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<b>BIG SIR</b>	<b>LITTLE SIR</b>	<b>SECRETARY</b>	<b>ASST. SECRETARY</b>	<b>TREASURER</b>	<b>ASST. TREASURER</b>
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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**

**Next luncheon meeting is October 9, 2019**

**Please call Dave Nemzek (916-333-4102 or 916-747-0351)) by October 3, 2019 if you cannot attend the meeting. That is the Thursday before the October 9, 2019 meeting. Please note that these are brand new numbers for Dave. 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 October 4, 2019.**

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

For the 81 people fortunate enough to have attended our 50th anniversary event at North Ridge Country Club, my hat is off to you. State President Ed Benson, Region 1 Director Mark Stuart and our area 3 Governor joined us and provided us with a number of compliments and endorsements. All of those “atta boys” belong to the membership and I’m most proud of your efforts and achievements. We had a 10 minute slide presentation, accompanied by a marvelous sound track produced by Dr. Bruce Frazier, Professor Emeritus, that took us back to the year of our inception, 1969. The Country Club Aires, led by Bob Fitzgerald, a group that actually started here in Branch 23, provided entertainment during the dinner hour. We had an introduction of past BiG SIRs, our current Honorary Life Members, and a branch history presented by Bill Sutherland. Cass Mastalski did give a report and Greg Hood commented on many of our other activities. The final event was the drawing for raffle prizes. Much thanks to all who participated.

This month’s new member, Wayne Henley, sponsored by Pete Doljanin, appeared to enjoy his first luncheon and I encourage all of you to make a point of introducing yourself to Wayne.

Little SIR Dave Peterson has a flier in this newsletter promoting our annual Lady’s Day Luncheon/Holiday party. You’ll want to sign up at the October meeting if at all possible. Last year’s event came very close to selling out and I know you will not want to miss it this year. You may recall that we enhanced the ladies gift offering in 2019 and it will be interesting to see what the committee comes up with this year.

Finally, Dave Nemzek wishes to remind everyone to turn in your badge following our luncheons. He uses the badges to confirm your attendance and to keep track of the number of lunches we are obligated to pay for. Most of you are aware that we are obligated to pay for all meals we order, whether you show up or not. That is why we have you notify Dave if you are not going to attend the luncheon. Dave reports that the notification system has resulted in fewer unused meals but we still have a way to go.

I look forward to your smiling faces at the October luncheon.

## **LITTLE SIR REPORT** by **DAVE PETERSON**



Kelly Siefkin is the Director of Development at CSU, Sacramento, which supports the College of Continuing Education and Alumni Association. She spoke to Branch 23 members at the September Luncheon. Kelly helps raise funds to support student scholarships through the Alumni Association and spreads the word regarding opportunities for adult learners to return to school to finish their degree program.

As a result of Kelly’s visit, Branch 23 members have shown an interest in participating in events at Sac State, possibly by forming a Friend of/or Alumni Chapter of Sacramento State. We are following up with Kelly on visits to the Campus and she is working on answering some inquiries from our members.



**AMERICA'S TRIBUTE TO THE TUSKEGEE AIRMEN®**

***“TUSKEGEE AIRMEN: will be our October Luncheon presentation. We will be visited by members of the original airmen families who will share stories and information and memorabilia of this iconic World War II all black 332<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Group and the 477<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group of the United States Army Air Force.***

***Before the TUSKEGEE AIRMEN , no African-American had been a U.S. military pilot. On April 3, 1939 a bill passed in Congress designating funds for training African-American pilots and in 1941 the War Department and Army Air Corps constituted the first all- black flying unit, the 99<sup>th</sup> Pursuit Squad***



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

(Beginning Balance (Checking) July 31, 2019	\$6,147.85
Beginning Petty Cash	400.00
Funds Received:	2,788.00
Funds Disbursed	2,231.08
Ending Checking Balance August 31, 2019	6,704.77
Ending Savings Balance	0
Ending Petty Cash	400.00
Ending Cash Balance (Total Cash) August 31, 2019	\$7,104.77

**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: 152 members, including one Senior HLM and three HLMs.  
Deletions: None

New Member in September: Wayne Henley, sponsor Pete Doljanin

New Member to be inducted in October: Barry Nelsen, sponsor Paul Askelson

Other Membership/Roster Changes: None

New Member Information:

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Wayne was born on March 15, 1945. He was an Engineer at CalTrans when he retired on December 31, 2011. He is married to Nina. Wayne's interests are skiing, walking, and travel. He prefers to receive the Nugget electronically. He became a member of Branch 23 on September 11, 2019 and was assigned badge #161. His sponsor was Pete Doljanin.

## **BRANCH ACTIVITIES:**

## **HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY BRANCH 23**

SIR Branch 23 celebrated its 50th Anniversary with a splendid dinner at North Ridge Country Club on the evening of September 19. Branch 23 was chartered in September 1969. Eighty attendees including many of our members, State SIR President Ed Benson, Regional Director Mark Stuart, Area Governor Giorgio Dina and spouses, family & friends shared in the camaraderie and fine food for a delightful evening.

Presentations were given by several people in recognition of this Br 23 achievement. State officials Benson, Stuart and Dina gave credit to Br 23 for its long history and thriving membership. Bill Sutherland (Br 23 History), Cass Mastalski (Br 23 Golf Program) and Greg Hood (Br 23 Activities) were the featured presenters. Also, recognition was given to current Br 23 officers, Past Big SIR's, Honorary Life Members and to our reigning elder, 99-year young, Mike Catino. Mike's daughter, Donna, and his son, Steve, were in attendance to honor their dad.

The Country Club Aires, a SIR member singing group, provided pleasant and enjoyable song entertainment during the dinner hour. The evening ended with a spirited raffle during which a dozen prizes such as wine, chocolates gift cards, Starbucks coffee beans and more were awarded to the lucky winners.

A special salute is owed to several people for their dedication to organizing, promoting and conducting this event. Historian Bill Sutherland first alerted us to the pending 50th Anniversary over one

year ago, and then spent volumes of time digging through 50 years of Br 23 records to obtain interesting facts. Tom Novi took up the celebration cause and strongly promoted a fitting event. He was very involved throughout the past year helping organize the dinner, then did a masterful job as MC for the dinner program. Big SIR Phil Sittner produced and presented a video of 1969 events, and then very capably handled other introductory duties. John Boss did all the networking with North Ridge CC to assure that all agreements and details for the dinner were covered. And last, but definitely not least, Sharon Boss did an outstanding job providing a variety of desirable prizes for the raffle.

Thanks to the Br 23 members who attended the dinner for assuring a successful event.

**Ray Zelinski.**



**Pre-dinner social hour**



**Head table - State officials and wives  
Phil Sittner and his wife**



**Honorary Life Member table**



**General view of members and guests**



**Head Table and Country Club Aires**



**General View of members and guests**



**Country Club Aires- Entertainers and SIR members**



**Raffle prizes**

**AWARDS:**

At our September meeting, longtime member Birge Clark was presented with the Senior Sir President's Award. Birge joined Branch 23 in 1996, 23 years ago. He was Secretary in 2001, Little Sir in 2002, and our Big SIR in 2003. Birge was then a Director until 2008. Birge has been active in golf, playing in both leagues until 2018. This year he is playing in the 9 hole league. Since 2005, he has played in about 150 eighteen hole events and approximately 160 nine hole events. As you can see, he has been a very active member and the branch thanks him for his contributions.

Birge Clark (left), receiving his Senior Sir award from Big SIR Phil Sittner at the September meeting.



**BRANCH 23 SPORTS ACTIVITIES:**



**Bocce Ball Schedule: 9am at the Dante Club, October 7 and 21. Dave is suggesting a lunch after Bocce in October, at a venue in Fair Oaks.**

**Contact Dave Peterson for info at [davidipeterson08@yahoo.com](mailto:davidipeterson08@yahoo.com) or 916 768-5087.**

**Bowling Report Frank Semans**

There is no report for the bowling this month.

**GOLF Report for the September, 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/](http://web2.golfsoftware.net/9958/)**

**18-Hole Golf:**

Sign-ups for October Meeting:

Oct 23, MacKenzie, 3rd League Championship tournament.  
Oct. 30, Bing Maloney, 4th League Championship tournament.  
Nov 4, Granite Bay \$50, Guests Welcome.  
Nov 6, Bartley Cavanaugh, 5th League Championship Tournament.  
Tournament Results:

Mather, August 21.

Flight 1: Bradley (68), Monteverde (68), Brunton (68). CTP: Gary Bradley.  
Flight 2: Sittner (64), Angeloni (66), McGuire (66). CTP: Marwan Siagian.  
Flight 3: Heavner (60), Peterson (62), LeFebure (64). CTP: Roger Riley  
Flight 4: Ng (59), Boss (59), Stakolich (65). CTP: Paul Vijitakula

Ancil Hoffman, August 28.

Flight 1: Battistessa (68), Shilliday (71), Rowland (71). CTP: Fred Edge  
Flight 2: Tipton (66), Moore (68), Wall (70), McGuire (70), Askelson (70).  
CTP: Bill McGuire  
Flight 3: Heavner (61), Young (63), DeLong (64). CTP: John Raley  
Flight 4: Reames (60), Lenny (63), Brush (66), Salminen (66), Nemzek (66).  
CTP: John Boss

Wildhawk, September 5, 2-man Best Ball.

Flight 1: Shilliday / Riley (56), Battistessa / Davie (56), Rowland / Wall (57)  
Flight 2: Pruss / Lenny (53), Siagian / Semans (61), Phelps / Heavner (62)  
Flight 3: Dutcher / Murrell (58), Pennington / (Blind) (59), Moore / Callander (61),

Elkins / Landers (61)

Empire Ranch, September 18.

Flight 1: Caldwell (69), Brunton (73), Rowland (74), Monteverde (74).

CTP: Jim Monteverde

Flight 2: Dutcher (67), Joe Rodriguez (74), Porter (76). CTP: Joe Rodriguez

Flight 3: Pruss (69), Zarzana (70), Heavner (70). CTP: Mike Pruss

Flight 4: Lenny (73), Frank (75), Peterson (79). CTP: Bob Mohler

**9-Hole Golf:**

Sign-ups for October Meeting:

October 10, Thursday, Cordova

Tournament Results:

Arcade Creek Red, August 26.

Flight 1: Pennington (30), Phelps (32), Semans (32). CTP: Phil Phelps

Flight 2: Heavner (28), Westerman (29), Fotopoulos (32). CTP: Phil Sittner

Flight 3: Chapman (28), Christopherson (31), Clark (31). CTP: Kevin Wall

Antelope Greens, September 6.

Flight 1: Siagian (28), Mahoney (29), Schmidt (30).

Back-nine: Phil Phelps (24). CTP: Steve Schmidt

Flight 2: Wall (26), Semans (27), Ng (29), Nguyen (29), Mastalski (29),

Salminen (29), Heavner (29).

Back-nine: Lam Nguyen (24). CTP: Frank Semans

Flight 3: Frank (26), Chapman (30), Landers (31).

Back-nine: Howard Frank (24). CTP: Howard Frank

Davis, September 13.

Flight 1: Siagian (27), Mahoney (31), Abel (33).

Back-nine: Marwan Siagian (32). CTP: Phil Phelps

Flight 2: Fotopoulos (28), Porter (29), Salminen (32).

Back-nine: Phil Fotopoulos (29). CTP: Steve Porter

Flight 3: Frank (27), Clark (28), Christopherson (29), George Hood (29).

Back-nine: Howard Frank (31). CTP: Gene Reames

Arcade Creek, September 23.

Flight 1: Mahoney (34), Bamfield (34), Heavner (35), Phelps (35).

CTP: John Mahoney

Flight 2: Ng (31), Wall (34), Mohler (35). CTP: David Salminen.

Flight 3: Reames (31), Greg Hood (32), Zelinski (38).

CTP: Ray Zelinski.

At this time, there is no treasurer for the 9 hole golf league. Steve Ng will be more than happy to have a volunteer to take over this task. He can explain the duties. They are not time consuming.



**HIKING: Call Gordon Callander at 916-230-8622 for information regarding the next outing.**

On September 24, 6 members and guests hiked approximately 3.6 miles on the confluence Trail on the Middle Fork of the American River.

### **NOTABLE OCTOBER DATES:**

#### **MEMBER JOIN ANNIVERSARIES:**

Rogel, John	2013
Landsittel, Don	2014
Ng, Steve	2015
Wall, Kevin	2015
Callander, Gordon	2017
Corrigan, Garrett	2017
Doljanin, Pete	2017
Laumer, Jerry	2017
Angeloni, Randy	2018
Porter, Steve	2018

#### **MEMBER BIRTHDAYS:**

Joyce, Paul	1940
Monteverde, Jim	1940
Riley, Roger	1942
Betzler, Bob	1944
Dutcher, Scott	1946

#### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:**

Retterer, Ron and Karen	1963
Bloomer, John and Pat	1965
Sittner, Phil and Deb	1973
Singer, Rich and Cathy	1977
Fairhurst, Neil and Karen	1986
DeLong, Jim and Linda	1986
Murrell, Gail and Ginny	1986
Abalona, Bill and Brenda	1989
Landers, Odell and Nancy	1997
Benner, Brian and Diane	2011

**See the Lady's Day/Holiday Party flyer on the next page!!**

# 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**
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