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LUNCHEON INFORMATION

FEB 2024

The Gateway Chapter 169

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**FEBRUARY LUNCHEON
LADIES DAY EVENT**

- WHEN:** Tuesday, February 13, 2024
- WHERE:** PARDINIS CATERING, Shaw and Van Ness Ave
- TIME:** Social Hour 1100-1200, Lunch 1200
- COST:** Members/Guests: \$25.00, Annual Dues \$20.00
- SPEAKER:** Mr and Mrs Wayne Scott, (Abe Lincoln/ Mary Todd Impersonators)
- MENU:** Fish, Chicken or Chef Salad



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BIG SIR COMMENTS

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February is not only Presidents weekend, but Valentine's Day. Because we were at Piccadilly last year we weren't able to have Mother's Day as we normally do. So this year we are having Valentine's Day luncheon with your favorite gal. Don't forget to include your date when your caller contacts you.

I received a note from the Sir's State Organization and was informed that the Son's In Retirement Foundation is being dissolved. Although we have never donated to this as a club, some of you may have donated on your own. If so, I am sure the State Organization has contacted you. If not, this is a short note to let you know that any donations received after November 22, 2023 will be returned. Donations prior to that will be used to benefit all the Sir's Branches.

Here is hoping you have a great President's weekend, oh yes, and a great Valentine's Day with your favorite gal.

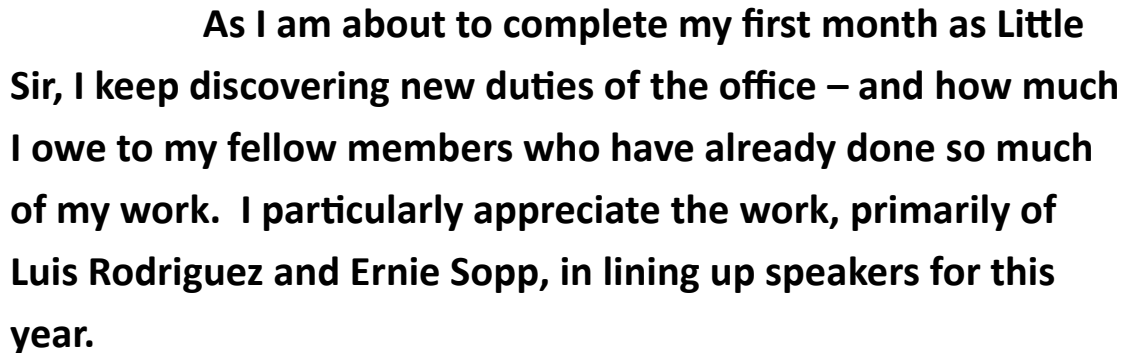
Ernie Sopp, Big Sir



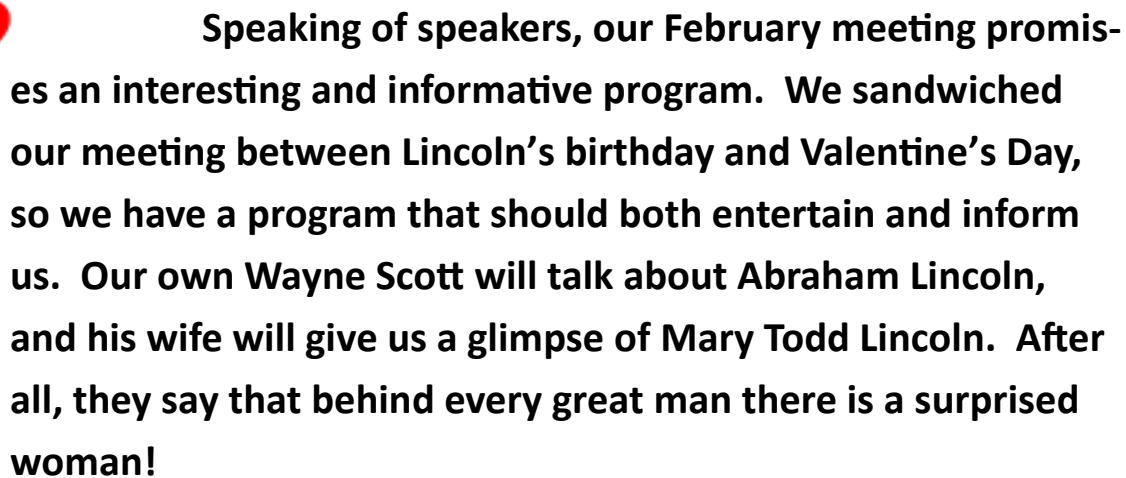
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LITTLE SIR COMMENTS

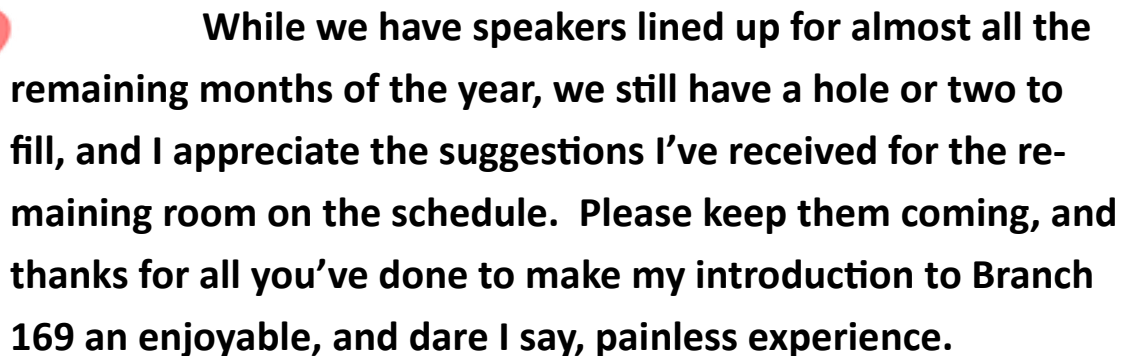
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As I am about to complete my first month as Little Sir, I keep discovering new duties of the office – and how much I owe to my fellow members who have already done so much of my work. I particularly appreciate the work, primarily of Luis Rodriguez and Ernie Sopp, in lining up speakers for this year.



Speaking of speakers, our February meeting promises an interesting and informative program. We sandwiched our meeting between Lincoln's birthday and Valentine's Day, so we have a program that should both entertain and inform us. Our own Wayne Scott will talk about Abraham Lincoln, and his wife will give us a glimpse of Mary Todd Lincoln. After all, they say that behind every great man there is a surprised woman!



While we have speakers lined up for almost all the remaining months of the year, we still have a hole or two to fill, and I appreciate the suggestions I've received for the remaining room on the schedule. Please keep them coming, and thanks for all you've done to make my introduction to Branch 169 an enjoyable, and dare I say, painless experience.

John Eleazarian, Little SIR





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TREASURERS REPORT

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January 2024 Treasurers Report

Valentine's Day

Beginning CB Balance:	\$ 8,345.78
Income:	\$ 3,959.00
Expenses:	\$ 2,894.70
Ending CB Balance:	\$ 9,410.08
Petty Cash:	\$ 100.00
Ending Total Bal:	\$ 9,510.08





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SECRETARY REPORT

The Gateway Chapter 169

SIR 169 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES Date: January 9, 2024

Big SIR called the meeting to order at 10:35 am

ATTENDING: John Eleazarian; Duane Evans; Jim Forden; Ted Fox; Jim Hiney; Bob Large; Nick Lopez; Bernie Hollenbeck; Luis Rodriguez; Ernie Sopp

Guest(s): None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: MSC Approve and accept the Minutes as submitted.

BIG SIR REPORT: 1) Ernie Sopp reported that he had a copy of the catering contract for 2024 to deliver to Pardinis. 2) Relayed that he had received an email from Carl Mason of State SIR which explained that going forward into 2024 that an increase in the quarterly assessment to the chapters will be set at the amount calculated for the first quarter of the year and continue at that amount for each of the remaining quarters of the year. Previously, the assessment amount was set based on the membership reported at the end of each quarter. For each chapter the approach would result in the lowering of the assessment chapter's assessment when it reported a drop in membership and an increase in the assessment of a chapter which had reported an increase in its membership. It was explained that this change in calculation of the assessments was necessitated the fact that the costs of operation had increased while there had been drops in membership statewide. Ted Fox made a motion, seconded, discussed and passed that Big SIR send an email to Mr. Mason with a copy to our regional representative, Bruce Corwin. The message to be transmitted from Chapter 169 questioned the basis for the assessment change; particularly, without a more detailed explanation of the financial circumstances which prompted the action and the notion that the chapters, who through active recruitment, were increasing membership, should be bearing the shortfall caused by the chapters who were losing membership. 3) Ernie reported that John Dehn had notified the Board that due to health issues, he is resigning from the Board. 4) Following up on an issue that he and Luis Rodriguez have been addressing as the Program Committee, Ernie reported that Paul Ogden, an emeritus professor from Fresno State, will be presenting the luncheon program for November of this year.

LITTLE SIR REPORT: New to his new post as Little SIR. John Eleazarian accepted the charge of locating a qualified member to fill John Dehn's position on the Board.

SECRETARY REPORT: Jim Forden reported that there are currently 167 members on the Roster of our chapter.



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SECRETARY REPORT (cont)

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TREASURE'S REPORT: Nick Lopez: 1) Reported that after posting of revenues in the amount of \$3,691.00, and expenditures of \$3,789.58, there is a balance of \$8,245.48 in the SIR 169 checking account plus \$100.00 of Petty Cash. 2) Nick will be contacting Larry Zander to arrange for the annual audit of our accounts.

ACTIVITIES: On behalf of Ed Dorn, who will not be at the meeting today, Jim Hiney reported that the Couples Dine out group will be going to Georges Restaurant this coming Thursday evening.

MEMBERSHIP: In the role of Membership Chairman, Jim Hiney reported that Dennis Beal, who attended the luncheon in November and has been approved for membership, will be inducted into the Chapter if he attends today's luncheon.

SUNSHINE REPORT: Bernie Hollenbeck reported that: 1) It is anticipated that a total of 100 will be attending today's luncheon. 2) Russell Mott currently is in a support facility do to medical issues and should be kept in our thoughts and prayers.

OLD BUSINESS: The Board briefly discussed the recurring problem of non-participation by members who are on the Active Roster, but not attending our luncheons and in a number of cases not responding to our efforts to contact them. Proposed that once again, through our attendance lists, caller reports and efforts to deliver the Newsletter, develop a listing of those who are not actively participating, that action be taken to notify these men directly, that they are being dropped from membership.

Adjourned at 11:15 am

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Jim Forden, Secretary

Minutes of the Board meeting are not finalized until approved at the following Board Meeting. Corrections and Changes to the newsletter should be forwarded to Jim Forden prior to the November meeting.



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BRANCH INFORMATION

The Gateway Chapter 169

SIR 169 Executive Board and Committee Chairman

SIR 169 Executive Board

Big SIR
Ernie Sopp



Little SIR
John



Secretary
Jim Forden



Asst. Secty
Luis Rodriguez



Treasurer
Nick Lopez



Asst. Treas
Duane Evans



**Activities
Chairman**
Ed Dorn



**Newsletter
Editor**
Ted Fox



**Bernie
Hollenbeck**



**Frank Bavaro
Director**



**Jim Hiney
Director**



**Bob Large
Director**



**Doug Nowlin
Director**



**Manny Contino
Director**



**Paul Dehn
Director**



**John Eleazarian
Director**



**Sunshine
Chairman**

**Biz SIR
2023**

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CALLERS



Dave Hoffman 374-5622, Bob Lung 252-1483, Ted Fox 298-3179,
Bob Large 227-7136, Anthony Noia 492-1848, Jim Peterson 897-5595,
Bernie Hollenbeck 291-7625, Brian Ohde 255-5249, Tom Wider 760-2669
Ken Meyers 297-0567, Bill Prince 940-0779, Don Beauregard 431-4866,
Gerald Stoltenberg 289-9287, Rob Saulsbury 285-7985, Les Saywell 434-4580,
Keith Herzog 439-0986, Thomas Schab 960-9377

Branch Website: SIR169.org

State Website: SIRINC.org

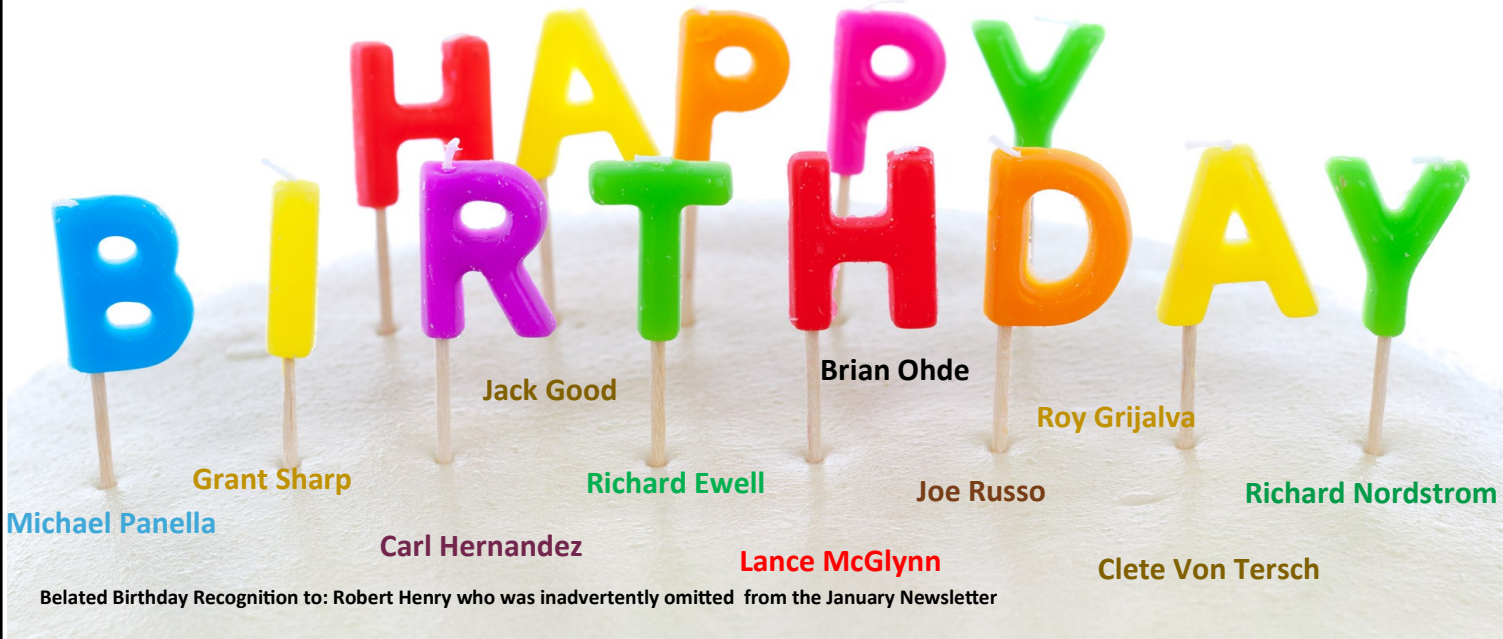


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IMPORTANT FEBRUARY EVENTS

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FEBRUARY



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES



GEORGE AND CAROL FINNEY
 JAMES AND TERESA MARIO
 ERNEST AND GRACE REYES
 RON AND MARCIE SILVA
 AND ALL OTHER COUPLES CELEBRATING
 A FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARY



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ACTIVITIES

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Golf: Complete results and the current schedule can be found on the golf web page: <https://sirgcare29br169.memberplanet.com>

NCGA Dues: Your NCGA dues are now due. If you are renewing, the cost is \$55 payable to "Sirs 169 Golf". You can bring a check to the luncheon or mail it to Ed Dorn at 10418 N. Sinclair Cr., Fresno, CA. 93730

February Schedule:

Dan Lindsrom is the host for February

Feb 6 th	Tues	9:00	Airways	Cha Cha Cha
Feb 20 th	Tues	9:00	Madera Muni	4 Man 2bb
Feb 27 th	Tues	8:30	Riverside	Lone Ranger

Thank you to Jackie Lovato for hosting in January.



Couples Nite Out

The next Couple's Nite Out dinner will be on February 15th at 6:00 at the Palms Restaurant located on 7550 N. Palm Ave., Fresno. Contact Ed Dorn or sign up at the February luncheon for this fun event.

Date-Nite: 3rd Wednesday

Contact Manny Contino for more information

Sirs Diners: 2nd Wednesday

Contact Marshall Goodwin for more information



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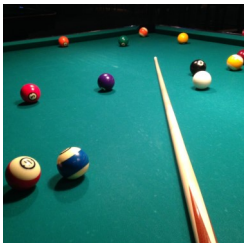
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Poker Groups

1. Formerly Br 169 group. Contact Ed Dorn, Jim Hiney or Ted Fox if you are interested in joining this poker group. We currently play once a month, the Wednesday following the luncheon, rotating houses. Light snacks and beverages supplied by the host. Time: 1 pm to 4 pm . Contact us at the monthly luncheon.
2. Formerly Br 179 group, aka. The SIR George Lane Memorial Poker Group usually plays once a month, on the 4th Wednesday of the month. We rotate houses and the host is responsible for providing a light lunch, snacks and beverages. Time 1200 pm to 300 pm. Let Chairman Richard Ewell know at richarde37@gmail.com if you are interested.



Pool Group

The pool players now meet for **BREAKFAST** at 9:00am on Thursdays at the Windham Retirement Home, followed by a few brisk rounds of pool at the same location. All members are welcome, skilled or novice. For more details, call Chairman Richard Ewell at 432-7601.



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BRANCH YEARLY GOLF SCHEDULE

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SIR 169 Golf Schedule

2024 January thru June

Ed Dorn, Golf Chairman
edorn@att.net 977-0779

SIR 169 Golf 2024 Schedule

Mick Carrera, Pairing
mick_carrera@hotmail.com 291-207

Date	Time	Course	Format	Chairman/Phone	E-Mail Address
JANUARY					
Jan 2, Tues	8:00	Dragon Fly	4 Man 2bb	Jackie Lovato 307-9032	jl_lovato@yahoo.com
Jan 16, Tues	9:00	Riverside	Flighted	Jackie Lovato	
Jan 23 Tues	10:00	Ridge Creek	Cha Cha Cha	Jackie Lovato	
Jan 30 Tues	10:00	Madera CC	Scrambles	Jackie Lovato	
FEBRUARY					
Feb 6, Tues	9:00	Airways	Cha Cha Cha	Dan Lindstom	dlindstrom.12951@gmail.com
Feb 20 Tues	9:00	Madera Muni	4 Man 2bb	Dan Lindstom	
Feb 27, Tues	8:30	Riverside	Lone Ranger	Dan Lindstom	
MARCH					
Mar 5, Tues	9:00	Airways	2 Man bb	Don Laines 908-5441	lainesf@comcast.net
Mar 19 Tues	9:00	Madera CC	Scrambles	Don Laines	
Mar 26, Tues	9:00	Madera Muni	Cha Cha Cha	Don Laines	
APRIL					
April 2, Tues	9:00	Ridge Creek	4man 2bb	Jim Peterson 304-0100	jimmargpeterson@yahoo.com
Apr 16, Tues	8:00	Riverside	Cha Cha Cha	Jim Peterson	
Apr 23, Tues	9:00	Pheasant Run	4man 2bb	Jim Peterson	
April 30, Tues	8:00	Dragon Fly	4man 2bb	Jim Peterson	
MAY					
May 7 Tues	8:00	Airways	Lone Ranger	Brian Ohde	ohdefamily@hotmail.com
May 21, Tues	9:00	Valley Oaks	Shambles	Brian Ohde	
May 28 Tues	9:00	Lemoore	2man bb	Brian Ohde	
JUNE					
June 4 Tues	8:00	Madera Muni	Cha Cha Cha	Ken Myers	
June 13, Thurs	8:00	Belmont	Scrambles	Ken Myers	
June 18, Tues	9:00	River Creek-Oakhurst	2man bb	Ken Myers	kmyers654@aol.com
June 25 Tues	8:00	Dragon Fly	4man 2bb	Ken Myers	



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July thru Dec 2024

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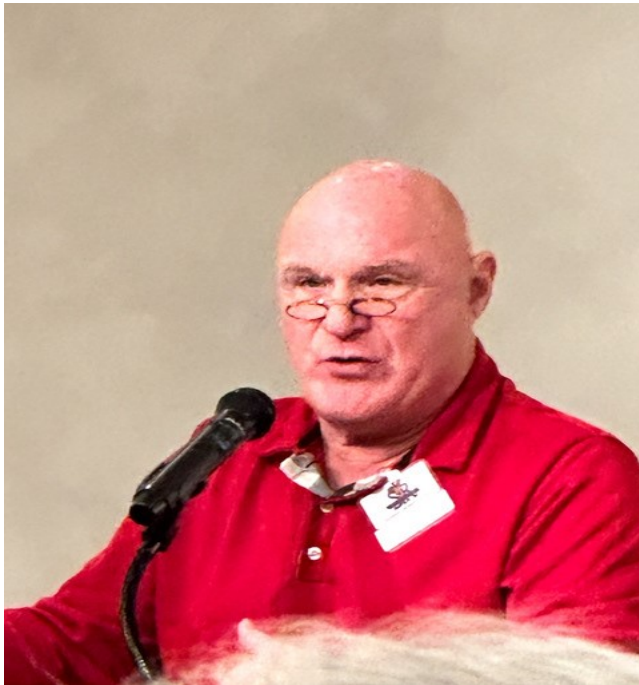
July 2, Tues	8:00	Ridge Creek	Lone Ranger	Joe Russo	jrr.12@sbcglobal.net
July 16, Tues	8:00	Madera CC	Scrambles	Joe Russo	
July 23, Tues	8:00	Pheasant Run	Straight golf	Joe Russo	
July 30, Tues	8:00	Riverside	4man 2bb	Joe Russo	
AUGUST					
August 6, Tues	8:00	Airways	Lone Ranger	Nick Lopez	nicklopez741@yahoo.com
Aug 20, Tues	8:00	Madera Muni	Cha Cha Cha	Nick Lopez	
Aug 27 Tues	9:00	Lemoore	flighted	Nick Lopez	
SEPTEMBER					
Sept 3, Tues	8:00	Dragon Fly	4man 2bb	Duane Oberquell	d.oberquell@comcast.net
Sept 12, Thurs	8:00	Belmont	Scrambles		
Sept 17, Tues	8:00	Ridge Creek	Cha Cha Cha	Duane Oberquell	
Sept 24, Tues	8:30	Riverside	4man 2bb	Duane Oberquell	
OCTOBER					
Oct 1, Tues	9:00	Airways	Cha Cha Cha	Richard Lara	rlara0505@comcast.net
Oct 15 Tues	9:00	Madera CC	Scrambles	Richard Lara	
Oct 22, Tues	10:00	Rivercreek-Oakhurst	4man 2bb	Richard Lara	
Oct 29 Tues	8:00	Dragon Fly	Shambles	Richard Lara	
NOVEMBER					
Nov 5 Tues	9:00	Madera Muni	Flighted	Roy Grijalva	roysgrijalva@msn.com
Nov 19, Tues	9:00	Airways	4man 2bb	Roy Grijalva	
Nov 26, Tues	9:00	Pheasant Run	4man 2bb	Roy Grijalva	
DECEMBER					
Dec 3, Tues	8:00	Dragon Fly	Cha Cha Cha	Dave Dinsdale 301-4477	getover50@comcast.net
Dec 17, Tues	9:00	Riverside	Lone Ranger	Dave Dinsdale	
Dec 31, Tues	9:00	Airways	Scrambles	Dave Dinsdale	
Branch Championship Best 3 our of 4 events					
Please check in 30 minutes prior to tee time					
Note: Belmont is tentative (waiting for their approval)					



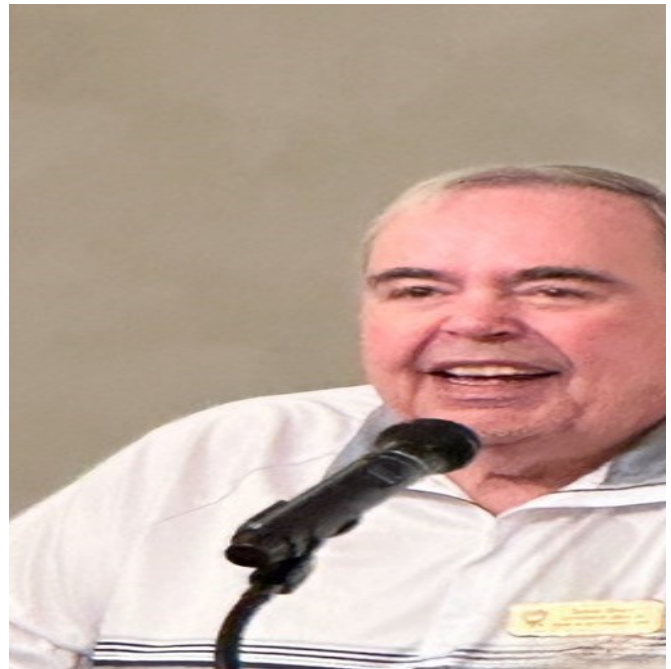
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JANUARY LUNCHEON PHOTOS

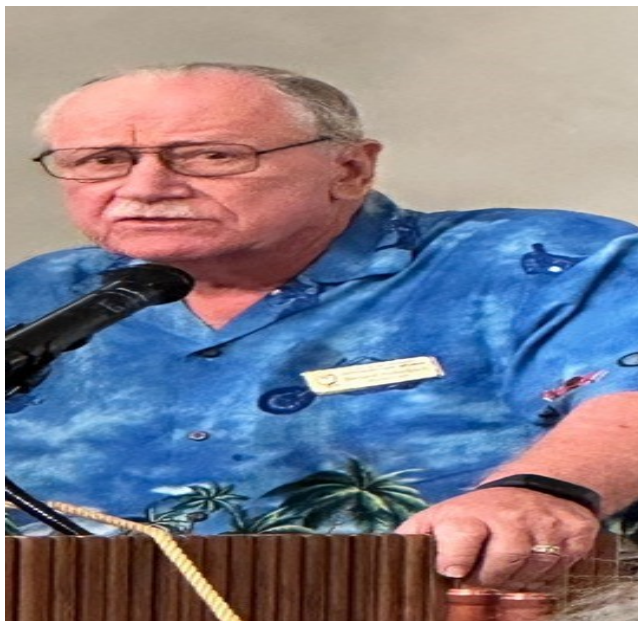
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BIG SIR—ERNIE SOPP



JIM HINEY— COMMITTEE REPORTS



BERNIE HOLLENBECK— COMMITTEE REPORTS



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JANUARY LUNCHEON PHOTOS

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WINE WINNERS

RANDY BUSHORE



JOHN NOLL



DON LAINES





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JANUARY LUNCHEON PHOTOS

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50/50 WINNERS

HOWARD JONES



RAY MONTAG



BERNARD SANKEY





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DECEMBER LUNCHEON PHOTOS

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JANUARY BIRTHDAY BOYS



SAM BEGLIN

ROBERT HENRY

BILL PRINCE

NICK LOPEZ

FREANK GONZALES

Ernie

Free Lunch winner