

Rooster's Tale

Sons in Retirement – Branch 110

Meeting May 23, 2022 1705 Manzanita Avenue, Chico, CA

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



Program: Is there any material more precious than gold? Well, one can only live without food for approximately eight weeks. Further, one can only live without water for about three days. However, one can live without gold for an entire lifetime. Therefore, on the survival scale, water wins hands down.

Our May luncheon speaker, Tod Kimmelshue, will be addressing the subject of water in Northern California, with emphasis on Butte County and the Tuscan Water District. As Butte County Supervisor for District 4, with a lifelong connection to agriculture, Tod is particularly well suited to discuss this topic.

Tod grew up on a family farm in Durham with three brothers and one sister. His family grew almonds, walnuts and dry beans. After graduating from Durham High School, Tod attended Butte College and then Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, where he earned a degree in Agricultural Business. Tod's career in agricultural finance began in 1983 and ended in 2021. His entire career was spent with one company, Farm Credit. Upon retirement, he successfully ran for the Butte County Board of Supervisors and took office in January 2021.



Lunch: The food will still be served as it has been recently. **The cost will still be \$17.**

Lunch Menu	Attendance Communication
Meatloaf, with Mushroom Gravy, Mash Potatoes, Caesar Salad, Garlic Bread and Lemon Bars for Dessert	It is important to communicate whether you will participate in the May luncheon. Please respond to the survey but if you could not do the survey, and if you WILL attend , contact Rocky Rockwell at 916-209-3217 or Dave Jones at 530-895-1022 by Thursday, May 19.

Big Sir Message: Spring is on the way, and it is a good time to think about doing



outside activities with SIRS. I am talking about the hiking group that goes somewhere each month. They have great hikes and enjoy the fellowship not counting the exercise as a side benefit. Another outside activity is fishing. That group goes fishing every month at a different location and enjoy it very much. Not only do they have fun, but they can bring home a meal. They also have a breakfast each month.

As you see SIRS have fun, and at our luncheon we socialize and talk about our adventures. So wouldn't it be great if you talked to your friends and have then join you at our functions and, also, if you see a SIR member that hasn't been at our

luncheon ask them to come and join us. There are a few members out there that haven't been to a SIRS lunch for some time so if you see them, ask them to come.

We had a great program last month. If you missed it, you missed a lot. This next program will be just as good. See you at lunch. *Norm*

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

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

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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.

Stewart McLay: Stewart McLay died April 27, 2022 at the age of 90. He was a very active member of Branch 110 and was the Big Sir in 2000.

Michael Kobelt: About 6 weeks ago Michael was flown to Sutter, Sacramento for emergency heart valve surgery, much like the surgery he had 8 years ago. Complications prevailed this time with four weeks in ICU, fluid in the lungs, and loss of weight. Michael Kobelt came home on May 6. Visitors are discouraged, best to call or email.

In every walk with nature
one receives far more than he seeks.
John Muir

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		Both Bob Dinger and Ed Matzdorff each scored high on two sessions of Bridge. Come join this friendly Bridge group. They meet weekly on Thursdays at 2750 Sierra Sunrise Terrace in Chico at noon. Call Ed Mazdorff at 342-3649 for information.
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Travel		There are currently some tours scheduled for 2022. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alaska Land & Sea, May 23- June 4, 2022 The Magical Rhine and Moselle Rivers, September 12-15, 2022 For information on tours, contact Jose Lopez at 891-6715 or 864-5978.
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Out to Lunch		There was no report of activities planned for May.
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Vino 110		Our wine tasting this month will be on Thursday, May 26 . This will be a little different as we were going to do blind tasting of some wines from small out of the way wineries in Northern California and Southern Oregon.
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The time will be **2 to 4 pmat** Jim and Carol Braziel's house at **13625 Autumn Lane**. From Bruce Road travel east on Highway 32 towards Forest Ranch. Check the odometer, you want to go 6 miles. There is a turnout call Santos Ranch Road - **do not turn**. About 100 yards past is a row of mailboxes, Autumn Lane is just past the mailboxes. There is a signpost but there's no sign, it's been stolen three times. Someone must have a girlfriend named Autumn. The cost will be \$10 per person and we'll have sign-ups at the SIR meeting on May 23. We would like to keep the attendance to around 24. If you want more information call Jim at 916-709-3344 or e-mail jhbraziel36@gmail.com

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.
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On Monday, April 11, 35 SIRs played in a 4-man scramble tournament at Bidwell.

Flight One

First Place;	Group Net = 57.2	Second Place;	Group Net = 58.4
DONAHOO, SCOTT	PEDERSON, GARY	GRIFFIN, RON	STURT, DON
NAVARRO, RAY	SOMMER, BENNY	SHOOK, DOUG	WESSELS, BOB

Flight Two

First Place	Group Net=56.6	Second Place	Group Net =61.2
BROWN, WAYNE	FELLNER, CRAIG	BARNUM, DAVE	HILDENBRAND, LARRY
DEMMER, CHARLES	GAINES, ROBERT	HANDS, DARRELL	MESSINA, JOHN

Closest to the pin #7: NAVARRO, RAY 2' 8"; DEMMER, CHARLES 15' 0"; STURT, DON 15' 11"

Closest to the pin #12: LEE, LLOYD, 10' 8"; STURT, DON 13' 5", SHOOK, DOUG 23' 5"

To All Sir Golfers,

The State Golf Committee would like to invite you to our second golfing event of the year to be held in Reno the week of June 13th. This four day event includes an option for either playing two or three days of golf. Atlantis Hotel and Casino will again be our host hotel. For much more information on this event, more information on other future events, golf committee member contact information, golf policies and so much more at "www.sirgolf.org" on your computer, tablet or phone.

The 2022 SIR State Golf Committee
 Mark Stuart, State Golf Chair
 916 218-2287

Pinochle		Pinochle report for April: The winners were: Walter Stile - 1st; Charlie Clayton - 2nd; Maggie Navarro - 3rd. Next meeting, May 25 at BCCC at 11 am for lunch and cards. <u>Call Joe Navarro at 343-0832 with questions.</u>
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Piscatology		Our most recent fishing trip was to Collins Lake, near Bangor. There were five fishermen in two boats, with one particular fisherman catching most of the fish.
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	See picture of Tim, Vern and Frank. We only kept the trout and threw any bass back in the Lake. If the weather allows, our next fishing trip will be on May 24 - 26, to Davis Lake near Portola. "PLEASE NOTE" Our breakfast meeting on May 12th at Cozy Diner will not start until 7:30. Everyone is invited to join us if you can. <u>Call Bob Weckerle 530-864-6698 or Bill Colvin 530-521-7269 for more information</u>
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History Club		There are no official SIR History Club activities planned. The Chico History Museum lectures are finished. There are opportunities to experience some history by attending the Saturday 1:00 pm Butte County History Society Speaker Series in Oroville.
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There will be a presentation on **May 21** on "The History of the Relationship Between the California Indians and the Settlers" by Larry Mauch. On **June 4**, there will be a presentation on various aspects of the history of Stage Coaches. On **June 25**, there will be another talk on unspecified topic. If you are interested in attending, contact Don Alger for possible car pool opportunities. Please contact Don Alger at dalger@csuchico.edu to receive regular updates on History Club activities.

Hiking		A Sons in Retirement hike is scheduled for Thursday, May 12 . We will go to Upper Bidwell for a hike along the Yahi Trail. Detailed information is available in the April Rooster's Tale and on the Branch website under "Activities" and "Hiking".
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On **June 9**, we go to Paradise Lake for a walk along the lake. We'll meet at the Park and Ride lot off Highway 32 by highway 99, in the closest lot to highway 99 at 9 am. We'll walk along part of the Lake for an out-and-back hike.
PLACE: Paradise Lake (meet at Park and Ride in Chico)
DATE: Thursday, June 9 **TIME:** 9:00 am
WEAR: Layers, hat, walking or hiking shoes or boots
LOGISTICS: There are portable toilets at the Lake. 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 their contact information and medical insurance information.
Bring money for lunch. Afterward we'll go to lunch at a place to be determined.
 For additional information please contact Rich Utter at rich.utter@gmail.com or Jim Hertl.

50 YEARS AGO

May 13, 1972, **Dan Blocker**, 43, died. He was the actor known for his role as "**Hoss**" Cartwright in the TV western *Bonanza*. *Bonanza* was an American Western television series that ran on NBC from September 12, 1959, to January 16, 1973. Lasting 14 seasons and 431 episodes, *Bonanza* is NBC's longest-running western, the second-longest-running western series on U.S. network television (behind CBS's *Gunsmoke*). The time period for the television series was roughly between 1861 (Season 1) and 1867 (Season 13) during and shortly after the American Civil War, coinciding with the period the Nevada Territory became a U.S. state. The show centered on the wealthy Cartwright family, who lived in the vicinity of Virginia City. The series initially starred Lorne Greene, Pernell Roberts, **Dan Blocker** and Michael Landon.



There are currently 128 active members.

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

March was the deadline for payment of the Annual Basket Collection (ABC) fee for 2022. It is \$24.00 for the year. If you have not yet paid, desire to continue membership and will not be at the May 23 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 so please pay your fee or notify Don Levensaler at 891-1045, if you are not going to continue as a member.

Guests in April

Rich Forman-guest of Bill Niepoth and **Jim Johnson**-guest of Don Alger

Roster Updates

Since the preparation and printing of the 2022 Roster, there have been several changes. Some have passed away, some have dropped and new members have joined. Since the Roster is used for different purposes, it seemed reasonable to keep the members informed of current membership, so people do not spend time trying to contact former members for SIR business.

For privacy reasons, typical Roster information on new members will not be published in the Rooster's Tale but if you need to communicate with a new member, contact Don Alger at (530-894-2452 or dalger@csuchico.edu) for a contact procedure.

Deceased	Roger Steel	Alan Stephenson		
Dropped	Charlie Carroll	William Cohea	Peter Costa	William Jemison
	Douglas Munier	Ron Robinson	Troy Scott	
New Members	Randy Benson	Robert DiPietro	Michael Hull	Frank Moody

Announcements

- **Editor's Note:** The deadline for the **June** Rooster's Tale is **Thursday, June 9**. Send your information by email: dalger@csuchico.edu or phone at (530) 894-2452.
- **New 2022 Roster:** There were delays in printing but the 2022 Membership Rosters will be available again at the May luncheon meeting. **Don't miss getting yours.**
- **Future Programs:** The program for June will be about training and use of K9 units for police work. Brett Smith will be the speaker.
- **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 May Birthday, please join us at the May 23 luncheon and find out what you might win. **Perhaps a free lunch!****

Randy Benson	May 1	Ken Baker	May 11	David Jones	May 19
Frank Moody	May 8	Neil Sorger	May 16	Jim Weidert	May 28
Hal Stoner	May 9	Ken Tietz	May 17	Ernie Carlson	May 30
Charlie Clayton	May 9	Steve Velasco	May 18		

****It is possible to get a free lunch 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.**

Please plan on bringing a friend to the next SIR meeting!