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**EL DORADO  
Branch 23**

**ANNUAL HISTORY**

**2008**

**Prepared by  
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## GENERAL INFORMATION

Branch meetings are held at Carmichael Elks Lodge, 5631 Cypress Avenue in Carmichael, California. Branch 23 meets on the second Wednesday of each month. The executive board meets at 10:30AM and the general meeting begins at noon. At the monthly meetings, members sign up for golf tournaments to be held in the following weeks and for travel to sporting events, stage presentations and other recreational destinations. Most meetings also include a guest speaker, with their presentations covering a variety of subjects of interest to the members.

### THE EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR 2008

#### OFFICERS:

BIG SIR:	Bill Beeman	LITTLE SIR:	Carroll Hamon
SECRETARY:	Darrell Schneider	ASSISTANT:	Art Pancheri
TREASURER:	Fritz Walgenbach	ASSISTANT:	Russ Korhonen

#### COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN:

ATTENDANCE:	Dave Nemzek	ASSISTANT	Bruce Manby
MEMBERSHIP:	Jim Reifschneider	ASSISTANT	John Shupe
TRAVEL	Dale Martin (Br33)		
SUNSHINE	Lee Lenneville		
BOWLING	Frank Semans		
EDITOR	Ray Zelinski	ASSISTANT	Vacant
HISTORIAN	Bill Sutherland		
GOLF (18 HOLE)	Don Kehoe	ASSISTANTS:	Nick DiMuccio, Tam LeFebure, Jim DeLong, Gus Shlick, Don Naylor, Bill Sutherland, Stan Holmes, John Zian
GOLF (9 HOLE)	Ed Campini	ASSISTANTS:	Jim Otto, Dick Oxford, Jim LaBarge, Bill Sutherland

#### DIRECTORS:

Dick Fuller	Paul Joyce	Stan Holmes
Jim Coviello	Birge Clark	Sam Scarlett

**MONTHLY PUBLICATION:** Our monthly publication, edited by SIR Ray Zelinski is called "The Nugget". It informs the members of Branch of news concerning: officers, meeting information, Big SIR report, Little SIR scheduled speakers or program notes, membership status, bowling and golf information, sunshine report, and financial figures.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Chairman Sir Jim Reifschneider reported that the 2008 membership started with 201 active members, 2 inactive members, and 3 honorary lifetime members. At the end of the year, we had 202 active members, 5 inactive members, and 4 honorary lifetime members. We had no members on a waiting list during the year. Changes to the membership roles for 2008 included 14 new members, 8 members passed away during the year, two members resigned, and three members moved to the inactive roles. In addition, we received reports of the death of three past members.

The new members are:

Ray Barsch, (Feb)	Tom Harrington (Feb)	Marwan Siagian (Mar)
Andrew Cadie (March)	Pat Johnson (April)	Vic Benny (May)
Mike Riley (May)	Ben LaSala (May)	Jack Galvin (June)
Harold Olling (June)	Floyd Hoglen (June)	Ron White (Oct)
Bob Fickensher (Nov)	Ted Nicolos (Nov)	

The deceased members were:

Eugene Croy (1/30/08)	Ralph Sommariva (2/25/08)
Nick Gust (2/29/08)	Weymouth Davison (4/14/08)
Loren Krueger (7/3/08)	Ed Gahl (8/16/08)
Dan Rodriquez (8/3/08)	Bob McKennan ( 11/14/08)

The past members reported deceased were:

Gordon DeCorsey (April)	Jim Ellis (June)
Woody Woodward (June)	

The members who resigned were:

Bob Holmes (Transferred to Branch 156)  
Pat Johnson (Resigned)

The members who moved to the inactive roles were:

Ron Green (March)	Walt Bedwell (Aug)	Wayne Fuller (Sept)
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**ATTENDANCE:** Chairman Sir Dave Nemzek reported that the monthly meeting attendance averaged 67.6% during 2008. The most attended meeting was February, with 149 members attending, which was 74% of our total at that time. The least attended meeting was October, with 125 members, equal to 63%.

**SUNSHINE:** The Sunshine chairman, Sir Lee Lenneville, reported receiving numerous contacts regarding illnesses, hospitalizations, and the death of 11 current and past members. Monthly reports were made in the "Nugget" and announced at monthly meetings. "GET WELL" cards were mailed to those that were ill and sympathy cards were mailed to the families of deceased members.

**TRAVEL:** The following trips were made available to Branch 23 members by Sir Dale Martin, Travel Chairman for Branch 33.

Monthly	Silver Legacy, Reno
January	SIR Day at the Races, Golden Gate Fields
April	50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary SIR Hawaiian Cruise
May	Harveyøø ó South Lake Tahoe
May	SIR Day at the River Cats
August	SIR Day at the Giants
August	SIR Day at the Aøø
September	Mexican Riviera Cruise
October	50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary ó Grand Sierra Resort, Reno
October	SIR Day at the Races, Golden Gate Fields
November	Holiday Ice Spectacular, El Dorado Casino, Reno
December	Triple Bar Day, Apple Hill / Thunder Valley Casino

**TREASURER REPORT:** Treasurer Sir Fritz Walgenbach reported the following:

TOTAL Funds Available ó December 1, 2007	\$6,737.51
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**BOWLING:** Bowling Chairman, SIR Frank Semans reported a very active and enjoyable year for the bowling league. The SIR Bowling League was divided into 4 Divisions of 8 teams (4 men each) for a total of 128 bowlers. Branch 23 had 4 teams ó Alley Oops, Groovers, Dream Team, and F.O.F.

Donn Staffordøø former team, the Groovers, had a great season, finishing 1<sup>st</sup> in their Division with an 86-38 record (the Leagueøø best) and 2<sup>nd</sup> for the League Championship. The Groovers also received a Team award for High Scratch Series in Division 3. The Grooverøø team members were: Joe Rodriguez, Ron Jespersen, Frank Semans, and Frank Yeater.

Frank Semans received League awards for Most Improved Average, most games shooting 70+ above average (12), High Handicap Series (771), and Bowler of the year for 55-72 Age Group. Joe Rodriguez received a League award for High Handicap Series (740) for 55- 73 Age Group.

The SIR Bowling League is open to all SIR members 55 or older and is always looking for new bowlers. We bowl once a week at Country Club Lanes from September to April.

#### **GOLF:**

**General:** Our branch participates with two separate groups; an 18-hole and a 9-hole group. All members are allowed to play in either or both groups. Tournaments are scheduled so there is no conflict of tournament dates.

**9 Hole League:** The chairman and statistician is Ed Campini, and the tournament director is Jim Otto. The 9 hole league is made possible by the assistance of Dick Oxford, treasurer, Jim LaBarge, assistant tournament director, and Bill Sutherland,

handicapper. Also, Tam LeFebure assists Jim Otto with the computer operations in preparing the pairings and publishing the results on the website. There were 22 scheduled tournaments. The 9 hole awards banquet was held at the Buggy Whip Restaurant, November 7, 2008. The top ten point winners and the flight winners for each tournament are shown in the following tables.

<b>9 HOLE GOLF LEAGUE - 2008</b>		
<b>TOP TEN POINT WINNERS</b>		
<b>POSITION</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>POINTS</b>
1	Russ Korhonen	40
2	Bill Sutherland	34
3	George Hood	29
T4	Paul Joyce	26
T4	Tam LeFebure	26
T4	Lee Lenneville	26
T4	Bob Mellberg	26
8	Gene Stainbrook	25
T9	Chris Christopherson	24
T9	Dick Oxford	24

<b>SIR BRANCH 23 - 9 HOLE GOLF LEAGUE - 2008</b>				
<b>TOURNAMENT FLIGHT WINNERS</b>				
<b>Tournament Number</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>1st Flight</b>	<b>2nd Flight</b>	<b>3rd Flight</b>
1	Arcade Creek - Front	Cancelled		
2	Davis	Bob Mellberg	Tom Bogetich	Bud Fisher
3	Arcade Creek - Back	Sam Scarlett	Jim Woodstrom	Don Naylor
4	Antelope Greens	Tom Logan	Don Kehoe	Bob Anderson
5	Arcade Creek - Front	Bob Mellberg	Hal Mattson	Ed Campini
6	Sierra Pines	Neil Fairhurst	Tam LeFebure	Russ Korhonen
7	Bing Maloney Exec	Tom Bogetich	Gene Stainbrook	
8	Arcade Creek - Back	Don Kehoe	George Hood	David Cattanach
9	Sierra Pines	Jim DeLong	George Hood	
10	Wild Wings	John Zian	Dick LeBeau	
11	Davis	Tam LeFebure	Wayne Parsell	
12	Antelope Greens	Sam Osver	Dave Salminen	Bill Scofield
13	Arcade Creek - Front	Joe Rodriguez	Ed Hodan	Lee Lenneville
14	Wild Wings	Frank Abel	Jim Otto	
15	Arcade Creek - Back	Bill Sutherland	Sam Osver	Bill Pratt
16	Antelope Greens	Chris Christopherson	Dick Oxford	Dave Scott
17	Sierra Pines	Bob Chiles	Dick Oxford	
18	Davis	Bob Chiles	Bill Scofield	
19	Black Oak	John Zian	Wayne Parsell	
20	Antelope Greens	Tam LeFebure	Frank Heggli	
21	Wild Wings	Bill Sutherland	Vince Toolan	
22	Cordova	Chris Christopherson / Cass Mastalski ( Scotch Two-some)		

**18 Hole League:** The chairman is Don Kehoe and the tournament director is Tam LeFebure. They were assisted by Nick DiMuccio, treasurer, Stan Holmes, assistant tournament director, John Zian and Gus Schlick, assistant treasurers, Jim DeLong,

statistician, Don Naylor, starter, and Bill Sutherland, handicapper. There were 22 scheduled tournaments. The 18-holers awards banquet was held at the Lionsgate Hotel at McClellan Park on December 5, 2008. The top ten point winners and the flight winners for each tournament are shown in the following tables:

<b>18 HOLE GOLF LEAGUE - 2008</b>		
<b>TOP TEN POINT WINNERS</b>		
<b>POSITION</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>POINTS</b>
1	Fred Lythgoe	75
2	Tam LeFebure	73
3	Bill Sutherland	68
4	Darrell Schneider	60
5	Joe Rodriquez	59
6	Frank Abel	58
T7	George Hood	56
T7	Tom Novi	56
9	Chris Christopherson	55
10	Frank Semans	54

<b>SIR BRANCH 23 - 18 HOLE GOLF LEAGUE - 2008</b>					
<b>TOURNAMENT FLIGHT WINNERS</b>					
<b>Tourn. Nr</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>1st Flight</b>	<b>2nd Flight</b>	<b>3rd Flight</b>	<b>4th Flight</b>
1	Bartley Cavanaugh	Arlis Coy	Tam LeFebure	Chris Christopherson	Bud Fisher
2	Alistair MacKenzie	Ernie Courture	Bill LeDoux	Mike Riley	Darrell Schneider
3	Bing Maloney	Bob Ahders	David Cattanach	Birge Clark	Darrell Schneider
4	Ancil Hoffman	Bill Sutherland	David Cattanach	Vince Toolan	Bob Anderson
5	Mather	Joe Rodriquez	Dave Nemzek	Marv Del Torchio	
6	Davis	Bill Lindsey	Chris Christopherson	Dave Salminen	Wayne Morehead
7	Diamond Oaks	Dave DeFoe	Dave Nemzek	George Hood	Wayne Morehead
8	Timber Creek	Cass Mastalski	Gail Murrell	Fritz Walgenbach	Clark Eddy
9	Micke Grove	Frank Abel	Tam LeFebure	Fred Lythgoe	
10	Wildhawk	Jim Monteverde	David Cattanach	Paul Askelson	Fred Lythgoe
11	Dry Creek	Neil Fairhurst	Bob Mellberg	Fred Lythgoe	
12	Diamond Oaks	Paul Joyce	Ernie Couture	Buzz Gooch	Fred Lythgoe
13	Teal Bend	Dale Isaac	Chris Christopherson	Tom Novi	
14	Empire Ranch	Bill Sutherland	Frank Semans	Mike Riley	Ray Zelinski
15	Mather	Semans / Lefebure / Toolan / Naylor	( Four-man Scramble)		
16	Wildhawk	LeFebure / Nemzek	Nielson / Neighbours	(Two-man Best Ball)	
17	Alistair MacKenzie	Dale Isaac	Stan Holmes	Lee Lenneville	
18	Davis	Bill LeDoux	Bob Mellberg	Ray Zelinski	
19	Cherry Island	Frank Semans	Dave Salminen	Bob Mellberg	Art Pancheri
20	Ancil Hoffman	Tam LeFebure	Buzz Gooch	Russ Korhonen	
21	Bing Maloney	Bill Sutherland	Nick DiMuccio	Bob Kenney	
22	Bartley Cavanaugh	Bill Sutherland	Sam Osver	Jack Galvin	

**SPEAKERS:** Little Sir Carrol Hamon invited a variety of speakers and performers for the monthly meetings. The speakers and others are as follows:

January	John Nakamura	Former President and Board member of the Northern California Golf Association
February	Frank Gehrke	Chief of the Snow Survey Section of the California Department of Water Resources
March	Catherine Curran	Director of Public and Community Relations for Shriners Hospitals for Children
April	Bryan May	Sports Anchor for TV News 10
May	Jim Gigoux	Retired Executive VP for the California Independent Oil Marketers Association
June	Fred Robinson	Talk on the history of Civil War Generals and major leaders on what happened to them after the war.
July	Sherry Byrd	Support Manager for Training, Northern California Terminal Radar Approach Control (TRACON).
August	Shawn Smith	Detective, Sacramento County Sheriff's Office, High Tech Crimes Unit
September	Gabe Kerschner	Owner of Wild Things, Inc, Weimar, CA.
October	Art Pancheri	Docent of Old Folsom Powerhouse (Member, Branch 23, Current Asst. Secretary, and incoming 2009 Little SIR)
November	Leslie Botos	Vice President, Blood Source, Sacramento

**Significant Events:** The following events occurred during the year that are worthy of discussion.

**Annual Budget:** At the end of 2007, it was noted that our financial reserve was continuing to go down to the extent that we should reevaluate our revenue and expense situation in more detail. A decision was made at that time to not offer a free lunch in 2008 to improve the expense side, and that we should consider doing a formal budget to allow better visibility of our financial situation. In January, 2008, the board of directors took on the task of creating an annual budget. Treasurer SIR Fritz Walgenbach started the process by doing a detail review of the last 8 years of financial records to identify the history of our revenue and expenses in detail categories. This outstanding effort allowed the creation of a budget document that makes it very clear where our money comes from and how it is going to be spent. This process will continue into 2009 and beyond, and will ensure that we can anticipate any potential shortfalls, and take appropriate action in a timely manner. The first budget was approved in April 2008. During the process, it

became apparent that our lunch receipts were not covering the cost of the necessary extra lunches and gratuities, and the Executive Board made a decision in Feb, 2008 to increase our lunch cost by \$1, to \$13 per person.

**Honorary Lifetime Membership:** In December 2007, Branch 23 lost one of its four Honorary Lifetime Members with the passing of King Heaslet. As we still had sufficient membership to allow his replacement, the board of directors initiated a review process to nominate a new Honorary Lifetime Member. The overall nomination process was a bit unclear, as our branch had not had a new HLM for several years. They included 12 members as candidates, with six being qualified based on the state criteria as they understood them. The final nomination package was submitted in June, 2008. Although some difficulties were experienced with the state concerning the level of detail in the nomination package, requiring a revision package to go forward, the state did accept our nomination in October. At the November luncheon, the incoming state president, SIR David Reiser, attended to induct our new Honorary Lifetime Member, SIR Nick DiMuccio. We all applaud his nomination and are honored by his service to the branch.

**New Formats for the Rosters and Nuggets:** Our Rosters and Nuggets have always been produced by commercial vendors. The final products in recent years have been very well accepted, but in the fall of 2008, Membership Chairman, SIR Jim Reifschneider, and Nugget Editor, SIR Ray Zelinski, worked with SIR Al Williams of Branch 3 to have him produce the Rosters and Nuggets with his own resources. The proposals result in not only potentially significant cost reductions, but considerable increase in quality and scope of the information that Al could include in the two products. The proposal was initially discussed in the October meeting, and approved in November. The December Nugget was the first newsletter produced in the new format, and the 2009 Rosters are being distributed in January, 2009.

Respectfully Submitted

Bill Sutherland, SIR Branch 23 Historian, 2008