

The NUGGET APRIL 2018



ELDORADO BRANCH NO. 23

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Monthly meetings on 2nd Wednesdays Carmichael Elks Lodge 5631 Cypress, Carmichael
10:30 am Executive Meeting, 11:00 am social Noon Luncheon, Cost \$15

Please call Dave Nemzek if you cannot attend the meeting. 481-7173. We need an accurate count.

April 2018 Issue. **Next Meeting, April 11, 2018, Vol. XLVI No. 4**

Please make note of the two flyers included in this month's bulletin. One is for the Oakland A's baseball game and the other is for our May Picnic. Both events are coming up soon.

BIG SIR REPORT:

It is very energizing to see the continued effort by members to bring guests to our monthly luncheons, and to add new members as a result. Three more new members were inducted and five guests were in attendance at the March luncheon. There is a potential of 3 or 4 more new members to be inducted at the April meeting. Thank you to the respective sponsors, and I am looking forward to all members to keep up the impressive sponsorship efforts.

Of course, an associated situation is seating for all at our monthly luncheons. Seating was very tight at the March luncheon. Both seating and meal charges by the Elks Lodge create a complex puzzle to unravel for each luncheon. Please bear with our executive committee as we search for a solution to the cost and seating dilemma. Our solution will include an effort to make our luncheon experience as pleasing as possible for all members. See a related article elsewhere in this Nugget issue.

Although our Branch business costs have escalated and our fund balance has been declining, our financial books are accurate and validated. Thanks go to Tam LeFebure and Bill Sutherland respectively for their voluntary audits of the 2017 Branch and Golf financial records. Thanks also are extended to Branch Treasurer Jim Coe and to Golf Treasurer Scott Kenney for their meticulous book keeping.

In closing, I want to recognize a few of our members who have performed exceptionally well in the sports category. First of all, congratulations to Marwan Siagian and Steve Buss for winning the 2018 Big SIR Golf Championship in their respective divisions. Runnersup who did very well were Rich Battistessa, Dave Peterson, Sam Scarlett and Bill Sutherland. And in bowling, both Kevin Wall and Tony Tipton are mentioned nearly weekly in the league highlight statistics. Tony had a late start, beginning in January, but came on with a vengeance. Congratulations to all of these all stars.

Big Sir Ray Zelinski

LITTLE SIR REPORT:

“Little Known Facts of the Civil War “ was the topic of the March program. Our Speaker, Doug Bonetti, presented interesting trivia relating to the soldiers, doctors, and civilians during the Civil War and also presented many actual artifacts including sabers, muskets, and the first rapid fire rifles used in battle. Judging from the large number of our members surrounding Doug after his presentation, the topic was both interesting and engaging.

Our April speaker is Gina Swankie, a Public Affairs Specialist from the FBI office in Roseville. Ms. Swankie will provide us with a glimpse into the role of the FBI. Her presentation will touch on a few case histories (without dispensing any classified information) and some insight about the agent's training. While she is not an agent, she has an excellent knowledge of how the agency conducts investigations. I expect this presentation will provoke many questions from our members.

Little Sir Phil Sittner

LUNCHEON COST AND SEATING LOGISTICS

by Big SIR Ray

First of all, I need to inform you that **the monthly luncheon cost has been increased by \$2 to \$17**. The reasons have been explained to you in past emails. The Executive Committee concluded at the March meeting that a raise was necessary, and that a \$1 increase would be insufficient to stop the Branch financial bleeding. It will be helpful at the payment table

to have exact bills, or maybe a couple of ones with a \$20 bill to help make change. Thank you for being accepting of the increase.

Next, the attendance and seating issues. I hope that all members and guests were able to find a satisfactory seat, and that everyone was served an ample portion of food at the March luncheon. We experienced an unexpected overflow crowd (120+) following a disappointing small attendance (circa 85) at the February luncheon. It is fluctuations like these that create either a shortage of food and place settings, or a serious Branch fund debit for empty place settings and unused meals (a \$300 +/- debit in February).

The problem is estimating head count for our luncheons. The Elks Lodge was very accommodating to Branch 23 in past years for excess amounts of food not served and empty place settings. That all changed this year with a new food contract pricing structure. Our past procedure for estimating attendance does not fit the new contract business model as evidenced at both the February and March luncheons. We experience too many unexcused absences, or excused absences which are requested too late to use for our head count submittal to the Elks Lodge four days prior to the meeting. While we encourage receiving absence notices, even if late, we need to develop a more accurate system.

A team of three Directors, Roger Riley, Dave Peterson & Greg Hood, volunteered at the March Executive meeting to be a committee to brainstorm ideas for arriving at a reliable head count for our monthly meetings. They will be supported by Treasurer Jim Coe and Attendance Chair Dave Nemzek, both of whom have a trove of past attendance records. Furthermore, I am pleased to announce that I am able to supply this committee with several suggested solutions which were volunteered by our membership in response to the earlier emailed notice about this daunting situation. It was heartening to experience the quick member reaction to help solve this problem.

I have great faith that we will find a solution that will satisfy both the business needs, but also a solution which results in a pleasant meal experience for members. It may take a couple of months, and it may require some volunteer efforts from the general membership. Stay tuned and please be patient.

TREASURER'S REPORT: by Treasurer Jim Coe

(Beginning Balance (Checking), January 31, 2018:	\$3,962.07
Beginning Petty Cash	400.00
Funds Received:	1, 994.37
Funds Disbursed	1,810..60
Ending Checking Balance February 28, 2018	4,145.84
Ending Savings Balance	\$ 0
Ending Petty Cash	400.00
Ending Cash Balance (Total Cash) Feb. 28 , 2018	\$4,145.84

SUNSHINE REPORT: 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.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBER (HLM) AWARDS

by Big SIR Ray

It is with great pleasure that I announce the award of Honorary Life Member (HLM) to both Carroll Hamon and Hal Mattson. State President, Derek Southern, approved the awards, and then devoted time to present the awards to Carroll and Hal at the March luncheon.

Carroll is a 13-year member who has served as Big and Little SIR, Director, Awards Chair, and is currently Membership Chair and Webmaster. In addition to bowling and golfing on

a regular basis, he was very instrumental in promoting our horseshoe and bocce ball program and has helped with barbecuing duties at our annual picnic. Carroll has always been an active person in all his many endeavors. He joined the Air Force in 1951 and survived a parachute jump following a bombing raid over North Korea in a B-29 that crashed. He is a Civil Engineer who started work for California Water Resources (DWR) in 1958. After a few years he went to Bangladesh as a Water Projects consultant and then, in 1972, he was appointed in charge of the Missouri River Basin Commission. In 1992, Carroll was appointed Deputy Director of DWR by then Governor Wilson.

Hal is a 27-year member who served for 11 consecutive years (1994 thru 2004) as Chairman of our Branch 23 18-Hole Golf Club. This task was a very demanding one. During that period, Br 23 had signups of 100 +/- members for the annual 30 +/- tournaments. The available software tool to help manage all the tee times and prize fees was not user-friendly. Therefore, most data needed to be entered laboriously by hand on paper. Hal did an excellent job managing all the data and tee times. In addition, Hal doubled down and served as Assistant Treasurer in 1996.

In closing, I want to express my gratitude to State President Derek Southern, Area 3 Governor Giorgio Dina, and Branch members Bill Sutherland, Birge Clark & Sam Scarlett for their participation in these awards.



SIR State President Derek Southern (left) presenting Carroll Hamon (left photo) and Hal Mattson (right photo) with the Honorary Life Membership (HLM) award at the March, 2018 meeting. Congratulations to both Carroll and Hal for jobs well done!

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: by Carroll Hamon

Membership Status: 150 active members, including one Senior HLM, one HLM Emeritus, three HLMs, and four Emeritus members. In addition, there are 13 inactive members.

Deletions: Dennis Scharosch resigned, 3/14/18.

Active to Inactive: Paul Joyce to inactive because of health reasons, 3/15/18.

New Members in March: Doug Breien transferred from Branch 50; Lee Landry, sponsor Rich Singer; Donald Rodriguez, sponsor Bill Espinosa

New Members to be Inducted in April: Curt Caldwell, sponsor Mike Pruss; Richard Epright, sponsor J.D. Banfield; Gene Reames, sponsor General Davie; Ron Shilliday, sponsor George Zarzana

Other Membership/Roster Changes: Jim Monteverde changed e-mail to: jimjmonteverde@gmail.com and Bonner Smith e-mail is: frazier.carol@att.net

NEW MEMBER INFORMATION

Donald Rodriguez

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Don was born on July 27, 1948. He is married to Suzanne. He retired as a Lineman for SMUD in July 2001. He plays golf. He prefers to receive the Nugget electronically. Don became a member of Branch 23 on March 14, 2018 and was assigned badge #176.

Lee Landry

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Gold River, CA 95670-7628

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Lee was born on October 10, 1930. He is married to Sunny. He owned CAL STAFF when he retired in 2003. His interests are bridge and golf. He prefers to receive the Nugget electronically. Lee became a member of Branch 23 on March 14, 2018 and was assigned badge #154.

Douglas Breien

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Citrus Heights, CA 95621-6122

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Doug was born on February 27, 1929. He is married to Fran. He was a teacher/coach/counselor in San Juan School District when he retired in June 1989. His interests are swimming, spectator sports, travel, and internet 'gaming'. He prefers to receive the Nugget electronically. Doug transferred from Branch 50 to Branch 23 on February 14, 2018 and was assigned badge #181.

BOWLING NEWS: by Frank Semans

SIR League High Score				Game	Series
Handicap:	55-72	wk 23	Kevin Wall	283	732
	55-72	wk 27	Tony Tipton	297	745

200+ games bowled by: wk 24 Frank Semans 209
 wk 25 Frank Semans 224 and a 202
 200+ games bowled by: wk 27 Tony Tipton 217

Congratulations to Frank Semans for bowling two 200+ games in the same series.

Week 23 Most improved average: Kevin Wall 107 to 133.54 (26.54) 2nd
Week 24 Most improved average: Kevin Wall 107 to 134.91 (27.91) 2nd
Week 25 Most improved average: Kevin Wall 107 to 134.91 (27.91) 2nd
Week 26 Most improved average: Kevin Wall 107 to 134.91 (27.91) 2nd
Week 27 Most improved average: Kevin Wall 107 to 134.91 (27.91) 2nd

Week 27 (03/13/18)

SIR Bowling League 2017 (26 teams)

Branch 23 TEAM Standings:

	Won	Lost	Place
Dream Team (21) (Div. 3) Coy, Neighbors, Nielsen, Benson (Br.?)	48	60	5
Groovers (2) (Div 2) Semans, Siagian, Wall, Shank (Br ?)	59	49	4
Strikers (19) (Div 4) Naquin, Hettinger (Br.?) Salman (?), Shanahan (?)	43	65	5
Alley Oops (12) (Div 2) Hamon, Zelinski, Wright Br.?), Weaver (Br.?)	47	61	3
Capital City (11) (Div 2) Kimball. Broussard (?), Crowell (?), Eaton (?)	59.5	48.5	3
Hi Five (5) (Div 4) Tipton, Sharp (?), Bergstrom (?), Owre (?)	54	54	1

Honor Roll: Exceptional:

(70+ over average game and/or series

	game:	series:
wk 23 Kevin Wall	199 + 68	536 + 137
wk 23 David Naquin	152 + 71	
wk 24 Kevin Wall		491 + 92
wk 26 Tony Tipton		470 + 71
wk 26 David Naquin		458 + 71
wk 27 Tony Tipton	217 + 81	508 + 100

Above Average:

(40+ over average game and/or series:		game:	series:
wk 24	Kevin Wall	177 + 44	
wk 24	David Naquin	187 + 59	
wk 24	Tony Tipton	177 + 45	
wk 24	Frank Semans	209 + 40	571 + 64
wk 24	Bob Nielson	197 + 43	
wk 25	Frank Semans	224 + 54	574 + 64
wk 25	Bob Nielson		502 + 40
wk 25	Tony Tipton		473 + 44
wk 25	Bill Kimball		534 + 66
Bowling (continued)			game:
wk 26	David Naquin	174 +45	series:
wk 27	Ray Zelinski		429 +51

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:

April Lunch Signups:

April 25th, Wednesday, MacKenzie, individual event, dual tees.

May 2, Wednesday, Ancil Hoffman, individual event, dual tees.

May 16th, Timber Creek, indigodual event, dual tees.

Tournament results:

Bing Maloney, February 28, Third Big Sir Tournament:

Flight 1: Battistessa (69), Novi (70), Landsittle (71), CTP: Bill Abalona

Flight 2: Askelson (69), Tipton (70), Buss (71), CTP: No winner

Flight 3: Heavner (69), Davie (69), Abel (70), CTP: Roger Riley

Flight 4: Scarlett (70), Stakolich (71), Christopherson (73), CTP: No winner

Wildhawk, March 7th:

Flight 1: Adge (68), Fairhurst (69), Abalona (69), CTP: Tom Novi

Flight 2: Joe Rodriguez (69), Dutcher (70), Siagian (71), CTP: Scott Kenney

Flight 3: Zarzana (63), Pennington (70), Abel (71), Rowland (71), CTP: George Zarzana

Flight 4: Mastalski (71), Boss (71), Yeager (72), CTP: No winner

Davis, March 15, cancelled due to rain.

Big Sir Championship Final Results:

Long Tee Flight: Marwan Siagian (-12), Rich Battistessa (-9), Tom Novi (-6).

Short Tee Flight: Steve Buss (-22), David Peterson (-13), Sam Scarlett (-12).

9-hole Golf:

Sign-ups for April meeting: (continued after flyer)

SIR Branch 23 goes to Oakland



vs.



Oakland A's vs. Houston Astros

When: June 14, 2018

- Leave 9:30am sharp

Where: Oakland Coliseum

How: Bus from Safeway on Arden near Watt to the Coliseum and return

What's included:

- Bus Ride
- Game ticket
- Donuts and water
- Snacks, water and games for the bus

Price: \$75 per person

Pay Greg Hood – 19 Free River Ct, Sacto 95831

questions? Call Greg 916-717-7874

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April 23, Bing Maloney Executive
May 8, Emerald Lakes

Tournament Results:

Bing Maloney Executive Nine, February 23, Par 29:
Flight 1: Schmidt (26), Siagian (28), Leatherby (29), CTP: Phil Sittner
Flight 2: Frank (24), George Hood (26), Christopherson (27), CTP: Howard Frank

Arcade Creek, March 2, cancelled due to rain.

William Land Park, March 15, cancelled due to rain.

NOTABLE APRIL DATES:

JOIN ANNIVERSARIES:

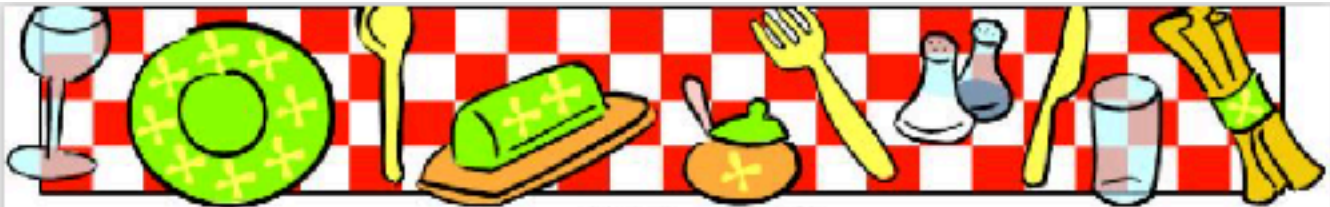
1994 Horace Conrad	2002 Tam LeFebure	2017 Wayne Andrade
1996 Tom Bogetich	2003 "Robin" Rogerson	2017 Brian Mancarti
		2017 Gil Sanguinetti

BIRTHDAYS:

Hal Mattson	George Yamamoto
Floyd Mellon	Chuck Yakabe
Marvin Del Torchio	Dan Findey
Bob Nielsen	Richard Harr
Dave Leatherby	Steve Ng
Frank Abel	

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

White, Joe and Joy
Bailey, David and Betty
Hill, Dick and Glenda (i)
Ahders, Bob and Jan
Jackson, Jim and Anneliese
Lythgoe, Fred and Nancy
Del Torchio, Marvin and Sheri
Joyce, Paul and Mary
Rogel, Al and Sue Liu



SIR Branch 23
7th Annual

FAMILY PICNIC

Wives, Companions, Grandkids, Friends Welcome

Tuesday, May 15, 2018, 11:30AM

11:30 - noon Social, Noon - 1:00 lunch, 1:00 - 3:00 games

Carmichael Park Shelter House

MENU:

KFC Chicken, Corn, Baked Beans

Cole Slaw, Biscuits, Potato Salad, Dessert

Ice water provided, Bring your own soda

(Sorry..alcoholic beverages prohibited in the park)

Golf Chipping Contest & Bingo Prizes Awarded!!

Cost: \$10 per person

Sign up at the April & May Monthly Luncheon

(Sorry, no signups at the park on May 15)

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 Shelter House at the south edge of the park.



