



SIR Branch 96 Amador Amblings

LUNCH SERVED AT 11:30 AM SAINT SAVA MISSION, JACKSON, CA

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SIR BRANCH 96 MEETS THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Lunch will be served at 11:30

If you cannot attend a luncheon meeting, please contact Rich Broderson at 296-1605

A Non Profit Organization For Retired Men Devoted To The Promotion of Independence and Dignity of Retirement

August 2019

FROM BIG SIR:

Fellow Sirs:

June has come and gone and July is moving through quickly and a little warm. For those that missed it or have not heard, those who went to the River Cats Game June 30 had a great time. No one I talked with had any complaints about the Patio porch seating. The best thing was the shade. The food was also really good. Hopefully we will continue this outing in the future.

Our July meeting was a little sparse on attendance but we were aware of this going in. Our attendance was 60 members. The meeting was held outside on the patio and the weather was in the 80's. It was a very informal meeting and time was spent visiting at different tables.

Starting in September the luncheons price will be \$17.00. St. Sava will still like a count of approximate lunches needed for each meeting, so please respond to the monkey survey that is sent out each month. If you respond you will not be attending the luncheon, you also need to notify the attendance chairman. The survey is an anonymous survey and we do not know who has responded.

Don't forget to purchase tickets to the Ladies Day Appreciation Picnic. It is being held at the Italian Picnic Grounds on August 1st. This is in place of our monthly meeting; all members are invited to attend.



Dee Davis and Lee Sues
at the
Pardee Fishing Derby
See page 7 for pictures
of the event!



A TOOT from the Little SIR

I hope to see you all at the Ladies Appreciation Day Event at the Italian Picnic Grounds on August 1st at 4:00 pm. I could use some help setting up at 9:00 am, if you have the time and the energy. We need to move about 15 tables and make them look presentable for our lovely guests. If you can't make it in the morning, it all needs to get carried back at the end of the event. Thanks for your help. See you there!

*****PLEASE NOTE***:** The Sept 8th thru 13th RV trip to Berry Creek in Oroville has three openings. There are several activities already planned: Golf, bowling, visitor center trip, dinner out and a trailboss provided dinner. There may be more coming. If interested, please let either Guy Garner (209-295-7027), or Bob Balderrama (209-772-9792) know as soon as possible.

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FISHING CLUB

The **PARDEE LAKE RECREATION FREE KIDS FISHING DERBY** was a tremendous success, thanks to Sam. After an excellent breakfast (provided by Pardee Lake Recreation) the SIR's 96 volunteers had a wonderful experience helping the young "fishing persons" catch fish and earning some great prizes. Last year we had 75 young fishing people—this year 225 showed up. The breakdown by age of "fishing kids" were girls and boys age groups; 4—6, 7—9, 10—12 and 13—15. Every "fishing person" received fishing equipment, a fishing pole and reel. First and second in each age group by fish weight, received a cash reward. We owe two groups a big **THANK YOU!!!** **FIRST: The volunteers from SIRs 96!** **Second: Local businesses: Jackson Rancheria, Central Valley Anglers, Hooked Koke Machine, American Legion Ambulance, Kokanee Power, Rocky Mountain Recreation, Safe Guard Pest Control, Weidow Bait, Rose Garden Auto Care (George Fota), Calaveras Trout Farm, Carol Voris & Jack Schaltz, Arte & Joanna Coombs, and James & Annette Kropp.** When doing business with them let them know you are a member of SIR's 96. (see photos on page 7)

AMADOR LAKE-Catfish is still a good bet. **CAPLES LAKE**-Has been the better of Caples and Silver Lakes, where fishing has been very good for those fishing from shore. However, there is still snow around the eastside of the lake. **CAMANCHE LAKE**-Trout fishing has been best for trollers using rapalas and needlefish or shore anglers soaking power bait and nightcrawlers. **LAKE PARDEE** -Kokanee are hard to find, but trout fishing in the river arm has been good with needlefish, midge wobblers, and Uncle Larry spinners; they work best when tipped with a piece of corn. **NEW MELONES RESERVOIR** - Kokanee fishing still rates good for trollers fishing 50 to 80 feet down.

Reservoir Status On August First

Reservoir	% capacity	% average this date	Feet down from full
Pardee	100	106	1
Camanche	93	132	4
New Hogan	59	123	47
New Melones	91	147	67

SIRS GOLF

We had some good playing days in July, with the highlight being our annual Red, White and Blue Tournament in honor of our great country. We had a great day at Castle Oaks. (see picture) We also played a couple of times at Mace Meadows. Play will continue in August, possibly earlier start times to avoid the heat. Any SIR interested in playing with us, call Don Paris at 770-3663.



TRAVEL TALK

Your SIR Travel Show will be on October 1, 2019 at 1:30 PM in the VFW ambulance meeting room at the top of the hill. Let us know if you need further directions. Refreshments will be provided. Please attend and enjoy!

TOURS INCLUDE HOME PICKUP TO AND FROM THE AIRPORT, YOUR AIRFARE, TIPS AND MUCH MORE. Talbot Tours will work with you if you have additional requests (perhaps a few more days before or after your dream vacation.) These folks aim to please, but be sure to make your requests when you first book your tour. It makes it a lot easier to fill your request. Then, just go and enjoy your trip without hassles and worries—life is short so do enjoy it!

PLEASE GET OR RENEW YOUR PASSPORT WELL AHEAD OF PLANNED TRAVEL TO ANOTHER COUNTRY! It's very IMPORTANT and you can usually get this done at your local US Post office.

What's your dream get-a-way? Do you visualize sea breezes blowing through palms on a tropical island and you kicking back on a sandy beach and listening to the waves gentling breaking while you sip a cool Pina Colada? Or maybe it's soaring mountains crowned with white and blue glaciers reflected in the expanse of a stunningly beautiful lake surrounded by pines and all that on a nice sunny day as you paddle your kayak over the lake's glassy waters. Or do you long to see where your family came from in the old country and perhaps visit relatives there? All these dreams can be a reality. This is your SIR travel group ----for you, your family and friends. Please let us know where and what travel experiences you desire so we can better serve you. E-mail me and let me know your travel dreams and we will try to work them into future tours and travel. My e-mail is bevrushing@aol.com

Availability is GETTING TIGHT FOR 2019, (one tour is already sold out) so if one of the following 2019 tours should appeal to you---call or e-mail us soon, so we can get right on it (209 772 3485)!

Newport Mansions and Cape Cod – September 7 – 13, 2019

The legendary rich called them their "cottages" even if to most of us they are like gilded castles. Tour Providence/New Bedford, and afterwards you'll check in at Hyannis Harbor Hotel. Enjoy the "storybook island" of Martha's Vineyard, explore Cape Cod, travel the Old King's Highway to Provincetown and the place of the Pilgrim's landing. There's whale watching (after all, this is Moby Dick's world.) Board a High-Speed Catamaran for the stunning island of Nantucket and later feast on a New England lobster Dinner.

Exceptional Ireland – September 29 – October 9, 2019

This is an all-inclusive Deluxe Tour that visits all the must-see sites of Ireland. It's Professionally and Fully Guided. All hotels are centrally located and are 4-Star or better. You'll even spend a night in a castle hotel! It's also a very friendly country. I've a friend who's half Italian and half Irish and he says the Irish treated him like family on his recent vacation — especially when he visited the many pubs and the locals found out he was a "Yank" whose last name is Owens. Ireland really is EXCEPTIONAL and VERY BEAUTIFUL – with many wonderful sites to behold!

Canary Islands 11 Day Sapphire Princess Cruise– October 6 – 19, 2019

A day in London, and then to Vigo, Spain; then Madeira, Portugal and the islands of Tenerife, Las Palmas and Arrecife -- Spain's famous Canary Islands. Tenerife has the 12,200 feet Mt Teide. On Arrecife, take a camel ride in its volcanic park and later enjoy a **volcano-broiled steak** at the park restaurant.

Niagara Falls & Mackinac Island – October 18-25, 2019 **SOLD OUT**

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TRAVEL TALK (continued)

New Years in New Orleans December 30, 2019 – January 3, 2020

We are going to the BIG EASY for New Year's 2020! *Laissez les bons temps rouler!* That's Cajun French for "Let the good times roll!" Have you figured out what Vieux Carre refers to?

Four nights at the fabulous Astor Crown Plaza located on the corner of Canal and Bourbon Street where we will greet the New Year with dancing, dining, drinks and good cheer. Now's your chance to put on your glad rags, hold your precious one close and show off your best moves on the dance floor. Don't forget that kiss as the clock strikes twelve midnight, and to blow your horn and wish a Happy New Year for us all at the top of your lungs.

We are going to visit the Oak Alley plantation so called because of the overarching 300-year-old oak trees that line and cover the approach to the antebellum style mansion. The slavery and civil war exhibit with the Sugar Cane Theater bring alive the period before and after the Civil War.

You have **a choice** on the 2nd day of the New Year between **two very different excursions**:

World War II exhibit that celebrates our finest generation (a well-travelled SIR member has said this is the best ever WWII exhibit.... Anywhere!) This includes a visit aboard the USS Tang, the most successful submarine in the war! Afterwards, there's a Pontoon Bayou Swamp tour among the ancient cypress trees where you will see snakes, racoons, possibly other critters, and of course, some big gators. All from the safety of your boat.

.....OR.....

Enjoy a gourmet's delight! You'll watch and learn from entertaining New Orleans Chefs at the New Orleans School of Cooking and then savor an exotic Cajun/Creole meal. Later you are off to Mardi Gras World where you will learn the history of Mardi Gras in New Orleans and get to see what few ever see---the "float den" where the floats are built and really examine these fabulous floats much closer than you ever could at Mardi Gras itself.

The Following are 2020 Tours --- It's Not Too Early to Book Your Vacation for 2020. More details will be available in future newsletters but you can get copies of available brochures at the SIR meetings, or if you call or e-mail me, I will US-mail or e-mail you the brochure for the vacation you have interest in taking.

Feb 24 - Mar 1 2020 Hawaii 2 Island Tour: You will visit the islands of Oahu and Hawaii. We all love the Islands--great places to chill out, enjoy the beauty and Hang Loose! I once asked an island guide why everyone was so friendly. He said, "Well Tom, these are small islands and you can't afford to make enemies---so you make friends."

Mar 29 – April 5 2020 Princess Pacific Northern Coastal: Sail out of San Francisco on a round trip to Astoria, Seattle, Vancouver, BC., and Victoria, BC. These cities are the jewels of the northwest. Best of all for some folks---you don't have to get on a plane. It's just smooth sailing and you only have to unpack once.

May 09 - 21 2020 Oberammergau, Imperial Splendors: This is the Passion of Christ Play to eclipse them all. It only happens once every TEN YEARS – so if you dilly or dally—you are out of luck for another decade. You will also visit these wonderful cities: Munich, Prague, Budapest, Vienna, Salzburg.

July 30 - Aug 7 2020 US and Canada National Parks: No mountains, glaciers, lakes, forests are more beautiful and so easy to get to. You will never forget this vacation. It's breathtakingly beautiful!

October 2020 Tuscany, Cinque Terre & Italian Riviera: These places are loaded with beauty, history and are the regions from which many of our families came – go see your relatives and perhaps your family's old home town!

There are brochures for all the vacations offered available at the SIR meetings or call Tom Rushing. Reservation forms are located on the backs of the brochures with instruction about how to proceed with your well-deserved vacation. Contact Tom Rushing at 209-772-3485 or e-mail bevrushing@aol.com

MONTHLY REPORT FOR July 2019

Total Members:	147
Active Members:	141
Inactive Members:	6
Present Members:	60
Excused Members:	45
Unexcused Members:	36
Missing Badges:	1
Percent Present:	43%
Percent YTD:	61%

NEXT LUNCHEON MEETING

Thursday, August 1, 2019*

****(Special Event –Ladies Appreciation Day—Italian Picnic Grounds—4pm)***

The Branch Executive Committee meets on the first Thursday of the month in the American Legion Ambulance Training Room at 9:30 a.m. All interested members of SIRs are invited to attend.

For a ride to the luncheon meetings you may contact:
From Amador City, Drytown, Plymouth and Fiddletown area:

- Dee Davis—Phone 245-6180
- From Pine Grove/Pioneer area:
- Guy Garner—Phone 295-7027

12 Month Calendar of Lunch Menus—2019

(All meals include Salad, Coffee and Desert)

January

Pork loin
Baked potatoes
Fresh veggies

February

Chicken with a
teriyaki glaze
Rice pilaf
Fresh veggies

March

Corn beef and
cabbage
Mashed potatoes
with gravy
Fresh veggies

April

Ham
Au gratin potatoes
Fresh veggies

May

Pork Carnitas(slow
cooked), Mexican rice,
refried beans, corn salad
Flour tortillas-sour cream-
green onions-Picante sauce-
cheddar cheese

June

Roast top sirloin
Mashed potatoes with gravy
Fresh veggies

July

Cheeseburgers
Pasta salad
Corn on the cob

August

Special Menu TBD
Meeting held at Italian
Picnic Grounds

September

Meatloaf
Mashed potatoes with
gravy
Fresh veggies

October

Chicken-fried steak
Au gratin potatoes
Fresh veggies

November

Turkey
Mashed Potatoes with
gravy
Fresh veggies

December

Baked Chicken
Roasted red potatoes
Fresh veggies

FISHING DERBY 2019

225 PARTICIPANTS!



Leo Quintana
Ronald Huckaby
Bob Silva
William Boos
Charles Sproul
Joe Dyke
Ray Lindstrom

August Birthdays



Arthur Sparks
Jeff Douglass
Phil Pope
Robert Daniels
Chet Larsen
Richard Haislet

SIRS August Roster Changes

Deceased:

Curl, Steve (Susan) #28

e-mail Change:

Medina, Johnny #161
sunsets1947@gmail.com

Resigned:

Silva, Bob #27
209-296-3151

SIRS 15/96 RV Group

We had two more trips in June. The first was to Ashland, Oregon, (June 11-16), where seven rigs (14 RV'ers) enjoyed a Shakespeare play, golf, boating and the fun of enjoying dinner and drinking together. Thanks to Mike and Phyllis Pisano for being the Trail Bosses. The second trip was to Carson City, Nevada to stay at the Carson Valley Inn RV Park (June 23-28). Thanks for being the Trail bosses to John and Adelle Arnold. A great time was had by 15 rigs (30 RV'ers) taking the train to Virginia City for a day of site seeing, eating and shopping. Golf and of course, a visit to the casino was also part of the eventful trip. Lots of time spent enjoying the area and the many things to do.

The next trip is in September to the Oroville area and there is already big sign-up. Anyone interested in joining the RV group is welcome. Contact Ray Lindstrom at 223-1444.



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