



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 September 2021

Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of the partyoops I meant the BEC (executive board). After many years and work as our golf chairman AND newsletter guru Darrell Jones has given his resignation - somewhere near the end of the year and February 2022. SO - the BEC needs to find a replacement for the man who has given us so much of his time and energy. I NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR BOTH POSITIONS !!! Darrell will offer advice to these positions so you won't have to go in cold turkey.

According to state Sir statistics, 68% of people join sirs because of golf. Also in the plans is luncheon with the ladies for a December luncheon. To be discussed at our Sept BEC meeting.

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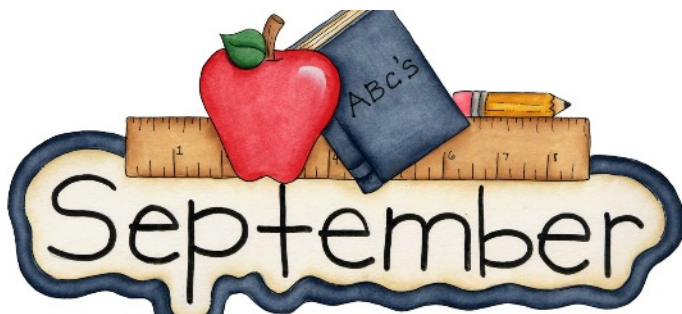
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Branch 94 Meeting

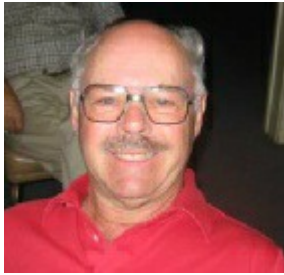
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Holder's County Inn

998 S DeAnza Blvd San Jose, Ca



Speaker:	DeAnna Pursai, Director College of the Adaptive Arts
Topic:	Program which provides equivalent to college experience to adults with Intellectual challenges.
Menu:	Four choices: Salmon, Steak New York or Rib Eye, Chicken Cordon Bleu, Yankee Pot Roast



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

	Union Bank	COH	Total
Carry Over	\$2056.29	\$75.00	\$2131.29
August Income:			
Luncheon Receipts	\$634.00		
Dues	\$30.00		
Union Bank fee reversed	\$31.95		
August Expenses:			
Luncheon	\$672.00		
Union Bank Stamp Fee	\$31.95		
Reimb copy exp Shpiel	6.56		
Reimb ofc Conley	23.46		
August Ending Balance	\$2018.27	\$75.00	\$2093.27

Membership Report not available

September Birthdays

Bob Kuechler	Neil Keever
Cliff Marks	Ralph Dinardo
Dennis Pitchford	Tony Medeiros
Brice Gieseke	Darrel Jensen
Leo Pursley	Parker Willey Jr
Rich Norona	Tom Kearney
Rich George	Darrell Jones
Bob Blaufus	

September Anniversaries

Ted & O'Lynda Head, 60
Bill & Betty Benevento, 59
Dennis & Nancy Pitchford, 30
Bob & Doris Blaufus

I apologize for any errors in the Birthday and Anniversary lists. I am still working from an old membership spreadsheet.

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Bocce Ball

We have been meeting every Thursday at Almaden Lake Park at 10:00. We have had a very good turn out with the average number about 12 players. Additional players are welcome with lessons if needed. Hope to see additional players.

-Julian Luci

Newsletter Access

If you would like to access any Branch 94 Newsletter published since January 2019, they are available on our website at [URL: branch94.sirinc2.org](http://branch94.sirinc2.org). At the bottom of the page click on "Newsletters", then select the issue you would like to read.

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Golf Notes

Submitted by Darrell Jones

At the August Branch Executive Council meeting, I announced my intentions to resign as golf chairman at the end of 2021, I reluctantly when events caused me to realize that my efforts for the club were not succeeding. In January 2020, before the Covid epidemic, there were approximately 17 members of the Branch 94 golf group. With the departure of Ron Carter, we are down to 7 members. For the first two area tournaments of 2021, we were able to field one 4 man team. For the third 2021 tournament at Pacific Grove, which I hosted, I was the only Branch 94 participants. There has been one change to my planning since the last BEC meeting. The Pacific Grove tournament was a success. We had ten 4 member teams participate. After the tournament, Ray Gilcrest. The Area 11 Golf Chairman asked Branch 94 to host the first 2022 tournament at Spring Valley in February. I agreed, so I plan to continue with this assignment until the February tournament is complete or I have been replaced as the Branch 54 Golf Chairman.

In the last few days, there have been several significant development that will affect every Branch 94 golfer. First, I received an email from the NCGA on September 10. The following is a quote of the pertinent portions.

“I am reaching out to you with some urgency regarding the status of your club's membership with the NCGA.

In short, the USGA requires a minimum of 10 members in order for a club to issue handicaps. Likewise, NCGA bylaws require this same minimum headcount.

At present, your Branch membership stands at only eight members.

In upcoming weeks it will be necessary for your club to both reach this 10-member threshold, and maintain such a level moving forward. In fact, the USGA is compelling us to enforce the requirement.

At the end of each quarter the USGA performs an audit of our membership looking for clubs that a) have not yet completed the required handicapping education and passed the necessary quiz (you satisfied this requirement on behalf of your club); and b) have fewer than 10 members. If a club fails three consecutive quarterly audits, we are forced to inactivate that club.

As things currently stand, your club is on pace to fail its third consecutive audit in a matter of weeks.”

Once we are inactivated, our members will not be able to obtain their NCGA/GHIN ID from Branch 94. For that reason, I checked with the other branches in Area 11 for other options. I received 2 responses which you may find helpful.

From Branch 125, Ray Gilcrest::

“Hi Darrell, Branch 125 would be more than happy to accept all 7 in to the Branch and Golf Club. The Branch has there luncheon on the third Tuesday of the month at The Three Flames in San Jose. Our Golf Club plays every Wednesday. Your golfers are more than welcome to play with our club some Wednesday too see how they could fit in and also come to one of our Tuesday luncheons”

From Branch 32, Rick Hausman:

“We would welcome any golfers. We play on Tuesdays at Los Lagos and have from 3 to 5 foursomes. We have 1-3 foursomes that play at Spring Valley on Fridays. There are 20-30 (co-ed) who travel to most of the State SIR Tournaments (Napa, Reno, Championship).

We would eagerly welcome additions to the Branch, especially the golf group. I will be Little SIR next year and Big SIR the year after! I would be happy to have anyone as my guest at our live luncheon which we have reinstated at Three Flames on Meridian on the third Wednesday of each month (must have proof of vaccination and sign SIR Covid Waiver form).

Let me know if you need more info and I would be glad to talk/meet with anyone interested, and/or have them come to the luncheon!”

I am not advocating that any member leave Branch 94, I am just informing the golfers of some opportunities to continue to maintain their NCGA/GHIN ID and play more SIR golf. I personally joined SIR to play golf. Therefore, I do expect to transfer to one of these branches in the near future. -ed

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Golf

Area 11 Pacific Grove Tournament Results

The weather was perfect for a very competitive Pacific Grove Tournament. Ten 4 man teams played the 2 best ball format. Only 5 strokes separated the first place team from the last. Two teams tied for 1st and 2nd, while three others tied for 3rd.

Place	Net Score	Players
1st	122	Ray Gilcrest (125), Joe Enos (35), Don Knoedler (39), Bill Hall (35)
1st	122	Rick Hausman (32), Bob Grandey (32), Hal Daner (32), Galen Gipson (32)
3rd	124	Henry Melin (125), Bruce Karney (38), Jay Jonekait (35), Alan Wieteska (125)
3rd	124	Holt Gordon (39), Kelvin Thomas (39), Jerry Angelo (39), Rudy Anchetta (39)
3rd	124	Harold Schmidt (125), Sal Ventura (125), Bob Tragni (125), Darrell Jones (94)

Golf Schedule For 2021 Area 11 Monthly Events

To sign up for these events, please contact Darrell Jones (408-262-6273 or dbjs04@sbcglobal.net),

Date / Time	Course / Format	Price / Host(s)
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	Seascape (Aptos) Skins w/validation	\$72 Paul Goodwin (62)