





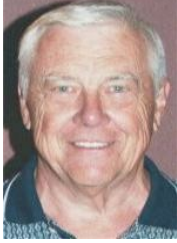




PLEASANTON TRI-VALLEY SIR BRANCH 34
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 AMADOR-LIVERMORE-SAN RAMON



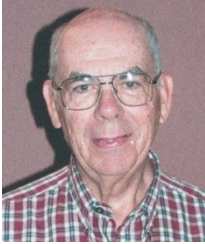
OCTOBER NEWSLETTER
Next Meeting October 1, 2009

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:



Our branch is doing a good job bringing in new members. It looks like we are now on an upswing for 2009. Let's keep it going for 2010.

We are set for a great Christmas dinner dance at Castlewood Country Club. Hank Ottaviano and his team have worked hard to get Castlewood for our event. Get your tickets early as we expect a large crowd.

For all you Shark fans John Sailors is putting together a trip to the Shark Tank. It looks like the date will be Tuesday, December 1, 2009. The ticket price will be \$18. and friends and family are invited. The game is recommended by our old friend Randy Hahn. For more information call John.

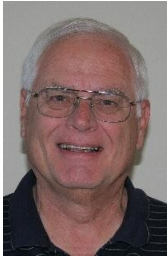
We also have a Day at the Races coming up on October 23, 2009. Please contact Nino Pompilio for tickets.

LITTLE SIR DICK SALVAS SAYS:



Our guest speaker for Oct. is Charlie Osolin. Charlie is the Communications Manager for LLNL and his topic is the NIF program. As you may recall, Jeff Wysoff (Sept. speaker/astronaut) briefly spoke about the NIF program during his presentation. Charlie will provide us with a more detailed overview with regards to the current status of the program, it's goals and objectives.

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.



No new Members

Status Changes:

Jack Fiorio to inactive

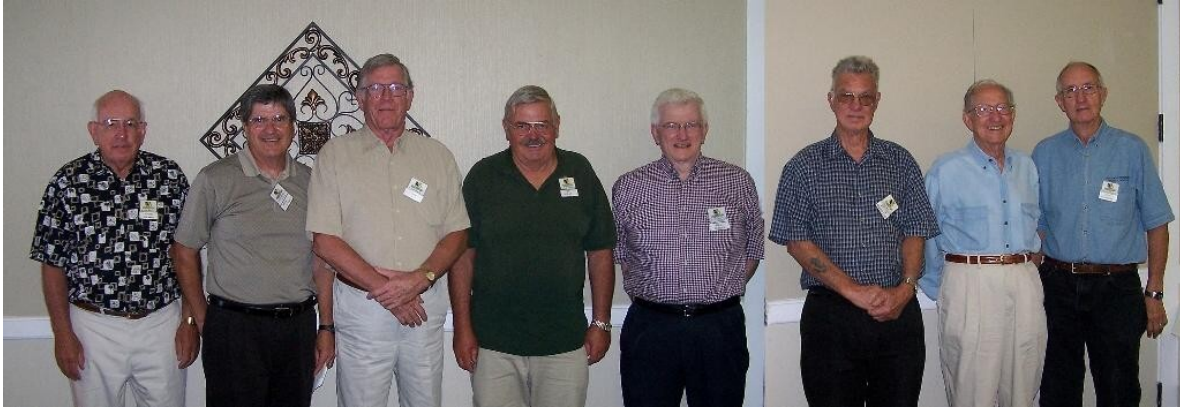
Frank Pinkela to inactive

Membership now stands at 19 inactive and 185 active members.

Birthday Boys:

Larry Bartelson, Terry Bedell, Larry Bernard, Chuck Brown, Dan Castillo, Jim Foley, George Mayo, Richard Phillips, Randy Reber, John Sailors, Al Schenone, Rich Silla, Bill Souza, Dave Stauffer, and Tom Treto.

SEPTEMBER 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).

September Report

Called in to San Ramon	145
Total attendance	126 (by badge count + guests)
Guests	5
Members excused	46
Members, no call, unexcused	21

Lew Acker, Don Anger, John Bettencourt, Jim Bowen, Don Christiansen, Gene Cota, Dick Cousins, Dan Dawson, Lloyd Eschman, Verlan Gabrielson, Carl Holder, Bill Janes, Joe Kenny, Al Johnson, Earl Lorain, George Mayo, John McDonald, Dave Muck, Rich Perry, Thomas Pult, Lloyd Ramsey

SPECIAL EVENTS

SIR'S BRANCH #34 CHRISTMAS PARTY

Castlewood Country Club
Pleasanton, Ca.
December 3, 2009

\$30.00 per ticket (Member & Companion)
\$35.00 per ticket (Guests/Non-Members)

6:00 p.m. to 7:00 pm.	No Host Cocktail Hour
7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.	Opening Remarks & Invocation
7:30 p.m.	Dinner
8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.	Dancing to "Cool Tones"

Prize Drawings (Must be present)

MENU

Choice of one of the following entrée's

Salmon

New York Steak

Above entrees include salad, vegetable, starch, rolls, dessert, coffee & tea

Wine (House)....\$24 per bottle (plus tax & tip) at Castlewood
Bring your own bottle....Corkage.....\$15 (inc. tax & tip)

****CHECKS ONLY****

Make checks payable to: SIR's Br. 34 Xmas

Tickets will be sold at our October 1st & November 5th Luncheons
Last day to purchase tickets is: November 5, 2009

Castlewood Dress Code: No Jeans or Denim of any type.
Also:(Men) No uncollared shirts, open toed shoes or hats.

For info call: Hank Ottaviano (925) 462-1304

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

Bailey, P. 38 Dunlop, A. 35 Helsel, B. 36 Hitesman, J. 38 Leek, B. 44
Neuman, E. 42 O'Brien, G. 39 O'Brien, P. 38 Rakstad, E. 39 Sanches, J. 35
Thomas, S. 37

GOLF—WEEKLY TOURNAMENTS

Golf Committee:

Person	Office	Phone	Email address
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	Weekly signup and Card Draw		

FROM THE GOLF CHAIRMAN:

Sep 21, 09	Tilden Park	09:00 AM	\$40.00	Coffee/Muffins
Sep 28, 09	Blue Rock Springs	09:00 AM	\$40.00	East Course

Oct 5, 09	Rancho Solano	09:00 AM	\$40.00	Prepay to Dick Cousins 925-461-3074
Oct 12, 09	Callippe	08:30 AM	\$41.00	Fred Martin, 925-462-3284
Oct 19, 09	Manteca Park	09:00 AM	\$38.00	Shotgun
Oct 26, 09	Lockford Springs	09:00 AM	\$35.00	Prepay to Earl Neumann 925-828-2488

Results from Recent Tournaments

9/15/2009

Winners at FRANKLIN CANYON

8/17/2009

1st Flt	Rick Brandt (70)	Fred Houston (71)	Robin Little (71)
2nd Flt	Earl Neumann (62)	Ken McDonald (65)	Fred Martin (66)
3rd Flt	Henri Laborde (68)	Elroy Rakstad (70)	Tony Pimintel (70)

Winners at MANTECA

8/24/2009

1st Flt	Hank Ottaviano (69)	Alan Brooks (73)	Ron Jensen (75)
2nd Flt	Dave Muck (70)	Dick Cousins (73)	Rick Oatton (73)
3rd Flt	Henri Laborde (69)	Elroy Rakstad (72)	Tony Pimintel (73)

Winners at LAKE CHABOT

8/31/2009

1st Flt	John Partlow (68)	Robin Little (70)	Mike McGriff (71)
2nd Flt	Dave Nielsen (67)	Ray Brown (68)	Al Dunlop (71)

Winners at RODDY RANCH

9/9/2009

1st Flt	Alan Brooks (66)	Larry Messa (69)	Lloyd Hanson (71)
2nd Flt	Wendell Moen (69)	Joe Biggs (72)	Phil Henry (72)
3rd Flt			

Winners at CALLIPPE

9/14/2009

1st Flt	Don Anger (69)	Rick Brandt (71)	Fred Houston (71)
2nd Flt	Joe Biggs (70)	Earl Neumann (72)	Tom Crawford (75)
3rd Flt	Frank Narcisco (69)	Tony Pimintel (74)	Al Dunlop (78)

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 Bridge group held it's game at the Parkview Assisted Living Facility on Tueuseay Sept 8th. We had four tables. The winners were:

1. Indira (Parkview resident)
2. Mavis Williams
3. Charlie Brown

Our next game will be at the Parkview on Tuesday Oct 13th. If you are interested in playing, please call Jerry Hayes at 846-6803

TRAVEL Nino Pompilio 846-5190

TRAVEL INFORMATION FOR BRANCH

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

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 an excellent luncheon buffet. This event is open to family and friends. **I only have until the end of the month to order tickets**, so if you are interested, do not delay, 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. We even get our picture taken with the winning jockey of our race.

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 have been mailed to each member of our Branch roster. I will have extra brochures for family, friends and new members.

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

May 5 – 8, 2010: California Central Coast: Four day, 3 night (staying in Pismo Beach) excursion on American Stage Tours with choice among three tours of Hearst Castle, Vandenberg Air Force Space Center, a dinner cruise on Morro Bay, three selected wineries for tasting & a hosted dinner, Steinbeck House & Center. \$750 pp, dbl. occ. & \$180 single supplement. To see a copy of the brochure go to www.vacation-discounters.com/SIR121Coastal_2010.pdf .(RICK 371-6667) or contact Nino.

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.

September 9-19, 2010: 11-day Alaska Inside Passage Cruise on the SEA PRINCESS from & returning to San Francisco. Ports of call: Ketchikan, Juneau, Haines, Tracy Arm Fjord & Victoria. \$1440 – 2540 pp dbl.occ. RESERVE EARLY FOR BEST STATEROOMS (WERNER, 443-8291)

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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
Feb 5, 2009

Jul 8, 2009
Aug 6, 2009

BBQ with wives (Fairgrounds)

Mar 5, 2009
Apr 2, 2009
May 7, 2009
Jun 4, 2009

Sep 3, 2009
Oct 1, 2009
Nov 5, 2009
Dec 3, 2009

Christmas Party with wives

State Officers 2009

President: David Reiser
Vice Pres. Floyd Kendrick
Secretary: William T. Short
Treasurer: Robert Mannel
Reg 6 Director: Jim Stedman
Area Gov 24: Ralph Phirman

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