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**EL DORADO
Branch 23**

ANNUAL HISTORY

2022

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Following are the typical schedules and functions of SIR Branch 23. Branch meetings were held at Carmichael Elks Lodge, 5631 Cypress Avenue in Carmichael, California thru July and then moved to the Dante Club, 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd in Sacramento. Branch 23 meets on the second Wednesday of each month. The Executive Committee meets at 10:00AM and the general meeting begins at noon. At the monthly meetings, members sign up for upcoming golf tournaments and other sports and social activities. Activity chairs give brief reports and current member birthdays are recognized. 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 2022

OFFICERS:

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

DIRECTORS:

David Peterson, PBS	Gordon Callander	Roger Riley, PBS
Phil Sittner, PBS	Mark Ashley	David Brunton

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN:

ATTENDANCE	Tam LeFebure		
MEMBERSHIP	Ray Zelinski	Assistant	Lam Nguyen
RECRUITMENT	Tom Novi		
ACTIVITIES	Gordon Callander		
SUNSHINE	Gordon Routsong		
AWARDS	Ray Barsch	Assistant	Odell Landers
EDITOR	Paul Domyancic	Assistant	Odell Landers
WEBMASTER	Gordon Callander		
DIRECTORY	Lam Nguyen		
HISTORIAN	Bill Sutherland		
NOMINATING COMMITTEE	Dallas Pennington David Brunton		
BOWLING	Frank Semans	Assistant	Ray Zelinski
GOLF (18 HOLE)	David Brunton	Tournament Director	Gary Bradley
GOLF (9 HOLE)	Steve Ng	Tournament Director	Steve Ng
PICNIC	Mark Ashley Rob Stott		

BOCCE BALL	David Peterson		
BOOK EXCHANGE	Mike Pruss		
LADIES DAY	Jerry Westerman		
HIKING	Brian Benner		
ZOOM / IT	Lam Nguyen		

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 Ray Zelinski reported that the ending 2022 membership was 152 active members; including three Honorary Life members, and two Senior Honorary Life members. We no longer maintain a membership waiting list. The specific membership changes were as follows:

New members: (18)

Brendan McGuire (Jan)	Darrell Beddard (Mar)	Mike Long (Mar)
Mark Ashley (Mar)	John DiMugno (Mar)	John Weber (Mar)
Jim Erickson (Mar)	Mitch Valder (Apr)	Pat Billingsley (Apr)
Ron Weakley (Apr)	Craig Chatelain (Apr)	Tim Beck (May)
David Kesty (May)	Loren Newell (May)	Nick Catrantzos (Jun)
Ski Brown (Jun)	Paul Stevenson (Oct)	Ernie Curto (Oct)

Deceased active members: (1)

Del Fystrom (May 16, 2022)

Deceased prior members: (2)

Joe Stastney (Jan 31, 2022) Len Kovar (July 16, 2022)

Members who resigned: (7)

Dennis Crossland (Aug)	Vince Duffy (Aug)	Lyn Massie (Aug)
Paul Palabrica (Aug)	Gene Tognetti (Aug)	Fred Adge (Sept)
Tommy Crews (Dec)		

Membership Age History:

Membership Age Summary – SIR Branch 23 – Years					
Date	Jan 1, 2019	Jan 1, 2020	Jan 1, 2021	Jan 1, 2022	Jan 1, 2023
Average Age	78.5	78.3	78.5	78.3	78.0
Median Age	78.5	78.7	78.9	79.1	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. Starting in 2021 the Branch Treasurer provided banking service for the Bocce Ball program. The checking account total includes both branch funds and bocce ball funds.

Date	Jan 1, 2019	Jan 1, 2020	Jan 1, 2021	Jan 1, 2022	Jan 1, 2023
Checking Account	\$2905.35	\$4471.25	\$5706.89	\$4258.87	\$4988.05
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
Total Branch Funds	3305.35	\$4871.25	\$6106.89	\$4358.87	\$4974.05
Bocce Ball Funds				\$300.00	\$414.00

ATTENDANCE: Attendance Chairmen 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.

In 2022, the branch moved its luncheon locations in August from the Carmichael Elks Club to the Dante Club. Also, the February meeting at the Elks Club was held on ZOOM in lieu of in person at Elks because of further COVID concerns, and no attendance information is available.

Year	2018	2019	2020*	2021*	2022 (Elks)	2022 (Dante)
Average Attendance	67.1%	70.8 %	68%	63%	60.5%	62.7%
Most Attendance						
Month	March	April	January	November	March	August
Attendance	111	115	110	106	101	98
Percentage	73.5%	79.3%	72%	70.0%	67.8%	64.5%
Least Attendance						
Month	February	October	March	August	July	November
Attendance	87	91	89	87	88	94
Percentage	59.2%	60.0%	58%	55.7%	56.1%	61.4%

AWARDS: SIR Ray Barsch coordinated the following awards during 2022.

SIR Super Senior Awards – 95 years of age

Forrest Wright (May)

Chris Christopherson (July)

SIR Senior Awards – 90 years of age:

Sam Scarlett (Mar)
Cass Mastalski (Sep)

Stan Newell (Apr)
Bob Stakolich (Oct)

Floyd Mellon (Apr)

SIR Distinguished Service Awards: (Nov)

Phil Sittner, Big Sir, 2019
David Peterson, Big Sir, 2020
Roger Riley, Big Sir, 2021

Special Awards:

Cass Mastalski, recognition for his 13 years of service as 18 hole golf chairman. (July)
Gary Bradley, electric golf cart, from golf members, for 12 years of service as 18 hole golf tournament chairman. (July)
Gordon Callander, Special Achievement Award for service as Activities Chairman. (Nov)

Honorary Lifetime Membership Certificate:

Paul Joyce was provided his HLM Certificate. The award for Paul was announced in 2020, but due to Covid restrictions, the presentation of his certificate had been delayed. (Apr)

SPEAKERS: Little Sir Jerry Westerman invited a variety of speakers for the monthly meetings.

January	Mike Aho	Executive Director, Fair Oaks Recreation and Parks District – discussed Park District Improvement Program
February (ZOOM)	No Speaker	
March	No Speaker	Rich Desmond, Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, was scheduled but cancelled at last minute.
April	No Speaker	Rich Desmond, Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, was scheduled but had to cancel again.
May	Dr. Bob LaPerriere	Retired dermatologist at Kaiser. Curator of Sierra Sacramento Valley Medical Society’s Museum of Medical Science
June	Jennifer Szeliga	Urban Wood Rescue. Program to keep trees out of the landfill, by milling and salvaging logs for sale.
July	Greg Gayton	Green Acres Nursery
August	Mike Galli	General manager of North Ridge Country Club
September	Darrell Beddard Branch 23 member	Presentation of his experience racing ATV Honda Odyssey Class 3 race cars from 1982 to 1987. From 1984 to 1987, he was nationally ranked with pro status.
October	Michael Durner	TSA Supervisor. TSA problems and changes.
November	Bob Lamvik	District Director of SCORE, Service Core of Retired Executives.

SIR Branch 23 Bowling 2021 / 2022 by Ray Zelinski, Acting Chair for Frank Semans

The 2021/2022 Bowling League consisted of 66 bowlers from various SIR Branches on a total of 18 teams. Branch 23 was represented by 17 members on 9 different teams. Following is a listing of the teams with participants from Branch 23, the final place on March 29, 2022 in the respective Division, and the members names:

Division 1

Dream Team, tied for 3rd place: Jesse Kegarise
Country Rollers, 5th place: Gordon Hubble

Division 2

The Old Farts, 1st place: Tony Tipton
Soaring Eagles, 2nd place: Tony Pruitt, George Hodsdon, Mike Holmgren, Derek Rudkin

Division 3

Groovers, 2nd place: Joe Rodriguez, Kevin Wall, Marwan Siagian
Capital City, 3rd place: Jim Eaton

Division 4

Alley Oops, 2nd place: Forrest Wright, Carroll Hamon, Steve Porter, Ray Zelinski
Jets, 3rd place: John Brown
Wizards, 4th place: Ralph Williams

Team Awards

Div 1: Country Rollers recorded the high handicap series - 2811
Div 2: The Old Farts recorded the high handicap game - 1008
Div 3: Groovers recorded the high scratch game - 673
Div 4: Alley Oops recorded the high handicap series - 2873
Wizards recorded the high handicap game - 928

Individual Awards

90+ Age Category: Forrest Wright - 192 scratch game
Carroll Hamon - 773 handicap series
Carroll Hamon - Most improved bowler by 11.32 points above his previous
year average
55-72 Age Category: Steve Porter - Most games of +40 or more points over his average - 17

Preview of the 2022/2023 season (beginning August 30, 2022; ending in early April 2023):

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New Br 23 bowlers: J D Bamfield, Paul Elkins (returnee), Bob Nielsen (returnee). Departures for various reasons: Derek Rudkin, Joe Rodriguez and Steve Porter.

GOLF:

9-Hole League:

The chairman is Steve Ng. Steve was also the tournament director. He was assisted by treasurer, Tony Tipton, handicapper, Lam Nguyen, and scheduler, Greg Hood. There were 23 scheduled tournaments, and no cancellations.

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 a total of 457 rounds in 23 events, with an average of 19.9 players per event. That compares to the 2021 season which had 447 rounds in 22 events, with a similar average of 20.3 players per event. The 9-hole league also welcomes spouses to participate, and approximately six wives played in 2022.

9 HOLE GOLF LEAGUE - 2022		
TOP TEN POINT WINNERS		
POSITION	NAME	POINTS
T1	Steve Ng	60
T1	Steve Schmidt	60
3	Bill Moore	50
4	Howard Frank	48
5	Don Landsittel	47
6	Robert Carisoza	45
T7	Frank Abel	38
T7	John Mahoney	38
9	Gordon Callander	35
10	Marwan Siagian	33

SIR BRANCH 23 - 9 HOLE GOLF LEAGUE - 2022								
TOURNAMENT FLIGHT WINNERS								
Tourn Nr	Date	Course	1st Flight	2nd Flight	3rd Flight	4th Flight	Players	Guests
1	2/25	Bradshaw Ranch	Bill Moore	Gordon Callander			16	
2	3/11	Arcade Creek Blue	Lam Nguyen	Lyn Massie	Chris Christopherson		25	2
3	3/21	William Land Park	Lyn Massie	Steve Ng			19	
4	4/1	Bradshaw Ranch	Bill Moore	Gordon Callander			17	4
5	4/15	Emerald Lakes	Bill Moore	Steve Ng			19	
6	4/18	Arcade Creek Red	Steve Schmidt	Rob Stott			28	1
7	4/25	Antelope Greens	Steve Schmidt	Lowell Suckow			21	
8	5/10	Emerald Lakes	Scott Dutcher	Robert Carisoza			19	
9	5/20	Arcade Creek Blue	Mark Ashley	Howard Frank			18	1
10	6/3	William Land Park	Marwan Siagian	Steve Ng			19	
11	6/9	Cordova	Steve Schmidt	Gopal Nemana			16	
12	6/20	Emerald Lakes	Ron Shilliday	Bob Mohler			19	1
13	7/12	Arcade Creek Red	Steve Schmidt	Jim DeLong	Jim Erickson	Chris Christopherson	31	
14	7/25	Indian Creek	Steve Schmidt	Rob Stott	Howard Frank		23	1
15	8/1	Antelope Greens	John Weber	Jim DeLong	Gopal Nemana		23	
16	8/12	William Land Park	Don Landsittel	Gordon Callander			24	
17	8/19	Emerald Lakes	Steve Schmidt	Mark Ashley	Robert Carisoza		24	
18	8/29	Arcade Creek Blue	Curt Caldwell	Paul Lenny	Howard Frank		26	
19	9/6	Antelope Greens	Don Landsittel	Howard Frank			15	
20	9/12	Indian Creek	Mark Ashley	Howard Frank			8	
21	9/19	Arcade Creek Red	Jim Erickson	Robert Carisoza			14	
22	10/3	Antelope Greens	Curt Caldwell	John Weber	Paul Vijitakula		18	
23	10/13	Bing Maloney Exec	John Mahoney	Howard Frank			15	
							Total Players	457
							Average - 23 Events	19.9

18-Hole League:

The chairman is David Brunton 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, Steve Ng, Neil Fairhurst, and Joe Rodriguez served as assistant tournament directors. There were 31 tournaments originally scheduled. The Wild Wings event was cancelled in April and moved to River Oaks, which then had to be cancelled because of course conditions.

The top ten point winners, championship results, and the flight winners for each tournament are shown in the following tables. During the year, 88 members participated in 30 events in a total of 1274 rounds for an average of 42.5 players per event. That compares to the 2021 participation of 84 players in 31 events, 1356 rounds, and an average of 43.7 players per event.

SIR BRANCH 23 - 18 HOLE GOLF LEAGUE - 2022									
TOURNAMENT FLIGHT WINNERS									
Tourn. Nr	Date	Course	1st Flight	2nd Flight	3rd Flight	4th Flight	5th Flight	Number of Players	
1	2/2	Bartley Cavanaugh (Big Sir 1)	Steve Schmidt	Gordon Hubble	Steve Ng	Phil Fotopoulos	Gail Murrell	49	
2	2/16	MacKenzie (Big Sir 2)	Gary Bradley	Bill Moore	Tony Marquez	Gary Young	Howard Frank	57	
3	2/23	Bing Maloney (Big Sir 3)	David Brunton	Don Landsittel	Tom Freeman	Phil Fotopoulos	Howard Frank	49	
4	3/2	Davis	David Brunton	Bill Moore	Dallas Pennington	Robert Carisoza		30	
5	3/17	Wildhawk	Gary Bradley	Don Landsittel	Mike Long	Jim DeLong	John Boss	44	
6	3/23	Diamond Oaks (Champ 1)	David Biesanz	Bill Moore	Tom Freeman	Jim DeLong	David Peterson	45	
7	3/30	Ancil Hoffman	Ron Shilliday	David Brunton	Phil Sittner	Mike Pruss	General Davie	52	
8	4/6	Wild Wings	Cancelled - Replaced by River Oaks, which was also cancelled. Not rescheduled						
9	4/20	Dry Creek	Curt Caldwell	Bill Moore	Rob Stott	Mike Pruss	David Peterson	40	
10	4/27	Mather	Fred Adge	JD Bamfield	Mark Ashley	Mike Pruss	Paul Lenny	47	
11	5/4	Teal Bend	Erich Wohlenberg	Craig Chatelain	Rob Stott	Tom Novi	Paul Lenny	41	
12	5/18	MacKenzie	Curt Caldwell	JD Bamfield	Mike Long	Tom Novi	Mike Holmgren	48	
13	5/25	Cherry Island	Erich Wohlenberg	John Rowland	Tam LeFebure	Paul Lenny		39	
14	6/1	River Oaks	Craig Chatelain	JD Bamfield	Tony Tipton	Dallas Pennington	Ray Zelinski	41	
15	6/16	Wildhawk (Champ 2)	Darrell Beddard	John Rowland	Jesse Kegarise	Jim DeLong	David Peterson	41	
16	6/22	Bartley Cavanaugh	Tom Freeman	Andre Boutros	Tony Tipton	Rob Stott		37	
17	6/29	Bing Maloney	Gary Bradley	Steve Ng	Gary Young	Rob Stott		44	
18	7/6	Morgan Creek Shamble	Bill Espinosa / Tony Tipton / Steve Ng / Blind Partner						40
19	7/20	Teal Bend	Gary Bradley	Mike Long	Mike Pruss	Ron Slusher		43	
20	7/27	Diamond Oaks	Steve Schmidt	John Rowland	Ron Weakley	Dana Hamilton	David Peterson	46	
21	8/3	Mather	Jim Doolittle	Scott Dutcher	Tony Tipton	Dallas Pennington	General Davie	48	
22	8/17	Ancil Hoffman	Erich Wohlenberg	Brendan McGuire	Joe Rodriguez	Tam LeFebure	Gopal Nemana	48	
23	8/25	Wildhawk (2 Man Best Ball)	John Mahoney / Jim Doolittle		Brendan McGuire / Jerry Westerman			37	
24	8/31	Empire Ranch	Erich Wohlenberg	Don Landsittel	General Davie			39	
25	9/7	Lincoln Hills	Steve Schmidt	Howard Frank				20	
26	9/21	Turkey Creek	Curt Caldwell	Phil Sittner	Rich Battistessa	David Peterson		44	
27	9/28	Mather	Craig Chatelain	Jesse Kegarise	Jim DeLong	Odell Landers		36	
28	10/5	Wildhorse	JD Bamfield	Scott Kenney	Rob Stott	Paul Lenny		28	
29	10/19	MacKenzie (Champ 3)	Curt Caldwell	Tony Marquez	Rich Battistessa	Paul Vijitakula		51	
30	10/26	Bing Maloney (Champ 4)	Curt Caldwell	John Weber	Rich Battistessa	General Davie		46	
31	11/2	Barley Cavanaugh (Champ 5)	Neil Fairhurst	John Maloney	Tony Tipton	George Yamamoto		44	
							Total Players	1274	
							Average for 30 Events	42.5	

18 HOLE GOLF LEAGUE - 2022					
Top Ten Point Winners			League Championship Flight Winners		
Position	Name	Points	Flights	Name	Aggregate Score Relative to Par(best 3 of 5)
1	Frank Abel	112	1st	Tom Freeman	Even
2	David Peterson	101		Don Landsittel	4
3	Don Landsittel	99		Bill Espinosa	5
T4	JD Bamfield	98	2nd	Bill Moore	5
T4	Erich Wohlenberg	98		Jesse Kegarise	8
6	Steve Schmidt	94		John Rowland	9
7	David Brunton	93	3rd	Rich Battistessa	-3
8	John Rowland	90		Jim DeLong	6
9	Dallas Pennington	88		Gary Young	6
10	Rob Stott	87		General Davie	Even
				Jerry Westerman	2
Big Sir Championship Flight Winners					
			Flights	Name	Aggregate Score (best 2 of 3)
			1st	David Brunton	3
			2nd	Gail Murrell	-14

Significant Events:

With the easing of most of the COVID affected restrictions, the primary focus of 2022 was to return to normal branch functions and operations. However, the year was eventually dominated by the need to find another site for the monthly luncheons. That process and a few other significant issues will be discussed below.

Relocation of the Monthly Luncheon Site:

Over our branch history, we have held the monthly luncheons at several different sites, but we have held our luncheons at the Carmichael Elks Club continuously since June, 1988. Only a few of our current members have experienced a lunch at somewhere besides the Elks Club. There have been concerns several times in recent years that we might benefit from a move, but in June of 2022 a situation occurred that was essentially the final straw.

The June lunch was served almost two hours late, and was of very poor quality. The contract with the Elks Club was set to expire in July or August, and with concern for the overall food service management and on-going audio/visual issues that had not been corrected, it was decided by the BEC that we needed to look for alternate luncheon sites. Based on its history as a lunch site for other SIR branches, and also ours, the Dante Club was an obvious candidate. The BEC also considered North Ridge Country Club and the Folsom Community Center. The Folsom site was dropped because it would have required us to provide a caterer, and North Ridge was given a strong endorsement, but was dropped because of concern for a continuous commitment to our lunch schedule. The BEC therefore selected the Dante Club as the preference, and Director David Peterson coordinated with them to provide a trial luncheon in August.

The first luncheon at the Dante Club was held on August 10, 2022. Overall, the experience expressed by the members to the BEC was very positive, and David Peterson was given the authority to negotiate a contract with the Dante Club for the remainder of the year. The favorable reactions continued during the year with the only main concern being a possible effect on membership retention based on the location. That was obviously a difficult situation to deal with because for many members the new location was an advantage. It was decided that the issue could not be resolved by further analysis with the membership and that the BEC would make the decision based on their judgement.

Accordingly, a contract was signed in November to continue the luncheons at the Dante Club in 2023. The agreed price would be \$25 per person, with no additional costs to be added. It is notable that for the four months in 2022, the attendance at the Dante Club, though lower than the averages for recent years, was very consistent at between 61.4% and 64.5% of the membership attending.

Branch By-laws and Rules:

At the Feb BEC ZOOM meeting, Jim Coe asked a very fundamentally important question: Does the branch have documentation to cover past BEC decisions? He was dealing with a question concerning dues for HLM members, and was looking for past documentation on the subject. Secretary John Boss noted that the BEC minutes will document BEC decisions, but by SIR policy they are only retained for five years. Questions came up whether there are Branch 23 Rules and By-laws and whether there are “model” branch by-laws on the state website. In March, Assistant Secretary General Davie volunteered to chair a Policy and Procedures Committee, with Little Sir Jerry Westerman and Treasurer Jim Coe, to review these issues with the goal of providing documentation of BEC actions that will be readily available in the future.

Branch By-laws: The committee determined that the State Sir Manual includes Branch By-laws in Appendix A that require mandatory compliance by the branches. The effort to write separate Branch 23 By-laws was tabled.

Branch Rules and Regulations:

The primary activity at the start of this activity was for the review of past BEC minutes to identify BEC decisions that were still binding on the branch. From the secretary’s files of current minutes and the branch historian’s files of past minutes, Jim Coe was able to review most of the BEC minutes back to 2005 to compile a current list of standing rules. The committee created a document, Sir Branch 23 Rules and Regulations, to include an organized listing of these standing rules, along with some operating procedures particularly regarding financial matters. The document was approved and adopted by the BEC in September with a plan that it be kept up to date by annual review. This document makes a very significant contribution to the efficient operation of the branch, and the committee members are to be commended for their effort.

Ladies Christmas Luncheon:

For the second time since the COVID restrictions in 2020, the branch was able to conduct the Ladies Christmas Luncheon, held again at the North Ridge Country Club. Little Sir Jerry Westerman was in charge of the lunch, and was assisted by David Peterson and Phil Sittner.

It was held on December 8 with over 90 members and guests attending. We were entertained by Arlyn Anderson and Paul Klempau, a string duet, before, during, and after lunch. The ladies were given gifts which had been picked out by Jerry’s wife, Joan, at Linda Novi’s business, “Mixed Bag” in midtown Sacramento.

It was a very enjoyable event, and a repeat of the event is planned for 2023.

Branch Picnic:

The branch was able to have a branch picnic after a two year shutdown. Under the leadership of Mark Ashley and Rob Stott, it was again held at Carmichael Park. The food was this year catered by the Xochimilco Mexican Restaurant, and included the activities of bocce ball, cornhole, chipping contest, and bingo. Over 90 members and guests attended. It was a very enjoyable event that came in under budget by about \$200.

Bocce Ball:

The Bocce Ball league had its first full season after getting settled into Carmichael Park in May 2021. Using two courts, the first tournament was on March 8 at Carmichael Park with monthly events until July, and bi-monthly events until the season ended in September. They held 16 tournaments during the year, and the overall winner was Roger Riley, followed by Phil Sittner, Joe Dobrowolski, and JD Bamfield.

New Activities:

At the May luncheon, Activities Chairman Gordon Callander conducted an activities survey of the members to identify levels of interest in various options. Based on the survey, he identified enough interest to initiate a branch book club and fishing group:

Books-n-Neers Book Group, chaired by Nick Catrantzos.

Jolly Hookers, chaired by Roger Riley.

Covid Protocols Rescinded:

In November, it was reported that the State Sir had rescinded the COVID protocols. The BEC determined this will have no effect on current Branch 23 protocols, as we have been continuing to follow local protocols and will still request new members indicate their vaccination status. However, we have discontinued to use of the former State SIR required COVID waiver forms by members and guests.

Bill Sutherland / Sir Branch 23 Historian / February 1, 2023