






PLEASANTON TRI-VALLEY SIR BRANCH 34
 IN THE VALLEYS OF
 AMADOR-LIVERMORE-SAN RAMON




AUGUST NEWSLETTER
Next Meeting August 6, 2009

San Ramon Country Club
 Social Hour starts at **10:45am** Branch Meeting at **11:45am**
 Buffet Luncheon **12:15pm** Speaker **12:45pm** Close **1:30pm**



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DIRECTORS 2nd YEAR

			
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BIG SIR John Sanches SAYS:



This year's Fourth of July picnic was a great success. Thanks to all the volunteers who gave up their time. Our BBQ leaders Hank Ottaviano, and Joe Hernandez did a great job and picked a perfect day for the BBQ. I'm told we had over 260 guests.

Our Committee did a great job. Thanks to Buck Helsel, Gordan Lund, Fred Martin, Carl Michelotti, Frank Narcisco, Tony Pimintel, Nino Pompilio and Bill Souza. A special thanks to Jack Fiorio and Joe Davis.

Our volunteers also did a great job. They were Joe Biggs, Rick Brandt, Ray Brown, Chuck Brown, Don Cova, Dick Cousins, Tom Crawford, Pat Dolan, Al Dunlap, Dave Gregory, Phil Henry, Ron Hyde, Bill James, Henri Labprde, Larry Messa, Earl Neumann, Richard Patton, Dick Spicka, Bill Tiemeyer, and Bob Warson.

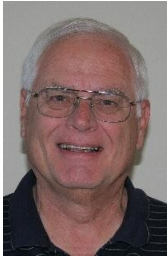
Thanks guys for a job well done. See you all in August.

LITTLE SIR DICK SALVAS SAYS:



Our August meeting speaker will be Jeff Wisoff. Jeff is currently the principal deputy to Dr. Ed Moses of the LLNL NIF team. Jeff's experience includes working for NASA and is a veteran of four Space Shuttle flights. He will share with us his space flight experiences and an intro. into the NIF mission.

TREASURER TOM REIF SAYS:



Please note: If you come in late for a meeting and there is no one at the table to buy a lunch ticket, please check the sign at the table to see where a treasurer (Vern Anderson, Al Baer or Tom Reif) is sitting and buy your ticket. Thanks for your help.

MEMBERSHIP Don Bartel x5136palm@sbcglobal.net Ph: 925-600-0604.



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Status Changes:

No change in status of members

Membership now stands at 18 inactive and 185 active members.

July Birthday Boys:

Don Cava, Dick Cousins, Al Dunlop, Paul Gibbons, Don Johnson, Bruce Kubik, Gordon Lund, Mike McGriff, Pat O'Brien, Jack Ogden, Dick Palo, Jack Parker, Richard Patton, John Slade, John Stallwitz.

August Birthday Boys:

George Bouthillier, Jim Bowen, Ray Brown, Angelo Cappabianca, Jack Fiorio, Jack Gilchrest, Clif Jones, Fred Martin, John McDonald, Don Mittelstaedt, Earl Neumann, Bob O'Neill, Thomas Pult, Mike Taylor, Roger Underwood

JUNE BIRTHDAY BOYS



ATTENDANCE

Steve Thomas 846-2454

NOTE: Send Email to sir34lunch@yahoo.com. Put "Sirs" in the first four spaces of the Subject Line.

If you are unable to attend a luncheon please email or call Steve as soon as you are aware that you are unable to attend. We need to give San Ramon Country Club the number of how many lunches to prepare **10 days prior to the meeting**. When you email or call, give your name and your badge number.

NOTE: If member knows a month or more in advance they will be missing a meeting there are future months sign up sheets at the attendance table (we find many members are unaware of this method).

June Report

Called in to San Ramon	130	
Total attendance	141	(by badge count + guests)
Guests	4	
Members excused	38	

Members, no call, unexcused 7

Larry Bernard, Gene Cota, Lloyd Eschman, Earl Lorrain, Mike McGriff, Larry Messa, Jim Mulsow.

SPECIAL EVENTS

CARINGBRIDGE

Caringbridge is an organization that offers easy-to-create websites that help connect family and friends in time of need such as during recovery from an accident or illness. This service is free and can be accessed at www.caringbridge.com.

The way it works is that the author establishes the website that is accessed through their website and publishes information that he or she wishes known about the subject person. Only the established author can post information. In addition to providing status updates, the author can request help. Access to the site is controlled because only those to whom the author has given the site address within the caringbridge website can access it.

The branch 34 Executive Committee has decided to support this program and the immediate Past Big Sir will be the contact. For this year that is Darryl Albertson, phone 925-449-1917, or email: kdalbertson@comcast.net. If you have any interest in this, I urge you to check out the website for further information or contact me for help.

GOLF: PLEASANTON FAIRWAYS

Steve Thomas (846-2454) John Sanches (846-3862)

Pleasanton Fairgrounds

Monday--8:00 AM--Thursday--8:00 AM Show up 15 minutes early

Cartier, B. 36 Grant, D. 34 Hitesman, J. 39 Hubacker, E. 43 Leek, B. 38
Narcisco, F. 42 O'Brien, G. 40 O'Brien, P. 38 Rakstad, E. 42 Reidy, K. 44
Sanches, J. 36 Thomas, S. 38

GOLF—WEEKLY TOURNAMENTS

Golf Committee:

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Brian Cartier	Pre-pay Chairman	846-7287	jbcartier@comcast.net
	Weekly signup and Card Draw		

FROM THE GOLF CHAIRMAN:

July 20	Summit Point	9:00am	\$35
July 27	Royal Vista	8:30am	\$40
Aug 03	Mare Island	9:00am	\$38 Prepay
Aug 10	Callippe	8:30am	\$41
Aug 17	Franklyn Canyon	9:00am	\$36 Coffee/Donuts
Aug 24	Manteca Park	9:00am	\$38 Shot Gun

Any questions, call Al Dunlop 925-828-2488 or email: trulytvl@pacbell.net

AREA 24 and STATE GOLF

For more information on SIR State Golf visit the SIR State Web Site: <http://www.sirstategolf.com/>

PROSTATE SUPPORT GROUP Carl Holder 846-0722

If you have an interest in belonging to a group to discuss and offer support for men with Prostate problems, or if you just have any Prostate related questions

SIRS 4 FISHING Don Mittelstaedt 462-1885 Email dmittel@gmail.com



Our regular meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of the month in the Legend Sports Bar and Grill at the Diablo Creek Golf Course in Concord starting at 8:30 am. Anyone interested in fishing is welcome.

SUNSHINE John Slade 484-5074



Please call John if you hear of any SIR sick, hospitalized or injured.

BRIDGE Jerry Hayes 846-6803



Sirs Branch #34 monthly Bridge game was held at the Parkview on Tuesday July 14th. We had five tables or twenty players. Good showing.

The winners were: 1. Carl Chevaree, 2. Lou Young, 3. Mary Ann Kubic, 4. Pat Millard

We welcome all Sirs, Sir's widows, Parkview Residents and Sir's wives. Our next game will be August 11.

TRAVEL Nino Pompilio 846-5190

TRAVEL INFORMATION FOR BRANCH

UPCOMING EVENTS:

. "The world is a great place. You should see it!"

To make up for the lack of a Fall Trip, I have set up two day trips.

The first trip is a "Day at the California Academy of Sciences" in San Francisco. It is scheduled for Wednesday, September 9th. The cost of the trip will be \$56 per person and will include round trip motorcoach transportation from Pleasanton and admission to the Academy which has an aquarium, a planetarium, a natural history museum and a 4 story rain forest all under one roof. This is an all-day event, leaving Pleasanton ~9:00AM and returning ~ 4:00 PM. This event is open to family and friends. If interested, please contact Nino Pompilio (925-846-5190) for a flyer or additional information. **Absolutely the last date to sign up for this event is our August luncheon (August 6th), so please don't delay in signing up. I need to know!!** Many of you have express interest but have not sent in your application and money. I hate to have to cancel this trip because you are procrastinating!

The second trip is SIR Racing Day on October 23 at Golden Gate Fields. The tickets are \$25 per person and will include valet parking, admission to the Turf Club, racing program and a excellent luncheon buffet. This event is open to family and friends. If interested, please send a check, payable to Nino Pompilio, 2651 Starling Court, Pleasanton 94566 for \$25 per ticket requested. I, in turn, will pay the Race Track and forward your tickets to you. This is a fun event and a great way to spend your Friday afternoon with your friends or fellow SIRs.

I have finalized a trip for the Spring 2010. It is set for May 10 –18, 2010. We will travel to Nashville, Tennessee and stay at the Opryland Hotel for two nights. We will see a performance at the Grand Old Opry and do some sightseeing. We will then bus to Memphis, TN where we will enjoy Elvis Presley's Graceland. He has some of the finest collectible autos. We will have lunch on Beale Street, home of the Blues and dinner at the world famous Charles Vergas Rendezvous (best dry ribs I have ever eaten). The next day we travel to

Little Rock, Arkansas where we will visit the Clinton Presidential Library and the historic state house, a replica of the national capital. The next day we travel to Eureka Springs, and check in at the prestigious 1886 Crescent Hotel. That evening we will attend a performance of the Great Passion Play. We will do some sightseeing the next day before we leave for Branson, MO for three nights. In Branson, we will see performances by Yakov Smirnoff, Jim Stafford, Buck Trent, Shoji Tabuchi and the Showboat Branson Belle for a dinner cruise. The last day we travel to Kansas City for our flight home. We will stop along the way for the women to do their last minute shopping. Tour price is \$2750 per person, double occupancy. Brochures detailing this trip will be mailed to each rostered member of our Branch. I will have extra brochures for family, friends and new members.

Trips planned by the Livermore SIR Branches (to which we are welcomed) are:

October 23 – Nov. 7, 2009: Fall Foliage cruise on Crown Princess from Quebec City to Ft. Lauderdale with stops in Corner Brook, Newfoundland; Sydney & Halifax, Nova Scotia; St. John, New Brunswick; Bar Harbor, ME; Boston, Mass; Newport, RI; New York City; Norfolk VA; Charleston, SC. \$3740 - \$5080 ppdo. (DAVID, 447-9386)

November 4 – 13, 2009: Costa Rica, Eruptions of Beauty: Explore the natural beauty of volcanoes, lush rain forests, and gorgeous beaches. Escorted tour with three nights each in San Jose, Arenal and Ocotol Beach and much more. \$ 2990 pp. dbl. occ. (WERNER, 443-8291)

March 19 – 27, 2010: The Magnificent Copper Canyon. Nine-day trip featuring a private Rail Car train ride and sightseeing through the Copper Canyon in Mexico. Private coach from Phoenix to San Carlos on the Sea of Cortez, with a scenic cruise on the Sea of Cortez, visits to silver mines and visits with the local Mayo Indians. All but one lunch and two dinners included, as are tips, transfers. \$ 2312 pp, dbl. occ. \$395 single supplement. (RICK, 371-6667)

May 31 – June 13, 2010: Paris – Burgundy – Provence: After 5 nights in Paris we take the TGV to Dijon for sightseeing and transfer to Chalon to embark on an 8-day river cruise through Burgundy and Provence. All outside staterooms on the luxurious Grand River Royale, 6 shore excursions with English speaking guides, complimentary wine during dinner, enrichment entertainment and lectures onboard. \$ 5520 to \$ 6220 pp, dbl. occ. Discounts: \$ 200 pp. for deposit or \$ 400 pp. for full payment before August 30, 2009. (WERNER, 443-8291) or contact Nino for brochures.

Trips planned by the Walnut Creek SIR Branches (to which we are welcomed) are:

THE ESSENCE OF IRELAND The dates are from Sept. 13 to Sept.25.

Trip includes: Dublin, Belfast, Galway, Aran Island, Killarney and more. What separates Ireland from its neighbors is the arresting beauty of the land, the turbulent history of the island, the broad smile that welcomes your arrival and the heartfelt farewell that signals your departure. Discover Ireland, as you embark on a 13-day tour of this beautiful country. The price includes: round trip transfer and airfare from San Francisco to/from Dublin, Ireland, all accommodations, daily full Irish breakfast, nightly hosted dinner, coach transportation throughout, baggage handling, all gratuities including meals and all local taxes and pre-departure orientation meeting. Cost: \$3780 per person, double occupancy - \$525 single supplement. Contact: Bob Hagler – 925-934-7620, SIRS Branch #8



If you have any items for the SIRS Bulletin please submit them to me by the 15th of the Month.

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SIR Meeting Dates 2009

First Thursday Each Month

Jan 8, 2009	Jul 8, 2009	BBQ with wives (Fairgrounds)
Feb 5, 2009	Aug 6, 2009	
Mar 5, 2009	Sep 3, 2009	
Apr 2, 2009	Oct 1, 2009	
May 7, 2009	Nov 5, 2009	Christmas Party with wives
Jun 4, 2009	Dec 3, 2009	

State Officers 2009

President: David Reiser
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Reg 6 Director: Jim Stedman
Area Gov 24: Ralph Phirman

Web link for SIR Happenings: <http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/index.htm>