

Rooster's Tale



Sons in Retirement – Branch 110

Meeting April 28, 2025 1705 Manzanita Avenue, Chico, CA

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

Program: The April 2025 SIR Branch 110 luncheon program will be about the **Local Landfill**. Our speaker will be **Eric Miller**. Eric Miller retired from Butte County's Neal Road Recycling and Waste Facility in 2023. Eric is an off-an-on freelance writer, a fledgling garbage videographer, a member of the Solid Waste Association of North America's (SWANA) Landfill Rebranding Committee, and has presented at regional and national conferences. Eric launched the Garbage Talk YouTube channel because our garbage has back stories everyone should know. Eric graduated from Colorado State University and UC, Davis, and lives in Chico.



Lunch: The price of a salad is now \$18. The price of lunch is still \$20.

Lunch Menu	Attendance Communication
Meatloaf, mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes, veggies, bread and tiramisu for dessert.	It is important to communicate whether you will participate in the April luncheon. <u>Please respond to the survey</u> , 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, April 24.



Big Sir Message:

Our speaker last month, Felipe Restrepo, truly sounds like an outstanding advocate for education and athletics. It's encouraging to hear about individuals who not only deeply understand their fields but also inspire others through their insights and dedication. College athletics, with all its complexities and opportunities, benefits greatly from thoughtful perspectives like his. Was there a particular point he made about the college athletic system that stood out to you?

Springtime truly is the perfect season for outdoor adventures! Joining a hiking group sounds like a wonderful way to connect with nature, meet like-minded individuals, and discover breathtaking trails. Do you have a favorite spot you'd recommend for spring hikes? I imagine the wildflowers and fresh air must be absolutely invigorating! Contact Rich Utter 925-922-7020 regarding the next hike. Don't forget the "Super Bloom" at Table Mountain.

This month's speaker will be discussing our local landfill. I believe we will all find it interesting. What goes into a local landfill? Landfills play a crucial role in waste management, and

understanding what goes into them can spark great discussions about sustainability and the environment. Hope to see you there.

The potential merger plan with Branch 84 has been put on hold until later this summer. At that time we will reevaluate the possible joining of the two branches.

That's all for now, folks! I'm on vacation at the beach in SoCal. *Don S.*

Please check out our website to see what committee assignments you might have and for regular updates and some new humor.

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

Webmaster: Ron Braziel

2025 Officers and Directors

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We need a volunteer for a Little Sir and a Director for 2026.

Health, Memorials and Wisdom

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.

Peace of mind is more precious than perfection.

The \$25 Annual Basket Collection fee was due for 2025 by April 1. To avoid having your membership terminated, please send a check made out to SIR Branch 110 to Sam Smith at 25 Abbott Circle, Chico CA 95973.

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.

Piscatology



There was no report of recent activities. The fishing group meets for breakfast and a monthly meeting on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7 am at the Cozy Diner.

Contact Dana Davis at 530-570-1687 if you want to know more about the group.

<p>Hiking</p>		<p>A Sons in Retirement hike is scheduled for Wednesday, April 23 at North Table Mountain Ecological Reserve. We'll take a mile or so out-and-back hike to the nearest waterfall and admire the wild flowers.</p>
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PLACE: North Table Mountain Ecological Reserve
DATE: Wednesday, April 23, 2025
TIME: Meet at 8:30 am at the Park and Ride lot closest to Highway 99
WEAR: Layers, hat, walking or hiking shoes or boots
LOGISTICS: There should be portable toilets at the parking area – they've been there in previous years. Bring water. Bring a snack, if desired. We'll go out to lunch after the hike for those who are interested. Also suggest sunscreen and lip balm. Include in your pack emergency contact information and medical insurance information. Suggest obtaining a Lands Pass or bringing your hunting or fishing license.
COMMENTS: We will be walking over uneven terrain and probably encounter muddy ground. We may negotiate steep sections of trail as well as rocky terrain. There are numerous trip hazards. Part of the trail is a cross-country trail that is not well defined. Bringing drinking water on this hike is essential.
 Lands Pass information: <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Licensing/Lands-Pass> Do you really really need a Lands Pass? Your call. Fish and Wildlife expects you to have one.
For additional information, please contact Rich Utter, Randy Benson or Jim Hertl

MARCH 18: UPPER BIDWELL HIKE



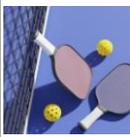
<p>Bridge</p>		<p>The Bridge players played last month. Bob Dinger was the only Branch 110 winner. Please come join this friendly Bridge group. They meet weekly on Thursdays at 2750 Sierra Sunrise Terrace in Chico at noon. Call Bob Dinger at 530-892-9063 for information.</p>
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<p>History</p>		<p>The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 13, at 10 am at 6 Stratford Way. This meeting will focus on discussions about <u>Old Grocery Stores of Chico.</u></p>
<p>The more input on this the better! What are your memories of old grocery stores? If you would be interested in participating or would like more information, please contact Don Alger (dalger@csuchico.edu or 530-894-2452).</p>		

<p>ABV 110</p>		<p>The next ABV activity is Thursday, May 1, at 2 pm at Carol and Jim Braziel's home. It will involve tasting Cabs from various countries.</p>
<p>To be added to the email list, contact Don Alger (dalger@csuchico.edu or 530-894-2452).</p>		

<p>Pinochle</p>		<p>Pinochle report for March. Lyn Smith - 1st; Cindy Heffren - 2nd; Maggie Navarro - 3rd. The next date for lunch and cards is April 23, at 11 am, at the BCCC.</p>
<p>Come join the fun group. Call Joe Navarro at 343-0832 with questions.</p>		

<p>Wood Working</p>		<p>Due to a lack of participation, there are no longer regular meetings. If someone has a project that needs a little help, call Craig Lindquist at 530-898-8483 or Bill Gebhardt at 530-879-0429 for more information.</p>
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<p>Pickleball</p>		<p>The pickleball group is growing in numbers as the weather gets better. And so do the pickleball players at SIR. We welcome you every Thursday at noon to join us at 20th Street for pickleball pleasure.</p>
<p>Come on out and enjoy the fun. Jay Hanson can be reached at jbirdhanson1@gmail.com</p>		

<p>Bowling</p>		<p>SIR Bowling meets Tuesdays at 6 pm at Bowlero. This is a drop-in league that meets each week, so you can attend every Tuesday or when the mood strikes you. If you decide to show up near a holiday or as summer approaches, you might want to check to make</p>
<p>sure the bowling night is happening. The cost is \$17 for three games plus shoe rental. There is a \$25 league enrollment fee so your first time to bowl will be \$42 then \$17 each time thereafter. Please contact Randy Benson with any questions at 530-513-9815.</p>		

<p>Book Exchange</p>		<p>Have books you've read? Interested in reading something different? Swap for something new at the SIR Book Exchange. We're getting more books brought to the SIR Book Exchange and more books taken home. That's the idea: Bring in some of the books we've enjoyed reading and get them circulating</p>
<p>among our members. Please bring some books to our lunch meeting to exchange and lay them out on the tables provided. And take some books home with you. The book exchange starts during the social time before our lunch meeting. Please contact Rich Utter or Randy Benson with any questions.</p>		

Golf		<p>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.</p> <p>Call Darrell Hands, the Chair of the activity, at 530-966-1303 for information.</p>
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On March 10, Sirs played at Rolling Hills

1 st Net = 58.7	2 nd Net = 60.0	3 rd Net = 60.4	4 th Net = 60.4
BROSSOIT, PAUL	GRAY, MARK	GIFFORD, KEVIN	BRUGGMAN, DENNIS
EBER, JEFF	LEE, LLOYD	KINNEY, JAVIER	QUINTO, RAY
HYDER, MARK	NUSSBAUM, RICHARD	MATHISON, TOM	VAN PATTEN, ALEX
PERTUIT, GLEN	SOMMER, BENNY		

On March 31, 35 Sirs played at Canyon Oaks

1 st Net = 60.0	2 nd Net = 61.7	3 rd Net = 62.6
GLAZINER, KYLE	GIFFORD, KEVIN	BRUGGMAN, DENNIS
SARGENT, ERIC	GRAY, MARK	HULL, MICHAEL
PARSONS, DICK	MATHESON, TOM	QUINTO, RAY
WOLFE, DENNIS	PETERSON, RON	VAN PATTEN, ALEX

CLOSEST TO PIN 3: DONAHOO, SCOTT - 2' 10"; HANDS, DARRELL - 6' 1" **PIN 6:** BROWNING, BOB - 9' 7"; WEIDERT, JIM - 13' 2"; **PIN 11:** WOLFE, DENNIS - 3' 7"; DONAHOO, SCOTT - 12' 10"; HANDS, DARRELL - 12' 10" **PIN 14:** SARGENT, ERIC - 3' 6"; WESSELS, BOB - 11' 7"

On April 7, 36 Sirs played at Table Mountain

1 st Net = 61.6	2 nd Net = 64.7	3 rd Net = 65.5	4 th Net = 66.2
WEIDERT, JIM	GRAY, MARK	EBER, JEFF	PETERSON, RON
CAGNO, JIM	CAMY, DON	HYDER, MARK	GIFFORD, KEVIN
HERMAN, CRAIG	HERMAN, PAUL	BROSSOIT, PAUL	MATHESON, TOM
POWELL, STEVE		BROWNING, BOB	BARGER, JIM

CLOSEST TO PIN 3: MARTINSON, KEITH - 8' 9"; HERMAN, CRAIG - 12' 7" **PIN 7:** WEIDERT, JIM - 11' 7"; HIMMLER, KURT - 14' 2" **PIN 12:** HYDER, MARK - 10' 3"; HERMAN, CRAIG - 13' 11" **PIN 16:** GIFFORD, KEVIN - 9' 5"

SIR 110 Information Resources

This is information related to History that does not represent official Branch 110 activities, but does provide information about other history related events.

History		<p>There will be an endeavor to keep folks informed about upcoming history related community events.</p> <p>Contact Don Alger (dalger@csuchico.edu or 530-894-2452) for more information about history activities.</p>
Chico History Museum Events		
<p>Saturday, April 26: Yours for Equal Justice: Suffragist in the Big Pink House</p> <p>Saturday, May 17: John Muir and the Bidwells: The Forgotten Friendship</p>		
Butte County Historical Society Events		
<p>Saturday April 19 at 1:30 pm: Those Daring Young Riders of the Pony Express</p>		

Please Help! Branch 110 is still in need of assistance.

Some of the needs are shown below.

There are different details for duties and requirements for the assignments listed and in particular for the "Assistant" positions. Brief indications are listed under the requirements. The needs for the assistant positions vary from just emergency occasional backup needs to full replacement responsibilities. If you are willing to help out but have questions, please ask for more information.

Assignment	Requirements
1. Activities Oversight Chairman	Minimal time responsibilities for evaluation of SIR activities
2. Recruitment Committee Chairman	Minimal requirements for providing recruitment information
3. Attendance Committee Assistant	Familiarity with using Excel and name badge responsibilities
4. Piscatology Committee Assistant	Assistance with organizing fishing activities
5. Program Tech Assistant	Back up for computer set up for speakers and songs
6. Data Base Mgr. Assistant	Familiarity with Microsoft Access Data Base Engine
7. Rooster's Tale Assistant Editor	Familiarity with Microsoft Word

IN ADDITION

We need volunteers for a Little Sir and a Director for 2026.

Please contact Big Sir Don Sturt, if you are willing to help.

Bears Form Unprecedented Blockade at Yellowstone Entrance— Scientists Fear They Know Something We Don't



The above caption appeared on this recent photo in a "news" feed. It was accompanied by a lengthy story about the scientist's concerns and conjectures as to the reasons.

We are all probably leery about believing what politicians say or what is covered by regular media coverage with inevitable biases. Various conspiracy theories appear which at times seem almost believable.

But what about a photo? Can't you believe what can be clearly seen with your own eyes? It turns out that it was subsequently reported that this photo of the bears was in fact a product of an artificial intelligence creation.

What can we believe?



There are now 133 members including 7 on Attendance Relief. Membership brochures and applications are always available at the membership table or you can call **Sam Smith** at 530-720-1041 to get one via the postal service.

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Roster Updates

Since the preparation and printing of the 2025 Roster, some changes have occurred. The "Roster Updates" will help keep members informed of **current membership**. If you need to communicate with a new member, contact Rocky Rockwell (530-961-3418).

Members not in the 2025 Roster	Mick Grey	Robert Minton	Warren Locke	

Guests in March	
Mark Frey - guest of Vern Hartman	Bob Clements - guest of Dick Parsons
Scott Brogden - guest of Randy Benson	Duane Menefee - guest of Dave Zebsley

Announcements

Editor's Note: The deadline for the **May** Rooster's Tale is **Thursday, May 1**. Send your information by email to dalger@csuchico.edu or phone at 530-894-2452.

Future Programs: Our **May 19 (Third Monday)** program will be about the CSU Concrete Program. On **June 23** we will hear about the OLLI program. The **July 28** presentation will be an update on the Chico Airport. A program on Artificial Intelligence is scheduled for **September 23**.

State SIR Bulletin: (SIR Happenings) is available for review at <https://sirinc.org/newsletters/>.

Ladies Day Luncheon: On **Thursday, May 8, at 11:30 am**, we will be holding a Ladies Day Luncheon to honor the ladies in our lives.

This year we will hold the luncheon in the back room at Mom's in downtown Chico. We will have the back room from 11am to 1 pm. We are looking at ordering off a limited menu around 11:30 so we will have time to be served and time to eat before Mom's closes at 1 pm.

Tickets will be on sale at the March and April SIR meetings.

Since we are ordering off the restaurant menu and paying at the restaurant, ticket prices will be minimal. Seating in the back room is limited to 61 persons so we will limit ticket sales to 61.

Date and time: Thursday, May 8; 11 am to gather, and 11:30 to order.

Location: Mom's

For more information, please contact Randy Benson or Rich Utter.



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**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

If you have an April birthday, please join us at the April 28th luncheon and see what you might win.

Bob	Ediger	Apr	2	Mike	Wacker	Apr	7	Steve	Emmons	Apr	26
Michael	Welsh	Apr	4	Chris	Schaller	Apr	9	Greg	Robertson	Apr	26

It is possible to get a free lunch. Both the sponsor and his guest will receive a free lunch when the guest joins and is inducted.

Please, be a friend and bring a friend to the next SIR meeting!

RANDOM THOUGHTS

When you kneel down are your knees supposed to sound like a goat chewing on an aluminum can stuffed with celery?