

# Rooster's Tale

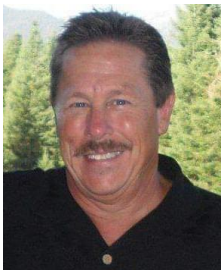


*Sons in Retirement* – Branch 110 **No June Meeting!!**  
1705 Manzanita Avenue, Chico, CA—**No Luncheon –No Executive Committee Meeting**

## SIR Luncheon and Program Update

Everyone is wondering when we will ever get back to enjoying our monthly luncheon and program. Also participants in our various activities would like to resume those entertaining meetings. In last month's Big Sir Message, some of the details of the plans, concerns and restrictions were indicated in a partial list of some Statewide SIR Guidelines regarding potential reopening normal events. In that same April 22 memo, further directions were indicated and these are included on **page 2**.

In addition, Ed Benson, SIR State President, has shared concerns about keeping members engaged in the absence of physical interactions and has suggested the possibility of ZOOM (video conferencing) meetings. Perhaps this is an option to be pursued.



### Big Sir Message

I can't believe it is June already and summer is just about to begin. Summer will begin on Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. I also wanted to wish all our Fathers and Dads a Happy Father's Day, it will be on Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of summer 2020. We are working diligently to reopen our Chico Elks Lodge #423 and I am looking forward to resuming our SIR's Bidwell Branch 110. **I just want you all to be safe and healthy.** I am looking forward to resuming our SIR's Luncheons and activities. This Coronavirus and COVID-19 has been decided by our SIR State Board that we will postpone

all SIR activities, luncheons and events until further notice in accordance with Governmental and Health Advisories. I will keep you all informed as further direction develops. We are looking forward to restarting our Bidwell Branch 110 and meetings. Our plan would be created and refined by our Branch leadership and activity chairs, passed to Area Governors and Regional Directors, and finally approved by vote of the Bidwell Branch 110, at our BEC meetings. I just wanted to share with you all that we do have a video

<https://www.wearesir.com/> which talks about our SIR activities. I hope you all take a look at the video and invite a new member to our Bidwell Branch 110 once we are open. Just a reminder that we have some outstanding unpaid ABC fee members of our Bidwell Branch 110 and was due in January. Thank you for your continuing support and look forward to meeting you all soon.

### 2020 Officers & Directors

Big Sir – Steve Laird	Little Sir – Ron Imhoff
Secretary – Bob Dinger	Asst. Sec. – Richard Matt
DB Mgr. – Rocky Rockwell	Treasurer – Ed Matzdorff
Asst.Treas.– Ted Raleigh	Asst.Treas – Norm Stump
Attendance Sec. – Don Curtis	
Director – Jim Amis	Director – Dave Jones
Director – Ken Tietz	Director – Mike Nicholas
Director –Jose Lopez	Director – Ken Edson

### Lunch Menu

**No Meeting**  
**No Lunch**  
**No Menu**

### Attendance

**No Meeting**  
**No Lunch**  
**No Survey**

**No need to contact Don Curtis**

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

**Webmaster: Ron Braziel**

## State SIR Information regarding the potential return to normal meetings

In reopening, we are entrusting the continuation of Sir to 109 BECs, as well as Area-wide and State-wide activity and event leaders.

### **We have some directions that supplement those that will be provided by national, state, county and city officials; they shall be followed:**

- BECs shall not approve any restart plan until all BEC members have viewed the BEC Fiduciary Responsibilities video.
- Branch Activity, Luncheon and Event Chairmen shall not begin any activity until its restart has been approved by the BEC, or if a State Activity or Event, the State Executive Committee.
- BEC members shall thoroughly understand the regulations that apply nationally, in California, in their county and city.
- In cases where Branches straddle more than one county, and/or Area activities that do likewise, the most conservative county regulations shall be applied.
- Area Governors shall create a group of Sir leaders in each county who are responsible to ensure the regulations are communicated and understood by all Branches within each county.
- Branches shall take a conservative approach to reopening while incorporating national, state, county and city directions.
- Area-wide and state-wide activities and events shall also follow these directions.
- There shall be no penalty for member non-attendance at any Sir luncheon, activity and/or event until further notice.
- There shall be no pressure applied to any member to attend any Sir luncheon, activity and/or event.
- There shall be an appropriate lag time created between the lifting of regulations and the start up of any Branch luncheon, activity and/or event to ensure any potential problems are identified and dealt with.
- Regarding BEC and State Board meetings:
  - We encourage Branch BECs and activities to meet using Zoom while shelter in place and social distancing requirements are in place. We are working on a multi-level Zoom training program, and our target is to train Area Governors next week who in turn will train Branch BECs. We have future plans for enhanced training following that effort. In the meantime, if leaders and members have a modicum of technical savvy, Zoom tutorials on their website can get one started. We have also found that many of our members have been using Zoom in non-Sir applications and are proficient using it. We suggest Branches canvas members to find these early adopters and ask them to help with the Branch implementation of Zoom
  - If a Branch is unable or not capable of using an electronic conferencing method, and if group gathering restrictions are lifted, BEC meetings may be immediately held provided all federal, state, county and city regulations - including social distancing and meeting size, are scrupulously followed .
  - Appropriate lag times for the events of golf, bowling, bocce, fishing and recreational vehicles shall be 30 days after BEC plan approval or 30 days after the regulation is lifted, which ever is longer.
  - Branch BECs shall consult with their Area Governors regarding any issues and/or questions that arise from these directions – issues and questions requiring further consideration and study shall be escalated to the Regional Director and then the President.
  - These direction obviously do not apply to the holding of electronic meetings which are heartily encouraged as long as groups of members engage in social distancing and shelter in place regulations

## Chaplain's Corner: Health, Wisdom and Memorials

In consultation with Tom Shifflet and others, it was decided to endeavor to include more information about Branch 110 members who have health issues or have passed away. It is often found that information of this sort is not known to those who would be responsible for informing the membership at large. Therefore, **everyone's assistance is requested**. If you know of a member who has or has had health issues or has recently died, please inform either Tom Shifflet or Don Alger. It is important to not leave out acknowledging any fellow members and it is not possible for a few people to recognize news about all members.

There are no guarantees about the **Wisdom** part of this new feature!

Skip Reager, a former Big Sir (2011) and Enterprise-Record Sports Reporter for 40 years and Sports Editor for 16 years, died May 12. We express heartfelt sympathy to his wife Cheryl and his family.

### Chaplain's Message:

In the midst of these troublesome days, brought on by the coronavirus and subsequent social distancing, you may be a SIR (Bidwell Branch 110) with an unmet need. If so, feel free to email me **TomShifflet@aol.com**. Likewise, if you are a SIR 110 member that is willing to volunteer some time and energy towards helping a fellow SIR with a specific need, please contact me, **TomShifflet@aol.com**. I will try to match SIRs with needs and SIRs who are willing to help. We can get through this pandemic together.



**On June 16, 1970:** Phil Mickelson, an American professional golfer, three-time winner of the Masters, as well as one PGA championship and the British Open was born. But here is "the rest of the story". His father **Phil Mickelson, Sr.** was a Chico State graduate and was a charter member of the first Chico State ski team where he qualified to compete in all five events (slalom, giant slalom, downhill, cross country and ski jumping) and was recognized by the Chico State Athletic Hall of Fame for his leadership in enlisting Art Acker and the student government to form an intercollegiate ski team. Phil and his wife Mary raised three children all of whom were taught golf in their backyard at an early age. Phil Jr. began at 18 months.

**On June 23 1970**, the last "Red Skelton Show" aired on CBS-TV **Richard Bernard "Red" Skelton** (July 18, 1913 – September 17, 1997) was best known for his national radio and television shows and especially as host of the television program *The Red Skelton Show*. The sketches were usually built around one of Red's many characters, including "Deadeye", an incredibly inept sheriff, "San Fernando Red", a shady real estate agent, "Cauliflower McPugg", a punchdrunk boxer, "George Appleby", a hen-pecked husband, "Junior", the Mean Widdle Kid", "Clem Kadiddlehopper", a hick, and "Freddie the Freeloader", a bum with a heart of gold.



Skelton in 1960



Clem



Freddie

## SIR 110 Activities

**There were of course no official SIR activities due to the COVID-19 Pandemic restrictions. However, some members pursued related activities on an individual basis.**

**For contact information for leaders of any of the activities, please refer to a Rooster's Tale edition prior to May.**



### Piscatology

The fishing group continues to fish individually and in small groups. Some of our group are having good success at Davis Lake, near Portola. Three guys caught 5 trout and 6 catfish last week. No meetings are planned at this time.

### Woodworking

In acquiescence with the new abnormal, we had no woodworking gatherings, but some did some tinkering at home.

Craig Lindquist made this red oak park bench recently. He gave it an oil-finish, and has put it in an inviting setting in the yard (see photo).



Don Levensaler has made five outdoor end tables (see photo), and has also built some new fencing.



### T-38 Fly Over Activity

Some of you may have been able to observe the salute to health care professionals on Friday, May 15 when four T-38 jets from Beale Air Force Base flew over Enloe Medical Center.



(Picture is courtesy of Ray Rolls)


**MEMBERSHIP**

**There are currently 180 active members.**

Membership brochures and applications are normally available at the membership table or you can call [Don Levensaler](mailto:Don.Levensaler@comcast.net) at 891-1045 to get one via the postal service.

Even though we are not meeting face-to-face, SIR membership is still open to accepting new applications. Anyone wishing an application can e-mail me at [dlev29@comcast.net](mailto:dlev29@comcast.net). The completed application can be returned by USPS or E-MAIL.

We know many of you were planning on paying your ABC fee at the March meeting and of course couldn't. If you have not yet paid the \$24 ABC fee, please send it to Don Levensaler, 1492 Keri Ln, Chico, 95926. Make it payable to **Sir Branch 110**.

Shown below is a gentle reminder for those who still have to pay their fees.

If you have already paid, please excuse the inclusion of your name again.

064 Barger Jim	026 Hagen Lyman	255 Matthews Paul	037 Scott Troy
217 Baxter Frank	019 Hansen Raymond	129 McDermott William	059 Shippen William
025 Bingaman William	034 Herman Craig	012 McNamara Dennis	168 Shook Doug
221 Bollinger John	127 Iannone Rocco	205 Merrill Fred	047 Sorger Neil
083 Carlson Ernie	194 Imhoff Ronald	206 Musgrave Mike	118 Spooner Daryl
092 Ciapponi Fred	289 Jemison William	048 Osborne Michael	282 Van Houtte Edward
231 Cohea William	036 Kandler Art	132 Phillips Donald	263 Wilbur Richard
234 Costa Peter	107 Knowlton Jack	169 Prewitt William	125 Wilson Terrance
074 Day Jeff	174 Kreider Larry	035 Priddy Charles	010 Youngstrom William
187 Emmons Steve	024 Laird Stephen	225 Pustejovsky Donald	
004 Fromer Michael	141 Mace Joseph	270 Renlund James	
029 Giberson Richard	090 Marple Larry	214 Robertson Kenneth	

**Please bring a friend to the next SIR meeting!**

## Announcements

- **Editor's Note:** Deadline for the July Rooster's Tale is Thursday, July 9. Send your articles by email: [dalger@csuchico.edu](mailto:dalger@csuchico.edu) or phone him at: (530) 894-2452.
- **State SIR Bulletin: ("Sir Happenings")** The latest edition is available for review at <http://www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings/>
- **Future Programs:** Whenever we can have another normal luncheon meeting, we will have another interesting program. As always, your ideas are welcome.
- **Annual Basket Collection (ABC):** Just another reminder that our annual **ABC fee** is due. Please see the information above.
- **Coronavirus Treatment and Vaccine Development:** **If there is interest**, an update of the situations for potential treatments and vaccines for COVID-19 could be provided next month. **Please let the editor know if this would be of interest to you.**





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If you have a June Birthday, we are sorry we will not be able to celebrate with you. Here's hoping you had or will have a great day.

Daryl	Spooner	June	8	Rocco	Iannone	June	16	Bob	Shadley	June	20
David	Ebright	June	8	Ken	Jensen	June	19	Mike	Nicholas	June	20
David	Wood	June	12	Darrell	Hands	June	19	Ben	Maidenburg	June	22
Craig	Herman	June	12	Rich	Carlson	June	20	Rich	Olsen	June	24

**\*\*It is possible to get a free lunch card without being a Birthday Boy. There is a free lunch winner at every meeting from a name badge drawing. Also both the sponsor and his guest receive a free lunch when the guest joins and is inducted.**

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