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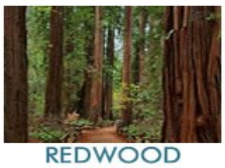
Luther Burbank Branch 17

Santa Rosa, CA



THE *REDWOOD BARK* NEWSLETTER For JUNE 15, 2017 PICNIC

Monthly meetings are held on the **3**rd **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: **John French**, sonomaink@yahoo.com 707-280-4120 or Marv Schouweiler, mschouweiler@att.net 707-484-3070

NO Regular Meeting

Special Annual Picnic along with Branch 176 and the Ladies, on THURSDAY June 15th

NOT on Friday as the regular meetings are…..

Social Hour: 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm

Lunch: 1:00 pm + -

Have you purchased your tickets yet?

See page 7 for more details

Special Picnic Lunch Menu

See page 7 for more details

BIG SIR Ted Scapeccia's Message

tescape@sbcglobal.net 707-539-5049

Let's give a great big thank you to Doug Weber for bringing a guest to the May Luncheon. Doug's guest was Chuck Stark, let's hope I am inducting him at our July Luncheon. As of May we had **no** new members!

As a reminder, any guest who has an interest in joining our branch gets a free lunch. If the guest decides to join, then his sponsor gets a free lunch. At our last Board meeting, we decided to waive the annual fee for any new members for the remainder of 2017. Can you suggest any other incentives?

Looking into June we still have an open opportunity. That opportunity is for our fellow SIR members to get involved with our annual picnic. This will be Bob Gaggero and Frank Moreda's final shot at providing the leadership for this event. You have an opportunity to work closely with them to see their secrets for success, all you need to do is let them know you are interested. As of today, no one has come forward to take on this event. What about getting a team together to take on this challenge? Break the job down into smaller tasks to spread the effort around among several members. *(continued on page 2)*

LITTLE SIR Robert Reuther's Message

rareuther@yahoo.com 707-588-8954

As you know the Scottish Rite Center has a sign on the front lawn advertising that the building is for sale or lease. We have had a long-standing relationship with the Center. Obviously, they could use financial help.

On Saturday, June 24, 2017, at 6:30 p.m., the Scottish Rite Center is having a Shrimp Feed with a Steak Option. The cost is $35.00, with drinks available, and a corkage fee of only $5.00 a bottle.

If you can make the time, it would be great to have a group from SIR members there to thank them for the hospitality they have shown us over the years. You can go online for tickets at: **www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2942771** or call the office at 707-539-6355.

We will not have a speaker next month because the annual picnic is planned for June instead of our regular meeting. In July, we will have Professor Gordon Lithgow, PhD from the Buck Institute for Research on Aging. I am sure he will share much information that will be of interest to all of us "older retirees."

Luther Burbank Branch 17 is in Area 13 of Region 10
The following is a list of your 2017 Officers and Directors

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April Attendance

John French, Chairman
sonomaink@yahoo.com **707-280-4120**

There were only **60** members, one visitor and one guest that attended the meeting. There were **29** excused members and only **6** members that were unexcused this time, still not a great record!

April Membership

Doug Weber, Chairman
zzzweber@aol.com **707-545-3188**

There were no new applications and no inductions to process, but we had one guest, We now have **94 active** members and only **4 inactive** members. Where are our other GUESTS?

Chaplains' Corner

(by Herb Percy)

In the long run, we shape our lives, and we shape ourselves. The process never ends until we die. And the choices we make are ultimately our own responsibility.
Eleanor Roosevelt

Wow!!, it's hard to believe that summer is once again upon us on the 21st of this month. Have you had the opportunity to reach out to make a new friend and make a person smile.

I saw a plaque on a friend's office door that said: "Some people are going to leave, but that's not the end of your story. That's the end of their part in your story." Your story goes on as you leave your dashes in your life story!

Contact Herb Percy, email dadpercy@yahoo.com or call 707-575-7787 OR assistant chaplain Mike Heinzelman, email mdheinz2@gmail.com or call 707-579-6615.

A special **Thank You** to new member Gordon Boultbee for stepping up to help me with his "eagle eye" in spotting all my errors in grammar, punctuation, spelling and any other "screw-ups" I have made before the final edition goes to press and you see it. Jim the Editor

BIG SIR Message

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With all that said, there is still time to buy your ticket for this great event. BBQ Tri-Tip steak, corn-on-the-cob, chili beans, green salad bread and butter along with ice cream will be for dessert. In addition, beer, wine and soft drinks are also **included.** All this will be at the truly unique Villa Chanticleer in Healdsburg on **Thursday**, June **15th.** What a bargain it is at only $20.00 per person. If you have not been to one of these picnics, you are truly missing out. Hope to see all of you there!

Calendar of SIR Events for JUNE 2017 +

Any Monday	**Golf** at BVGC
Any Monday	**Bowling,** Double Decker Lanes, R/P, 10 am
June 7	**Boys Night Out**, Yeti Restaurant, S/R, at 6:00 pm
June 8	**Golf** at BVGC, Area 13 Team Scramble Qualifier 10am
June 9	**Global Forum** meeting, **Marvin Mai's,** 9:30 am
June 13	**Bridge Club** at Legends, BVGC, 10:00 am
June 14	**Golf** at Windsor GC, 9:28 am
June 14	Flag Day
June 15	**Annual Picnic,** Villa Chanticleer in Healdsburg, Noon
June 18	Father's Day
June 21	**Couples Night Out**, at Depot Hotel, Sonoma, 6 pm
June 22	**Poker Fest** at Legends, BVGC, 1:00 to 4:00 pm
June 27	**Bridge Club** at Legends, BVGC, 10:00 am
June 26	Day against Drug Abuse/Trafficking
July 25	**Special CNO Event**, Coppola Winery

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ACTIVITIES:

Bowling

(Article written by Mike Heinzelman)

If you have an interest in joining the SIR bowling league, or just want to see how Bob is progressing, come-on-down to Double Decker Lanes in Rohnert Park any **Monday at 10 AM.** Ask for the SIR bowling group. (Remember, it's not a weekly commitment--just come when you can.) Whether you are a good bowler or a beginner, you are welcome. For more information call Mike Heinzelman at **579-6615** or send an email to him at **mdheinz2@gmail.com**.

Boys Night Out

On Wednesday, May 10th, ten hungry SIR members tried out the Franchetti's Kitchen, a very unique restaurant with delicious Italian food. We are ready to go back again and try some other entrees.

For this month's featured outing there have been a few changes. Mark Burchill will be out of town during this event and Roy Thuestad will be taking his place this month. Also, the location has changed from Charlie's Grill in Windsor to the **Yeti Restaurant,** at 190 Farmers Lane, Santa Rosa. (*You'll find it near the corner of Farmers and Fourth Street, and you may remember it as the old Lyon's Restaurant.*)

It's an Indian/Himalayan Restaurant serving fantastic food, good portions and a well stocked bar, something for you to look forward to.

Check out their web site for directions and to see their menu with all the delicacies they have to offer. **http://www.yeticuisine.com** or call 707-**521-9608.**

We'll meet on **Wednesday, June 7th at 6:00 pm** or **sooner** as happy hour **ends** at 6:00 pm. You may want to get there a little early to double down on your drinks.

Be sure to RSVP as soon as you know you're allowed out of the house that night.

RSVP to **Roy Thuestad** by **Sunday, June 4th.** Email: **roymond@comcast.net** or call: 707-975-4406.

Bridge

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. Bridge activities are coordinated by chairman Al Black, email to **rosaridge@comcast.net** or call 707-578-3210.

We welcome new and interested members who are thinking of joining the pool of players.

Bridge days scheduled this month for play at Legends Restaurant Bennett Valley starting at 10:00 AM on **Tuesdays, June 13th** and **27th.**

Couples Night Out

Our May outing was at Catelli's Italian restaurant in Geyserville. This was our first dinner outside this year, which proved to be a little windy and chilly. The many heaters helped with the chill, along with the excellent hot food and lively conversations among twenty members that attended.

For our June event we are going to try another outdoor dining and return to the **Depot Hotel Restaurant**, 241 First St., Sonoma.

Check out their website at **www.depotsonoma.com** for more information or call 707-938-2980.

Owner and Founder Michael Ghilarducci was born in the Italian-speaking area of North Beach known as "Little Italy." At the age of eleven he began working in the kitchens of his father's restaurant. With his wife Gia, he later owned three restaurants in the San Francisco Bay area, before purchasing the historic Depot Hotel building in 1985, opening the Depot Hotel Restaurant. Lots of history here.

Mark your calendar for **Wednesday, June 21st**

6:00 pm cocktails, order dinner at **6:30** pm.

As always: **Reservations are a MUST.**

Contact Fred Rose at **fredricrose@comcast.net**

or call 707-548-5797 **by Friday, June 16th.**

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Fishing (Article written by Don Salazar)

We still have five SIR members and one guest committed to a salmon fishing trip for **Wednesday, July 12th** on the Miss Anita boat out of Bodega Bay. Be ready to leave at 6:00 am and bring $200.00 cash or check, NO credit cards. Remember, cancellation of the trip must be made three weeks before the departure date to receive a refund. If there are other members still interested in going, we will have access to another similar boat, just let me know as soon as possible.

Ted Scapeccia and I have booked an over-night camping trip to Pardee Lake Resort for June 25-29. Camping with lake view sites at the water's edge, full hook-ups, all for $125.00. Bring your golf clubs along, as Castle Oak Golf Course is near by.

(See NCGA golf map for location.)

If any of you are interested in going camping, contact Arron at 209-772-1472 to confirm if any of the other 12 sites are still available to reserve.

PS: These offers are open to all SIR members from ALL the Branches in our area, not just Branch 17!

Garden Club Announcements

We meet at one of the tables near the door to share our gardening interest at 11:15 am on our next SIR meeting day, which will be on **July 21st,** since June is our picnic in Healdsburg—therefor NO regular luncheon meeting.

For outing suggestions, please let me know of any. Also, pass on to me emails and contacts, as I will then contact those on the list for an impromptu outing (preferable during the week).

Any questions, contact **Lance Thompson** at: lance@pon.net (please put SIR in the subject heading) or call 707-**527-3438**. (Article by Lance Thompson)

List of the JUNE Birthday Boys!

Oscar Barragan Ed Haynes
John French Wallace Kelly
Glenn Seime

GLOBAL FORUM (Article written by Fred Rose & Marvin Mai)

The **June** Global Forum will be held at a **new location,** due to Adu not being available for a month or so. Topics will remain similar and include the usual, North Korea, ISIS, Syrian refugees, the French election along with any new topics. Once a month the GLOBAL FORUM gathers to discuss these and other events that are in the news. We bring multiple viewpoints and a wide variety of background information to a lively discussion.

To all SIR members interested in exploring our global environment, you are invited to join the monthly confab. We meet from **9:30 to 11:30 am** on the second **Friday** of the month and the next gathering will be Friday **June 9th** at the **Marvin and Pat MAI home: 4743 Woodview Drive, Santa Rosa.** *(Go south on Summerfield Rd. to the end, turn left up the hill about 1/3 mile, house is on the left. Park in the driveway or in the bay across the street, as there is **NO** parking on the street.)*

Should you have any questions, please email Marvin at maimarvin57@gmail.com or if you do get lost, then call him at 707-545-2224 for more directions.

We hope to see more new SIR members there for our discussions!

The Poem of the month!

Knee-Deep In June -

James Whitcomb Riley 1849-1916

Tell you what I like the best --
'Long about knee-deep in June,
'Bout the time strawberries melts
On the vine, -- some afternoon
Like to jes' git out and rest,
And not work at nothin' else!

Orchard's where I'd ruther be --
Needn't fence it in fer me! --
Jes' the whole sky overhead,
And the whole airth underneath --
Sort o' so's a man kin breathe
Like he ort, and kind o' has
Elbow-room to keerlessly
Sprawl out len'thways on the grass
Where the shadders thick and soft
As the kivvers on the bed
Mother fixes in the loft
Allus, when they's company!

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Golf

BVGC is drying out and starting to play well. Attendance is on the rise and our members are beginning to enjoy the great outdoors again. With that said, it's going to cost you more to venture out into the sunlight. As best as I can read this **fee-chart**, our weekly 18-hole senior rate will go up to $28 dollars; that's $26 for greens fees and $2 for capital improvements. Bummer! Now, not only do we have to pay for lost golf balls, but we have to pay for broken pipes too. Annual memberships will be affected by these rate increases also, but there are too many variations of the beast to mention here.

If you're not really happy with these fee increases, there is something you can do something about it. You can send off an email to the movers and shakers of the City Council and Rec. Dept., or you can get up and chew 'em out in person - you'll get that chance at the Santa Rosa City Council Meeting to be held on June 6th at 5:00 p.m. Either way can effectively voice your concerns, but you'll need to act to be heard.

Copy and paste to your email address bar:
"S.R. City Council" **<citycouncil@srcity.org>**
"S.R. Rec. Dept." **< kmagnuson@srcity.org>**

Until next time, Good Golfing.

Roy Thuestad
roymond@comcast.net 975-4406

POKER FEST (Article written by Steve Edelstein)

This new activity has gained quite a popularity since its start in September, which has prompted a moving and scheduling of future Poker Fests now held in **Legends** at the Bennett Valley Golf Course area.

The new date is Thursday, **June 22nd** from **1:00 to 4:00 pm.** If you would like to join this exciting new group in a rousing game of Poker, then contact Steve Edelstein by email at:

1hatisland@gmail.com or call 707-**206-8084**.

Please leave a message, I **will** return your call.

Recap of Program for May 19, 2017

If you missed the last meeting, you missed a very informative talk by Ethan Brown, Program Manager-Start Up and Entrepreneur Service, from the Sonoma Economic Development Board. Ethan's special field is small business and start-ups, in which he himself has had practical experience as owner of a construction business.

He explained the diversification of the Economic Development Board which was established by the Sonoma Board of Supervisors as five programs: Start-Ups & Entrepreneur Service, Work Force and Talent Development, Business Expansion & Retention, Data Canter, and Creative Sonoma.

One area of interest is called Working Solutions, where small start-up businesses who do not qualify for business loans can acquire a small loan from $5,000 to $50,000. Since the program's inception, one million has been provided.

Another unusual program is called Creative Sonoma. The purpose of this program is to help and give assistance to creative artists who are not usually business orientated.

If you are interested in exploring any of these programs and more, or know of anyone interested, just go to **www.sonomaedb.org**. Ethan Brown, our speaker, is available at 707-565-7589.

(Article written by Robert Reuther)

Joke of the day!

My husband was waterskiing when he fell into the river. As the boat circled to pick him up, he noticed a hunter sitting in a duck boat in the reeds. My husband put his hands in the air and joked, "Don't shoot!"

The hunter responded, "Don't quack."

Traveling Golf

(article written by Jim Jones)

At long last…the rain has ended and for some time now the days remain unnaturally cool. But cool is good! And, it's time to play GOLF – Lots-O-Golf! The sun is shining and the courses are back with the beautiful fairways, greens and landscapes that we all remember. The drought is past, at least for this year, and brown is no longer pock marking our fairways! Green is again the color of golf! AND GOLF IS GOOD!

Our third 2017 Travel Golf outing was on Thursday, May25, at the Rancho Solano GC in Fairfield. The day was beautiful but the wind challenged the accuracy of our shots to the greens. Bob Nadell and Rod Mooney both netted a 65, with Bob taking first place and Rod taking second place in the all important tie breaker. Gene Kaiser took third place with a net 69 and Kent Richmond nailed fourth place with a net 76. And again it was unanimous, like the Silverado GC, we are going to definitely play the Rancho Solano GC again next year if we have the opportunity.

Our next travel golf outing will be on **Wednesday, June 14, 2017**, at which time we will be playing at the **Windsor Golf Course in (what else but) Windsor.** The Windsor GC is definitely a favorite of many and due to popular demand it is again on our 2017 circuit. The first tee time is **9:28 AM**. If you plan on playing this very respectable and challenging course, please forward your **$56.00 check** (made out to **SIR1776 Golf**) to:

Jim Jones
1016 Aleppo Drive
Santa Rosa, CA 95409

The deadline to have your checks in is Tuesday, June 6, 2017. There isn't that much time left to get your money in so you can play at the Windsor GC. Please don't hesitate! Time is not to be wasted! "For an opportunity ignored is an opportunity lost forever!"

The remaining 2017 SIR 1776 Travel Golf schedule:

June 8	@ 10:00 AM	**Bennett Valley GC**, Santa Rosa, CA	@ **$54.00/player**
		(Area 13 Team Scramble Qualifier – Get Your Team Ready!)	
June 14	@ 9:28 AM	**Windsor GC**, Windsor, CA	@ **$55.00/player**
July 20	@9:30 AM	**Blue Rock Springs(E) GC**, Vallejo, CA	@ **$45.00/player**
August 8	@ 8:00 AM	**Foxtail (N) GC**, Rohnert Park, CA	@ **$40.00/player**
		(Div 1 Individual Qualifier)	
August 17	@ 8:30 AM	**Sebastopol GC**, Sebastopol, CA	@ **$25.00/player**
August 24	@ 9:30 AM	**Rooster Run GC**, Petaluma, CA	@ **$55.00/player**
September 7	@ 9:30 AM	**Hiddenbrooke GC**, Vallejo, CA	@ **$46.00/player**
September 28	@ 10:30 AM	**Fountaingrove GC**, Santa Rosa, CA	@ **$110.00/player**
October 26	@ 9:30 AM	**Oakmont (W) GC,** Santa Rosa, CA	@ **$50.00/player**
November 16	@ 9:00 AM	**Links at Bodega Harbour,** Bodega, CA	@ **$60.00/player**

As you are aware, we are required to commit to tighter booking, rate and payment obligations at this year's participating golf courses. These new obligations require a change to our SIR 1776 travel golf policies, and player payment schedules and obligations. **Please note: No refunds will be made within 8 days prior to the scheduled play date, UNLESS cancellation is permitted by the contracting golf course or if the cancelling member can furnish a paying replacement.** ***Remember to have your payments to Jim Jones NO LATER THAN June 6, 2017.*** **Remember, payment is by CHECK ONLY & YOUR PAYMENT MUST BE ON TIME IN ORDER TO PLAY!**

It is THIS month of the

Annual June Picnic

Please mark your calendars NOW for
Thursday June 15, 2017
so this day does NOT get away.
Let's make it a GREAT picnic!

The fare will be as usual:

Tri-tip steak, chili beans, green salad, corn-on-the-cob, bread and butter, wine, beer, soft drinks and ice cream for dessert.

All this still for only **$20.00**

If you did NOT get your tickets at the meeting on the 19th, you can still purchase tickets until June 5th, by sending a self-addressed and stamped return envelope along with a check for the amount of your tickets to:

Robert Gaggero, 139 Hatona Drive,
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

All volunteers are welcome
for prep, serving & cleanup duties.
Contact Chairman: Robert Gaggero
gaggero@comcast.net or 526-7739
or Co-Chairman: Frank Moreda
at 544-1054

A SPECIAL EVENT!!

COUPLES NIGHT OUT

WHERE? COPPOLA WINERY

A TAVOLA !!!

A SPECIAL DINING EVENT

WHEN? JULY 25, 2017

TIME? 5PM

SO PLAN TO ATTEND NOW!

THIS EVENT SELLS OUT RAPIDLY

RSVP to Fred Rose

fredricrose@comcast.net

or call 707-548-5797

CHECK IT OUT AT

www.francisfordcoppolawinery.com/

After you enter their website, click on the "Menu" in the upper left corner. When the next page appears look for the "food" tab, then click on "Rustic." After the Rustic page appears, then click on "A Tavola." This will tell you the story about this special event!

BVGC new Fee-chart

CITY OF SANTA ROSA

UPCOMING PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FEES FOR GOLF

A **public hearing** will be conducted by the **Santa Rosa City Council** on **Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard at the **Council Chamber, City Hall, 100 Santa Rosa Avenue, Santa Rosa**. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comment and recommendations on proposed city-wide fees, including golf.

Questions regarding the proposed fees may be directed to Kelley Magnuson, Deputy Director - Recreation, Recreation & Parks Department, 55 Stony Point Road, Santa Rosa, CA 95401, email: kmagnuson@srcity.org

BENNETT VALLEY GOLF COURSE FEES

Revised Fees: existing/proposed - NEW fees are noted

Greens Fees (effective January 1, 2018)	
Weekend - Adult 18 Holes	$43/$45
Weekend - Adult 9 Holes	$23/$26
Weekend - Mid-Day	$30/$34
Weekend - Twilight	$26/$29
Weekend - Super Twilight	$14/$18
Weekend - Junior 18 Holes	$11/$15
Weekend - Junior 9 Holes	$7/$9
Weekday - Adult 18 Holes	$30/$31
Weekday - Adult 9 Holes	$19/$21
Weekday - Adult Twilight	$22/$24
Weekday - Super Twilight	$13/$13
Weekday - Senior 18 Holes	$25/$26
Weekday - Senior 9 Holes	$14/$16
Weekday - Senior Twilight	$17/$19
Weekday - Junior 18 Holes	$10/$12
Weekday - Junior 9 Holes	$6/$7
Annual - Unlimited, Single	$1,650/$1,850
Annual - Unlimited, Couple	$2,640/$2,960
Annual - Senior (limited weekdays), Single	$1,000/$1,070
Annual - Senior (limited weekdays), Couple	$1,600/$1,710
Seasonal - 10 Play Pass (limited Jan-Apr & Sep-Dec)	$370/$380
Other Fees (effective July 1, 2017)	
Players Reward Card (NEW)	$145
Capital Improvement Fee - 9 hole round (NEW)	$1
Capital Improvement Fee - 18 hole round (NEW)	$2
Capital Improvement Fee - annual pass single (NEW)	$80
Capital Improvement Fee - annual pass couple (NEW)	$130

Capital Improvement Fees will be earmarked for replacing the Bennett Valley Golf Course irrigation system and other future capital improvements

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