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Luther Burbank Branch 17, Santa Rosa, CA,

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REDWOOD

## The REDWOOD BARK Newsletter For JULY, 2022

### All members are invited to attend our next SIR In-Person Luncheon/Meeting on Thursday, July 21, 2022 at The Epicenter, 3215 Coffey Lane, Santa Rosa.

If you told the Phone Committee "YES" you plan to attend but find later that you will be unable to attend, you need to contact Al Petrie at 707-974-9193 or email [alpetrie7@aol.com](mailto:alpetrie7@aol.com) by 5:00 pm Saturday, July 16, to help keep our count more accurate. Also of importance is, if you are bringing a guest or if you originally said "NO" but changed your mind and decided to go after all, in either case, then please contact Al Petrie per the above!

#### July 21 Lunch/Meeting Schedule

**Social Hour:** 11 am      **Lunch/Meeting:** 12 noon

**Program:** Dr. John Macaulay, who was an offensive line-man for the SF 49ers. He will speak on his experiences in the NFL and the Super Bowl.

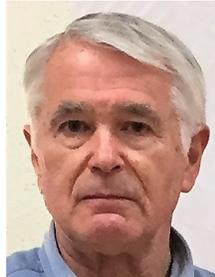
**Announcements:** All indoor activities are in the process of assessing the situations. The chairmen will be contacting you.

#### July 21 Luncheon Menu

Caesar salad,  
Chicken Alfredo, seasonal vegetables  
and glazed carrots,  
Rolls and butter, assorted cookies for dessert.  
Water, lemonade, coffee or tea is included.  
Other drinks available to purchase at the bar.

#### Big Sir Gordon Boulton's Message

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The joint picnic with Branch 176 was a great success! Kudos to Ted Scapecchia and his team for such an enjoyable experience. Lovely weather, delicious food, an abundance of very desirable raffle prizes, and Bingo! And to top it off, Ted has agreed to lead the effort for one more year!

With the warm weather the turnout for the bi-weekly coffee club gatherings at Howarth Park has increased. We meet in the shade near the boathouse and the trailhead along Lake Ralphine. Bring a lawn chair and chat about life with your fellow Sirs in a very laid-back atmosphere. We do have signs and brochures to tell passersby about the benefits of joining SIR but if you are uncomfortable doing that **you don't have to**. The main purpose is to foster friendships among ourselves, outside of the venues of our other busy and structured activities, such as the monthly luncheon. More details can be found elsewhere in this issue of The BARK.

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#### Little Sir Gary Bondi's Message

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Women in SIR! It's happening! Well, not really! As most of you are aware, SIR membership, throughout the SIR organization, has been on the decline for the past few years. To help recruit new members, State SIR relaxed some of the requirements. You no longer have to be retired, attendance at meetings is not mandatory, all ages are welcome, etc. One of the other ideas being considered is to open membership to women. At this point it is only in the discussion stage at the State level. State SIR, however, has authorized a pilot program for women in two branches, one of which is Branch 92 in Oakmont. They have eight women members, four of whom are involved in various administrative activities and the BEC. Let me be clear, this is only a pilot program and State has not revised the Articles of Incorporation to allow women. Besides the obvious there are several factors to consider. Some of the issues being discussed are:

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**SIR Luther Burbank Branch 17 is in Area 10 of Region 3.**  
**The following is a list of your 2022 Officers and Directors.**

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### **Big Sir** Gordon Boultonbee's Message *(continued)*

The State SIR dropped then reinstated the requirement that attendees (members and guests, including spouses/partners) at **all** our activities sign an Event Waiver and Release of Liability for Exposure to COVID-19. Instructions on how to submit vaccination and waiver documents can be found in the June and earlier editions of *The BARK*.

Are you interested in an activity that the Branch doesn't currently offer, or don't know who to contact to join an existing activity? Contact Activities Chair Fred Rose and he will facilitate connecting you with other members with similar interests and making it an official activity, so you are covered by our liability insurance policy. In fact, the RAMP Committee is working on a survey to update our records on members' interests and other matters important to the smooth operation of our Branch. If you would like to help the RAMP Committee, contact Fred, Neil Wheeler, or George Traverso. Participation can be extensive or as little as brainstorming ideas on member recruitment and retention at a coffee club get-together, for example. Your choice!

If you are on SIR State's email list, you received a link to a *Scientific American* article titled "Social Ties Boost Survival by 50 Percent." If you are not on their email list or do not have email and would like to read the article, let me know and I will forward you the link or get you a paper copy, as appropriate.

### **Little Sir** Gary Bondi's Message *(continued)*

- The original structure of SIR should be maintained as the founders established, which did not allow women members
- Membership losses from allowing women as members, may greatly exceed any gains
- The Articles of Incorporation for State and each branch would have to be revised to remove any reference to gender or structure of SIR
- Revise all existing advertising materials, change the current logo
- The original intent for establishing SIR would be overturned and the culture drastically altered

These are but a few of the issues being discussed. As previously stated, the issue is only in the discussion stage and no branches are required to open the membership to women. In the event that SIR does open to women, it will still be up to each branch as to whether or not to admit women. As I write this, our BEC is not in any discussions regarding the issue. I know there are strong feelings among our members regarding the structure, history, and intent of SIR and this could be a very divisive issue. We will keep Branch 17 members informed as this thing further develops.

Thank you,  
Gary Bondi.

## Future Programs/Speakers

**July 21, 2022:** Be sure to come and listen to **Dr. John Macaulay**, who was an offensive line-man for the SF 49ers. He was the center for Joe Montana and played in the 49ers' first super bowl. He retired from the NFL, completed medical school and is currently a practicing physician in Marin County. He will speak on his experiences in the NFL and the Super Bowl.

**August 18, 2022:** Greg Andersen, the General Manager of Bennett Valley Golf Course and Restaurant. He will oversee the operation of both entities. He will discuss the future operations, contract with the City of Santa Rosa and answer the many questions some of have.

**September 15, 2022** Our speaker will be John Stout, the manager of Charles Schulz Sonoma County Airport. He last spoke with us in 2017 and there have been considerable changes in the operation since then. He will bring us up to date on the airlines serving the airport, changes in parking, the terminal, the number of passengers passing through, etc.

### Calendar of SIR Events for July, 2022

- Any Monday Golf at BVGC
- July 8 Global Forum **in-person** meeting, 10:00 am at the home of Marvin Mai
- July 11 Last day to reserve for BNO
- July 13 Boys' Night Out, Smokehouse Bistro, 5:30 pm for social and 6:00 pm for dinner
- July 14 Coffee Club, Cypress Point area in Howarth Park, 9:00 to 10:00 am
- July 14 Poker, Epicenter Trophy Room,
- July 21 SIR BEC** meeting, Epicenter, 9:45 am
- July 21 SIR Luncheon/Meeting**, Epicenter, 11: am
- July 22 Global Forum **Zoom** meeting, 10:00 am
- July 25 Last day to reserve for CNO
- July 28 Coffee Club, Cypress Point area in Howarth Park, 9:00 to 10:00 am
- July 28 Couples' Night Out, La Gare, Social at 7:00 pm, Dinner at **7:30 pm**, outside
- August 2, 3, & 4 SIR 17/76 Travel Golf

## Don't Let the Old Man In!

(From: <https://www.countrythangdaily.com>)

*Toby Keith hatched a plan for remaining forever young – in spirit, at least – with his song “Don’t Let the Old Man In.” Keith recorded this slow-moving acoustic ballad that soundtracks a scene in Clint Eastwood’s American crime drama film, The Mule, in 2018.*

*Two days before the legendary actor’s 88th birthday, Clint Eastwood shared a golf cart with Toby Keith at Eastwood’s charity tournament in Pebble Beach, California.*

*“We were playing golf,” Keith recalled, “and he was telling me about how he was getting ready to shoot this movie about an old man that ran drugs for the cartel, tried to help his family, and tried to help his community. And I told him, somebody said you have a birthday coming up Monday. And Clint said, ‘Yeah, on Monday I turn 88.’” Keith then asked him how he would celebrate it, and Eastwood revealed he would be spending his special day shooting his movie called The Mule.*

*Keith was surprised by Eastwood’s relentless energy. At his age and prominence, Eastwood could easily have retired. He no longer had to make or appear in films anymore. Keith wondered where that sort of energy comes from, what keeps him going.*

*“He said, ‘I just get up every day and don’t let the old man in,’” Keith continued. “And instantly, I wanted to write a song about that. So, I came home, wrote it, sent it to him, and now it’s in the movie.”*



Attendees at the July SIR Branch 17 luncheon will get to hear the second half of the SIR “Doing My Part” video featuring the song, “Don’t Let the Old Man In” and some words to live by.

(Article by Neil Wheeler)

## SIR Branch 17, Member Profiles:

### Ted Scapeccia, Badge #62

Noted by many as one of the most organized leaders in SIR Branch 17, Ted Scapeccia has been our no-nonsense chair of the picnic committee for several years now, resurrecting it this June with great success from the ashes of the COVID-19 pandemic shutdown. He also served as Big Sir and ran the club with efficiency and creativity during a major period of transition. How does someone become a club leader like that? Let's look at his biography.

Ted grew up in the little town of Plains, near Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. He was born at home and delivered by a mid-wife, Celeste Scaramucci, the grandmother of Anthony Scaramucci, former White House Communications Director during the Trump administration. (Ted never met Anthony but knew his father Alexander Jr., his uncles, aunts, and cousins.) Ted's mom died early, and his dad was a hardworking coal miner whose career



was cut short by black lung disease. At Plains High School, Ted was recognized for his football skills in a part of the state known for producing tough football players who often were recruited by Division I college football teams. Ted admitted that his high school studies "kind of went off as the years went on" and when he graduated June 1962, he joined the Air Force in July. He went to basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas and studied radio relay equipment at Keesler AFB in Biloxi, Mississippi. He was then sent over on an 18-month assignment to Wheelus AFB in Tripoli, Libya where he worked on multiplex and microwave link equipment, and a remote transmitter site 24 miles east of the base on the Mediterranean. He returned to the US and was stationed at Shaw Air Force Base near Sumter, South Carolina where he continued learning about high-tech electronic equipment on fighter jets and terrain avoiding radar.

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## Member Profiles:

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The day after Christmas 1965 he got on a C-141 and left for Vietnam for a tour of six months.

Upon returning to the USA, Ted moved to San Francisco to be closer to his two sisters and four aunts. With his Air Force experience in electronics, landing a high-tech job was relatively easy and he joined Hewlett Packard in Palo Alto as an electronics technician. Ted stayed with HP for the next 36 years following a ladder of increasingly challenging positions in precision machining and engineering until he retired in 2002. "I had a really good job, I was making decent money, the work was interesting, we were doing state-of-the-art work...I mean it was a great place to work!" HP needed his skills as they expanded and transferred him to Santa Rosa in 1973.

Careers and lives are the product of self-discipline, determination, and support from others. Ted proudly acknowledges the role that two guys had on him during his career at HP: Ed Ulrich hired him back in 1966 and Bill Kiliieg recruited him to move to Santa Rosa. Ted remained friends with them until they passed away. Ted also credits tons of support from his wife, Lynn, whom he met on a blind date (thanks to his cousins) shortly after returning from Vietnam and has been married to since 1967.

Ted was attending a duck club meeting in 2007 when he met SIR17 member Jim LaMar, a guest at the club that day, who started talking about golf. (Jim passed away during the writing of this article.) This chance meeting with Jim introduced Ted to our club and many wonderful guys who played golf. Ted also tried doing some fishing with Don Salazar et al., even traveling up to Alaska, but discovered the torment of seasickness out in the open waters and returned to golf, poker and other land-based activities. Ted and some guys set up an investment club that, with the current monetary situation, might be a really good idea to get started again!

When the picnic committee needed help, Ted donned a white cap, jumped in, and became a chef and organizer. When the club needed leadership, Ted joined the BEC and became a Big Sir.

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*We are sad to inform you that our member*

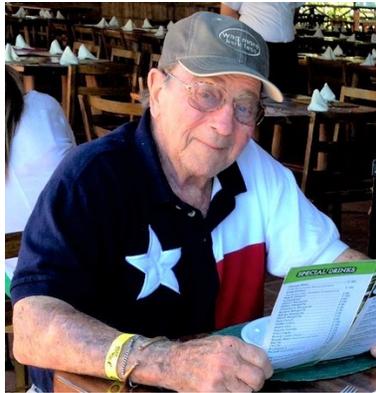
## *Jim LaMar*

*passed away in June 2022.*

*We send our condolences to his family.*

Jim LaMar, badge #12, passed away on June 10<sup>th</sup>, after a lengthy illness at 88 years old. He was a member of Branch 17 for 23 years. He attended his last luncheon in February 2020. Only four of our current members have longer years of service than Jim. He held various branch offices, including Big Sir in 2009.

Jim was born in Wink, TX and earned his BS in agriculture from Texas Tech University in 1956. That same year, he married LaRue Gilmore of Levelland, TX. In 1957, he joined the United States Navy and became a pilot. He served in Patrol Squadron 11 "Proud Pegasus" out of Brunswick, ME as a pilot on an aircraft carrier in the South China Sea, was posted in Corpus Christi, TX, and Alameda, CA until his honorable discharge in 1966. He was awarded the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for his service in the Vietnam Conflict.



The family later moved to Santa Rosa, where Jim worked as a flight engineer for Pan American World Airways. After Pan Am ceased operations in 1991, he flew for United Airlines until his retirement in 2001.

Jim was an avid SIR golfer, and also enjoyed fishing, hunting, playing bridge and international travel with his family.

A celebration of life will be held July 9 at 3:00 PM at Christian Family Fellowship, 1160 A Hopper Ave., Santa Rosa. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to [k9sforwarriors.org](http://k9sforwarriors.org) or the Redwood Gospel Mission [www.srmission.org](http://www.srmission.org)

A special Thank You to members Gordon Boulton and others for helping me by spotting all my errors in grammar, punctuation, spelling and any other boo-boos I have made before the final edition goes to press and you see it.  
Jim, the Editor

## Member Profiles: (continued from page 4)

When the club needed to move out of the Scottish Rites Center, Ted joined a team of SIR17 members to relocate the luncheons to Legends. Like many of us "older timers," Ted is really impressed with our new members "because they seem to be picking up the ball, volunteering and becoming involved"...just as he has done. Handling challenges effectively...a sign of a leader and a healthy, vibrant club!

(Article by Dennis Mangan)

## List of the June Birthdays



Wynn Bailey  
Oscar Barragan  
Bill Mc Neany  
Glenn Seime  
Charles Stark

## List of the July Birthdays

John Gnam  
Don Salazar  
Kurt Wehrmeister



## Activities:

### Bocce:

(Article by Mark Burchill)

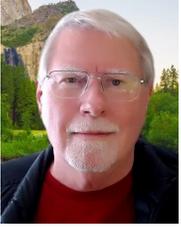


Bocce remains on hiatus until August as Co-chairs Chuck Stark and Mark Burchill have scheduling conflicts until early August, so neither will be able to organize or host a Bocce outing. There will be an announcement in the August BARK about Bocce getting back together at a specific date, time, and location.

Any questions contact:

Chuck Stark at [cstark@sonic.net](mailto:cstark@sonic.net)  
Mark Burchill at [marknick@sonic.net](mailto:marknick@sonic.net)

## Book Club Anyone? (Article by Neil Wheeler)



More than thirty years ago, I was in a book club, and I enjoyed it tremendously! I read books I never thought of reading and made new friends that I keep in contact with to this day.

I love reading books and I enjoy them even more when I can discuss them with others. It's a way to be intellectually and social active...and as we all know, that's what SIR is about.

So...are any of you interested in reading and discussing books? If so, let me know and I will set up a meeting so we can figure out how to make this happen!

Email me, Neil Wheeler,  
[nimwheeler@gmail.com](mailto:nimwheeler@gmail.com)  
 call me at: 707-291-0271



## Boys' Night Out: (Article by Don Malvestiti)



Our June BNO dinner was a fun night for the few that attended. Lots of food, good company and lots to discuss.

For **Wednesday, July 13<sup>th</sup>** we will be at the Smokehouse Bistro, 6811 Laguna Park Way, Sebastopol. For a menu selection or more information call them at 707-829-3277.

Arrive by 5:30 pm for social and dinner at 6:00 pm. Any questions, contact Don Malvestiti at [malvestitidon485@gmail.com](mailto:malvestitidon485@gmail.com) or call him at 707-539-0677, leave a message if no answer.

## Sunshine Report:

We need your help to tell us before the monthly meeting if any of our members are sick or if some member has died.



All you need to do is call Kurt Wehrmeister, at 630-461-2715 or send him an email to: [kurtwehrmeister@gmail.com](mailto:kurtwehrmeister@gmail.com).

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## Are there any members interested in Bowling?



Before the pandemic came and shut down most of our activities there were several members that enjoyed the occasional game or two. It has been a slow process getting it back going again. If you have an interest in helping to get this activity going so you also could enjoy it then contact our Activities Chair, Fred Rose at [fredicrose@comcast.net](mailto:fredicrose@comcast.net) or call 707-548-5797.

In the past we played at Double Decker Lanes in Rohnert Park any **Monday at 10:00 am**.

## Coffee Club: (Article by Rich de Lambert & Neil Wheeler)



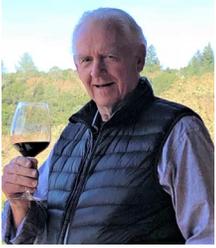
The coffee club held two meetings at Howarth Park during June. We set up near the Spring Lake trail head, enjoyed conversation, coffee, bakery goods, and chatted with passersby. The June 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting was attended by 10 SIR members and one dog.



Coffee Club will continue in July on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays from 9:00 am to 10:00 am at Cypress Point picnic area (near the boat docks and trail to Spring Lake) in Howarth Park. Come enjoy a cup of coffee, some pastries, and conversation with your fellow SIR members, take in the views, and maybe take a walk up the trail towards Spring Lake before or after having coffee. We ask for a \$1 donation to offset the cost of the coffee and treats. Bring a friend and a lawn chair as we've been "camping out" under the trees.

If you have questions email Rich de Lambert at [richdelambert@gmail.com](mailto:richdelambert@gmail.com) or call him at 707-545-3490.

## Couples' Night Out: (Article by Fred Rose)



CNO for June was a tremendous success. Dinner at The Riviera Ristorante was great. We sat under the tent, the weather was perfect. Three tables of eight and one table of six made for great conversation. I think we will be back there sooner than later! Check out the pictures on page 12.

About CNO for July. Unfortunately, Catelli's in Geyserville is not interested in hosting us. The Depot Hotel in Sonoma has been sold and is only doing take-out food at this time. Gravenstein Grill in Sebastopol still hasn't called me back.

**La Gare French Restaurant**, 208 Wilson Street is the chosen spot for **Thursday, July 28<sup>th</sup>** with the social gathering at **7:00 pm** and dinner to be served at **7:30 pm**. We will be seated outside with limited seating. Hopefully, it will be another beautiful July night! So get your reservations to me as soon as possible. First come, first served.

**Reservations are required!**

[fredicrose@comcast.net](mailto:fredicrose@comcast.net) or call **707-548-5797**

## GLOBAL FORUM: (Article by Marvin Mai)



During our last few meetings we tried to make sense of the happenings in Ukraine and we all did not have any easy solutions to the problem. As the world scene continues to change and evolve we all hope that calm and intelligent leaders will emerge to keep the peace. The attendees all thought that we need to keep discussing and staying informed.



The **in-person** meeting will be on Friday, **July 8<sup>th</sup>** at 10 am at the home of Marvin and Pat Mai, 4743 Woodview Dr., Santa Rosa. *(South on Summerfield to the end and left on Woodview. House is on the left, parking is only permitted in the parking bay and driveway.)*

The **Zoom** meeting is on Friday, **July 22<sup>th</sup>** at 10 am. If you are not currently receiving the email notices and wish to be included, please contact Marvin

[maimarvin57@gmail.com](mailto:maimarvin57@gmail.com) 707-545-2224.

## GOLF:



It appears that the transition in management of the Bennett Valley Golf Course has gone reasonably smoothly. The new management firm, Touchstone Golf LLC, took over on July 1 by offering a six month pass for unlimited golf Monday through Friday at the same \$550.00 fee previously available. Always a great deal if you play the course a couple of times per week or more.

Until we know more about tournament play, including our Monday SIR group, we may need to make a few adjustments from past practices. We'll send an email out to all the guys based on communications with the new staff.

Touchstone's contract with the city also includes management of the former Legends. Recent news stories suggest they are attempting to reopen the facility by the end of the month if not sooner.

At the state SIR level, announcements should be forthcoming about the individual qualifier, usually held sometime in August. Due to the past level of interest in the individual championship, it's likely to be a Regional vs Area competition to select who advances to the finals. The Individual Championship will be played at Rancho Solano Golf Course in Fairfield on Tuesday, October 11, 2022 with a shotgun start at 9:00 AM. The flyer is available on the SIR State Golf Website. ([www.sirgolf.org](http://www.sirgolf.org))

Hope everyone enjoys a happy and safe 4th of July celebration. Come out and join the fun at the weekly 17/76 tourney, with tee times beginning bright and early at 8:30 AM each Monday.

Your Golf Committee

Jim Gurke 707-303-0989

[1jgurke@gmail.com](mailto:1jgurke@gmail.com)



## POKER: (Article by Mike O'Neill)



We did not have our first "game back" in June. There was just a little too much uncertainty about good old COVID-19, so we postponed the game. Things are looking much better for July, so we have a game scheduled for **July 14**, (*second Thursday*.) at Epicenter. We have a full group already signed up, but would still like to add some new players. You can contact Mike O'Neill at [mikeo46@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mikeo46@sbcglobal.net) or talk to him at our July SIR lunch.

## SIR 17/76 TRAVEL GOLF:

We trying to put together a 3-day traveling golf trip as follows:

Tuesday, **August 2<sup>nd</sup>**, Play Half Moon Bay, then drive to Monterey for dinner. Wednesday, **August 3<sup>rd</sup>**, play Poppy Hills. Thursday, **August 4<sup>th</sup>**, play Bayonet or Black Horse, then drive home.

Hopefully we can make this an annual event.

**HALF MOON BAY**, Tuesday w/cart \$165.00

Only **TWO OF THE FOLLOWING THREE**:

**POPPY HILLS**, Wednesday **OR** Thursday  
w/cart \$115.00

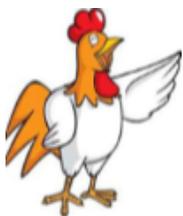
**BLACK HORSE**, Wednesday **OR** Thursday  
w/cart \$109.00 (8:20 - 9:10)

**LAGUNA SECA**, Wednesday **OR** Thursday  
\$54.00 but a cart is extra.

These costs are based on July play dates as we can't get dates for August yet. If we get a turnout of **FOUR** or more foursomes, we can then get exact dates and times.

For more information contact Fred Rose at:  
[fredricrose@comcast.net](mailto:fredricrose@comcast.net) or call **707-548-5797**

## Joke of the Month



Now that I'm older here's what I've discovered

It was a whole lot easier to get older, than to get wiser.

Some days, you're the top dog, some days you're the hydrant; the early bird gets the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.

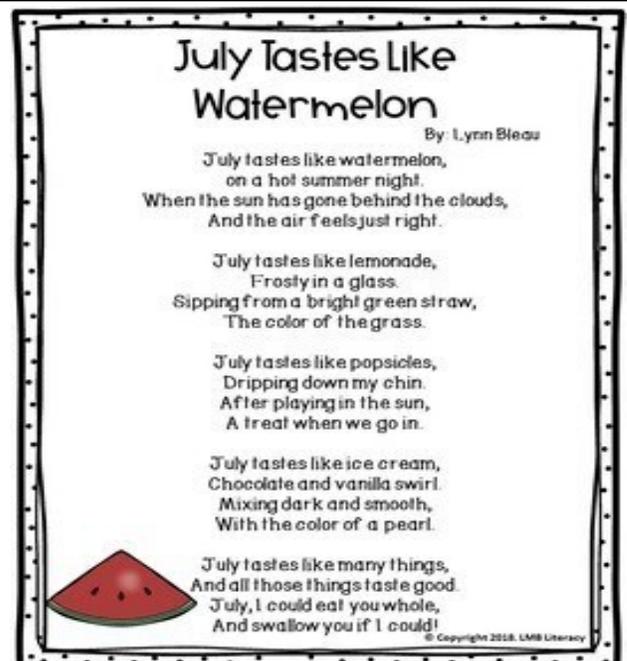
Kids in the back seat cause accidents., while accidents in the back seat can sometimes cause kids!

## A New Sir Game

Great News! As you may know our SIR club has been very active advertising our Branch 17. One of our programs is to place SIR signs in places around Santa Rosa and moving the location of most of them every 15-30 days. Your branch has had many comments about the signs, but what we are finding is the members don't seem to see them, so we are going to offer a little competition. Starting on July 10<sup>th</sup>, the first three SIR members who can tell us the exact location of four of the 13 signs that have been placed will receive a wonderful bottle of wine! Good luck gentlemen!!! Contact either of those below:

Rich de Lambert: [richdelambert@gmail.com](mailto:richdelambert@gmail.com) or call him at 707-545-3490

Neil Wheeler: [nimwheeler@science-one.org](mailto:nimwheeler@science-one.org) or call him at 707-291-0271



## **Recap of Our Annual Picnic held with Branch and Branch 176**

If you were smart enough to attend the 2022 Annual Picnic, then you are aware of what a great day it was! The Picnic was a joint effort between Santa Rosa Luther Burbank Branch 17 and Windsor Branch 176 and was held at the Event Center located at the Windsor Golf Course.

Despite the lingering COVID-19 and the need to raise ticket prices, attendance was very close to 2019 levels. We had 118 attendees this year compared to the 132 we experienced in 2019, none in 2020 nor 2021.

The weatherman cooperated and gave us a very nice day. It was pleasant, but not too hot and we had pop-up shelters strategically located to provide shade for those who preferred the shade.

The event was catered by Charlie's. Liz Glass, Charlie's Event Coordinator, and her team did a great job with the food. The menu consisted of: BBQ Chicken, Chili Beans, Corn on the Cob, Garden Salad, Vegetarian Pasta, Garlic Bread and Ice Cream for Dessert. It was well prepared and there was plenty of it. The beer and soft drinks were cold and the wine flowed freely. All of this was included in the admission price.

We had a very successful raffle with over 45 prizes to be distributed. The prizes ranged from gift certificates to baskets artfully arranged and many other items, such as wine tasting for ten at Christopher Creek Winery, golf for four at Windsor Golf Course, including a cart, wine tasting for four at Arista Winery and many individual bottles of wine. Thanks to all the many generous donors, as we may have grossed more the \$1,400.00 which, after expenses, will be distributed to each of the two Branches. Finally, we had a Bingo event with the lucky winners taking home cash prizes, with the top prize lucky winner leaving with \$50.00 in his pocket!

All in all, it was a wonderful way to spend a day after being cooped up for two years. Please join me in thanking those on the Branch 17 and 176 Picnic Committee for doing such a great job.

**Ticket Sales and Finances:** Al Petrie, Glenn Seime, Tom Lubas, Ted Scapeccia, all of Branch 17 and Ward and Pat Thompson of Branch 176.

**Name Tags:** Frank Treanor of Branch 176

**Photographer:** Sandra Traverso

**Raffle:** Rich and Faith de Lambert, George and Sandra Traverso, Mary Lindahl, Bill Grafeld, Allie Feland, Jerry Culver, Tom Lubas, Gary Bondi and Elias Zegarra

**Sound System & Music:** Mark Burchill

**Bingo:** Stu Morgan and Erin Stroud, both of Branch 176

**Pop Ups:** Jim Strange, Gary Jensen and Jerry Culver, all of Branch 176

Thank you, to all who helped make this **the great event that it was!** Please accept my apologies if I missed anyone.

Ted Scapeccia, Branch 17 Picnic Chair

*Check out the pictures taken by Sandra Traverso on the following pages.*

# Pictures from the Annual Picnic with Branch 17 & 176



Tamara & Big Sir Gordon Boulton, welcoming all to the Annual Picnic with Bran 176!



New lawn signs available!



Picnic Chairman Ted Scapeccia & Little Sir Gary Bondi



Sign-in area, Bill Grafeld, Glenn Seime, Al Petrie, Pat & Ward Thompson



Marvin Mai

All pictures were taken by Sandra Traverso



Dee Bondi & Lynn Scapeccia



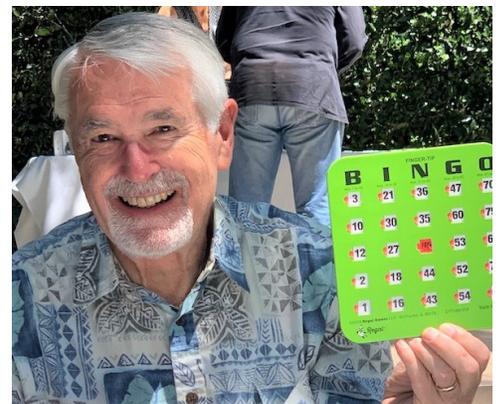
Director, Tom Lubas



Stan Borges checking out the prizes



Judy & David Harris, Bill & George Traverso



Big Sir Gordon Boulton, getting ready to Bingo!

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# Pictures from the Annual Picnic with Branch 17 & 176



Maryl Lindahl, Mitch Michnevich, & Howard Blethen from Brn 176



Mark Burchill, Marvin & Pat Mai looking at prizes



Group looking at prizes



Maryl Lindahl of Brn 176 & George Traverso



Dayle & Ken Johnson,

John & Jackie Gnam

Mary Ann & Bill Gillespie, Brn 176



Frank Treanor, Big Sir Branch 176



Rich de Lambert



Erin Stroud & Stewart Morgan

