



**S.I.R.**

**EL DORADO  
Branch 23**

**ANNUAL HISTORY**

**2019**

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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 upcoming golf tournaments and other sports and social activities. Members can also participate in the monthly book exchange. Most meetings also include a guest speaker, with their presentations covering a variety of subjects of interest to the members.

### THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 2019

#### OFFICERS:

BIG SIR:	Phil Sittner	LITTLE SIR:	David Peterson
SECRETARY:	John Boss	ASSISTANT:	Tam LeFebure / General Davie
TREASURER:	Jim Coe	ASSISTANT:	Don Landsittel

#### DIRECTORS:

Gopal Nemana	Greg Hood, PBS	Roger Riley
Rich Singer	Gordon Routsong	Ray Zelinski, PBS

#### COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN:

ATTENDANCE:	Dave Nemzek	Email & phone call reminders	Gordon Callander Mike Pruss
MEMBERSHIP:	Carroll Hamon	Assistant	Vacant
ACTIVITIES	Gordon Callander		
SUNSHINE	Chris Christopherson		
AWARDS	Ray Barsch	Assistant	Odell Landers
EDITOR	Paul Domyancic		
WEBMASTER	Gordon Callander		
HISTORIAN	Bill Sutherland		
BOWLING	Frank Semans		
GOLF (18 HOLE)	Cass Mastalski	Tournament Director	Gary Bradley
GOLF (9 HOLE)	Steve Ng	Tournament Director	Steve Ng
ACTIVITIES	Gordon Callander		
BOCCE BALL	David Peterson		
PICNIC	Rich Singer		
BOOK SWAP	Jerry Westerman		
LADIES DAY	Gordon Routsong		
HIKING	Gordon Callander		

**MONTHLY PUBLICATION:** Our monthly publication, "The Nugget", is edited by SIR Paul Domyancic. 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

**BRANCH WEBSITE, sir23.org:** The branch website was created by PBS Carroll Hamon in 2013. The current webmaster, Gordon Callander, modified the website in 2018 and 2019. The primary purpose of the website is to create a go to source for branch news and activities for all current members. Additionally, it can serve as a site to recruit prospective members.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Chairman Sir Carroll Hamon reported that the ending 2019 membership was 151 active members; including three Honorary Life members, and one Senior Honorary Life member. We no longer maintain a membership waiting list. The specific membership changes were as follows:

New members were: (17)

Bill Moore (Jan)	David Brunton (Mar)	Dennis Hayes (Mar)
Barnie Rinaldi (Mar)	David Biesanz (Mar)	Paul Vijitakula (Apr)
Jean Brown (May)	Bob Mohler (May)	Dennis Shimek (Jun)
Mark Ferguson (July)	Rocky Jarvis (July)	Dell Fystrom (July)
Lam Nguyen (July)	Bob Betzler (Aug)	Jon Sadowski (Sept)
Wayne Henley (Sep)	Barry Nelsen (Oct)	

New members transferring from SIR Branch 93 (6)

John Raley (Feb)	Gary Young (Feb)	Mike Holmgren (Nov)
Dana Hamilton (Nov)	Derek Rudkin (Nov)	Mike Hanamura (Nov)

Deceased active members: (4)

David Leatherby (3/3/2019)	Carl Baumgartner (4/17/2019)
Wayne Hippenstiel (6/8/2019)	Fred Lythgoe (10/23/2019)

Deceased prior members: (5)

Don Spellman (1/19/2019)	Jim Borden (4/14/2019)
Myron Jacobs (10/9/2019)	David Cattanach (10/23/2019)
Darrell Schneider, PBS, (11/5/2019)	

Members who resigned or were removed: (7)

Gil Sanguinetti (Apr)	Richard Epright (July)	Jim Jackson, PBS, (Sep)
Jim Siegfried (Sep)	Steve Buss (Oct)	Jim Coviello (Oct)
Jerry Wilson (Nov)		

As a result of the 2018 decision by the State Sir to eliminate the inactive membership status, the following membership changes were made effective 31 Dec 2018.

Inactive members who back moved to active status: (3)

Jim Coviello	Paul Joyce	Don Kehoe
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Inactive Members who resigned:

Gerald Adams	David Bailey	Franklin Buttler	Tom Bogetich
Andre Boutros	David Cattanach	Ernie Couture	Harry Crabb
Dick Hill	Ed Hodan	Stan Holmes	Len Kovar
John Moist	Ted Nichols	Joe Ryan	Don Spellman
Steve Vahle	Robert Welsh	Gilbert Wright	

**Membership Age History:**

<b>Membership Age Summary – SiR Branch 23 – Years</b>					
Date	Jan 1, 2016	Jan 1, 2017	Jan 1, 2018	Jan 1, 2019	Jan 1, 2020
Average Age	79.4	79.4	79.5	78.5	78.3
Median Age	79.0	79.4	78.8	78.5	78.7

**TREASURER REPORT:** Treasurer Sir Jim Coe reported the end of the year financial status, shown in the following table in comparison to the last 4 years.

Date	Jan 1, 2016	Jan 1, 2017	Jan 1, 2018	Jan 1, 2019	Jan 1, 2020
Checking Account	\$2867.70	\$3631.57	\$2186.26	\$2905.35	\$4471.25
Savings Account	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Petty Cash Account	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
Funds Available	\$3267.70	\$4031.57	\$2586.26	3305.35	\$4871.25

**ATTENDANCE:** Chairman Sir Dave Nemzek reported the attendance information at the monthly BEC meetings, which shows the significant statistics in comparison to the data for the previous four years:

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
<b>Average Attendance</b>	62.7%	60.9%	62.8%	67.1%	70.8 %
<b>Most Attendance</b>					
<b>Month</b>	February	November	March	March	April
<b>Attendance</b>	101	97	94	111	115
<b>Percentage</b>	69.2%	70.3%	67.7%	73.5%	79.3%
<b>Least Attendance</b>					
<b>Month</b>	November	June	February	February	October
<b>Attendance</b>	80	79	78	87	91
<b>Percentage</b>	54.1%	52.7%	57.3%	59.2%	60.0%

**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. öGET WELLö

cards were mailed to those that were ill and sympathy cards were mailed to the families of deceased members.

**AWARDS:** SIR Ray Barsch coordinated the following awards during 2019.

**Senior Sir Awards** ó 90 years of age:

Wayne Hippenstiel (Feb)      Jiro Sakauye (Feb)      Doug Breien (Mar)  
 Birge Clark (Sept)              Howard Frank (Nov)

**Super Senior Sir Award** ó 95 years of age:

George Hood (Mar)      Arlie Veis (Oct)

**Certificate of Appreciation:** Presented by Big Sir Phil Sittner

David Nemzek: - Branch 23 Attendance Chairman for last 12 years.

**SPEAKERS:** Little Sir David Peterson invited a variety of speakers and performers for the monthly meetings.

January	Dr. Gopal Nemana, Branch 23 Member	Cardiology ó The Past, Present, and Future that Awaits Us.
February	Jim Porterfield	Climate Reality Project
March	Starr Walton	Sacramento Zoo Relocation Issues
April	Terry Hennessy	CEO & primary owner, Senior Softball, USA
May	Alan Thompson	Paradise Fire Emergency Cell System Restoration
June	Greg Padilla	Greg Padilla Bail Bonds ó New Bail Bond Laws
July	Mindy Russell	Executive Director and Senior Chaplain, Law Enforcement Chaplaincy Service
August	Tom Jones	Executive Director, Aerospace Museum of California
September	Kelly Siefkin	CSU Director of Development, College of Continuing Education.
October	Lanelle Roberts Brent and Leigh Roberts	Tuskegee Airmen during WWII in the 322 Fighter Group and the 477 Bomber Group, by two daughters of Col. George S. "Spanky" Roberts, who was in the first class of Tuskegee Airmen
November	None	Speaker had to cancel.

## SIR Branch 23 Bowling 2018/ 2019

The SIR Bowling League had 26 teams divided into 4 Divisions with 4 men on each team for a total of 104 bowlers.

Branch 23 had 11 bowlers on 6 teams:

Alley Oops:	Carroll Hamon, Ray Zelinski
Dream Team:	Bob Nielsen
Groovers:	Frank Semans, Marwan Siagian, Kevin Wall, Joe Rodriguez
Old Farts	David Naquin, John Mahoney
Hi Five	Tony Tipton
Star Trek	Steve Porter

League awards were presented April 16 2019.

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

Team Awards:

Star Trek	High Handicap Game in Division 2	1008
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Individual Awards:

Siagian, Marwan	High Handicap Game Age 73-79	316
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The following Branch 23 members bowled 200+ games over the 30 week season:

<b>Name</b>	<b>number of 200+</b>
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Semans, Frank	10
Siagian, Marwan	3
Kevin Wall	3
Bob Nielsen	1
Tony Tipton	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 2018 season began Tuesday August 28. 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 2018/ 2019

**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. All of our tournaments are stroke play events, based on our own handicaps calculated using USGA principles.

**9-Hole League:** The chairman is Steve Ng. 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 23 scheduled tournaments, with three rainouts. The 9-hole awards luncheon was combined with the 18-hole league awards luncheon at the Cattlemen's in Rancho Cordova, on December 6. The top ten point winners and the flight winners for each tournament are shown in the following tables. During the year, 52 members participated in the 9-hole golf league in a total of 457 rounds. The participation was similar to 2018, when 51 members played 449 rounds.

9 HOLE GOLF LEAGUE - 2019		
TOP TEN POINT WINNERS		
POSITION	NAME	POINTS
1	John Mahoney	54
2	Marwan Siagian	49
3	Ray Zelinski	48
4	Frank Semans	47
5	Gene Reames	42
6	Phil Phelps	41
7	Frank Abel	40
T8	Howard Frank	38
T8	Steve Ng	38
T8	Steve Schmidt	38

SIR BRANCH 23 - 9 HOLE GOLF LEAGUE - 2019						
TOURNAMENT FLIGHT WINNERS						
Tourn Nr	Date	Course	1st Flight	2nd Flight	3rd Flight	Number of Players
1	2/22	Bradshaw Ranch	Bill Moore	Gordon Callander		22
2	3/4	Bing Executive	Rained Out - not rescheduled			
3	3/14	Arcade Creek Red	John Rowland	Kevin Wall	David Salminen	26
4	3/25	William Land Park	Rained Out - not rescheduled			
5	4/5	Emerald Lakes	Rained Out - not rescheduled			
6	4/16	Arcade Creek Blue	Jerry Westerman	Ray Zelinski		21
7	4/25	Antelope Greens	Bill Moore	Lowell Suckow		18
8	5/7	Emerald Lakes	Frank Abel	Lowell Suckow	Bob Chapman	21
9	5/24	Arcade Creek Red	John Mahoney	Phil Sittner		20
10	6/3	William Land Park	Phil Sittner	Gopal Nemana		22
11	6/13	Cordova	Steve Schmidt	Frank Semans	Ray Zelinski	23
12	6/24	Emerald Lakes	John Mahoney	Paul Vijitakula		22
13	7/11	Arcade Creek Blue	Frank Abel	Jerry Westerman	Chris Christopherson	25
14	7/19	Campus Commons	Scott Kenney	Steve Ng	Bob Chapman	24
15	7/22	Emerald Lakes	JD Barnfield	Jim Heavner	Ray Zelinski	21
16	8/2	Antelope Greens	Marwan Siagian	Frank Semans	George Hood	28
17	8/15	William Land Park	Frank Semans	Jim Heavner	Paul Vijitakula	25
18	8/26	Arcade Creek Red	Dallas Pennington	Jim Heavner	Bob Chapman	25
19	9/5	Antelope Greens	Marwan Siagian	Kevin Wall	Howard Frank	25
20	9/13	Davis	Marwan Siagian	Phil Fotopoulos	Howard Frank	23
21	9/23	Arcade Creek Blue	John Mahoney	Steve Ng	Gene Reames	22
22	10/4	Antelope Greens	Jim Heavner	George Hood	Ray Zelinski	19
23	10/10	Cordova	Steve Schmidt	Jerry Westerman	David Salminen	25
					Total Players	457
					Average per Event	22.9

**18-Hole League:** The chairman is Cass Mastalski and the tournament director is Gary Bradley. They were assisted by Scott Kenney, treasurer, Rich Singer, statistician, John Mahoney, starter, and Bill Sutherland, handicapper. Additionally, Neil Fairhurst, Joe Rodriguez, and Tam LeFebure served as assistant tournament directors. The season included 33 tournaments. Four events were cancelled due to rain, and were rescheduled. The events at Granite Bay and Sierra View were not included in the point competition. The 18-holers awards luncheon was held at the Cattlemen's Restaurant in Rancho Cordova, on Dec 6. The top ten point winners, championship results, and the flight winners for each tournament are shown in the following tables. During the year, 99 members participated in the 18-hole golf league in a total of 1532 rounds. The participation increased from 2018, where 88 members played 1475 rounds.



18 HOLE GOLF LEAGUE - 2019					
Top Ten Point Winners			League Championship Flight Winners		
Position	Name	Points	Flights	Name	Aggregate Score (best 3 of 5)
1	John Rowland	96	1st	David Brunton	-19
2	Jim Heavner	94		Gary Bradley	-13
3	Marwan Siagian	93		Steve Schmidt	-8
4	Ron Shilliday	91	2nd	Steve Porter	-15
5	Steve Schmidt	83		Marwan Siagian	-13
6	Gary Bradley	82		Phil Sittner	-10
T7	Frank Abel	81	3rd	Jim Heavner	-23
T7	John Boss	81		George Zarzana	-21
9	Phil Sittner	77		Bill Sutherland	-19
10	Jerry Westerman	76	4th	Gail Murrell	-23
				Odell Landers	-20
				Sam Scarlett	-18

Big Sir Championship Flight Winners		
Flights	Name	Aggregate Score (best 2 of 3)
First	Don Landsittel	-4
Second	Paul Lenny	-15

SIR BRANCH 23 - 18 HOLE GOLF LEAGUE - 2019								
TOURNAMENT FLIGHT WINNERS								
Tourn. Nr	Date	Course	1st Flight	2nd Flight	3rd Flight	4th Flight	5th Flight	Number of Players
1	2/6	Bartley Cavanaugh (Big Sir 1)	Dennis Hayes	Mark Jones	Steve Buss	Paul Lenny		57
2	2/20	Mackenzie (Big Sir 2)	Don Landsittel	Tony Tipton	Bill Sutherland	John Boss	Nemzek hole in one, #16	60
3	2/27	Bing Maloney (Big Sir 3)	<b>Rained out. Rescheduled to April 9</b>					
4	3/6	Diamond Oaks (Champ 1)	<b>Rained out. Rescheduled to June 11</b>					
5	3/20	Wildhawk	<b>Rained out. Rescheduled to July 9</b>					
6	3/27	Timber Creek	<b>Rained out. Rescheduled to May 9</b>					
7	4/3	Ancil Hoffman	Ron Shilliday	Bill Moore	Jim Heavner	Steve Ng		56
3A	4/9	Bing Maloney (Big Sir 3)	Don Landsittel	Steve Schmidt	Frank Abel	David Nemzek		46
8	4/17	Davis	Barnie Rinadi	Phil Sittner	Cass Mastalski	Chris Christopherson		47
9	4/24	Mather	Neil Fairhurst	Bill McGuire	Phil Phelps	Gordon Routsong		54
10	5/1	MacKenzie	John Rowland	Mrwan Siagian	Frank Abel	David Salminen		65
Add 1	5/6	Sierra View	Curt Caldwell	Don Landsittel	Tam LeFebure	Steve Buss	(Plus 9 guests)	30
6A	5/9	Timber Creek	Gary Bradley	Phil Sittner	Frank Abel	Steve Ng	Odell Landers	35
11	5/15	Teal Bend	Dennis Hayes	Bill Moore	Jerry Westerman	Gordon Routsong		46
12	5/22	Wild Wings	John Rowland	Frank Abel	Gordon Callander			32
13	5/29	Cherry Island	Jim Miller	Jim Monteverde	Gary Young	Paul Lenny		49
14	6/6	Wildhawk (Champ 2)	Joe Rodriguez	Steve Porter	Bill Sutherland	Odell Landers		47
4A	6/11	Diamond Oaks (Champ 1)	Steve Schmidt	Jim Monteverde	Jim DeLong	John Boss		46
15	6/19	River Oaks	Curt Caldwell	JD Bamfield	Jerry Westerman	David Nemzek		45
16	6/26	Bartley Cavanaugh	John Rowland	JD Bamfield	Steve Buss	Jim Heavner		45
17	7/3	Bing Maloney	John Rowland	Bill McGuire	Jim Heavner	Sam Scarlett		34
5A	7/9	Wildhawk	Ron Shilliday	Don Landsittel	Gary Young	David Salminen		41
18	7/17	Davis	David Brunton	Mark Jones	Cass Mastalski	Gene Reames		43
19	7/24	Diamond Oaks	Fred Adge	Scott Kenney	Phil Phelps	John Boss		51
20	7/31	Morgan Creek Shamble	John Mahoney /	Scott Dutcher /	Phil Fotopoulos /	Gail Murrell		50
21	8/7	Teal Bend	Bob Ahders	Tony Tipton	Rich Singer	Gordon Routsong		51
22	8/21	Mather	Gary Bradley	Phil Sittner	Jim Heavner	Steve Ng		54
23	8/28	Ancil Hoffman	Rich Battistessa	Tony Tipton	Jim Heavner	Gene Reames		54
24	9/5	Wildhawk - 2 man best ball	Ron Shilliday / Roger Riley	Mike Pruss / Paul Lenny	Scott Dutcher / Gail Murrell			51
25	9/18	Empire Ranch (Rain)	Jim Monteverde	Scott Dutcher	Mike Pruss	Paul Lenny		29
26	9/25	Mather	Neil Fairhurst	Joe Rodriguez	Frank Abel	Paul Vjittakula		40
Add 2	10/2	Lincoln Hills	Neil Fairhurst	Paul Askelson	Phil Fotopoulos	Gene Reames		42
27	10/16	Turkey Creek	Don Landsittel	Paul Elkins	Phil Fotopoulos	Paul Lenny		48
28	10/23	MacKenzie (Champ 3)	Gary Bradley	Marwan Siagian	Jim Heavner	Gail Murrell		55
29	10/30	Bing Maloney (Champ 4)	Don Landsittel	Marwan Siagian	Dallas Pennington	Gail Murrell		50
Add 3	11/4	Granite Bay	Curt Caldwell	David Peterson			(Plus 4 guests)	28
30	11/6	Bartley Cavanaugh (Champ 5)	Gary Bradley	Scott Kenney	Frank Abel	George Yamamoto		51
							Total Players	1532
							Average per Event	46.4

## OTHER ACTIVITIES:

### Special Events:

**Baseball Games:** Due to the logistics issues with going to Giants or A's games, they were not scheduled for 2019. Tom Novi organized a trip to a Rivercats Game against the Tacoma Rainiers on April 7. We were part of SIR Day at the Rivercats, where hundreds of Sirs from the area joined to celebrate the opening weekend of the season.

**Ladies Day Lunch:** For the 4th year, the Ladies Day Lunch was again held at the Red Hawk Casino in Shingle Springs. The chairman was Gordon Routsong. It was held on December 11, with a total of 71 people attending. The lunch cost \$1977.67, including \$1433.77 for lunch and \$543.77 for gifts. The members paid \$27 per person resulting in an income of \$1917.00

**Annual Picnic:** The picnic at Carmichael Park was held on May 14 for the 8th year, attended by 74 members, spouses and guests. The picnic was catered again this year by Kentucky Fried Chicken with baked beans provided by Ray and Carol Zelinski, and brownies by Gary Bradley. Rich Singer was the picnic Chairman, Gary Bradley conducted a golf chipping contest where the winner was given based on a practice shot, and Tom Novi again conducted bingo games with lots of prizes of wine and gift certificates at Lido Restaurant. The price was \$10 per person, the income was \$792, and the cost was \$799.73.

**Book Exchange:** The book exchange continued into its 7<sup>th</sup> year, managed by Jerry Westerman. The Elks Club has not restored any book storage capability, and Jerry continues to bring the books to each lunch in his car. Jerry has also expanded our membership with the Book Worm used book store to include their other location in Fair Oaks near the corner of Madison Avenue and Kenneth Avenue. This membership allows our members to purchase books at the Book Worm for half price. This program is very popular, and Jerry is to be commended for the logistics problems of dealing with the books each month.

**Bocce Ball:** Under the chairmanship of David Peterson, the bocce ball program settled in at the Dante Club. Although hampered by rain in the winter and spring, play was scheduled for twice per month during most of the year. Participation has been low, but improvement is likely as more members become aware of the sport and learn how to play. Evening events were added in the summer, and one special night was held including the wives and wine. The future looks bright for this program, including possible participation with other Sir Branches and state events.

**Hiking Program:** Activities Chairman, Gordon Callander, initiated a branch hiking program in the summer. With between 6 and 11 members, guests and spouses participating, the program included four hiking events: Ancil Hoffman Park, Lake Clementine Trail in the American River Canyon near Auburn, the Middle Fork of the American River, and William Land Park. These events have been very successful and enjoyable for the participating members.

**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.

Also, the travel chairman in SIR Branch 143 in Turlock routinely invites us to participate in travel cruises and baseball related trips.

**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 2019 for SIR Branch 23.

**Dues versus Donations:** About 6 years ago, the state Sir organization changed the financial rules to allow the branches to charge annual dues. In 2015, our branch considered making the change from a donation based financial program, but decided that our return rate was high enough that we would stay with donations. In 2019, as we learned that we were one of the last branches to make the change, and that it would make our financial program more equitable, it was decided that our annual donation allotment of \$25 would be considered mandatory dues.

**Attendance Relief:**

In 2018, State Rule 55 (now Policy 25) allowed the branches to grant attendance relief for situations due to prolonged illness, acting as a caregiver to a family member or companion, and extended absence from the Branch locale, or such other reason deemed valid by the Branch Executive Committee.

In 2019, Ray Zelinski and Carroll Hamon recommended procedures and guidelines for Branch 23 to use in implementing this policy for individual members. The BEC approved that the granting action shall be initiated by request from the member or a close family member. The approval, if granted by Branch 23, shall: a) be in written form; b) signed by the Big SIR, c) stipulate a time duration, d) discuss a luncheon and activity participation allowance, if any, and e) remind the member that he is still expected to support Branch 23 by paying the annual dues.

**Lunch Issues at the Elks Club:**

In 2017 and 2018, we experienced problems at the Elks Club regarding table space and penalty charges for unused meals and extra place settings. In 2018, Elks Club agreed to provide enough settings for 136 people, including 13 tables and the head table, which was more than our normal attendance, but did provide a solution to our issue of members being able to sit with specific people at lunch. We increased our lunch charge in 2019 from \$17 to \$19 to hopefully cover the cost of free lunches and any additional charges above the meal cost. Also, in 2018, we instituted an email notification system to remind members each month to notify the attendance chairman if they could not attend the meeting. This process had a positive effect on reducing unexcused absences and in providing Elks with the estimated attendance.

The effect of these actions had a positive impact for 2019. From a cost perspective, our income from the lunch fee almost matched the total Elks charge. Our income for the year was \$21,522.00, and the total charge was \$21,499.00. The Elks Club charge included the cost of 53 free lunches and \$368 of additional charges, mainly for the bar license.

Our treasurer, Jim Coe estimated that if the Elks Club included all of the charges for table cloths and unused settings allowed in the contract that our cost would have been increased by \$860. However, overall for the branch, our total annual expenses were about \$1500 less than our

dues income. We could therefore easily have covered those additional charges, and, given that the lunch cost did include the 53 free lunches, the financial outlook for 2020 is quite positive.

**Haggin Oaks Golf Expo:** For three days, Apr 26 ó 28, our branch participated with Branch 49 in manning a recruiting booth at the Haggin Oaks Golf Expo. Our team was led by Big Sir Phil Sittner, and included Gordon Routsong, Roger Riley, John Boss, Gordon Callander, and Tom Novi. The team was particularly grateful to Robert Epplet of Folsom Branch 49 for sharing the booth space. Unfortunately, Robert died of pancreatic cancer near the end of 2019. It is also important to note that Haggin Oaks did not charge us for the booth, and the effort is expected to continue in the future. Two new members, Dell Fystrom and Dennis Shimek eventually became members through this project.

#### **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner:**

Branch 23 received its charter from the state Sir organization in October, 1969. To commemorate this historical milestone, an anniversary dinner was held on September 19, 2019 at the Northridge Country Club.

Big Sir Phil Sittner hosted the dinner, which was attended by the State President, Ed Benson, Regional Director, Mark Stuart, and Area Governor, Giorgio Dina. We were serenaded by the Sir Country Club Aires, and entertained with a very interesting historically based video. Historian Bill Sutherland presented a talk about our branch history, Cass Mastalski, our 18-hole golf chairman discussed our 50 years of golf, and our Activities Chairman and Past Big Sir Greg Hood summarized our activities history.

The dinner was organized by Ray Zelinski, Tom Novi, and John Boss, with approximately 80 members and guests in attendance. Financially, the dinner about broke even with an income of \$2840 and total expenses of \$2831.86. For the record, the narratives that were prepared to support the history and golf presentations are attached as appendices.

Bill Sutherland  
SIR Branch 23 Historian