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**BR. 23 website: sir23.org Webmaster: Gordon Callander
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This is a new web site address for branch 23.

**Monthly meetings on 2nd Wednesdays Carmichael Elks Lodge 5631 Cypress, Carmichael
10:30 am Executive Meeting, 11:00 am social Noon Luncheon, Cost \$17.00**

Next luncheon meeting is February 13, 2019

**Please call Dave Nemzek (916-481-7173) by February 6, 2019 if you cannot attend the meeting.
That is the Wednesday before the February 13, 2019 meeting. We need an accurate count and
need your cooperation to have the proper amount of food at the luncheon, so if you are bringing
guests, please let us know, also by February 6, 2019.**

Remember to bring your voluntary \$25 annual contribution if you have not already done so.

BIG SIR REPORT by Phil Sittner

Our January luncheon had 107 attendees, which matched very nicely with our commitment of 105 to the Elks banquet folks. Thanks to all of you for letting Dave Nemzek know that you would not be attending. Our contract with the Elks requires us to pay for meals ordered but not claimed. In our meeting we announced that meals would now be \$19.00, up from last year's fee of \$17.00. It is also time to make your annual donation of \$25.00 to our branch. The contribution money covers our expenses, The single largest expense the SIR organization has is insurance. There are no paid salaries in SIR and our funds are only used to provide services to the membership.

February marks the beginning of our golf program and Cass Mastalski, Gary Bradley, and Steve Ng have been busy putting together 53 scheduled events. Golf is a very popular activity with our members and the team that conducts our program does a marvelous job. Next time you see these gentlemen you may wish to thank them for doing a wonderful job. And don't forget to thank the starters, handicappers, treasurers and schedulers. They all work hard so we can have great events.

Little SIR Dave Petersen (deja vu) has been spearheading our Bocce Ball program at the Dante Club facility. He has held several practice events and league play will follow. Stay tuned for a schedule. It is a fun game, featuring good spirited competition and requiring very little physical effort. Dave will be happy to add you to our list of players and guarantees you'll have a great time.

Please keep in mind that all members function as our recruitment team and we need to bring in new members. Someone you know may be in need of activities to get them out of the house. It's likely that those individuals are unaware of SIR and would be grateful if you would introduce them to our organization. Besides. Tom Novi guarantees you a bottle of wine for the effort.

Lastly, I would like to see us present a few new activities for our branch. One of our members is an avid writer and would love to form a writer's group. Should you have an interest in writing, or any other activity, let any member of our Branch Executive Committee (BEC) know of it. We will put the pieces together.

LITTLE SIR REPORT by Dave Peterson

“The Greatest gift you ever give is your honest self.” Fred Rogers

Our opening speaker for 2019 was our own Dr. Gopal Nemana, and I trust the membership of Branch 23 enjoyed his presentation as much as I did. When I first reviewed Gopal's biography I was amazed at the amount of education it takes to become a Doctor and how well Gopal has shared that education in his life. Gopal continues sharing his knowledge in his ongoing teaching endeavors.

By the time the February meeting rolls around, I am committed to present a first draft of Branch 23's three/five year Business Plan to the Board and shortly after, to the membership. Hopefully, it will be a start for preparing for the future of our branch.

Our guest speaker for February is Jim Porter, a spokesman with the Climate Reality Project. Jim first became interested in Climate Change/Global Warming after viewing former Vice President Al Gore's movie, "Inconvenient Truth". The movie inspired him to get involved with educating the general public about global warming. Jim was trained by Mr. Gore and a highly credible team of scientists from the Climate Reality Project.

TREASURER'S REPORT: by Jim Coe

(Beginning Balance (Checking) Dec. 1, 2018:	\$4,790.68
Beginning Petty Cash	400.00
Funds Received:	690.00
Funds Disbursed	2,575.33
Ending Checking Balance Dec.31, 2018	2,905.35
Ending Savings Balance	0
Ending Petty Cash	400.00
Ending Cash Balance (Total Cash) Dec 31, 2018	\$3,305.35

SUNSHINE REPORT: by Chris Christopherson

As always, I request assistance from all members by keeping me informed about deaths, illnesses, and other medical problems of fellow members so I can publish them in the newsletter and send cards.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: by Carroll Hamon

Membership Status: 140 members, including one Senior HLM and three HLMs.

Deletions: Richard 'Pete' Peterson resigned Nov. 15, 2018 – Badge #84

Indru Kriplani dropped Nov. 15, 2018 – Badge#198

Arlis Coy transferred to Branch 156 on Dec.17, 2018 – Badge #78

Charles 'Chuck'Yakabe resigned on Dec. 21, 2018 – Badge #126

Kenneth Ken' Zacher resigned Dec. 19, 2018 – Badge #97

New Member in January: Bill Moore – Badge #193, sponsor Gordon Callander

New Members to be Inducted in February: David Biesanz, sponsor John Rowland;

Barney Rinaldi, sponsor Michael Pruss; Dennis Hayes, sponsor Gary Bradley;

Paul Vijitakula, sponsor Eugene Reames; John Raley and Gary Young transferring from Br. #93, sponsor Gary Bradley

Other Membership/Roster Changes: Recent State SIR rule changes eliminated both the Emeritus and Inactive membership classifications, leaving only a Member classification. Now each Member is required to attend at least one-half of the monthly meetings within a 12 consecutive month period. 'Attendance Relief' for a member is allowed for specified reasons if approved by the Branch Executive Committee. The 24 Emeritus and Inactive members in Branch 23 were sent a letter in early December 2018 explaining the rule changes and requesting their future membership intentions. If there was no response, an attempt to contact was made by e-mail and telephone. Following is the result of those 24 contacts with their badge numbers:

Returned to full Member – Jim Coviello-137, Paul Joyce-3, Don Kehoe-36

Resigned – Gerald 'Jerry' Adams-156, David Bailey-13, Tom Bogetich-157, Andre Boutros-171, Dave Cattanach-49, Ernie Couture-118, Harry Crabb-31, Dick Hill-48, Ed Hodan-68, Stan Holmes-85, John Moist-122, Ted Nichols-91, Joe Ryan-7, Don Spellman-90, Robert Welsh-53, Gilbert 'Gil' Wright-87

Dropped, could not contact – Franklin Buttler-45, Len Kovar-135, Steve Vahle-57

Deceased – Sam Osver died 1/8/18-37, Robert ‘Whiz’ Whisenhunt, died 12/5/18-113

Email change. John Bloomer’s email address has been changed to john.blmr@gmail.com.

New Member Information

Billy ‘Bill’ Moore

10132 Frank Grey Way
Elk Grove, CA 95757-5970

Phone: 510-375-2660

E-mail: None



Bill was born on September 7, 1940. He was a Concrete Pumper for Berkley Concrete Pumping when he retired in October 1999. His main recreational interests are golf and fishing. He prefers to receive the Nugget by regular mail. Bill transferred from Branch #93 to Branch #23 on January 9, 2019 and was assigned badge #193. His sponsor was Gordon Callander.

BRANCH 23 SPORTS ACTIVITIES:



Next session is 10:30 am on 2/04/19 at the Dante Club. Please email or call if you have questions. Dave Peterson 916-768-5087. davepeterson08@yahoo.com

BOWLING: Frank Semans 2018- 2019 season as of January 16, 2019

SIR League High Score	Scratch	Game	Series
73-79	wk 17 Marwan Siagian	218	
	Handicap		
73-79	wk 17 Marwan Siagian	279	725
200+ games bowled by:	wk 16 Frank Semans	222	
	wk 17 Marwan Siagian	218	
	wk 17 Bob Nielsen	206	

Week 18 (01/0819)

**SIR Bowling League 2018 (25 teams)
Branch 23 TEAM Standings**

	Won	Lost	Place
Dream Team (21) (Div. 3)	44	28	3

Hereth (?), Nielsen, Benson (BR?), Riker (?)

Groovers (2)	(Div 2)	37	35	6
		Semans, Siagian, Wall, Rodriguez		
Old Farts (6)	(Div 4)	21	51	6
		Naquin, Mahoney, Olsen (?), Jackson (?)		
Alley Oops (12)	(Div 4)	37 1/2	34 1/2	3
		Hamon, Zelinski, Wright (?), Weaver (BR?)		
High Five (5)	(Div 4)	25	37	5
		Tipton, Sharp(?), Bergstrom (?), Owre (?)		
Star Trek (17)	(Div 2)	42	30	4
		Porter, Steffens (?), Palabricaa (?), Trice (?)		

Honor Roll - Exceptional:

(70 + over average game and/or series:		Game	Series
	week 17 Bob Nielsen		519 + 78
	week 17 Marwan Siagian		542 + 71
Above average:			
40 + over average game and/or series	week 16, Joe Rodriguez		483 + 48
	week 16, Ray Zelinski	170 + 46	
	week 16, Steve Porter		406 + 43
	week 16 Frank Semans	222 + 65	539 + 68
	week 16 Bob Nielsen	189 + 45	493 + 58
	week 17 Bob Nielsen	206 + 59	
	week 17 Marwan Siagian	218 + 61	
	week 17 Carroll Hamon		464 + 44
	week 18 Marwan Siagian		522 + 45
	week 18 David Naquin		449 + 56

GOLF NEWS: Bill Sutherland

Branch 23 Golf website: Visit this site to determine starting times, pairings, results, and other golf related items. Address is web2golfsoftware.net/9958/

18 hole golf news

Sign-ups for February Meeting:

March 6, Diamond Oaks, 1st of League Championship tournaments.
March 20, Wildhawk, individual event, dual tees.

Nine Hole Golf League news

February Sign-ups:

March 4, Bing Maloney Express 9.
March 14, Arcade Creek Red

2019 Changes to USGA Rules of Golf

The USGA and the R&A have basically rewritten the Rules of Golf. Although they have made significant changes to the definitions and details of the rules, the game is still played basically the same as in the past. Reading the new rules and understanding the changes, particularly as they affect our play in SIRS, is recommended. To assist us there are videos on the USGA website to illustrate the significant changes, and member Gopal Nemana provided a very good video on the changes. That link is <https://youtu.be/chpotfluhc0>.

There are some rules changes which can have an immediate impact on our play. A few of the most significant will be listed.

Flagstick Rules: There is now no penalty for hitting the flagstick when putting on the putting surface. This can have a very positive impact on our pace of play. If you have a long putt, you no longer need to wait for someone to tend the pin. Just putt when ready. If a ball rests against the flagstick, you no longer have to pull the pin to see if it will fall into the hole. If the bottom of the ball is below the surface of the green, it is considered holed, and you can pick it up.

Time limit for lost ball search: The time limit to declare a lost ball has **been reduced from five minutes to three minutes. Adhering to that limit can definitely affect our pace of play.**

Ball drop procedure: The ball is no longer dropped from shoulder height. **It is dropped from knee height**, which is defined as the distance to the knee in a standing position.

Double hits: There is no longer a penalty for striking the ball twice on the stroke. It is counted as just one stroke.

Touching the sand in bunkers: **There is no penalty for inadvertently touching the sand with your club.** You can even lean on the club, as long as it is not an attempt to test the condition of the sand.

Ball moved on the green: If a ball is accidentally moved on the green, there is no penalty and it is moved back to its original position.

Repairing the green: In the past, about the only thing you could repair on the green was a ball mark. Now you can repair anything that is normal damage, such as spike marks, indentations, from the flagstick or clubs, etc. **Caution here is to not impact our pace of play by practicing our gardening skills.**

Penalty areas: The new rules now define water hazards, lateral hazards, and other areas where the ball is likely to be lost as simply "penalty areas". Although there are changes to the details of the relief procedures which should be studied and understood, the one major change is that we can no longer take a drop laterally across a water hazard.

Overall relief procedures: It is beyond the scope of this article to deal with the new changes concerning the procedures for taking free relief or penalty relief. There are detail changes to the procedures, and there have been additional options for some conditions. **Reviewing the new**

rules, preferably from sources that show illustrations and examples is highly recommended. However, continuing to take relief as we always have will likely keep us within the intent of the new rules.

Summary: Again, reviewing and understanding the new rules is highly recommended. It can be said that the new rules will make the game simpler and easier to play, and will make the application of the rules to specific situations less complicated. We need to take advantage wherever we can to let the rules improve our enjoyment of the game and to speed up our pace of play.

Notable February Member Dates:

JOIN DATE:

Mattson	101	02 1991
Landers	141	02 1999
Sakauye	172	02 1999
Joyce	003	02 2001
Rodriguez, J.	140	02 2003
Zelinski	130	02 2003
Ahders	104	02 2007
Barsch	033	02 2008
Bradley	012	02 2009
Yamamoto	021	02 2009
Kenney, S	050	02 2010
Leatherby	051	02 2010
Stastney	074	02 2011
Dutcher	092	02 2016
Singer	113	02 2016
Bullock	152	02 2017
Adge	170	02 2018
Rowland	175	02 2018
Tipton	173	02 2018

BIRTHDAYS:

Hood, George	1924
Sakauye, , Jiro	1929
Breien, Doug	1929
Fotopoulos, Phil	1942
Schmidt, Steve	1942
Kopf, Buzz	1945
Elkins, Paul	1955

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Hippenstiel, Wayne and Patti	1961
Storlie, Larry and Diane	1963
Anderson, Bob and Marcia	1965
Espinosa, Bill and Marcie	1973
Callander, Gordon and Gladys	1991
LeDoux, Bill and Jana	1999

