

# Rooster's Tale



*Sons in Retirement* – Branch 110

Meeting March 28, 2022 1705 Manzanita Avenue, Chico, CA

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

**Program:** The program will be about the North State Water Issues which may include information about the Tuscan Water District and the Sites Reservoir. The speaker will be **Tod Kimmelshue**. Mr. Kimmelshue is currently a District Four Butte County Supervisor. He is a fifth generation farmer with a background in finance and banking. He has served on the Butte County Farm Bureau as Board Member and Past President where he has helped lead the fight to protect groundwater and stop irresponsible water sales. As a farmer and County Water Commissioner, he knows how important it is to protect this precious natural resource.



**Lunch:** The food will still be served as it has been recently. **The cost will still be \$17.** It is absolutely critical to indicate whether you will be having lunch. **See the procedure below.**

Lunch Menu	Attendance Communication
Meatloaf, mash potatoes w/ gravy, steamed veggies, rolls and butter. The dessert will be a surprise.	It is important to communicate whether you will participate in the February luncheon. There will be a survey but if you did not do the survey and <b>if you WILL attend</b> , contact Rocky Rockwell at 916-209-3217 or Dave Jones at 530-895-1022 <b>by Thursday, March 24.</b>



**Big Sir Message** Well the mask mandate is over. Maybe we can get back to some kind of normal and have more members attend our SIRS meetings. We have been having some good programs and I know that we are going to have more. So talk to your friends and get them to our meetings.

Valentine's day is over but don't forget your sweethearts. It might be a good time to take them out for dinner. Another good place to take your sweetheart is our wine tasting. They always have a good place to test the good wines. If all else fails a good bouquet of flowers and a box of candy is always a hit. Keep your eyes open for anyone who is interested in being on the BEC. We need to start looking for officers for next year. That's it for now. *Norm*

**Please check out our website for updates and lots of animal humor.**

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

**Webmaster: Ron Braziel**

## 2022 Officers and Directors

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## Health, Wisdom and Memorials


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 provide the information to Don Alger. Let's not miss acknowledging our fellow members.

Today I bent the truth to be kind, and I have no regret, for I am far surer of what is kind than I am of what is true. – Robert Brault

## 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.

Bridge		Bob Dinger had a high score once. Come join this friendly bridge group. They meet weekly on Thursdays at 2750 Sierra Sunrise Terrace in Chico at noon. <u>Call Ed Mazdorff at 342-3649 for information.</u>
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Vino 110		This month's tasting will be on <b>March 17<sup>th</sup></b> at 4 pm. We will be going to Almendra in Durham. The address is 9275 Midway Road in Durham. We will have 5 tastes each and the cost will be \$15 per person.
The winery and the restaurant are in the same building. If you wish to stay for dinner contact the restaurant yourself at 343-6893. I am a little confused as to whether there are two different wineries in the building or if they are all the Bertagna Sunkissed winery. Please RSVP and let Don Kidd know if you plan to attend at 530-624-3733 or donkidd44@gmail.com by <b>March 14</b> . Next month we will be going to the Bangor Ranch Winery in Bangor. They are only open on the weekends so we will be going on Saturday April 16th. There will be more info as we get closer to the date.		

### RANDOM THOUGHTS

Every box of raisins is a tragic tale of grapes that could have been wine.  
 Some people seem to have aged like fine wine. I aged more like milk.  
 Hmm! My train of thought derailed. There were apparently a no survivors.

<b>Golf</b>		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. <b>Darrell Hands</b> is the Chair of the activity and can be reached at 530-966-1303 for more information.
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On Monday, February 14, 45 SIRs teed it up at Bidwell in a **2- man low net format.**


**Flight One**


<b>First Place; Net group Score=60</b>		<b>Second Place; Net Group Score=63</b>	
DONAHOO, SCOTT	FELLNER, CRAIG	BROWN, GREG	STEHENSON, ALAN
		BROWN, WAYNE	VELASQUEZ, JOE
		CAMY, DON	SKELLY, BRIAN


**Flight Two**


<b>First Place Score=58</b>	<b>Second Place Score =60</b>	<b>Third Place Score = 62</b>
REIMANN, FRANK	DAHL, JAKE	SMITH, SAM
SALCIDO, MANUAL	DEMMEER, CHARLES	SOLOMON, DAN
		NAVARRO, RAY


Closest to the pin #2: MCNAMARA, DENNIS 7' 9"; DONAHOO, SCOTT 9' 4"; HERMAN, CRAIG 9' 7"  
 Closest to the pin #16: MABREY, BOB 14' 2"; NAVARRO, RAY 20' 6"



<b>Piscatology</b>		The fishing group met Thursday, March 10 at 7:00 am at Cozy Diner, to plan future fishing trips. Last week Vern Hartman caught a big rainbow out of Collins Lake. Other members of the fishing group have had success at Lake Almanor, on day trips.
Depending on the weather, we might be able to get to Antelope Lake, or Lake Davis by the first of April. Join us for breakfast if you can. Call Bob Weckerle 864-6698 or Bill Colvin 521-7269 for more information.		

<b>Pinochle</b>		The Pinochle group is back meeting on the fourth Wednesday at Butte Creek Country Club at 11:30 for lunch and hopefully good cards. We met in February and the high scorers for the day were: Maggie Navarro - 1st; Cindy Heffren and Joe Navarro tied for 2nd. Come join us in March on Wednesday, March 23, 11:30 at BCCC. Please call Joe Navarro at 343-0832 with questions.
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<b>Out to Lunch</b>		The next OTL activity will be <b>March 31</b> . We will do something that I arrange in the next couple of weeks. Call Bill McNelley 530-228-7948, for more information.
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<b>Travel</b>		There are currently some tours scheduled for 2022. The first one is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Holland Tulip Festival Tour, May 12 -19, 2022</b></li> <li>• <b>8 Night Columbia and Snake River Cruise May 12, 2022,</b></li> <li>• <b>Alaska Land &amp; Sea May 23- June 4, 2022</b></li> </ul> <b>The Magical Rhine and Moselle Rivers September 12-15, 2022</b> For information on tours, contact Jose Lopez at 891-6715 or 864-5978.
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<b>History Club</b>		There are no official History Club activities planned for March. There are opportunities to experience some history by attending Chico History Museum Saturday lectures. The Spring schedule along with ticketing information is available at <a href="https://chicohistorymuseum.org/">https://chicohistorymuseum.org/</a> .
Please contact Don Alger at <a href="mailto:dalger@csuchico.edu">dalger@csuchico.edu</a> to receive regular updates on History Club activities.		

<p><b>Hiking</b></p>		<p>A Sons in Retirement hike is scheduled for <b>Thursday, April 14</b>. We'll take a four mile out-and-back hike to overlook Phantom Falls.  <b>PLACE:</b> North Table Mountain Ecological Reserve  <b>DATE:</b> Thursday, April 14, 2022</p>
<p><b>TIME:</b> 08:25 @ Fir Street Park and Ride lot off Highway 99          (Optional: 09:00 @ Table Mountain Parking Lot)  <b>WEAR:</b> Layers, hat, walking or hiking shoes or boots  <b>LOGISTICS:</b> Parking is available at Table Mountain. There are portable toilets at the parking lot. Bring water. Bring a snack, if desired.          Suggest sunscreen, lip balm, walking poles or staff if desired, and a personal first aid kit. Include in your pack the name of an emergency contact and contact information and medical insurance information.          Bring money for lunch afterward - we'll go to lunch at a place to be determined.  <b>COMMENTS:</b> While our March hike was literally a walk in the park - walking in Lower Bidwell - the April hike is rigorous. We will be walking over uneven terrain and may encounter muddy ground. We will negotiate steep sections of trail as well as rocky terrain. There are numerous trip hazards. Part of the trail is a cross-country trail that is not well defined.          If you hike in Upper Bidwell or other areas with uneven terrain this hike is for you. If you walk exclusively in your neighborhood or Lower Bidwell, please think carefully if this is the hike for you before going on this hike. Bringing drinking water on this hike is essential.          This hike is rated as Moderate on the Explore Butte County website. That may be, but every time I have been on Table Mountain I have seen people in distress mainly for not having water.          The Explore Butte County site says: Lands Pass Required \$4.58 Is a Lands Pass needed? Your call.          For additional information, see the hike on the Explore Butte County website.          For maps and directions from Chico, see the Chico Hiking website:  <a href="http://www.chicohiking.org/ValleyFoothill/mapPDFs/Phantom-Falls.pdf">http://www.chicohiking.org/ValleyFoothill/mapPDFs/Phantom-Falls.pdf</a>          For additional information, please contact Rich Utter at <a href="mailto:rrurdy@yahoo.com">rrurdy@yahoo.com</a> or Jim Hertl          Please contact <b>Richard Utter</b> at <a href="mailto:rrurdy@yahoo.com">rrurdy@yahoo.com</a> or 925-922-7020 with any questions.</p>		
<p>Our most recent outing was March 10. The weather was perfect for a walk in Bidwell Park. We hiked a 5Km loop and got to admire several dogs as well as nature. Jim Hertl spotted a great looking pair of wood ducks who were a bit shy but didn't fly away immediately.          Bidwell Park SIR hikers (L. to R.: Jim Hertl, Rich Utter, Randy Benson)          March 10, 2022</p>		

# Miscellaneous Historical Notes

**Dolly** (5 July 1996 – 14 February 2003) was a female Finnish Dorset sheep and the first mammal cloned from an adult somatic cell. She was cloned by associates of the Roslin Institute in Scotland, using the process of nuclear transfer from a cell taken from a mammary gland. Her cloning proved that a cloned organism could be produced from a mature cell from a specific body part.







**There are currently 150 active members.**

Membership brochures and applications are normally available at the membership table or you can call Don Levensaler at **891-1045** to get one via the postal service.

**The Annual Basket Collection (ABC) fee is due for 2022. It will be \$24.00 for the year and it will be collected at the membership table. March is the deadline for payment. If you have not yet paid, desire to continue membership and will not be at the March 28 luncheon meeting, a check made out to SIR Branch 110 can be mailed to Don Levensaler, 2354 Burlingame Dr., Chico, CA 95928.**

**This annual fee is critical for the operation of the Branch in large part in order to pay the State SIR dues. Branch 110 must pay for everyone still listed as members in March so please pay your fee or notify Don Levensaler at 891-1045, if you are not going to continue as a member.**

No New Members in February	Guests in February
<p><b>Please plan on bringing a friend to the next SIR meeting!</b></p>	<p><b>Louis Kräge</b> guest of Jose Lopez  <b>Al Romero</b> guest of Norm Stump  <b>Jim Johnson</b> guest of Don Alger</p>

## Announcements

- **Editor's Note:** The deadline for the **April** Rooster's Tale is **Thursday, April 7**. Send your information by email: [dalger@csuchico.edu](mailto:dalger@csuchico.edu) or phone at (530) 894-2452.
- **New 2022 Roster:** The plan is now to have the 2022 Membership Rosters available for the March luncheon meeting. Don't miss picking yours up.
- **Annual Basket Collection (ABC): Just another friendly reminder to plan on paying your ABC fee as detailed above.** 😊
- **Future Programs:** The currently scheduled program for April will be a presentation about the Chico State Farm. The speaker will be Sarah DeForest who will be accompanied by some students.
- **State SIR Bulletin: ("Sir Happenings")** The latest edition is available for review at <https://sirinc.org/newsletters/>





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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

If you have a March Birthday, please join us at the March 28 luncheon and find out what you might win. Perhaps a free lunch!\*\*

Rocky Rockwell	Mar	1	Norman Atkin	Mar	7	Ray Hansen	Mar	24
Lyman Hagen	Mar	7	Larry Hildenbrand	Mar	2	Vern Hartman	Mar	25
			Scott Donahoo	Mar	23	Bob Weckerle	Mar	26

**\*\*It is possible to get a free lunch card without being a Birthday Boy. There has been a free lunch winner at meetings from a random selection process. Also both the sponsor and his guest will receive a free lunch when the guest joins and is inducted.**

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