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**EL DORADO  
Branch 23**

**ANNUAL HISTORY**

**2014**

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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 COMMITTEE FOR 2014

#### OFFICERS:

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

#### DIRECTORS:

Bob Yeager, PBS	Scott Kenney	Jim Coe
Greg Hood	Tom Novi, PBS	Darrell Schneider, PBS

#### 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, Wayne Hippenstiel, 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 2014 membership included 145 active members, 25 inactive members, three Honorary Lifetime members, and one Senior Honorary Lifetime member. We no longer maintain a membership waiting list. Changes to the membership roles for 2014 included 20 new members, plus two inactive members who moved back to the active rolls; 13 members passed away during the year, including three who had previously resigned; seven members resigned or were removed from the active roll; and 12 members moved to the inactive roles.

New members were: (20)

Steve Brush (Jan)	General Davie (Jan)	Terry Erickson (Jan)
Bill Espinosa (Jan)	Phil Fotopoulos (Jan)	Jim Heavner ((Jan)
Dick Laursen (Jan)	David Peterson (Jan)	Jim Siegfried (Jan)
George Zarzana (Jan)	Larry Duquette (Feb)	Jim Gigoux (Jun)
David Page (Jun)	Rene Burghgrave (Jul)	Richard Harr (Jul)
Kurt Moller (Jul)	David Bailey (Aug)	Don Landsittel (Oct)
Bill Costa (Nov)	George Dunham (Nov)	

Members who returned to active status from inactive were: (2)

David Leatherby (Jan)	Steve Schmidt (Jan)
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Deceased active members were: (10)

Howard Fuller (1/2/14)	Henry Coldani (1/12/14)	Bill Beeman (3/27/14)
George Kamilos (5/17/14)	Bob Hadler (7/6/14)	Bob McDonnel (7/30/14)
Otto Steinbrenner (10/18/14)	Vince Toolan (10/22/14)	Ron Green (10/12/14)
Harry Scott (12/3/14)		

Deceased previously resigned members were: (3)

Jerry McKee (12/18/13)	Orville Abbott (1/23/14)	Mark Shull (11/9/14)
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Members who resigned or were removed were: (7)

Robert Coulam (Jan)	John Pedlar (Jan, I/A)	Larry Duquette (Aug)
Clarence Otte (Sep)	George Glaser (Nov)	Bruce Manby (Oct)
Bill Welch (Nov)		

Members who moved to inactive status were: (12)

Bobby Chiles (May)	Bob Whisenhunt (Jul)	Sam Osver (Aug)
Bob Belancik (Aug)	Ed Hodan (Oct)	Gus Johnson (Oct)
Bill Lynch (Oct)	Gene Olson (Oct)	Don Whitmer (Oct)
Frank Buttler (Nov)	Griff Griffin (Dec)	Ken Antonich (Dec)

**AWARDS:** SIR Carroll Hamon coordinated the following awards during 2014.

**Senior Sir Awards ó 90 Years of Age:**

Jack Carter (Mar)                      George Hood (Apr)                      Arlie Veis (Sep)  
Dick Fuller (Sep)                      David Bailey (Sep)                      Vince Toolan (Oct)

**Super Senior Awards ó 95 years of Age:**

Bob Hadler (May)

**Senior Honorary Lifetime Member:**

Harry Scott (Jul)

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

Funds Available	January 1, 2014	January 1, 2015
Checking Account	\$3647.36	\$3077.48
Savings Account	\$0.00	\$0.00
Petty Cash Account	\$400.00	\$400.00
Total Funds Available	\$4047.36	\$3477.48

**ATTENDANCE:** Chairman Sir Dave Nemzek reported that the monthly meeting attendance averaged 64.7% during 2014. The most attended meeting was February, with 118 members attending, which was 74.4% of our total at that time. The least attended meeting was September, with 92 members, equal to 58.6%.

**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 2014, we did not have organized luncheon presentations on the more traditional travel opportunities, such as bus tours and cruises. However, as a result of the 2013 effort to increase activities for the branch, the Board has been coordinating specific travel activities for our members and families. Examples include Greg Hood's efforts to arrange group attendance at Giants and Kings games, and the tour of the underground areas of downtown Sacramento. These type activities will likely continue, with additional ideas such as a tour of Beale AFB, and a visit to the USS Hornet museum at Alameda.

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

January	Heidi Richardson	Sacramento County Adult Protective Services
February	Harry Dunlap	50 years in baseball as a player, coach and manager in both Minor and Major League Baseball
March	Betty Vosters-Kemp	Avalon Hearing Aid Center
April	õCountry Club Airesö	25 member chorus and band
May	Michael Beamon	State and Federal benefits for long term care
June	Don Mazy	Docent ó USS Hornet Museum
July	Ed Evans	Retired Correctional Peace Officer, Folsom Prison
August	Jim Anderson	City Director, Sacramento Area Fire Fighters Local 522
September	Bill Croyle	Emergency Program Manager, California Department of Water Resources
October	Don Fuller Sir Branch 49	Trip to Antarctica
November	Daryl Easton	Magician

**BOWLING:** The SIR Bowling League had 30 teams 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:

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:	Joe Rodriguez, Frank Semans, Marwan Siagian, Joe Davis
The Old Farts	Fritz Walgenbach
Strikers:	Bob Belancik, David Naquin

The Dream Team finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in Division 2.  
 The Groovers finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in Division 3  
 The Strikers finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in Division 4

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

<b>Name</b>	<b>number of 200+</b>
Semans, Frank	24
Joe Davis	14
Rodriguez, Joe	7
Walgenbach, Fritz	6
Conrad, Horace	6
Coy, Arlis	5
Siagian, Marwan	4
Nielsen, Bob	4
Neighbors, Roger	3
Bob Belancik	2
Schneider, Darrel	1
Hamon, Carroll	1

**SIR League Team Awards:**

Strikers	: High Scratch Series (1917) in Division 4
Dream Team	: High Scratch Game (760) in Division 2
Groovers	: High Scratch Series (2209) in Division 3

**SIR League Individual Awards:**

Frank Semans	: High Scratch Series (674) in Division 3
Bob Nielsen	: High Scratch Game (234) for ages 73-79
Frank Semans	: Most Games Shooting 70 pins over average (10) for ages 73-79

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 2014 season began Tuesday, September 2, 2014. 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 Bowling Chairman 2013/ 2014

**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 as to reduce conflict of tournament dates. There were three tournaments combined for both leagues, two at Wild Wings and one at Black Oak.

**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 and Wayne Hippenstiel, treasurers, 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 20 scheduled tournaments, with no rainouts or cancellations. The 9- holerø awards luncheon was combined with the 18-hole

league's luncheon at the Cattlemen's in Rancho Cordova, on Dec 5, 2014. The top ten point winners and the flight winners for each tournament are shown in the following tables. During the year, 61 members participated in the 9-hole golf league.

9 HOLE GOLF LEAGUE - 2014					
Top Ten Point Winners			Club Championship Flight Winners		
Position	Name	Points	Flights	Name	Aggregate Score (best 2 of 3)
1	Marwan Siagian	51	First	Jim Heavner	-7
2	Cass Mastalski	44		Mike Catino	-1
T3	Frank Abel	38		Bill Sutherland	-1
T3	Russ Korhonen	38	Second	Scott Kenney	-4
T3	Mike Catino	38		Sam Scarlett	+3
T3	Frank Semans	38		Russ Korhonen	+4
T7	Chris Christopherson	37	Third	Ray Zelinski	-1
T7	Bill Sutherland	37		Joe Ryan	+4
9	Carroll Hamon	35		Carroll Hamon	+9
T10	Ray Zelinski	34			
T10	Sam Scarlett	34			
T10	Scott Kenney	34			

SIR BRANCH 23 - 9 HOLE GOLF LEAGUE - 2014							
TOURNAMENT FLIGHT WINNERS							
Tourn Nr	Date	Course	1st Flight	2nd Flight	3rd Flight	4th Flight	Number of Players
1	2/14	Arcade Creek - Red	Joe Davis	Bob Stakolich	John Zian		27
2	2/26	Antelope Greens	Cass Mastalski	Birge Clark	Gail Jesswein		24
3	3/10	Emerald Lakes	Frank Abel	Cass Mastalski	Carroll Hamon		19
4	3/14	Arcade Creek - Blue	Marwan Siagian	Bob Stakolich	Darrell Schneider		28
5	3/24	Davis	Frank Abel	Sam Scarlett	Howard Frank		26
6	4/10	Land Park	David Leatherby	Chris Christopherson	Russ Korhonen		23
7	4/23	Cordova	Frank Abel	Dick Oxford	Ray Zelinski		25
8	5/12	Arcade Creek - Red	Joe Davis	Sam Scarlett	Scott Kenney		26
9	5/28	Wild Wings	Bill Sutherland	Joe Davis	Chris Christopherson	Carroll Hamon	39
10	6/12	Arcade Creek - Blue	John Mahoney	Tom Bogetich			18
11	6/24	Emerald Lakes	John Mahoney	Joe Davis	Sam Scarlett	Greg Hood	31
12	7/8	Land Park	Gary Bradley	Bob Yeager	Greg Hood		22
13	7/24	Black Oak	Frank Semans	Mike Catino	Gordon Routsong		26
14	8/12	Emerald Lakes	Jim Heavner	Scott Kenney	Gordon Routsong		34
15	8/26	Wild Wings	Marwan Siagian	Bob Yeager	Gordon Routsong		29
16	9/8	Arcade Creek - Red	Jim Heavner	Birge Clark	Ray Zelinski		21
17	9/12	Davis	Marwan Siagian	George Hood	Carroll Hamon		28
18	9/17	Antelope Greens	Frank Semans	Tom Bogetich	Russ Korhonen		26
19	10/6	Arcade Creek - Blue	Tom Bogetich	Odell Landers	David Bailey		27
20	10/22	Cordova	Jim Heavner	Scott Kenney	Carroll Hamon		28

**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 33 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 5,

2014. The top ten point winners and the flight winners for each tournament are shown in the following tables. During the year, 75 members participated in the 18-hole golf league.

18 HOLE GOLF LEAGUE - 2014						
Top Ten Point Winners			Club Championship Flight Winners			
Position	Name	Points	Flights	Name	Aggregate Score (best 2 of 3)	
1	Gary Bradley	111	First	David Page	-18	
2	Neil Fairhurst	102		Gary Bradley	-14	
3	Cass Mastalski	101		Rich Battistessa	-14	
4	Paul Elkins	97	Second	Paul Elkins	-13	
5	Marwan Siagian	94		Paul Domyancic	-9	
6	Carroll Hamon	89	Third	Joe Davis	-5	
7	Dave Nemzek	87		George Yamamoto	-12	
8	Joe Rodriguez	84		George Hood	-10	
T9	Frank Abel	83	Fourth	Bob Stakolich	-8	
T9	Rich Battistessa	83		David Peterson	-6	
				Roger Neighbours	-5	
				Ray Zelinski	+2	

Big Sir Champion: Bob Yeager, -15

SIR BRANCH 23 - 18 HOLE GOLF LEAGUE - 2014								
TOURNAMENT FLIGHT WINNERS								
Tourn. Nr	Date	Course	1st Flight	2nd Flight	3rd Flight	4th Flight	Number of Players	
1	2/5	Bartley Cavanaugh	Gary Bradley	David Nemzek	Bob Yeager	Buzz Gooch	52	
2	2/10	Alastair MacKenzie	Rainout - Rescheduled to April 7					
3	2/19	Bing Maloney	Bob Ahders	Rich Battistessa	Tom Bogetich	Buzz Gooch	48	
4	3/5	Ancil Hoffman	Joe Rodriguez	David DeFoe	Tom Novi	Scott Kenney	43	
5	3/19	Teal Bend	Frank Abel	General Davie	Steve Schmidt	Wayne Hippenstiel	45	
6	3/27	Mather	Gary Bradley	David Peterson	Mike Riley	Paul Elkins	35	
7	4/2	Lincoln Hills	Joe Rodriguez	Jim DeLong	George Zarzana	Odell Landers	37	
2A	4/7	Alastair MacKenzie	Jim Monteverde	David DeFoe	Frank Abel	Odell Landers	39	
8	4/16	River Oaks - Shamble	(Blind Draw) / Bill Lindsey / Paul Askelson / Carroll Hamon					37
9	4/30	Diamond Oaks	Rich Battistessa	Bill Lindsey	Terry Erickson	Chris Christopherson	46	
10	5/7	Micke Grove	Bill Sutherland	David Nemzek	Cass Mastalski	Marvin Del Torchio	30	
11	5/19	Mather	Gary Bradley	David Nemzek	Dallas Pennington	David Peterson	34	
12	5/21	Morgan Creek - Shamble	David Page / Phil Fotopoulos / Scott Kenney / Fred Lythgoe					33
13	5/28	Wild Wings	Neil Fairhurst	Paul Elkins	Chris Christopherson	Scott Kenney	36	
14	6/4	Dry Creek	Bill Lindsey	Frank Semans	Tam LeFebure	Scott Kenney	39	
15	6/9	Cherry Island	David Page	Frank Semans	Mike Catino	Odell Landers	33	
16	6/18	Davis	Jim Monteverde	Steve Schmidt	Tam LeFebure	Birge Clark	39	
17	6/26	Wildhawk	David Page	Jim Heavner	Tom Bogetich	Roger Neighbours	43	
18	7/2	Barley Cavanaugh	David Page	General Davie	Jim DeLong	Gordon Routsong	44	
19	7/16	Empire Ranch	Frank Abel	Steve Schmidt	Cass Mastalski	Wayne Morehead	41	
20	7/24	Black Oak	Frank Abel	Arlis Coy	Roger Neighbours		22	
21	7/31	Alastair MacKenzie	John Mahoney	Marwan Siagian	Tom Bogetich	Jim Gigoux	43	
22	8/6	Diamond Oaks - Cha-cha	Marwan Siagian / Terry Erickson / (Blind Draw) / Gail Jesswein					41
23	8/20	Wildhawk - Best Ball	Marwan Siagian / Frank Semans					48
24	8/26	Wild Wings	Gary Bradley	Paul Elkins	Dallas Pennington		25	
25	9/4	Teal Bend	George Zarzana	Joe Davis	Bob Yeager	George Yamamoto	48	
26	9/15	Dry Creek	Neil Fairhurst	David Nemzek	Bob Yeager	Buzz Gooch	31	
27	9/24	Mather	Neil Fairhurst	Bill Lindsey	Jim Heavner	George Yamamoto	39	
28	9/29	Timber Creek - Devil Ball	Sam Scarlett / Jim Gigoux / Richard Harr / Carroll Hamon					32
29	10/9	Woodcreek	Jim Heavner	Mike Catino	Roger Neighbours		31	
30	10/15	Bing Maloney	Marwan Siagian	Joe Davis	Cass Mastalski	Jim Gigoux	50	
31	10/20	Ancil Hoffman	Jim Monteverde	George Yamamoto	Phil Fotopoulos	David Peterson	37	
32	10/29	Bartley Cavanaugh	David Page	Steve Schmidt	Jim Gigoux	Odell Landers	50	
33	11/10	Granite Bay	Milt Carlson (guest)	Bill Lindsey	Bill Carmack (guest)	Jim Siegfried	44 (plus)	

**SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:** As a result of the activities survey conducted in 2013, the board has sanctioned and authorized further activities to benefit the members of Sir Branch 23. For 2014, these activities included the following:



**Special Events:** Board member, Greg Hood was the primary organizer for the following activities:

**Giants Game:** On July 30, a total of 58 SIR members and guests took a bus trip to the Giants game in San Francisco against the Pittsburgh Pirates. This was the second year for this very successful activity and it will be considered again for 2015 if the schedule and cost are favorable.

**Kings Games:** Kings tickets were purchased for games in January, March and November for 2014, and for a game in March 2015. Although the tickets were all eventually sold to the members, we are not likely to continue this activity in the future. The interest level is such as to make the tickets hard to sell, and the Kings organization is very difficult to deal with in making the reservations.

**Underground Tour, Downtown Sacramento:** On June 21, 20 SIRs members attended the ongoing tour program of the area of downtown Sacramento that was elevated in the mid-1800s for flood control purposes. The tour was a resounding success, and is planned again for 2015.

**Dante Club Events:** Primarily through Branch 23 member, Rich Battistessa, a member of the Dante Club board, we were given an opportunity to attend two Dante Club events during 2014, a crab feed in January and a wine tasting in May. Both events were well attended, and we look forward to similar opportunities in the future.

**Annual Picnic:** The picnic at Carmichael Park was held on May 20 for the third year, with a very good turnout. The food and cooking was all handled by Paul Joyce and his wife, Mary. In addition to the excellent food, Gary Bradley conducted a golf chipping contest, and Tom Novi ran a spirited bingo game. Everyone had a great time.

**Horseshoes:** Starting in May, the branch is now running horseshoe contests at the Elks Club after each luncheon. The event was set up by Bob Nielsen, and is steadily increasing in participation. Based on the monthly summary reports in the Nugget, the competition is very keen with some exciting finishes to the matches. The other members who participated were Ray Barsch, Carroll Hamon, David Leatherby, Jim Gigoux, David Page, and Billy Barnes.

**Pinochle and Bridge:** These activities, coordinated by Louie Espinoza for Pinochle and David Nemzek for Bridge, started in 2013, and are still available for members after each luncheon. The turnout has been inconsistent, and will hopefully pick up in future years.

**Book Swap:** Coordinated by Louis Espinoza, our book swap program at lunch continues with a large number of books available.

**SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:** The following discussion highlights some of the significant events in 2014 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. Since that time, further consideration for such a move has been deferred pending the status of some remodeling at Eskaton that would affect our move, plus the improvement of some of the situations at the Elks Club that were affecting us in 2011. Also, the issues of parking and no bar service at Eskaton remain to be dealt with in any potential change. Sir Branch 33 moved in the spring of 2014 to Eskaton from the Elks Club, and their experience will also be of interest in any future consideration of a move.

During 2014, the potential of moving to the Dante Club was again given consideration. One member of the relocation committee, Chris Christopherson, had a positive experience at the Dante Club, and proposed to the Branch Executive Committee that we reconsider moving to the Dante Club. A preliminary contract was obtained by the relocation committee and presented to the BEC in September. Although the terms of the contract contained some pros, and some cons that would have to be negotiated, it was unanimously disapproved for the same reason that existed in 2011 ó it imposes an unacceptable risk to membership retention. There are no plans for further consideration of the Dante Club as a luncheon site for our branch.

**Membership:** 2014 was a year of very significant activity for our membership program. We added 20 new members, plus added two members returning to active status from inactive. That was the biggest addition of active members since 2006 when we added 22 new members, and much higher than the average of 13 new members each year for the last 10 years. This boost, however, was offset by the largest loss of active members since 2008, the last year that such records are readily available. We lost 10 active members who passed away this year, which is the most in one year since 2005, and we lost seven members who resigned or were dropped, and 12 active members were converted to the inactive roles. The result is that we actually had a net loss of five members on the active roles, from 150 to 145. This shows how very important it is to continue to bring in new members, as our membership status is extremely vulnerable to reductions over which we have very little control.

**Branch Finances:** The Branch Executive Committee decided in November to increase the annual voluntary contribution from \$20 to \$25. This is the first increase in the annual contribution since January, 2002, when the \$20 contribution was implemented to replace the \$1 per month contribution that had existed for many years. As stated by Treasurer, Fritz Walgenbach, in the December 2014 newsletter, the donation helps offset unfunded expenses such as lunch cost deficits, publishing the monthly newsletter, postage for some newsletters and State SIR dues. The primary need for the increase is that the meals are costing on the average \$15.50 each. Rather than raising the lunch costs to \$16, it was decided to raise the voluntary donation by \$5.

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