

# Rooster's Tale



*Sons in Retirement* – Branch 110

**Meeting January 26, 2026 1705 Manzanita Ave., Chico, CA**

**Luncheon at 11:30 am—Executive Committee at 9:30 am**

**Program:** The January Program will be about **The Iron Canyon Fish Passage Project.**

It will remove a fish passage barrier blocking an adromous fish from accessing Big Chico Creek above Salmon Hole. The results will help increase populations of native fish, including steelhead trout and spring-run Chinook Salmon in Big Chico Creek. This project will result in a healthier, more biodiverse creek that will benefit both the environment and our community.

The speaker will be **Danielle Feulner** who is the Community Engagement Specialist for Chico State's Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve (BCCER). She's a Chico native and a Chico State Alumni who grew up playing in Bidwell Park. She's been working on spreading the word about an exciting project in Upper Park: the Iron Canyon Fish Passage Project.

**Lunch:** **The price of a salad is \$18. The price of lunch is still \$20.**

Lunch Menu	Lunch Attendance Communication
<b>Meatloaf</b> with gravy, mashed potatoes, veggies and garlic bread. Dessert will be a surprise.	It is important to communicate whether you will participate in the <b>January 26<sup>th</sup></b> luncheon. <b><u>Please respond to the survey</u></b> , but if you could not do the survey, and <b><u>if you WILL attend</u></b> , contact Rocky Rockwell at 530-961-3418 or Dave Jones at 530-895-1022. <b>by 6:01 pm on Wednesday, January 21.</b>



**Big Sir Message:** Dear Bidwell Branch members, Welcome to 2026! I'm looking forward to seeing the programs Randy Benson and his team have arranged. The Program Team is one part of our branch, there are a lot of other volunteers who keep us going and Al and I thank you for your help. Look for an emphasis on building out our volunteer teams to keep our group moving along. *Jose.*

**Please check out our website for regular updates.**

**Branch 110 Website:** <http://www.branch110.sirinc2.org>

**Webmaster: Ron Braziel**

## 2026 Branch Executive Committee (BEC)

**This Committee is still subject to change.**




<b>Big Sir: Jose Lopez</b>		<b>Little Sir: Al Romero</b>
<b>Secretary: Bob Dinger</b>	<b>Asst. Sec.: Dave Rush</b>	<b>Database Mgr: Rocky Rockwell</b>
<b>Treasurer: Rich Utter</b>	<b>Asst. Treas.: Charles Staser</b>	<b>Parliamentarian: Ken Edson</b>
<b>Director: Joe Navarro (3<sup>rd</sup> term)</b>	<b>Director: Mike Nicholas (3<sup>rd</sup> term)</b>	<b>Director: Jan Loring (2<sup>nd</sup> term)</b>
<b>Director: Mike Gross (2<sup>nd</sup> term)</b>	<b>Director: Dave Jones (2<sup>nd</sup> term)</b>	<b>Director: Dana Davis (1<sup>st</sup> term)</b>

## Health, Memorials and Wisdom

In order to include information about Branch 110 members who have health issues or have passed away, **everyone's assistance is requested**. If you know of a member who has had health issues or has recently died, please notify Don Alger. Let's not miss acknowledging our fellow members.

## SIR 110 Activities

**Please remember that when planning SIR activities, it is critical that approval be obtained from the BEC and have it entered into the minutes for insurance coverage.**

<b>Bowling</b>		No bowling update was reported. <b>Please contact Randy Benson with any questions at 530-513-9815.</b>
<b>Bridge</b>		The Bridge players played last month. No report of any Branch 110 winners was received. They meet weekly on Thursdays at 2750 Sierra Sunrise Terrace in Chico at noon. <b>Call Bob Dinger at 530-892-9063 for information.</b>
<b>Pinochle</b>		The last game of the year winners are: Joe Navarro - 1st; Cindy Heffren - 2nd. Next date for lunch and cards is Wednesday, January 28 <sup>th</sup> , at 11:00 am, at the BCCC. Come join the fun group. <b>Call Joe Navarro at 530-343-0832 with questions.</b>

**Piscatology**

The SIR Fishing group met Thursday January 8<sup>th</sup> at Cozy Diner. In the early monthly meetings of the year we are discussing and working on a schedule for this year's fishing

events. The SIR 110 fishing group meets monthly on the second Thursday of each month at Cozy Diner at 7:00 am. Any SIR member who is interested in our group, is welcome to attend our breakfast meetings. **Contact Dana Davis at 530-570-1687 if you want to know more about the group**

**Hiking**

There is no SIR hike in January. We plan to schedule a hike in February. Until then, we'll see you on the trail and around town.

**For additional information, please contact Rich Utter, Randy Benson or Jim Hertl.**

**Pickleball**

There was no update on future Pickleball activities.

**Jay Hanson can be reached at [jbirdhanson1@gmail.com](mailto:jbirdhanson1@gmail.com)**

**Wood Working**

Due to a lack of participation, there are no longer regular meetings. If someone has a project that needs a little help, call Craig Lindquist at 530-898-8483 or Bill Gebhardt at 530-879-0429 for more information.

**History**

There was no report of any plans for a future History meeting.

**Book Exchange****SIR BOOK EXCHANGE AT THE JANUARY 26 MEETING**

Please bring books to the January lunch meeting to exchange. We're enjoying continued success with people passing on books that they have enjoyed and people taking books home that they'd like to read.

Stop by the SIR Book Exchange table to put out your books and to see what is available. The book exchange starts during the social time before our lunch meeting.

**Please contact Rich Utter or Randy Benson with any questions**

**ABV 110**

There was no report of any plans for a future ABV activity.

## Golf



Branch 110 Golf is a very popular activity not only for our members but also for other local SIR Branches. There are tournaments usually twice a month on Mondays with a variety of entertaining formats at different courses. Call **Darrell Hands**, the Chair of the activity, at 530-966-1303 for information.

On December 8<sup>th</sup>, Sirs played at Bidwell

1 <sup>st</sup> Net = 626	2 <sup>nd</sup> Net = 63.7	2 <sup>nd</sup> Net = 63.7	4 <sup>th</sup> Net= 64.3	5 <sup>th</sup> Net = 64.6
BROWN, GREG	BRUGGMAN, DENNIS	BROSSOIT, PAUL	GROSS, MIKE	AUSER, MARK
DAY, JEFF	HULL, MIKE	EBER, JEFF	LAMPE, DON	DZWONEK, TED
HAGGARD, A. J.	QUINTO, RAY	HERMAN, PAUL	MARTINSON, KEITH	MOORE, DAVE
KRYSAKOWSKI, DON	VAN PATTEN, ALEX	HYDER, MARK	WOLFE, DENNIS	WEIGER, BILL

**CLOSEST TO PIN 2:** VAN PATTEN, ALEX - 6' 2"; GRIFFIN, RON - 8' 2" **PIN 4:** BAKER, KEN - 4' 8"; KNOWLTON, JACK - 6' 1" **PIN 7:** LIM, MIKE - 12' 7"; PORTERFIELD, CAP - 14' 10" **PIN 12:** ATKINS, NORM - 22' 11"; DEMMER, CHARLES 24' 3" **PIN 16:** GIFFORD, KEVIN - 16' 3"; BROWNING, BOB - 16' 7"







## MEMBERSHIP

**There are now 130 members including 8 on Attendance Relief.**

Membership brochures and applications are always available at the membership table or you can call **Sam Smith** at 530-720-1041 to get one via the postal service.

## Roster Updates

Since the preparation and printing of the 2025 Roster, some changes have occurred. The "Roster Updates" will help keep members informed of **current membership**. If you need to communicate with a new member, contact Rocky Rockwell (530-961-3418).

<b>New Members Not in the 2025 Roster</b>	Mick Grey	Robert Minton	Warren Locke	Tim Hill
	Mark Frey	Scott Brogden	Mike Bates	Don Krysakowski
	Mike O'Malley	Larry Spencer	A. J. Haggard	

### New Member in December



Name: **A. J. Haggard**  
 Wife: Karen  
 Occupation: Attorney Butte County  
 Interests: Dining, Game Night, Golf,  
 Investments, Pool, Travel  
 Sponsored by: Darrell Hands

### Guests in December

**NONE**

## Announcements

**Editor's Note:** The deadline for the **February** Rooster's Tale is **Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup>**. Send your information by email to [dalger@csuchico.edu](mailto:dalger@csuchico.edu).

**Future Programs:** On **February 23<sup>rd</sup>**, we will hear about an interesting soccer coaching career. In **March**, there will be a continuation of stories about John Bidwell. For **April 27<sup>th</sup>**, Information on Grand Jury operation will be presented. For **May 18<sup>th</sup>**, experiences of an experienced U2 pilot will be related.

**State SIR Bulletin:** (SIR Happenings) is available at <https://sirinc.org/newsletters/>.

**Ladies Day Brunch:** **Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**, at 1:30 pm at Beatniks.



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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

If you have a January birthday, please join us at the January 26<sup>th</sup> luncheon and see what you might win.

Bruce Crowson	Jan	4	Craig Lindquist	Jan	13	Howard Hamman	Jan	23
Keith Martinson	Jan	5	Don Sturt	Jan	20	Dana Davis	Jan	23
Wayne Brown	Jan	7	Victor Fisher	Jan	20	James Renlund	Jan	25
Jim Williams	Jan	8						

It is possible to get a free lunch. Both the sponsor and his guest will receive a free lunch when the guest joins and is inducted.

**Please, be a friend and bring a friend to the next SIR meeting!**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**