



## SIR BRANCH 23

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**BR. 23 website: [sir23.org](http://sir23.org) Webmaster: Gordon Callander  
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**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 \$19.00**

**Next luncheon meeting is March 13, 2019**

**Please call Dave Nemzek (916-481-7173) by March 6, 2019 if you cannot attend the meeting. That is the Wednesday before the March 13, 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 March 6, 2019.**

### **BIG SIR REPORT by Phil Sittner**

Our 2019 year is off to a roar. Gary Bradley and Steve Ng have arranged a total of 54 golfing events for Branch 23 members. The weather has been cooperative, our members are happy to be out on the links and we will all have an opportunity to tune up our games. Speaking of game tune-ups, Haggin Oaks has offered us booth space at the upcoming Haggin Oaks Golf Expo that runs April 26th through April 28, 2019. We will be sharing the booth with SIR branches 49 and 93. Our role is to promote SIR membership and I'm excited at the prospect of recruiting some fresh blood to the branch. I deeply appreciate the invite by Haggin Oaks.

Little SIR Dave Peterson has had to deal with rain cancellations of a couple of our Bocce practice sessions. But good weather is on the way and Dave is organizing our members into teams for some yet to be scheduled tournament events. It is not too late to join in as Dave likes to entertain all interested parties. It should prove to be a fun and socially active program for Branch 23.

Past Big SIRS Ray Zelinski and Carroll Hamon are currently arranging the details for our annual Ladies Day Picnic, scheduled for May 14, a Tuesday. It will follow the pattern of last year's successful event. I plan on being one of the elite repeat Bingo winners and will do my best to win at the pitching contest as well. We will be publishing the details shortly and arrange for sign-ups.

In September Branch 23 will celebrate 50 years of operation. The formal celebration will be held on September 19th and we expect a large participation by the membership. Fifty years is quite an achievement and I hope we will have at least another 50 years in our future.

The SIR organization is making a change in our logo. Now, instead of reading "Sons in Retirement", the new logo will read "Social Activities for Men". There is also a new emblem that will retain the old look but display the "Activities for Men" message. As the organization matures we need to adjust our message for relevance to today's prospects.

**Lastly, I would like to thank our members for alerting Dave Nemzek of any foreseen absences from our monthly luncheons. Dave is responsible for notifying the caterers at the Elks as to how many meals will be required. Once he orders them we have to pay for them, so knowing of upcoming absences saves the membership from unnecessary costs. Our recent experience is an improvement over past history and we both commend and appreciate your efforts in helping keep things accurate.**

### **LITTLE SIR REPORT by Dave Peterson**

**"A man can succeed at almost anything for which he has unlimited enthusiasm". Charles Schwab**

February developed into a very good month for Branch 23, as we had our second speaker of the year coming directly from SIR. Jim Porterfield, from Branch 69, presented data and history of "Climate Change". Jim's presentation offered food for thought on the subject and detailed some of the perceived solutions that might be used.

During the month we made progress on our three year plan for a strategy to grow the SIR brand utilizing the RAMP tool kit from the state organization. I joined Phil at a state board meeting which was attended by representatives from two thirds of the branches.

We will be favored at our March meeting with a presentation from Starr Walton, primarily covering recent improvements and plans at the Sacramento Zoo and, hopefully, some tidbits from her Olympic days. Starr is known throughout Sacramento as the "ultimate volunteer". She was President of the Sacramento Zoology Society and currently remains on the board, is a trustee on the Crocker Museum Board, and was named "Volunteer of the Year" by the Sacramento Chamber of Commerce. Starr is an active volunteer with the North California Olympians, the Sacramento Sister City Council, and the leadership Council of UC Davis Med Center. Widowed, Starr's husband was a famous cardiac surgeon at UC Davis Med Center.

Starr has always had a passion for skiing, starting at age three when her grandparents were involved with Soda Springs, Donner Ski Ranch and Sugar Bowl. She won her first race at age five and was hooked for life, still skiing today. Rated the best female downhill skier from the United States in 1960, she unfortunately broke her right foot just prior to the Olympics at Squaw Valley, but still carried the Olympic torch at the opening ceremony. In 1964 she was the best U.S. female downhill skier at Innsbruck, and finished the year ranked ninth in the world. We welcome Starr Walton to our Branch 23 luncheon.

**TREASURER'S REPORT: by Jim Coe**

(Beginning Balance (Checking) Jan 1, 2019:	\$2,905.35
Beginning Petty Cash	400.00
Funds Received:	4,565.00
Funds Disbursed	2,270.65
Ending Checking Balance Jan 31, 2019	5,199.70
Ending Savings Balance	0
Ending Petty Cash	400.00
Ending Cash Balance (Total Cash) Jan 31, 2019	\$5,599.70

**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:** 142 members, including one Senior HLM and three HLMs.

**Deletions:** None

**New members in February:** Gary Young #81 and John Riley #90, both transfers from Branch #93.

**New members to be inducted in March:** David Biesanz, sponsor John Rowland; Barney Rinaldi, sponsor Michael Pruss; Dennis Hayes, sponsor Gary Bradley; Paul Vijitakula, sponsor Eugene Reames, David Brunton, sponsor, Dallas Pennington.

**Other Membership/Roster Changes:** Don Rodriguez email changed to [drsr1921@aol.com](mailto:drsr1921@aol.com)

**Member information:**

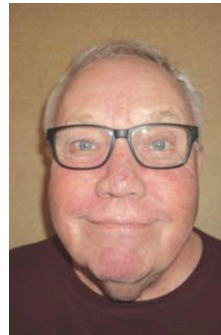
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John was born on February 25, 1948. He was a Buyer for Raley's Markets when he retired on August 25, 2007. His main recreational interests are golf and woodworking. He prefers to receive the Nugget electronically. John transferred from Branch #93 to Branch 23 on February 13, 2019 and was assigned badge #90. His sponsor was Gary Bradley.

**Gary Young**

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Gary was born on September 15, 1948. He was Chief Appraiser for Sacramento County when he retired on March 22, 2007. He is married to Susan. his interests are genealogy, golf, theatre, travel, wine tasting, and woodworking. He prefers to receive the Nugget electronically. Gary transferred from Branch #93 on February 13, 2019 and was assigned badge #81. His sponsor is Gary Bradley.

#### **MEMBER AWARDS:**

**At our February lunch meeting two members received Senior Awards.**

**Wayne Hippenstiel joined Branch 23 in October, 2010. Wayne celebrated his 90th birthday on November 28, 2018. Wayne is shown below left with Big SIR Phil Sittner.**

**Jiro Sakauye joined Branch 23 in February, 1999. Jiro celebrated his 90th birthday on February 2, having been born in 1929. Jiro is shown below right with Big SIR Phil Sittner.**



#### **MEMBER ACTIVITIES:**

##### **BASEBALL:**

SIR 23 is heading to Raley Field on Sunday April 7, with a 1:00 pm start time, as the Sacramento RiverCats take on its divisional rival, the Tacoma Rainiers. We will be a big part of SIR Day at the RiverCats, 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.

When you aren't looking at the stadium, the product on the field should be new and improved as well. As the Giant's changed their GM to Farhan Zaidi, a former baseball operations executive with the LA Dodgers, many are prepared

for a rebound this season. Zaidi is known for having developed some of the strongest minor league systems and with several young prospects and respected veterans, the RiverCats are looking for a hot start to the season. Come out with your SIR buddies and welcome the RiverCats 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. Tom Novi will hold a signup and take payments at the March SIR 23 luncheon meeting. You can also call Tom at 916-961-6197 or email him at [tomnovi@aol.com](mailto:tomnovi@aol.com) to reserve tickets.

**BRANCH 23 SPORTS ACTIVITIES:**



Next session is 10:30 am on 2/25/19 at the Dante Club. Please email or call if you have questions. Please watch the weather. Dave Peterson 916-768-5087. [davepeterson08@yahoo.com](mailto:davepeterson08@yahoo.com)

**BOWLING: Frank Semans 2018- 2019 season as of January 16, 2019**

SIR League High Score	Scratch	Game	Series
	<b>Handicap</b>		
	55-72 wk 20 Steve Porter	284	760
	55-72 wk 23 Kevin Wall	296	
	73-79 wk 19 Frank Semans	304	769
<b>200+ games bowled by:</b>	wk 19 Frank Semans	244	
	wk 23 Kevin Wall	227	
	wk 23 Frank Semans	211	

**Week 23 (02/12/19) SIR Bowling League 2018 (25 teams)  
Branch 23 TEAM Standings**

		Won	Lost	Place
<b>Dream Team (21)</b>	<b>(Div. 2)</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>3</b>
	Hereth (?), Nielsen, Benson (BR?), Riker (?)			
<b>Groovers (2)</b>	<b>(Div 2)</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>6</b>
	Semans, Siagian, Wall, Rodriguez			
<b>Old Farts (6)</b>	<b>(Div 4)</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>6</b>
	Naquin, Mahoney, Olsen (?), Jackson (?)			
<b>Alley Oops (12)</b>	<b>(Div 4)</b>	<b>40 1/2</b>	<b>51 1/2</b>	<b>6</b>
	Hamon, Zelinski, Wright (?), Weaver (BR?)			
<b>High Five (5)</b>	<b>(Div 4)</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>5</b>
	Tipton, Sharp(?), Bergstrom (?), Owre (?)			
<b>Star Trek (17)</b>	<b>(Div 2)</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>2</b>
	Porter, Steffens (?), Palabricaa (?), Trice (?)			

### Honor Roll - Exceptional:

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

		<b>Game</b>	<b>Series</b>
week 19	Frank Semans	244 + 86	589 + 118
week 19	Steve Porter		470 + 98
week 20	Steve Porter		502 + 115
week 21	David Naquin		477 + 81
week 23	Kevin Wall	227 + 79	540 + 96
week 23	Frank Semans		548 + 71

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

week 19	Carroll Hamon		484 + 64
week 19	Marwan Siagian		520 + 43
week 20	Joe Rodriguez	199 + 53	507 + 69
week 20	Marwan Siagian		542 + 62
week 20	Steve Porter	198 + 69	
week 21	David Naquin	185 + 53	
week 21	Bob Nielsen		496 + 55
week 21	Steve Porter	195 + 62	567 + 68
week 22	Steve Porter	181 + 45	461 + 53
week 23	Frank Semans	211 + 52	
week 23	Ray Zelinski		434 + 56
week 23	David Naquin	177 + 44	449 + 50
week 23	Bob Nielsen	196 + 49	

**GOLF NEWS: Bill Sutherland**

### GOLF Report for March 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/](http://web2.golfsoftware.net/9958/).

### Hole-in-one Report

David Nemzek had a hole-in-one on the 16<sup>th</sup> hole at McKenzie on Feb 20. Playing the hole late in the day and with the setting sun, they did not see where it ended up. Fortunately he looked in the hole before declaring a lost ball. Cool!

### 18-Hole Golf:

#### Sign-ups for Mar Meeting:

March 20th, Wednesday, Wildhawk, Individual, dual tee event.  
March 27th Wednesday, Timber Creek, Individual, dual tee event.  
April 3rd, Wednesday, Ancil Hoffman, Individual, dual tee event.  
April 17th Wednesday, Davis, Individual, dual tee event.

## **Tournament Results:**

### **Bartley Cavanaugh, Feb 6, Big Sir Championship Event #1**

Flight 1: Hayes (71), Caldwell (71), Shilliday (74). CTP: Fred Adge

Flight 2: Jones (71), Dutcher (71), Bamfield (74). CTP: Marwan Siagian.

Flight 3: Buss (65), Pruss (69), DeLong (69). CTP: George Yamamoto

Flight 4: Lenny (56), Reames (73), Boss (73). CTP: John Boss

### **Mackenzie, Feb 20, Big Sir Championship Event #2**

Flight 1: Landsittel (70), Rowland (72), Mahoney (72), Shilliday (72).

CTP: Don Landsittel

Flight 2: Tipton (67), Angeloni (70), Riley (73). CTP: Frank Semans

Flight 3: Sutherland (65), Domyancic (65), Buss (67), Raley (67).

CTP: Gopal Nemana

Flight 4: Boss (68), Zelinski (70), Nemzek (71). CTP: Sam Scarlett

## **9-Hole Golf:**

### **Sign-ups for March Meeting:**

March 25, William Land Park

April 5, Emerald Lakes

April 16, Arcade Creek Blue

**On occasion during this, the 50th year anniversary of the founding of Branch 23, our Branch Historian Bill Sutherland will provide information for publication in the Nugget. The following is a short history of our branch during the 2018 calendar year. (Ed.)**

### **2018 Branch 23 History Summary**

A summary of Branch Historian Bill Sutherland's annual report follows. Log on to the BR 23 web site to view the entire document

**MEMBERSHIP:** Chairman Sir Carroll Hamon reported that the ending 2018 membership was 140 active members; including two Honorary Life members, one Senior Honorary Life member, and four members with Emeritus status. We added 24 new members in 2018, including 7 members from SIR Branch 50. However, we had a net reduction in active membership of four, due primarily to resignations, plus members who went inactive, or passed away. Our average age dropped from 79.5 to 78.5 over the year. We learned in late 2018 that the inactive and Emeritus membership categories will be dropped by the SIRs, and those changes will be made in 2019.

**TREASURER REPORT:** Treasurer Sir Jim Coe reported the following: The branch started 2018 with \$2586.26 available and ended the year with \$3305.35.

**AWARDS:** SIR Ray Barsch coordinated the following awards during 2018.

**Senior Sir Awards** – 90 years of age: Hal Mattson (April) Jim Heavner (Oct)

**Super Senior Sir Award** – 95 years of age: Len Kovar (Jan), Bob Kenney (April),  
Gene Marquardt (Oct), Don Spellman (Nov)

**Honorary Life Members:** Presented by SIR State President, Derek Southern  
Carroll Hamon (Mar), Hal Mattson (Mar)

**Certificate of Service:** Presented by Area 3 Governor, Giorgio Dina  
Ray Zelinski – 2018 Big Sir, Branch 23

**Certificate of Appreciation:** Presented by Big Sir Ray Zelinski  
Greg Hood: - Two time Big Sir and 6 years of coordinating trips including  
basketball, baseball, Alcatraz, and many others.

**Memorial Golf Plaque at Haggin Oaks Golf Course:**

Russ Korhonen – 9-hole Golf Chairman and Tournament Director, 2009 - 2016

**ATTENDANCE:** Chairman Sir Dave Nemzek reported that the monthly meeting attendance averaged 67.1% during 2018. The highest and lowest attendance numbers were 111 in March and 87 in February.

**SPEAKERS:** Little Sir Phil Sittner invited a variety of speakers and performers for the monthly meetings. The speakers and others are as follows: Angela Dixon, Executive Director – Greater Sacramento First Tee Program; John Wagner, Historical Account of WWII Battle of Guadalcanal; Doug Benetti, Little Known Civil War Facts; Gina Swank, Roseville FBI; Steve Beck, Historian – Sutter’s Fort; Guy Hall, Electric Cars; Bonnie Brea, Alzheimer Association of Northern California; Dr Rajshree Gaitonde, first female doctor at Folsom Prison; Joe Neff, Veteran’s Golf Program; and Jim Pierce, Fair Oaks Historical Society.

### **SIR Branch 23 Bowling 2017/ 2018**

Bowling Chairman Frank Semans reported that the SIR Bowling League is open to all SIR members 55 or older and is always looking for new bowlers. Bowling is once a week at Country Club Lanes from September to April.

The SIR Bowling League had 26 teams divided into 4 Divisions with 4 men on each team for a total of 104 bowlers. Branch 23 had 11 bowlers on 6 teams.

### **GOLF:**

**9-Hole League:** The chairman and tournament director is Steve Ng. There were 21 scheduled tournaments, with two rainouts. The 9-hole league awards luncheon was combined with the 18-hole league’s luncheon. During the year, 51 members participated in the 9-hole golf league, with a total of 449 rounds played.

**18-Hole League:** The chairman is Cass Mastalski and the tournament director is Gary Bradley. The season included 34 tournaments. One event was rained out and was rescheduled. The 18-holers’ awards luncheon was held at the Cattlemen’s Restaurant in Rancho Cordova, on



Nov 30. During the year, 88 members participated in the 18-hole golf league, with a total of 1475 rounds played.

#### **OTHER ACTIVITIES:**

**Oakland A's Game:** Greg Hood coordinated a trip to the Oakland A's / Houston Astros game on June 14. There were 30 people on the trip, including members, spouses, and friends. The cost was \$75 per person, including the game ticket and the bus.

**Rivercats Game:** Greg Hood coordinated a trip to a Sacramento Rivercats / El Paso Chihuahuas game on August 9. He purchased the minimum of 20 advance tickets, but was only able to sell 14.

**Devil's Slide Walking Tour:** Greg Hood coordinated a walking tour of the Devil's Slide area on Highway 1 near Pacifica on September 20. Five people attended, with the only expense being the personal car. Although it was low turnout, the trip was very enjoyable and well presented by the tour guide.

**Dante Club Events:** Primarily through Branch 23 member Rich Battistessa, also a member of the Dante Club board, and in coordination with Tom Novi, we were given an opportunity to attend Dante Club events that are available to the public. These included a wine tasting in June and a golf tournament in August.

**Ladies Day Lunch:** For the 3rd year, the Ladies Day Lunch was again held at the Red Hawk Casino in Shingle Springs. The chairman was Gordon Routsong. It was held on December 10, with a total of 81 people attending. The cost was \$25 per person.

**Annual Picnic:** The picnic at Carmichael Park was held on May 15 for the seventh year, attended by 68 members, spouses and guests at a cost of \$10 per person. The picnic was catered this year by Kentucky Fried Chicken with baked beans provided by Jim Monteverde. The picnic chairman was Rich Singer.

**Book Exchange:** Managed by Fred Lythgoe, this program is continuing into its sixth year, and is very popular. Despite having lost storage capability at the Elk's Club, Fred developed a book cart for book transport from home in his car, and with the help of several members was able to keep the book exchange active. By selling our unused books to the Book Worm, our account there has increased to over \$900 that members can use to buy books at half price. At the end of the year, Fred resigned from this activity and Jerry Westerman has volunteered to take it over. There is an indication that the Elk's Club may restore our storage capability in 2019.

**Bocce Ball:** David Peterson continued his effort to create an active Bocce Ball competition after lunch using the Elk's Club court. By March, it was decided to not continue the effort at the Elk's Club, and to look at other sites, including Dante Club and Carmichael Park. We were given access to the Dante Club in the summer and the first kickoff event was held on October 16, with about 20 members attending. Plans are to start league competition in 2019 twice per month after a period of learning the game seeking increased participation.

## **BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES:**

### **MARCH BIRTHDAYS:**

Kenney, Bob	1923
Newell , Stan	1932
Matsuo,Ben	1935
Crippen, Dick	1937
Whitcomb, Bernie	1937
Zarzana, George	1940
Routsong, Gordon	1941
McGuire, Bill	1943
Siegfried, Jim	1945
Lenny, Paul	1948
Mancarti, Brian	1954

### **MARCH JOIN DATE ANNIVERSARIES:**

Newell, Stan	1998
Storlie Larry	2001
Murrell, Gail	2002
LeDoux, Bill	2003
Morehead, Wayne	2004
Anderson, Bob	2007
Lythgoe, Fred	2007
Siagian, Marwan	2008
Yeager, Bob	2009
Jones, Mark	2015
Westerman, Jerry	2016
Retterer, Ron	2017
Rodriguez, Don	2018

### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN MARCH:**

Crippen, Dick and Barbara	1958
Pennington, Dallas and Merrily	1959
Monteverde, Jim and Sarah	1964
Nemana, Gopal and Vijaya	1967
Epright, Richard and Lani	1968
Phelps, Phil and Janet	1973
Fotopoulos, Phil and Soula	1984
Yeager, Bob and Carol	1984
Riley, Roger and Karen	1993

The SIR 23 annual picnic will be held on May 14, a Tuesday, at Carmichael Park. More information will follow.