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**EL DORADO
Branch 23**

ANNUAL HISTORY

2021

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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 and continued into 2021. The altered operations are explained below.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 2020

OFFICERS:

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

DIRECTORS:

David Peterson, PBS	Gordon Callander	Gordon Routsong
Phil Sittner, PBS	Jerry Westerman	Ray Zelinski, PBS

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN:

ATTENDANCE	Dave Nemzek Tam LeFebure	Email & phone call reminders	Gordon Callander Mike Pruss
MEMBERSHIP	Phil Sittner	Assistant	Lam Nguyen
RECRUITMENT	Tom Novi		
ACTIVITIES	Gordon Callander		
SUNSHINE	Chris Christopherson		
AWARDS	Ray Barsch	Assistant	Odell Landers
EDITOR	Paul Domyancic	Assistant	Odell Landers
WEBMASTER	Gordon Callander		
DIRECTORY	Gordon Callander		
HISTORIAN	Bill Sutherland		
NOMINATING COMMITTEE	Dallas Pennington David Brunton		
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	Gordon Routsong	Cancelled due to COVID	
BOOK SWAP	Jerry Westerman		
LADIES DAY	Gordon Routsong		
HIKING	Brian Benner	Assistant	Paul Vijitakula
ZOOM	Meeting Co-chairs	Lam Nguyen	General Davie

Introduction to the 2021 History of SIR Branch 23:

Branch 23 started the new year of 2021 under the same COVID related restrictions that dictated our activities for 2020. All indoor activities had been cancelled and all the BEC and General meetings were being held on ZOOM. Restrictions on outdoor activities had lessened somewhat allowing our golf programs to restart in the summer of 2020. The annual picnic had been cancelled, as had the golf award’s luncheon and the Ladies’ Day Luncheon. It is an extreme credit to the leadership of the 2020 Big Sir David Peterson and the hard work of the BEC that our branch not only survived that first year of the pandemic, but ended the year with the same number of members as we started.

The 2021 BEC, under the leadership of Big Sir Roger Riley faced the challenge of continuing the branch operations under these same restrictions, but with the hope that the expected vaccination program would allow us to return to some sense of normalcy. Under revised restrictions, the golf programs were allowed to continue. The restrictions on indoor activities continued and the branch resumed the normal schedule of BEC and General meetings on ZOOM. The national vaccination efforts started in late January, and State Sir leadership eventually released guidance and requirements that would allow indoor activities to be resumed. The main restriction on the indoor activities was that participants had to show proof of vaccination status or proof of a recent negative COVID test. The State Sir also required waivers to limit their liabilities during these events. Big Sir Roger Riley and the BEC did an outstanding job in communicating these requirements to the branch membership, and implementing documentation procedures to ensure the State Sir requirements were met by everyone. A large majority of the branch members had completed the first two vaccinations by the summer of 2021, and the first branch in-person luncheon was held in July. Most of the normal branch activities were held for the remainder of the year. Going into 2022, it is very notable that despite a small reduction in overall membership, Branch 23 is as strong now as it was at the start of pandemic in 2020. The leaders in our BEC deserve immense credit for this accomplishment, and despite the continuing COVID problems in the country, the outlook for the branch’s success is very bright.

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 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 2021 membership was 142 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: (13)

Jim Doolittle (Jan)	Robert Carisoza (Feb)	Jeff Sheline (Mar)
Lyn Massie (July)	Vince Duffy (July)	Roger Jerez (July)
David Godinho (July)	Stephan Watson (Aug)	Dennis Crossland (Aug)
Erich Wohlenberg (Aug)	Thomas Post (Sept)	John Schafer (Oct)
Tom Freeman (Nov)		

New members transferring from other SIR Branches (2)

James Eaton (Aug, BR 127 & 50)	George Hodsdon (Aug, Br 93)
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Deceased active members: (1)

Mike Catino (June 2020)

Deceased prior members: (2)

Horace Conrad (Jan 2020)	Dick Hill (2021)
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Members who resigned: (23)

Jim Heavner (Feb)	Jiro Sakauye (Feb)	David Naquin (May)
Ben Matsuo (May)	Bill LeDoux (May)	John Rogel (June)
Phil Phelps (July)	Joe Stastney (Oct)	Jon Finkler (Oct)
Bernie Whitcomb (Oct)	Fred Graebe (Oct)	Steve Watson (Nov)
Barry Nelson (Nov)	Brian Mancarti (Nov)	Jon Sadowski (Nov)
Paul Askelson (Nov)	Dan Findley (Nov)	Richard Harr (Nov)
Mark Ferguson (Dec)	David Irish (Dec)	Rocky Jarvis (Dec)
Marc Mitchell (Dec)	Dick Oxford (Dec)	

Membership Age History:

Membership Age Summary – SiR Branch 23 – Years					
Date	Jan 1, 2018	Jan 1, 2019	Jan 1, 2020	Jan 1, 2021	Jan 1, 2022
Average Age	79.5	78.5	78.3	78.5	78.3
Median Age	78.8	78.5	78.7	78.9	79.1

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, 2018	Jan 1, 2019	Jan 1, 2020	Jan 1, 2021	Jan 1, 2022
Checking Account	\$2186.26	\$2905.35	\$4471.25	\$5706.89	\$4258.87
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	\$2586.26	3305.35	\$4871.25	\$6106.89	\$4658.87

ATTENDANCE: Chairmen Sir Dave Nemzek and Tam LeFebure reported the attendance information at the monthly BEC meetings. The table below shows the significant statistics in comparison to the data for the previous four years. *Due to the COVID pandemic in 2020 and 2021, in-person lunches were cancelled from April 2020 until July 2021. Three lunches were held in 2020 and five in 2021, and branch meetings were held on Zoom for the intervening months. The attendance information for the ZOOM meetings is not available.

Year	2017	2018	2019	2020*	2021*
Average Attendance	62.8%	67.1%	70.8 %	68%	63%
Most Attendance					
Month	March	March	April	January	November
Attendance	94	111	115	110	106
Percentage	67.7%	73.5%	79.3%	72%	70.0%
Least Attendance					
Month	February	February	October	March	August
Attendance	78	87	91	89	87
Percentage	57.3%	59.2%	60.0%	58%	55.7%

AWARDS: SIR Ray Barsch coordinated the following awards during 2021.

SIR Senior Awards – 90 years of age:

Jean Brown (Aug) Carroll Hamon (Aug) Gene Tognetti (Sep)

SIR Certificate of Appreciation:

David Nemzek – 14 years as Attendance Chairman (Nov)

Senior Honorary Lifetime Membership Acknowledgment:

Forrest Wright, who joined Sir Branch 23 in 2020, had been given the Senior Honorary Lifetime Membership award during his service in Sir Branch 127.

SPEAKERS: Little Sir JD Bamfield invited a variety of speakers for the monthly meetings.

January (ZOOM)	Joe Smith	Advocacy Director – Loaves and Fishes
February (ZOOM)	Taylor Lewis	Manager, UC Davis Arboretum, Nursery, and Public Gardens
March (ZOOM)	Arianna Ortega	Development and Strategic Partnerships Manager, Grid Alternative
April (ZOOM)	Louis Leal	Docent – Jack London State Historic Park, Glen Ellen, CA
May (ZOOM)	Joe Winkler	USS Potomac, FDRs Presidential Boat, located at Jack London Square, Oakland

June (ZOOM)	Mike Woods	Vice President and General Manager, Haggin Oaks Golf Course
July	No Speaker	Sage White, Consumnes River Preserve was scheduled, but had to cancelled for personal reasons.
August	Brian Frazier	Cal Trans Civil Engineer – Highway roundabouts and alternative intersections designs and plans.
September	Vic Mershon	Member of SIR Branch 33 – Presentation of his dad’s life as a pilot in the early Army Air Corps, and as a crop duster.
October	Jan Geiger	Docent – Crocker Art Museum, Sacramento
November	Tom Jones	Executive Director, Aerospace Museum of California

SIR Branch 23 Bowling 2021 / 2022

Due to the pandemic, the bowling season for 2020/2021 was cancelled. The season did restart in the fall of 2021, and the season will end in the spring of 2022. Acting Bowling Chairman, Ray Zelinski reported the following Branch 23 participants. The bowling league includes several Sir branches.

Division 1

Dream Team: Jesse Kegarise

Country Rollers: Gordon Hubble

Division 2

Soaring Eagles: Anthony Pruitt, George Hodsdon, Mike Holmgren, Derek Rudkin

The Old Farts: Tony Tipton, Tom Crews

Division 3

Groovers: Joe Rodriguez, Kevin Wall, Marwan Siagian

Capital City: Jim Eaton

Division 4

Wizards: Ralph Williams

Alley Oops: Forrest Wright, Carroll Hamon, Steve Porter, Ray Zelinski

Jets: John Brown

GOLF:

9-Hole League:

The chairman is Steve Ng. Steve was also the tournament director and treasurer. Steve was assisted by scheduler George Hood, who set up the 2021 schedule before he was replaced by his son, Greg Hood, Phil Phelps, statistician, and Bill Sutherland, handicapper. During the year, Tony Tipton replaced Phil Phelps as statistician and also took over the Treasurer

duties, and Lam Nguyen assisted Bill Sutherland, and will take over the handicapping duties in 2022. Also, Gary Bradley assisted Steve Ng by publishing the 9-hole information on the 18-hole league website. There were 23 scheduled tournaments. The only event cancelled was for wildfire smoke at the end of August.

The top ten point winners and the flight winners for each tournament are shown in the following tables. During the year, 53 members participated in a total of 447 rounds, with an average of 20.3 players per event. That compares to the pandemic shortened season of 2020 which had 166 rounds, with a similar average of 20.8 players per event.

9 HOLE GOLF LEAGUE - 2021		
TOP TEN POINT WINNERS		
POSITION	NAME	POINTS
1	Robert Carisoza	57
2	Steve Ng	56
3	Lam Nguyen	55
4	Marwan Siagian	48
5	Paul Domyancic	43
6	John Mahoney	42
7	Bill Moore	40
8	Don Landsttel	38
9	Bill Sutherland	30
10	Lyn Massie	29

SIR BRANCH 23 - 9 HOLE GOLF LEAGUE - 2021							
TOURNAMENT FLIGHT WINNERS							
Tourn Nr	Date	Course	1st Flight	2nd Flight	3rd Flight	Players	Guests
1	2/26	Bradshaw Ranch	Marwan Siagian	Sam Scarlett		19	1
2	3/11	Arcade Creek Blue	Rich Singer	Andre Boutros		19	
3	3/15	William Land Park	Paul Domyancic	Carroll Hamon		16	1
4	4/2	Bradshaw Ranch	Bill Moore	Don Landsittel	Carroll Hamon	20	5
5	4/15	Emerald Lakes	Frank Abel	Tony Tipton	Chris Christopherson	22	
6	4/19	Arcade Creek Blue	JD Bamfield	Odell Landers	Paul Lenny	28	3
7	4/26	Antelope Greens	Phil Phelps	Paul Domyancic	Robert Carisoza	27	
8	5/11	Emerald Lakes	Steve Schmidt	Scott Dutcher	David Peterson	26	3
9	5/21	Arcade Creek Red	Jerry Westerman	Lyn Massie		23	2
10	6/4	William Land Park	Bill Sutherland	Lyn Massie	Ron Slusher	25	
11	6/10	Cordova	Paul Domyancic	Lam Nguyen		16	
12	6/21	Emerald Lakes	Roger Riley	Scott Dutcher	Lowell Suckow	23	
13	7/13	Arcade Creek Blue	Kevin Wall	John Bloomer		21	1
14	7/26	Indian Creek	Steve Schmidt	Steve Ng		20	1
15	8/2	Antelope Greens	John Mahoney	Kevin Wall	Bob Betzler	21	
16	8/13	William Land Park	Scott Kenney	Bob Betzler		19	1
17	8/20	Emerald Lakes	Scott Dutcher	Lam Nguyen		18	
18	8/30	Arcade Creek Red	Cancelled - Wildfire smoke				
19	9/7	Antelope Greens	Bill Moore	Lam Nguyen		15	
20	9/10	Indian Creek	Lam Nguyen	Steve Ng		11	1
21	9/20	Arcade Creek Blue	Lam Nguyen	Robert Carisoza		18	
22	10/4	Antelope Greens	Bill Moore	Lyn Massie	Robert Carisoza	22	
23	10/14	Cordova	Bill Moore	Chris Christopherson		18	
					Total Players	447	19
					Average - 22 Events	20.3	

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 Rodriguez served as assistant tournament directors. There were 30 tournaments originally scheduled, and two were added during the year. One spring event was cancelled due to rain, and was rescheduled. One fall event was also cancelled due to rain, and was rescheduled but too late to be included in the 2021 standings. Those results were moved to the 2022 season.

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 1356 rounds for an average of 43.7 players per event.

SIR BRANCH 23 - 18 HOLE GOLF LEAGUE - 2021								
TOURNAMENT FLIGHT WINNERS								
Tourn. Nr	Date	Course	1st Flight	2nd Flight	3rd Flight	4th Flight	5th Flight	Number of Players
1	2/3	Bartley Cavanaugh (Big Sir 1)	David Biesanz	Jesse Kegarise	Paul Askelson	Paul Lenny		53
2	2/17	Mackenzie (Big Sir 2)	David Biesanz	Jesse Kegarise	Dana Hamilton	David Nemzek		57
3	2/24	Bing Maloney (Big Sir 3)	Steve Schmidt	Lam Nguyen	Paul Domyancic	David Nemzek		54
4	3/3	Diamond Oaks (Champ 1)	Bob Ahders	Jesse Kegarise	Dana Hamilton	Jim DeLong		57
5	3/18	Wildhawk	Cancelled - Rain.	Rescheduled to July 15				
6	3/24	Dry Creek	Bill Espinosa	Tony Marquez	Paul Askelson	David Peterson		46
7	3/30	Ancil Hoffman	Gary Bradley	Scott Kenney	Mike Hanamura	David Nemzek		49
8	4/7	Mather	Gary Bradley	Scott Dutcher	Paul Askelson	Ron Slusher		49
9	4/21	Davis	Neil Fairhurst	Mark Jones	George Zarzana	Paul Lenny		33
10	4/28	Wild Wings	Bill Moore	Kevin Wall	Odell Landers			25
11	5/5	Teal Bend	Don Rodriguez	Andre Boutros	Roger Riley	David Peterson		53
12	5/19	Mackenzie	Mark Jones	Gordon Hubble	Dana Hamilton	Mike Holmgren		51
13	5/26	Cherry Island	David Biesanz	Scott Kenney	Gordon Hubble	George Zarzana	Robert Carisoza	42
14	6/2	River Oaks	Bill Espinosa	Phil Sittner	Roger Riley	David Peterson		41
15	6/17	Wildhawk (Champ 2)	David Biesanz	JD Bamfield	Jesse Kegarise	Tam LeFebure		40
16	6/23	Bartley Cavanaugh	Scott Kenney	Andre Boutros	Frank Abel	Jim DeLong		41
17	6/30	Bing Maloney	John Rowland	Scott Dutcher	Gary Young	General Davie		42
18	7/7	Morgan Creek Shamble	Ron Shilliday / John Mahoney / Roger Carisoza / Mike Hanamura					39
5A	7/15	Wildhawk Reschedule	David Godinho	Scott Dutcher	Dallas Pennington	David Nemzek		40
19	7/21	Diamond Oaks	Don Rodriguez	Tony Marquez	Frank Abel	General Davie		46
Add 1	7/28	Lincoln Hills	Jim Doolittle	Phil Sittner	John Raley	Bob Mohler		34
20	8/4	Teal Bend	Bill Espinosa	Steve Ng	Dana Hamilton	Jim DeLong		35
21	8/18	Mather	Roger Jerez	Lam Nguyen	Dallas Pennington	Mike Holmgren		41
22	8/24	Ancil Hoffman	Ron Shilliday	Lam Nguyen	Frank Abel	David Nemzek		49
23	9/2	Wildhawk - 2 man best ball	Frank Abel / Tam Lefebure		Paul Elkins / Odell Landers			51
24	9/15	Empire Ranch	David Brunton	Paul Elkins	Gary Young	Steve Brush		42
25	9/22	Turkey Creek	Erich Wohlenberg	Kevin Wall	John Raley	David Peterson		35
26	9/29	Mather	Jim Doolittle	Phil Sittner	Kevin Wall	Mike Hanamura		37
27	10/6	Wildhorse	Bob Ahders	Lam Nguyen	Roger Riley	Ron Slusher		41
28	10/20	MacKenzie (Champ 3)	Curt Caldwell	Jesse Kegarise	Mike Pruss	Gordon Callander		51
29	10/27	Bing Maloney (Champ 4)	Cancelled - Heavy Rain. Rescheduled to Dec 1 as an add-on to the 2022 schedule.					
30	11/3	Bartley Cavanaugh (Champ 5)	Bob Ahders	JD Bamfield	Randy Angeloni	Paul Domyancic	Howard Frank	46
Add 2	11/17	Sierra View	No Competition at this event.				plus 27 guests	36
							Total Players	1356
							Average for 31 Events	43.7

18 HOLE GOLF LEAGUE - 2021					
Top Ten Point Winners			League Championship Flight Winners		
Position	Name	Points	Flights	Name	Aggregate Score (best 3 of 4)
1	Robert Carisoza	101	1st	David Biesanz	-7
2	Mike Hanamura	96		Gary Bradley	-6
3	Gary Bradley	87		David Brunton	-6
4	Andre Boutros	85	2nd	Jesse Kegarise	-12
5	Roger Riley	83		JD Bamfield	-9
6	Odell Landers	81		Randy Angeloni	-7
7	Bill Espinosa	78	3rd	Dana Hamilton	-14
T8	Dana Hamilton	76		Mike Pruss	-13
T8	Tony Marquez	76		Frank Abel	-11
T8	Ron Shilliday	76	4th	Jim DeLong	-14
T8	David Nemzek	76		Howard Frank	-11
				Robert Carisoza	-9
Big Sir Championship Flight Winners					
			Flights	Name	Aggregate Score (best 2 of 3)
			1st	David Biesanz	-12
			2nd	David Nemzek	-16

Significant Events:

In addition to the accomplishments of the BEC in managing the branch activities during this difficult period of COVID, mentioned earlier, the following additional significant activities are acknowledged.

Storage of Branch Documentation: To provide for central storage of branch documentation, that would allow BEC members access for review, Sir Lam Nguyen developed a Google Account which provides ‘cloud storage’. Documentation from the various BEC functions were being uploaded to the account starting in June.

Bocce Ball: After a few years of difficulty finding suitable courts, Sir David Peterson started our Bocce program at Carmichael Park in May, 2021. Initial competitions have gone well and are now being scheduled for twice per month, excluding the winter months.

Luncheon Signup Procedures: Our process for years has been to notify the attendance chairman if you would not be attending the monthly luncheon. This method has been unreliable for providing the Elks Club with an estimated number of attendees, requiring us to base the estimate on history. With the pandemic, that method also became unreliable and necessitated a new procedure to prevent being charged for unused lunches. Big Sir Roger Riley and Sir Lam Nguyen developed an email signup form that allowed the members to easily and reliably indicate if they would be attending an upcoming luncheon. The subsequent attendance estimates have almost exactly matched the actual attendance. However, the response rate for this system is in the 80% range, requiring that 30 to 40 people have to be called each month. Efforts are being made for modifying and promoting the system to increase the response rate.

Golf Program Software Upgrade: After 17 years in use, the golf software, used for both tournament management and handicapping succumbed to the usual fate of old software – not up to date and no longer supported by the vendor. We not only lost the golf website; the old software did not have the ability to use the latest USGA rules for handicapping. The solution has been to buy into the use of on-line software. The conversion occurred on November 1, 2021, and two tournaments have been run using the new system. Although it is more expensive and there have been the expected learning curve issues at the beginning, indications are very strong that the conversion will provide substantial advantages over the old methods. Of particular note is that the handicap process is considerably easier to run and use, and the new website process allows interactive input and use by all the members.

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