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**Our monthly luncheons have moved to the Dante Club for the year 2023. The Dante Club is located at 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd, Sacramento, 95825. This is across from the Pavilion Shopping Center, just east of University Avenue. Our social hour starts at 11:00am, with lunch beginning at noon. The menu for the January 11th (2nd Wednesday of the month) is printed elsewhere in this bulletin.**

**BIG SIR REPORT:**

We are about to start a new year of SIR activities: golf, bowling, bocce, hiking, fishing, the book club and great monthly lunches with guest speakers at the Dante Club! SIR is a great organization of activities

for men. I have made a lot of friends since I joined. I hope everyone gets involved in one or more of these activities and let me or the Branch Executive Committee (BEC) know if you have any suggestions for additional activities or general ideas for continuing to expand our membership. You are always welcome to attend our Board meetings, which are generally held prior to the luncheons at the Dante Club.

We had a wonderful Christmas luncheon at the Northridge Country Club. Hopefully, the ladies in attendance enjoyed their gifts and I think Northridge does a great job on the food and service. We will probably have the luncheon there again in 2023. We even had music provided by Dave Peterson for our enjoyment and entertainment.

Looking forward to my first luncheon as Big Sir and I will see you on January 11th at the Dante Club.

Just, remember for next year, everyone is invited to the Christmas luncheon with or without your significant other (even though we call it the Ladies Luncheon). But no mistresses please, we don't want to go down that road.

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**Jerry Westerman**  
**Big Sir**

**Little Sir Report:**

Per Mark Ashley, our Little Sir, a luncheon speaker has been selected for the January meeting. Mark is away for the holidays and will have a full report in the February issue. ed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT: Jim Coe**

**The October Treasurer's report should have indicated an additional \$150 in lunch receipts. The revised report was issued by email to all Officers and Directors on 11/10/2022.**

(Beginning Balance (Checking)	Nov. 1, 2022	\$6,310.42
Beginning Petty Cash		400.00
Funds Received		4,570.00
Funds Disbursed		2,359.25
Ending Checking Balance	Nov. 30, 2022	8,521.17
Ending Savings Balance		- 0-
Ending Petty Cash		400.00
Ending Cash Balance (Total Cash)	Nov. 30, 2022	\$8,921.17

Of the cash balance, \$502 is in the bocce account. Jim Coe and Bocce ball chairman David Peterson are discussing the use of that money.

**SUNSHINE REPORT: by Gordon Routsong**

Please let me know of any members who are ill or have some other medical issues. Call me at 916-761-2080 with any news you might have.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR JANUARY NUGGET: by Ray Zelinski Dec 22, 2022**

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

**DELETIONS:**

Tommy Crews was released from membership

**DECEMBER NEW MEMBERS:** (Sponsors shown in parentheses)

None

**PENDING JANUARY NEW MEMBERS:**

None known

**OTHER MEMBERSHIP/ROSTER/DIRECTORY CHANGES:**

Kenney, Bob: New residence: 3849 Walnut Ave, L-34; Carmichael 95608-2148; 916-274-4918

**New Members Information:**

None to report

**2022 SIR Branch 23 New Members Information:**

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**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

Fred Adge: resigned 9/29/22

Tommy Crews: released 12/7/22

## Branch 23 News:

Our new slate of Officers and Directors will begin their terms officially on January 1. We are lucky to have a strong group of officers with a lot of experience in SIR affairs and Directors who have previously been Big Sirs themselves. Roger Riley, Dave Peterson, JD Bamfield and Phil Sittner have all served as Big Sir in our own Branch 23 and are continuing to serve as Directors. Ray Zelinski, now Membership Chairman, also is a previous Big Sir, as is Tom Novi, who serves as chairman of the Recruitment and Promotion activities.

If you have questions or suggestions for new activities, please contact any of our Officers or Directors.

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## Ladies Day/Christmas Luncheon:

Our annual Ladies Day/Christmas Luncheon was held on December 8, 2022 at the Northridge Country Club in Fair Oaks. Thanks to John Boss, more than 90 of our Branch 23 members and their guests were able to celebrate at the beautiful club on December 8th. A terrific lunch was complemented by very special music. Plans are underway for the 2023 luncheon, again scheduled be held at the same venue.



Above photo courtesy of Joe Dobrowolski



Two photos above courtesy of Paul Domyancic

The Branch 23 end of the year golf luncheon was held at the Cattlemen's Restaurant on Folsom Blvd., near Hazel Avenue, on December 2, 2022. There were upwards of 80 members for this yearly function. Awards were given out and special mention was given to golfers who played the most rounds during the year. The menu consisted of steak, salmon or vegetarian choices and was well received by our members.



Photo courtesy of Ski Brown

**BRANCH 23 SPORTS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES:**

Bocce ball will return in February, 2023, per David Peterson.

## JANUARY NUGGET BOWLING REPORT

by Ray Zelinski

Branch 23 Team Standings (Weeks 13 thru 16; Nov 22 & 29 and Dec 6, & 13):

Div 2	Dream Team 40-24	1st Place	(Jesse Kegarise & Bob Nielsen)
	Soaring Eagles 35-29	3rd Place (Tied)	(Tony Pruitt, George Hodsdon, Mike Holmgren)
	One Board Left 35-29	3rd Place (Tied)	(Gordon Hubble)
Div 3	The Old Farts 35-29	1st Place	(Tony Tipton, Paul Elkins)
	Oh So Close 31-33	3rd Place	(Jim Eaton, J D Bamfield)
Div 4	Groovers 31-33	2nd Place	(Joe Rodriguez, Kevin Wall, Marwan Siagian)
	Wizards 26-38	3rd Place	(John Brown, Ralph Williams)
	Alley Oops 25-39	4th Place	(Forrest Wright, Carroll Hamon, Ray Zelinski)

Branch 23 Individual Honors:

		<u>200+ Games</u>	<u>500+ Series</u>
Week 13	Holmgren	218	510
	Kegarise		539
Week 14	Holmgren	201	544
	Eaton		549
Week 15	Holmgren	207	557
	Hubble	205	548
Week 16	Holmgren	210	530
	Eaton		514

## Golf Report for January, 2023 Nugget: by Bill Sutherland

**Branch 23 Golf Website:** Visit this site to determine golf starting times, pairings, results and other golf related matters. The address is [sb23.golfclub.net](http://sb23.golfclub.net).

**2023 Schedule:** The 2023 golf tournaments have all been scheduled and signups will start at the January luncheon.

The 18 hole league will have 31 events in 2023 with two new courses added, Woodcreek and Whitney Oaks. Also, the Championship Series courses have been revised to include Wildhorse and Woodcreek in the Big Sir Championship, and Turkey Creek and Morgan Creek have been added to the League Championship Series. The season will again conclude with an Awards Luncheon at the Cattlemen's Restaurant on December 1, 2023.

The nine hole league will have 23 events. The schedule is similar to recent years, with the addition of one new tournament. We will be returning to Black Oak, in Auburn, after an absence of several years. This course will be played on September 15th.

## Upcoming Tournaments:

### 18 hole league:

Feb 1: Wildhorse, Big Sir Championship Nbr. 1  
Feb. 16: McKenzie, Big Sir Championship Nbr. 2  
Feb. 22: Woodcreek, Big Sir Championship Nbr. 3  
Mar. 3 Bartley Cavanaugh  
Mar. 15: Davis

### 9 hole league:

Feb 24: Bradshaw Ranch  
Mar. 10: Arcade Creek Blue  
Mar. 20: Land Park

## Important January Member Dates:

### Join by Date:

White, Joe 1981  
Mellon, Floyd 2000  
Martin, Jerry 2003  
Novi , Tom 2007  
Battistessa, Rich 2011  
Crippen, Dick 2011  
Brush, Steve 2014  
Davie, General 2014  
Espinosa, Bill 2014  
Fotopoulos, Phil 2014  
Peterson, David 2014  
Zarzana, George 2014  
Bamfield, JD 2018  
Chapman, Bob 2018  
Hannon, Joe 2018  
Kimball, Bill 2018  
Moore, Bill 2019  
Hubble, Gordon 2020  
Doolittle, Jim 2021  
McGuire, Brendan 2022

### Birthdays:

Scarlett, Sam 1927  
Pennington, Dallas 1936  
Hannon, Joe 1936  
Barsch, Ray 1936  
Anderson, Bob 1937  
Zelinski, Ray 1940  
Rowland, John 1941  
Brush, Steve 1947  
Bullock, Greg 1950  
Doolittle, Jim 1951  
Jones, Mark 1952  
Godinho, David 1956  
Boutros, Andre 1958

### Wedding Dates:

Landsittel, Don and Jode 1967  
Angeloni, Randy and Mary 1971  
Vijitakula, Paul and Sue 1977  
Billingsley, "Pat" and Kathleen 1997

Our January lunch menu consists of the following:

Strawberry mixed green salad  
Herb roasted Red Potatoes  
Pan Seared Chicken with sun-dried tomato and Artichoke Tuscan Cream Sauce  
Green Beans  
Dinner Rolls with Sweet Butter

# ACTIVITIES!



Our Luncheon and Meeting is at  
The Dante Club, 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd, Sacramento  
Our Next Delicious Luncheon,  
**Wednesday, January 11th**  
Social, Golf Sign Up, Book Exchange 11:30-12:00,  
Meeting, Lunch & Speaker 12:00 to < >1:30

**Luncheon Menu**  
\*Strawberry Mixed Green Salad  
\*Herb Roasted Red Potatoes  
\*Chicken with Sun Dried Tomato &  
Artichoke Tuscan Cream Sauce  
\*Green Beans  
\*Dinner Rolls with Sweet Butter  
\*Dessert



## GOLF

We offer the most robust golf program in the Sacramento Area. Including both 9 and 18 hole weekly tournaments held from February through November. Go to our website for details. [sir23.org/activities](http://sir23.org/activities)

Gary Bradley 18 Hole

Steve Ng 9 Hole



## HAPPY HIKERS, Partners and Friends Welcome!

Starting in February, we offer easy and excellent hikes monthly. Contact Brian Benner, 916 -747-1139, [btaxmanblb@aol.com](mailto:btaxmanblb@aol.com)  
Go to our website for dates & location  
[sir23.org/activities](http://sir23.org/activities)



## Book-n-Neers Book Group

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. Contact Nick Catrantzos [catransauce@gmail.com](mailto:catransauce@gmail.com) 916- 295-7823, or go to our website [sir23.org/activities](http://sir23.org/activities)



## BOOK EXCHANGE

Choose from 100's of titles displayed at each luncheon. Pick up as many books as you want and take your time reading, return when you have finished. Mike Pruss, Book Exchange Manager  
[mjkpruss@gmail.com](mailto:mjkpruss@gmail.com), 916-675-2663



## JOLLY HOOKERS

Two or three major fishing adventures are planned. We will be cruising the delta for stripers, salmon, sturgeon and other big tasty fish. Let me know if you would like to join the fun! Contact me 916-803-0281, [rogerkriley@gmail.com](mailto:rogerkriley@gmail.com) or go to [sir23.org/activities](http://sir23.org/activities)



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](mailto:rczelinski@sbcglobal.net) for bowling results and information during the bowling season.



## BOCCE

We have ongoing use of two bocce ball courts located at Carmichael Park. We will start league play in February. A schedule and further information is available in our newsletter or contact Dave Peterson at [davidjpeterason08@yahoo.com](mailto:davidjpeterason08@yahoo.com).



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