



# SONS IN RETIREMENT ALMADEN BRANCH 94

A Nonprofit Organization For Retired Men

Devoted to the promotion of Independence and Dignity of Retirement

Almaden Branch 94 meets the second Thursday of each month at the Elks' Lodge,  
444 West Alma Avenue, San Jose, CA 95110

Branch Executive Committee Meeting - 10:00 AM,  
Fellowship - 11:00 AM, Luncheon - 11:45 AM



## Big Sir Message April 2021

Happy Easter everyone !!

By now most of you should have had your second vaccine shot. Just remember to keep wearing your masks in public.

The state SIR recently held several days of training sessions for activities that we all can participate in : card games, wine tasting, book clubs, even horse shoes. The sessions have been recorded , so if you missed them you can catch up by going to the state website.

(Editor's Note: Since this newsletter is posted on an unprotected website, I cannot publish the SIR State website user id and password here. To obtain these, please email or phone a member of the Branch Executive Council or your caller.)

There will be a Part 2 activity week April 19th to the 23rd. at 2-4 PM. Oh yes - to get to these activities - the ZOOM meeting ID is 824 8438 9424 and the pass word is 775209. Hope to see you at our monthly ZOOM meeting on April 8th at 7:00 PM Our ID is 840 3096 7639 and the passcode is SIR94. Yes, the "SIR" is in capitol letters.

-Ed Shpiel

### Executive Committee

Big Sir	Ed Shpiel	408-379-3388
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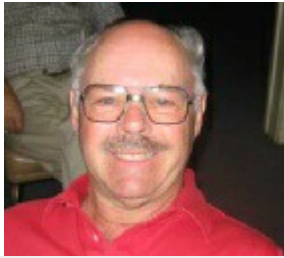
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### Branch 94 Meeting

This meeting will be on the internet using the Zoom program /app at 7:00 PM on April 8.

Use the program/app:  
 Meeting ID: 840 3096 7639  
 Password: SIR94

<b>Speaker:</b>	Dedra Jize, Geriatric Care Mgr.
<b>Topic:</b>	Life Care Planning: What you don't know might hurt you



**Treasurer's Report  
Submitted by  
Neil Keever**

	<b>BOA / Union Bank</b>	<b>COH</b>	<b>Total</b>
Carry Over	\$2043.77	\$75.00	\$2118.77
<b>March Income:</b>			
Luncheon Receipts	\$0.00		
Travel Club disband	\$191.49		
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$191.49</b>		
<b>March Expenses:</b>			
Elks - Luncheon	\$0.00		
State Assessment	\$0.00		
BOA Service Fee	\$32.00		
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$32.00</b>		
<b>March Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$2203.26</b>	<b>\$75.00</b>	<b>\$2278.26</b>

Note: During March, the Branch 94 account was transferred from the Bank Of America to Union Bank.



**April Birthdays**

Sam Walters  
Ray Scoffone  
Al Hughes

Dick Lake  
Joe Keever  
Bob Goetze

**April Anniversaries**

Darrel & Anna Jensen, 66

**Zoom**

Branch 94 has been using the Zoom Application to hold the Branch 94 during the Covid-19 epidemic.

Zoom may be run on your smart phone or computer. For computer use you need speakers or earphones/buds to hear plus camera and microphone to partipate. For the Smartphone version, I found it on the app store. To obtain a Windows version, go the Zoom website.

[URL: https://zoom.us/download](https://zoom.us/download)

**Newsletter Access**

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## Branch 94 BEC Meeting March 10, 2021 Minutes

### II. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Minutes of the February 10, 2021, meeting had been e-mailed and read by BEC Members. Motion to approve Minutes by Director John Sargent, second by Director Ted Head/Approved by unanimous voice vote. No nays.
- b. TREASURER'S REPORT. Treasurer Neil Kever had prepared the Form 28 to send to State SIR. Balance in the Branch account was \$2017.81 with no bills outstanding. Cash on hand \$75,00. Motion to accept by Ted Head/Second by Julian Luci/ Approved by unanimous voice Vote. No nays.
- c. LITTLE SIR REPORT. Julian Luci led discussion of Attendance and the present Callers' and the reasons for low attendance at ZOOM meetings. The board agreed that Callers were not succeeding in getting Members to ZOOM meetings. Honorary Life Member Sam Walters asked to be relieved of Caller and BEC duties, but will continue to attend when Lunches resume. No action was taken.
- d. MEMBERSHIP. Chairman Ron Carter indicated that the Form 27 was revised to list 99 members. The Form 20 SIR report had been prepared but needed some detail before sending. All other reports to State SIR are timely. Director Ted Head moved to accept Chairman Carter's report/ second by / approved by unanimous voice vote.
- e. Rich George RECRUITING report. There will be no active recruiting or nominations until regular meetings resume. No action was taken.
- f. PROGRAM Chairman Chris Monahan spoke highly of Russell Downing's second presentation. Attendance was only 15m attendees plus several wives. The April Branch meeting will feature Dedra Jzir, who was recommended for her presentation of Late-in-Life issues, care, Legal documentation, etc. Monthly virtual Branch Monthly ZOOM Meeting is at 7:00 PM 3/8/2021.
- g. ANNUAL AUDIT Chair Neil Kever reported that the Auditors had Reviewed and Reconciled all Branch accounts for the year 2020. Motion to accept the Audit Report as presented by Big Sir Shpiel /Second by Ted Head/approval by unanimous voice vote.

### III. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Treasurer Kever indicated that that documents to move the Branch 94 account to Union Bank were delivered by himself, Ed Shpiel and Mike Conley. Ex-treasurer Shpiel had made an appointment to close the Bank of American account. Moving the account should be done before the next meeting.
- b. Director Sargent told of his efforts to clean out the SIR closet at the Elks Lodge. He was aided by friend Judi Wilson. A large amount of trash was removed with help from the Lodge superintendent. Thank you, John and Judi
- c. Big Sir Shpiel reported that SIR Area 11 had a new Governor named Ray Gilchrist. No contact information was available.

### IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- e. Our branch will have to make arrangements with another Lunch Service provider until the Elks open up again, probably next year. Mike Conley was contacted by Elks, who stated that demolition was beginning May 1, 2021, and could take up to a year to re-open.
- f. Mike Conley forwarded information from State officers that SIR membership is shrinking at 4% per year. They have initiated programs to help develop interest and initiate ACTIVITIES. All BEC members were sent those e-mails.

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## Golf

### SIR Golf News

There have been a few minor adjustments to the planned 2021 Area 11 golf schedule. Please see below. To the best of my knowledge, everything is still tentative.

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- Darrell

### Planning Golf Schedule For 2021 Area 11 Monthly Events

This planning schedule is subject to change.  
To sign up for these events, please see Darrell Jones

Date / Time	Course / Format	Price / Host(s)
Jun 28, 2021 10:00 AM First tee time	Seascope (Aptos) Irish Rumble + \$5 skins	\$55 Ray Gilcrest, Henry Melin (125)
Jul 26, 2021	Los Lagos (San Jose) Individual Qualifier	Rick Hausman (32)
Aug 23, 2021	Dublin Ranch (Dublin)	?
Sep 27, 2021 10:00 AM First tee time	Laguna Seca (Monterey) Colored Ball + \$5 skins	\$62 Ray Gilcrest, Henry Melin (125)
Oct 25, 2021 10:00 AM First tee time	Spring Hills (Watsonville)	\$55 Dan Love (39)
Nov 22, 2021 10:00 AM First tee time	Seascope (Aptos) Skins w/validation	\$72 Paul Goodwin (62)