

# SIERRA SIR ECHO



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## BIG SIR

**CHARLIE PEPPER**



## LITTLE SIR

**HOWARD JONES**

Hope everybody had a great Christmas and looking forward to a successful New Year. I know your officers for this year are highly motivated and will give you their very best effort, however, we need your help if the Branch can continue to grow and move forward. We need the benefit of your viewpoints, observations and ideas.

At the next luncheon, we will place comment cards at your table that will solicit your feedback and impressions. Please provide your comments and return the cards to the badge return box. Feel free to take the cards home, work on them at your leisure and bring them back to the next luncheon. Our goal is to be the best branch in SIR and we want to make your SIR experience is the best possible.

We would like for you to make it your goal to bring at least one new member on board for 2013 and to fully participate in an available activity of your choice. We also want to see your smiling, happy face at each and every luncheon to enjoy the program and fellowship. Let's make 2013 a great year for our branch.

"Politics is the art of looking for trouble, finding it whether it exists or not, diagnosing it incorrectly, and applying the wrong remedy." Earnest Benn

As my term of Little Sir is just starting, I'm proud to be working under a great and dedicated gentleman, Charlie Pepper. Charlie will make an excellent Big Sir and I will do all I can to help him as I'm sure he will do the same for me in my term as Big Sir.

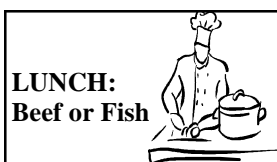
We have a lot of hurdles to jump and will need help from all the dedicated members of Branch 175. We will work together to stimulate interest in the meetings as well as seek a volunteer membership director and recruit an editor for the *Sierra SIR Echo* monthly newsletter.

I will certainly be open to suggestions from the membership in any effort to grow membership and in making our meetings fun and entertaining.

If you have any interest in either of the above positions, please step forward.

Our January Guest Speaker will be Mrs. Elsbeth Feldman, spokesperson for AARP. She has an excellent knowledge of AARP's role in such governmental fields as Medicare and Social Security.

**BE A FRIEND,  
BRING A FRIEND**



LUNCH:  
Beef or Fish

**SIR LUNCH, PARDINI'S  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 24**

LUNCH: 12:00  
Board Meeting:  
11:00

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**



Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> Riverbend, Fred Ketcham 225-4041  
 Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> Airways, Rich Grigsby 439-8540  
 Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> Madera Muni, Rich Grigsby 439-8540

SIR GOLF SCHEDULES FOR 2013 have been emailed to all SIR golfers who have an email address on record. If you didn't get it, please let me know at [stannappe@hotmail.com](mailto:stannappe@hotmail.com) and I will send it to you or call me at 435-6703.

On Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> we played Individual golf at Airways. In Flight #1 Tom Lean tied for 2<sup>nd</sup>. Bob Dickson won 3<sup>rd</sup> and Rich Grigsby won 5<sup>th</sup>. Flight #2 had Jim Scroggin winning 3<sup>rd</sup> plus Skins on 2, 3 & 13. Ron McClain won 8<sup>th</sup> and Jerry Long won Skins on #7 & 16. In Flight #3 Stan Nappe won 3<sup>rd</sup> plus a Skin on #17. Paul Dehn won 4<sup>th</sup> plus Skins on #8 & 13. Gene Parker won 5<sup>th</sup> plus Skins on # 10 & 12. Ron Pistacchio won 7<sup>th</sup>.

Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> we played again at Airways... 2 Man best ball...team blind draw. Jerry Long won 4<sup>th</sup>. Wayne Schwartz won 5<sup>th</sup>. Paul Dehn won a Skin on #12 & Stan Nappe won a Skin on #17.

Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> we played at Riverside a 4 Man Scramble. The winners were Mike Castle 1<sup>st</sup>, Gene Parker 2<sup>nd</sup>, Tom Lean & Jerry Long 3<sup>rd</sup>, & Wayne Schwartz, Ron McClain & Fred Ketcham 4<sup>th</sup>.

Airways was the last tournament that Art Daly (SIR 179) was doing the computer work for us. He had to give the job up for health reasons. We wish Art well and our prayers are with him. From now on Marshall Garth of SIR 179 will be doing the computer work for that branch. After Riverside we will help 179 through June 2013 as per the 2013 golf schedule. If any one of you is good with a computer we need someone to set up our tournaments in 2014. If you are interest please contact Stan Nappe (435-6703).

There are 3 ways to improve your golf game: take lessons, practice, or learn to cheat.

**TRAVEL by Sir Richard Beers**

Travel is formulating some ideas for the Autumn and Spring. Nothing this Winter unless a cruise to Antarctica meets your fancy.

**Welcome! MEMBERSHIP by Sir Ron McClain**

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year's celebration and of course we all stayed up till midnight to see the new year in. At least till East Coast time.

What a nice Christmas lunch. Sir Fred and Ann Ketcham did another outstanding job. Sir Fred gives all the credit to his wife. Good job Fred.

We should have a couple of new members to bring in this month, I just have to find the signup sheets to confirm that they have made the required number of meetings.

We will have a "Proud to be a SIR" drawing this month. We missed one while I was sick so it is time to wear our SIR paraphernalia; jackets, rooster pins, caps, and polo shirts. There will be a free lunch ticket to the lucky winner. Even Sir George Pope is eligible.

Our new leader is Big Sir Charlie Pepper who is glowing in Alabama winning the college National Championship for the third time in four years. Do I hear dynasty? See you at Lunch

**SIR LIBRARY by Sir Dennis Murane**

As the new year begins, I want to take this opportunity to thank all the members who have donated books to our library. I have tried to make it a point to individually thank each member when the books are received, but on occasion, someone is missed. I wish I had the time to follow up each donation with a thank you card, but there is so much work involved with this position.

Once books are received, I determine if it's a return or new. If it's a new book to the library, I then determine if we already have a copy. If not, then I add it to our library by entering it into our catalogue. Once the new books are loaded into the computer, a new web list is created. The new and returned books are then filed alphabetically into the trays for storage.

We have been told that our chapter has one of the best libraries around. You should be proud of it and use it. We can keep it that way with your support.



We had a wonderful time at our December lunch when our ladies joined us and we were entertained by the Silver and Gold Quartet.





**Special Projects by Sir Fred Ketcham**

The raffle for the beautiful Rooster Quilt was a tremendous SIR Branch 175 fund raising success! A big **THANK YOU** to all SIR members.

Also a big **BRAVO** to Sir Gene Parker who spent hours cutting, assembling and sewing this beautiful quilt. We sold 81 tickets and the lucky winner was **Alice MacPherson** wife of **Sir Cal MacPherson**. The quilt was valued at \$700.



Alice MacPherson winner of Rooster Quilt pictured with creator, maker and donor of quilt, Sir Gene Parker



Sandy Parker wife of Sir Gene Parker holding a "string" of tickets for sale during December Lunch for the raffle drawing of the Rooster Quilt make by Gene and donated to the Branch.

(Below) Ornaments and Door Prizes made by Ann and Fred Ketcham (pictured above) being admired



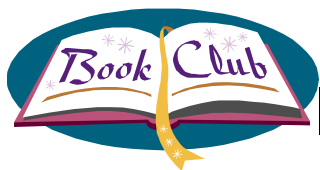
Sir Ray Born (left) being presented a "Certificate of Appreciation" for his service to our Branch (fifteen years of service as Little Sir, Big Sir, Special Project Chair, and Calling Chair) by 2013 Big Sir Charlie Pepper.



**MODEL RAILROADING  
and  
WOODWORKING  
Sir George Pisching**

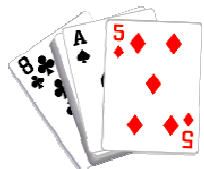
**SIR Model Railroad Team—SMRT** will have a new year's planning meeting at 10:30 AM in the banquet room just before the next luncheon. Stop at our table and let us know you are interested and/or call George at 275-0199

**SIR Wood working Interest Group—SWIG** is interested in more members joining our group. If you are interested, call George at 275-0199. No meetings are currently planned but general get togethers at a shop are the plan of action as a member calls one.



by Sir Paul Dehn

Due to the Christmas program, no book club meeting took place last month. The next scheduled meeting is 9am on January 24<sup>th</sup> prior to the luncheon. We meet at the front of Pardinis Café. All SIR are invited to attend. Feel free to share a book or just sit in and enjoy the conversation.



**BRIDGE by Sir Bob Cleveland**

Couples Bridge was played on January 9 at the home of Sir Bob and Ginny Cleveland. Winners were:

<u>Men (&amp; score)</u>	<u>Women (&amp; score)</u>
Bud Pope 4180	Grace Pope 4830
Don Livingstone 3920	Ginny Cleveland 3450

We will play next on February 27th at the home of Sir Russ and Tess Mott.

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS  
from Sir Richard Scheidt**



<b>Joe Bardi</b>	<b>Bob Cleveland</b>
<b>Bob Edwards</b>	<b>Harold Horg</b>
<b>Harry Karle</b>	<b>Jerry Miller</b>
<b>J.L. Morrison</b>	<b>Stan Nappe</b>
<b>Ron Pistacchio</b>	<b>John Salas</b>
<b>Tom Schab</b>	<b>Ed Sturgeon</b>
<b>Elvis Wade</b>	<b>Don Williamson</b>
<b>Bill Winslow</b>	

December Birthday Free Lunch winner:

**Wayne Houser**

Free Lunch Winner from Dec. Lunch Tickets:

**Gerry Young**

**December Special Winners**

**George Weber  
Gene Parker  
Mike Lebda  
Stan Nappe  
Glenn Smith**

**BOWLING by Sir Merle Knapp**

The SIR Bowling League invites any SIR from any branch to come join us - Friday mornings, 10 AM, Sierra Lanes. Call me (Merle Knapp @ 439-3658) or just show up.

Below are results of our branch 175 bowlers, only:

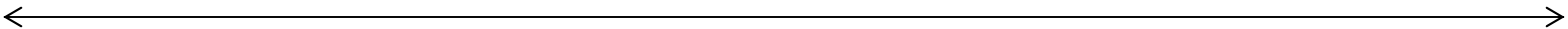
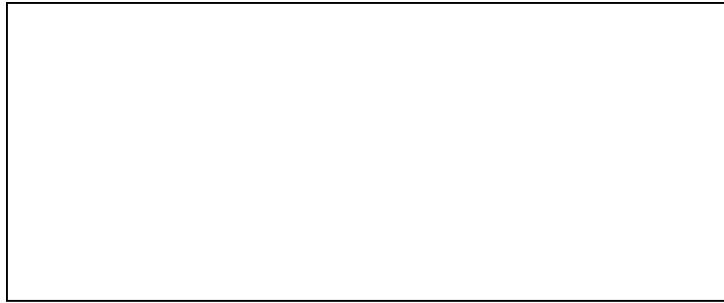
<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>High Game</u>	<u>Hi Series</u>
12/7	Merle Knapp	234	—
	Bill Ripley	—	624
12/14	Bill Ripley	—	609
	Merle Knapp	230	—
12/21	Merle Knapp	219	605
12/28	Bill Ripley	243	620





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George Pisching	2014	275-0199
DC Contreras	2014	222-9540
Rich Grigsby	2015	439-8540
Gary Beacom	2015	434-4007

### ACTIVITIES

Book Club	Paul Dehn	292-2225
Bowling	Merle Knapp	439-3658
Bridge	Bob Cleveland	435-5773
Golf	Stan Nappe	435-6703
Travel	Richard Beers	431-3728

### BARN-YARD ACTIVITIES

Attendance	Ron McClain	292-1919
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Model Railroadng		
	George Pisching	275-0199
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	George Pishching	275-0199

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