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**EL DORADO
Branch 23**

ANNUAL HISTORY

2016

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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 2016

OFFICERS:

BIG SIR:	Greg Hood	LITTLE SIR:	Dave Peterson / Paul Elkins
SECRETARY:	Odell Landers	ASSISTANT:	Richard Harr
TREASURER:	Jim Coe	ASSISTANT:	Steve Brush / Don Landsittel

DIRECTORS:

Paul Elkins	Dick Crippen, PBS	Ray Barsch, PBS
Fred Lythgoe	Tom Novi, PBS	Gordon Routsong
Paul Domyancic		

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN:

ATTENDANCE:	Dave Nemzek	Acting	Tam LeFebure
MEMBERSHIP:	Carroll Hamon	Assistant	Vacant
TRAVEL	Vacant		
SUNSHINE	Chris Christopherson		
AWARDS	Ray Barsch	Assistant	Odell Landers
EDITOR	Ray Zelinski	In September	Fritz Walgenbach
WEBMASTER	Carroll Hamon		
HISTORIAN	Bill Sutherland		
BOWLING	Frank Semans		
GOLF (18 HOLE)	Cass Mastalski	Tournament Director	Gary Bradley
GOLF (9 HOLE)	Steve Ng / Russ Korhonen	Tournament Director	Steve Ng / Russ Korhonen
HORSESHOES	Bob Nielsen		
BOCCE BALL	David Peterson / Carroll Hamon		

MONTHLY PUBLICATION: Our monthly publication, "The Nugget", is edited by SIR Ray Zelinski. 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" has been published by Al Williams, of Sir Branch 3, for the past few years. Ray Zelinski published "The Nugget" himself in 2016 with assistance from Fritz Walgenbach, and in September, Fritz took it over full time.

MEMBERSHIP: Chairman Sir Carroll Hamon reported that the ending 2016 membership was 138 active members; including three Honorary Lifetime members, one Senior Honorary Lifetime member, one Emeritus Honorary Lifetime member, and seven members with Emeritus status. In addition, there are 18 inactive members. We no longer maintain a membership waiting list. The specific membership changes were as follows:

New members were: (7)

Scott Dutcher (Feb)	Rich Singer (Feb)	Jerry Westerman (Mar)
Robert Stott (Jun)	Dan Findley (Aug)	Chuck Yakabe (Aug)
Lowell Suckow (Aug)		

Deceased active or inactive members were: (8)

Ed Dunn (1/1/16)	John Shupe (2/14/16)	Ken Antonich (3/5/16)
Ed Radsliff (2/7/16)	Frank Heggli (4/11/16)	Ron Jespersen (5/17/16)
Bud Fisher (6/4/16)	Leonard Griffin (7/11/16)	

Deceased previously resigned members were: (4)

Jim Reifschneider (12/31/15)	Bob Holmes (2/27/16)	Bob Coulam (9/15/2016)
Jerry Shantz (12/7/16)		

Members who resigned or were removed were: (9)

John Zian (Apr)	David Page (Aug)	Clark Eddy (Aug)
Kevin Alexander (Sep)	Jack Carter (Sep)	Dave DeFoe (Sep)
Terry Erickson (Sep)	Jerry Schantz (Sep)	Louie Espinosa (Sep)

Members who moved to inactive status were: (8)

Ernie Couture (Jun)	Buzz Gooch (Jul)	Jim Woodstrom (Jul)
Len Kovar (Aug)	Warren Fleckenstein (Sep)	Richard Hill (Sep)
Joe Ryan (Sep)	Gilbert Wright (Sep)	

Active or inactive members given Emeritus Status were: (2)

Dick LeBeau (Jan)	Jack Rhondeau (Jan)
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Membership Age History:

Membership Age Summary – SiR Branch 23 – Years					
Date	Aug, 2012	Aug, 2013	Jan 1, 2015	Jan 1, 2016	Jan 1, 2017
Average Age	79.7	80.6	79.1	79.4	79.4
Median Age	80.4	81.4	79.4	79.0	79.4

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.

SPEAKERS: Little Sirs David Peterson and Paul Elkins invited a variety of speakers and performers for the monthly meetings. The speakers and others are as follows:

January	Robert Rivinius	Former President and CEO, California Building Industry Association
February	Anthea London	Health and Wellness for Seniors
March	Fred Stewart	Co-owner, Sacramento Bee Keeping, on the importance of honeybees to the success of agriculture and industry.
April	Don Dill	State President of SIR, on plans for the year and the future of Sir, with emphasis on recruiting, activities, membership retention and publicity.
May	David Peterson	Local artist, on the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Fine Art Center in Carmichael.
June	Mike Cardwell	Presentation: "The Private Lives of the Northern Pacific Rattlesnakes", including biology, first aid, and myths.
July	Eileen Peterson	Kaiser Permanente, North Valley, on making healthy choices at work and beyond.
August	Don Neufeld	Presentation on the restoration of a 1948 Chevrolet "Woodie" station wagon.
September	Mark Steffens and Kale, Service Dog Trainee	Canine Companions for Independence, Santa Rosa, an organization that enhances the lives of people with disabilities by providing assistance dogs.
October	D. Rajul Patel	Professor in the Pharmacy and Health Sciences program at UOP, on Medicare Part D, and the UOP sponsored clinics to advise on the prescription drug program.
November	David Morikawa	Meals on Wheels program.

BOWLING (2015 / 2016):

The SIR Bowling League had 28 teams divided into 4 Divisions with 4 men on each team for a total of 112 bowlers. Branch 23 had 15 bowlers on 6 teams:

Alley Oops:	Carroll Hamon, Bill Costa
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:	David Naquin

League awards were presented March 30, 2016.

Branch 23 team and individual awards were won by the following:

Team Awards:

Alley Oops:	High Scratch Series in Division 2	2841
Strikers:	High Handicap Game in Division 3	981

Individual Awards:

Frank Semans	High Scratch Game in Division 1	252
Marwan Siagian	High Handicap Series in Division 1	794
Horace Conrad	High Handicap Game in Division 4	298

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

Name	number of 200+
Semans, Frank	17
Rodriguez, Joe	6
Davis, Joe	4
Costa, Bill	4
Walgenbach, Fritz	3
Conrad, Horace	3
Siagian, Marwan	2
Bob Nielsen	2
Coy, Arlis	2

Number of 600 Series for season:

Semans, Frank	3
Rodriguez, Joe	1
Davis, Joe	1
Siagian, Marwan	1

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 2015 season began Tuesday, September 1, 2015. 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 2015/ 2016

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. The tournament at Wild Wings was combined for both leagues.

9-Hole League: The chairman is Steve Ng, replacing Russ Korhonen during the year. Steve was also the tournament director and statistician. The 9-hole league is made possible by the assistance of Wayne Hippenstiel, treasurer, George Hood, assistant tournament director and scheduler, and Bill Sutherland, handicapper. Also, Gary Bradley assisted Steve Ng by publishing the 9-hole information on the 18-hole league website. There were 20 scheduled tournaments, with no rainouts. The 9-hole awards luncheon was combined with the 18-hole league's luncheon at the Cattlemen's in Rancho Cordova, on Dec 2, 2016. The top ten point winners and the flight winners for each tournament are shown in the following tables. During the year, 54 members participated in the 9-hole golf league, with a total of 416 rounds played.

9 HOLE GOLF LEAGUE - 2016		
TOP TEN POINT WINNERS		
POSITION	NAME	POINTS
1	Mike Catino	55
T2	Frank Abel	43
T2	Marwan Siagian	43
T4	John Mahoney	37
T4	Sam Scarlett	37
6	Steve Ng	33
7	Birge Clark	32
8	Jim Heavner	31
T9	George Hood	30
T9	David Bailey	28

SIR BRANCH 23 - 9 HOLE GOLF LEAGUE - 2016							
TOURNAMENT FLIGHT WINNERS							
Tourn Nr	Date	Course	1st Flight	2nd Flight	3rd Flight	4th Flight	Number of Players
1	2/11	Arcade Creek - Red	John Mahoney	Bob Yeager			15
2	2/26	William Land Park	John Mahoney	David Bailey			21
3	3/8	Emerald Lakes	Cass Mastalski	Bob Yeager			18
4	3/21	Arcade Creek - Blue	Steve Schmidt	Russ Korhonen			20
5	3/28	Antelope Greens	Frank Semans	Russ Korhonen			22
6	4/12	Davis	Neil Fairhurst	Dallas Pennington			22
7	4/29	Emerald Lakes	John Mahoney	David Bailey			18
8	5/4	Wild Wings (18 hole Combo)	Bill Sutherland	Don Landsittel	Frank Semans	Howard Frank	31
9	5/10	Arcade Creek - Red	Mike Catino	Greg Hood			17
10	5/23	Cordova	Frank Abel	George Hood			14
11	6/7	William Land Park	Mike Catino	Carroll Hamon			21
12	6/20	Emerald Lakes	Kevin Wall	Carroll Hamon			23
13	6/27	Arcade Creek - Blue	Gary Bradley	Frank Abel	Howard Frank		24
14	7/12	Emerald Lakes	Jim Heavner	Bob Yeager	Ray Zelinski		25
15	7/25	William Land Park	John Mahoney	George Hood			20
16	8/9	Davis	Steve Schmidt	Scott Kenney	Chris Christopherson		22
17	8/22	Arcade Creek - Red	Bill Sutherland	Sam Scarlett	Steve Ng		20
18	9/13	Antelope Greens	Phil Sittner / Mike Catino	Ray Zelinski			23
19	9/30	Arcade Creek - Blue	John Mahoney	Sam Scarlett	Lowell Suckow		20
20	10/13	Cordova	Sam Scarlett	Steve Ng			20
						Average = 20.8	416

18-Hole League: The chairman is Cass Mastalski and the tournament director is Gary Bradley. They were assisted by Fritz Walgenbach, treasurer, Paul Domyancic, statistician, Scott Kenney, starter, and Bill Sutherland, handicapper. Additionally, Neil Fairhurst, Joe Rodriguez, and Tam LeFebure served as assistant tournament chairman, and Stan Holmes provided backup

for the handicapping. There were 33 scheduled tournaments, and the final event at Granite Bay was cancelled twice due to weather. The events at Del Paso and Granite Bay were not included in the points competition. The 18-holers awards luncheon was held at the Cattlemen's Restaurant in Rancho Cordova, on Dec 2, 2016. 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 18-hole golf league, with a total of 1215 rounds played.

18 HOLE GOLF LEAGUE - 2016						
Top Ten Point Winners			Club Championship Flight Winners			
Position	Name	Points	Flights	Name	Aggregate Score (best 2 of 3)	
1	Neil Fairhurst	107	First	John Mahoney	-18	
2	Frank Abel	104		Marwan Siagian	-16	
3	Paul Askelson	100		Steve Schmidt	-14	
4	Mike Catino	99	Second	Paul Elkins	-14	
5	Jim Heavner	90		Kevin Wall	-8	
6	Jim Monteverde	89		Bill McGuire	-7	
T7	Don Landsittel	82	Third	Scott Dutcher	-23	
T7	Steve Ng	82		Paul Askelson	-17	
9	Phil Sittner	80		Phil Sittner	-6	
T10	Gary Bradley	79	Fourth	Bob Stakolich	-5	
T10	Joe Rodriguez	79		Jerry Westerman	-3	
Big Sir Championship: Phil Sittner, -17				Steve Ng	-1	

SIR BRANCH 23 - 18 HOLE GOLF LEAGUE - 2016								
TOURNAMENT FLIGHT WINNERS								
Tourn. Nr	Date	Course	1st Flight	2nd Flight	3rd Flight	4th Flight	Number of Players	
1	2/12	Bartley Cavanaugh (Big Sir 1)	Tom Novi	Joe Rodriguez	Phil Sittner	Jim Siegfried	49	
2	2/17	Bing Maloney (Big Sir 2)	David Page	Joe Rodriguez	Phil Sittner	Steve Ng	34	
3	2/24	Ancil Hoffman (Dual Tees)	Gary Bradley	Paul Domyancic	Mike Catino	Howard Frank	54	
4	3/2	Wildhawk (Dual Tees)	David Page	General Davie	Mike Catino	Jerry Wilson	47	
5	3/16	Teal Bend (Big Sir 3)	Joe Rodriguez	Paul Elkins	Phil Sittner	Howard Frank	45	
6	3/23	Mather (Dual Tees)	Gary Bradley	David Peterson	Jim Heavner	Gail Murrell	42	
7	3/30	Mackenzie (Dual Tees)	Marwan Siagian	Bob Stakolich	Bob Yeager	John Boss	47	
8	4/6	River Oaks (Dual Tees)	Bob Ahders	Frank Semans	Frank Abel	Kevin Wall	41	
9	4/20	Diamond Oaks (Champ 1)	John Mahoney	Bill McGuire	Paul Askelson	Howard Frank	44	
10	4/27	Lincoln Hills (Dual Tees)	Bob Ahders	David Peterson	Mike Riley	Gail Murrell	43	
11	5/4	Wild Wings (Dual Tees, 9 hole Combo)	Bill Sutherland	Jim Heavner	Frank Semans	Bob Stakolich	31	
12	5/12	Del Paso (Dual Tees)	Rich Battistessa	Richard Harr	Frank Abel		28	
13	5/18	Dry Creek (Dual Tees)	Bill Espinosa	Jim Heavner	Mike Catino		27	
14	5/24	Mather (Dual Tees)	Gary Bradley	Jim Heavner	Scott Dutcher		22	
15	6/1	Wildhawk (2 man Best Ball)	Tam LeFebure / Richard Harr		Steve Ng / General Davie		44	
16	6/15	Bartley Cavanaugh (Dual Tees)	Joe Rodriguez	Odell Landers	Bob Yeager	George Yamamoto	41	
17	6/22	Mackenzie (Dual Tees)	Mark Jones	George Yamamoto	Phil Sittner	Carroll Hamon	42	
18	6/29	Bing Maloney (Dual Tees)	David Page	Paul Askelson	Frank Abel	Kevin Wall	30	
19	7/18	Davis	Jim Monteverde	Jim Heavner	Frank Abel	John Bloomer	32	
20	7/20	Wildhawk (Champ 2)	Bill Espinosa	Tam LeFebure	Scott Dutcher	Kevin Wall	43	
21	7/27	Teal Bend (Dual Tees)	Jim Montverde	Marwan Siagian	Frank Semans	Frank Abel	40	
22	8/3	Diamond Oaks (Cha-Cha-Cha)	Bill Espinosa / Bill McGuire / Paul Askelson / Howard Frank					42
23	8/17	Ancil Hoffman (Dual Tees)	George Zarzana	Bill McGuire	Tom Novi	Odell Landers	40	
24	8/23	Empire Ranch (Dual Tees)	Steve Schmidt	Don Landsittel	Rich Singer		33	
25	8/31	Morgan Creek (Shamble)	Tam LeFebure / Jim Heavner / Dan Findley / John Boss					27
26	9/7	Mather (Dual Tees)	Tom Novi	Jim DeLong	Cass Mastalski	Dallas Pennington	34	
27	9/15	Timber Creek (Dual Tees)	Rich Battistessa	Kevin Wall	Gail Murrell	John Boss	34	
28	9/21	Turkey Creek (Dual Tees)	Neil Fairhurst	Don Landsittel	Kevin Wall	Frank Abel	37	
29	9/28	Mackenzie (Champ 3)	John Mahoney	Bill Lindsey	Paul Elkins	Gordon Routsong	38	
30	10/5	Dry Creek (Dual Tees)	Jim Monteverde	Scott Kenney	Dallas Pennington		21	
31	10/19	Bing Maloney (Champ 4)	Jim Monteverde	Joe Rodriguez	Mike Riley	Phil Sittner	40	
32	10/26	Bartley Cavanaugh (Champ 5)	Neil Fairhurst	Jim Heavner	Mike Catino	Jerry Westerman	43	
33	11/21	Granite Bay	Cancelled Twice due to bad weather					
						Average = 38.0	1215	

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Special Events:

Giants Game: Big Sir Greg Hood coordinated a trip to the Giants / Padres game on May 25. This is the fourth year that we have had this opportunity, and all the tickets were sold. There were 56 people on the trip, including members, spouses, and friends. There was an issue with the time it took for the bus return to Sacramento, which will be a consideration for future decisions on this activity.

Dante Club Events: Primarily through Branch 23 member, Rich Battistessa, a member of the Dante Club board, and in coordination with Tom Novi, we were given an opportunity to attend three Dante Club events that are available to the public. These included a cioppino dinner in March, a wine tasting in May, and a golf tournament in August.

Music Circus: Tom Novi coordinated our attendance at a Broadway Musical, *Fantastics*, followed by an optional dinner at Hot Italian restaurant in midtown. Approximately 40 people attended the event in April.

Ladies Day Lunch: For 2016, it was decided that the traditional Ladies Day Lunch would be moved from the Elks Club to the Red Hawk Casino in Shingle Springs. It was held on December 14, and was quite well attended. A total of 72 people made the trip, with 38 taking the bus, and 34 driving their own cars. We were provided our own room for a buffet luncheon, and were able to enjoy all the activities of the Casino. By show of hands, a reschedule of the event in 2017 was strongly recommended.

Annual Picnic: The picnic at Carmichael Park was held on May 17 for the fifth year, attended by about 70 members, spouses and guests. Again, the food and cooking were 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. The participation was less this year than in previous years, and the BEC will be having discussions in 2017 for possible changes to improve the participation.

Photo Contest: Past Big Sir Dick Crippen, for the second year, has coordinated a branch photo contest; open to all branch members and their significant others. In May, the BEC approved a prize fund of \$200 for the contest, which included three categories: Portrait, Architecture, and Nature. Prizes were awarded to the top three in each category, based on a vote count of members at the August lunch, and the first place winner in all three categories was new member, Rich Singer. Others who won prizes included John Moist, Paul Joyce, Paul Domyancic, Joe Sandhu, and Greg Hood.

Book Exchange: This program is continuing in its fourth year, and is very popular. However, it resulted in the issue of more books being brought in than taken out, which made it very difficult for the branch personnel to handle the storage and display of the books. Fred Lythgoe took over management of the book exchange at the end of 2015, and has dealt with the excess book issue by giving them to the Bookworm used Book store in Carmichael. This effort has resulted in our branch having an account with the Bookworm that allows any of our members to buy books at half price, with the other half taken from our account. In August, the account

had a balance of \$355. In addition, Fred has coordinated a program with the Bookworm to allow the branch to purchase gift certificates at half price, with the other half taken from the account when the certificate is redeemed. The branch bought ten certificates to use as door prizes at lunch during the holidays, and it will be decided in 2017 between the BEC and the Bookworm if the certificate program will continue.

Horseshoes: Our horseshoe competitions were continuing at the Elks Club after the normal luncheon, but were only held a few times due to weather problems and lack of players. The activity was suspended indefinitely in October, pending improvement in participation.

Bocce Ball: Little Sir David Peterson continued in his effort to create an active Bocce Ball competition after lunch using the Elks Club court. Efforts underway to organize a work party to refurbish the Elks Club court were cancelled when David Peterson experienced a serious illness in May. Carroll Hamon took over the effort and a work party did refurbish the court in August. Monthly play started in September, with just enough players to conduct the competition. It is still hoped that as more members learn about the sport that the activity will become very popular and competitive.

Inter-Branch Activities: There are other activities that are conducted in coordination with other branches or opportunities that are made available through the state or individual branches. Some of these include:

Travel: We no longer maintain an active travel program in the branch. Travel opportunities are published in the Nugget each month and the state publication, *SiR Happenings*, advertises for commercial tours and cruises, some of which are targeted specifically for SiR. In 2016 we were specifically invited by SiR Branch 22 in Turlock to participate in a cruise of New England and Canada in October, 2016, and a cruise in the Netherlands and Belgium in April, 2017

Bridge: Several of the branch members participate in bridge groups that are combined with other local branches, and periodically will notify the membership through the Nugget when groups are expanding or need new members.

Fishing: Our participation in SiR fishing activities is available through two local inter-branch groups, *Jolly Hookers* in Rancho Cordova, and *Wheels and Reels*, in Citrus Heights.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: The following discussion highlights some of the significant events in 2016 for SiR Branch 23.

Ladies Day Lunch: The branch has traditionally held a formal lunch at the Elks Club in December for the members and their wives or significant others. The lunch included dinner and dancing, with live entertainment, beautiful table decorations, and prizes to commemorate various events such as milestone wedding anniversaries. It has been a special event over the years, but has experienced a steady decline in attendance over the last few years. With hopes of improving participation, the Branch Executive Committee decided that the 2016 Ladies Day Lunch would be held at the Red Hawk Casino in Shingle Springs.

Illnesses of Board Members: Little Sir David Peterson experienced a serious blood related illness in May. The illness required extensive hospitalization with large requirements for blood transfusions. Members were requested to make blood donations; very many responded

and are still do so. Director Paul Elkins stepped in immediately to replace David as the Little Sir, and Carroll Hamon took over his duties as the Bocce Ball chairman. Later in the year, Paul Elkins was hospitalized for a serious heart ailment, and the newly nominated Little Sir for 2017, Ray Zelinski, took over the duties for Paul. In addition, Paul Domyancic came on to fill Paul Elkins' vacant director position, and Don Landsittel came on to fill the vacated position of Assistant Treasurer. The latter three men will all continue in these duties in 2017. In addition, Attendance Chairman David Nemzek suffered a stroke in March, and Tam LeFebure took over that responsibility until David was able to return to them by the end of the year. It is heartening to see the compassion in our branch for the well being of our members, and the dedication of our members to ensure our branch functions and traditions continue in times of need.

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SIR Branch 23 Historian