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**EL DORADO
Branch 23**

ANNUAL HISTORY

2013

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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 10:30AM 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 2013

OFFICERS:

BIG SIR:	Tom Novi	LITTLE SIR:	Ray Barsch
SECRETARY:	Dick Crippen	ASSISTANT:	Tam LeFebure
TREASURER:	Fritz Walgenbach	ASSISTANT:	Louis Espinoza

DIRECTORS:

Bob Yeager	Scott Kenney	Gail Murrell
Greg Hood	Art Pancheri	Darrell Schneider

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN:

ATTENDANCE:	Dave Nemzek	Assistant	Vacant
MEMBERSHIP:	Carroll Hamon	Assistant	Vacant
TRAVEL	Vacant		
SUNSHINE	Chris Christopherson		
AWARDS	Carroll Hamon	Assistant	Dick Fuller
EDITOR	Ray Zelinski	Assistant	Vacant
WEBMASTER	Carroll Hamon		
HISTORIAN	Bill Sutherland		
BOWLING	Frank Semans		
GOLF (18 HOLE)	Cass Mastalski	Assistants	Gary Bradley, Fritz Walgenbach, Paul Domyancic, Scott Kenney, Bill Sutherland, Stan Holmes, Neil Fairhurst, Paul Joyce
GOLF (9 HOLE)	Russ Korhonen	Assistants	Dick Oxford, George Hood, 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 Carroll Hamon reported that the ending 2013 membership included 150 active members, 10 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 2013 included seven new members; four members passed away during the year, including one who had previously resigned; six members resigned; six members were removed from the active roll, and seven members moved to the inactive roles.

New members were:

Dr. Gilbert Wright (Mar)	Kevin Alexander (Apr)	Bonnor Smith (June)
Bill McGuire (July)	Gordon Routsong (Aug)	Paul Elkins (Sep)
John Rogel (Oct)		

Deceased active members were:

Richard Mahon (1/11/13)	Art Pancheri (6/1/13)	Jim LeBarge (6/11/13)
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Deceased previously resigned member was:

Victor Benny (9/6/13)

Resigned members were:

Bill Fackenthall (Jan)	Don Naylor (May)	Ben LaSala (May)
Leon Ford (Aug)	Jim Blawat (Sep)	Joe Gallippi (Sep)

Removed members were:

Melvin Bristow (Nov)	Gerald Cassidy (Nov)	Ted Jensen (Nov)
Jerry Prod (Nov)	Andy Rosenberger (Nov)	Herb Warne (Nov)

Members who moved to inactive status were:

Dave Salminen (Feb)	Reggie Gillespie (May)	Steve Schmidt (May)
Matt O'Gara (Oct)	Rick Dillon (Nov)	Bud Fisher (Nov)
John Pedlar (Nov)		

TREASURER REPORT: Treasurer Sir Fritz Walgenbach reported the following:

Funds Available	January 1, 2013	January 1, 2014
Checking Account	\$3980.02	\$3647.36
Savings Account	\$0.00	\$0.00
Petty Cash Account	\$400.00	\$400.00
Total Funds Available	\$4380.02	\$4047.36

ATTENDANCE: Chairman Sir Dave Nemzek reported that the monthly meeting attendance averaged 57.3% during 2013. The most attended meeting was March, with 111 members attending, which was 68.1% of our total at that time. The least attended meeting was May, with 92 members, equal to 56.8%.

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 2013, we did not have organized luncheon presentations on travel opportunities. Our Nugget publisher, Al Williams, includes travel announcements from Branch 117 Travel Chairman, Bill Hale, and travel announcements for State SIR programs.

BOWLING: The SIR Bowling League had 30 teams divided into four Divisions, two of 7 teams and two of 8 teams, with 4 men on each team for a total of 120 bowlers. Branch 23 had 18 bowlers on 6 teams:

Alley Oops:	Carroll Hamon, Joe White
Dream Team:	Arlis Coy, Roger Neighbors, Bob Nielsen
F.O.F.:	Horace Conrad, Darrell Schneider, Ray Barsch, Ray Zelinski
Groovers:	Ron Jespersen, Joe Rodriguez, Frank Semans
Br. 23-Pin Heads:	Russ Korhonen, Joe Davis, Fritz Walgenbach, Marwan Siagian
Strikers:	Bob Belancik, David Naquin

The Alley Oops finished 2nd in Division 4.
The **Dream Team** finished 1st in Division 1

The following Branch 23 members bowled 200+ games over the 30 week season:

Name	number of 200+
Semans, Frank	8
Nielsen, Bob	3
Walgenbach, Fritz	2
Rodriguez, Joe	2
Siagian, Marwan	2
Conrad, Horace	2
Neighbors, Roger	1
Coy, Arlis	1
Schneider, Darrel	1
Hamon, Carroll	1

SIR League Team Awards:

Alley Oops : High Handicap Game (1013) in Division 2
Strikers : High Handicap Series (2759) in Division 3
Br. 23 Pin Heads : High Scratch Series (1964) in Division 4
FOF : High Handicap Series (2853) in Division 4

SIR League Individual Awards:

Joe Rodriguez : High Handicap Series (801) in Division 3
David Naquin : High Handicap Game (312) in Division 3
Fritz Walgenbach : High Scratch Game (245) in Division 4
Ray Zelinski : High Handicap Series (782) in Division 4
Marwan Siagian : High Handicap Game (310) for ages 55-72
Joe Rodriguez : Most Number of games 40 points over average for ages 55-72: 14

League Championship Awards:

Dream Team : Second Place

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 2012 season began Tuesday, September 4, 2012. 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 2012/ 2013

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 Russ Korhonen, who is also the tournament director and statistician. The 9 hole league is made possible by the assistance of Dick Oxford, treasurer, George Hood, assistant tournament director and scheduler, and Bill Sutherland, handicapper. Also, Gary Bradley assisted Russ Korhonen by publishing the 9 hole information on the 18 hole league website. There were 22 scheduled tournaments, one was rescheduled due to weather, and two were cancelled due to low participation. The 9 hole awards luncheon was combined with the 18 hole league awards luncheon at the Cattlemen's in Rancho Cordova, on Dec 6, 2013. The top ten point winners and the flight winners for each tournament are shown in the following tables. During the year, 63 members participated in the 9 hole golf league.

9 HOLE GOLF LEAGUE - 2013		
TOP TEN POINT WINNERS		
POSITION	NAME	POINTS
1	Cass Mastalski	53
2	John Mahoney	50
3	Russ Korhonen	45
4	Bill Sutherland	43
5	Carroll Hamon	42
6	George Hood	37
7	Chris Christopherson	36
8	Mike Catino	35
T9	Marwan Siagian	33
T9	Paul Joyce	33

SIR BRANCH 23 - 9 HOLE GOLF LEAGUE - 2013					
TOURNAMENT FLIGHT WINNERS					
Tourn Nr	Date	Course	1st Flight	2nd Flight	3rd Flight
1	2/7	Arcade Creek - Red	Bill Sutherland	George Glaser	Ray Zeinski
2	3/4	Antelope Greens	Gary Bradley	Bob Mellberg	Wayne Hippenstiel
3	3/14	Arcade Creek - Blue	Bob Yeager	Scott Kenney	Tom Bogetich
4	3/21	Emerald Lakes	Frank Abel	Chris Christopherson	Wayne Parsell
5	3/25	Davis	Marwan Siagian	George Hood	Greg Hood
6	4/4	Indian Creek	Cancelled		
7	4/8	Cordova	Paul Joyce	Cass Mastalski	Carroll Hamon
8	4/23	Arcade Creek - Red	Frank Semans	Chris Christopherson	Greg Hood
9	5/7	Wild Wings	Frank Semans	George Glaser	Roger Neighbours
10	5/21	Land Park	Frank Abel	Marwan Siagian	Carroll Hamon
11	6/18	Arcade Creek - Blue	Bill Sutherland	Cass Mastalski	Wayne Hippenstiel
12	6/24	Emerald Lakes	Rainout - Rescheduled for August 12		
13	7/15	Wild Wings	Cass Mastalski	Russ Korhonen	
14	7/30	Land Park	Joe Davis	Bob Stakolich	Dick Oxford
15	8/1	Emerald Lakes	Joe Davis	Cass Mastalski	Gail Jesswein
16	8/5	Arcade Creek - Red	Mike Catino	Russ Korhonen	Dick Oxford
12A	8/12	Emerald Lakes	George Hood	Ernie Couture	Bob Kenney
17	8/22	Black Oak	Cancelled		
18	8/27	Antelope Greens	George Hood	Ernie Couture	Ed Campini
19	9/3	Davis	Frank Semans	Birge Clark	Fred Lythgoe
20	9/19	Arcade Creek - Blue	John Mahoney	Ernie Couture	Gail Jesswein
21	9/26	Indian Creek	John Mahoney	Greg Hood	
22	9/30	Cordova	John Mahoney	Bob Mellberg	Carroll Hamon

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, Paul Domyancic, statistician, Scott Kenney, starter, and Bill Sutherland, handicapper. There were 28 scheduled tournaments; one was rescheduled due to weather. One additional event was added at the end of the year, which was not included in the points totals. The 18-holers awards luncheon was held at the Cattlemen's Restaurant in Rancho Cordova, on Dec 6,

2013. The top ten point winners and the flight winners for each tournament are shown in the following tables. During the year, 73 members participated in the 18-hole golf league.

18 HOLE GOLF LEAGUE - 2013		
TOP TEN POINT WINNERS		
POSITION	NAME	POINTS
1	Neil Fairhurst	106
2	Dave Nemzek	103
3	Joe Rodriguez	93
4	Paul Joyce	91
5	Frank Abel	89
6	Roger Neighbours	87
7	Mike Catino	86
T8	Frank Howard	81
T8	John Mahoney	81
10	Bob Mellberg	80

SIR BRANCH 23 - 18 HOLE GOLF LEAGUE - 2013						
TOURNAMENT FLIGHT WINNERS						
Tourn. Nr	Date	Course	1st Flight	2nd Flight	3rd Flight	4th Flight
1	2/6	Bartley Cavanaugh	Tom Novi	Mike Riley	Stan Holmes	Howard Frank
2	2/20	Alistair MacKenzie	Doug Allen	Mike Catino	Jim DeLong	Howard Frank
3	2/27	Bing Maloney	Frank Abel	Sam Scarlett	George Yamamoto	Birge Clark
4	3/6	Ancil Hoffman	Neil Fairhurst	Mike Catino	Cass Mastalski	Carroll Hamon
5	3/20	Teal Bend	Rain Out - Rescheduled to May 29			
6	3/27	Mather	Paul Joyce	Dave DeFoe	Dave Nemzek	Billy Barnes
7	4/3	Lincon Hills	Bob Ahders	Jim DeLong	Marv Del Torchio	Ray Zelinski
8	4/11	Diamond Oaks	Neil Fairhurst	Tom Novi	Bob Stakolich	Birge Clark
9	4/24	River Oaks Shamble	Neil Fairhurst / Frank Semans / Bob Yeager / Louis Espinoza			
10	5/1	Micke Grove	Bob Ahders	Tom Novi	Tom Bogetich	Wayne Hippenstiel
11	5/15	Bartley Cavanaugh	Jim Monteverde	Jim DeLong	George Glaser	Bob Mellberg
12	5/22	Morgan Creek Shamble	Joe Rodriguez / George Yamamoto / Ernie Couture / Bob Stakolich			
5A	5/29	Teal Bend	Bill Sutherland	Paul Domyancic	Ernie Couture	Odell Landers
13	6/5	Dry Creek	Bill Sutherland	David Cattanach	Billy Barnes	
14	6/19	Cherry Island	Gary Bradley	George Yamamoto	Mike Catino	Ed Campini
15	6/26	Wildhawk	Bill Sutherland	Tom Novi	Dave Nemzek	Roger Neighbours
16	7/9	Mather	Gary Bradley	Sam Scarlett	Joe Davis	Bob Yeager
17	7/17	Davis	Bill Lindsey	Joe Davis	Bob Mellberg	Chris Christopherson
18	7/24	Empire Ranch	John Mahoney	Jim DeLong	Cass Mastalski	Howard Frank
19	8/7	Diamond Oaks Cha - Cha - Cha	Joe Davis / Roger Neighbours / Plus two blind partners			
20	8/21	Alistair MacKenzie	Marwan Siagian	Gail Murrell	Bob Yeager	Howard Frank
21	8/28	Wildhawk Best Ball	Tam LeFebure / Dave Nemzek		Neil Fairhurst / Howard Frank	
22	9/4	Teal Bend	Joe Rodriguez	Rich Battistessa	Fritz Walgenbach	Roger Neighbours
23	9/18	Dry Creek	John Mahoney	Paul Domyancic	David Cattanach	Buzz Gooch
24	9/25	Mather	John Mahoney	Frank Semans	Tam LeFebure	Kevin Alexander
25	10/2	Timber Creek Devil Ball	Jim Monteverde / Paul Joyce / Jim DeLong / Gail Murrell			
26	10/16	Bing Maloney	Paul Joyce	Dave DeFoe	Fritz Walgenbach	Louis Espinoza
27	10/23	Ancil Hoffman	Neil Fairhurst	Paul Domyancic	Paul Askelson	Howard Frank
28	10/30	Bartley Cavanaugh	Frank Semans	Rich Battistessa	Bob Yeager	Howard Frank
Added	11/18	Granite Bay	Gary Bradley	Frank Semans	Cass Mastalski	Odell Landers

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

January	Larry Hobbs	Program Manager ó Folsom Safety of Dams.
February	Clyde MacDonald	Board Member ó Central Valley Flood Protection Board
March	Virginia Thompson	Senior Account Manager ó California Independent System Operator
April	Elaine Rock	Director of BloodSource
May	Luz Rodriquez	Public Information Office ó Sacramento ó Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District
June	Tom Morton	PGA Director of Player Performance ó Haggin Oaks Golf Course
July	Brian Heiland	Executive Advisor to Chief Deputy Director of Department of Water Resources. Discussed Bay Delta Conservation Plan.
August	Ruben Gonzales	õPeer Navigatorö ó UC Davis Cancer Center. Discussion of Prostate Cancer
September	Bruce Maiman	Writer for Sacramento Bee and former KFBK radio host.
October	Jackie Boor	Author and freelance writer. Co-author, with Lt. Colonel Gene Boyer, of õInside the President's Helicopterö
November	Len Kovar	Sir Branch 23 Member. Discussion of his WWII experience as German POW after being shot down during a bombing run.

AWARDS: SIR Carroll Hamon coordinated the following awards during 2013.

Senior Sir Awards ó 90 Years of Age:

Leonard Griffin (Jan)	Myron Jacobs (Jan)	Len Kovar (Feb)
Leon Ford (Mar)	Bob Kenney (Mar)	Clark Eddy (Aug)
Gene Marquardt (Aug)	Don Spellman (Nov)	Ken Antonich (Dec)

Super Senior Awards ó 95 years of Age:

Ed Radsliff (Feb)	Howard Fuller (Mar)	Bob Whisenhunt (Mar)
Henry Coldani (Mar)		

Certificates of Appreciation:

Bob Yeager (Jan) for his service as 2012 Big Sir.

Bill Sutherland (Jun) for service in various branch functions.

Al Williams (Dec ó SIR Branch 3) for his excellent job of publishing the Branch 23 Nugget and Membership Roster.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: The following discussion highlights some of the significant events in 2013 for SIR Branch 23.

Status of Moving to a New Luncheon Location:

Significant effort was taken in 2011 to find a new location for our monthly luncheon, due to some difficulties dealing with the Elks Club. That investigation resulted in a decision by the Branch Executive Committee that, if we need to move, the best choice would be to move our luncheons to the Eskaton facility in Carmichael. However, Eskaton had planned some major facility renovations in 2012 that would have prevented them from accommodating us in their banquet room until the work was done. They hoped to have it done in time to have allowed us to move during 2012, but the work had not yet been completed. It was therefore decided that we would remain at the Elks Club for the time being. Although the general consensus is to continue with the planned move eventually, the Elks Club situation has improved. Although we still are offered only one entrée, there was no price increase for 2013, and we have been given access to a conference room for the Branch Executive Committee meetings. At the end of 2013, the decision to move is still pending situations at Eskaton, particularly parking concerns and some details issues have changed from the previous discussions, such as their decision not to provide bar service. A final decision on moving has been tabled for the time being, and that decision will not be made without a vote of the membership.

Summer Picnic: The summer picnic, first held in 2012, was again held in the May, 2013, and was very successful. It is currently planned to continue the picnic as a routine annual branch event.

Membership: Following several years of steady reduction in our total membership and attendance at the monthly luncheons, Big Sir Tom Novi established a Membership Survivability committee in 2014, consisting of himself, Ray Barsch, Carroll Hamon, Ray Zelinski, and Bill Sutherland. The committee had two main focuses. First was to emphasize recruitment of new members and the second was directed at improving the satisfaction and retention of the existing members.

The primary activity regarding recruitment was publicity and advertisement. Tom Novi contacted the Carmichael Times local newspaper to develop an article on SIR in general, and specifically regarding Branch 23. He had them also develop an advertisement for Branch 23 to run in the Carmichael Times over several months. The article ran in November, and the advertisement is still active. The committee, with assistance from Greg Hood, also developed a brochure to advertise our branch, with emphasis on our golf programs. The brochures were handed out at one of the Ancil Hoffman Men's Club tournaments in October. As of the end of

2013, some phone calls have been received directly from these efforts and at least two men are expected to join in January 2014.

The satisfaction and retention issue focused on reviewing our branch activities to determine if there were changes or additions that would make our branch more attractive to new members and for better retention of existing members. In the summer, a list of potential activities was provided to the members to survey the level of interest in the existing activities and to identify potential new activities. Over 50% of the members responded to the survey, which did reveal significant interest in some new activities. The following actions have been taken as a result of the survey.

Sports Days: Greg Hood organized a trip to a SF Giants game in August. They had a full bus load of members and many of their wives, and had a really good time. Greg has scheduled another Giants trip for 2014. Greg has made reservations, all filled, for two Kings games in 2014, one in January and the other in March. Additional opportunities for attending sports activities in the area will be considered in the future.

Crab Feed: Significant interest was expressed in the survey for crab feeds. As a result, member Rich Battistessa, who is on the board of Dante Club, has arranged reservations for the branch to attend a crab feed at the Dante Club in January 2014. The reservations are being handled by Greg Hood.

Book Swap: We actually started a book swap at the luncheons, organized by Louis Espinoza, before the survey was held. There was reasonable interest shown in the survey, but based on the number of books currently available, it is obvious that the effort is doing well.

Bridge and Pinochle: We already have several branch members who participate in a multi-branch bridge group. However, as that is space limited, an effort was started to allow members to play bridge and pinochle at the Elks Club after the monthly luncheons. The bridge group is organized by Dave Nemzek and the pinochle group by Louis Espinoza. The turnout after the November luncheon was quite good, so hopefully this will become a routine monthly activity.

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