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

This month is the combined Ladies Day/Holiday Party at Red Hawk. There is no luncheon at the Elk's Lodge.

The January meeting will be on the second Wednesday as usual, January 8, 2020, at the Elk's Club in Carmichael.

Please call Dave Nemzek (916-333-4102) by January 2, 2020 if you cannot attend the meeting. That is the Thursday before the January 8, 2020 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 January 2, 2020.

BIG SIR REPORT by Phil Sittner

Please note our normal December meeting is replaced by the Ladies Day Annual Christmas luncheon at Red Hawk Casino. Details of the event are presented in this newsletter and please note that the bus capacity is 41 attendees. David Peterson, our Big Sir for 2020, and Director Gordon Routsong have arranged for a grand time, and more importantly, very nice gifts for our ladies. It will be a lunch to remember. This is our last event of the year.

A sad note regarding the death of Robert Eplett, of Folsom Branch #49. Robert initiated an invitation to us to share booth space at the annual Haggin Oaks Golf Expo, where we met a number of prospective members. Bob, always a gentleman, bent over backwards to help us recruit those individuals. He had done this for many years with Branch 49, and made us feel very welcome. Bob was a military combat photographer during the Vietnam War and later became an award winning photographer. I will miss him.

Our annual golf luncheon will be at the usual Cattlemen's Hazel Avenue location on December 6th. Gary Bradley, Steve Ng, Scott Kenney, John Mahoney, Bill Sutherland and others put together this celebration for the benefit of our golfing members. The lunch is great and prizes get spread around. We are extremely fortunate to have these committeemen and you should thank each and every one of them for their efforts.

Gordon Callander and Ray Zelinski (where does he find time to do all of this stuff) are finalizing our membership directory for 2020. It is a year-long effort and gets very little press, but these guys really deserve a thank you for their efforts.

Our membership has done a decent job of notifying Dave Nemzek of any pending luncheon absence. Please note that if you do not notify Dave, Branch 23 still has to pay for your lunch. If we order it, we are obligated to pay for it. We got a bit sloppy in October and it would be wonderful if we could avoid paying for any unreported absences in 2020.

And now for my most important topic. Our membership chairman, Carroll Hamon, desperately needs a little help. Carroll wears rather large shoes, but I know we have an ideal candidate in our ranks. Please contact me or any other BEC member and let us know of your willingness to help. I'd like to fill this spot ASAP.

LITTLE SIR REPORT

by Dave Peterson

“ANALYSIS MIGHT EXCITE THE MIND, BUT IT
HARDLY OFFERS A ROUTE TO THE HEART—
AND THAT'S WHERE WE MUST GO TO
MOTIVATE PEOPLE”

AS 2019 COMES TO A FINISH AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO 2020, PLEASE TAKE TIME TO GLANCE BACK AND RECOGNIZE THAT BRANCH 23 HAS HAD A VERY GOOD YEAR. OUR YEAR SPEAKS WELL OF OUR MEMBERSHIP FOR GREAT PARTICIPATION AND ENJOYMENT FROM THE ACTIVITIES OFFERED AT BRANCH 23. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMPLETE MY LITTLE SIR DUTIES. ALSO, THANKS TO THE HIGHLY MOTIVATED GROUP WHO MAKE THE BEC AND THOSE MEMBERS TAKING RESPONSIBILITY FOR ORGANIZING AND RUNNING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE BRANCH.

MY PERSONAL THANKS GO TO PHIL SITTNER, WHOSE LEADERSHIP WAS ALWAYS ACCENTED WITH A SMILE, HIS ORGANIZATIONAL SKILLS PRODUCING GREAT RESULTS, AND PODIUM HUMOR ALWAYS IMPROVING. HIS SUPPORT OF THE LITTLE SIR ,WHEN I WAS DRAGGING ,WILL ALWAYS BE APPRECIATED. I MOST LIKELY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO FILL HIS SHOES, I ONLY HOPE I CAN GET THEM ON THE RIGHT FEET. THANKS PHIL.

THINGS TO NOTE: STILL AN OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND THE CHRISTMAS PARTY ON THE 11TH OF DECEMBER AT RED HAWK. CALL DAVE PETERSON 916 768-5087. I WELCOME ROGER RILEY TO THE LITTLE SIR SLOT. I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH HIM.

TREASURER'S REPORT: by Jim Coe

(Beginning Balance (Checking) October 1, 2019	\$4,872.22
Beginning Petty Cash	400.00
Funds Received:	2,519.00
Funds Disbursed	1,976.32
Ending Checking Balance October 31,2019	5,414.90
Ending Savings Balance	0
Ending Petty Cash	400.00
Ending Cash Balance (Total Cash) October 31, 2019	\$5,814.90

SUNSHINE REPORT: by Chris Christopherson

We remember one current member and three former members of Branch 23 who recently passed away.

Member Fred Lythgoe passed away on October 23 at age 78 (born 1/12/1941). Fred had a few bouts with cancer, but had won those battles. Cause of death was not disclosed, but it was unexpected. He had attended recent SIR 23 luncheons. He was a 12 year member of Br. 23 (3/07 - 10/19), and was the creator and caretaker of the SIR 23 book exchange program until one year ago. There was no service for Fred in accordance with his wishes.

Former member Dave Cattnach passed away circa October 23 at age 80 (born 2/11/1939). Dave was a SIR 23 member for 17 years (7/01 - 12/18). Dave is survived by his wife, Dru. Services were held on November 16.

Former member Myron "Jake" Jacobs passed away on October 9 at age 96. He was a 13 year member of Br 23, having joined in July 2004, and resigned due to health issues in August 2017. Jake had a 41 year long career with Caltrans. There was no service for Jake in accordance with his wishes.

Former Branch 23 member and Past Big SIR Darrell Schneider passed away on November 5 at age 87 (8/14/32 - 11/5/19). Darrell was a 15-year member of Br 23 (9/03 - 12/18). He was Big SIR in 2011. He was a regular participant in golf, bowling and horseshoes. A memorial service for Darrell was held on November 15.

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: 153 members, including one Senior HLM and three HLMs.

Deletions: **Fred Lythgoe** died on October 23, 2019. Started and ran the book exchange for several years.

New Members in November: **Harold 'Mike' Holmgren, Derek Rudkin, Dana Hamilton and Mike Hanamura** all transferring from Folsom Branch #93

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

Other Membership/Roster Changes: **None**

New Member Information:

Harold 'Mike' Holmgren
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Mike was born on May 15, 1943. He was a Tree Trimmer at SMUD when he retired in June 2006. He is married to Elena. Mike's interests are golf and bowling. He prefers to receive the Nugget electronically. He became a member of Branch 23 on November 13, 2019 and was assigned badge #106. **His sponsor was Joe Rodriguez.**

Dana Hamilton
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Dana was born on May 8, 1951. He was a Retail Clerk at Raley's when he retired on June 30, 2012. Dana's interests are tennis, golf, and motorcycle trips. He prefers to receive the Nugget electronically. Dana became a member of Branch 23 on November 13, 2019 and was assigned badge #125. **His sponsor was Jim DeLong.**

Derek Rudkin

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Derek was born on February 20, 1954. He is married to Janis. He was a School Maintenance Worker at Sacramento City Unified School District when he retired on November 1, 2009. Derek's interests are golf, bowling, and travel. He prefers to receive the Nugget electronically. He became a member of Branch 23 on November 13, 2019 and was assigned badge #3. **His sponsor was Jim DeLong.**

Mike Hanamura

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Mike was born on September 17, 1940. He is married to Lynn. He was a Manager/Director at the City of Sacramento when he retired on December 27, 2000. Mike's interests are golf, fishing, and grandkids. He prefers to receive the Nugget electronically. He became a member of Branch 23 on November 13, 2019 and was assigned Badge #143. **His sponsor was Jim DeLong.**

BRANCH ACTIVITIES:

AWARDS:

At our November meeting, longtime member Howard Frank was presented with the Senior Sir President's Award. Howard joined Branch 23 in July, 1993. He has played in several hundred golf tournaments in both the 9 hole and the 18 hole leagues. Howard is a retired military officer.

**Howard Frank (r)
with Big SIR Phil
Sittner at the
November meeting.**





New officers were sworn in at the November meeting. From left are Directors Phil Sittner and Ray Zekinski, Assistant Treasurer Don Landsittel, incoming Big SIR Dave Peterson, Secretary John Boss, Assistant Secretary General Davie, and Directors Gerald “Jerry” Westerman, Gordon Routsong, JD Bamfield and Gordon Callander. Treasurer Jim Coe was away.

BRANCH 23 SPORTS ACTIVITIES:



Bocce Ball Schedule: BOCCE BALL WILL CONTINUE NEXT YEAR. THE NEW SCHEDULE WILL BE PUT TOGETHER ONCE THE 2020 GOLF SCHEDULES ARE PRODUCED.

Contact Dave Peterson for info at davidjpeterson08@yahoo.com or 916 768-5087.

Bowling Report Frank Semans

There is no report for the bowling this month.

Golf Report for the December, 2019 Nugget Bill Sutherland

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:

The golf season has ended, and scheduling is underway for the 2020 season. The schedule is expected to be similar to the 2019 schedule.

Tournament Results:

MacKenzie, October 23, League Championship Nr 3.

Flight 1 Bradley (67), Caldwell (68), Fairhurst (69), Adge (69), Moore (69).

CTP: Neil Fairhurst.

Flight 2: Siagian (68), Wall (68), Askelson (69), Sittner (69). CTP: Phil Sittner.

Flight 3: Heavner (63), Zarzana (64), Pruss (66). CTP: Cass Mastalski

Flight 4: Murrell (62), Stakolich (66), Nguyen (66). CTP: David Nemzek

Bing Maloney, October 30, League Championship Nr. 4

Flight 1: Landsittel (68), Rowland (75), Schmidt (76). CTP: Don Landsittel

Flight 2: Siagian (67), Jones (71), Askelson (72). CTP: Phil Sittner

Flight 3: Pennington (66), Heavner (67), Singer (68). CTP: Roger Riley

Flight 4: Murrell (64), Landers (67), Callander (68), Christopherson (68).

CTP: Gordon Callander

Bartley Cavanaugh, November 6, League Championship Nr. 5.

Flight 1: Bradley (65), Brunton (68), Schmidt (70). CTP: Ron Shilliday

Flight 2: Kenney (66), Siagian (68), Dutcher (69). CTP: Kevin Wall

Flight 3: Phelps (67), Boss (67), DeLong (67). CTP: Frank Abel

Flight 4: Yamamoto (64), Brush (66), Christopherson (67).

CTP: George Yamamoto

Final League Championship Winners:

Flights	Name	Aggregate Score (best 3of 5)
1st	David Brunton	-19
	Gary Bradley	-13
	Steve Schmidt	-08
2nd	Steve Porter	-15
	Marwan Siagian	-13
	Phil Sittner	-10
3rd	Jim Heavner	-23
	George Zarzana	-21
	Bill Sutherland	-19
4th	Gail Murrell	-23
	Odell Landers	-20
	Sam Scarlett	-18

9-Hole Golf League

The 9-hole season has ended and the results have been reported. The schedule has been completed for 2020, with 22 events on the calendar.

Hiking Group Notes:



On November 21, we had a group of nine take advantage of the invigorating fall air and the beauty of Land Park. We meandered through the park for about 5 1/2 miles (about 10,000 steps). Only one incident, as Gopal Nemana was attacked by a mother goose. Gopal's quick reflexes prevented any damage. We will revisit the gold standard of Sacramento parks next year.

SIR BRANCH 23 CELEBRATES THE HOLIDAYS



Bring your spouse, significant other or come by yourself as we celebrate the season, the friendships we share and some good food.

For the first 41 people, free transportation will be provided. Pick-up at 9:30 (Elks Lodge), leaving from Red Hawk at 2pm

Dec 11, 2019 Wed 10am – 2pm
Lunch from 11:30-1

Red Hawk Casino
Shingle Springs

\$27 per person (sign up at Oct-Nov lunches)

- (includes Waterfall Buffet and small gifts for the ladies/significant others)

- **Please make checks payable to SIR Branch 23**

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Rogel, Al	1925
White, Joe	1925
Brown, Jean	1929
Hamon, Carroll	1930
Graebe, Fred	1931
Corrigan, Garrett	1934
Callander, Gordon	1939
Rogerson, "Robin"	1939
Mohler, Bob	1941
Espinosa, Bill	1951

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

McGuire, Bill and Barbara	1965
Nelson, Barry and Jane	1970
Dutcher, Scott and Jennifer	1971
Siagian, Marwan and Dianne	1978
Shilliday, Ron and Kari	1995
LeFebure, Tam and Esther	1997

A SHORT NOTE FROM THE EDITOR: Thanks to Big SIR Phil Sittner, Little SIR Dave Peterson, and the rest of the BEC members for their help in putting the Nugget out on a timely basis. I would also like to thank my eagle-eyed assistant editor/proofreader Odell Landers. Have a wonderful holiday season!