



**The NUGGET, August, 2022
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BREAKING NEWS: Change of Venue for August Luncheon

The Branch 23 August, 2022 monthly luncheon will be held at the Dante Club, located at 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd. This will, as usual, be on the second Wednesday, August 10. Lunch will be at the same time, 12 noon, with social activities beginning at +/- 11:30 am.

Big Sir Report:

The Elk's Club came through with a pretty nice meal of Pot Roast with the fixings for our July lunch. They also finally produced a larger screen on the stage for presentations. After the flub-up that occurred during our June luncheon, I think they gave us a nice meal. I believe they do actually want us under contract for next years' lunches. But the Dante Club would like us to move to their venue also. In August they are going to show us what they can do.

Please remember that our August 10, 2022 luncheon will be at noon at the Dante Club with social activities beginning around 11:30 am +/-.

At the July meal we had several presentations made. Chris Christopherson turned 95 and became our sixth Super Senior. Also, golf directors Cass Mastalski and Gary Bradley were presented appreciation gifts for all of the work they have done for our program, past, present, and future. It is always a pleasure to recognize members who do so much for us.

Gary from Green Acres nurseries spoke to us last month. I found his talk interesting and informative. So informative that the following week I reworked my sprinkler system based on his advice. Talk about a persuasive talk!

Gordon Callander announced that he was working on initiating two new activity groups. The first is for fishermen, called the "Jollyfishermen". The second will be a book club called the "Bookaneers". If you need more information, contact Gordon Callander.

General Davie, Jerry Westerman and Jim Coe have been working hard to update our Branch 23 Bylaws, Standing Rules and Regulations. Their directive was to compare these with the state Bylaws and confirm similarities and differences. Also, they must compile and document BEC motions and decisions that have created or changed branch rules and regulations. I am happy to say they are nearing completion of this daunting task. I sincerely thank them for this endeavor. I know that we are all going to benefit by having these documents brought up to date.

JD Bamfield, Big SIR

Little SIR Report:

Our speaker will be Mike Galli, from the Northridge Country Club. General Manager of the country club, Mike is a native of Stockton and has been at Northridge since May, 1997. In 1995, Mike earned a scholarship to play golf at CSU, Sacramento, where he earned a degree in Business Finance. Mike was the First Assistant Professional and director of Instruction until 2006, when he earned the position of Head Golf Professional. He is the President of the North State Chapter of the PGA and is a certified Plane Truth golf instructor. Mike has coached champion golfers at the amateur, college and professional levels. Mike, his wife Sally, and their dog Ozzie live in the Sun River community of Rancho Cordova. Mike also enjoys hunting, fishing, Kings games and wine tasting.

**Mike Galli,
Northridge Country
Club**



TREASURER'S REPORT: by Jim Coe

(Beginning Balance (Checking)	June 1, 2022	\$5,838.96
Beginning Petty Cash		400.00
Funds Received		2,441.00
Funds Disbursed		1,150.42
Ending Checking Balance	June 30, 2022	7,129.54
Ending Savings Balance		- 0-
Ending Petty Cash		400.00
Ending Cash Balance (Total Cash)	June 30, 2022	\$7,529.54

Treasurer Jim Coe also indicated that the ending balance includes \$714 in the Bocce Ball account for annual participation fees and tournament entry fees.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR AUGUST NUGGET: by Ray Zelinski as of July 19, 2022

MEMBERSHIP STATUS: 157 Members including two Senior Honorary Life Members and three Honorary Life Members.

DELETIONS:

None known

JULY NEW MEMBERS: (Sponsors shown in parentheses)

None

PENDING AUGUST NEW MEMBERS:

None known to date, but don't hesitate to nominate someone.

OTHER MEMBERSHIP/ROSTER/DIRECTORY CHANGES:

Revise Randy Angeloni's email to <rpangel0407@gmail.com>

Revise Paul Domyancic's zip code to read 95819-2203

New Members Information:

None to report.

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2022 SIR Branch 23 Separated Members:

Dell Fystrom: Dell passed away on May 16.

SUNSHINE REPORT: by Gordon Routsong

Birge Clark's wife, Prudy, passed away peacefully in her sleep a couple of weeks ago. A memorial service for will be held on August 12th, at 11am at Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church, 11427 Fair Oaks Blvd., Fair Oaks. Birge, a longtime member of Branch 23, was our Branch Big SIR in 2003.

It was reported at our last meeting that Don Smith was having dizzy spells.

Also, Cass Mastalski has moved to a care home.

Please keep me informed on your fellow members if they have a health issue. I can be reached on my cell phone (916-761-2080) or email at lgroutsong@att.net.

BRANCH NEWS:

Branch 23 Election of Officers:

Our Branch 23 election of new officers is being held soon. The Nominating Committee, headed by David Brunton, has put forth the following candidates:

Big Sir:	Jerry Westerman
Little Sir:	Mark Ashley
Secretary:	John Boss
Assistant Secretary:	General Davie
Treasurer:	Jim Coe
Assistant Treasurer:	Don Landsittel
Directors:	JD Bamfield, David Brunton, David Peterson, Phill Sittner, Roger Riley, Rob Stott

Elections are being held at the August meeting. If you want to nominate another member for an office, you may do so at the August meeting.

Chris Christopherson receives Super Senior Award

Chris Christopherson was awarded the Super Senior award from Big SIR JD Bamfield at the July meeting.

Chris joined Branch 23 in August, 1995. He served as the Sunshine Chairman from 2009 through 2021. Chris is also very active in our golf program, playing in both the 9 and 18 hole leagues. He has probably played more rounds than anyone else in the branch, with the possible exception of Frank Abel.

Interestingly, Chris's father, Henry Christopherson, was a charter member of Branch 23 when it was chartered in 1969.

Chris has had a very interesting life and has covered a lot of the world over his 95 years. Born in Weehawken, N.J., where Captain Sully landed his plane on the Hudson River in 2009, Chris also spent time in Brooklyn, Astoria, and New Hyde Park prior to enlisting in the Navy in 1945. After his discharge, he graduated from Adelphi University and worked at Sperry Gyroscope as an engineer.

He later instructed pilots on F86 aircraft on how to use the latest computing gunsights at various airbases in the United States and Korea.

Later, Chris worked at Aerojet in Rancho Cordova for eight years, developing and testing nuclear rockets.



Chris Christopherson receiving the Super Senior Award from BIG Sir JD Bamfield.

In 1959, he married Jeanne, also an Aerojet employee. They have two daughters.

When Aerojet laid off approximately 20,000 employees, Chris moved over to McClellan AFB, where he worked on the Space Shuttle and later helped solve a complex problem that was causing the F111 to become uncontrollable and crash. Chris retired from McClellan in 1992, and became a travel agent.

Chris and his wife have traveled all around the world, by both air and sea. They are members of the 100 country club.

CASS MASTALSKI RECEIVES AWARD:



Cass Mastalski, who recently stepped down as Chairman of the 18 hole golf committee, was awarded a plaque and a shirt. The shirt was a SIRS shirt, personalized for Cass with his name printed above the logo and "Branch 23 Golf" printed below the logo. Our entire 18 hole golf club membership owes a debt of gratitude for the work Cass put in over the years, creating and maintaining relationships with the various people at the courses he scheduled for our benefit and enjoyment.

Dallas Pennington and BS JD Bamfield present Cass Mastalski with a plaque and customized shirt.

BRANCH 23 SPORTS NEWS:

BOCCE BALL: Chairman Dave Peterson reported that Bocce is proceeding on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at Carmichael Park.

BOWLING REPORT: The bowling league has completed play for the 2021-2022 season.

GOLF Report for August 2022 Nugget

BR 23 Golf Web Site: Visit this site to determine golf start times, pairings, results and other golf related matters. The address is sb23.golfclub.net.

2022 Schedule: The golf schedule for 2022 is complete. Signups will be taken at lunch, or by contacting the tournament directors, Gary Bradley and Steve Ng directly.

Upcoming Tournaments:

18-Hole League:

August 3, Mather
August 17, Ancil Hoffman
August 25, Wildhawk, two-man Best Ball
August 31, Empire Ranch
September 7, Lincoln Hills
September 21, Turkey Creek
September 28, Mather

9-Hole League:

August 1, Antelope Greens
August 12, William Land Park
August 19, Emerald Lakes
August 29, Arcade Creek Blue
September 6, Antelope Greens
September 12, Indian Creek
September 19, Arcade Creek Red

Tournament Results:

18-Hole League:

June 29, Bing Maloney

Flight 1: Bradley (74), Mahoney (74), Wohlenberg (75). CTP: David Godinho
Flight 2: Ng (69), Elkins (71), Dutcher (71). CTP: Andre Boutros
Flight 3: Young (67), Lenny (67), Erickson (69), Boss (69). CTP: Frank Abel
Flight 4: Stott (71), Peterson (72), Nemana (74). CTP: No Winner

July 6, Morgan Creek Shamble

First Place: Espinosa, Tipton, Ng, Blind Partner. (121)
Second Place: Doolittle Mahoney Young, Blind Partner. (129)
Third Place: Shilliday, Raley, Marquez, Zelinski. (129)
Fourth Place: Don Rodriguez, Freeman, DeLong, Blind Partner. (130)

July 19, Teal Bend

Flight 1: Bradley (71), Schmidt (71), Chatelain (74). CTP: Curt Caldwell
Flight 2: Long (70), Marquez (74), Ashley (74), Nguyen (74). CTP: Phil Sittner
Flight 3: Pruss (67), LeFebure (69), Zarzana (69). CTP: George Zarzana
Flight 4: Slusher (60), Boss (66), Stott (68). CTP: Rob Stott

League Championship – After two rounds of five:

Flight 1: Biesanz (-1), Beddard (+1), Espinosa (+4), Adge (+4), Moore (+4)
Flight 2: Freeman (-8), Kegarise (-6), Siagian (-1), Ashley (+1), Stott (+1)
Flight 3: DeLong (+1), Abel (+3), Hamilton (+3), Boss (+4), Young (+7)
Flight 4: Brush (+2), Pennington (+2), Peterson (+3), Landers (+5), Slusher (+7)

9-Hole League:

July 12, Arcade Creek Red

Flight 1: Schmidt (32), Mahoney (32), Caldwell (35), Bamfield (35).
CTP: Steve Schmidt
Flight 2: DeLong (33), Ashley (34), Siagian (35), Lenny (35).
CTP: No Winner
Flight 3: Erickson (34), Newell (35), Abel (36), LeFebure (36), Vijitakula (36),
Scarlett (36). CTP: Paul Vijitakula
Flight 4: Christopherson (31), Billingsley (32), Landers (34). CTP: No Winner

Gary Bradley received an electric golf cart by branch members for his work and dedication to the golf leagues. No pictures were made available for this edition of the Nugget

HIKING:

See the attached flyer on the next page for information regarding our next outing.

IMPORTANT MEMBER DATES FOR AUGUST:

JOIN DATE:

Kenney, Bob	1986
Christopherson, Chris	1995
Abel, Frank	1999
Hamon, Carroll	2004
Routsong, Gordon	2013
Sittner, Phil	2015
Suckow, Lowell	2016
Betzler, Bob	2019
Marquez, Tony	2020
Crossland, Dennis	2021
Eaton, Jim	2021
Hodsdon, George	2021
Wahlenberg, Erich	2021

BIRTHDAYS:

Tognetti, Gene	1931
Kimball, Bill	1935
Landers, Odell	1935
Massie, Lyn	1935
Landsittel, Don	1943
Lindsey, Bill	1943
Peterson, David	1943
Davie, General	1944
Rinaldi, Barney	1950
DiMugno, John	1954
Benner, Brian	1954
Wahlenberg, Erich	1959
Beck, Tim	— —
Newell, Stan	1960
Long, Mike	1961

WEDDING DATE:

Kimball, Bill and Sandra	1957
Christopherson, Chris and Jeanne	1959
Barsch, Ray and Dorothea	1960
Sutherland, Bill and Janice	1963
Henley, Wayne and Nina	1970
Battistessa, Rich and Diane	1971
Bradley, Gary and Bobbie	1971
Slushee, Ron and Pam	1972
Erickson, Jim and Rose	1972
Wall, Kevin and Linda	1979
Rodriguez, Don and Suzanne	1988
Biesanz, David and CJ	1988
Tipton, Tony and Debbie	2004



**Please Join Us on Thursday, August
18th at 9 a.m. for Another Outstanding
Hike *Nearby San Juan Rapids*
(Bannister Park)**

Partners & Friends Welcome!

This 2.9-mile loop trail near Fair Oaks, California. Generally considered an easy route and has a 4 star rating. This is a very popular area for birding and hiking.

PARKING RIGHT AT THE TRAILHEAD

DIRECTIONS:

I-80 E, Take exit 94B toward Auburn Blvd, Turn right onto Auburn Blvd, Turn left onto Winding Way, Turn right onto Pasadena Ave Continue straight onto Cypress Ave, Turn right onto Manzanita Ave, Turn left onto Fair Oaks Blvd, Turn right onto Bannister

Please don't hesitate to contact me with your questions or concerns.

Brian Benner 916 -747-1139, btuxmanblb@aol.com

Hello Travelers,

An update on the Ireland Trip.

Sign up with deposit by August 31, 2022 and receive a \$50 discount.

Scenic Ireland trip through Ireland and Northern Ireland

April 14-27, 2023

Price \$5,395 Double Occupancy Single \$6,195

\$500 deposit to hold your place

Final payment due on December 15, 2022

This is a small group departure limited to 24 passengers.

Highlights: 12 nights in First Class Hotel Accommodations

1 night in Limerick, 1 night in Clifden, 1 night in Sligo, 2 nights in Belfast, Northern Ireland, 2 nights in Dublin, 1 night in Waterford, 1 night in Kinsale, 2 nights in Killarney, 1 night in Limerick

18 meals, includes gratuities on tour for bus driver and Tour Manager

Visit Cliffs of Moher, local farms an Abbey, Giant's Causeway, Titanic Experience, Hillsborough Castle, Belfast's O'Connell Street, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Trinity College, House of Waterford Crystal, Blarney Castle and the Kissing Stone, Garnish island, Ring of Kerry, Dingle Peninsula, and much, much more!

Leisure time to explore most of the towns and villages,

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Happy Travels,

Bill and Mary Stires