

# The NUGGET December 2018



## ELDORADO BRANCH NO. 23

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BIG SIR	LITTLE SIR	SECRETARY	ASST. SECRETARY	TREASURER	ASST. TREASURER
Ray Zelinski 961-4222	Phil Sittner 790-8948	John Boss 961-9835	Tam LeFebure 962-0601	Jim Coe 967-7361	Don Landsittel 900-8013

### DIRECTORS

Gordon Routsong   Roger Riley   Rich Singer   Gopal Nemana   Dave Peterson   Greg Hood

State President: Derek Southern 925-253-1646; Region One Director Mark Stuart 916-218-2287  
Area 3 Governor Giorgio Dina 919-521-9998

### Committee chair:

Attendance: Dave Nemzek	481-7173	Golf - 9 Holes Steve Ng	903-8445
Awards: Ray Barsch	481-1122	Tournament Dir: Steve Ng	
Bowling: Frank Semans	944-2313	Scheduler: George Hood	736-2056
Bulletin Editor: Paul Domyancic	456-6549	Treasurer: Wayne Hippenstiel	
Assistant: OPEN			359-1520
Golf Handicapper: Bill Sutherland	481-2137	Historian: Bill Sutherland	481-2137
Golf- 18 holes: Cass Mastalski	925-2523	Membership: Carroll Hamon	962-0469
Tournament Dir: Gary Bradley	967-2523	Assistant: OPEN	
Treasurer: Scott Kenney	965-1333	Sunshine: Chris Christopher son	
Starter: John Mahoney	988-4430		283-6999

**BR. 23 website: [sir23.org](http://sir23.org) Webmaster: Gordon Callander  
[gordoncallander@yahoo.com](mailto:gordoncallander@yahoo.com)**

**This is a new web site address for branch 23.**

**Monthly meetings on 2nd Wednesdays Carmichael Elks Lodge 5631 Cypress, Carmichael  
10:30 am Executive Meeting, 11:00 am social Noon Luncheon, Cost \$17.00**

**There is no regular monthly meeting in December. Instead, those who have signed up for the  
Christmas Luncheon at the Red Hawk casino will meet on December 10, which is a Monday. They  
and their guests will enjoy the buffet lunch in the downstairs area of the casino property.**

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**BIG SIR REPORT by Ray Zelinski**

For my final Big SIR report, I want to recognize members for all their contributions which have contributed to making Br 23 an outstanding Branch (my opinion, of course). When recognizing

certain folks, there is the risk of snubbing someone, but I will accept that risk and ask forgiveness for my error(s).

First of all, I want to thank all members for their continued cooperation and their patience with meal seating, and a few food service issues. I would like to think that the worst of those problems are in the past, but please do not hesitate to discuss any future displeasures with Br 23 officers.

Secondly, I want to recognize two gentlemen who have played an important role in my membership. One is **Jim Jackson**, a close friend, and our longest tenured Past Big SIR (1989) on our active member roster. Jim has always impressed me with his warm and friendly manner. The other is **Birge Clark**, who was Big SIR when I joined Br 23 in 2003. Birge impressed me then with his professionalism and with his warm friendliness, and which he continues to display to this day.

Next, I want to recognize those members who have devoted many years to the success of Br 23. They are (by alphabetical last name listing; no. of years served/serving in parentheses): **Barsch (10), Bradley (8), Christopherson (10), Clark (8), Coe (5), Domyancic (7), Hamon (12), Geo Hood (16), Gr Hood (6), Joyce (15), S Kenney (7), LeFebure (12), Mastalski (10), Mattson (11), Nemzek (11), Novi (7), Oxford (10), Schneider (7), Semans (11), Sutherland (14), Veis (8) and Yeager (6).**

Now, out of the preceding group, I want to single out a few individuals who have given a bit extra by doing multiple jobs concurrently and/or stepping up to volunteer when the need arose. **Bill Sutherland** has served as an officer, golf handicapper, historian, nominating committee chair and Golf club auditor; he has concurrently served 2 jobs for 11 years, 3 jobs for 2 years and 4 jobs one year. **Paul Joyce** has served as Big SIR twice as well as holding other offices; also he and wife Mary were picnic chairs for several years; and Paul helped with the golf program. **Carroll Hamon** has worn many hats including Big SIR; in recent years he has been Membership Chair and Web Master racking up 8 years of concurrent duty plus very involved in the picnic. **Tam LeFebure** has very modestly served in several positions, including 7 years as 18-hole golf Chair, since 2004; in addition, he often subs for officers & chairmen, and he has been auditing the Branch books for several years. **Tom Novi** has been the Branch cheerleader for years since he held multiple offices including Big SIR; he continually finds fun events for members such as the Dante Club charitable dinners, etc; and, he is the bingo caller supreme at the picnic. **Greg Hood** has been with Br 23 a relatively short time, but has served as Big SIR twice, once in an emergency role; also, he has organized multiple fun and interesting activities noted elsewhere in this publication. **Scott Kenney** has also jumped in head first in his relatively short tenure with Br 23; he has served as Director, and is serving as 18-hole golf Treasurer and previously as starter; he has served on the nominating committee, has assisted with the book swap and on occasion is Branch photographer.

Of course, there are others who could be singled out for their dedication to the Branch. It is tough drawing a line in the sand, and I hope that I have not offended anyone by not mentioning them. And, I do not want to make this epistle any longer. What I do ask is that members take the time to thank all of the individuals above for their services to Branch 23.

**God Bless all, and have a very merry Christmas holiday season.**

#### **LITTLE SIR REPORT by Phil Sittner**

Jim Pearce was our speaker for the month of November, ending this year's calendar of speaker events. Currently the President and prior membership chair of the Fair Oaks Historical Society, Jim addressed our members, but I was in a meeting with our area governor and missed the presentation. It was reported that Jim is a dynamic speaker and that he was well received. The formal topic was "A Short History of Early Fair Oaks", which also covers a little of Orangevale, Carmichael, and Citrus Heights.

Our programs for the year included speakers Angie Dixon, Executive Director of the First Tee of Sacramento; John Wagner, historian, presenting information on Guadalcanal; Doug Bonetti on

“Little Known Civil War Facts”; Gina Swankie, giving us a glimpse into the working of the FBI; Steve Beck, with a Tesla; Bonnie Rea, information concerning the Alzheimer’s Association; Dr. Rajshree Gaitonde, presenting information of her experiences after arriving in America and becoming the first female doctor at Folsom Prison; Joe Neff and his Veteran’s Golf Program, and finally Jim Pearce. I hope these programs proved to be informative, helpful, and beneficial. Gordon Routsong had a great Holiday Party selling day at the October membership meeting, where he received 64 commitments to attend, 45 of which have been paid. 25 members reserved seats on the bus. During the November meeting the total head count advanced to 80 attendees, almost reaching the room capacity of 90. Gordon advises he has lined up a nice gift selection offering for the ladies, which should be well received.

This is my last posting as Little SIR. The position has been rewarding, having learned a lot about our organization and I have been most impressed by the caliber and commitment of our Executive Committee. These men work hard to provide the membership with meaningful activities while always paying attention to ensure that our members get the most bang for the buck. They all deserve a round of applause for their efforts.

Finally, I thank the membership for allowing me to serve as your Little SIR and hope that I earn your respect when assuming the Big SIR responsibilities in 2019.

**TREASURER’S REPORT: by Jim Coe**

(Beginning Balance (Checking) Oct. 1, 2018:	\$3,265.94
Beginning Petty Cash	400.00
Funds Received:	2,837.00
Funds Disbursed	2,226.26
Ending Checking Balance Oct. 31, 2018	3,912.68
Ending Savings Balance	0
Ending Petty Cash	400.00
Ending Cash Balance (Total Cash) Oct. 31, 2018	\$4,312.68

**SUNSHINE REPORT: by Chris Christopherson**

As always, I request assistance from all members by keeping me informed about deaths, illnesses, and other medical problems of fellow members so I can publish them in the newsletter and send cards.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT: by Carroll Hamon**

**Membership Status:** 146 active members, including one Senior HLM, three HLMs, and four Emeritus members. In addition, there are 20 inactive members.

**Deletions:** Bonner Smith resigned October 22, 2018 for health reasons – Badge #81  
 Richard ‘Pete’ Peterson resigned Nov. 15, 2018 – Badge #84  
 Indru Kriplani dropped Nov. 15, 2018 – Badge #198

**Active to Inactive:** Don Spellman to inactive on Nov. 15, 2018

**New Members in November:** None

**New Members to be Inducted in December:** None

**Other Membership/Roster Changes:** None

## AWARDS:



Don Spellman with both Ray Zelinski (left photo) and Ray Barsch (right photo) upon receipt of his Super Senior Award at El Camino Garden Senior facility on November 10. Don earned his award by reaching the milestone age of 95 on September 9. Don recently moved into ECG and was pleased to receive the award, but also to have visitors. Drop by sometime to see Don, or give him a call at 916-481-2083.



Ray Zelinski (left) is shown receiving a certificate for his service as 2018 Branch 23 Big SIR from Area 3 Governor Giorgio Dina at the November 14 monthly luncheon.



Greg Hood (right) is shown receiving a certificate of appreciation from Big SIR Ray Zelinski at the November 14 monthly luncheon. The certificate was awarded to Greg for his extensive and tireless efforts organizing and risking personal funds for dozens of activities during the past several years. Those activities included SF Giants, Oakland A's and River Cats baseball games, Sacramento Kings basketball games, the Alcatraz tour, and several other interesting tours. Thank you, Greg, for your dedication to Branch 23.

## Installation of 2019 Officers and Directors



Pictured above are the Br. 23 2019 officers following installation by Area 3 Governor Giorgio Dina at the November 14 monthly luncheon. Left to right are: Director Ray Zelinski, Big SIR Phil Sittner, Treasurer Jim Coe, Directors Roger Riley, Gopal Nemana and Greg Hood.

Pictured below are Directors Greg Hood and Rich Singer, Assistant Treasurer Don Landsittel, Assistant Secretary Tam LeFebure, Secretary John Boss, Little SIR Dave Peterson, Director Gordon Routsong.

Congratulations, gentlemen, and thank you for offering your time and service to Br. 23.



**BRANCH 23 SPORTS ACTIVITIES:**

**BOCCE BALL:** Dave Peterson reported that the first Branch 23 bocce ball games were lightly attended at the Dante Club on Tuesday, October 16. He hopes to schedule games twice per month. After about three months, he hopes to start league play. Also, a bean bag toss court will be available. **Dave is looking for a co-chairman for this activity.**

**BOWLING: Frank Semans 2018- 2019 season as of November 13, 2018**

<b>SIR League High Score</b>		<b>Scratch</b>		<b>Game</b>	<b>Series</b>
	73-79	wk 10	Marwan Siagian	257	
		<b>Handicap</b>			
	73-79	wk 10	Marwan Siagian	316	
<b>200+ games bowled by:</b>		wk 10	Marwan Siagian	257	
		wk 11	Kevin Wall	213	
		wk 11	Frank Semans	203	
		wk 12	Anthony Tipton	203	
		wk 12	Frank Semans	203	

**Week 12 (11/13/18)**

**SIR Bowling League 2018 (25 teams)  
Branch 23 TEAM Standings**

		<b>Won</b>	<b>Lost</b>	<b>Place</b>
<b>Dream Team (21)</b>	<b>(Div. 3)</b> Hereth (?), Nielsen, Benson (BR?), Riker (?)	<b>32</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Groovers (2)</b>	<b>(Div 2)</b> Semans, Siagian, Wall, Rodriguez	<b>27</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Old Farts (6)</b>	<b>(Div 4)</b> Naquin, Mahoney, Olsen (?), Jackson (?)	<b>14</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Alley Oops (12)</b>	<b>(Div 4)</b> Hamon, Zelinski, Wright (?), Weaver (BR?)	<b>26 1/2</b>	<b>21 1/2</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>High Five (5)</b>	<b>(Div 4)</b> Tipton, Sharp(?), Bergstrom (?), Owre (?)	<b>25</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Star Trek (17)</b>	<b>(Div 2)</b> Porter, Steffens (?), Palabricaa (?), Trice (?)	<b>32</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1</b>

**Honor Roll - Exceptional:**

**(70 + over average game and/or series:**

week 10, Marwan Siagian  
week 11, Anthony Tipton

**Game  
257 + 98**

**Series  
545 + 119**

**Above average:**

**40 + over average game and/or series**

week 11, Anthony Tipton  
week 11, Kevin Wall  
week 11 Frank Semans  
week 12 David Naquin  
week 12 Anthony Tipton  
week 12 Carroll Hamon  
week 12 Bob Nielsen

**188 + 46  
213 + 53  
203 + 47  
203 + 61  
186 + 42**

**491 + 41  
451 + 64  
483 + 57  
440 + 41  
477 + 45**

**GOLF NEWS: Bill Sutherland**

**Branch 23 Golf website: Visit this site to determine starting times, pairings, results, and other golf related items. Address is [web2golfsoftware.net/9958/](http://web2golfsoftware.net/9958/)**

**18 hole golf news**

**The golf season has ended and scheduling for the 2019 is underway. The schedule is expected to be similar to the 2018 schedule, with the possibility of adding events at some other country clubs. There will be about 35 events for the 18 hole group in 2019.**

**Tournament results:**

**MacKenzie, October 24, League Championship #4**

Flight 1: Shilliday (64), Battistessa (66), Landsittel (68), CTP: Tom Novi

Flight 2: Elkins (63), Pruss (66), Semans (68), Siagian (68), CTP: Steve Porter

Flight 3: Sutherland (63), Westerman (67), Davie (68), Pennington (68), CTP: Frank Abel

Flight 4: Siegfried (63), Landers (63), Nemzek (68), CTP: Jim Siegfried

**Sierra View, October 29**

Flight 1: Biesanz (69), Dutcher (69), Landsittel (71), CTP: Gary Bradley and David Biesanz

Flight 2: Riley (66), Semans (70), Scott Kenney (72), STP: Steve Schmidt

Flight 3: Siegfried (65), Heavner (67), Phelps CTP: Jim Heavner and Carl Baumgartner

**Bing Maloney, October 31**

Flight 1: Don Rodriguez (65), Mahoney (68), Abalona (72), Fairhurst (72), CTP: Bill Abalona

Flight 2: Novi (67), Dutcher (69), McGuire (72), CTP: No winner

Flight 3: Elkins (64), Lenny (66), Askelson (68), Siagian (68), CTP: Marwan Siagian

Flight 4: Frank (62), Landers (63), Routsong (74), CTP: No winner

**Granite Bay, November 5**

Flight 1: Bradley (73), Shilliday (74), Caldwell (76)

Flight 2: Lenny (71), Bamfield (74), Pruss (76), Landsittel (76)

Flight 3: Pennington (75), Abel (76), Phelps (77)

### **Bartley Cavanaugh November 7, League Championship #5**

Flight 1: Fairhurst (74), Battistessa (69), Espinosa (69), CTP: Bill Abalona

Flight 2: Riley (65), Schmidt (66), Ahders (67), CTP: Don Landsittel

Flight 3: Wall (64), Mitchell (66), Elkins (67), Siagian (67), CTP: Steve Porter

Flight 4: Pennington (63), Phelps (65), Nemana (67), CTP: Pennington

Flight 5: Davie (59), Reames (60), Routsong (63), CTP: Ray Zelinski

### **Final League Championship Winners:**

<b>Flights:</b>	<b>Name:</b>	<b>Aggregate Score (Best 3 of 5)</b>
First:	Ron Shilliday	-18
	Rich Battistessa	- 9
	Don Landsittel	- 7
Second:	Marwan Siagian	-9
	Paul Elkins	-8
	Steve Schmidt	-8
Third:	General Davie	-16
	Curt Caldwell	-14
	Bill Sutherland	-14
Fourth	Gopal Nemana	-16
	Odell Landers	-12
	Jerry Westerman	-11

### **Nine Hole Golf League**

The nine hole season has ended and the results have been reported. The schedule for 2018 has been completed. The number of events has been increased for 19 this year to 23 for 2019. We will be playing the same courses as last year, with the addition of events at Bradshaw Ranch and Campus Commons.

### **Notable Member Dates:**

#### **JOIN ANNIVERSARIES:**

Ed Hodan (e) 1988



**Birthdays:**

Rogel, Al	1925
White, Joe	1925
Hamon, Carroll	1930
Graebe, Fred	1931
Corrigan, Garrett	1934
Callander, Gordon	1939
Sanguinetti, Gil	1938
Rogerson, Robin	1939
Espinosa, Bill	1951

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:**

Kovar, Len and Lorraine	1948 i
Hodan, Ed and Bessie	1951 e
McGuire, Bill and Barbara	1965
Dutcher, Scott and Jennifer	1971
Siagian, Marwan and Dianne	1978
Coy, Arlis and Aleta	1979
Shilliday, Ron and Kari	1995
LeFebure, Tam and Esther	1997

**TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES:** Bill Stires, Turlock Br 143 (209-544-2684) is offering a Panama Canal Cruise in Feb, 2019, an Alaska Cruise in August-September, 2019, and a Swiss/Austria/Germany tour in September, 2019. The latter offers the Oberammergau Passion Play Call Kelly at Alamo Travel (1-800-848-8747) Kelly ext 13.

Bill is also offering, along with the Turlock Branch 143, an all-inclusive trip to Arizona for spring training baseball in March, 2019. Travel is by bus from Turlock to Oakland, by air to Phoenix and return the same.

Bill writes:

Baseball spring training aka. Adult Spring Break. March 11-15, 2019. Price is \$1648 per person double occupancy, \$2,148 single. Includes Air transportation, hotel, 3 games, all bus transportation, gratuities, game bucks, dinners at Rustler's Rooste, Don and Charlies, Dinner Show, plus much, much more. Maximum of 20 passengers, trip is guaranteed to go.