



# Rooster Talk

Little Hills Branch 147

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[sirinc2.org/branch/147](http://sirinc2.org/branch/147)  
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**BIG SIR**  
**Mark Quam**



Live Longer, Live Happier, Join SIR



Dear Members,

As we gather for the upcoming December SIRS Holiday Luncheon, I extend warm seasonal greetings to each of you. Let's celebrate the spirit of the holidays and reflect on the accomplishments of the past year. Your dedication is truly commendable, and I look forward to a joyous and successful year ahead.

Warm regards,

**Mark**

**DON'T FORGET TO MAIL YOUR HOLIDAY PARTY RESERVATION (AND MEAL SELECTION) IN BY THE END OF NOVEMBER (11/31). (See Page 5)**



## SIR Holiday Party



Tuesday, December 12, 2023  
Petaluma Elks Club  
Noon – No-host Cocktails  
1:00 PM – Lunch is served

**(PICTURES FROM WARREN PAYNE & TONY ESTES)**



Big SIR Mark Quam with the Branch 147 Board of Directors and Officers



Big SIR Mark Quam before introducing our November guest speaker.

**NO NEED TO  
CALL IN FOR  
THE DECEMBER  
“HOLIDAY  
PARTY”. WE  
WILL HAVE  
ORDERED A  
MEAL FOR YOU  
ONLY IF YOU  
RETURNED THE  
PAPERWORK**

**THE MENU**

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>ENTREE</u>
July	BBQ Pulled Pork
August	Herb Roasted Chicken with Potatoes and Corn
September	BBQ @ Elks
October	Pork Sirloin Roast with Scallop Potatoes
November	Classic Turkey Dinner
 December	Holiday Party Menu

**WE HAVE ORDERED A MEAL FOR YOU!!!!**

A member is required to attend one-half of the regular Branch monthly luncheon meetings within the previous twelve consecutive month period. Our SIR Board can grant attendance relief to a member who is unable to attend a luncheon due to a prolonged illness, acting as a care giver to a family member or an extended absence from the Branch locale. Should a member plan to miss a luncheon, **then it is their responsibility to call-in ahead of time** so that there will not be a meal planned for them. *Please call at least two (2) days in advance when you cannot attend a luncheon (Sunday by noon). Calling later than that does not give time to cancel meals. Call 707-789-1071 anytime...it is a VoiceMail that does not “ring” anywhere.*

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## **Computer & Smartphone Group**

**From the Magic Keyboard of SIR Mike Burwen**

**This group will meet again in January 2024 @ the Petaluma Senior Center**

**There will not be a meeting of this Group in December. The Group will restart its meetings in January.**





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## Menu

### First Course

Classic Caesar Salad – Romaine, shaved parmesan

Garlic croutons

Artisan Breadbasket

### Main Event

Guest Choice of

French Cut Mary's Chicken Breast, cranberry  
gastrique sauce, or

Beef Bourignon, braised red wine, pearl  
onions, and cremini mushrooms

Served with

Buttermilk Mashed Yukon Golds and  
Farm Stand Vegetables Sauté



### Dessert

Chocolate Cake with Peppermint Whipped Cream

Coffee and tea Service



ORDER FORM **\$30.00 per person**



Please Mail by November 30, 2023 to Nino Cerruti, 313 Ridgeview Drive, Petaluma, CA 94952

Make checks payable to SIR BRANCH #147. Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Circle one: Chicken Beef

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Happy  
Holidays!



Birthdays

2023 December Birthdays	
Michael Blume	1943
Frank Dettling	1928
Thomas Hampton	1941
Lynn Kaul	1950
Warren Payne	1957



Anniversaries

2023 December Anniversaries	
Stuart & Sela Nissenbaum	1972

No Speaker in December

Our Speaker In January/24



Mike Burwen  
Arranged by Mike Burwen

Mike has been involved with SIR for several years and has contributed in many ways including becoming Big SIR, Secretary, hosting the Computer and Smartphone Club, etc. He is currently filling in as Little SIR until the end of the year.

Mike's presentation at the meeting will be about Artificial Intelligence (A.I.).



# TRAVEL



## 2023 TRAVEL

Petaluma SIR Branch 58 has a Travel Chairman, and he is planning trips. He is looking for ideas

Please send your ideas to him. He is looking for YOUR ideas (day trips, etc.).

His name is: Bruce Scheibach  
His email is: Bscheibach@aol.com

### WHAT DO "DUES" DO? "WHAT GOOD DO THEY DO?" MORE BELOW.....

Each year, in January, our SIR branch requests that each member make a voluntary contribution for the coming year. These contributions are termed "Dues" and cover the cost of some very important activities within our SIR branch.

For 2024, our dues will be \$30.00. As many of you know (or remember) these are requested at the start of the year during the initial lunches. Please bring a check or extra cash to cover your dues to the January meeting. If you miss that meeting, then you can pay at the next meeting you attend.

Here are the kinds of things that your dues for 2024 will cover:

- Printing and mailing the Newsletters for those that get it by mail
- Support for assessments from our State SIR organization which provides our branch important items like "Insurance" for all of our events as well as other constructive items.
- Cost offsets for special events like our Ladies Day and Holiday Luncheons.
- Cost offsets to cover those SIR members that do not call in to cancel their lunch
- Free lunches for our guests and guest speakers.
- Free lunches for our monthly "Birthday drawing"
- Free lunches for each SIR on their 90<sup>th</sup> birthday
- Helps offset some of the cost of our lunches so that we pay less for them each week.
- And other items like the yearly printing of the SIR Roster that you will receive at the next SIR Luncheon.

You are invited to contribute to cover these expenses. Contributions can be made at the beginning of the year or at each of the monthly meetings. **The current contribution for 2024 is \$30.00 starting in January 2024.**

**November 14, 2023 Attendance**

Membership	70
Members Attended	39
Total Attendance	40
Actual Paid Meals	50
Called for Meals	50
Paid for Missed Meals	0
Called in Not Attending	11
Excused	9
Unexcused	10
Removed	0
Added	0
Guests	1
Speaker	1
Visitors	0

The Speaker was a member.



**POKER CLUB**

SIR has a Poker Club. We play once a month. If you have an interest, then contact Al McLaughlin (amclau500@gmail.com) 707-999-8550



**BOCCE BALL:**

Bocce Ball will be on Hiatus until the Spring weather arrives.

In the meantime, please enjoy this picture from a “high rivalry” game in the past.

..Richard Zanotti



**NON-RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION:**

All activities arranged for or by, or sponsored by, Sons in Retirement, Incorporated, and its Branches, are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate.

Sons in Retirement, and its Branches do not assume any responsibility for well being or safety of the participants or their property, in any matters pertaining to said activities.





## December

4th. P.G.&C.C. 7:50

11th. ROOSTER RUN 9:00

18th. FOXTAIL NO. 10.00

OFF XMAS

OFF NEW YEARS EVE

## January

1st. OFF

8th ROOSTER RUN 9:00

15th. Foxtail North 8;30

22rd. ROOSTER RUN 9:00

30th TUES. BENNETT VALLEY 9:00

## GOLF NEWS – from the Golf Committee

### News from the links:

We are doing a “countdown” of Golf Caddy Jokes in this column. Many may fit you or your game....on our way to Number 1.

Number 3 Golfer: "Do you think it's a sin to play on Sunday?" Caddy: "The way you play, it's a sin on Sunday."  
 Number 4 Golfer: "How do you like my game?" Caddy: "It's very good - personally, I prefer golf."  
 Number 5 Golfer: "Please stop checking your watch all the time. It's too much of a distraction." Caddy: "It's not a watch - it's a compass."  
 Number 6 Golfer: "You've got to be the worst caddy in the world." Caddy: "I don't think so . . . That would be too much of a coincidence."  
 Number 7 Golfer: "Do you think I can get there with a 5 iron?" Caddy: "Eventually."  
 Number 8 Golfer: "Do you think my game is improving?" Caddy: "Yes . . . You miss the ball much closer now."  
 Number 9 Golfer: "I'd move heaven and earth to break 100 on this course." Caddy: "Try heaven, you've already moved most of the earth."  
 Number 10 Golfer: "I think I'm going to drown myself in the lake." Caddy: "Think you can keep your head down that long?"

The Golf Committee: (Mark, Bill, Greg, Joe, Lynn, & Al)

### TOURNAMENT RESULTS – FROM THE WORK OF BILL JOHNS (Payouts via Lynn Kaul)

SIR147 GOLF WINNERS date: 10/31/23 Course: BENNETT VALLEY			SIR147 GOLF WINNERS date: 11-13-23 Course: ROOSTER RL		
	<u>1st Flight (0-25.0 INDEX)</u>	<u>2d Flight (25.1 &amp; UP INDEX)</u>		<u>1st Flight (0-25.0 INDEX)</u>	<u>2d Flight (25.1 &amp; UP INDEX)</u>
CTP	LYNN KAUL – 30'7"	JOE LADELY – 56' 4"	CTP	NONE	JACK SCHIPPER – 15'
LOW NET	DAN BUSCH – 68	WAYNE CLELAND - 76	LOW NET	DAN BUSCH – 72	AL McLAUGHLIN - 70
2d LOW NET	DAVE EINERS – 72	GREG O'BRIEN - 77	2d LOW NET	STU NISSENBAUM – 76	BILL ALLEN - 73

SIR Nino Cerruti, HLM  
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organization at [sirinc.org](http://sirinc.org)

**DATED MATERIAL**  
**December**  
**2023**

**SIR Branch 147**  
**Executive**

**BIG SIR**  
Mark Quam 775-220 8447

**Little SIR**  
Mike Burwen 658-2844

**Secretary**  
Warren Payne 478-5399

**Assistant Secretary**  
(Open)

**Treasurer**  
Nino Cerruti, HLM 762-5187

**Assistant Treasurer**  
Mark Cooper 763-6183

**DIRECTORS**  
Joe Ladely (Past Big SIR) 318-7178  
Bill Allen 763-3332  
Keith Heiden 479-6762  
Greg O'Brien 774-6342  
Mike Burwen 658-2844

**OUR WILLING WORKERS**

**Attendance**  
Frank Ternullo 696-7575

**Bocce Ball**  
Rich Zanotti 763-0553

**Chaplain**  
Richard Bergeron 762-8589  
(Please call the Chaplin to report illnesses)

**Computer & Smart Phone Club**  
Mike Burwen 658-2844

**Newsletter Editor**  
Al McLaughlin 999-8550

**Golf Committee**  
Lynn Kaul – Weekly Course Check-In & Cash Prize Payments  
Bill Johns – Tournament Mgmt. & Handicap Chairman  
Al McLaughlin – Weekly TEE Times  
Greg O'Brien – 2024 Schedule Reser..  
Mark Cooper – Manager Emeritus

**Greeters (To be assigned by the Attendance Chairman)**  
Keith Heiden

**Membership**  
Gary Lassen 696-4833

**Membership Records**  
Nino Cerruti, HLM 762-5187

**Name Tags & Seating**  
(Open)

**Nominating Committee**  
Lead: Greg O'Brien 774-6342

**Photographer**  
Tony Estes 781-9629

**Picnic**  
(Open)

**Poker Club**  
Al McLaughlin 999-8550

**RAMP**  
(Recruitment, Activities, Member Relations, & Publicity)  
Mike Burwen 658-2844

**Travel & Other Activities**  
Open

**Area 8 Representative**  
Rich Zanotti 763-0553

**Contact Information**  
for individuals  
wanting more info.  
about SIRS:

**Phone: 707-780-2086**  
[sir147@sirinc2.org](mailto:sir147@sirinc2.org)

**REGULAR**  
**MEMBERSHIP**  
**MEETINGS** are held on  
the **Second Tuesday of**  
**Each Month**

The Executive  
Committee meets at  
10:00 A.M., Social Hour  
at 11:00 and Lunch  
begins at 12:00. A  
Speaker is normally up  
after lunch.  
Meetings are held at the  
Elks Lodge  
2105 S McDowel Blvd  
Petaluma, CA 94954