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**EL DORADO
Branch 23**

ANNUAL HISTORY

2011

**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 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 2011

OFFICERS:

BIG SIR:	Darrell Schneider	LITTLE SIR:	Bob Yeager
SECRETARY:	Gene Marquardt	ASSISTANT:	Bill Sutherland
TREASURER:	Fritz Walgenbach	ASSISTANT:	Ray Barsch

DIRECTORS:

Bill Beeman	Paul Joyce	Dick Fuller
Jim Coviello	Art Pancheri	Carroll Hamon

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN:

ATTENDANCE:	Dave Nemzek	ASSISTANT	Vacant
MEMBERSHIP:	Jim Reifschneider	ASSISTANT	John Shupe
TRAVEL	Vacant		
SUNSHINE	Chris Christopherson		
EDITOR	Ray Zelinski	ASSISTANT	Vacant
HISTORIAN	Bill Sutherland		
BOWLING	Frank Semans		
GOLF (18 HOLE)	Cass Mastalski	ASSISTANTS:	Gary Bradley, Fritz Walgenbach, Jim DeLong, Bob Mellberg, Bill Sutherland, Stan Holmes, John Zian, Bill LeDoux, Neil Fairhurst, Paul Joyce
GOLF (9 HOLE)	Ed Campini	ASSISTANTS:	Russ Korhonen, Dick Oxford, George Hood, Dick LeBeau, Bill Sutherland

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. "The Nugget" is published by Al Williams, of Sir Branch 3.

MEMBERSHIP: Chairman Sir Jim Reifschneider reported that the 2011 membership started with 181 active members, 11 inactive members, four Honorary Lifetime members, and two Senior Honorary Lifetime members. At the end of the year, we had 173 active members, 11 inactive members, four Honorary Lifetime members, and two Senior Honorary Lifetime members. We no longer maintain a membership waiting list. Changes to the membership roles for 2011 included 15 new members, 14 members passed away during the year, including two who had been inactive and five that had previously resigned, seven members resigned, and five members moved to the inactive roles.

The new members were:

Richard Battistessa (Jan)	Dick Crippen (Jan)	Bill Fackenthal (Jan)
Bill Lynch (Jan)	Billy Barnes (Feb)	Tony Macias (Feb)
Cisco Santana-Montez (Feb)	Joe Stastney (Feb)	Louis Espinosa (Mar)
Ken Antonich (Apr)	Charles McAvoy (Apr)	Paul Domyancic (May)
Dave Naquin (May)	Jerry Prod (Jun)	Don McClurg (Aug)

The deceased members were:

Lee Lenneville (1/15/2011)	Bob Funk (1/20/2011)	Jack Norberg (1/29/2011)
Joseph Andrade (1/2011)	Russell Petrotta (3/11/2011)	Gene Stainbrook (3/21/2011)
Wilbur Holtzclaw(3/25/2011)	Bill Arend (6/17/2011)	Bill Pratt (8/10/2011)
David Scott (10/14/2011)	Andrew Kadie (10/29/2011)	John Kemmler (10/31/2011)
Daniel Terry (10/2011)	Frank Moorman (3/2011)	

The members who resigned were:

Ron White (Apr)	Rollie Clements (Apr)	Daniel Pennington (Apr)
Tony Macias (May)	Cisco Santana-Montez (May)	Dale Isaac (Jun)
Ron Podany (Oct)	Harold Olling (Nov)	

The members who moved to the inactive roles were:

Bob Whisenhunt (Apr)	Ralph Sheneman (Apr)
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TREASURER REPORT: Treasurer Sir Fritz Walgenbach reported the following:

Funds Available	January 1, 2011	January 1, 2012
Checking Account	\$2754.91	\$3676.09
Savings Account	\$2239.50	\$0.00
Petty Cash Account	\$300.00	400.00
Total Funds Available	\$5294.41	\$4076.09

ATTENDANCE: Chairman Sir Dave Nemzek reported that the monthly meeting attendance averaged 68.0% during 2011. The most attended meeting was January, with 134 members attending, which was 76.6% of our total at that time. The least attended meeting was November, with 107 members, equal to 60.5%.

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 "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: As SIR Branch 23 did not have a travel chairman for 2011, we did not have organized luncheon presentations on travel opportunities. Big Sir Darrell Schneider occasionally announced travel activities and provided brochures. Starting in April, our Nugget publisher, Al Williams, began including travel announcements from Branch 33 Travel Chairman, Gayle Kernick, and later in the year, from Branch 117 Travel Chairman, Bill Hale.

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 19 bowlers on 7 teams:

Alley Oops:	Ed Campini, Carroll Hamon, Joe White
Dream Team:	Arlis Coy, Roger Neighbors, Bob Nielsen
F.O.F.:	Horace Conrad, Darrell Schneider, Don Whitmer, Ray Zelinski
Groovers:	Ron Jespersen, Joe Rodriguez, Frank Semans
Pin Heads:	Russ Korhonen, Joe Davis, Fritz Walgenbach, Marwan Siagian
Strikers:	Reggie Gillespie
Golden Poppies #1:	Ray Barsch

This year only two teams had just one Branch 23 representative.

The Golden Poppies #1 finished 1st in Division 2 and 4th for the League Championship. The Groovers finished 2nd in Division 2 losing out to the Poppies on the last day.

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. The 2011 season began Tuesday, September 6, 2011. If any SIR Branch 23 Member is interested in bowling contact Frank Semans (944-2313) or the League Secretary, Joe Dahilig (369-1933).

Frank Semans ó Chairman 2010/ 2011

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 is Ed Campini, and the tournament director and statistician 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, Gary Bradley assisted Russ Korhonen by publishing the 9 hole information on the 18 hole league website. There were 19 scheduled tournaments, and three were cancelled due to weather. One additional event was added. The 9 hole awards banquet was held at the Buggy Whip Restaurant, November 4, 2011. The top ten point winners and the flight winners for each tournament are shown in the following tables. During the year, 70 members participated in the 9 hole golf league.

9 HOLE GOLF LEAGUE - 2011		
TOP TEN POINT WINNERS		
POSITION	NAME	POINTS
1	John Mahoney	44
2	Mike Catino	40
3	Bob Yeager	35
4	Russ Korhonen	34
5	Scott Kenney	28
6	Bob Mellberg	27
7	Nick DiMuccio	26
T8	Gary Bradley	24
T8	Dave Leatherby	24
T8	Sam Scarlett	24

SIR BRANCH 23 - 9 HOLE GOLF LEAGUE - 2011						
TOURNAMENT FLIGHT WINNERS						
Tournament Number	Date	Course	1st Flight	2nd Flight	3rd Flight	4th Flight
1	2/11	Arcade Creek - Front	Gary Bradley	Tam LeFebure	Nick DiMuccio	Bill Scofield
2	2/23	Cordova	John Mahoney	Sam Scarlett	Bob Yeager	Wayne Morehead
3	3/7	Antelope Greens	Cancelled due to rain - Not Rescheduled			
4	3/23	Davis	Cancelled due to rain - Not Rescheduled			
5	3/30	Emerald Lakes	Gary Bradley	Sam Scarlett	Bob Yeager	
6	4/12	Arcade Creek - Back	John Mahoney	Mike Catino	Frank Heggli	
7	4/21	Black Oak	David Leatherby	Bob Yeager	Wayne Parsell	
8	5/9	Sierra Pines	Cass Mastalski	Bob Mellberg	Dick Crippen	
9	5/27	Emerald Lakes	John Mahoney	Nick DiMuccio	Ray Zelinski	Carroll Hamon
10	6/2	Wild Wings	Frank Semans	Dick Oxford	Art Pancheri	
11	6/22	Arcade Creek - Front	Arlis Coy	Dave Salminen	John Zian	
12	7/12	Emerald Lakes	John Mahoney	Arlis Coy	Mike Catino	Roger Neighbours
13	7/27	Wild Wings	John Mahoney	Bob Mellberg	Scott Kenney	
14	8/5	Arcade Creek - Front	Paul Joyce	Frank Heggli	Dick LeBeau	
15	8/9	Arcade Creek - Front	Marwan Siagian	Mike Catino	Russ Korhonen	Gail Jesswein
Add	8/24	Arcade Creek - Front	Frank Abel	Sam Scarlett	Roger Neighbours	
16	8/31	Davis	David Leatherby	Tom Bogetich	Bill Scofield	Scott Kenney
17	9/15	A C - Front, Best Ball	Bradley / Cattanach	Chris / Leatherby	Holmes / Yeager	LeBeau / Hippenstiel
18	9/28	Antelope Greens	Paul Joyce	Cass Mastalski	Russ Korhonen	Odell Landers
19	10/11	Cordova	Cancelled due to rain - Not Rescheduled			

18 Hole League: The chairman is Cass Mastalski and the tournament director is Gary Bradley. They were assisted by Fritz Walgenbach, 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 23 scheduled tournaments; two were cancelled due to weather, and both of those were rescheduled. The 18-holers awards banquet was held at the Lionsgate Hotel at McClellan Park on December 2, 2011. The top ten point winners and the flight winners for each tournament are shown in the following tables. During the year, 79 members participated in the 18 hole golf league.

18 HOLE GOLF LEAGUE - 2011		
TOP TEN POINT WINNERS		
POSITION	NAME	POINTS
1	Gary Bradley	85
2	Neil Fairhurst	80
T3	Mike Catino	76
T3	Roger Neighbours	76
5	Ernie Couture	72
6	Bob Mellberg	71
7	Buzz Gooch	69
8	Joe Rodriguez	64
9	Joe Davis	62
10	Bob Yeager	61

SIR BRANCH 23 - 18 HOLE GOLF LEAGUE - 2011						
TOURNAMENT FLIGHT WINNERS						
Tourn. Nr	Date	Course	1st Flight	2nd Flight	3rd Flight	4th Flight
1	2/2	Bartley Cavanaugh	Neil Fairhurst	David Leatherby	Arlis Coy	Bob Yeager
2	2/16	Mackenzie	Joe Rodriguez	Mike Riley	Paul Askelson	Bob Mellberg
3	3/2	Ancil Hoffman	Rescheduled - Rain			
4	3/16	Bing Maloney	Rescheduled - Rain			
5	4/6	Teal Bend	Bill Sutherland	Bill Lindsey	Chris Christopherson	Wayne Morehead
6	4/19	Mather	John Mahoney	Mike Catino	George Hood	Vince Toolan
7	4/27	Diamond Oaks	Bill Sutherland	Bill LeDoux	Bob Mellberg	Bob Yeager
8	5/4	River Oaks	Gary Bradley	George Yamamoto	Arlis Coy	Birge Clark
3A	5/12	Ancil Hoffman	Joe Rodriguez	Joe Davis	Bob Mellberg	Ed Campini
9	5/18	Micke Grove	Jim Monteverde	Joe Davis	Buzz Gooch	Howard Frank
10	5/24	Bartley Cavanaugh	Neil Fairhurst	Arlis Coy	Fritz Walgenbach	Wayne Morehead
11	6/7	Sunset Whitney	Paul Joyce	Joe Davis	Buzz Gooch	Roger Neighbours
12	6/15	Dry Crk - Shamble	Neil Fairhurst / David Cattanach / Les Sanders / Wayne Hippenstiel			
13	6/20	Cherry Island	Bill Lindsey	Fritz Walgenbach	Ernie Couture	Les Sanders
14	6/29	Wildhawk	Marwan Siagian	Arlis Coy	Bob Yeager	Darrell Schneider
15	7/5	Mather Scramble	Frank Abel / Bill LeDoux / David Cattanach / Wayne Morehead			
4A	7/14	Bing Maloney	Frank Semans	David DeFoe	George Hood	Roger Neighbours
16	7/20	Davis	Frank Semans	Mike Catino	David Cattanach	John Zian
17	8/1	D O, Cha-Cha-Cha	Birge Clark / Bob Yeager / Bob Mellberg / Bob McDonell			
18	8/17	Mackenzie	Joe Rodriguez	David Cattanach	Ernie Couture	Wayne Morehead
19	9/7	Wildhawk-Best Ball	Semans / Siagian	Cattanach / Stakolich	Askelson / Jesswein	
20	9/22	Timber Creek	Jim Monteverde	David DeFoe	Cass Mastalski	Gail Jesswein
21	10/5	Bing Maloney	Marwan Siagian	Mike Catino	Chris Christopherson	Russ Korhonen
22	10/14	Ancil Hoffman	Paul Joyce	Billy Barnes	Hal Mattson	Roger Neighbours
23	10/26	Bartley Cavanaugh	Frank Abel	Joe Ryan	Les Sanders	Birge Clark

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

January	John Locher	Senior Ombudsman, California Dept of Motor Vehicles
February	Bob Rohwer	California Railroad Museum ó Presentation on the History of Transcontinental Railroad
March	Bill Slaton	SMUD Director, Status of Smart Meter Program
April	Mike Woods	PGA Pro at Haggin Oaks
May	Ernest Allen	Back Pain Specialist
June	Rob Born	FBI agent expert on the forensic investigations of bomb apparatus and explosions, with experience on deployment in Iraq
July	Terry Calderone	Retired Captain of Santa Clara Sheriff's Dept, presentation on identify theft
August	Jan Scully	Sacramento County District Attorney
September	Frank Russell	Sacramento Law Enforcement Chaplaincy Program
October	Clayton Whitehead	Leisure Sports Travel
November	Charles Bamforth	Professor, UC Davis, presentation on the making of beer and its many benefits to civilization.

AWARDS: Co-chairmen Sirs Carroll Hamon and Dick Fuller report that six SIR STATE PRESIDENTS AWARDS were given in 2011. The awards are framed certificates given to a Sir member who has achieved the milestone in life of 90 years and should henceforth be addressed as SENIOR SIR. Those members receiving the awards were: James Jackson, George Kamilos, Matthew O'Gara, Wayne Parsell, Herbert Warne, Donald Whitmer, Ralph Sheneman, Elwood Fisher, Otto Steinbrenner, and Alan Bruce Manby.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: The following discussion highlights some of the significant events in 2011 for SIR Branch 23.

Search for a New Luncheon Location:

In 2011, the Carmichael Elks Lodge imposed luncheon changes that were difficult to accept for our branch, and for most of the other six SIR branches that they served. The changes included a reduction in the quality of the lunches, a reduction from two entrees to one, a price increase, and a decision to not allow us the use of a separate room for our Branch Executive Committee meetings before lunch. By spring, it was decided by the BEC that the situation was unacceptable, and a relocation committee was formed, which included Paul Joyce, Bill Beeman, and Chris Christopherson.

Several sites were considered, starting with the most logical of the sites used by other branches, with physical visits to several, including Dante Club, Lionsgate Hotel at McClellan Park, and the old Airmanø Club at McClellan Park. Primarily due to cost, the Lionsgate and the Airmanø Club were determined as unlikely candidates, and Dante Club was not given a high priority due to concerns that the move may result in a significant number of our members dropping out because of difficulties getting there. The Eskaton Retirement facility then was given consideration as Bill Beeman is a resident, as are several other of our Branch 23 members. It became apparent to the relocation committee that, despite some issues, such as parking, shuttle plans, cost, and the bar process, Eskaton was willing and able to offer us significant improvements in the quality of the food, the service, and the facility. However, in November, we had to delay the decision to move until later in 2012, as Eskaton is planning major remodeling of their facility that will require them to temporarily use the banquet room for residential dining. A firm schedule of these activities was not available to us in 2011, but they anticipate completion during 2012. Suffice to say the 2011 BEC was unanimous in agreement to make the move to Eskaton, and it is very likely that the 2012 BEC will bring the move to the general Branch membership for a decision as soon as Eskaton is able to accept us.

A final note is that Branch 50 relocated from the Elks Lodge to Dante Club in October, 2012, and several other branches are anxious to see how our experience with Eskaton plays out.

Branch 23 Website: Due to the hard work and diligent effort of Carroll Hamon, Branch 23 now has a website. The website was up and running in August, and is an outstanding tool for our members to get current information, but also is a valuable asset for recruiting new members. It includes information on how to become a member, details of our activities with current newsletters and a link to our golf website, and a section on the history of our branch. The website is a major addition to the quality of our branch, and Carrollø effort is very much appreciated.

Annual Picnic Plans: We have had many discussions over the years on having an event during the year, similar to the Christmas LadiesøDay Luncheon, which would involve our families in a casual outdoor setting. A picnic is always one of the considerations, which many of our older members will remember was an annual event in the past. After several discussions at the BEC meetings, Director Art Pancheri volunteered to take the lead in looking into a possible picnic in 2012. Although there was a respectable show of support at the first luncheon where it was discussed, the more formal discussions in the Nugget and from Artø survey, there has not been a major indication of interest. This may change as Art continues his effort in to 2012, but unless some members volunteer to assist Art in the planning of the picnic, it is not likely to happen, regardless of how many people would indicate an interest in attending.

Respectfully Submitted, Bill Sutherland, SIR Branch 23 Historian