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Our monthly luncheon will be held on Wednesday, March 8th at the Dante Club, located at 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd, Sacramento 95825. This is across from the Pavilion Shopping Center, just east of University Avenue. Our social hour begins at 11:30am, with lunch beginning at noon.

See the menu planned for March 8th on the top right side of the next page.

A big “Thank you” to Gordon Callander for the “Activities Update” on the next page. Well done!

ACTIVITIES UPDATE!



Our Luncheon and Meeting is at
The Dante Club, 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd, Sacramento
Our Next Delicious Luncheon,
Wednesday, March 8th
Social, Golf Sign Up, Book Exchange 11:30-12:00,
Meeting, Lunch & Speaker 12:00 to <>1:30

Luncheon Menu
Brussels Sprouts Salad
Braised Corn Beef & Cabbage
Rosted Carrots, Yukon Potatoes
Dinner Rolls & Sweet Butter
Chef's Choice Dessert
Vegan, Vegetarian, Gluten Free, options



GOLF

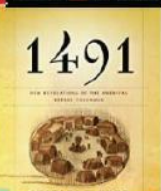
We offer the most robust golf program in the Sacramento Area. Including both 9 and 18 hole weekly tournaments held from February through November. Go to our website for details. sir23.org/activities
Gary Bradley 18 Hole Steve Ng 9 Hole



HAPPY HIKERS and Walkers
The Humbug Willow Creek Trail
Tuesday, February 21st, 10 a.m.
A Fun, Easy, Flat Hike, Rated Excellent by AllTrails
Partners, Grand Kids & Friends Welcome
Contact Brian Benner, 916 -747-1139, btaxmanblb@aol.com



Book-n-Neers Book Group
Join us on February 27th at 9 a.m. for an enlightening fun filled morning!
Raleys 4840 San Juan Ave. Fair Oaks
Our book choice is 1491, A sweeping Portrait of The Americas Before Columbus
Contact Nick Catrantzos catransauce@gmail.com 916- 295-7823



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, 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 or go to 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 for bowling results and information during the bowling season.



BOCCE BALL

We have ongoing use of two bocce ball courts located at Carmichael Park. We will start league play February 14th. A schedule and further information is available in our newsletter or contact Dave Peterson at davidjpeterson08@yahoo.com.



Check Our Website for Travel Ideas...Sir23.org/activities

BIG SIR REPORT:

I played my first round of golf this year the Alister MacKenzie designed 18 at Haggin Oaks Golf Course. It was a bit cold but I had a great day and did not do too badly (for me), considering I had not played in a couple of months. Well, except for hole #4. I put four balls in the lake! I guess I was weeding out all of the bad golf balls, before I got one across the water. Has anyone else had that problem? It seems that once you mess up a shot over the water, you try way too hard to get it over and the reverse happens. I will be back next week at Woodcreek G.C. in Roseville and probably need another excuse after that round too.

New member Emmett Mahle wanted to know if we had a poker group. If any of you like to play poker (low level poker) and would be interested in chairing or co-chairing a monthly poker game for club members. I fully understand that we would have to name a location, find poker tables, locate chips and cards and also establish some agreeable rules. Also, as Mr. Mahle mentioned to me, possibly there are Branch 23 SIR members who have done this in the past and have some of the appropriate equipment at home already.

We are always looking for new activities and those activities need both member interest and member leadership. We added a couple of new activities over the winter and are open to more.

Jerry Westerman, Big SIR

LITTLE SIR REPORT:

Our speaker for March was originally scheduled to be a spokesperson for the California High Speed Rail authority, but they called me last week and said they can no longer attend the March meeting but would like to reschedule.

I have a request out to the VA Cemetery in Dixon to see if they can cover our March date (the 8th) instead of our April luncheon, at which they had previously agreed to speak. I have not heard from them at press time.

As a contingency, I can personally do a presentation on the Jelly's Ferry Bridge over Sacramento River Replacement Project. This project was recently completed and it has some features our SIR members may be interested in.

So, the March luncheon presentation will be either the VA Cemetery, or my own presentation.

See you at the meeting!

Mark Ashley, Little SIR

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jim Coe

(Beginning Balance (Checking)	Jan.1, 2023	\$4,988.05
Beginning Petty Cash		400.00
Funds Received		4,775.00
Funds Disbursed		3,271.99
Ending Checking Balance	Jan. 31, 2023	6,491.06
Ending Savings Balance		- 0-
Ending Petty Cash		400.00
Ending Cash Balance (Total Cash)	Jan. 31, 2023	\$6,891.06

Of the cash balance, \$414 is in the bocce account.

SUNSHINE REPORT: by Gordon Routsong

Dorothy Barsch, wife of Ray, passed away on February 7, 2023, after lingering health issues. Our condolences go out to Ray and his family.

As always, please keep me apprised of anyone of our members that is ill or has had an accident. I can be reached on my cell phone, (916) 761-2080, or email lgroustong@att.net.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR MARCH NUGGET: BY RAY ZELINSKI FEB 19, 2023

MEMBERSHIP STATUS: 154 Members including two Senior Honorary Life Members and three Honorary Life Members

DELETIONS:

SHLM Joe White was released from membership at his request effective 2/8/23
David Godinho resigned on 2/14/23

JANUARY NEW MEMBERS: (Sponsors shown in parentheses)

Mark DeSalvatore (Darrell Beddard)
Dave Schlaufman (Dave Brunton)
Emmett Mahle (Dave Peterson)
Bill Hooper (Gordon Routsong)

PENDING MARCH NEW MEMBERS: (Sponsors shown in parentheses)

None known

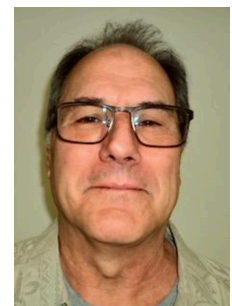
OTHER MEMBERSHIP/ROSTER/DIRECTORY CHANGES:

Holmgren: change email address to <holmgrenharold@myyahoo.com>
Jack Reefer is Br 23's Area 4 Representative; 916-531-2551;
<jreefer@sbcglobal.net>
Joyce: change email address to <paulmary@surewest.net>

New Members Information:

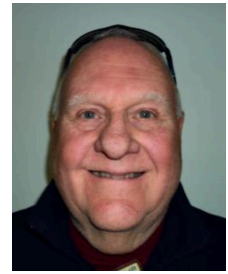
#25 Mark DeSalvatore, 111Denure Court, Folsom 95630-2283
916-757-8618 mdesalvatore@comcast.net

Mark was born on May 23, 1956. He is married to Andreja. Mark is a retired career Civil Engineer with Caltrans. He is interested in traveling, photography, gardening and dining.



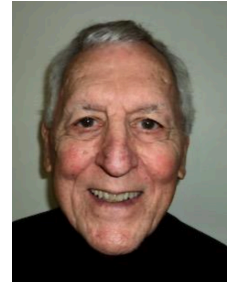
#56 Dave Schlaufman, 1132 Singing Wood Rd, Sacramento 95864-7736
916-397-8078 clafong52@yahoo.com

Dave was born on Apr 20, 1952. He is married to Sharon. Dave worked in the electrical construction field with the Rex Moore Company. He is interested in a large variety of activities some of which are travel, hiking, photography, astronomy, biking, bocce and dining.



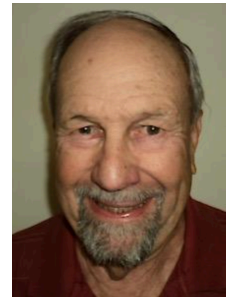
#70 Emmett Mahle, 3601 Woodcrest Rd, Sacramento 95821-3757
916-769-2422 mahlecyberlaw@yahoo.com

Emmett was born Dec 21, 1944. He is married to Barbara. Emmett retired as a sole practitioner Criminal Defense Attorney. Prior to that he was honorably discharged from the US Army in 1993 at the rank of Colonel after serving for 26 years. He is interested in a large variety of activities some of which are travel, hiking, bocce, golf, book club, chorus/singing and dining.



#74 Bill Hooper, 8560 Elm Ave., Orangevale 95662-2643
916-870-2179 (C) 916-988-6880 (Home) b.g.hoop13@gmail.com

Bill was born Dec 11, 1941. He is married to Gale. Bill is a transfer from SIR Br 150. He is a retired Teacher/Principal from the San Juan Unified School Dist. His primary interests are travel, bocce, cribbage, dining out and baseball/football days.



2023 SIR Branch 23 New Members Information:

Name	Phone	Email
Mark DeSalvatore	916-757-8618	mdesalvatore@comcast.net
Bill Hooper	916-870-2179	b.g.hoop13@gmail.com
Emmett Mahle	916-769-2422	mahlecyberlaw@yahoo.com
Dave Schlaufman	916-397-8078	clafong52@yahoo.com

2023 SIR Branch 23 Separated Members Information:

SHLM Joe White (released 2/8/23)
David Godinho (resigned 2/14/23)

BRANCH 23 ACTIVITIES:

Our fearless Branch 23 weather forecaster has predicted that the Branch 23 picnic will have better weather than the first two months of the year. Our flyer on the last page gives some details, including our usual May date. Carmichael Park will again be the venue, and we have the same caterers as the very successful 2022 picnic. Bingo, cornhole and our usual chipping contest will again be available.

BRANCH 23 SPORTS:

No Bocce ball report was forwarded to the editor.

MARCH NUGGET BOWLING REPORT by Ray Zelinski

Branch 23 Team Standings (Weeks 22 thru 25; Jan 24 thru Feb14):

Div 2	Dream Team 63-37	1st Place	(Jesse Kegarise)
	Soaring Eagles 57-43	3rd Place	(Tony Pruitt, George Hodsdon, Mike Holmgren)
	One Board Left 45-55	4th Place	(Gordon Hubble)
Div 3	Oh So Close 57-43	1st Place	(Jim Eaton, J D Bamfield)
	The Old Farts 52-48	2nd Place	(Tony Tipton, Paul Elkins)
Div 4	Groovers 49-51	2nd Place	(Kevin Wall, Marwan Siagian)
	Alley Oops 40-60	3rd Place (Tied)	(Forrest Wright, Carroll Hamon, Ray Zelinski)
	Wizards 40-60	3rd Place (Tied)	(John Brown, Ralph Williams)

Branch 23 Individual Honors:

		<u>200+ Games</u>	<u>500+ Series</u>
Week 22	Eaton	201	561
Week 23	Holmgren		514
Week 24	Holmgren	237, 247	668
	Pruitt	203	544
Week 25	Eaton		504

GOLF Report for March 2023 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.

Upcoming Tournaments:

18 Hole League:

- Mar 15: Davis
- Mar 22: Diamond Oaks, League Championship Nr.1
- Mar 29: Ancil Hoffman
- Apr 5: Whitney Oaks
- Apr 19: Dry Creek
- Apr 26: Mather

May 3: Teal Bend

9 Hole League:

Mar 10: Arcade Creek Blue
Mar 20: William Land Park
Mar 31: Bradshaw Ranch
Apr 14: Emerald Lakes
Apr 17: Arcade Creek Red

Tournament Results:

18 Hole League:

February 1, Wildhorse, Big Sir Championship Nr 1.

Flight 1: Don Rodriguez (72), Landsittel (74), Bradley (77). CTP: Dave Brunton
Flight 2: Boutros (73), Mahoney (78), Vijitakula (78). CTP: Andre Boutros
Flight 3: Nemana (70), Pennington (75), Singer (77). CTP: Dallas Pennington

February 16, MacKenzie, Big Sir Championship Nr. 2

Flight 1: Ahders (75), Caldwell (75), Brunton (75). CTP: Craig Chatelain
Flight 2: Nguyen (74), Jones (75), Boutros (76). CTP: Andre Boutros
Flight 3: LeFebure (72), Novi (73), Abel (76). CTP: Paul Stevenson
Flight 4: Erickson (73), Nemana (75), Frank (76). CTP: Gordon Routsong

February 22, Woodcreek, Big Sir Championship Nr. 3

Flight 1: Bamfield (76), Jerez (77), Brunton (81), Shilliday (81), Doolittle (81).
CTP: Ron Shilliday
Flight 2: Nguyen (70), Jones (76), Angeloni (79), Stott (79).
CTP: Mark Jones
Flight 3: Rowland (78), Novi (82), DeLong (82). CTP: Tom Novi
Flight 4: Westerman (79), Billingsley (80), Boss (85), Frank (85).
CTP: Jerry Westerman

Big Sir Championship:

Lam Nguyen and Gopal Nemana survived the challenging weather and course playing conditions to win the long and short tee flight, respectively, in the 2023 Big Sir Championship. To add to the golf legacy is that the golfers of Branch 23 love their game even under difficult conditions, 60 players played in at least one event, and 14 players played all three. A truly tough bunch. The top five finishers in the championship are shown below.

Top Five - Big Sir Championship - 2023											
Long Tees Flight						Short Tees Flight					
Player	Wildhorse (Feb 1) Par = 72	MacKenzie (Feb 16) Par = 72	Woodcreek (Feb 22) Par = 72	Total - Best 2 of 3 scores	Final Score Relative to Par	Player	Wildhorse (Feb 1) Par = 72	MacKenzie (Feb 16) Par = 72	Woodcreek (Feb 22) Par = 72	Total - Best 2 of 3 scores	Final Score Relative to Par
Nguyen, Lam		74	70	144	0	Nemana, Gopal	70	75	94	145	1
Boutros, Andre	73	76	83	149	5	Novi, Tom		73	82	155	11
Jones, Mark		75	76	151	7	Pennington, Dallas	75	81	88	156	12
Jerez, Roger		76	77	153	9	Westerman, Jerry		78	79	157	13
Bradley, Gary	77	77		154	10	Lenny, Paul	78	79		157	13

IMPORTANT MEMBER DATES FOR MARCH:

JOIN BY DATE:

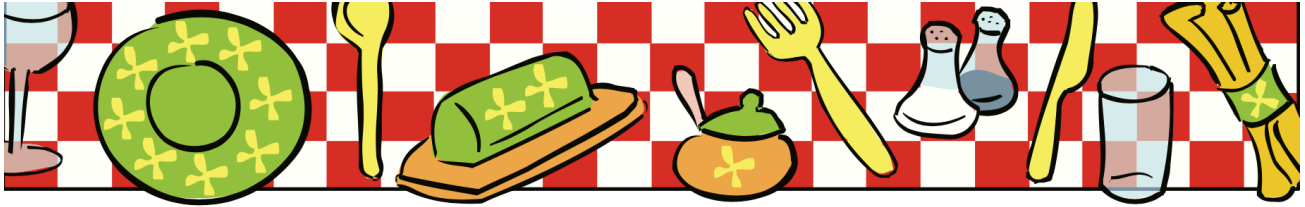
Newell, Stan	1998
Murrell, Gail	2002
Anderson, Bob	2007
Siagian, Marwan	2008
Jones, Mark	2015
Westerman, Jerry	2016
Retterer, Ron	2017
Breien, Doug	2018
Rodriguez, Don	2018
Brunton, Dave	2019
Rinaldi, Barney	2019
Sickels, Chuck	2020
Sheline, Jeff	2021
Ashley, Mark	2022
Beddard, Darrell	2022
DiMugno, John	2022
Erickson, Jim	2022
Long, Mike	2022
Weber, John	2022

BIRTHDAYS:

Kenney, Bob	1923	Happy One Hundred to Bob Kenney!!!
Newell, Stan	1932	
Crippen, Dick	1937	
Zarzana, George	1940	
Dobrowolski, Joe	1940	
Routsong, Gordon	1941	
Sickels, Chuck	1942	
Schafer, John	1945	
Henley, Wayne	1945	
Lenny, Paul	1948	
Williams, Ralph	1948	
Vijitakula, Paul	1948	
Lum, Wes	1949	
Weakley, Ron	1949	
Billingsley, John	1949	
Erickson, Jim	1951	
Porter, Steve	1952	
Catrantzos, Nick	1956	

WEDDINGS:

Crippen, Dick and Barbara	1958
Pennington, Dallas and Merrily	1959
Nemana, Gopal and Vijaya	1967
Catrantzos, Nick and Marilyn	1983
Fotopoulos, Phil and Soula	1984
Kopf, Buzz and Sheila	1985
Riley, Roger and Karen	1993



SIR Branch 23, 10th Annual

FAMILY PICNIC

Tuesday, May 23, 2023 | 11:30am-2:30pm
📍 Carmichael Park Picnic Pavilion

TICKETS ON SALE

at the April & May Monthly Luncheons
\$17 per person

GREAT FOOD



Fresh Mexican grill catered by Xochimilco Restaurant & Brownie Dessert

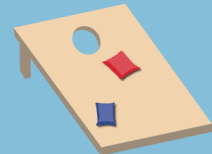
FUN ACTIVITIES



BINGO



Chipping Contest



Cornhole

ENTRY FEE AND PRIZES FOR EACH ACTIVITY!

Ice water provided, bring your own soda • Alcohol prohibited in the park • No sign-ups at the park on May 23

