 fish catching in January will not set any records. Very good turnout for cold days. Some had a fish dinner with the family and some not. No one invited all the neighbors for a fish fry. The Jolly Hookers will fish the February derby at Amador and the NDO at Camanche. The lack of rain is becoming a concern. Pray for rain in Northern California. Enjoy the beauty of the great outdoors even if you are limited to beans. We are still **JOLLY HOOKERS!**

BRIDGE NEWS

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

From Joan Bittner: Tom wanted me to report the winners of the January bridge. Winner was Joanne Martin, second was Doug Hilton and third was Ken Struwe, a sub from another branch.

Tom, hang in there. We miss you and wish the best!



Photo by Jim Rae

Brent Soulis

Golfer of the Year

BOWLING NEWS

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

Last week our team lost 1 game by 1 pin & the week before we lost 1 game by 2 pins. Captain Soulis was on a roll last week: 236, 201, 234 (671 series).

The team is working its way up the ladder, starting a new third.

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 January Meeting:

Two members, Ted Haag and Al Casillas, were dropped because of nonattendance. Applications were approved for two new members: Larry Sargeant and Bill McDonald. We now have 106 active members and 17 inactive members for a total of 123. Roster correction: John Rizzardo, email address is: sjrizzardo@yahoo.com.

We started the year right with two new members so keep up the good work for 2012.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Beginning cash balance January 1, 2012	\$1,527.16
Cash receipts year to date	1,154.00
Disbursements year to date	1,343.15
Ending cash balance	\$1,337.01
January luncheon attendance was 69 members and guests.	

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Aug 4-16, 2012: Switzerland & the Enchanting Rhine: Cruise up the Rhine River from Basel to Amsterdam. Includes stops in Zurich, Lucerne, Colmar, Strasbourg, Heidelberg and Rhine Gorge 13 days for \$6425 to \$8500. Jim Stoner Br.114, 408-238- 8458 or Larry Martinson 528-0746.

Aug 18, 2012: Castles Along The Rhine & Danube: 16 day cruise thru Austria, Czech Republic, Germany, and the Netherlands. Board the River Boat in Budapest, Hungary on Aug 18th 2012. Cost from \$4699 pp to \$6599. Earl Nelson Br.172 Twain Harte 209-586-5661 or Wil Reich Br. 77 Sonora, 209-533-2626.

Aug 13-30, 2012: Walking in Switzerland and Cruising the Romantic Rhine: Lucerne with public transportation excursions each day plus a 8 day river cruise from Basel to Amsterdam Werner Schlapfer, Br 121, Livermore, 925-443-8291.

Sep 1-14, 2012: Paris, Rhone River, and Provence: 14 days Cruise the Rhone River (8 days) TGV (Bullet Train) to Paris (5 nights) near the Eiffel Tower includes a guided tour of Versailles and Paris (full day each) Cost, \$7000 to \$8000 Jim Hohenshelt, Br 62, Sunnyvale, 408-241-4421 or Roy Jordan 408-735-8765.

Sep18-Oct 20, 2012: Gems of Provence & Italy: Regent Seven Seas Voyager from Barcelona to Monaco visiting ports of Marseille, Cannes, Florence, Rome and Portofino. Price \$5299 to \$6300 includes RT Air, transfers, Suite w/ balcony, shore excursions, Staff Gratuities, complimentary beverages, all dining and much more. Henry Puccinelli, Br 22, Area 6, 415-457-3990

Sep 23-2012: New England Fall Foliage Express: Includes all transportation to and from Boston, 4 days travel on daylight trains, 2 full days in Boston for self-guided touring, all breakfasts, 3 lunches, 3 dinners and more. \$3280 pp, David Abrahams, Br 101, Livermore, 925-447-9386.

Sep 28-13, 2012 Full Transit Through to Panama Canal: 15 night cruise departing from San Francisco. Fly back from Ft Lauderdale. For more information contact Lou Pagni Br 6, San Lorenzo, 510-276-5025.

Oct 26-Nov 11 2012 Canada & New England Aboard Norwegian Dawn: 15 night cruise down the east coast including the ports of Quebec City, Portland, Boston, New York, Key West, and Tampa Package includes all meals, RT airfare, all transfers and tips, gov't taxes and fees, Prices start at \$2335 to \$3475. Jim Lunn, Br 8, Walnut Creek, 925-551-3329.

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.

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.

What number should replace the question mark in the grid?

1	7	8	5	3
4	2	6	1	5
9	0	9	7	2
6	1	7	3	4
5	4	9	6	?

Bob Carlstroem, Editor
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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
2011 John Duffy

Senior Sir

Tom Bittner 2010
Earl Livingston 2011

Honorary Life Member

Jim Rae 2007
Don Severance 2010

* Deceased

Birthday Boys

McManus	Arthur P	Feb-10
Howell	Ronald R	Feb-16
Warner	Mark C	Feb-19
Lamberson	Calvin L.	Feb-21
Sigl	John F	Feb-21
Avila	Raymond	Feb-22
Schmidt	Robert	Feb-22

The Blonde and the Dummy

Sent in by John Conner

A young ventriloquist is touring Sweden and, one night, he's doing a show in a small fishing town. With his dummy on his knee, he starts going through his usual dumb blonde jokes.

Suddenly, a blonde woman in the fourth row stands on her chair and starts shouting, "I've heard enough of your stupid blonde jokes. What makes you think you can stereotype Swedish blond women that way? What does the color of a woman's hair have to do with her worth as a human being? It's men like you who keep women like me from being respected at work and in the community, and from reaching our full potential as people. It's people like you that make others think that all Blondes are dumb! You and your kind continue to perpetuate discrimination against not only blondes, but women in general-pathetically all in the name of humour!"

The embarrassed ventriloquist begins to apologize, and the blonde yells:

"You stay out of this! I'm talking to that little shit on your lap."

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PAYMENT FOR TRIPS AND TOURS: Checks, money orders or credit cards for Travel for one day or less (no overnight), where a bus/busses is/are used as the primary means of transportation, may be made payable to the Branch sponsoring the event. All other checks, money orders or credit cards for travel must be made payable to the travel agency. (Rule 420 & 421).

ATTENDANCE: Members are obligated to attend all regular luncheon meetings unless prevented by illness or absence from the Branch locale. (Rule 60). **REQUIRED ATTENDANCE** - A member who misses three (3) consecutive meetings or who attends less than six (6) regular meetings of the last twelve (12) luncheon meetings may be notified, by letter, of the pending termination of his membership in SIR. (Rule 100 & 107).