

# Rooster's Tale



*Sons in Retirement* – Branch 110

Meeting May 20, 2024 1705 Manzanita Avenue, Chico, CA

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

**Program:** Our Program for **May** will be about the highly successful **Butte College Baseball Program**. Our speaker will be Butte College Baseball Coach **Anthony Ferro**. Anthony Ferro, now in his 21st season as Head Coach with the Roadrunners, achieved his 500th win April 20<sup>th</sup> when the Roadrunners defeated Lassen 15-4. He is quick to indicate that wins are a key part to any head coach's judgment at any level, but for him, it has always been more. He has said "It's never been about the wins and losses in our program, it's always been about the kids' lives and being able to impact their lives as coaches did for me when I was younger." "While I was here at Butte College, I felt like this was my calling because baseball got me two college degrees, it got me my life, and now I'm just trying to give it back," Coach Ferro said.



**Lunch:** The food will be served as it has been recently. **The price of lunch is now \$20.**

Lunch Menu	Attendance Communication
<p><b>Chicken Piccata</b> with lemon capers, wild rice pilaf, green beans and carrots, and tiramisu with caramel sauce for dessert.</p>	<p>It is important to communicate whether you will participate in the <b>May</b> luncheon. <b>Please respond to the survey</b> but if you could not do the survey, and <b>if you WILL attend</b>, contact Rocky Rockwell at 916-209-3217 or Dave Jones at 530-895-1022 <b>by Thursday, May 16.</b></p>

**Big Sir Message:** What a great program at the last meeting. I want to thank Jim Braziel and his son-in-law Jeff Lugosi for the great presentation of Jeff's travels and athletic activities. I feel that our group is so fortunate to have such interesting programs each month. I want to thank the Program Committee for setting up such an interesting diverse line up of guest speakers for each luncheon. This month we were scheduled to have Tyler Newton the Butte College Women's Basketball Coach that has gone to the Elite 8 the last three years. But, as you might have read, he got a full-time teaching job at another JC down south as well as the Head Basketball Coach so will not be available. I'm sure the program committee will replace him with another interesting individual.



We are, as you hear, each month having a **huge problem** getting an accurate count of the lunch number. I must order the number of lunches that are prepared for our meeting the Thursday of the week prior to the Monday meeting. Last month (March) we had 16 folks come to the meeting that did not answer the survey and as the result we were short of food and 3 guys had to go out and get Mexican food during the lunch. In April we had 19 folks **not** show up after saying they

would be there. Plus there were 5 additional lunches I sometimes add to the number for insurance that were not eaten. As a result, we had 24 lunches that we gave away after the meeting that we were charged for. This cost the group \$480 that we don't have in our budget. We are going to talk about a solution to this at the BEC meeting before next month's (May) lunch. The meeting starts at 9:30 am, and if you want to help with any input, please feel free to attend. I wouldn't be surprised that in the future the solution would be to charge the individuals ordering lunch and not showing up. We can't continue to operate like this. *Dave*

**BEC Message:** The Branch 110 Executive Committee (BEC) discussed the following idea and **Bill Colvin** offered to provide the following information.

At our next monthly meeting we would like to pursue "Fellowship and Friendship" by starting our monthly meeting at approximately at 10:45 to 11:00 am for anyone that is interested. Coffee and water will be available. We would encourage members to use this extra time to socialize before the formal regular meeting begins. The meeting will begin at 11:30 am (regular time).

If we are to increase our membership, we will need to develop our activity groups. We will need to develop new activities and enhance the activity groups we already enjoy. Pickleball is the most recent new activity that has been added to Branch 110. Call Little Sir – Don Sturt or Jay Hanson for more information about Pickleball.

Any of our current members that have an idea or interest in developing a new activity will be encouraged to present the idea to the BEC (Branch Executive Committee). Call Big Sir Dave Jones first, to get on the agenda for a BEC meeting. **The BEC meets at 9:30 am** on the same day as the luncheon meetings.

For instance, a Book Club could be enjoyed by both the SIR member and his spouse/significant other. Bicycling was discussed previously and will be presented at a future general meeting. You all are encouraged to attend.

The one activity all of us should be involved in is "Fellowship and Friendship". We can make this a reality by showing up to luncheon meetings a half hour earlier and making an effort to visit with old as well as new members. In the future, we will make certain there are plenty of tables and chairs. No one should ever walk into a meeting and not be able to find an open table to join. I would also like to express special recognition to the Program Committee. Our speakers have been truly outstanding, very impressive and exceedingly knowledgeable. *Bill Colvin*

## 2024 Officers and Directors

<b>Big Sir: Dave Jones</b>		<b>Little Sir: Don Sturt</b>	
<b>Secretary: Bob Dinger</b>	<b>Asst. Sec.: Dave Rush</b>	<b>Data Base Mgr: Rocky Rockwell</b>	
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## Health, Wisdom and Memorials

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.

**Kindness costs nothing, but means everything.**

**Please check out our website for updates and lots of new humor.  
This table shows the many different sections of the site that are available.  
Please check out the site.**


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


## 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.**

<b>Pickleball</b>		<p>Pickleball coach <b>Jay Hanson</b> would like to inform all SIR members that our newly formed group meets Thursdays at <b>1 pm (note the new time)</b> at the 20<sup>th</sup> Street Park weather permitting. We have a small group but plenty of fun learning and playing this popular new sport. It is the number one sport gaining popularity in the United States. I am looking forward to seeing new faces out there playing this fun game and socializing with our SIR group. So come on out and join the fun. Jay can be reached at <a href="mailto:jbirdhanson1@gmail.com">jbirdhanson1@gmail.com</a></p>
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<b>Hiking</b>		<p>Our Tuesday, May 14, the hike is in Upper Bidwell Park. We'll meet at 9 am at Horseshoe Lake. We're thinking a hike out along Middle Bidwell and a return on the Yahi Trail along the creek but we can decide on our route the day of the hike.</p> <p><b>PLACE:</b> Horseshoe Lake, Upper Bidwell Park Coffee or cool drink after, place TBD (optional)</p> <p><b>DATE:</b> Tuesday, May 14, 2024 <b>TIME</b> 9:00 am</p> <p><b>WEAR:</b> Layers, hat, walking or hiking shoes or boots</p> <p><b>LOGISTICS:</b> Bring water. Bring a snack, if desired. Suggest bringing sunscreen, lip balm, walking poles or staff if desired, a personal first aid kit, and a hat. This is a bird area so binoculars could come in handy. Include in your pack the name of an emergency contact and contact information and medical insurance information. Bring money for gathering for a drink afterward (optional).</p> <p><b>COMMENTS:</b> This hike is generally on uneven terrain with some elevation changes. Surfaces are uneven so be alert to tripping and fall hazards. We need to be aware of other trail users that may include joggers, cyclists, and dog walkers. Temperatures are starting to climb so make sure to bring water. Participants will need to stay hydrated and watch for signs of heat stress.</p> <p><b>For additional information please contact Rich Utter or Jim Hertl.</b></p>
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<b>Bridge</b>		<p>Since the April Rooster's Tale, there were three bridge sessions, and Ed Matzdorff won twice. Please come join this friendly Bridge group. They meet weekly on Thursdays at 2750 Sierra Sunrise Terrace in Chico at noon. <b>Call Bob Dinger at 530-892-9063 for information.</b></p>
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<b>History</b>		<p>The next meeting will be <b>Tuesday, May 14, at 10 am at 6 Stratford Way.</b> This meeting will continue exploring topics related to Chico's historic buildings, institutions, businesses and people. The May 14<sup>th</sup> meeting will have discussions about the Fifth Street House</p>
<p>building, History of Chico's Public Schools, History of Chico's Fire Departments, History of Homelessness in Chico and other interesting issues, if time allows.  <b>If you would be interested in participating or would like more information, please contact Don Alger (<a href="mailto:dalger@csuchico.edu">dalger@csuchico.edu</a> or 530-894-2452)</b></p>		

<b>ABV 110</b>		<p>The wine/beer/cider/sour/kombucha/Pizza tasting at the Commons Social Empourium was a success with about 20 participants. Pictures below (<b>courtesy Randy Benson</b>) show some of the festivities.</p>
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The next activity will involve a tasting of after dinner (dessert) wines such as. **Port, Madeira, Sherry, or late-harvest wines.** Once again, it will be held at the Braziel's home.  
 Please save the date of **Thursday, May 23, at 2 pm.**  
**To be added to the ABV email list, contact Don Alger ([dalger@csuchico.edu](mailto:dalger@csuchico.edu) or 530-894-2452).**




<b>Pinochle</b>		<p>Pinochle report for April: Due to world travelers and life's "stuff", we had a small group. We had one winner and that was Cindy Heffren. Our next Pinochle date is May 22, at 11 am at BCCC for lunch and cards. <b>Call Joe Navarro at 343-0832 with questions.</b></p>
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<b>Wood Working</b>		<p><b>Due to a lack of participation, there are no longer regular meetings.</b> If someone has a project that needs a little help, <b>call Craig Lindquist at 530-898-8483 or Bill Gebhardt at 530-879-0429 for more information.</b></p>
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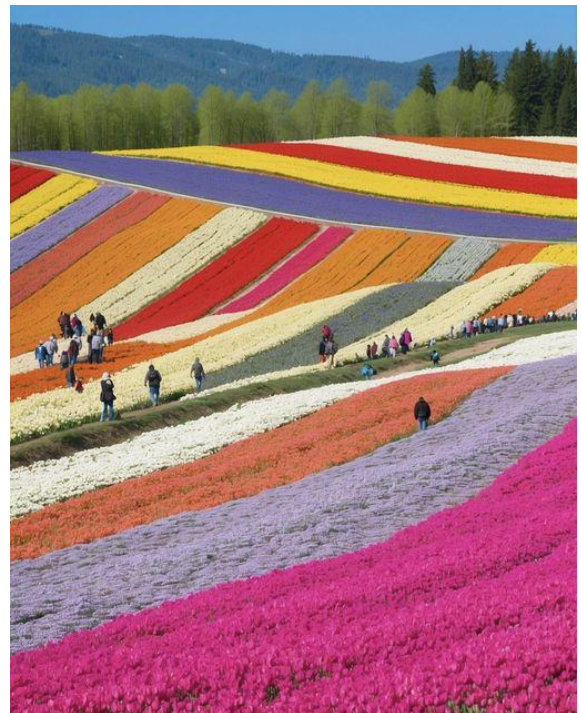
<h2>Piscatology</h2>		<p>We just completed our first fishing trip of the year. Collins Lake produced limited fish the</p>	
<p>first day, however seven rainbow trout were caught the second day. Most of the fish were caught in Vern Hartman's boat. Our next trip will be to Bucks Lake on May 6-8 of next month. This will be a camping trip, bring your own food. The second night we will eat at the restaurant across the lake from the campground. Pictured is Howard Hamman and Vern Hartman with trout from Collins Lake. Our next breakfast will be May 9th at 7:30 am at Cozy Diner.</p>			
<p><b><u>Call Bill Colvin 530-521-7269 or Bob Weckerle 530-864-6698 for more information.</u></b></p>			

<h2>Bowling</h2>		<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>		


## Oregon Sights



**Multnomah Falls**



**Fields of Tulips**

<b>Golf</b>		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. Call <b>Darrell Hands</b> , the Chair of the activity, at 530-966-1303 for information.
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On Monday, April 15, 36 SIR golfers played a tournament at Table Mountain

1 <sup>st</sup> Place Net = 149	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Net = 151	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Net = 151	4 <sup>th</sup> Place Net = 153
BARGER, JIM	BINGAMAN, BILL	BROSSOIT, PAUL	GRIFFIN, RON
MAIN, ED	GLAZINER, KEN	EBER, JEFF	LEE, LLOYD
MCNAMARA, DENNIS	PARSONS, DICK	HYDER, MARK	CAMY, DON
WHITE, GARY	VELASCO, STEVE	PERTUIT, GLEN	SOMMER, BENNY

**CLOSEST TO PIN 3:** BINGAMAN, BILL- 8' 4"; QUINTO, RAY - 10' 2" **PIN 7:** STASER, CHARLES - 2' 3"; BARNUM, DAVE - 6' 7" **PIN 12:** HANDS, DARRELL - 6' 9"; MCNAMARA, DENNIS - 9' 4" **PIN 16:** PERTUIT, GLEN - 5' 11"; STASER, CHARLES - 9' 11"


On Monday, April 29 a SIR tournament was played at Rolling Hills.


1 <sup>st</sup> Place Net = 59.2	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Net = 59.5	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Net = 59.5	4 <sup>th</sup> Place Net = 59.9
BARNUM, DAVE	GLAZINER, KYLE	BROSSOIT, PAUL	BRUGGMAN, DENNIS
HILDENBRAND, LARRY	KNOWLTON, JACK	EBER, JEFF	HULL, MICHAEL
STASER, CHARLES	PARSONS, DICK	HYDER, MARK	QUINTO, RAY
WEIDERT, JIM	GLAZINER, KYLE	PERTUIT, GLEN	VAN PATTEN, ALEX

**CLOSEST TO PIN 4:** TBD; **PIN 6:** TBD; **PIN 12:** HERMAN, CRAIG - 3' 2"; HYDER, MARK - 4' 9" **PIN 14:** BINGAMAN, BILL - 1' 7"; DAHL, JAKE - 6' 5" **PIN 16:** VAN PATTEN, ALEX - 34' 7"; BROWN, GREG - 42' 8"

## SIR 110 Information Resources

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

<b>History</b>		There will be an endeavor to keep folks informed about upcoming history related activities. <b>Contact Don Alger (<a href="mailto:dalger@csuchico.edu">dalger@csuchico.edu</a> or 530-894-2452) for more information on the following events.</b>
<b><u>Chico History Museum Events</u></b>		
<b>May 25:</b> Lecture Series 6: Before Ishi: The Life And Death Of The Yahi		
<b><u>Butte County Historical Society Events</u></b>		
<b>May 18:</b> Butte County History in Art		

<b>Travel</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inside Passage Cruise from San Francisco to Alaska , May 26 – June 6, 2024</li> <li>• Venice and Croatian Islands Cruise, September 30 – October 12, 2024</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fall Mexican Riviera Getaway, October 15 – 26, 2024</li> <li>• SIR Grand Circle River Trip, Prague to Budapest, November 6-20, 2024</li> <li>• Panama Canal Cruise, San Francisco to Ft. Lauderdale, January 20 – February 5, 2025</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">For information on tours, contact Jose Lopez at 891-6715 or 864-5978.</p>		





# MEMBERSHIP

There are now **132** members including **8** on Attendance Relief. Membership brochures and applications are always available at the membership table or you can call Don Levensaler at **530-520-3291** to get one via the postal service.

## Roster Updates

Since the preparation and printing of the 2024 Roster in January, 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)

<b>Members not in the 2024 Roster</b>	Ralph Skytte	John Schaller	Dan Bequette	Dana Davis
	Kevin Hennessy	Gary Marquis	Bill Knudsen	Paul Tullius

	<p>Name: <b>Dana Davis</b>                  Wife: Shanna                  Occupation: Deputy Sheriff – Butte County                  Interests: Fishing, Gardening, Genealogy, Travel, Veterans, Investments</p> <p>Sponsored by: Vernon Hartman</p>		<p>Name: <b>Kevin Hennessy</b>                  Wife: April                  Occupation: Construction – P.G. &amp; E.                  Interests: Book Club, Explore &amp; Eat, Hikers                  Sponsored by: Randy Benson</p>
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## Guests in April

<p><b>Vince Hevrera</b> - guest of Ron Brazil  <b>Howard Ross</b> - guest of Jim Williams  <b>Bob Kiehn</b> - guest of Steve Nay</p>	<p><b>Steve Miller</b> - guest of Jim Johnson  <b>Gill Jones</b> - guest of Chris Schaller  <b>Dave Fuller</b> - guest of Dave Rush</p>
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## Announcements

**Editor's Note:** The deadline for the **June** Rooster's Tale is **Thursday, June 6**. Send your information by email at [dalger@csuchico.edu](mailto:dalger@csuchico.edu) or phone at 530- 894-2452.

**Future Programs:** The **June 24<sup>th</sup>** program will address some of Chico's homeless issues. **July 22** will feature Mike Ramsey and a discussion on "Scams and Frauds" On **October 28<sup>th</sup>**, information on CSU, Chico will be presented by Steve Perez (the relatively new president).

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

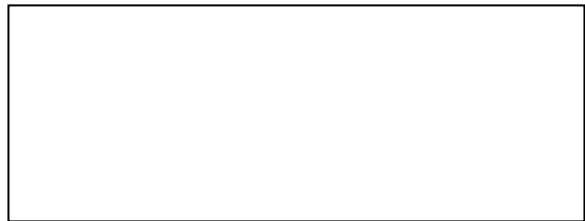




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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

If you have a May Birthday, please join us at the May 20<sup>th</sup> luncheon and find out what you might win.

Randy	Benson	May	1	Charlie	Clayton	May	9	Steve	Velasco	May	18
Joe	Viscuso	May	5	Hal	Stoner	May	9	David	Jones	May	19
Frank	Moody	May	8	Ken	Baker	May	11	Jim	Weidert	May	28

**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 plan on bringing a friend to the next SIR meeting!**

**RANDOM THOUGHTS**  
**Why are there no "B" batteries?**  
**The older I get, the earlier it gets late.**