



SIR

JULY 2026

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JULY LUNCHEON INFORMATION

- WHEN:** TUESDAY July 14, 2026
- WHERE:** Pardini's Catering
- TIME:** BEC Mtg 1030 , 1100 Social Hour, 1200 Lunch
- COST:** Lunch \$25.00, Guests \$25.00
- GUEST ENT/SPKR:** Warren Armstrong, Newscaster
- MENU:** Meat Lasagna, Chicken, Chef Salad. And if you have other Dietary requirement, please let your caller know so that arrangements can be made.

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BIG SIR JULY MESSAGE

Happy July. I hope all are planning to have a great 4th. We salute all of our vets who participated in making the United State the great country it is.

There are a couple of members we still need information on: (1) Dale Zanovich and (2) Ron Pistacchio. We need phone numbers, date of births and former business to complete the roster. If you have any information please give it to Bill.

There is not a lot to report. Some officers will be participating in zoom meetings and the BEC will get an update. Also, a great thanks to Bill Prince who has worked diligently with Jim Forden and Nick Lopez to solidify our membership and take control of our callers. Bill has purged all non-members from our rolls. We now have an active membership of 128 paid members.

Also, remember if you do not want to have your picture taken for the newsletter, just let us know.

Happy 4th and see everyone at the luncheon.

Ernie Sopp, Big SIR

On the following Page there is a list of Statewide Activities currently be offered. , If you are interested In any of these events, please contact the indicated host.

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BIG SIR JULY MESSAGE

SIR State Happenings:

Investment common Wednesday, 7/22 at 1:30. Contact Micheal Levine for zoom link- Michael.levine@sncglobal.n

Travel: 10/23-11/8 16 Night Hawaiian Island Cruise. Contact John@storageauctionexperts.com

11/27-12/8 6 night Danube River Cruise Christmas markets. Contact bill.britton@comcast.net

Croatia, Montenegro, Bosnia, Herzegovina and Slovenia. Needs to be filled by Aug. 14, 2026!!!

Contact Milt Smith at miltsmith549@gmail.com

Fishing:

7/7- Delta for Black Bass and Stripers.

7/14- Oakley Antioch Pier for Striped bass

7/14- S.F. Bay for Shark, Stripers, halibut

7/16- S.F. Bay for Halibut and Striper

7/19-24 - Port Hardy, Vancouver Island Canada for Salmon and Halibut.

7/28- Delta for Black Bass and Striper

Golf will be sent out through Ed Dorn.

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Treasures Report

Beginning Balance	\$ 5,535.33
Income	\$ 2,242.06
Expenses	\$ 2,408.31
Ending Checkbook Bal	\$ 5,369.08
Petty Cash	\$ 100.00
Total Balance	\$ 5,469.08

Treasures report subject to final approval at the next monthly BEC meeting.

Membership Report

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SECRETARY REPORT

SIR 169 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES Date: June 9,2026

Big SIR called the meeting to order at 10:25 amATTENDING: Frank Bavarro; Ed Dorn; Ray Escobar; Jim Forden; Ted Fox; Bernie Hollenbeck; Bob Large; Nick Lopez; Jackie Lovato; Bill Prince; Luis Rodriguez; Ernie Sopp; Roger Stewart

Guests: Jackie Loupito

BIG SIR REPORT: Big Sir, Ernie Sopp: 1) Reminded State SIR is requiring that the members of SIR, are required to sign and submit Conflict of Interest Forms. Please complete and return to Big SIR. 2) August is the time when we need to establish of slate of candidates for the principal Chapter officers for next year. 3) Having failed to obtain a speaking commitment from the people at the AIR Museum at Castle Ernie suggests that we drop pursuing that effort. 4). An announcement will be made at the meeting today, with a request that any member who objects to having his picture taken, notify the Big SIR to receive a copy of the Form 66 to sign.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: MSC to approve as submitted.

LITTLE SIR REPORT: On behalf of Larry Row, who is not as yet able to attend our meetings, Ray Escobar reported that today's luncheon speaker will be Lisa Bell who heads up the Life Learning Program at Fresno State. (It was mentioned that due to Larry's extended recovery from his medical issues, Ray may have to serve in Larry's stead for the remainder of this year.)

SECRETARY REPORT: Jim Forden deferred to the Registrar, Bill Prince. Bill reported that we have a total of 126 active members in our Chapter.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Nick Lopez: 1) Reported that after posting of Income in the amount of \$3,397.00 for the month of May 2026, with Expenses for the month totalling \$3,736.7, there is a balance of \$5,535.33, in the check book. The Total Cash Available is \$5,635.33, which includes \$100 of Petty Cash.

ACTIVITIES: Ed Dorn: 1) Announced that the next Golf Outing will be at Sherwood Forest GC on Tuesday. 2) On Wednesday, June 17th, Date Night will be going to the Phoenician Gardens Restaurant. SIR Diners will be meeting at a private residence of one of our members (contact Don Lean for info); and Couples Night Out will be dining at Phoenician Gardens, this Thursday night, June 11th

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SECRETARY REPORT, cont'd

MEMBERSHIP: Jackie Lovato reported that Vince Castenada continues to be waiting for induction, which will occur at the next luncheon meeting.

SUNSHINE: Bernie Hollenbeck reported that: 1) The signup for today's luncheon is 85; 2) The following members have been experiencing medical issues and need to be kept in our thoughts and prayers: Larry Rowe (home recovering and expected to return to our Chapter activities soon; Dave Hoffman has experienced some heart related issue; Doug Nowland and Chic Threlfall are home attending to some serious issues as well.

NEW BUSINESS: Big SIR reminds that our catering contract with Pardinis will be coming up for renewal soon and negotiations should be conducted in early August.

OLD BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNED 11:05 am

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Jim Forden, Secretary

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Branch Information

2026 Board Members

Big SIR: Ernie Sopp

Little SIR: Larry Rowe (LOA)

Secretary: Jim Forden

Treasurer: Nick Lopez

Membership: Jackie Lovato

Activities: Ed Dorn

Bill Prince: Roster/Callers

Ted Fox: Newsletter

Luis Rodriquez: Asst Secretary

Duane Evans: Asst Treasurer

Bernie Hollenbeck: Sunshine

Bob Large: Director

Roger Stewart: Director

Frank Bavaro: Director

Ray Escobar: Interm Little SIR

Branch Website:

SIR169.org

State Website:

SIRINC.org

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JULY BIRTHDAYS

ROBERT BOEHRINGER

MIKE CASTLE

GEORGE FINNEY

BILL GEORGE

RON JOHNSON

DAN LINSTROM

TERRY MALANG

ROBERT MCCOLLISTER

ADAM RODRIQUEZ

BERNARD SANKEY

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

ROBERT AND BILLIE JO AMATO

STANLEY AND NANCY BUSCH

JIM AND CONNIE CRANE

DUANE AND SHARLENE EVANS

HARRY AND JUDY JOHNSON

BERNARD AND SANDRA SANKEY

TOM AND CINDY THOMAS

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JULY ACTIVITIES REPORT

GOLF

Golf:

July 7th Tues 9:00 River Cree-Oakhurst 2manbb

July 16th Thurs 8:00 Madera CC Scrambles

July 21st Tues 8:00 Pheasant Run Straight golf

July 28th Tues 8:00 Riverside 4man 2bb

Note: July 28th is the third leg of the Branch Championship

Thank You, Brian Ohde for hosting in June

Joe Russo is hosting in July



Mike Castle received award for shooting a score lower than his age.

DATE NIGHTS

Couples' Nite Out: July 16th

La Kebrada Mexican Restaurant located at Ft. Washington. Dinner at 6:00. Contact Ed Dorn or sign up at the July luncheon.

Sir Diners: 3rd Wednesday, July 15th

Ovidio Italian Restaurant located on Marks Ave. Fresno. Drinks at 5:00. Dinner at 6:00 Contact Don Laines or Tom Lean for more information.

Date-Nite: 3rd Wednesday July 15th

Lazy Dog Restaurant, 7965 N Blackstone Ave. 4:30 pm, Contact Manny at 559-906-9050

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JULYACTIVITIES REPORT

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 snacks and beverages. Time 1200 pm to 300 pm. Contact Chairman Tom Wider at the meeting if you are interested.

POOL

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.

A spin-off group has now established 8:00 am Monday mornings at the new Clovis Senior Center as another opportunity to meet and enjoy a couple of hours of friendly pool. Contact Ted Fox or Ed Dorn or Randy Bushore for information.

PICKLE BALL/OTHER ACTIVITIES

Pickle Ball/ Badminton, Cornhole or Ping Pong
Friday at Break the Barriers (Cedar and Teague)

Time 8:30 to 10:00

Contact Jackie Lovato, Don Laines or Larry Rowe for more information

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June Photo Gallery



Lisa Bell, June's Guest Speaker

50/50 winners



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JUNE WINE WINNERS

