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Monthly meetings on 2nd Wednesdays Carmichael Elks Lodge 5631 Cypress, Carmichael
10:30 am Executive Meeting, 11:00 am social Noon Luncheon, Cost \$19.00

Next luncheon meeting is April 10, 2019

Please call Dave Nemzek (916-481-7173) by April 3, 2019 if you cannot attend the meeting. That is the Wednesday before the April 10, 2019 meeting. We need an accurate count and need your cooperation to have the proper amount of food at the luncheon, so if you are bringing guests, please let us know, also by April 3, 2019.

BIG SIR REPORT by Phil Sittner

Now that Spring has arrived, let us hope that Gary Bradley can hold the count of cancelled golf tournaments to three. Everyone is anxious to hit the links, enjoy the sunshine and the change of seasons, and post some low scores. While on the topic of golf, plan on stopping by the SIR booth during Haggin Oaks Golf Expo on April 26th, 27th, or 28th. Branch 23 will man the booth during the 1:00 - 3:00pm time slot. We have paired up with Branch 49 in an effort to recruit new SIR members. The folks at Haggin Oaks have provided free booth space to the SIR organization for many years. We're pleased to learn of their generosity and plan on participating for many years to come.

Part of our recruitment program includes the printing of invitations for prospects. These invitations look like SIR business cards and include a place on the back for our members to enter their names, phone numbers, and email addresses. We should have these at our April meeting and encourage every member to put one or two in their wallet to use when meeting a new prospect. The prospect will contact you and subsequent arrangements will be made for him to attend one of our luncheons.

Our Bocce program is off and running and, hopefully, also free of any further rain postponements. Dave Peterson is happy with the continued growth in the number of players but still has room for more.

Practices are held at the Dante Club. Tournament play will begin soon. Events are scheduled for the first and third Mondays at 10:30am. Contact Dave should you wish more information on the scheduling.

May 14th is the date we have set for the Lady's Day Picnic. Signups are being accepted during the April and May meetings. Just like last year, the fee is \$10 per head. The committee is arranging for bingo and the golf chipping contest, along with the food. Deb and I had a great time last year and look forward to this one as well. We had a great turnout in 2018 and expect this one to be even bigger.

In September, we will hold our 50th anniversary celebration and bill it as a Lady's Day event. The venue is Northridge Country Club and it should be a grand event. Details regarding dates and times, meal selection, and the beginning of registration will follow. Our 50th anniversary is quite a milestone and throughout the year our Historian, Bill Sutherland, will be providing literary snapshots of key events in our evolution. It's an event we all should be looking forward to.

We are also looking to expand our list of activities. Some of the targeted interest areas include **woodworking, smart phone literacy, and photography**. We also have a standing offer from John Bloomer to start a group that focuses on writing and authorship. John has published one work and is pursuing another. There will be more information on our efforts regarding additional activities as the year progresses.

The executive committee voted to reclassify our \$25.00 voluntary contribution to an annual "dues" of the same amount. We were one of the last branches that had not gone to the mandatory dues structure.

Since the vast majority of our membership has made this contribution, this should have minimal impact. I look forward to seeing all of you at the April meeting.

LITTLE SIR REPORT by Dave Peterson

"Baseball is 90 percent mental. The other half is physical." Yogi Berra

Starr Walton, our March speaker, alerted us that within a short period of time, the City of Sacramento will have to make a decision to either shrink the zoo or find a new space. The current size of 14 acres is not adequate. The zoo is owned by the city, but the zoo receives only 2% of its operating revenue from Sacramento, which makes it difficult to continue operations at their current level. We will have to watch and see what happens. Other locations are being looked at, according to Ms. Walton.

"Senior Softball USA" will be our April subject as we are visited by the CEO and primary owner of this international sports organization, which is headquartered in Sacramento. Terry Hennessy finds himself traveling all over the world presenting Slo-Pitch Softball to new countries, often at the invite of the governments. Additionally, Terry is interested in leisure activities for the seniors in countries he has traveled.

When traveling overseas, local teams, or teams made up of players from different regions of the U.S. travel with him.

When Terry is not overseas, he is generally be conducting a regional or World Championship somewhere in the United States.

TREASURER'S REPORT: by Jim Coe

(Beginning Balance (Checking) Jan 31, 2019:	\$5,199.70
Beginning Petty Cash	400.00
Funds Received:	2,331.00
Funds Disbursed	2,338.35
Ending Checking Balance Feb 28 , 2019	5,192.35
Ending Savings Balance	0
Ending Petty Cash	400.00
Ending Cash Balance (Total Cash) Feb 28, 2019	\$5,592.35

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. Dave Leatherby passed away on March 3, 2019. He will be missed.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: by Carroll Hamon

Membership Status: 143 members, including one Senior HLM and three HLMs.

Deletions: David Leatherby died March 3, 2019
Gil Sanguinetti resigned March 13, 2019

New Members in March: David Brunton #84, Dennis Hayes #29, Barney Rinaldi #97

New Member to be inducted in April: Paul Vijitakula, sponsor Gene Reames

Other Membership/Roster Changes: None

New Member Information:

David Brunton
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David was born on April 7, 1950. He was the CFO for Neonode Inc. when he retired on July 1, 2016. He is married to Sue. His interests are golf, travel and Grandkids. He prefers to receive the Nugget electronically. He became a member of Branch 23 on March 13, 2019 and was assigned badge # 84.

His sponsors were Dallas Pennington and Cass Mastalski.

Dennis Hayes

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Dennis was born on April 6, 1960. He was the Infrastructure Manager for the CA Dept. of Consumer Affairs when he retired in October, 2018. He is married to Karen. His main interest is golf. He prefers to receive the Nugget electronically. He became a member of Branch 23 on March 13, 2019 and was assigned badge # 29. His sponsor was Gary Bradley.

Barney Rinaldi

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Barney was born on August 24, 1950. He was a consultant to FEMA with Clawford Inc. when he retired on August 31, 2018. He is married to Gail. His main interest is art. He prefers to receive the Nugget electronically. He became a member of Branch 23 on March 13, 2019 and was assigned badge # 97. His sponsor was Mike Pruss.

MEMBER AWARDS:

At our March meeting, Doug Breien and George Hood were honored with Senior and Super Senior awards, respectively.

Doug joined Branch 23 in March, 2018, transferring in from Branch 50. Doug was very active in Branch 50, where he served 3 years as Assistant Treasurer, and 2 more years as Treasurer. He was slowed a bit after he had an open heart surgery which proved to be successful. We are happy that Doug and several of his friends from Branch 50 have found a good home here at Branch 23. Doug celebrated his 90th birthday on February 27, 2019.

George Hood celebrated his 95th birthday on February 26, 2019. George joined Branch 23 in June, 1997, sponsored by Bill Jones. Since then he has been a very active member of the branch, playing in over 400 golf tournaments since the club began keeping records. It is estimated that he has played in over 500 Branch 23 golf outings. George is a good partner on the golf course and you are in for a good experience if you are in his foursome. Bill Sutherland reported when he first played golf with George, he was surprised how many golf balls George seemed to find. Bill later realized that he was taking them home, washing them, and then bringing the balls to the SIR lunch for the guys. Bill added that the guys always had a big selection of clean golf balls to go through at luncheon.

He is also known as the sponsor of Greg Hood, his son and a past Big SIR, as a member our SIR Branch 23.

Congratulations to Doug and George on their special days and awards.



Doug Breien with Big SIR Phil Sittner
at the March luncheon.



George Hood with Big SIR Phil Sittner at the March
luncheon.

MEMBER ACTIVITIES:

Member John Bloomer is a published author and is willing and able to start a group of members interested in becoming better writers or even published authors.

We are also looking for members interested in woodworking and photography to start small groups of Branch 23 members on their way in these interesting activities.

BASEBALL:

SIR 23 is heading to Raley Field on Sunday April 7, with a 1:00 pm start time, as the Sacramento River Cats take on its divisional rival, the Tacoma Rainiers. We will be a big part of SIR Day at the River Cats, where hundreds of SIR's from the area join to celebrate the opening weekend of the season.

There are a lot of things to be excited about with the new and improved River Cats team. While you are at the ballpark you will notice the new Jumbo-Tron that is not only bigger but better since it is now LED. It is also the RiverCats 20th anniversary so there are new jerseys and logos being used by the team, as well as new equipment in the team store.

Come out with your SIR buddies and welcome the River Cats back home. This is also a great opportunity to bring out the kids and grandkids for a great afternoon of baseball! The price is only \$19 per ticket for terrific reserved lower level seats near the field along the third base line. You can call Tom at 916-961-6197 or email him at tomnovi@aol.com to reserve tickets.

BRANCH 23 SPORTS ACTIVITIES:



APRIL 1: RANDOM DRAW SINGLE ELIMINATION TOURNAMENT

APRIL 15: START OF RANDOM SELECTION

ROUND ROBIN TOURNEY

APRIL 29: ROUND ROBIN

MAY 13: ROUND ROBIN FINALS

REACH DAVE PETERSON AT davepeterson08@yahoo.com

BOWLING: Frank Semans 2018- 2019 season as of March 12, 2019

SIR League High Score	Scratch	Game	Series
55-72	wk 27 Kevin Wall	222	
	Handicap		
55-72	wk 24 Anthony Tipton	265	
55-72	wk 27 Kevin Wall	287	
80 +	wk 27 Carroll Hamon	271	
200+ games bowled by:	wk 27 Kevin Wall	222	

Week 27 (03/12/19)

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

		Won	Lost	Place
Dream Team (21)	(Div. 2)	66	42	3
		Hereth (?), Nielsen, Benson (BR?), Riker (?)		
Groovers (2)	(Div 2)	53	55	6
		Semans, Siagian, Wall, Rodriguez		
Old Farts (6)	(Div 4)	37	71	6
		Naquin, Mahoney, Olsen (?), Jackson (?)		
Alley Oops (12)	(Div 4)	52 1/2	55 1/2	4
		Hamon, Zelinski, Wright (?), Weaver (BR?)		
High Five (5)	(Div 4)	43	65	56
		Tipton, Sharp(?), Bergstrom (?), Owre (?)		
Star Trek (17)	(Div 2)	68	40	2
		Porter, Steffens (?), Palabricaa (?), Trice (?)		

Honor Roll - Exceptional:

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

	Game	Series
week 27 Kevin Wall	222 + 75	523 + 82
week 27 Carroll Hamon		500 + 74

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

week 24 Anthony Tipton	193 + 48	
week 24 Steve Porter	183 + 46	
week 26 Joe Rodriguez		500 + 74
week 26 Bob Nielsen	198 + 51	
week 27 Carroll Hamon	197 + 55	
week 27 Bob Nielsen	198 + 51	

GOLF NEWS: Bill Sutherland

GOLF Report for April 2019 Nugget

BR 23 Golf Web Site: Visit this site to determine golf start times, pairings, results and other golf related matters. The address is web2.golfsoftware.net/9958/.

18-Hole Golf:

Sign-ups for April Meeting:

May 1, MacKenzie, Individual event dual tees.
May 6, Sierra View Country Club . . . Guests welcome.
May 15, Teal Bend , Individual event, dual tees
May 22, Wild Wings, Individual event dual tees

Tournament Results:

No results, with consecutive rainouts at Bing Maloney, Diamond Oaks, and Wildhawk.

9-Hole Golf:

Sign-ups for April Meeting:

April 25, Antelope Greens
May 7, Emerald Lakes

Tournament Results:

Bradshaw Ranch, February 22.

Flight 1: Moore (19), Siagian (24), Phelps (26), Pennington (26), Dutcher (26).

CTP: Cass Mastalski

Flight 2: Callander (24), Scarlett (24), George Hood (25). CTP: Ray Zelinski

Bing Maloney Exec, March 4, rained out.

Arcade Creek Red, March 14.

Flight 1: Rowland (34), Phelps (35), Abel (35), Moore (35). CTP: Phil Phelps

Flight 2: Wall (33), LeFebure (35), Nemana (36), Semans (36).

CTP: Tam LeFebure

Flight 3: Salminen (28), Westerman (32), Landers (32), Reames (32). CTP: Gene Reames

NOTES AND ACTIVITIES:

ANNUAL PICNIC by Ray Zelinski

The **8th Annual Branch 23 Picnic** is approaching quickly. **Tuesday, May 14** is the big day ... be sure to mark your calendars now. The cost is the same **\$10** as in past years. Come and enjoy KFC chicken, beans, potato salad, Gary's brownies ... bingo, golf chipping contest, visiting and more. **See the flyer** elsewhere in this newsletter for all details. Sign up at the April 10 luncheon; spouses, friends, grandkids, etc. welcome.

2019 DIRECTORIES by Ray Zelinski

Members who did not pick up their directories at the February meeting can obtain them at the April 10 luncheon meeting. The directories will be laid out in alphabetical order on the table adjacent to the golf signup tables.

NOTABLE APRIL DATES:

MEMBER JOIN ANNIVERSARIES:

Rogerson	2003	Reames	2018
Mancarti	2017	Shilliday	2018
Caldwell	2018		
Epright	2018		

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Mattson, Hal	1928
Mellon, Floyd	1932
Del Torchio, Marv	1934
Nielsen, Bob	1936
Abel, Frank	1939
Yamamoto, George	1939
Findley, Dan	1947
Harr, Richard	1949
Brunton, David	1950
Ng, Steve	1957
Hayes, Dennis	1960
Caldwell, Curt	1960

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

White, Joe and Joy	1947
Ahders, Bob and Jan	1970
Jackson, Jim and Anneliese	1974
Lum, Wes and Anita	1976
Lythgoe, Fred and Nancy	1979
Del Torchio, Marv and Sheri	1984
Joyce, Paul and Mary	1986
Rogel, Al and Sue Liu	1993

Editor's note: Due to looking at the incorrect data base for March Nugget, I missed some anniversary and birthday dates. **Doug Breien** joined in March, 2018. **Joe Dobrowolski, Wes Lum, Carl Baumgartner, and Steve Porter** all had birthdays in March. And **Buzz Kopf and his wife Sheila** celebrated their 24th anniversary. My apologies to all of you.



SIR Branch 23
8th Annual

FAMILY PICNIC

Wives, Companions, Grandkids, Friends Welcome

Tuesday, May 14, 2019, 11:30AM

11:30 - noon Social, Noon - 1:00 lunch, 1:00 - 3:00 games

Carmichael Park Shelter House

MENU:

KFC Chicken, Corn, Baked Beans

Cole Slaw, Biscuits, Potato Salad, Dessert

Ice water provided, Bring your own soda

(Sorry..alcoholic beverages prohibited in the park)

Golf Chipping Contest & Bingo Prizes Awarded!!

€1.00 Participation Fee for Both Golf and Bingo

Cost: €10 per person

Sign up at the April & May Monthly Luncheon

(Sorry, no signups at the park on May 14)

DIRECTIONS: Go west on Grant Ave from Fair Oaks Blvd; enter the park just past the group of buildings on your left; follow the "SIR Picnic" signs to the Shelter House at the south edge of the park.



