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Luther Burbank Branch 17

Santa Rosa, CA



REDWOOD

THE REDWOOD BARK NEWSLETTER

For **Mar. 20, 2015 Meeting**

Monthly meetings are held on the **3rd Friday** of each month at the Scottish Rite Center, 600 Acacia Ln., Santa Rosa, CA

For **Excused Absences, Guests Lunches** or **Alternate Lunch Selection**, please, you must call or email **before 10:00 am** on the Monday **preceding** the meeting for an excused absence, **otherwise you will be charged for a meal.**

Contact: Marv Schouweiler, mschouweiler@att.net 707-484-3070

Meeting Schedule

Board Meeting: 10:30 A.M.

Social Hour: 11:00 A.M.

Lunch: 12:00 Noon

Speaker: Deborah Large of the Jack London Historic State Park near Glen Ellen

Adjourn by: 1:30 P.M.

Bartenders: Don Malvestiti, Bob Vidalin, Frank Bastoni and Mark Burchill.

Greeters: Rotating by board members
Please place your badges into the collection buckets when leaving the meeting.

Lunch Menu

Sonoma mixed greens salad with cherry tomatoes, cucumbers, croutons and blue cheese dressing.

Mom's meatloaf of pork sausages and beef, seasoned, baked, with creamy mushroom sauce, mashed potatoes and vegetables.

OR

Shitake mushrooms in puff pastry with apples and bell peppers.

All entrées served with baked bread and butter, dessert, coffee, iced tea and ice water.



BIG SIR Herb Percy's Message

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The only place where success comes before work is in the dictionary.

Vidal Sassoon.....

I thought what a profound statement so I researched it a little more to see what he was thinking. Finding out that Vidal was a hairdresser and that his clients (male or female) expected him to come up with new and different ideas. It reminded me about SIR's and our current claimant. As most of you are aware, we have lost a number of members in the past few months. That means, we need to recruit new members and make our branch in the business world terms "marketable". How do we do that is the big question. One thought is to let everyone who is not a member of a board or sub-organization in our group, such as golfing, garden club, boys night out, couples night out, bridge, fishing, and are looking for more or other activities for involvement in. Such as, we are looking for someone to assist the Attendance Chairman in helping to contacting members who are not regular attendees and who have not notified Marv that they will not be in attendance.

The board welcomes any and all to come to the board meetings prior to the fellowship time and luncheon, to see what's going on and where you could "plug yourself in" and become more active and have more fun.

We meet at 10:30 am to 11:00 am. Come check it out!



LITTLE SIR Jim Gurke's Message

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At our February meeting we heard from Ron Holt, one of the co-founders of North Bay Brewery Tours.

Regardless of your taste in beer, or whether you even enjoy it, there's no denying it's importance in Sonoma County economics. Recent data suggests it's a \$170 million industry employing several hundred people, not counting related transportation and resource personnel.

This month we'll hear form **Deborah Large** of the **Jack London Historic State Park**. My wife and I have visited the park on numerous occasions to hike its trails that meander through oak forests and along local vineyards. We've also attended several Transcendence Theater musical reviews where you can enjoy a picnic, wine and fantastic Broadway show tunes performed by top rate singers and dancers. The park is also nearby Glen Ellen, which hosts several fine restaurants. All in all a wonderful place for family entertainment.

Luther Burbank Branch 17 is in Area 13 of Region 10

The following is a list of your **2015** Officers and Directors

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February Attendance

Marv Schouweiler, ass't to Lou Funk
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The February 20th general meeting of Branch 17 had a total attendance of 89, made up of 86 members, 2 guests and 1 visiting speaker.

Five members have been removed from the inactive status. Bill Fulwider and Lou Funk have passed away. Otis Tippet, Paul Wright and Fred Wulf all have resigned.

The visitor was Ron Holt of North Bay Brewery Tours.



February Membership

Doug Weber, Chairman
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At the February 20th general meeting the total membership for Branch 17 is **120** active members and **1** inactive member.

Robert Reuther, sponsored by Doug Weber, along with **Carl Mitchell**, sponsored by Baer Rambach were inducted as new members.

No applications for membership were received.



Carl Mitchell Badge #108

is a new member sponsored by Baer Rambach. Carl has been married to Beverly since 1984.

Carl has been retired since 1992 as an attorney with Paul Hastings. He enjoys hiking, the theatre, traveling, wine events and tastings, along with special historical interests.



**New
Members
2-20-2015**



Robert Reuther Badge #112

is a new member sponsored by Doug Weber. Robert has been married to Lorraine since 1968.

Robert has been retired since the end of 1999 from the state of Michigan as an attorney. He enjoys astronomy, bocce, book club, economic study, gardening, hiking, and historical interests, as he is a docent at the Jack London State Park in Glen Ellen.



Chaplains' Corner by Herb Percy

We sure have had many opportunities to pray for many members of our branch with the recent passing of Bill Fulwider, Jim Phipps, and Lou Funk. We have just now been notified that we have lost another member. George Nelson passed away on February 25th.



We want to keep the Nelson Family in our prayers as they adjust to life here on earth without George.

May the season of Lent and the coming of Easter be a blessing to you and your loved ones.

We need to keep our members in our thoughts and prayers for whatever their health needs are.

Make a friend and not just an acquaintance.

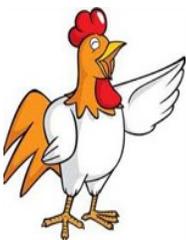
Contact either Herb Percy at 575-7787, email: dadpercy@yahoo.com OR assistant Mike Heinzelman at 579-6615, or email at: mdheinz2@gmail.com.

List of the March Birthday Boys!

Bill Archer
Mark Burchill
Bill Carr
Jim Dale
Mike Heinzelman
Marvin Mai
Al Mansoor
Mike Mouat
Baer Rambach
Jack Rosetti
Stephen Virtue



Joke of the day!



As an airman recruit stationed in San Antonio, Texas, I learned how to pull guard duty early on. For practice, the sergeant instructed me to guard the golf course clubhouse one night. When I saw lights coming across the course and heading my way, I did just as I'd been ordered, saying "Advance and be recognized." Coming from California, I had never seen fireflies before.

The February 20, 2015 General Meeting

was a presentation by North Bay Brewery Tours.

Ron Holt, co-founder of North Bay Brewery Tours told us about the craft beer business, the many styles of beer being brewed countywide.

Regardless of your taste in beer, or whether you even enjoy it, there's no denying it's importance in Sonoma County economics. Recent data suggests it's a \$170 million industry employing several hundred people, not counting related transportation and resource personnel.

North Bay Brewery Tours was started by three craft beer fanatics on a mission to expose people to all the amazing beer brewed locally in and around the greater San Francisco Bay Area. They are a tour bus company committed to bringing the public to great beer and, most importantly, how to safely visit several of them through a tour with North Bay Brewery Tours, while at the same time keeping tip-sy drivers off of the road.

The March 20, 2015 General Meeting

This month we'll hear form Deborah Large of the Jack London Historic State Park.

She is the Community Events Manager at Jack London State Historic Park since 2012. At that time, Valley of the Moon Natural History Association



finalized an operating agreement with the CA State Parks to prevent the park from closing. Under the agreement the park receives no state funding, so it is up to Deborah to increase visitation and revenue. Her enthusiastic work with the park has resulted in up to 40 annual events open to the public, including the Transcendence Theatre musical reviews.

I hope you enjoy Ms. Large's presentation about Jack London, the park and host of activities. For more information visit the web site:

<http://www.jacklondonpark.com>

(Article written by Jim Gurke)

2015 PICNIC ANNOUNCEMENT

The picnic date has been **moved** to the **FOURTH THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2015**. There was a schedule conflict with the third Thursday. Thanks, The Picnic Committee

ACTIVITIES

Bowling

When was the last time you went bowling? Has it been too long? SIR bowling happens every Monday morning at Double Decker Lanes in Rohnert Park adjacent to the golf course. We start at 10 A.M. and finish before Noon.



Don't think you are good enough? Wrong!! This is casual bowling, no teams, but we maintain handicaps and have a very small prize fund each week. We have good bowlers, and not so good bowlers, but we have fun and we get a little exercise. Try it. You do NOT need to make a commitment to bowl EVERY week. Just come on out and bowl.

The Bowling Activities Chairman is Jim Armstrong; call 707-322-7603 or email army4344@yahoo.com.

Boys Night Out

(Article written by Fred Rose)

February's BNO was at **Pamposh Restaurant**, featuring a fine Indian cuisine, which was very delightful, interesting, very clean, pleasantly appointed and not a noisy dining room. It was quiet and easier to converse among our group. I believe it was enjoyed by all and I think we all agreed that we would return and I have. It was even better the second time!

Come join us in March at the **Third Street Aleworks**, 610 Third Street, Santa Rosa, next door to the Third Street Cinemas theatre and across the street is a parking garage.

For more information go to their website and check out the menus at:



www.thirdstreetaleworks.com or call 523-3060.

Something to think about: Tuesday's ALL DAY is Happy Hour. This Tuesday will be St. Patrick's Day so they might even have some 'green beer'. You might want to consider having a designated driver lined up!

The date is Tuesday March 17th at 6:00 pm
RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST!

Contact Fred Rose at fredricrose@comcast.net or call 548-5797 by Friday March 13th if you are planning to attend. Hope to see you there!

Bridge

(Article written by Stephen Virtue)

Bridge is an important activity with many of our members not only within our own branch but with participation of members from other branches in our area. (Our first come first served up to 12 players) Bridge activities are coordinated by chairman Al Black, email to rosaridge@comcast.com or call 707-578-3210. We welcome new and interested members to think of joining the pool of players.

Bridge days scheduled this month for play at Legends Restaurant Bennett Valley starting at 10 AM are on Tuesdays **March 10 and March 24**.

A special thanks to Al Black for coordinating our "Legends" 2nd & 4th Tuesday bridge activities.

Couples Night Out

(Article written by Jim Jones)

Couples Night Out is a monthly event which is intended to bring SIRs couples together for an evening of enjoyment and dining at a local restaurant which is noted for its experience, cuisine and affordability. Our club meets every 3rd Wednesday of the month at a restaurant of choice. Our dinner for February was at the **Ca'Bianca Ristorante Italiano** in Santa Rosa. As always, the food was very well prepared, notably delicious and the accommodations were perfect for our large group.

For the month of March 2015, we will be enjoying **no host beverages starting at 6:00 pm with dinner starting at 6:30 pm on Wednesday March 11, 2015**, at

Charlie's at the Windsor Golf Club, which is located at 1320 19th Hole Drive. Charlie's, one of the more notable restaurants, has



for years boasted with pride some of the finest dining in Sonoma County, and the legions of followers will heartily attest. Whether it's a business lunch, a romantic dinner for two or just getting together with family and friends, Charlie's is one of the more preferred restaurants for that dining treat. As always, the cost per person will depend upon the individual's menu and beverage selections. Individual tabs have been arranged. For those who wish to bring their personal favorite wine to this occasion, there is a modest corkage fee.

If you would like to join us on our next fun outing at Charlie's at the Windsor Golf Club, **Reservations are a Must!** Please notify Jim Jones at j_rjones@att.net or by calling 539-2027 by March 4, 2015. **Seating is limited to twelve couples for this venue, so first come first served!**

You can visit Charlie's at the Windsor Golf Club at <http://www.windsorgolf.com/charlie-s-restaurant>

Fishing

I am happy to report this year's Bodega Salmon fishing trip is a go. We have six hearty soles who have committed to the trip, scheduled for Wednesday, **July 15, 2015**. Once again, they will be going out on the Miss Anita, one of the best charters out of Porto Bodega. The boat leaves the dock at 6:30 am with everything provided except fishing licenses and lunch. Since we booked so early, the cost of the trip is \$200.00, payable at the boat. If anyone else is interested in going, let me know. If we get enough fishermen, we can get another date or another boat. At the very least, your name can be added to the "wait" list.

Nothing new to report on the Alaska trip.

If you have any questions, contact Ted Scapeccia at 529-0063 or Don Salazar 545-0873 who will be more than happy to answer your questions.



Jim Jones Jack Rosetti Ted Scapeccia

This picture is only half of the group going. The others are to be : Jim Oswald, Don Salazar and Glenn Seime.

(Article written by Ted Scapeccia)

Garden Club



Contact our Garden Club chairman, Vern Calsy, by calling him at 707-545-0932, or send him an email at vecandjfc@sbcglobal.net for more information, or better yet attend a brief meeting of interested gardeners generally held at 11:15 A.M. in the Board meeting room prior to each regular meeting.

Notice to Members

If you have **NOT** paid your **\$20.00** voluntary contribution, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you!

If you missed the January meeting, please be sure to pick up your new 2015 copy of the Members Guide-line booklet as you obtain your badge when attending the next meeting. It has a list of all the new officers, directors and committee chairmen along with a lot of other interesting information.



GLOBAL FORUM

We opened our February 13th FORUM with comments on the Tesla sedan together with the growth of the EV. Comments were made on the delays of the "X" SUV. Elon Musk announced Tesla will make a household/industrial building storage battery to be sold with its solar cells. Talk of the car led to Nikola Tesla, so a book, "The Tesla Papers" is being read.

And we had no objection to sending a "hello" to space aliens.

We moved on to perceptions of social status, governing, and education. We agreed (unusual) that personal points of view were influenced by our environment, parental up-bringing. Good parenting is the most important factor in a child's success.

No time was left to discuss air pollution: from Asia or locally generated in the San Joaquin valley or refineries. Two regrets. PS: Did anyone see Leon Panetta's interview on CNN?

Next FORUM **Friday March 13**, at 10:00 AM.

Bring your issues for discussion. Expect to talk and listen for about two hours at Chuck Aver's house, 1520 Briarfield Pl. Go Hwy 12 up Los Olivos, after crossing Manzanita, right at Briarfield, 2nd house on right. Cheers, Chuck!

(Article written by Chuck Aver)

2016 Officers and Directors.

The nominating committee has been working in the background on coming up with a suggested list of names of members to nominate for 2016 Officers and Directors.

If you have someone in mind you would like to nominate for an officer or director OR if **you** would like to become an officer or director, then please contact any of the members on the committee:

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Fred Rose fredricrose@comcast.net or 548-5797
Stephen Virtue stephenvirtue@sbcglobal.net 578-8638

This may seem like it is way too early to even think about but it is not. Per SIRinc rule 131 a proposed list of names is to be presented to the general membership during the May meeting, updated during the July meeting, and voted on in the August meeting, with installation of new officers and directors to take place in the November meeting.

Golf

The yearly aeration and sanding maintenance of the Bennett Valley Golf Course greens is scheduled to begin Monday, March 23rd and finish on approximately Thursday, April 2nd. During this heavy maintenance and recovery cycle, the SIR Branch 17 & 76 Golf Club will be playing at the following courses:

Oakmont West Golf Club on Monday, March 23rd starting at 9:00 am - \$43.00/player (includes greens fees, cart and prize fund).

Foxtail North Golf Course on Tuesday, March 31st starting at 9:00 am - \$43.00/player (includes greens fees, cart and prize fund).

Oakmont West on Monday on Monday, April 6th starting at 9:00 am - \$43.00/player (includes greens fees, cart and prize fund).

Signup sheets for March 23rd, March 31st, and April 6th play will be at the SIR's table in the BVGC Pro Shop for the next three Mondays. **Signup is mandatory and we must have the final player numbers for Oakmont West by March 16th, Foxtail North by March, 24th, and again Oakmont West by March 30th. If you are unable to signup for these special events at the Bennett Valley Pro Shop, contact Jim Jones @ 539-2027 or j_rjones@att.net.** If you decide to continue to play at the BVGC during this period of aeration and not play with the SIR Br 1776 Golf Club at Oakmont and Foxtail, you may certainly do so as an individual golfer.

There will be NO Regular SIR Br 1776 Golf Club Monday golf at Bennett Valley Golf Course on Monday, March 23rd, Monday, March 30th, and Monday April 6th. Regular play will resume at BVGC on Monday, April 13th starting at 8:30 am.

OTHER GOLF EVENTS:

Reminder: During BVGC aeration cycle from March 23, 2015 through April 2, 2015, the SIR Br 1776 Golf Club will NOT be playing regular golf at the Bennett Valley Golf Course. See above for special arrangements at Oakmont and Foxtail Golf Courses.

The **SIR Branch 1776 Travel Golf** events schedule has been published. Roy Thuestad, Br 1776 Travel Golf Chairman, has put a tremendous amount of effort into this year's schedule and this will be a year of travel golf to remember.

(Article written by Jim Jones)

Traveling Golf

So much golf....So little time.

Last week our Travel Golf group headed out to Napa for a bonus round of golf at Kennedy Park. For winter time golf, we had a great day and a fun time on the links.

Our next outing is at **Hidden Valley Lake** up by Middletown. It's going to be on **Wednesday March 18th** with a **9:15 am** start time. Forty dollars gets you green fees, shared cart, prize fund and a chance to win a free round of golf if you're good enough to take the CTP prize. They have a signature hole up there that you won't want to miss out on. The payment will be due on March 9th.

SIR branch 106 in Fairfield has invited us to join in on their annual golf outing at **Yocha Dehe**. It will be held on **Wednesday April 15th** at the Cache Creek Casino, Brooks CA.). It's a bit of a drive, but it is considered to be one of the premier courses in the North Bay. The fee is \$99, which includes cart, range balls, tee prizes, closest to the pin prizes on all par 3's, lunch, and gaming vouchers for the casino. You can get into more golf action by putting \$5 into the prize fund pot at the golf course. If you have a foursome, just complete the application and mail it in with a check (make a note on the top of the application form that you are with "Santa Rosa SIR"). If you are a single, or are in need of filling out a foursome, let me know and I'll hook you up with other interested singles in our group. You can find the flier and application form along with our 2015 Travel Golf line up, in the activities section of the SIR branch 17 web site at: <http://branch17.sirinc2.org/activities.html>

Finally, we'll be heading down to San Francisco to play the **Presidio on Thursday April 23rd**. This is another famous course that sits atop the list of the Bay Area's best. Ninety dollars gets you green fees, shared cart, range balls and prize fund. The first 16 players to sign up will receive a free replay round of golf, good for 30 days.

Until next time, Good Golfing.

Roy Thuestad



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