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Branch 23 monthly luncheon meetings are held at the Carmichael Elk's Lodge, 5631 Cypress Avenue, Carmichael, CA., on the second Wednesday of each month. The January meeting will be on the 12th. Social hour begins at 11:00 am, with lunch to follow at 12 noon.

IF YOU HAVE NOT HAD THE COVID VACCINE, YOU MUST BRING VERIFICATION OF A RECENT NEGATIVE COVID TEST.

Please join your fellow SIRs on Wednesday, January 12th for a highly informative talk by Mike Aho, District Administrator for Fair Oaks Recreation & Park District .
Social from 11:30 to noon, lunch and meeting to follow.



FAIR OAKS
RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT



Mike Aho,

Mike is married to Sarah since 1982 (39 years) 2 grown children and 2 grandchildren. He graduated from Eastern Washington University with degrees in Outdoor Recreation, Public Recreation and Therapeutic Recreation and is Currently District Administrator for Fair Oaks Recreation and Park District since July 017.

Prior Work Experience-

He was the 1st Parks and Recreation Director for the City of Eagle, Idaho, which is a suburb of Boise Idaho for 4 years. Mike was Recreation Manager for City of Spokane Parks and Recreation for 4 years responsible for Senior Programs, Art, Outdoor, Youth and General Recreation and Recreation Supervisor for City of Spokane responsible for outdoor recreation for 19 years. Total Professional experience 33 years

While at Fair Oaks-

Passed Measure J a \$26.9 Million Dollar General Obligation Bond Measure, which was the first ever General Obligation Bond Measure for Fair Oaks Recreation and Park District. The Bond is to build new facilities and parks and renovate aging infrastructure. Created a Design/Renovation plan for Veteran Memorial Amphitheater, Community Clubhouse and Village/Plaza Park, project is estimated to cost \$18.6 Million Dollars. Designed and built two new parks in Fair Oaks Streg Park and Gum Ranch Park. His presentation on January 12th will cover the projects that are being planned for Fair Oaks which will be the largest public investment in Fair Oaks history. The projects will include the Arts and Entertainment expansion for the Veteran's Memorial Amphitheater, Community Clubhouse, Village and Plaza Park, Girls' Softball Fields at La Vista Elementary, park improvements at Phoenix Park and Fair Oaks Park. The challenge of funding the construction and operations of the improvements and the timeline.

*Stay for an After-Meeting-Drawing-
Your Choice of a Starbucks or Target Gift Card
and a of Bottle Fine Wine Personally Selected by
Big Sir JD Bamfield*



BIG SIR REPORT:

“El Dorado” Branch 23 of the SIRS is now 53 years old and thriving. We need to thank both our leadership and the membership for their dedication to growth during the COVID crisis. ZOOM technology has also helped keep us strong. We have been dealing with this for 20 months now and have shown great flexibility. We need to pat ourselves on the back for this effort.

I want to give special thanks to our 2021 Big SIR, Roger Riley, the BEC, and the activity leaders for their dedication and perseverance to keep our SIR activities as normal as possible. It has been an ordeal and you have stepped up to the challenge.

We ended 2021 on an up-note with our Holiday Party and ladies Day celebration at the North Ridge Country Club. It was a fun and festive event for all of our members and their guests and it was held at a very lovely facility. A special thanks goes out to John and Sharon Boss, who hosted us there. Sharon even handmade the centerpieces. Thanks also goes out to Tom Novi’s wife, Linda, who create the wonderful gifts presented to the Ladies at this celebration. Of course, thanks also are extended to David Peterson and all who helped make this event happen. Finally, we need to thank all who participated in the very enjoyable event. I think everyone had a terrific time.

In 2022, we hope to bring even more activities back. The 9 and 18 hole golf programs are thriving, thanks to their leadership and organization, and bowling is making a nice comeback. The Bocce Ball program has been successful in 2021 and we are hoping to see other outdoor and indoor activities return.

So participate and bring your friends to make this club stronger than ever and let’s make 2022 a banner year.

JD Bamfield

Big SIR

LITTLE SIR REPORT:

Our guest speaker at this month’s luncheon will be Mike Aho, currently the District Administrator for the Fair Oaks Recreation and Parks District.

Mr. Aho’s background includes graduation from Eastern Washington University with degrees in Outdoor Recreation, Public Recreation and Therapeutic Recreation. Prior to working at the Fair Oaks Parks and Recreation Department, Mr. Aho was the first Recreation Director for the city of Eagle, Idaho, for 4 years. Eagle is a suburb of Boise, Idaho. Later, he was the Recreation manager for Spokane, Washington, and then was the Recreation Supervisor for many years.

Since coming to Fair Oaks, he helped pass a \$26.9 million General Obligation Bond, the first ever of its kind in Fair Oaks. The bond was designed to help build new facilities, including parks, and to renovate existing structures.

His presentation on the 12th of January will cover projects that are being planned for Fair oaks, including the Arts and Entertainment expansion for the Veteran’s Memorial Amphitheater, Community Clubhouse, Village and Plaza Park, and more.

Little SIR

Jerry Westerman

TREASURER'S REPORT: by Jim Coe

(Beginning Balance (Checking) November 1, 2021	\$4,323.21
Beginning Petty Cash	400.00
Funds Received	3,932.00
Funds Disbursed	2,181.04
Ending Checking Balance November 30, 2021	6,074.19
Ending Savings Balance	- 0-
Ending Petty Cash	400.00
Ending Cash Balance (Total Cash) November 30, 2021	\$6,474.19

Treasurer Jim Coe noted that the total cash balance includes \$300 of the Bocce Ball funds.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: by Phil Sittner/Ray Zelinski

MEMBERSHIP STATUS: 147 Members including Two Senior Honorary Life Member and Three Honorary Life Members.

DELETIONS: Jon Sadowski, resigned (health)
Paul Askelson, resigned (moved)

PENDING RELEASE FROM MEMBERSHIP EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1:

Mark Ferguson, Dave Irish, Rocky Jarvis, Marc Mitchell & Dick Oxford

DECEMBER NEW MEMBERS:

None

PENDING JANUARY NEW MEMBERS:

Michael "Mike" Long; Sponsor Scott Kenney
Brendan McGuire; Sponsor George Zarzana

BRANCH 23 News:

The annual Branch 23 Christmas Luncheon and Ladies Day event was held at a new venue this year. On December 16, members and their wives and guests were treated to a delicious lunch and entertainment at the North Ridge Country Club.

Always a special event, it was just that much better with the addition of a string duet of Arlyn Anderson and Benjamin Kopf playing for the attendees prior to the lunch and at the conclusion of the event. Mr. Anderson is a professional guitarist, having played for more than 20 years throughout Northern California. Mr. Kopf, son of current Branch 23 member Buzz Kopf, is a professional bassist and music producer living in Sacramento. While attending the prestigious

Arlyn Anderson and Benjamin Kopf



Berklee College of Music in Boston, he studied Contemporary Writing and Production, and earned a minor degree in Conducting. Both musicians have played in numerous bands as well as in trios and quartets. They also write, produce and record both singles and albums.

Our thanks to John Boss and his wife Sharon, members of the North Ridge Country Club, for hosting the event. Thanks also to Tom Novi and David Peterson for their help. The event was well attended and all seemed to enjoy the change to a local venue. As noted, the food was delicious and the service was outstanding.



Branch members and guests enjoying the afternoon at the Christmas Lunch/Ladies Day event.

Photos by Paul Domyancic

In other Branch 23 news, our January luncheon will be held in the customary venue at the Elks Club in Carmichael on Wednesday, January 12th. Newly elected Big SIR JD Bamfield will be conducting the meeting for the first time.

BRANCH 23 SPORTS:

BOCCE BALL:

Dave Peterson reported that Bocce Ball will be resuming in the spring of 2022.

BOWLING: by Frank Semans

There is no bowling report for this issue of the Nugget.

GOLF REPORT:

BR 23 Golf Web Site: Visit this new site to determine golf start times, pairings, results and other golf related matters. The address is Sb23.golfclub.net.

On December 3, both the 9 hole and the 18 hole leagues celebrated the end of the 2021 season at Cattleman's Restaurant located at Highway 50 and Hazel Avenue. Once again the food was good and there was a wonderful turnout for the event.

Cass Mastalski actually had a report. He noted that the new season would be similar to the 2021 season, one in which our group was able to play a wonderful private club, Sierra View Country Club, in addition to the many public courses in the Sacramento area.

Cass also noted that the 2022 season will begin with these tournaments: Bart Cavanaugh on February 3, Mackenzie on Feb 16, and Bing Maloney on Feb 23. These tournaments comprise the Big Sir event, and the best two of your three scores count toward the final outcome.

Tournament Results: 18-Hole League:

Bing Maloney, December 1. This tournament was rescheduled from October, 2021, when we had the largest 24 hour rain total in Sacramento history. The course was unplayable due to a lake that formed from the area in front of the second green all the way through portions of the seventh tee box, the sixth hole and finally toward the fourth green at the west end of the course.

This tournament will now be counted as the start of the 2022 18 hole league and points earned will carry over into 2022. All of the point leaders from this tournament will have the "overnight" lead for the longest time in the history of golf. The results are below.

First three flights were white tees.

First Flight: Doolittle (68), Biesanz (69), Rodriguez (71), CTP: Don Rodriguez

Second Flight: Landsittel (70), Elkins (70), Mahoney (71), CTP: JD Bamfield

Third Flight: Angeloni (68), Dutcher (73), Boutros (75), CTP: Scott Dutcher

Gold Tees:

First Flight: Domyancic (73), DeLong (73), Riley (73), CTP: Mike Pruss

Second Flight: Nemana (71), Carisoza (72), Davie (73), CTP: General Davie

HIKING: Our hiking group will resume in February, 2022, per Brian Benner, the chairman of the hiking events.

IMPORTANT MEMBER DATES FOR JANUARY:

JOIN DATE:

Joe White	1981
Floyd Mellon	2000
Jerry Martin	2003
Tom Novi	2007
Rich Battistessa	2011
Dick Crippen	2011
Steve Brush	2014
General Davie	2014
Bill Espinosa	2014
Phil Fotopoulos	2014
David Peterson	2014
George Zarzana	2014
JD Bamfield	2018
Bob Chapman	2018
Joe Hannon	2018
Bill Kimball	2018

BIRTHDAYS:

Sam Scarlett	1927
Dallas Pennington	1936
Joe Hannon	1936
Ray Barsch	1936
Bob Anderson	1937
Ray Zelinski	1940
John Rowland	1941
Steve Brush	1947
Greg Bullock	1950
Mark Jones	1952
Andre Boutros	1958

WEDDING DATES:

Landsittel, Don and Jodie 1967

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!