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**EL DORADO
Branch 23**

ANNUAL HISTORY

2009

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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 Committee meets at 10:15AM 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 2009

OFFICERS:

BIG SIR:	Carroll Hamon	LITTLE SIR:	Art Pancheri
SECRETARY:	Darrell Schneider	ASSISTANT:	Bill Sutherland
TREASURER:	Fritz Walgenbach	ASSISTANT:	Ray Barsch

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN:

ATTENDANCE:	Dave Nemzek	ASSISTANT	Bruce Manby
MEMBERSHIP:	Jim Reifschneider	ASSISTANT	John Shupe
TRAVEL	Dale Martin (Br33)		
SUNSHINE	Chris Christopherson		
BOWLING	Frank Semans		
EDITOR	Ray Zelinski	ASSISTANT	Vacant
HISTORIAN	Bill Sutherland		
GOLF (18 HOLE)	Cass Mastalski	ASSISTANTS:	Nick DiMuccio, Tam LeFebure, Jim DeLong, Bob Mellberg, Bill Sutherland, Stan Holmes, John Zian, Bill LeDoux
GOLF (9 HOLE)	Ed Campini	ASSISTANTS:	Russ Korhonen, Dick Oxford, George Hood, Dick LeBeau, Bill Sutherland

DIRECTORS:

Dick Fuller	Paul Joyce	Stan Holmes
Jim Coviello	Dick LeBeau	Jim Woodstrom

MONTHLY PUBLICATION: Our monthly publication, edited by SIR Ray Zelinski is called "The Nugget". It informs the members 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 2009 membership started with 201 active members, four inactive members, and four honorary lifetime members. At the end of the year, we had 185 active members, six inactive members, two Senior Honorary Lifetime members, and four Honorary Lifetime members. We no longer maintain a membership waiting list. Changes to the membership roles for 2008 included seven new members, six members passed away during the year, 16 members resigned, and three members moved to the inactive roles.

The new members were:

Gary Bradley (Feb)	James Okimura (Feb)
George Yamamoto (Feb)	Doug Bryant (March)
Bob Yeager (March)	Jim Coe (June)
Joe Gallippi (June)	

The deceased members were:

Lester Gabriel (12/7/2008)	Philip C. Warriner (1/31/2009)
Wendell J. Smith (3/1/2009)	Paul Lee Everett (6/29/2009)
Ernest Skorheim (9/2009)	Vernon Banks (12/24/2009)

The members who resigned were:

Billy Barnes (Jan)	Joe Fanelli (Jan)	Jerry Polan (Jan)
Bill Sexton (Jan)	Dan Terry (Jan)	Bill Walton (Jan)
Don Woosley (Jan)	William McClain (Jan)	Joseph Colby (Jan)
Curtis Paget (Feb)	Jim Puffer (Jul)	Mark Shull (Aug)
John Franko (Sep)	Vernon Banks (Sep)	Andy Riczo (Sep)
Victor Benney (Dec)		

The members who moved to the inactive roles were:

Tom Harrington (Sep)	Kiyo Hasegawa (Sep)	Jack Norberg (Dec)
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TREASURER REPORT: Treasurer Sir Fritz Walgenbach reported the following:

Funds Available	January 1, 2009	January 1, 2010
Checking Account	\$1,586.83	\$3,288.00
Savings Account	2,186.64	2,226.10
Petty Cash Account	200.00	300.00
Total Funds Available	\$3,973.47	\$5,814.10

ATTENDANCE: Chairman Sir Dave Nemzek reported that the monthly meeting attendance averaged 68.4% during 2009. The most attended meeting was March, with

144 members attending, which was 74% of our total at that time. The least attended meeting was November, with 117 members, equal to 63%.

SUNSHINE: The Sunshine chairman, Sir Chris Christopherson, reported receiving numerous contacts regarding illnesses, hospitalizations, and the deaths of current and past members. Monthly reports were made in the ðNuggetö and announced at monthly meetings. ðGET WELLö 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
February	AMTRAK Snow Train to Silver Legacy, Reno
March	Red Hawk Casino, Placerville
March	SIR Day at the Golden State Warriors
May	Bus Trip ó Salt Lake City, Yellowstone, Grand Tetons, Black Hills, Mt Rushmore, Crazy Horse Memorial, Custer State Park, Devilø Tower.
May	SIR Day at the Sacramento River Cats
July	SIR Day at the San Francisco Giants
August	SIR Day at the Oakland Athletics
October	Mexican Riviera Cruise
October	De Young Museum, San Francisco
November	Holiday Ice Spectacular, El Dorado Hotel, Reno
December	Apple Hill and Red Hawk Casino, Placerville

BOWLING: The SIR Bowling League was divided into 4 Divisions, 2 of 7 teams and 2 of 8 teams, with 4 men on each team for a total of 120 bowlers. Branch 23 had 16 bowlers on 6 teams ó Alley Oops, Groovers, Dream Team, F.O.F., Marauders, and Team 29.

The Dream Team had a great season finishing 1st in their Division with an 80 ½ -47 ½ record and 1st for the League Championship. The Dream Team members were: Arlis Coy, Roger Neighbors, Robert Nielsen, and Benny Benson.

The Marauders finished 1st in their Division with a 61 ½ - 66 ½ record and 4th for the League Championship. The Marauders members were: Russ Korhonen, Dave Wilson, Bob Davis, and Sam Fuchs.

Branch 23 members received the following awards at the end of the season:

Team Awards:

Dream Team	Hi Scratch Game Div. 2
Groovers	Hi Scratch Series Div. 2

F.O.F. Hi Scratch Series Div. 4

Individual Awards:

Russ Korhonen	Most Improved Bowler: 55-72
Ed Campini	Most Improved Bowler: 80+
Russ Korhonen	Most Games +70 over average: 55-72
Ed Campini	Most Games +40 over average: 80+
Frank Semans	Hi Handicap Series Div 2
Joe White	Hi Scratch Game Div 3
Ed Campini	Hi Handicap Game Div 3
Horace Conrad	Hi Handicap Series Div 4
Russ Korhonen	Hi Handicap Series Div 4

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.

Frank Semans ó Chairman 2008/ 2009

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 Russ Korhonen. The 9 hole league is made possible by the assistance of Dick Oxford, treasurer, George Hood and Dick LeBeau, assistant tournament directors, and Bill Sutherland, handicapper. Also, Tam LeFebure assists Russ Korhonen in publishing the 9 hole information on the 18 hole league website. There were 21 scheduled tournaments, and three were cancelled due to weather and schedule conflicts. The 9 holerø awards banquet was held at the Buggy Whip Restaurant, November 6, 2009. The top ten point winners and the flight winners for each tournament are shown in the following tables.

9 HOLE GOLF LEAGUE - 2009		
TOP TEN POINT WINNERS		
POSITION	NAME	POINTS
1	Russ Korhonen	47
2	Bill Sutherland	35
3	Chris Christopherson	34
T4	Paul Joyce	34
T4	Frank Abel	33
T4	Wayne Parsell	31
T4	Dick LeBeau	30
8	Tom Logan	30
T9	Nick DiMuccio	28
T9	Bob Mellberg	28

SIR BRANCH 23 - 9 HOLE GOLF LEAGUE - 2009					
TOURNAMENT FLIGHT WINNERS					
Tournament Number	Course	1st Flight	2nd Flight	3rd Flight	4th Flight
1	Arcade Creek - Front	Cancelled			
2	Antelope Greens	Steve Schmidt	Russ Korhonen	Dick Fuller	
3	Davis	George Hood	Nick DiMuccio	Jim Otto	
4	Cordova	Tom Logan	John Zian	Dick LeBeau	
5	Bing Maloney Exec	Tom Logan	Vince Toolan	Ed Hodan	
6	Arcade Creek - Back	Cass Mastalski	Nick DiMuccio	Dick LeBeau	
7	Sierra Pines	George Hood	Earl Amis	Wayne Parsell	
8	Black Oak	Cass Mastalski	Russ Korhonen		
9	Arcade Creek - Front	Sam Scarlett	John Zian	Don Naylor	
10	Davis	Bob Mellberg	Jim LaBarge	Floyd Henson	
11	Bing Maloney Exec	Cancelled			
12	Arcade Creek - Back	Bob Stakolich	Bob Yeager	Bob Kenney	
13	Wild Wings	Steve Schmidt	Chris Christopherson	Dick Oxford	
14	Davis	Chris Christopherson	Nick DiMuccio	Birge Clark	Floyd Henson
15	Sierra Pines	Frank Abel	Bob Stakolich	Russ Korhonen	
16	Antelope Greens	Cass Mastalski	Dick Oxford	Floyd Henson	
17	Arcade Creek - Front	Steve Schmidt	Sam Osver	Clark Eddy	
18	Wild Wings	Bill Sutherland	Gene Stainbrook		
19	Arcade Creek - Back	Bill Sutherland	Russ Korhonen	Frank Heggli	
20	Sierra Pines	Cass Mastalski	Bob Mellberg	Jack Carter	
21	Cordova	Cancelled			

18 Hole League: The chairman is Cass Mastalski and the tournament director is Tam LeFebure. They were assisted by Nick DiMuccio, treasurer, Stan Holmes, assistant tournament director, John Zian and Bill LeDoux, assistant treasurers, Jim DeLong, statistician, Bob Mellberg, 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 4, 2009. The top ten point winners and the flight winners for each tournament are shown in the following tables:

18 HOLE GOLF LEAGUE - 2009		
TOP TEN POINT WINNERS		
POSITION	NAME	POINTS
1	Gary Bradley	70
2	Cass Mastalski	70
3	Bob Mellberg	68
4	Bill Sutherland	63
5	Steve Schmidt	62
6	Neil Fairhurst	61
7	Bob Stakolich	61
8	Howard Frank	59
9	Fred Lythgoe	54
10	Don Kehoe	53

SIR BRANCH 23 - 18 HOLE GOLF LEAGUE - 2009					
TOURNAMENT FLIGHT WINNERS					
Tourn. Nr	Course	1st Flight	2nd Flight	3rd Flight	4th Flight
1	Bartley Cavanaugh	Bob Ahders	Sam Scarlett	George Hood	Bob McDonell
2	MacKenzie	Rainout - Rescheduled to May			
3	Bing Maloney	Rainout - Replaced with Sunset Whitney			
4	Ancil Hoffman	Paul Joyce	Tom Novi	Ray Zelinski	
5	Wildhorse	Paul Joyce	Cass Mastalski	Howard Frank	
6	Mather	Paul Joyce	Cass Mastalski	Howard Frank	
7	Diamond Oaks	Jim Montverde	George Hood	Vince Toolan	Odell Landers
8	Teal Bend	Gary Bradley	Hal Mattson	Fred Lythgoe	
2A	MacKenzie	Gary Bradley	Tom Novi	George Hood	Russ Korhonen
9	Micke Grove	Neil Fairhurst	Cass Mastalski	Dick LeBeau	
10	Empire Ranch	Gary Bradley	Dave Nemzek	Bob Mellberg	
11	Diamond Oaks	Cass Mastalski	Tom Logan	Wayne Morehead	
12	Dry Creek	Joe Rodriguez	David Cattanach	Roger Neighbours	
13	Cherry Island	Bill Sutherland	Tam LeFebure	Stan Holmes	
14	Wildhawk	Paul Joyce	Bob Stakolich	John Zian	
3A	Sunset Whitney	Joe Rodriguez	Tam LeFebure	Bob Stakolich	
15	Mather	Steve Schmidt / Dave Salminen / Birge Clark / Gail Jesswein (4-man Scramble)			
16	Wildhawk	Sutherland / Stakolich	Askelson / Jesswein (2 - Man Best Ball)		
17	MacKenzie	Bob Ahders	Fritz Walgenbach	Ed Campini	
18	Wildhorse	Gil Sanguinetti	Don Kehoe	Chris Christopherson	
19	Timber Creek	Paul Joyce	Paul Askelson	Fred Lythgoe	
20	Ancil Hoffman	Bill Sutherland	Jim DeLong	Ed Hodan	
21	Bing Maloney	Marwan Siagian	Jim DeLong	Birge Clark	Darrell Schneider
22	Bartley Cavanaugh	Don Kehoe	Arlis Coy	Art Pancheri	

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

January	Dave Bender	Weather newscaster for KOVR, Channel 13
February	Dan Winkleman	Retired California Park Ranger
March	Carlin Naify	Crocker Art Museum
April	Tim Samdefur	Attorney at Law, discussing legal protection against Government seizure or control of private property.
May	Jim Brown	Retired correction officer from Folsom State Prison
June	Robert Rohwer	Building the Transcontinental Railroad
July	Bob Addobati & Sam Clower	Pearl Harbor Day

August	Dick Fuller	Experiences during WWII, flying with the 8 th Air Force in Europe (Branch 23 Past Big Sir)
September	Dr. Dan DeShong	Humorous Chiropractor
October	Gene Endicott	California High Speed Train System
November	David Sutherland	Director of Golf, Sacramento State University, and former player on the PGA Tour

Significant Events: Many significant events occurred during the year of 2009 for SIR Branch 23, highlighted by the following discussions.

Financial Status: Under the able control of Treasurer Fritz Walgenbach, we ended 2009 in excellent financial condition. After having developed a detail budget at the start of 2008, and maintaining tight control of the financial documentation, it was apparent at the start of 2009 that our expenditures were exceeding our revenue. It was, therefore, decided in Jan 2009 to increase the lunch fee from \$13 to \$14. This decision, plus the decision in 2008 to have our Branch Roster and Nuggets published by Al Williams, SIR Branch 3, resulted in a surplus in 2009 of over \$1800. As a result, it was decided in November to provide a free lunch for the membership in January 2010. Also, early in 2009, the board voted to provide a \$200 honorarium to Al Williams for the outstanding work he has done on the Rosters and Nuggets.

Honorary Lifetime Membership: We started 2009 with our four authorized HLM members. In November, 2008, the State SIR board changed the HLM rules to create a Senior HLM category which the HLM incumbents would automatically move into after 10 years as an HLM. The senior HLM folks would not count against the branch limit for the HLM awards. In June, two of our HLM people, Joe White and Henry Coldani, were awarded Senior HLM status. In April, a nominating committee, headed by Paul Joyce, reviewed the Branch service history of 20 of our members to select two new HLM candidates. After submittal of the nominating package to the State SIR board, Ed Campini and Dick LeBeau were inducted as HLM members by State President Dave Reiser in July. We now have six HLM members, including Harry Scott and Nick DiMuccio in addition the aforementioned members.

Senior SIR Awards: The State SIR board has a category of awards to recognize members who have achieved the age of 90 and greater. Our branch has not actively pursued these awards in the recent past, but, under the leadership of Big SIR Carroll Hamon, it was made a priority for 2009 and for the future. In March, the first two Senior SIR awards were presented to Bob Hadler and Jerry Cassidy. The 2009 effort culminated in Senior SIR awards by Area Governor, Neil Mayo, to five more of our members, Howard Fuller, Henry Coldani, Ed Radsliff, Gus Schlick, and Bob Whisenhunt, and a

Super Senior award to Walter White. Based on our current roster, it is anticipated that several Senior and Super Senior SIR awards will be presented in 2010.

Absentee Membership: Late in 2008 the issue of absent membership was discussed, with concern that we may have members who don't attend for reasons that we can alleviate, such as lack of transportation. Early in 2009, Membership Chairman, Jim Reifschneider, Attendance Chairman Dave Nemzek, and Big SIR Carroll Hamon coordinated an effort to contact these members to discuss their situations. In general, it was learned that none of these members were absent because of transportation issues, and a potential plan of creating a transportation committee was cancelled. Unfortunately, it also revealed that several members decided to resign their membership for reasons of health or personal issues, and some could not be contacted and were removed from the roster. As a result, we experienced a fairly significant drop in our overall membership in 2009, which was the first major change in many years. Restoring our membership level will be a priority for the future.

Certificates of Appreciation: The State SIR board provides a downloadable Certificate of Appreciation and Gold Seals for branches to use as they see fit to acknowledge the day to day efforts of the members in conducting the business of the branch. At the instigation of Past Big SIR Dick Fuller, the board in 2009 decided to actively pursue a program of providing these awards to our members. Dick Fuller volunteered to head the effort, resulting in the first two awards in 2009 going to Jim Otto, past 9 hole golf chairman, and Ray Zeilinski, Nugget Editor. The effort is intended to continue as a routine program for the future.

SIR Golf Shirts: Big SIR Carroll Hamon coordinated an effort for the members to be able to purchase golf shirts embossed with the SIR Logo and the Branch 23 identification. The shirts were offered for sale in October and November, with about 25 members placing an order. Additional orders will be available in the future. Carroll is shown modeling the shirt below.



Monthly Door Prize: It was suggested during an Executive Committee meeting that if we had a raffle at the end of each luncheon, it might reduce the number of people who leave before the end of the meeting or during the speaker's presentation. The idea has taken root with the prize being a bottle of wine donated by one of the members. The ticket for the raffle is selected from the lunch tickets, which have the member's badge numbers written on the back. So far, the raffle has been successful, at least in appreciation of the members. Success in reducing the number of members leaving early is still a matter of opinion.

SIR Branch 67 Golf Issue: At our March Executive Board Meeting, we were visited by the Big SIR and the Bulletin Editor of SIR Branch 67. They came to request our consideration to allow their members to play in our 18 hole golf league. The matter was turned over to the 18 hole golf committee, where the concept was deemed very acceptable. Our committee met in April with their committee representatives, where the detail issues were discussed. There were no insurmountable problems noted, but the Branch 67 folks decided that they would table the plan until 2010, as they already had their schedule underway and details of the sign up procedure needed to be worked out. Our committee proceeded into the 2009 season with the expectation that they would join us in 2010, including Cass Mastalski making additional reservations slots in all our tournaments. However, when they were contacted in October to start making the detail arrangements for the 2010 season, we were told that they had decided not to do it at this time. We don't know at what point they made that decision, but the late notification to us was not appreciated by our committee.

Respectfully Submitted

Bill Sutherland, SIR Branch 23 Historian, 2009