

The SIRs” ~Lake Tahoe Branch 160~

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HIGH MOUNTAIN NEWS



“ Up on The Hill, man ... that’s the greatest! “



~ **APRIL 2010** ~

We meet the 4th Monday of the month

Our next reg. meeting “235 th ”	Monday April 26 th	We meet at Tep’s Villa Roma
Officers & Chairmen	10:00am	3450 Lake Tahoe Blvd (Hiway 50)
Social hour	11:00 am	South Lake Tahoe, California
Luncheon	12:00 noon	(Across from the Bijou Center)



FROM THE BIG SIR

I’m sorry to say that we lost one of our members last month. Leroy Rhoades passed on March 20th. We didn’t find out until after our meeting on the 22nd. Leroy was a member of SIR since 1996. Condolences to his family, he will be missed by all of us.

Last month it was nice to see Wayne Logan receive the “Honorary Life Member” award by our State President Buck Kendrick. Thanks Buck for coming from Los Altos to present this award, and for the visit. Also thanks to our Area Governor Bill Short for visiting with us.

Dave Dugan our bowling chairman told us last month that on April 19th, 20th, and 21st. the SIR State Bowling Tournament will be in our own back yard, at Gold Dust West in Carson City. As I understand the first two days we’re sold out, and Wednesday the 21st. was open for team bowling. This newsletter might be a little late for you to read this in time, but if you haven’t already signed up, (which is too late by now) go out and support our members bowling in this event. “Cheer them on”.

I’d like to thank all of you SIR members who donate your time and money to keep SIR Branch 160 going strong. As we all know this is a non-profit organization, and \$1.00 from our monthly luncheon goes to run our Branch 160’s cost. Some of you are snowbirds, and some of us might miss a meeting or two, but there’s still some cost in running this organization and keeping everyone informed. Every now and then a member or two donates a little more each month. Thank you Sir’s for doing that.

Dave Tiongco

FROM THE LITTLE SIR



Lake Tahoe and Western Nevada are extremely, historically rich. Many of us have lived in the Lake Tahoe area for several years while others have recently moved here. In either case, many may not know much about the history of our area. In order to wet your appetite, here's a little taste of what our April guest speaker will share with us regarding a piece of the area's history.

As the center of Nevada's silver Bonanza, Virginia City lay barren in the center of a semi-arid high elevation desert. Just as the need for lumber sent Comstockers to the Sierra, so did the need for water. As we all know, "necessity is the Mother of invention". In this case, pioneering enterprise brought about extremely innovative methods and feats never before attempted. Virginia City and the Comstock faced a variety of water problems. First, it needed to find a water sources adequate to supply its increasing population and second, to power the steam-driven operation of the mines.

The Virginia Gold Hill Water Company (VGHWC) began to build flume systems from nearby water sources. But they quickly found that flumes and pipes ran full in the spring and half empty by autumn. It became evident to the water company that a great effort was required in order to locate and secure water from an unfailing source. When the VGHWC devised a plan to run water from a Sierra creek across Washoe Valley in the early 1860s, Eliot Lord (1883) reported, "even the boldest speculators were startled."

VGHWC took on the endeavor and the decision to go to the Sierra Nevada for water was approved by the VGHWC board of directors in August 1871. VGHWC contracted two consultations to draft the undertaking. The first contractor, a civil engineer named S.M. Buck wrote his conclusions to VGHWC on July 14, 1864, "...to bring water across Washoe Valley at a sufficient height to make it available to supply Virginia City would, to say the least, would be one of the most arduous undertakings of engineering and mechanical skill in modern or ancient time...It is an undertaking in which no prudent capitalist would ever invest money".

The second consultation came from a German engineer named Hermann Schussler. Schussler's resume included his design and construction of the world's first pressure pipeline for the Cherokee Hydraulic Mining Company near Oroville, California, and most recently, his survey of the Sutro Tunnel on the Comstock.



Schussler wrote his consultation to the VGHWC in October 1871, "...The following day we proceeded by way of Carson City to Lake Marlet (sic), the bottom of which is at an elevation of about 7800 feet above the Ocean and about 1200 feet above Virginia City. I found it to be a magnificent natural reservoir of an area from 500 to 600 acres. Its only outlet is a narrow gorge, 25 feet wide at the bottom and at an elevation of 20 feet, from 100 to 120 feet wide so that a log jam 75,000 feet of make a

containing about 4000 million gallons of water. fill itself every winter from melting snow, in natural supply, which is over 100 inches per day would thus have secured a steady supply of 11 day, which is 50% more than the entire City of uses at present. The water can be easily in either a northerly or southerly direction by to the inlet of the pipe, the route by way of Dall Creek) being more preferable although it may expense of drilling a short tunnel through the divide in the main ridge near Dall (Hobart) Creek". (Excerpts from "Water History at Lake Tahoe" by: Julie R. Stone) (Continued next page)



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Come share the rich history of this water system with Cheryl Surface, former Nevada State Park backcountry ranger. The Nevada State Parks Hobart-Marlette backcountry is the site of the Marlette Water System—the water provider for Virginia City, Gold Hill, Silver City and parts of Carson City. Developed in the last half of the 1800s to furnish the timber and water required by the gold and silver mines in Virginia City and Gold Hill, the system is comprised of Marlette Lake, Hobart Reservoir and an intricate system of flumes and pipelines. The Marlette Flume and another flume from the north entered a 4,000 foot tunnel that emptied on the east side of the Carson Range and joined the Inverted Siphon, the key pipeline of the Comstock era. This high-pressure pipeline brought water to a reservoir near Virginia City. It could deliver up to 10 million gallons a day. This pipeline is still in use. (Photos: Marlette Lake from Marlette Peak and “Red House”, the Flume Keeper’s house)

David



SIR Bowling Report – Branch #160

April 12, 2010

“No-tap” doubles took place on April 9th with fifteen bowlers participating for a share of the \$75.00 stakes.

<u>Bowlers</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Award</u>
1 st - Barrett S. /Bernice M.	1282	\$ 22.50
2 nd - Wayne/Otto H.	1211	18.75
3 rd - Leo/Audry F.	1210	15.00
4 th - Dave D. /Jackie S.	1181	11.25
5 th - Ron R. /Tony M.	1174	7.50

Limited participation in the SIR “Gold Dust” Carson City tournament, resulted from early sell out of doubles, singles on Mon. (4/19) & Tues. (4/20). The team event results, held on Wed. (4/21) will be reported in next month’s newsletter.

The next tournament of interest is at Pollock Pines – Branch #113, on May 2, 3, & 4. Singles @ 10am, Doubles @ 1 pm. Cost: \$16.50/event; all events- \$38.00. All SIR in good standing, their wives and/or guests must be USBC members. There will be two divisions based on averages. Entrees must be received by the April 26th luncheon. Questions? Call Dave @ (530) 573-1052

Lake Tahoe Branch 160 Badge Color Scheme

Charter Member...**RED**

HonoraryLifeMember...**GOLD**

New Member **BLUE** The rest of us **BLACK**

When you see a badge with **BLUE** lettering indicating a NEWER MEMBER, be sure to make him feel extra welcome.



Visit the SIR Website at sirinc.org
and
read "SIR HAPPENINGS" -- the SIR State Newsletter.
plus, in living color,
our Branch 160 Newsletters and Website are out
there too

March 22, 2010

SIR Branch 160 Minutes
Board of Directors/Executive Committee Meeting
South Lake Tahoe. CA

The meeting was called to order by Big SIR, Dave Tiongco at 10:05AM.

Big SIR report: Dave Tiongco asked if the Secretary, Lee Szromba if we have a quorum. A head count was taken and yes we do have the quorum. Big Sir asked if any Officers or Directors had any issues with the February meeting minutes. None were voiced. The minutes for February were approved as written. Big Sir mentioned that someone on line was asking for money/donations for the SIR. He stated that this is a scam and anyone seeing this should not respond to it. Big Sir mentioned that Mike Chernus will be joining our Branch today and he has the new member package for him.

Treasurer's report: Dale Herman stated that at the beginning of February the Branch had \$1,525.14. General receipts totaled \$91.20 and General disbursements were \$209.05. Monthly luncheon income was \$854.00. Disbursements for the monthly luncheon and Christmas party refunds totaled \$979.00. The ending cash balance for the end of February is \$1,282.29. A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's report, seconded, and approved.

Attendance report: Ron Rathbun stated that there are 112 members, with 7 inactive and 5 on medical leave.

Newsletter report: Larry Coffman stated that the Tahoe Tribune came to Tahoe Bowl and interviewed some of the Branch members. The article was published in the Tahoe Tribune March 20-23. There were some minor discrepancies; club symbol (the crow) and (most) members are male. However overall this is good publicity for the SIR.

Bowling report: Dave Dugan stated that all the information of upcoming events are published in the monthly newsletter.

Golf report: Sig Heidemann will discuss golf issues at the general membership meeting.

Sunshine report: Mike Vadnais was not in attendance so Big Sir asked if anyone knows if one of the Branch members is under the weather. No one brought up any issue.

Rooster sales report: Bill Chambers was not present and no report was given.

Old Business: Big Sir discussed the possibility of an alternate location for our annual picnic in July. Larry Coffman will be looking into having it at Paradise Park near Lake Baron. Big Sir asked Dave Cotter to put a down payment of \$5.00 to reserve Zephyr Cove County Park where we have had the picnic for the past several years. This is so we will not lose this spot incase we don't go somewhere else. Ron Rathbun will further investigate the Zephyr Cove park location for a closer spot in the park to the toilets. Big Sir asked if the charge for the picnic should be as we did last year, that is \$10.00 per person? A motion to again do this was put forward, seconded and voted approved. Big Sir mentioned that next month we will have four guests at our luncheon. State SIR President, Area Governor, Region Director and Wayne Logan's wife. Wayne Logan will be receiving an Honorary Life Member award at that meeting/luncheon.

New Business: Big Sir introduced Bill Short, Area Governor, Buck Kendrick, State President and special guest Dona Logan. Big Sir asked Buck to present the Honorary Life Membership to Wayne Logan at the luncheon meeting following this meeting today. Buck will do so. Buck Kendrick discussed the declining membership of the State SIR. His goal is to promote a increased membership over all of 10%. If the individual Branches meet this goal they will get a monetary break on the State Assessment. It was mentioned that our Branch has an increased membership over the last two years.

The meeting was officially adjourned at 10:41 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Szromba, Secretary, SIR Branch 160

ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR MARCH 2010

Total approved members (112)

Total members previous report (111)

Members Added (1) Mike Chernus

Total members this report (112)

Inactive members this report (7) Russ Dow, Peter Guth, Dick Miller, Chuck Rozum, Will Twining, Tom Worrell and Ken Davis

Medical leave (5) Ken Miklosy, Damon Perry, Harry Howard, Don Gillin and Don Codgelia

Total inactive Branch 160 (12)

Net active members (100)

Attendance – Active members (77)

Guests-Prospective members (5)
Stan Bobman, Jim Johnson, Lou Parmloy, Al Atkins and Wayne Filia

Speaker(s) (1) Wayne Logan's wife, Dona Logan

Visitors (sirs from other Branches) (2) Bill short, Buck Kendrick

Total Present (85)

Above and beyond donations Ben Kunibe, and Al Pizl



Ron Rathbun

Your attendance chairman,

IN MEMORIAM

Leroy Rhoades
Active Member and Our Friend
Sons In Retirement – Lake Tahoe Branch
Rest In Peace

Badge drawing winner!!!!

FOR THE APRIL LUNCHEON

James Price

Come to a meeting, have lunch, hear our guest speaker and have your badge pulled from the bucket for a lunch on the Sirs at the next meeting.

APRIL BIRTHDAY BOYS



George Adams Bill Chambers Jim Denney
Denis Galbraith Franz Goepfert
Harry Howard
Bill Kaster Steve Pannozzo Dan Rodriguez
Herb Wheeler

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BRANCH 160

Happy Birthday, Sirs !



MEMBERS ANNIVERSERY

FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

Gary Gruber 1993, Bill Chambers 1996, Stu Merrill 1998, Ron Rathbun 1998, Don Berry 1999, Warren Shaw 2002, Tom Worrell 2003, Ed Bludau 2004, Bob Harms 2006, Rick Leach 2006, Ed Rector 2007

Attendance reminder --

We must not miss 3 consecutive meetings without notifying the Attendance Chairman and being excused.

Whether or not we have been "excused", we still must attend at least half the meetings during the previous 12 months period.

"NOTICE"

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*Previews of
Coming Attractions ...*



APRIL

Mon 26th Lunch at Tep's
Tue 27th Golf at Genoa Lakes 10:00am

MAY

Mon 3rd Golf at Eagle Valley West
Mon 10th Golf at Silver Oak
Fri 14th Bowling Tahoe Bowl
Mon 17th Golf Lake Ridge (Reno)
Mon 24th Lunch at Tep's
Tue 25th Golf Dayton Valley



From Golfing Chairman, Sig

For all you golfers out there, it can be done. A Hole In One was had by none other than Al Pizl at Silver Oak Golf Course in Carson City on the par 3, 6th hole. On Tue April 5th, 2010. A reward of \$50.00 went to Al on the great day.

 **Roster Changes**

Please post these changes to your Branch Roster --

Add 1 New Member ☺

27 Mike Chernus (Addie) 530-577-7750
PO Box 1860, S Lake Tahoe, CA 96158
MJChernus@aol.com

Change is Underlined ☺

64 Jim LaPorte
WildHorse2728@clearwire.net

Add to front cover page ☺

Honorary Life Members: Add Wayne Logan

Periodically I will comment on the rules of golf.

Today, The maximum number of 14 clubs.

a.) Selection and Addition of clubs

The player must not start a stipulated round with more than 14 clubs.

He is limited to the clubs thus selected for that round, except that if he started with fewer than 14 clubs, he may add any number, provided his total number does not exceed 14.

The addition of a club or clubs must not unduly delay play and the player must not add or borrow any club selected for play by any other person on the course.

b.) Partners may share clubs

Partners may share clubs, provided that the total number of clubs carried by the partners so sharing, does not exceed 14 clubs.

If you break this rule, a maximum of 4 strokes is deducted.

Sig Heidemann, Golf Chairman

SIR TRAVEL 2010

May 21-June 1, 2010

Italian Lakes and Greek Islands

Immerse yourself in the beauty of the Italian Lakes and visit the most popular of the Greek Islands. Stay 3 days in Stresa on the shores of Lake Maggiore, cruise on the Costa Fortuna for 7 days and visit the ports of Bari, Katakolon, Dubrovnik, Venice, plus the Greek Islands of Santorini, Mykonos and Rhodes. The trip includes 25 meals. Offered by Branch 22 Travel. Call Paul Hiatt at 415-454-2240 for information and prices.

May 31-June 13, 2010

Paris-Burgundy-Provence

Five nights in Paris...TGV to Dijon...8-day river cruise through Burgundy and Provence. All outside staterooms on the luxurious Grand River Royal. 6 shore excursions with English speaking guides, complementary wine during dinner, enrichment entertainment and lectures onboard. Prices start at \$5520 PPDO. Offered by Branches 101 & 121 Travel. Call Werner Schlapfer at 925-443-8291.

June 6-16, 2010

A Trip of a Lifetime! Oberammergau

This "trip of a lifetime" has just been reduced in price. The cost is now \$4300 PPDO. This passion play was first performed in 1634 and is put on during the last year of every decade. The play involves cast of over 2,000 and celebrates this village in Bavaria, Germany from being spared the worst of the Black Plague. Area 1 Travel offers the trip. Call Phil Manriquez at 650-871-5009 for information and a flyer.

SONS IN RETIREMENT
LAKE TAHOE BRANCH 160, INC.

CHARTER MEMBERS

That are still active

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Al Bartley

Herb Wheeler Ben Kunibe

Bob Peterson Ken Koegl

Ken Miklosy Harry Howard

Barrett Stitt Bob Baker

Dom Delcenio Chuck Rozum

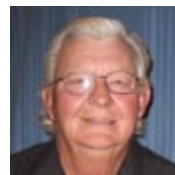
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The regular, normal guys in this
Club salute you gentlemen.

GUYS NIGHT OUT

Looking to get a POKER night up. If you like to play cards it's \$.05, \$.10, \$.25. Starts at 6:00pm with pizza, bring your own drinks, cards start at 6:30 pm at my house. If you are interested see me at our next meeting or call Larry Coffman 530-577-0328 and we will get it started.

FROM YOUR RECRUITER



Looking for new members. Keep an eye out for prospective new members who you might think would like to become a SIR. We are looking to increase our membership by 10% this year to keep us going. I have

handouts on things that we do and participate in. See me if you would like one of these. And don't forget your guest lunch card, if you don't have one also see me to receive one.

WAYNE LOGAN, LAKE TAHOE SIR BRANCH 160, AWARDED HIGHEST HONOR



The success of most organizations is in the strength and devotion of their volunteers. The Lake Tahoe SIR Branch 160 is no exception. And as is the case with most organizations there are always a few members that quietly give above and beyond, over and over again! Wayne Logan is one of these rare gifts.

At our March 2010 luncheon, Wayne was awarded an **“Honorary Life Membership”** to recognize his exceptional service to our branch. By far one of the highest honors a SIR member

can be awarded, it is only bestowed after careful review and scrutiny of faithful and outstanding service to SIR for at least five years or more.

Wayne became a member of Lake Tahoe SIR Branch 160 in 1993. Since that time he has served in a variety of capacities including:

- Little SIR in 1995
- Big SIR in 1996
- Board Director on the Executive Committee from 1997 to present
- Golf Chairman/Assistant Chairman from 1997 to present
- Sunshine Chair from 2008 through 2009
- Key volunteer preparing for our annual picnic since 1993

SIR State President Buck Kendrick and Area Governor Bill Short were both present to recognize Wayne's contributions to SIR and award him with his Honorary Life Membership certificate. We were also pleased that Wayne's wife, Dona, was able to be present for this commemorative celebration.

Wayne, we are forever grateful for your service, leadership and, most of all, your friendship.
JOB WELL DONE SIR!

NEWSLETTER

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HONORARY DIRECTORS

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GARY GRUBER	530-541-8581	DICK MILLER	775-586-8590
JIM SMITH	775-265-4690		

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

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ASST. ATTENDANCE.....	BOB PETERSON	530-544-0355	NEWSLETTER	LARRY COFFMAN.....	530-577-0328
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