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Branch 23 monthly luncheon meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month. The May meeting will be on the 11th, at our usual meeting place, the Elk's Lodge on Cypress Avenue. Social hour begins at 11am, with lunch at 12 noon.

As has been the case recently, each member with email access will receive a notice announcing the luncheon. Please respond to the questionnaire.

PLEASE NOTE THAT LUNCH IS NOW \$22.

BIG SIR REPORT:

Our Branch 23 Spring Picnic on May 24th is just a few weeks away. I hope you have signed up or are intending to do so. It looks like our committee is putting together a great outing. Terrific food, along with Bocce, golf chipping, corn-hole and bingo for games and entertainment. Truly something to look forward to after a covid caused a 3 year pause. Tickets are \$15. per person. If you want to attend, but are not going to the May meeting, send me an email and I will put you in touch with Mark, Rob or Bob for tickets. For more information, see the flyer in this Nugget to tell you how to sign up.

Regarding activities, golf, hiking, and bocce ball are in full swing. Golf events may be viewed at the SIR Branch 23 golf website, <https://sb23.golfclub.net/cm/web/site/page.html>, where you may sign up for events. You can also review standings, pairings, results and account information. Hikes are typically on the 3rd Thursday of each month and are announced at the meetings and also in the Nugget. Bocce is usually on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at Carmichael Park. Contact Dave Peterson for the schedule if interested.

We should be pleased with new member recruitment. Nine new members so far this year, but we should not let up. As you heard last month, many branches are struggling, but with your help we can keep our branch strong. We just need to keep participating, bringing in new members and having a fun, positive attitude to continue our success. Also, if you see a member with a red ribbon on his name tag, that means he is a new member and we need to introduce ourselves and make him feel welcome and wanted.

Also, we now have “contact cards” available to members. These allow you an easier way to get information about SIRS to people you know or meet. We should all keep a couple of the cards in our wallet to hand out to people who show an interest in our social organization. Cards may be picked up at check-in tables at golf courses, and also at our monthly meetings, on the table with our badges at the Elks auditorium.

Another direction for new member recruitment and internal communication for SIRs is being promoted by the State organization. State wants branches to create their own Facebook pages and Facebook groups. Many of us are already on Facebook and a branch site would provide members with a location to casually communicate. There is information at (<https://sirinc.org/wp-content/uploads/Ctreaing-a-SIR-Facebook-Business-Page-3-25-22-pdf>) about this endeavor. Stay tuned for more information.

Last, it has come to my attention that some members are not aware that Branch 23 pays for the buffet at the Elks “by the plate”. So, if you want seconds, please use your original plate. Otherwise we will be charged for an additional person. This will help keep costs down for all of us.

JD Bamfield
Big SIR

Little SIR REPORT:

Our speaker at our next luncheon, May 11, will be Dr. Bob LaPerriere, a medical doctor and historian. He graduated from the University of Minnesota Medical School in 1966, traveling to California to intern prior to spending two years with the Public Health Service in Hawaii. He did his dermatology residency at the University of California, San Francisco Medical Center, and was hired as a dermatologist in Sacramento with the Kaiser Permanente Medical Group in 1972. He enjoyed a successful career until his retirement in 1998.

Upon retirement, he had time to continue his 30 year interest in local and medical history. Since 2001, he has been the curator of the Sierra Sacramento Valley Medical Society's Museum of Medical Science. He is also involved in Sacramento History and Cemetery History.

We will hear about what medicine was like even before the beginning of the Sierra Sacramento Valley Medical Society in 1868. It is the oldest Medical Society in continuous operation in California.

Immigrants traveling to California for the Gold Rush were subjected to numerous devastating diseases at a time when doctors were unable to provide specific treatment and many of the "doctors" were not really doctors. Thousands died from various epidemics at a time in history when the most advanced medical treatment consisted of bleeding, cupping, puking, purging and the use of "drugs" such as mercury and arsenic.

This should be an informative and enjoyable talk by Dr. LaPerriere.

Jerry Westerman
Little SIR

TREASURER'S REPORT: by Jim Coe

(Beginning Balance (Checking)	March 1, 2022	\$6,638.24
Beginning Petty Cash		400.00
Funds Received		2,309.00
Funds Disbursed		2,802.70
Ending Checking Balance	March 31, 2022	6,144.54
Ending Savings Balance		- 0-
Ending Petty Cash		400.00
Ending Cash Balance (Total Cash)	March 31, 2022	\$6,544.54

MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR MAY, 2022 NUGGET: by Ray Zelinski

MEMBERSHIP STATUS: 152 Members including two Senior Honorary Life Members and three Honorary Like Members.

DELETIONS: None

APRIL NEW MEMBERS: (Sponsors shown in parentheses)

Mitchell D "Mitch" Valder (Michael Pruss)
John P "Pat" Billingsley (Jim Erickson)
Ron C Weakley (Jim Erickson)

PENDING MAY NEW MEMBER:

Craig Chatelain (Marwan Siagian)

OTHER MEMBERSHIP/ROSTER/DIRECTORY CHANGES:

Mark Ashley has replaced David Biesanz as a Director
Dave Brunton has replaced Cass Mastalski as 18-Hole Golf Chairman
Nemzek: new email address is <davejnemzek@comcast.net>
Murrell: new phone number is 916-479-1528

New Members Information:

Mitchell D. "Mitch" Valder, 9590 Junewood Ln, Loomis
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Mitch was born on Feb 14, 1958. He is married to Nina. He retired as a Supervising Appraiser with the Sacramento County Assessor's Office. He served 24 years in the USAF, including time in Iraq and Afghanistan, and reaching the rank of Major. His interests include biking, pickleball, photography and other interests. His badge number is 029.



John P "Pat" Billingsley, 5128 Aileron Ct., Fair Oaks
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Pat was born on Mar 30, 1949. He is married to Kathleen. He is retired from the Yolo County Health Dept. He served 21 years in the USArmy, including time in Viet Nam, and reaching the rank of Captain. His interests include golf, hiking, fishing, travel and others. His badge number is 037.



Ron C Weakley, 5019 Susan Oak Dr, Fair Oaks 95628-8103
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Ron was born on Mar 27, 1949. He is married to Jane. He had a career in advertising in his own agency business. Ron has a variety of interests among which are golf, bocce, hiking, investments and others. His badge number is 039.



Please welcome our new members to Branch 23 SIRS!

2022 SIR Branch 23 New Members Information:

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2022 SIR Branch 23 Separated Members:

None to Date

SUNSHINE REPORT: by Gordon Routsong

Our Nugget editor, Paul Domyancic, spent 4 days in the hospital after passing out in the bathtub at home. A monitor for his heart was implanted so the doctors can keep a check on his heart rate to try to find a cause for his passing out. Being a real trouper, Paul hustled home and the April Nugget was out in a timely fashion. He reports that his head and back were injured in the fall, and it may be some time before he hits the golf course again.

Bill Kimball is recovering nicely from his hip surgery and is walking with a cane. He expects to attend our next monthly meeting.

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 Picnic returns in May

After a two year hiatus due to the coronavirus, the branch will hold a picnic on May 24th at Carmichael Park. Rob Stott and new member Mark Ashley have agreed to co-chair this event. Also, longtime chairman Ray Zelinski will provide any needed advice and assistance. Always a fun event, the picnic will begin at 11:30am, with lunch being served at noon. There will be activities after the meal, including a chipping contest, a corn hole competition, and bingo. From 9:30 until approximately 11:30, Dave Peterson will have a bocce ball event.

See the flyer on the next page of this bulletin. Sign up at the May meeting. Over 50 people have already signed up.



SIR Branch 23
9th Annual

FAMILY PICNIC

Wives, Companions, Grandkids, Friends Welcome

TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2022 | 11:30AM

\$15 PER PERSON

Sign up at the April & May Monthly Luncheons.

***Boce Ball advance registration required at the meetings or by calling Dave Peterson at (916) 768-5087**

Social: 11:30-12:00 | Lunch: 12:00-1:00 | Activities: 1:00-2:30
Carmichael Park Picnic Pavilion

Cornhole Competition
Golf Chipping Contest
Bingo

1:00pm - 2:30pm
Entry fee and prizes
for each activity!

Boce Ball Competition*: 9:30-11:30

All entry proceeds will be returned as prizes

MENU:

Fresh Mexican Grill including
Meat, Rice, Beans, and Salad.
Brownie Dessert



Ice water provided, Bring your own soda
(Sorry..alcoholic beverages prohibited in the park)

(Sorry, no signups at the park on May 24)

DIRECTIONS: Go west on Grant Ave from Fair Oaks Blvd; enter the park just past the group of buildings on your left; follow the "SIR Picnic" signs to the Picnic Pavilion at the south edge of the park.

Paul Joyce receives Honorary Life Time Member Award

Paul Joyce joined SIR Branch 23 in February, 2001, and his nomination for the Honorary Lifetime Member was based on his service to the branch for over 15 years. He started his service on the BEC as Assistant Treasurer in 2003. He took over as the Treasurer in 2004, then moved into the leadership string as Little Sir in 2005 and Big Sir in 2006. He also volunteered to be Big Sir again in 2017, but was forced to vacate the position due to complications resulting from a previous shoulder injury. Between those years, he served as a director from 2007 through 2011.

During those years as a member of the BEC, he was a consistent leader and advisor on all of the various issues that the branch dealt with on a daily basis, and also volunteered to serve on several committees working on specific problems, such as recruiting and evaluation of alternative luncheon sites. He was a leader in restarting the annual branch picnic in 2013, and for four years was in charge of providing and preparing the food for the picnics. He also served on the committee to nominate the HLM candidates three times, in 2008, 2009, and 2016.



Paul Joyce receiving his well earned HLM award from Bill Sutherland at our April luncheon meeting.

Until his shoulder injury, he was a very active participant in the branch golf programs, and continued to provide leadership and advice on the golf program processes, such as handicapping, rules, and team competitions.

Paul was required to resign from the branch in 2019 for a short time, due to a severe illness that affected his mobility, and we were very happy when he was able to return and be honored with this award. The nomination was made in 2020, but due to the pandemic, the actual certificate ceremony was delayed until the April, 2022 luncheon. A bit late, but well deserved.

TWO MEMBERS RECEIVE SENIOR AWARD

At the April luncheon, two members were honored with their senior awards, given to members who attain 90 years of age. Stan Newell and Floyd Mellon each received the award on April 13th at the Elks Lodge. With interesting and parallel career paths, we salute them for their service to our state and country.

Stan Newell joined Branch 23 in March, 1998.

After graduating from UC Berkeley, he went to work for Caltrans and after 6 months he fulfilled his ROTC commitment by being stationed in France, rebuilding the runways at the Bordeaux Airport. This was several years after WWII. He was allowed to take his wife Joy with him, and two of their four sons were born in France. After nearly two years in France, he returned to his job with Caltrans, where he stayed for the next 33 years. He was in the Bridge Construction Engineering department for 23 years, then spent 4 years in the Bridge Design Office and 6 more years in various other assignments. Stan retired from Caltrans in 1990, then joined SIR Branch 23 eight years later, in 1998.

Floyd Mellon joined Branch 23 in January of 2000, just 2 years after Stan Joined.

Floyd also graduated from UC Berkeley, where he also spent four years in the ROTC program. After graduation, was sent to Rhineford, Germany as a Civil Engineer. He was also an officer in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. This time period was also several years after the end of WWII, and Floyd was also allowed to take his wife, Jan, with him. Their first child, a son, was born in Germany.

Floyd's Engineering career at Caltrans spanned 38 years, and included 10 years in Bridge Construction Engineering, and 28 in the Bridge Design Office, where he retired as a Bridge Design manager. Floyd retired from Caltrans in 1995. At one time, Floyd worked for Stan.



Stan Newell receives his Senior Award from Big Sir JD Bamfield at the April meeting.



Floyd Mellon receives his Senior Award from Big Sir JD Bamfield at the April meeting.

Pictures of the new members and the honored members in this Nugget were taken by Ray Zelinski, himself a Caltrans retiree.

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. Also planned is an event on the morning of the Branch 23 picnic, from 9:30 to 11:30, scheduled for May 24th, also at Carmichael Park.

MAY NUGGET BOWLING REPORT

by Ray Zelinski for Frank Semans

The 2021/2022 SIR Bowling League season was concluded on Tuesday, March 29. The 2022-2023 league will start in late August. Notices will appear in future issues of the Nugget.

200 Games and 500 series Bowled by Br 23 Members The Final 2 Weeks

Date 200 Games

500 Series

3/22 Tony Pruitt 214; Derek Rudkin 213

Tony Pruitt 541; Derek Rudkin 507

3/29 None

Gordon Hubble 513; Derek Rudkin 507

2021-22 Season Br 23 Individual League Awards:

90+ Age: Highest Scratch Game: 192 by Forrest Wright; Highest Handicap Series by Carroll Hamon 773;
Most Improved Bowler Compared to the Previous Season: Plus 11 points by Carroll Hamon.

55-72 Age: Number of games and series 40 points above game & series averages: 17 by Steve Porter

2021-22 Season League Br 23 Team Awards by Divisions:

Country Rollers, Div 1 (Gordon Hubble); High Handicap Series: 2811

The Old Farts, Div 2 (Tony Tipton); High Handicap Game: 1008

Groovers, Div 3 (Joe Rodriguez, Marwan Siagian, Kevin Wall); High Scratch Game: 673

Alley Oops, Div 4 (Forrest Wright, Carroll Hamon, Steve Porter, Ray Zelinski); High Handicap Series: 2873

Wizzards, Div 4 (Ralph Williams); High Handicap Game: 928

GOLF Report for May 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:

May 4, Teal Bend

May 18, MacKenzie

May 25, Cherry Island

June 1, River Oaks

June 16, Wildhawk, League Championship Nr. 2

9-Hole League:

May 10, Emerald Lakes
May 20, Arcade Creek Blue
June 3, William Land Park
June 9, Cordova

Tournament Results:

18-Hole League:

March 30, Ancil Hoffman

Flight 1: Shilliday (66), Don Rodriguez, (71), Wohlenberg (72).

CTP: Don Rodriguez

Flight 2: Brunton (75), Moore (76), Landsittel (78). CTP: Steve Schmidt

Flight 3: Sittner (69), Ng (70), Ashley (70). CTP: Steve Ng

Flight 4: Pruss (73), DeLong (75), Young (77), Pennington (77).

CTP: Jim DeLong

Flight 5: Davie (73), Lenny (77), Frank, (78), Peterson (78).

CTP: David Nemzek

April 20, Dry Creek

Flight 1: Caldwell, (70), Brunton (71), Wohlenberg (73). CTP: Gary Bradley

Flight 2: Moore (74), Schmidt (75), Landsittel (80). CTP: Tom Freeman

Flight 3: Stott (69), Nguyen (76), Siagian (76). CTP: Lam Nguyen

Flight 4: Pruss (74), Westerman (75), Abel (75). CTP: No Winner

Flight 5: Peterson (75), Carisoza (77), Yamamoto (78), Brush (78).

CTP: No Winner

9-Hole League:

April 1, Bradshaw

Flight 1: Moore (28), Mahoney (28), Schmidt, Nguyen, Abel, Dutcher,
Tipton (29). CTP: Bill Moore

Flight 2: Callander (23), Ng (24), Zelinski (28). CTP: Ray Zelinski

April 15, Emerald Lakes

Flight 1: Moore (34), Nguyen (36), Landsittel, Siagian, Bamfield, Abel (37).

CTP: Marwan Siagian

Flight 2: Ng (33), Stott (33), Carisoza (37). CTP: Steve Ng

April 18, Arcade Creek Red

Flight 1: Schmidt (34), Siagian (34), Pruss (35). CTP: Steve Schmidt

Flight 2: Stott (31), Wall (33), Frank (35), Nguyen (35). CTP: Steve Ng

HIKING REPORT: See the flyer on the next page for May hiking information. Call Brian Benner if you have any questions (916-747-1139).

IMPORTANT MEMBER DATES FOR MAY:

WEDDING DATES:

Brown, John and Patricia	1966
Yamamoto, George and Harumi	1967
Peterson, David and Elaine	1975
Rinaldi, Barney and Gail	1976
Elkins , Paul and Tanya	1978
DiMugno, John and Carol	1983
Ng, Steve and Debby	1985
Wahlenberg, Erich and Michelle	1991
Doolittle, Jim and Joanne	1991
Hanamura, Mike and Lynn	1993
Laumer, Jerry and Pat	2004

JOIN DATES:

Sutherland, Bill	2003
Nielsen,Bob	2005
Fairhurst, Neil	2006
Schmidt, Steve	2006
Domyancic, Paul	2011
Abalona, Bill	2017
Pruss, Mike	2017
Dobrowolski, Joe	2018
Lum, Wes	2018
Brown, Jean	2019
Mohler, Bob	2019
Slusher, Ron	2020

BIRTHDAYS:

Shimek, Dennis	1937
Coe, Jim	1938
Crews, Tommie	1939
Semans, Frank	1939
Fairhurst, Neil	1941
Holmgren, Mike	1943
Siagian, Marwan	1945
Sittner, Phil	1948
Pruss, Mike	1950
Hamilton, Dana	1951
Slusher, Ron	1953
Hubble, Gordon	1953
Nguyen, Lam	1953
Stott, Rob	1957

**Please Join Us On Thursday, May 26th
For a Scenic Hike
On The Confluence Trail
Start Time 9:00 a.m.
Your Partner and Friends Are Welcome!**

Wild Flowers | River Views | Wildlife



The Confluence Trail is an 3.4 mile out and back trail, elevation gain 485 feet located near Cool, California that features a river and is rated as easy/moderate. Confluence is rated excellent by AllTrails.

Directions Via I-80 E

Follow I-80 E to Elm Ave in Auburn. Take exit 119C from I-80 E. Take CA-49 S/El Dorado Street to Old Foresthill Rd. GPS Corordinates: 38.91572, -121.03811

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

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