



**The NUGGET, OCTOBER, 2022
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**Web Manager: Gordon Callander
gordoncallander@yahoo.com**

BREAKING NEWS:

The Branch 23 monthly luncheons for the remainder of 2022 will be held at the Dante Club, located at 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd. This will, as usual, be on the second Wednesday of each month. Lunch will be at the same time, 12 noon, with social activities beginning at +/- 11:30 am. Cost \$25. See more details in the Big SIR Report. The October Luncheon will be on October 12.

Big Sir Report:

Fall is upon us and the holidays are fast approaching. So now is the time to reserve dates on your calendar for the SIR parties in December. Early in December is the Christmas party at North Ridge Country Club. All who attended last year's party had fun and said it was a great success. The Christmas Party committee plans to sell tickets at the October and November luncheon meetings. **The exact date will be announced shortly.**

December also brings us to the end of season **Golf Luncheon** at the Cattlemen's restaurant in Rancho Cordova. So block out the date, **December 2**, on your calendar.

Please remember that our **October 12, 2022** lunch meeting will be at Noon at the Dante Club. Social activities begin at 11:30am and the meeting/luncheon at noon. **Cost is \$25.**

Since the last newsletter the State SIR BEC has met twice. On August 25th, elections were held and new officers were elected. The 2023 State Officers are:

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| President: | Dave Gonzales |
| Vice President: | Dale Decker |
| Secretary: | Russ Salazar |
| Chief Administrative Officer: | Roy Hodgkinson |

On September 15th, the second meeting was held. Key issues at this meeting were discussions about suggested By-law changes to increase inclusiveness, the State Budget, and marketing methods to increase membership.

Fishermen, please take notice that Gordon Callander has organized two Sacramento Delta fishing excursions. He is looking for one more person to fill the second boat in early October. Let Gordon know if you are interested.

General Davie, Jerry Westerman and Jim Coe have been working hard to update our Branch 23 Standing Rules and Regulations. The BEC voted on and approved those Rules and Regulations and I am happy to say that we intend to distribute an abridged version of them this month.

JD Bamfield
BIG SIR

Little SIR Report:

Our speaker for October is Michael Durner, a supervisor with the TSA for 18 of the 20 years he has worked at that agency. Prior to this service, Mr. Durner was a deputy sheriff for 20 years. Mr. Durner has been married for 35 years, has 4 children and 11 grandchildren. His topic will be "The TSA, the problems you've seen, and changes since the agency began."

We are working on the annual SIR Christmas party, which will again be held at the North Ridge Country Club on Madison Avenue in Fair Oaks. We will begin Sign-ups at the October luncheon meeting and I should be able to provide the cost at that time. I would expect it to be similar to last year at around \$45 to \$50 per person. I will have more details at the meeting. Be sure to bring your significant other.

Jerry Westerman
Little SIR, Branch 23
916-801-7879

TREASURER'S REPORT: by Jim Coe

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| (Beginning Balance (Checking) | August 1, 2022 | \$5,628.57 |
| Beginning Petty Cash | | 400.00 |
| Funds Received | | 2,366.00 |
| Funds Disbursed | | 2,748.94 |
| Ending Checking Balance | August 31, 2022 | 5,245.63 |
| Ending Savings Balance | | - 0- |
| Ending Petty Cash | | 400.00 |
| Ending Cash Balance (Total Cash) | August 31, 2022 | \$5,645.63 |

The ending balance includes \$502 in the Bocce Ball account for annual participation fees and tournament entry fees, per Jim Coe.

SUNSHINE REPORT: by Gordon Routsong

Please let me know of any members who are ill or have some other medical issues. Call me at 916-966-8599 with any news you might have. Thank you!

BRANCH NEWS:

NOTICE: Please notify Ray Zelinski (<rczelinski@sbcglobal.net>; 916-961-4222) of any changes to your contact information as shown in the 2022 Branch 23 Directory. The Branch is in the process of preparing the roster for publishing the 2023 Directory. We would appreciate having the most current information in the directory when it is published later this year, and assume that you, also, would like your current contact data be correctly shown. Target deadline date to receive edits is October 31. Thank you.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR OCTOBER NUGGET: by Ray Zelinski Sep 17, 2022

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

DELETIONS:

None

SEPTEMBER NEW MEMBERS: (Sponsors shown in parentheses)

None

PENDING OCTOBER NEW MEMBERS:

Ernie Curto (Paul Vijitakula)
Paul Stevenson (Dana Hamilton)

OTHER MEMBERSHIP/ROSTER/DIRECTORY CHANGES:

None

New Members Information:

None to report.

2022 SIR Branch 23 New Members Information:

| NAME | PHONE | EMAIL |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--|
| Brendan McGuire (JAN) | 916-966-6435 | b222@yahoo.com |
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| Darrell "Big D" Beddard (MAR) | 916-804-7024 | bigd04golf@yahoo.com |
| William "Mark" Ashley (MAR) | 619-991-0978 | mashleyalpine@gmail.com |
| John DiMugno (MAR) | 540-391-5019 | dimugno@pacbell.net |
| John Weber (MAR) | 916-991-1474 | jweber7122@comcast.net |
| James "Jim" Erickson (MAR) | 916-342-2694 | jimerickson1@yahoo.com |
| Mitchell D "Mitch" Valder (APR) | 916-846-9869 | mitchvalder@gmail.com |
| John P "Pat" Billingsley (APR) | 916-273-6614 | jpbreno@aol.com |
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| Craig J Chatelain (MAY) | 916-806-7982 | chatelaincraig@gmail.com |
| Timothy J "Tim" Beck (MAY) | 916-812-1369 | timothyjbeck1@gmail.com |
| David Kesty (MAY) | 916-529-2045 | dkesty@yahoo.com |
| Loren C Newell (MAY) | 916-895-8854 | mnlnewell@frontiernet.net |
| Nick Catrantzos (JUN) | 916-295-7823 | catransauce@gmail.com |
| Ski Brown (JUN) | 916-225-8272 | gorskister@gmail.com |

2022 SIR Branch 23 Separated Members:

Dell Fystrom: Dell passed away on May 16.

Dennis Crossland: resigned 8/10/22

Vince Duffy: resigned 8/10/22

Lyn Massie: resigned 8/10/22

Paul Palabrica: resigned 8/10/22

Gene Tognetti: resigned 8/10/22

SENIOR AWARD:

Cass Mastalski turned 90 years of age this month, thereby qualifying for the SIR Senior Award. Cass joined Branch 23 in November, 2004, having been sponsored by Chris Christopherson.

Early on, Cass was in the Air Force for four years. After college, Cass married and has been married to his wife, Mary, for over 50 years.

Cass worked at McClellan AFB for 20 years, from 1975 until 1995. Cass was an equipment specialist in the F-111 Systems Management Division. He worked on the F-111 from the first one delivered to McClellan until the plane was retired 20 years later. It seems like the plane and Cass retired at the same time.

During this time period, Cass was sent to Lakenheath Royal AFB near Cambridge, England, for 3 years, overseeing the F-111's that were sent to that location.

While at McClellan AFB, Cass played golf with our Historian, Bill Sutherland. Bill indicated that he and Cass had played in at least three golf leagues over the years. Bill indicated that Cass had previously joined the SIRS Branch, but had no record of his original installation or resignation dates. But Cass did join in 2004 and he has been very active in both the nine and eighteen hole golf leagues. Just since 2005, he has played in over 500 rounds of golf between the two leagues. In 2009, Cass assumed to job of the 18 hole golf chairmanship. This job involves close coordination and signing contracts with the various courses we play throughout the year. Cass did a great job with that position, until replaced by Dave Brunton. A few significant features he brought to the 18 hole program were: One, he increased the number of tournaments from about 22 per year to as many as 35; Two, he was able to schedule our league into several private country clubs, such as Del Paso, Sierra View, and Granite Bay; Third, he initiated the raffle program for donated rounds of golf for a foursome at several courses we play annually, with the raffle proceeds going directly into our prize fund at the end of the year.

“The quality of our golf program today, which is a cornerstone of our branch, can definitely be traced back to the efforts of Cass Mastalski during those 13 years”, Bill Sutherland said.

Congratulations to Cass Mastalski on his 90th birthday.



JD Bamfield presents Cass Mastalski with the Senior Award at the September luncheon.

BRANCH 23 SPORTS REPORT:

BOWLING REPORT by Ray Zelinski

Branch 23 Team Standings (Weeks 1 thru 3; Aug 30, Sep 6 & 13):

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| Div 1 | Dream Team 8-4 | Tied for 1st Place | (Jesse Kegarise & Bob Nielsen) |
| Div 2 | Soaring Eagles 7-5 | Tied for 2nd Place | (Tony Pruitt, George Hodsdon, Mike Holmgren. |
| | One Board Left 6-6 | 4th Place | (Gordon Hubble) |

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| Div 3 | The Old Farts 11-1 | 1st Place | (Tony Tipton, Paul Elkins) |
| | Groovers 3-9 | 4th Place | (Joe Rodriguez, Kevin Wall, Marwan Siagian) |
| Div 4 | Oh So Close 9-3 | 1st Place | (Jim Eaton, J D Bamfield) |
| | Alley Oops 5-7 | 3rd Place | (Forrest Wright, Carroll Hamon, Steve Porter, Ray Zelinski) |
| | Wizards | 4th Place | (John Brown, Ralph Williams) |

Branch 23 Individual Honors (Weeks 1 thru 3; Aug 30, Sep 6 & 13):

| | <u>200+ Games</u> | | <u>500+ Series</u> | |
|--------|-------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|
| Week 1 | None | | Steve Porter | 549 |
| | | | Jim Eaton | 515 |
| | | | Mike Holmgren | 501 |
| Week 2 | Gordon Hubble | 211 | Jim Eaton | 561 |
| | Jim Eaton | 223 | Mike Holmgren | 514 |
| | | | Gordon Hubble | 504 |
| Week 3 | None | | Tony Pruitt | 557 |
| | | | Tony Tipton | 513 |

GOLF Report for October 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: (Shown to the end of the season)

18-Hole League:

October 5, Wildhorse

October 19, McKenzie – League Championship Nr 3.

October 26, Bing Maloney – League Championship Nr. 4

November 2, Bartley Cavanaugh – League Championship Nr. 5

9-Hole League:

October 3, Antelope Greens

October 13, Bing Maloney Executive Course

Tournament Results:

18-Hole League:

August 25, Wildhawk 2-man Best Ball

Flight 1: John Mahoney / Jim Doolittle 63
Dana Hamilton / Jim DeLong 64
Frank Abel / Tam LeFebure 64
Flight 2: Brendan McGuire / Jerry Westerman 59
Mark Ashley / Marwan Siagian 61
Phil Sittner / (Blind Draw) 62

August 31, Empire Ranch

Flight 1: Wahlenberg (66), Caldwell (67), Biesanz (68). CTP: Curt Caldwell
Flight 2: Landsittel (63), Nguyen (67), Scott Kenney (67). CTP: Steve Ng
Flight 3: Davie (68), Westerman (70), Landers (71), Slusher (71).
CTP: Robert Carisoza

September 7, Lincoln Hills

Flight 1: Schmidt (70), Landsittel (72), Boutros (72). CTP: John Rowland
Flight 2: Frank (62), Peterson (67), Davie (72). CTP: Tam LeFebure

IMPORTANT MEMBER DATES FOR OCTOBER:

JOIN DATES:

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| Landsittel, Don | 2014 |
| Ng, Steve | 2015 |
| Wall, Kevin | 2015 |
| Callander, Gordon | 2017 |
| Corrigan, Garrett | 2017 |
| Doljanin, Petye | 2017 |
| Angeloni, Randy | 2018 |
| Porter, Stephen | 2018 |
| Boutros, Andre | 2020 |
| Brown, John | 2020 |
| Williams, Ralph | 2020 |
| Schafer, John | 2021 |

BIRTHDAYS:

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| Joyce, Paul | 1940 |
| Riley, Roger | 1942 |
| Betzler, Bob | 1944 |
| Dutcher, Scott | 1946 |
| Carisoza, Bob | 1947 |
| Weber, John | 1951 |
| Beddard, Darrell | 1960 |

WEDDINGS:

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| Retterer, Ron and Karen | 1963 |
| Bloomer, John and Pat | 1965 |
| Sittner, Phil and Deb | 1973 |

Singer, Rich and Cathy 1977
 Fairhurst, Neil and Karen 1986
 DeLong, Jim and Linda 1986
 Murrell, Gail and Ginny 1986
 Abalona, Bill and Brenda 1989
 Landers, Odell and Nancy 1997
 Benner, Brian and Diane 2011

ACTIVITIES BEYOND GOLF

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|  | <p>HAPPY HIKERS We have easy and excellent rated hikes the 3rd or 4th Thursday each month. Partners and Friends Welcome! If You Have Any Questions, Brian Benner 916-747-1139, btaxmanblb@aol.com Go to our website for dates & location. www.sir.org/activities</p> |  |
|  | <p>We have a lively monthly meeting with lots of laughter and fun on designated dates. This is an exceptional opportunity to make new SIR friends. We currently meet at The Event Room, Raley's, Fair Oaks, 4840 San Juan Ave. Contact Nick Catrantzos catransauce@gmail.com 916-295-7823 Or go to our website www.sir.org/activities</p> |  |
|  | <p>We have 27 Jolly Hookers! Let me know if would like to join the fun! Two fishing adventures scheduled. Oct. 4th & Oct. 6th trolling for stripers & other big fish. Call or Email me 916-230-8622 gordoncallander@yahoo.com. I will be off the grid from Sept. 5th to Sept. 25th. After the 5th, please contact John Bloomer with questions or concerns, 916-568-9357 john.blmr@gmail.com</p> |  |
|  | <p>We have ongoing use of two bocce ball courts located at Carmichael Park. Beginning in February, we will start league play. A schedule and further information is available on our newsletter or contact Dave Peterson at davidjpeterson08@yahoo.com</p> |  |
|  | <p>Over 20 Branch members participate in a bowling league formed from Branches in the Sacramento Area. The league begins bowling in September and ends in April. Check our monthly Newsletter or contact Ray Zelinski at rczelinski@sbcglobal.net for bowling results and information during the bowling season.</p> |  |
|  | <p>Scenic Ireland Trip, Through Ireland & Northern Ireland April 14-27, 2023 Go to www.sir23/activities for complete information.</p> | |
|  | <p>BOOK EXCHANGE Choose from 100's of titles displayed at each luncheon. Pick up as many books as want and take your time reading, return when you have finished at the next luncheon. Mike Pruss, Book Exchange Manager</p> |  |

My thanks to Ray Zelinski for producing the September Nugget while my wife and I were on an extended vacation through the Atlantic north countries. Ed.