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[gordoncallander@yahoo.com](mailto:gordoncallander@yahoo.com)**

**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**

**The January meeting will be on the second Wednesday, 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**

Our Branch 23 SIRS year 2019 was highlighted by a celebration of our 50<sup>th</sup> year and was skillfully guided through year 50 by our Big Sir Phil Sittner, backed by a dedicated BEC and a hard working group of Committee Chairmen. Those leaders were supported by a membership that most often hit over 70% plus at the luncheon and supported our activities. We grew in numbers during the year and offered new activities that supplemented our most popular programs, the 9 and 18 hole golf programs. It will be my obligation to support continued growth in members and activities.

We closed the year with a wonderful Holiday Luncheon at the Red Hawk Casino. I encourage those who did not attend to look towards 2020's luncheon. Special thanks go to Linda and Tom Novi for their support in the gift selection and wrapping from the Mixed Bag gift shop, which they recently purchased at 24<sup>th</sup> and K midtown Sacramento.

**When you come to the January meeting, please be ready to celebrate with us the 100th birthday of Mike Catino, a very special member of this branch.**

**Also, remember to bring your check for \$25 made out to SIR Branch 23 to pay the annual dues, which are mandatory.**

While enjoying your membership in our branch, please be willing to step forward in encouraging other friends, neighbors and strangers to join us. If at any time you have suggestions to improve our organization, pass that suggestion on to any member of the BEC or call me at 916 768 5087 or e-mail me at [davidjpeterston08@yahoo.com](mailto:davidjpeterston08@yahoo.com).

Make this the year that we "GET UR DONE"....new members and new activities.

Best regards, Dave Peterson

## **LITTLE SIR REPORT**

I am looking forward to stepping into my new position as Little SIR and I appreciate the support I have received from the incoming Big SIR, Dave Peterson. Dave asked me to provide background information on myself, so here it goes: I am married to Karen, I have 2 boys and Karen has 2 daughters, We have five grandkids and 2 great grandkids. I began my career in education in the LA area in 1966, where I taught Biology and coached football, wrestling, and track. We then moved to Sacramento in 1970 and I continued my teaching at Del Campo, where I taught Chemistry and coached football and track. I moved into high school administration in the late 1970's, working as assistant principal at Del Campo HS, El Camino HS, and San Juan HS. In 1988, I assumed to Principal position at San Juan HS. I completed my career in education as the Director of Employee/Employer Relations, retiring from the San Juan School District in 2001. I have enjoyed retirement, being active playing golf, fly fishing, volunteering, and traveling throughout the United States in our fifth wheel trailer. Life is good!

The main responsibility of the Little SIR is to provide speakers for our monthly luncheons. Our January speaker, Dr. Julia Ahlquist Tanner, was recommended to me by Bill Sutherland. After contacting her, Dr. Tanner is eager to present her information to our group. She is a Doctor of Audiology and founder of The Hearing Solution in Sacramento. Dr. Tanner has an MS from CSU-Sacramento and a Doctorate from Sales University. In 2001, The Hearing Solution was established to address some of the limitations in the field of audiology, where most practitioners treat patients with basic screening, followed by a hurried hearing aid selection. Dr. Tanner will describe the approach used by The Hearing Solution to diagnose hearing loss and provide treatment built around real world testing and personalized care.

If you have suggestions for future presenters to our SIR group, please don't hesitate to contact me.

**Roger Riley**

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

(Beginning Balance (Checking) November 1, 2019	\$5,414.90
Beginning Petty Cash	400.00
Funds Received:	3,034.00
Funds Disbursed	2,132.98
Ending Checking Balance November 30, 2019	6,315.92
Ending Savings Balance	0
Ending Petty Cash	400.00
Ending Cash Balance (Total Cash) November 30, 2019	\$6,715.92

**SUNSHINE REPORT: by Chris Christopherson**

As always, I request the assistance of members in reporting any illnesses of our members keeping me informed of any deaths, illnesses, or other medical problems of our members so I can publish them in the bulletin.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT: by Carroll Hamon**

**MEMBERSHIP STATUS:** 153 Members including One Senior Honorary Life Member and Three Honorary Life Members

**MEMBERSHIP/ROSTER CHANGES:**

New Members inducted in December: None

Other Membership/Roster Changes: None

**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 [davidpeterson08@yahoo.com](mailto:davidpeterson08@yahoo.com) or 916 768-5087.

## Bowling Report by Frank Semans.

SIR League High Score	scratch	None	Game	Series
	<b>handicap</b>			
55-72	12/3/19	Paul Elkins	285	758
73-79				
80+	11/5/19	Bob Nielsen	263	
<b>200 + games bowled by:</b>	10/08/19	Frank Semans	225	
	10/29/19	Mike Holmgren	206	
	11/05/19	Marwan Siagian	205	
	11/12/19	Derek Rudkin	202	
	11/26/19	Derek Rudkin	215	
	11/26/19	Marwan Siagian	205	

### Week 16 12/10/19 SIR Bowling League 2019 (26 Teams)

#### Branch 23 Team Standings:

	Won	Lost	Place
<b>Dream Team (16) (Div 2)</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>2</b>
Hereth(?), Nielsen, Benson (Br ?), Riker (Br ?)			
<b>Groovers: (22) (Div 3)</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>2</b>
Semans, Siagian, Wall, Rodriguez			
<b>Old Farts (2) (Div 4)</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>2</b>
Naquin, Blaszkowski, Jackson (?), Vacant			
<b>Alley Oops (25) (Div 3)</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>3</b>
Hamon, Zelinski, Wright (?), Weaver (?)			
<b>High Five (13) (Div 4)</b>	<b>19 1/2</b>	<b>44 1/2</b>	<b>6</b>
Tipton, Sharp (?), Bergstrom (?), Owre (?)			
<b>Pin Splitters (5) (Div 3)</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>5</b>
Elkins, Hall (?), Holland (?), Gruen (?)			

**Soaring Eagles (9) (Div 2)                      35 1/2                      28 1/2                      4**  
 Rudkin, Holmgren, Pruitt (?), Hodson (?)

		<b>Game</b>	<b>Series</b>
<b>Honor Roll - Exceptional:</b>	Week 5	Dave Naquin    198 + 70	488 + 104
	Week 6	Mike Holmgren 196 + 49	516 + 72
	Week 14	Derek Rudkin   215 + 51	591 + 99
	Week 15	Paul Elkins      187 + 71	464 + 116

**Exceptional is 70+ over average game &/or series.**

**Above average:  
 40+ over average game &/or/Series**

Week 5	Derek Rudkin	224 + 51	
Week 5	Carroll Hamon	173 + 40	442 + 43
Week 5	Kevin Wall		499 + 49
Week 6	Tony Tipton		492 + 57
Week 7	Frank Semans	225 + 65	530 + 50
Week 10	Joe Rodriguez		455 + 44
Week 11	Bob Nielsen	193 + 46	
Week 11	Marwan Siagian	205 + 43	
Week 12	Joe Rodriguez	188 + 49	
Week 12	Derek Rudkin	202 + 41	543 + 60
Week 14	Carroll Hamon	174 + 40	455 + 44
Week 14	Marwan Siagian	205 + 41	544 + 52
Week 14	Kevin Wall	198 + 50	496 + 52
Week 14	Bob Nielsen		489 + 51
Week 14	Frank Semans		517 + 40
Week 15	Bob Nielsen		505 + 61
Week 15	Marwan Siagian		549 + 54
Week 16	Joe Rodriguez		473 + 47
Week 16	Tony Tipton		528 + 51

**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/](http://web2.golfsoftware.net/9958/)**

**Please read the following information regarding changes in the handicapping system for the game of golf.**

## **GOLF Handicap Changes for 2020**

### **Introduction:**

To be implemented in 2020, the United States Golf Association (USGA) will be making changes in the national handicap programs with a primary objective of making handicaps compatible around the world. These changes will be incorporated locally through the Northern California Golf Association (NCGA).

Our branch of SIR has always run our own handicap system, which technically implies that we could ignore the changes. However, our handicap programs, both the manual system of our predecessors, and our current program, use the same basic data and equations as the NCGA. Comparisons between the NCGA and our SIR handicaps have always been reasonable. This paper will describe how we plan to respond to these changes for our competitions, and discuss how these changes may affect our competitions and the comparisons of our handicaps relative to the NCGA.

### **Background:**

The planned revisions affect different parts of the handicapping process. As some of us may not understand the details of the handicap process, I will first define the essential features.

**Handicap Index:** The index is the average difference between a player's adjusted gross score and the course rating, with adjustments for course difficulty through the use of the course slope. For the NCGA, it currently averages the best 10 scores of the last 20 rounds, and in SIR we use the best 5 of the last 10.

NCGA members see their index on the NCGA website. In SIR, the index is calculated within our program and is used to determine the course handicap just like the NCGA, but we only show our members the course handicap on the scorecard label. Our indexes can be made available if anyone wished to see them.

**Course Handicap:** The course handicap is the index adjusted for the difficulty of the course based on the slope assigned to each course and tee combination. Basically, a slope of 113 represents an average course. If the slope is higher than 113, the course handicap will be higher than the index by the ratio of the slope divided by 113. The opposite occurs if the slope is lower than 113.

NCGA members determine their course handicaps from NCGA data available on the website and at the courses. For SIR tournaments, we provide the course handicaps on each card at each event.

### **Discussion of 2020 Changes:**

**Handicap Index Changes:** The indexes will be affected by four specific changes. Each of these changes will be discussed regarding the impact on our SIR program.

1. **Number of scores:** The new NCGA process will reduce the number of scores used to calculate the index from best 10 to best eight. This will drop the highest of the scores, resulting in a reduction of the index. As we only use our best five scores in SIR, we will not be making this change.

**2. Index equation:** The existing equation for the index includes a 96% factor, which reduces the index by about 4%. The new program changes that 96% factor to 100%. We will modify our program to drop the 96% factor, which will result in a slight increase in our SIR indexes.

**3. High Score Adjustments:** The existing procedure, used by both the NCGA and SIR, is to reduce high scores on individual holes to a maximum value based on the player's current course handicap. For example, with a handicap in the teens, a player is allowed no more than a 7 on any hole. The allowance is increased to a maximum of 10 strokes for handicaps over 40. The new system changes this to allow no more than a double bogey on any hole plus the number of strokes allowed on that hole. It is called a net double bogey method. It is considerably more complicated than the existing system, but we will incorporate the new system for SIR. I will be doing the adjustments on all the cards before the scores are entered into the handicap program.

**4. Playing Condition Adjustments:** Using statistical analysis of each day's play on each course, the new NCGA system will attempt to account for variability in scores due to playing conditions, such as weather or course conditions. Enough said. Our SIR system will not be capable of making such adjustments.

**Summary of Handicap Index Changes:** It is not possible to accurately judge the effect these changes will have on the handicap indexes. For SIR, it is fair to judge that the changes will be minimal. The elimination of the 96% factor will cause a slight increase in the indexes, but that could be offset by likely lower scores entered into the handicap program due to the changes to the high score adjustment process. Further, I think it is fair to say, at this stage, that comparisons of our SIR indexes to the NCGA indexes after those change will still be reasonable.

### **Course Handicap Changes:**

Of all the planned changes to the handicap process, the changes to the course handicaps will likely have the most impact on the NCGA players. The existing equation to determine the course handicap, as described earlier using the course slope, will still be used, but that result will be reduced by the difference between the course rating and course par. For example, for the Bartley Cavanaugh Golf Course white tees, the existing course handicaps would be reduced by five strokes, based on the course rating of 66.0, and the course par of 71. If you had been a 25 handicap from the white tees in November, you would be a 20 handicap in February under this new system. (I called this a reduction in the course handicap because for all of our courses the course rating is less than par. If the course rating is higher than par, it will actually cause an increase in the course handicap).

A key issue for our SIR decision on implementing this change in our competitions is that this reduction factor will be the same value for everyone who competes from each particular tee. Therefore, the course handicap difference between individuals playing the same tees will be the same for both the old and new systems, and our competitions will have the same relative result either way.

A practical problem for our SIR program is that our handicap and tournament manager computer programs cannot be changed to accommodate the new course handicap calculation. It is possible to obtain new software, but our software vendor only provides online capability now, for which we will need to pay \$550 per year. We currently pay only \$97 per year for the vendor to provide our website and support for our current desktop systems. Given that

the new course handicap process will not make a relative difference in our competitions, there is a strong argument to not incur the additional expense, or disruption in our current procedures.

**Conclusion:** After consideration of the above factors, the golf committee has decided to continue our handicap program as it is, except that the two changes that affect the course index will be accomplished as described above. The most noticeable effect will be that our NCGA members will see a significant difference between their NCGA course handicaps and their SIR course handicaps for the same course/tee combinations. However, our SIR competitions will have the same relative results as in the past, and, if a member needs to use our SIR indexes for a competition outside of our branch, our SIR indexes will still be reasonably comparable to the NCGA system.

**Submitted by Bill Sutherland**

## **NOTABLE MEMBER DATES FOR January 2020**

### **MEMBER JOIN DATES:**

White, Joe	1981
Mellon, Floyd	2000
Kehoe, Don	2001
Martin, Jerry	2003
Novi, Tom	2007
Catino, Mike	2010
Battistessa, Rich	2011
Crippen, Dick	2011
Brush, Steve	2014
Davie, General	2014
Espinosa, Bill	2014
Fotopoulos, Phil	2014
Heavner, Jim	2014
Peterson, David	2014
Zarzana , George	2014
Bamfield, JD	2018
Chapman, Bob	2018
Hannon, Joe	2018
Kimball, Bill	2018
Moore, Bill	2019



**MEMBER BIRTHDAYS:**

Catino, Mike	1920
Scarlett, Sam	1927
LeDoux, Bill	1935
Pennington, Dallas	1936
Hannon, Joe	1936
Barsch, Ray	1936
Anderson, Bob	1937
Zelinski, Ray	1940
Rowland, John	1941
Sadowski, John	1943
Brush, Steve	1947
Bullock, Greg	1950
Jones, Mark	1952
Ferguson, Mark	1953
Salto, Jesse	1958

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:**

Landsittel, Don and Jode	1967
Miller, Jim and Leslie	1971
Angeloni, Randy and Mary	1971
Vijitakula, Paul and Sue	1977

**SIR SHIRTS:**

**A late note from Greg Hood regarding the new edition of the SIR Branch 23 shirts:**

**Gentlemen:**

**In honor of the new year (well, not really!!!), we have the opportunity to purchase new SIR Branch 23 logo shirts. Greg Hood will be taking orders at our January 8 meeting. Shirts are \$30 each and are available in red, blue, and white. Greg will need size, color, and your check made out to Branch 23. Examples will be on display at the meeting. Questions? Call Greg at 916-717-7874.**