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**EL DORADO  
Branch 23**

**ANNUAL HISTORY**

**2020**

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

Following are the typical schedules and functions of SIR Branch 23. 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. These routines were drastically altered in March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The altered operations are explained below.

### THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 2020

#### OFFICERS:

BIG SIR:	David Peterson	LITTLE SIR:	Roger Riley
SECRETARY:	John Boss	ASSISTANT:	General Davie
TREASURER:	Jim Coe	ASSISTANT:	Don Landsittel

#### DIRECTORS:

JD Bamfield	Gordon Callander	Gordon Routsong
Phil Sittner, PBS	Jerry Westerman	Ray Zelinski, PBS

#### COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN:

ATTENDANCE:	Dave Nemzek	Email & phone call reminders	Gordon Callander Mike Pruss
MEMBERSHIP:	Phil Sittner	Assistant	Lam Nguyen
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
BOCCE BALL	David Peterson		
PICNIC	Rich Singer		
BOOK SWAP	Jerry Westerman		
LADIES DAY	Gordon Routsong		
HIKING	Gordon Callander	Assistant	Brian Benner

ZOOM	Meeting Co-chairs	Lam Nguyen	General Davie
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### **Introduction to the 2020 History of SIR Branch 23:**

The basic protocol for the annual branch histories in recent years has been to start with a summary of factual information about the branch activities, followed by discussions of significant events. These areas of discussion have included both accomplishments and issues of difficulty that needed to be recorded for the benefit of existing and future memberships. In 2020, there has been just one overpowering dominant event – the COVID-19 virus and the resulting international pandemic.

It is a struggle to choose words to do justice to the incredibly competent job our Branch Executive Committee has done in keeping our branch functioning and moving forward under these difficult conditions. As historian, I have decided that I can't, and will forego the Significant Events section this year, and let the words of our 2020 Big Sir, David Peterson, be the historical record for what transpired during this very unique and challenging year. I also offer my own appreciation and congratulations to them all for a job incredibly well done.

### **David Peterson's Big Sir Message in the December 2020 Nugget:**

*"It is not enough that we do our best; sometimes we have to do what's required". The final quality of a dependable team player is consistency. If you can't depend on teammates all the time, then you can't really depend on them any of the time. Consistency takes more than talent. It takes a depth of character that enables people to follow through—no matter how tired, distracted, or overwhelmed they are. Under unusual circumstances 2020 was that year and I was blessed with the opportunity to share with a group of Branch 23 vets that were not only dependable but consistent and accountable.*

*We started the year with a 100-year-old birthday party for Mike Catino and some lessons for the new Big Sir to be better prepared behind the podium as I quickly learned that I would be held accountable to those I was working with and the entire Branch 23 membership. February came along and we all were working on preparation for the remainder of the year. Roger Riley and I were getting to know each other and at the end of the month we went to the SIR State Town Hall Meeting. Scheduling was started for Bocce, the Spring Picnic, the year-end Christmas Ladies Day at Redhawk and Phil Sittner was organizing Branch 23's part in the Golf Expo. By the end of the Month, we were hearing about Covid-19.*

*Of course, by February our wonderful golf program was off and running; structured by Gary, Cass, Scott and the rest of the golf team. When I mention dependable and consistent the golf program of Branch 23 is second to none. During February and early March, the State organization as well as all the government bodies were confusing us with Covid-19 information and we were deciding about our luncheon. When we made the decision to have a luncheon in March it was a group decision and we discussed in detail and we had 95 members show. April came and with it the State Organization based on State of California and continuing word from the County Health Department of Sacramento County which we to this date continue to follow gave a directive to stop all SIR activities.*

*In order to record the activities of Branch 23 from April 22 when we conducted our first ZOOM BEC meeting to the present time I am submitting to Bill Sutherland the minutes of all BEC meetings and the agenda of all ZOOM meetings so that he may put them into record as he deems*

*appropriate. The accomplishments of the 2020 Branch activities should speak for the effort of the management team and the continued participation of all membership. We were able to convert as quickly as any Branch of SIR to Virtual meetings, BEC as well as our General meetings with quality speakers. We formed a ZOOM team headed by Lam Nguyen and initially headed by General Davie that has conducted our program professionally with continued improvement. We will continue into next year with this team. Along with the growth of our ZOOM program we have affected a multiple task “google group” communication system allowing existing as well as future leaders the opportunity to e-mail small groups as well as the entire membership. This program will also maintain our roster members as well as details of their membership. During the year we reviewed our membership and based on merit we selected Paul Joyce as our next HLM. He was inducted in July. During the last two ZOOM General Meetings we celebrated a special group of long time Branch 23 members all over the age of 90 years. Each member was represented by a member or officer of the BEC. It was a quality event and I would hope that the Branch continues a program that will honor long term members.*

*I will close my last BIG SIR message by thanking all of those who have supported me and more importantly thank the branch for this opportunity to better get to know the membership as this is a truly quality organization. I thank personally a few special friends that I turned to more than a few times for that little reinforcement; thanks to Roger Riley who supports always and will be a great BIG SIR next year; Phil Sittner who always reminded me of what was important and what was not; Ray Z for his 10:24PM heads up memos and John Boss for his continued support and quality approach.*

*Happy Holidays. Dave*

**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](http://sir23.org):** The branch website is managed by Gordon Callander. 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 Phil Sittner reported that the ending 2020 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: (12)

Jon Finkler (Jan)	Gordon Hubble (Jan)	James Wallace (Jan)
Donald Smith (Feb)	David Irish (Feb)	Paul Palabrica (Mar)
Charles Sickles (Mar)	John Raymond (Apr)	Ron Slusher (May)
Jesse Kegarise (Aug)	Tony Marquez (Sep)	Andre Boutros (Oct)

New members transferring from SIR Branch 127 (5)

Ralph Williams (Oct)  
Tommy Crews (Dec)

John Brown (Oct)  
Forest Wright (Dec)

Anthony Pruitt (Nov)

Deceased active members: (10)

Hal Mattson (2/3/2020)

Gene Marquardt (4/22/2020)

David Salminen (10/26/2020)

Don Kehoe (11/19/2020)

Wayne Morehead (12/20/2020)

Gene Reames (4/5/2020)

Jim Wallace (9/17/2020)

Kurt Moller (11/8/2020)

Jim Monteverde (11/30/2020)

Bob Yeager (12/21/2020)

Deceased prior members: (2)

Jim Jackson (4/2/2020)

Tom Bogetich (12/7/2020)

Members who resigned: (6)

Dennis Hayes (Feb)

Bill McGuire (Apr)

Jesse Salto (Feb)

Jim Miller (Oct)

Joe Sandhu (Mar)

George Hood (Dec)

### Membership Age History:

Membership Age Summary – SiR Branch 23 – Years					
Date	Jan 1, 2017	Jan 1, 2018	Jan 1, 2019	Jan 1, 2020	Jan 1, 2021
Average Age	79.4	79.5	78.5	78.3	78.5
Median Age	79.4	78.8	78.5	78.7	78.9

**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, 2017	Jan 1, 2018	Jan 1, 2019	Jan 1, 2020	Jan 1, 2021
Checking Account	\$3631.57	\$2186.26	\$2905.35	\$4471.25	\$5706.89
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	\$4031.57	\$2586.26	3305.35	\$4871.25	\$6106.89

**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. \*It is to be noted that regular lunch meetings in 2020 were only held for the first three months due to the pandemic restrictions. Attendance data for the ZOOM meetings is not available.

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020*
<b>Average Attendance</b>	60.9%	62.8%	67.1%	70.8 %	68%
<b>Most Attendance</b>					
<b>Month</b>	November	March	March	April	January
<b>Attendance</b>	97	94	111	115	110
<b>Percentage</b>	70.3%	67.7%	73.5%	79.3%	72%
<b>Least Attendance</b>					
<b>Month</b>	June	February	February	October	March
<b>Attendance</b>	79	78	87	91	89
<b>Percentage</b>	52.7%	57.3%	59.2%	60.0%	58%

**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.

**AWARDS:** SIR Ray Barsch coordinated the following awards during 2020.

**SIR Presidential Centennial Award** – 100 years of age:  
Mike Catino (Turned 100 on Jan 26, 2020)

**Honorary Lifetime Award:**  
Paul Joyce (July)

**SPEAKERS:** Little Sir Roger Riley invited a variety of speakers for the monthly meetings.

January	Mike Catino 100 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Party	The entire meeting was a celebration of Mike, who turned 100 on Jan 26. Five members made presentations covering all periods of Mike’s life and career.
February	Laura Derth	California Department of Fish and Game – Supervisor of Interactive Services overseeing educational programs and public services.
March	Gene Hamner	Retired Air Force pilot – recalling experiences flying combat missions as a forward air controller in Vietnam.
April		No meeting due to COVID19 restrictions.
May (ZOOM)	Gladys Callander	Wife of member, Gordon Callander. Presentation concerning 502-mile hike in Southern France and Northern Spain.
June (ZOOM)	Alan Baker	Internet fraud and identity protection issues.
July (ZOOM)	Carol Brush	Wife of member, Steve Brush. Presentation on the Daughters of the Revolution, including presentation of

		certificates to Branch 23 veterans, and a raffle for a hand made patriotic quilt.
August (ZOOM)	Julia Tanner	Doctor of Audiology, The Hearing Solution. Presentation on hearing loss diagnostic testing.
September (ZOOM)	Dr. Peter Bielenso	Sacramento County Director of Health Services. Discussions concerning County COVID 19 issues.
October and November (ZOOM)	BEC members making biographical presentations of our Senior members	Bob Kenney, 97; George Hood, 96; Arlie Veis, 96, Al Rogel, 95; Joe White, 95; Joe Stastney, 94; Sam Scarlett, 94; Chris Christopherson, 93; Jim Heavner, 92; Birge Clark, 91; Jean Brown, 91; Jiro Sakauye, 91; Doug Brien, 91; Howard Frank, 91.

### SIR Branch 23 Bowling 2019/2020

The SIR Bowling League had 25 teams divided into 4 Divisions with 4 men on each team for a total of 108 bowlers. Unfortunately, the League was aborted two weeks prior to the scheduled end date due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Thus, the usual two-week playoff format among the 4 Division leaders was canceled.

Branch 23 had 15 bowlers on 9 teams (Division shown in parentheses):

#### Final Place

6th	Star Trek (1):	Steve Porter, Paul Palabrica
7th	Country Rollers (1)	Gordon Hubble
2nd	Dream Team (2):	Bob Nielsen
4th	Soaring Eagles (2):	Mike Holmgren, Derek Rudkin
2nd	Groovers (3):	Frank Semans, Marwan Siagian, Kevin Wall, Joe Rodriguez
4th	Pin Splitters (3):	Paul Elkins
5th	Alley Oops (3):	Carroll Hamon, Ray Zelinski
2nd	Old Farts (4):	David Naquin
6th	Hi Five (4):	Tony Tipton

League awards were mailed to the respective qualifying bowlers.  
Branch 23 team and individual awards were won by the following:

#### Team Awards:

Groovers:	High Scratch Series in Division 3	2026
Pin Splitters:	High Scratch Game in Division 3	757
Alley Oops:	High Handicap Game in Division 3	966
The Old Farts:	High Scratch Game in Division 4	677

#### Individual Awards:

Joe Rodriguez:	High Handicap Series, Ages 73-79:	776
Steve Porter:	Games +40 over average, Ages 55-72	13

NOTE: New Br 23 member Forrest Wright won 3 Individual Awards:

High Scratch Game, Age 90+            200  
 Games +70 over average, Age 90+        9  
 Most Improved Bowler Age 90+        +8.82

200-Games Bowled by Branch 23 Bowlers:

Rudkin (5); Semans, Holmgren, Siagian, Tipton, Hubble (2 each); Porter (1).

The SIR Bowling League is open to all SIR members and is always looking for new bowlers. We bowl once a week at Country Club Lanes from late August to April. The 2019/2020 season began Tuesday August 27. 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 – Chairman 2019/2020

**GOLF:**

**9-Hole League:** The chairman is Steve Ng. Steve was also the tournament director and treasurer. The 9-hole league is made possible by the assistance of George Hood, assistant tournament director and scheduler, Phil Phelps, statistician, and Bill Sutherland, handicapper. Also, Gary Bradley assisted Steve Ng by publishing the 9-hole information on the 18-hole league website. There were 22 scheduled tournaments. Due to the pandemic restrictions, 13 events were cancelled from late March to mid-July, and one event in August was cancelled due to smoke. Eight of the scheduled events were played. The top ten point winners and the flight winners for each tournament are shown in the following tables. During the year, 43 members participated in a total of 166 rounds. As a result of the restrictions, the participation was reduced from 2019 in which 51 members played 457 rounds. However, the average players per event decreased a reasonable amount, from 22.9 to 20.8 players per round.

9 HOLE GOLF LEAGUE - 2020		
TOP TEN POINT WINNERS		
POSITION	NAME	POINTS
1	Phil Sittner	23
T2	Gopal Nemans	21
T2	Phil Phelps	21
4	Steve Ng	18
5	Lam Nguyen	17
6	Tony Tipton	16
T7	Sam Scarlett	15
T7	Steve Schmdit	15
T7	Bill Sutherland	15
10	Dallas Pennington	13



SIR BRANCH 23 - 9 HOLE GOLF LEAGUE - 2020						
TOURNAMENT FLIGHT WINNERS						
Tourn Nr	Date	Course	1st Flight	2nd Flight	3rd Flight	Number of Players
1	2/28	Bradshaw Ranch	Frank Abel	Birge Clark		15
2	3/12	Arcade Creek Red	Jim Heavner	Gopal Nemana	Howard Frank	22
3	3/23	William Land Park	Cancelled - SiR and Sacramento Country Restrictions			
4	4/3	Bradshaw Ranch				
5	4/9	Emerald Lakes				
6	4/20	Arcade Creek Blue				
7	5/1	Antelope Greens				
8	5/12	Emerald Lakes				
9	5/22	Arcade Creek Red				
10	6/1	William Land Park				
11	6/11	Cordova				
12	6/22	Emerald Lakes				
13	7/7	Arcade Creek Blue				
14	7/20	Emerald Lakes				
15	8/3	Antelope Greens	Jim Heavner	Gopal Nemana	Odell Landers	27
16	8/14	William Land Park	Tony Tipton			14
17	8/24	Arcade Creek Red	Cancelled - Smoke			
18	9/4	Davis	Cancelled - Yolo County Restrictions			
19	9/10	Antelope Greens	Steve Schmidt	Tony Tipton		17
20	9/21	Arcade Creek Blue	Jim Heavner	Dell Fystrom	Chris Christopherson	23
21	10/2	Antelope Greens	Bill Sutherland	Gopal Nemana	Odell Landers	22
22	10/15	Cordova	Bill Moore	Phil Sittner	Chris Christopherson	26
					Total Players	166
					Average per Event	20.8

**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 and Joe Rodriquez served as assistant tournament directors. There were 32 tournaments scheduled. Due to the pandemic, 14 events were cancelled from late March through June. There was also one event cancelled due to heat. Five of the cancelled events were rescheduled, which allowed for 22 tournaments completed during the year. The 18-holers awards luncheon was also cancelled due to pandemic restrictions. The top ten point winners, championship results, and the flight winners for each tournament are shown in the following tables. During the year, 84 members participated in the 18-hole golf league in a total of 1108 rounds. Due to the pandemic, the participation was reduced from 1532 rounds in 2019, but the average number of players per event actually increased from 46.4 to 50.4.

SIR BRANCH 23 - 18 HOLE GOLF LEAGUE - 2020								
TOURNAMENT FLIGHT WINNERS								
Tourn. Nr	Date	Course	1st Flight	2nd Flight	3rd Flight	4th Flight	Number of Players	
1	2/5	Bartley Cavanaugh (Big Sir 1)	Gary Bradley	Scott Dutcher	Jim DeLong	Chris Christopherson	52	
2	2/19	MacKenzie (Big Sir 2)	Bob Ahders	Joe Rodriguez	George Zarzana	Bob Stakolich	55	
3	2/26	Bing Maloney (Big Sir 3)	Curt Caldwell	Joe Rodriguez	John Boss	Gordon Routsong	53	
4	3/4	Diamond Oaks (Champ 1)	Steve Schmidt	Mark Jones	Phil Phelps	Gordon Callander	55	
5	3/18	Wildhawk	Cancelled - SIR and Sacramento County Restrictions		Rescheduled to November 10			
6	3/25	Dry Creek						
7	4/1	Ancil Hoffman						
8	4/15	Mather						
9	4/22	Davis						
10	4/29	MacKenzie			Rescheduled to July 6			
11	5/6	Teal Bend						
12	5/11	Sierra View						
13	5/20	Wild Wings						
14	5/27	Cherry Island						
15	6/3	River Oaks						
16	6/18	Wildhawk (Champ 2)	Rescheduled to August 10					
17	6/24	Bartley Cavanaugh	Rescheduled to July 29					
18	7/1	Bing Maloney	Curt Caldwell	JD Bamfield	John Boss	General Davie	53	
10A	7/6	Mackenzie	John Mahoney	Joe Rodriguez	Roger Riley	George Yamamoto	53	
19	7/15	Morgan Creek - Shamble	Gary Bradley / Roger Riley / Mike Holmgren / Lam Nguyen				39	
20	7/22	Diamond Oaks	Ron Shilliday	Phil Sittner	Gary Young	Mike Holmgren	59	
21	7/29	Timber Creek	Cancelled - Course Restrictions - Replaced by Bartley Cavanaugh tournament 17					
17A	7/29	Bartley Cavanaugh	Steve Schmidt	Bill Moore	Phil Phelps	David Salminen	48	
22	8/5	Teal Bend	Steve Schmidt	Scott Dutcher	Jim Heavner	General Davie	47	
16A	8/10	Wildhawk (Champ 2)	Don Landsittel	Scott Kenney	Paul Domyancic	Steve Brush	49	
23	8/19	Mather	Cancelled due to heat - rescheduled to Oct 19					
24	8/26	Ancil Hofman	Neil Fairhurst	Mark Jones	Tam LeFebure	Gopal Nemana	46	
25	9/2	Wilhawk - 2 man best ball	John Raley / Gary Young	Bill Moore / Jerry Westerman	Tony Marquez / Lam Nguyen		58	
26	9/16	Empire Ranch	Bill Abalona	Scott Kenney	Tam LeFebure	Odell Landers	52	
27	9/23	Mather	Neil Fairhurst	Marwan Siagian	John Boss	Mike Holmgren	55	
28	9/30	Lincoln Hills	Steve Schmidt	Kevin Wall	Mike Hanamura	Bob Mohler	48	
29	10/7	Turkey Creek	Fred Adge	Randy Angeloni	Dallas Pennington	Lam Nguyen	50	
23A	10/19	Mather	Mark Jones	Scott Dutcher	Frank Abel	Jesse Kegarise	36	
30	10/21	Mackenzie (Champ 3)	Fred Adge	David Brunton	Tom Novi	Andre Boutros	55	
31	10/28	Bing Maloney (Champ 4)	Ron Shilliday	JD Bamfield	Roger Riley	Gopal Nemana	52	
32	11/4	Bartley Cavanaugh (Champ 5)	Ron Shilliday	Phil Sittner	Phil Phelps	Gopal Nemana	49	
5A	11/10	Wildhawk	John Mahoney	David Brunton	George Zarzana	Gopal Nemana	44	
						Total Players	1108	
						Average Players	50.4	

18 HOLE GOLF LEAGUE - 2020					
Top Ten Point Winners			League Championship Flight Winners		
Position	Name	Points	Flights	Name	Aggregate Score (best 3 of 5)
1	John Rowland	79	1st	Steve Schmidt	-15
2	Lam Nguyen	74		John Rowland	-14
3	Steve Schmidt	71		Ron Shilliday	-11
T4	Phil Phelps	70	2nd	Scott Kenney	-18
T4	Roger Riley	70		Phil Sittner	-18
6	Don Landsittel	64		JD Bamfield	-15
7	Scott Kenney	63	3rd	Phil Phelps	-29
8	Odell Landers	62		Roger Riley	-26
9	Gopal Nemans	59		Dallas Pennington	-23
T10	Dallas Penninton	58	4th	Lam Nguyen	-32
T10	George Zarzana	58		Andre Boutros	-26
				Gopal Nemana	-25

Big Sir Championship Flight Winners		
Flights	Name	Aggregate Score (best 2 of 3)
First	Joe Rodriguez	-20
Second	Ray Zelinski	-15

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