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**ROOSTER TALK
LITTLE HILLS BRANCH #147**

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**From the BIG SIR
Herb Mitschan**

Hope that Santa was good to all of you and that you had a very Merry Christmas and a good cross over to 2009.

Our Christmas party was well attended and people seemed to enjoy the food and good company.

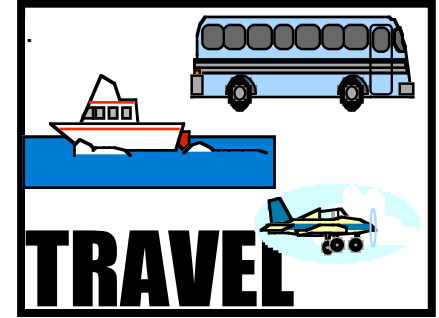
Thanks to Roy Dorn, our Area Governor, for installing the 2009 officers. Thank you also to all of last years officers for the work during 2008 and for not letting me make too many mistakes.

I look forward to serving as Big Sir in this New Year and will try to do a good job for you.

Feel free to contact me with any concerns or if you have some great new ideas, I'd like to hear those too.

Since we have missed 2 meetings I would like to have 2 or 3 volunteers for the audit committee to keep

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arranged by
Bob Reyff

Phantom of the Opera
Jan. 4, 2009

Orchestra seating at the Orpheum for the last day of Phantom, Four Course Dinner at Delancy Street in San Francisco plus transportation. \$177 per person

Mystery Trip - April 22, 2009

This is a very special trip that will depart Petaluma at 12 noon and return at 8:15 PM. Price is \$140 per person.

Mexican Riviera Cruise
Sept. 20 to Oct 1, 2009

We transfer from Petaluma
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SIR BRANCH # 147
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GOLF (continued)

Low Net

T Hampton (64)

Net B Hartley (66)

We were Rained Out on
December 15 and 22

The golf courses we play are there for our enjoyment. Part of the enjoyment is finding it in good playable condition. That good playable condition is partially our responsibility. Please remember to fix your ball marks on the greens and replace divots in the fairways. If you were unfortunate enough to be in a sand bunker, make sure you rake up the mess you leave behind. It will only take about 10 seconds unless you made a really big mess, then it might take about 30 seconds. Mind you, there is a foursome right behind you watching.

BIG SIR (Continued)

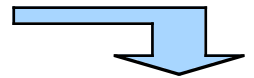
our branch on the straight path. This usually requires an hour or so of your time to check over the books for the branch. Please help, so that fellow members and you can enjoy our branch functions.

Just for Fun

- *The main reason Santa is so jolly is because he knows where all the bad girls live.
- * Would a fly without wings be called a walk?
- * If a turtle doesn't have a shell is he homeless or naked?
- * Why do they put Braille on drive-through bank machines?
- * One nice think about egotists: they don't talk about other people.
- *Why are hemorrhoids called "Hemorrhoids" instead of "Assteroids" ?



Attendance Rules



Regular members missing three (3) consecutive meetings without notifying the Attendance Chairman with a valid reason, or, attending fewer than six (6) meetings within the last twelve (12) months, shall be notified of membership termination.

Please call three (3) days in advance when you can not attend. Calling the same day as the luncheon does not give time to cancel meals.

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

The **Executive Committee** meets at 10:15 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 VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING, 1094 PETALUMA BLVD. SOUTH

directly to San Francisco to board the Norwegian Sun for an 11 night cruise visiting the Mexican ports of Topolobampo, La Paz, Mazatlan, Puerto Vallarta and Cabo San Lucas. Stateroom prices begin at \$1,185 per person, double occupancy. This includes stevedore tips, government fees, port taxes, baggage handling and all meals while on board. Don't wait for manana to get your passport.

Panama Canal Cruise - January 15 to 29, 2010

Fly to Miami for a one night hotel stay then board the Norwegian Star for the cruise through the Panama and into Los Angeles. Pricing ranges from \$2575 to \$3765 per person depending on the stateroom selected. Price includes all fees, airfare, hotel, meals while on board, transfers and portage tips. \$400 will hold your cabin.

Trips sell out very fast so get your reservations in early.
Contact Bob Reyff (763 2067)

Speaker of the Month brought to us by
Little SIR Bill Hammerman

John Nelson
"Water, water everywhere;
not a drop to spare"

John is one of our members, but the former
General Manager for the Marin Water District



Let's go **BOWLING** with
SIR Bill Cooper



Hello Bowlers, Hope each of you had a happy and save holiday.

The League is half over and the winners of the 1st half were Cerruti, Brotherton and Cooper. As always the positions were real close and everyone is having a great time. Bill Hammerman has joined us and as a rookie he bowled a triplicate series, He received a USBC patch for his good bowling, Way to go Bill.

Happy bowling
Coop

FREEDOM OF SPEECH

SIGN IN A WHITING, INDIANA STORE FRONT WINDOW 'WE WOULD RATHER DO BUSINESS WITH 1000 AL QAEDA TERRORISTS THAN WITH ONE SINGLE AMERICAN SOLDIER!' This sign was prominently displayed in the window of a business in Whiting, Indiana . You are probably outraged at the thought of such an inflammatory statement. However, we are a society which holds Freedom of Speech as perhaps our greatest liberty. And after all, it is just a sign. You may ask what kind of business would dare post such a sign.

Answer: Owen's Funeral Home
(Who said morticians had no sense of humor?)

ATTENDANCE

We had a really great turnout for our Annual Christmas Party. Hope you were there but if you could not make it, give it a try next year.

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, Incorporated, 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.

GOLF ACTIVITIES by John McENTEE



As you know we have a big change in our Golf Schedule for the year 2009. We will not be playing at Rooster Run GC this year because they are considerably more expensive. For January and February we'll play at Adobe Creek every Monday. Starting in March we will alternate between Adobe Creek and Petaluma Country Club. I have the complete 2009 schedule so see me at our January lunch to get one.

Thank you to all our members for getting their NCGA 2009 dues to me in a timely fashion. We did not lose any members and hopefully will pick up a few in the coming year.

I want to wish all our Branch 147 members and their families a **Very Healthy, Prosperous and Happy New Year.** And for you golfers, let's hope your handicaps go down at least one stroke but if it doesn't so what, we are still having fun.

SIR Lew Ward has healed up from the case of "shingles" but came down

with Bronchitis. He hopes to be out playing in January. SIR Bob Schulte is recovering from Pneumonia and is feeling better but it is a slow recovery.

Special Thanks to the committee that arranged this year's Christmas Party. I believe everyone attending had a good time.

Lots of information about golf and other SIR activities can be found at the SIR web site sirinc.org/sirforms.

Golf Schedule

All of our weekly tournaments for January and February will be at Adobe Creek GC at 7:30 on Mondays

Tournament Results

Dec 1 Rooster Run GC

First Flight Low Net

D Einers	(63)
Net A Aguila	(70)
T Molinari	(69)
J McEntee	(71)

Closest to Pin
M Cooper 7'- 2"

Dec 8 Petaluma G & CC

First Flight Low Gross

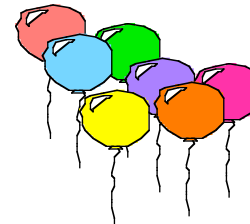
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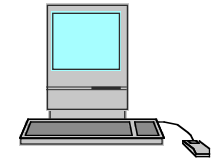
January Birthdays

Don Broadbent	1931
John Childers	1947
Dick Cook	1931
Stan Devore	1941
Al Finch	1836
Dick Hansen	1919
Bill Highes	1930
Tim Kelleher	1944
Ernie Mitchell	1925
Ken Rennier	1936
Bill Stark	1927



January Anniversaries

Andrea & Helga Christiansen	1959
Hal & Marcene Hildebrant	1959
Bob & Bev Hughes	1986
Charlie & Evelyn Severson	2003



Computer Group by SIR Hal Hilderbant

Meets the last Tuesday of every month at 1:30 to 3:00 in Petaluma Community Center on Novak Drive
SIR WEB SITE
sirinc.org/sirforms

NEED A RIDE to OUR MONTHLY LUNCH ?

SIR John McEntee says, "give me a call at 763 2813, I can help you out."

THE MENU

for January 13
Spaghetti with Meat Balls plus salad, bread, coffee & dessert

P S M

Parent-Sorensen Mortuary
James M. Smith
Martin D. "Buzz" Rodgers

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