



# FORT SUTTER NEWS

## BRANCH No 14



### 2019 OFFICERS

Big Sir: Al Russo  
Little Sir: Hugh Thompson  
Secretary: Bob Jackson  
Ass't: Duane Clark  
Treasurer: Dick Lewis  
Ass't: Bill Boxell

#### Directors

Don Langley	Dennis Scovill
Paul Willett	Steve Willett
Joe Freitas	Tom Tompkins

### STATE OFFICERS

Area 3 Governor: Georgio Dina  
Regional Director Region 1: Mark Stuart  
State President: Ed Bensen

### ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN

Attendance: Hal Higgins  
Ass't:  
Badge Custodian: Dick Jackson  
Ass't:  
Bowling: Don Reinmuth  
Bucket Brigade: Joe Freitas  
Ass't: Jim Poindexter  
Bulletin Editor: Hal Higgins  
Chaplain: Dick Lewis  
Golf: Dick Lewis  
Greeters: Len Ohlendorf  
Ass't:  
Membership, Administration: Hal Higgins  
New Membership Recruitment: Hal Snow  
Ass't: Dennis Scovill and Len Ohlendorf  
Programs: Hugh Thompson  
Photo Group: Paul Cary  
Photographer: Joe Freitas  
Sunshine: Bob Jackson  
Telephone Tree: Tom Tompkins  
Ass't: John Evers, Bob Jackson, and Steve Willett  
Tour Director: Hal Snow  
Woodwork: Dan Franke

BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING-10:00  
MEET AND GREET-11:00  
GENERAL MEETING AND LUNCH: 11:45

WE MEET THE FOURTH THURSDAY OF THE MONTH  
State website: [www.sirinc.org](http://www.sirinc.org)  
Sirs 14 website: : <http://branch14.com>

At Stock Ranch Road Retirement Community  
7418 Stock Ranch Rd  
Citrus Heights

## NEXT MEETING JULY 25, 2019 IS LADIES DAY

LUNCHEON MENU  
(See notice on second page)



**BIG SIR-AL RUSSO (714) 642-0586**

Our June meeting was held at our Stock Ranch home and featured the highest attendance we have seen in some time. With the addition of several new members, total membership is 50! The highest it has been in some time. The Mystery Member Reveal was lead by Howard Mann, and the Mystery Member turned out to be me! Who will be the Mystery Member next month?? Only time will reveal.

The BEC has decided some time ago to encourage Branch members to don SIR attire. This was reported in April. We are waiting for the state to get their act together so we can begin offering the membership new duds. Seriously, hopefully wearing SIR attire will increase our profile in the community, and help with recruiting new members. Plus, it will reduce the anxiety engendered by trying to decide what to wear to the meetings.

For the last few weeks Dennis Scovill and others have been manning booths at the Farmer's Markets at the Sunrise Market on Saturday and Carmichael Park on Sunday. This has resulted in at least one new member and several possibilities. This weekend will probably be the last for a few months as the heat starts to make attendance uncomfortable.

Hal Snow continues to organize excellent outings, and SeaQuest in Folsom on July 2 is the next. If you haven't signed up and want to attend, let Hal know.

A statewide meeting will be held at Thunder Valley in August. If you have issues you would like us to take to the state, please let Hugh or me know so we can represent your concerns.

Al

## **SIRS BRANCH #14 LADIES DAY CELEBRATION**

Thursday, July 25, 2019  
Stock Ranch Rd Retirement Community  
Main Dining Room

Menu: Starters-Fresh Bread, Salad Bar, Italian Wedding Soup  
Main Courses: Teriyaki Chicken Skewers w/Wild Rice and Veggies

OR

Grilled Salmon Salad, w/feta. Red Onions, & Raspberries  
Served with poppy seed dressing  
Dessert-Tiramisu

Serve yourself wine and beer  
\$15/person 2 for \$25  
Social Time/ Guitar Music

If you have not signed up, call Don Langley at (916) 955-5532 or Hugh Thompson at (916) 276-5117



### **LITTLE SIR-HUGH THOMPSON- 276-5117**

Our 6/27/19 Speaker, Dough Bonetti, (as a former college professor and current Renaissance Lecturer) is a dedicated historian and gave a factual and entertaining talk on the Civil War or "Rebellion" as he reminded us it was called by Mr. Lincoln. No SIRS nodded off as he gave us the "Corner Stone Speech" outlining principals upon which the Confederacy was formed and Lincoln's Gettysburg address. The weapons he brought were examined and handled by several SIRS.

Our 7/25/19 Speaker(s) may include our members and as they and their significant others play Branch 14 ice breaker games and have fun learning more about other members to become better friends. PLEASE READ THE BULLETIN AND BRING YOUR SIGNIFICANT OTHER.

Grow Branch 14: Our membership committee and leadership committee are looking for good people. Compared to other branches Branch 14 does well filling leadership roles. We would like to invite each member to express their interest in leadership roles. I have learned SIRS is a large and diverse organization designed to address the interests and activities of Senior Men, your ideas and interest are important to Branch 14.

Any Branch 14 member interested in attending with me the local Regional SIRS briefing on July 12 is welcome, please let me know. This is where we can learn how to be a better branch from others.

Please join me in August for the rare opportunity of attending a STATE LEVEL SIRS meeting (61<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting) to be held locally at Thunder Valley. Let me know of your interest and availability. (See a description of the program below)

**PROGRAM FOR 61<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL MEETING  
AT THUNDER VALLEY  
SUNDAY THROUGH TUESDAY  
AUGUST 18-20, 2019**

**Sunday, August 8** – Let's all get together, and have a good time

Make this a mini-vacation in the foothills, and think about arriving before the Main Event, There's lots of things to do on Sunday – especially if you bring your spouse/partner..

Here are some other thoughts to while away the day. For more active folks, play 18 or 9 holes of golf at Whitney Oaks or Turkey Creek Golf Course. Have fun at Top Golf (just down the road in Roseville). Walk around Old Town Auburn, just off Highway 80.

For the shoppers among us take a look at the Fountains of Roseville or the Roseville Galleria. Both are top notch. Of course, you can always try your luck at Thunder Valley, or if gambling doesn't do it, take a spa treatment.

Of course, there's always wine. There are a number of wineries in Placer County. Most are quite small so you get more of an intimate experience. Here's the link to the Placer County Wine Road <https://placerwine.com/plan-your-visit/trail-map/> and a list of the wineries and hours of operation [https://placerwine.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/18\\_0508-PW-Map-8.5x11\\_ver5.pdf](https://placerwine.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/18_0508-PW-Map-8.5x11_ver5.pdf)

You can do a wine tour on you own, or join with Sirs in a No host limo wine tour leaving from Thunder Valley. We'll go to at least three boutique Placer County wineries. Cost between \$25 and \$35 plus tip and modest tasting fees – depending on number of participants.

President Ed and Ms Donna are having a kick-off wine and cheese reception at their suite from 5:30 to 7:00.

Hook up with old and new friends after the reception for a no host dinner at Thunder Valley's Red Lantern Restaurant which specializes in Chinese cuisine. Reservation is set for 7:15 and entree prices range from \$16 to \$21.

**Monday, August 19**

Feel free to attend the State Board meeting at Thunder Valley from 10:00 to 3:00.

From 11:30 to 2:00 or so, we've planned transportation and a no-host luncheon at the Galleria in Roseville. It's primarily for the spouses and partners, but Sirs are certainly welcome.

All day, enjoy your mini-vacation in the foothills. Activity suggestions are included in Sundays schedule..

From 6.00 to 8:00 there is a mix and mingle appetizer and cocktail affair in a private room at Thunder Valley. Again, here's an opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones. Cost for the event is \$25.00 and that includes the first drink. If there's enough interest, we can have a group no-host dinner at the Buffet at Thunder Valley – cost is \$17.49 (plus tax and tip), or you can hook up with others and try one of the other dining venues.

The SIR Annual Meeting will run from 9:15 to 2:30. There will be a no-cost box lunch served around noon for the State participants and two representatives from each Branch. All other Branch participants over the initial two will need to pay the \$30 full cost of the lunch or grab nourishment at one of the food court outlets. The meeting will be held in our popular Town Hall style. We are working on the agenda, and promise to make it even more fun than last year. Remember though, we have important business to transact like electing our State SIR 2020 officers and approving Bylaws.

There will be an all-comers SIR Poker Tournament from 2:45 to 5:15 at Thunder Valley. SIRs and their spouses/partners can participate. How would you like to be crowned as the Best Poker Player in SIR, and win some prize money too? Buy in is \$30, and there will be cash prizes and a trophy for the winner. Wouldn't it be something if one of our spouse/partners won?

After dinner you can hit the gaming floor, gather with your new and old friends at one of the lounges or for the old duffers among us, hit the sack.

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McCombs, Ardell	#20	Resigned
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Guest- Jim Cauley  
Visitor-John Garrick

## sponsor-Don Langley Lives in Retirement Community



## ATTENDANCE AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEES

**ATTENDANCE CHAIRMAN** , Hal Higgins, phone: 863-6771

**49 Members, June 1, 2019**

**20 Members Absent**

**29 Members served, June 27, 2019 (59%)**

**3 Guests**

**1 Speaker**

**33 Lunches served**

**Remember to call me if you want an excused absence for a meeting. Read Page 3 in your**

**Roster..**

**MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN (ADMINISTRATION)** Hal Higgins

**49 Members, May 1, 2019**

**+1 Carroll #64 new member**

**-1 McCombs #20 resigned**

**49 Members, July 1, 2019**

**1 New member pending, July 1, 2019**

## SONS IN RETIREMENT - JULY BIRTHDAYS IN BRANCH 14

BIRTHDAY	LAST	FIRST	NU
7/14/20	McCOY	James M.	95
7/4/23	SHELLER	Fredric	32
7/22/26	POINDEXTER	James E.	173
7/19/30	HIGGINS	Hal H.	81
7/16/34	REINMUTH	Donald E.	324
7/26/44	BOXELL	William	16

## Birthday Boys



Gary Wheeler and Howard Mann with  
Little Sir Hugh Thompson

## New Member



Paul Carroll with Little Sir Hugh Thompson

## BR 14 ANNIVERSARIES IN JULY 2019

ANNIVERSARY DATE	LAST	FIRST	WIFE
7/31/66	BOXELL	William	Sharon
7/20/70	LEWIS	Richard E.	Vi
7/19/58	MEEK	James	Therese
7/12/69	SIKORA	Carl P	Kathi

### WINE WINNERS

Gary Wheeler and Len Ohlendorf



**BOWLING CHAIRMAN –DON REINMUTH 456-1844**

**Bowling is over until next September**



**GOLF- DICK LEWIS-(916) 961-1244**

### GOLF SCORES

RANCHO CORDOVA GOLF COURSE		JUNE 10, 2019
DAN FRANKE 88	DICK JACKSON 103	JOHN KNOX 97
DON LANGLEY 98	DICK LEWIS 88	AL RUSSO 112

INDIAN CREEK GOLF COURSE		JUNE 23, 2019
DAN FRANKE 87	DICK LEWIS 91	TONY PLANZER 92
AL RUSSO 113	DENNIS SCOVILL 91	

**Next Golf: Monday July 8 , 2019 at Rancho Cordova (call me on the 1<sup>st</sup> for time)**



### SUNSHINE REPORT --BOB JACKSON – 338-6969

Duane Clark had a stroke a few months ago and will continue to miss our meetings until he is better.





## **WOODWORKERS -CHAIRMAN-DAN FRANKE 239-5888**

Woodworkers had another fun day at “the barn”. Cookies and brownies by Ann Langley were great. Thank you Ann. As usual, the show-n-tell portion was very interesting. Great ideas were exchanged (stolen). Can’t wait to build a magnetic knife board like Howard Mann is building. Hal Snow has a wonderful birdhouse that can be covered in plants. Look for this to be for sale at our October Ladies Day luncheon. Don Langley then did a fantastic job of showing all how he built jigs to hold his table base and we then cut it on the bandsaw. It turned out great. I then did a demonstration of how to make a spindle on a lathe. Lastly, we said goodbye to Ardell McCombs. Ardell is moving out of state and will be greatly missed by all. His ideas and woodworking skills were top notch. See everyone next month at our July woodworkers meeting.



**Don Langley's table and base.**



## **DECLARATIONS**

**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 the well being or safety of the participants or their property, in any matters pertaining to said activities. (Rule 345).

Checks, money orders or credit cards for Travel for one day or less (no overnight), where a bus/busses is/are used as the primary means of transportation, may be made payable to the Branch sponsoring the event. All other checks, money orders or credit cards for travel must be made payable to the travel agency (Rule 420 and 421).

Members are obligated to attend all regular luncheon meetings unless prevented by illness or absence from the Branch locale (Rule 60). **Required Attendance.** A member shall be required to attend one-half of the regular Branch monthly luncheon meetings within the previous twelve consecutive month period unless the Branch BEC has approved a different attendance requirement(s).

### **MEETING DATES IN 2019**

**January 24, February 28, March 28, April 25, May 23, June 27,  
July 25, August 22, September 26, October 24, November 21, and December 19.**

**Fort Sutter Branch 14  
Hal Higgins  
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