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The September, 2021 meeting will be held on the second Wednesday, the 8th, at the Carmichael Elks Lodge, 5631 Cypress Avenue, Carmichael, CA. Please make every effort to attend this meeting.

IF YOU ARE NOT PLANNING TO GET THE COVID VACCINE, YOU MUST BRING VERIFICATION OF A RECENT NEGATIVE COVID TEST.

PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL DAVE NEMZEK IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO ATTEND THIS MEETING.

BIG SIR REPORT:

It's a treat to be back together again after our luncheons resumed at the Elk's Club in July. We are still following safety protocols making sure everyone has been vaccinated or has a negative Covid test upon entry into the facility. Also, we are still "masking up" as we enter and leave the club. At our August meeting, five gentlemen were inducted as new members of our branch, which brings our total membership up to 156! The new members and sponsors are: Jim Eaton (JD Bamfield), Steve Watson (Dave Peterson), Dennis Crossland (Phil Sittner), Eric Wahlenberg (Ron Shilliday), and George Hodsdon (transfer from Branch 93). I think it's fantastic that our membership continues to grow despite this difficult time.

The recommendations for 2022 officers and board members were presented at the August luncheon and were unanimously elected by the membership. Those positions are: Big Sir-JD Bamfield, Little Sir-Jerry Westerman, Secretary-John Boss, Assistant Secretary-General Davie, Treasurer-Jim Coe, Assistant Treasurer-Don Landsittel, Directors- Phil Sitter, Dave Biesanz, David Brunton, Dave Peterson, Gordon Callander, Roger Riley. Thank you , gentlemen, for providing your leadership and keeping Branch 23 moving in a positive direction.

The Elk's Club has made every effort to keep costs down for our luncheon. But with the recent increase in the price of foodstuffs, our board decided it was necessary to increase the luncheon price. The new charge for lunch, starting in September, will be \$21.

I hope you have had an enjoyable summer and I hope to see you in September.

Roger Riley
Big SIR

Little Sir Report:

On August 11, we were pleased to have Brian Frazer of Caltrans speak to us about "Roundabouts" and other new styles of intersections that are being built on the highways on which we travel. I found it very informative that these new intersections are not intended to reduce the number of accidents, but that they will eliminate 75% or more of the fatal accidents. Having been through several of these in my travels, I found them great to use even though they were a bit confusing at first.

I would also like to thank and congratulate you on the terrific job you are doing with membership. It has been a challenge to keep up with the wine or gift cards for the sponsors. That is a good thing and a good problem for the branch to have, so keep up the good work.

Next month our speaker will be Vic Mershon, of SIRS Branch 33. His father was one of the early flyers for the Army Air Corp, and later, a crop duster pilot and more. His talk is titled "Dad's life as a pilot". I have been told his talk is very entertaining and I am looking forward to it.



Vic Mershon, shown left, will be our speaker in September.

Vic Mershon is originally from Rio Vista, California. After high school, Vic went to the CSU Maritime Academy where he earned his degree in Maritime Engineering. With that degree, he became a UN Maritime Marine Officer. When he left the Maritime Marines, he went to Moore-McCormick as an engineer, then to Travelers's Insurance as a Loss Control Manager. He now lives in Fair Oaks and has been a SIR member for many years. He has been a Little SIR, a Big SIR, and has held several other positions in Branch 33. Many of us know him through the inter-branch bridge club where Vic is a regular participant. We welcome Vic to Branch 33.

JD Bamfield
LITTLE SIR

TREASURER'S REPORT: by Jim Coe

(Beginning Balance (Checking) July 1, 2021	\$7,573.82
Beginning Petty Cash	400.00
Funds Received:	415.00
Funds Disbursed	2,294.93
Ending Checking Balance July 31, 2021	5,693.89
Ending Savings Balance	- 0-
Ending Petty Cash	400.00
Ending Cash Balance (Total Cash) July 31, 2021	\$6,093.89

There are also 15 members who have not yet paid their annual dues for 2021.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: PHIL SITTNER

MEMBERSHIP STATUS: 156 Members including Two Senior Honorary Life Member and Three Honorary Life Members.

Deletions: Jiro Sakauye (actual resignation occurred in February)

New Members Inducted in August:

James I. Eaton, Transfer branch 127
Stephen Watson, sponsor David Peterson
Dennis Crossland, sponsor Phil Sittner
Erich Wahlenberg, sponsor Roger Riley
George Hodsdon, Transfer branch 93

New Member Information:

James L Eaton
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James was born on September 19, 1941 and is married to Joanie. He has been a member of both branch 50 and 127, and is a transfer from Br 127. He is a retired teacher with the San Juan School District and likes golf and bowling. He prefers his newsletter via email. His badge number is 114.

Stephen 'Steve' Watson
4712 Good Ct.
Carmichael, CA 95608
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Steve was born on July 22, 1950. Retired from the University of Phoenix, Steve enjoys Bocce, cooking, hiking and travel. He wishes to receive his newsletter electronically and has been assigned badge #133.

Dennis Crossland
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Carmichael, CA 95608
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Dennis was born on April 18, 1942 and is retired from the Parks Department of the City of San Francisco. Dennis has interests in antique cars, Bocce, photography and golf. He wishes to receive his newsletter electronically and was assigned badge #135.

Erich Wahlenberg
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Erich was born on August 30, 1959, is married to Michelle and retired from teaching and coaching duties at the San Juan Unified School District. He has interests in sports, musical instruments and cooking. He prefers his newsletter to be sent electronically and was assigned badge #137. He is married to Michelle.

George Hodsdon
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George is transferring from branch #93. He does not drive and rides with Mike Holmgren. He was born on July 17, 1929 and has been assigned badge #139. He is married to Rosemarie.

SUNSHINE REPORT: by Chris Christopherson

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

BRANCH ACTIVITIES:

Branch Elections:

Branch 23 elections for the 2022 calendar year were voted on at the August general meeting. The nominating committee, headed by Dallas Pennington and David Brunton, did a great job and the following members were elected to serve the branch in 2022 in the noted positions.

Big Sir: JD Bamfield

Little Sir: Jerry Westerman
Secretary: John Boss
Asst. Secretary: General Davie
Treasurer: Jim Coe
Asst. Treasurer: Don Landsittel
Director: Roger Riley
Director: David Biesanz
Director: David Brunton
Director: David Peterson
Director: Gordon Callander
Director: Phil Sittner

Thanks to Dallas and David for their work on this important committee.

OTHER BRANCH NEWS: SirBranch23@googlegroups.com. Please do not use this website unless you want to communicate with all of the Branch 23 members at the same time.

SIR AWARD:



At our July meeting, Gene Tognetti was presented the Senior Award at our July luncheon for turning 90 years of age. Gene joined SIR Branch 23 in September, 1998, having been sponsored by Sam Scarlett. Gene grew up in Ely, Nevada, and was a star runner in track in high school, and held the record in the State of Nevada at one time. However, Gene did confess that his record in the 400 was broken at this year's Olympics in Tokyo. Gene taught Industrial Arts at San Juan High School for many years and this knowledge came in handy when Gene made the frames for the Table Numbers for Branch 23 at his home workshop. Our branch congratulates Gene on his award. We also thank him for the frames.

Big SIR Roger Riley with Gene Tognetti.

BRANCH 23 SPORTS Information:

BOCCE BALL

Bocce Ball has resumed for Branch 23 participants. The games are played at Carmichael Park, and the courts are accessed via North Avenue, the south entrance to the park. Game times start at 9:30am until 11:30am. The last August date is the 31st. September and October dates will follow, including an evening with wives and significant others. Contact David Peterson at 916-768-5087 or davidjpeterson@yahoo.com.

BOWLING: An organizational meeting was to be held on August 24, 2021 at the Country Club Lanes on Watt near El Camino Avenue. The season runs from Tuesday, August 31, 2021, through March 29, 2022.

You can bowl as a regular or a substitute. The cost is \$26 to join the league, with a check payable to the GSA (Greater Sacramento area Association). The weekly cost to bowl is \$7.00. Country Club Lanes regulations relative to covid are wearing a mask and social distancing.

Ray Zelinski

GOLF Report:

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/.

Golf Signups: Regular lunch schedule has now resumed, and primary signups will take place during lunch.

Upcoming Tournaments:

18-Hole League:

Sept 2, Wildhawk, two man best ball
Sept 15, Empire Ranch
Sept 22, Turkey Creek
Oct 6, Wildhorse
Oct 20, McKenzie, League Championship Nr 3.

9-Hole League:

August 30, Arcade Creek Red
Sept 7, Antelope Greens
Sept 10, Indian Creek
Sept 20, Arcade Creek Blue
Oct 4, Antelope Greens
Oct 14, Cordova (End of Season)

Tournament Results:

18-Hole League:

July 28, Lincoln Hills

Flight 1: Doolittle (63), Rowland (66), Espinosa (67). CTP: Bill Espinosa
Flight 2: Sittner (62), Mahoney (62), Ng (64). CTP: Phil Sittner
Flight 3: Raley (64), Young (65), Pruss (66). CTP: Mike Pruss
Flight 4: Mohler (63), Slusher (66), Peterson (66). CTP: Paul Lenny

Aug 4, Teal Bend

First Flight: Espinosa (67), Fairhurst (68), Shilliday (69). CTP: Roger Jerez

Second Flight: Ng (66), Wall (67), Angeloni (69). CTP: Andre Boutros

Third Flight: Hamilton (66), Riley (66), Young (70), LeFebure (70).

CTP: Roger Riley

Fourth Flight: DeLong (63), Slusher (65), Pennington (67). CTP: No Winner

Aug 18, Mather

Flight 1: Jerez (65), Don Rodriguez (66), Ahders (68). CTP: Scott Kenney

Flight 2: Nguyen (66), Tipton (69), Dutcher (70), Moore (70).

CTP: No Winner

Flight 3: Pennington (65), Hanamura (65), Riley (67). CTP: George Zarzana

Flight 4: Holmgren (63), Nemzek (68), Del Torchio (70). CTP: Mike Holmgren

9-Hole League:

July 26, Indian Creek

Flight 1: Schmidt (33), Moore (33), Boutros (34), Nemana (34), Abel (34).

CTP: Tony Tipton

Flight 2: Ng (33), Suckow (33), Carisoza (33), Stott (33). CTP: Kevin Wall

Aug 2, Antelope Greens

Flight 1: Mahoney (26), Sutherland (28), Siagian (29), Schmidt (29), Elkins (29).

Low Net Back Nine: Domyancic (25). CTP: Steve Schmidt

Flight 2: Wall (19), Ng (24), Scarlett (28), Massie (29).

Low Net Back Nine: Ng (22). CTP: Sam Scarlett

Flight 3: Betzler (21), Suckow (25), Nguyen (26), Carisoza (29).

Low Net Back Nine: Nguyen (22). CTP: Bob Betzler.

Aug 13, William Land Park

Flight 1: Scott Kenney (31), Domyancic (31), Siagian (33). CTP: Scott Kenney

Flight 2: Betzler (29), Ng (32), Callander (34). CTP: No Winner

Aug 20, Emerald Lakes

Flight 1: Dutcher (31), Moore (33), Sutherland (35), Siagian (35).

CTP: Bill Sutherland

Flight 2: Nguyen (27), Bloomer (34), Nemana (34). CTP: John Bloomer

HIKING:

Please see the flyer on the next page for the September hike.

**Please Join Us on
September 23rd at 9 a.m.**

Partners and Guests Welcome!
Masks Optional | Covid Shot(s) Mandatory

Hidden Falls Trail is a 3.3 mile loop trail with a 521 foot elevation gain located near Newcastle, California that features (hopefully) a waterfall and is rated EASY by AllTrails and good for all skill levels.



DIRECTIONS

Take exit 119A from I-80 E
Follow Nevada St, to Mt Vernon Rd and Mears Dr.

Additional Info:

<https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/california/hidden-falls-trails>

Please Call or E-mail Me With Your
Questions or Concerns

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IMPORTANT MEMBER DATES FOR SEPTEMBER:

MEMBER JOIN DATES:

Clark, Birge	1996
Tognetti, Gene	1998
Semans, Frank	2000
Mahoney, John	2010
Elkins, Paul	2013
Boss, John	2015
Lenny, Paul	2017
Henley, Wayne	2019

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS :

Veis, Arlie	1924
Stastney, Joe	1926
Clark, Birge	1929
Mastalski, Cass	1932
Stakolich, Bob	1932
Hollis, Ron	1936
Martin, Jerry	1937
Moore, Bill	1940
Rodriguez, Joe	1940
Hanamura, Mike	1940
Murrell, Gail	1941
Eaton, James	1941
Novi, Tom	1943
Battistessa, Rich	1943
Abalona, Bill	1945
Hood, Greg	1950
Marquez, Tony	1955
Bamfield, JD	1955
Jerez, Roger	1956
Raymond,	1957

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Suckow, Lowell and Maggie	1957
Rodriguez, Joe and Doris	1958
Hannon, Joe and La Rena	1959
Askelson, Paul and Olivia	1962
Crews, Tommy and Jimmie	1962
Pruitt, Tony and Sherry	1963
Irish, Dave and Sandy	1981
Novi, Tom and Linda	1970
Mastalski, Cass and Mary	1972
Brunton, Dave and Sue	1975
Domyancic, Paul and Mary	1975
Schmidt, Steve and Victoria	1975
Bamfield, JD and Karen	N/A
Lindsey, Bill and Terri	1982
Holmgren, Mike and Elena	1983
Westerman, Jerry and Joan	1998
Frank, Howard and Carol	1998
Kenney, Scott and Julie	2002
Duffy, Vince and Karin	2004
Bullock, Greg and Tom	2015
Chapman, Bob and Bernadine	N/A
Palabrica, Paul and Vicki	2019

SIR Branch 23 NEW Members Information -- 2021			
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Massie	Lyn	559-283-4309	lynmassie@hotmail.com
Duffy	Vince	916-281-6886	vince@duffywellman.com
Jerez	Roger	530-417-5998	rogerjerez56@gmail.com
Godinho	David	916-292-2727	davegodinho@yahoo.com
Eaton	James	916-989-0525	maxum1993@yahoo.com
Watson	Steve	916-616-5671	steven@surewest.net
McGuire	Brendon	916-966-6435	6222@yahoo.com
Crossland	Dennis	206-491-0170	dmcrossland@icloud.com
Wahlenberg	Erich	916-837-2898	wohllly53@yahoo.com
Hodsdon	George	n/a	n/a
SIR Branch 23 SEPARATED Members -- 2021			
Hood	George	Resigned	
Storlie	Larry	Deceased	
Heavner	Jim	Resigned	
Naquin	David	Resigned	
Matsuo	Tsutonig (Ben)	Resigned	
LeDoux	Bill	Resigned	
Rogel	John	Resigned	
Phelps	Phil	Resigned	