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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.

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Also, at the January 10, 2018 meeting at the Elk's Club, the voluntary contribution of \$25 is due.

BIG SIR REPORT:

I want to take this opportunity to wish all of you a very happy and healthy new year. Our Branch 23 is entering 2018 in a position of good health, which I hope is the case for all of our membership. I know that a few of you are struggling with some medical issues, but I am hoping those issues will soon be in the rear view mirror, and that 2018 will be filled with mostly fond memories for you.

The transfers from Branch 50 can be given much of the credit for the Branch 23 “good health” as we enter 2018. Seven Br. 50 members transferred to Branch 23 in late 2017, and potentially 6 more will transfer this month. While we are sorry for the decline of Br 50, we are sincerely grateful to be beneficiaries of Branch 50’s member migration. Please take time to introduce yourself to this group, and to all new members.

Branch 23 is currently evaluating a member(s) to be elected to the Honorary Life Member (HLM) status. You may not be aware of details associated with the HLM program, but it is a means of honoring members who have devoted exceptional time and service to help SIR branches thrive. There are additional categories of HLM, which are Senior HLM and Emeritus HLM. There are limitations on the number of HLM positions available to each Branch, but Branch 23 will have one, and possibly two, openings available. We intend to move quickly to fill the vacancy(ies). The biggest problem is narrowing down the candidate list of dozens of quailed members down to one or two individuals. A good problem!

Here’s hoping that all of you had the opportunity to enjoy the Christmas holiday season with family and friends. HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

BIG SIR Ray Zelinski

LITTLE SIR REPORT:

Our January speaker will be Angie Dixon, Executive Director for the First Tee of Greater Sacramento. Angie’s initial involvement with the organization was that of a participant. She was in the inaugural class of Little Linkers in 1983. She earned a full scholarship for golf to the University of Washington and majored in business. After college she worked as a golf professional and volunteered with the program. In the past four years she has helped shape the culture of the board to be focused on raising the funds necessary to support the organization.

The First Tee of Greater Sacramento has positively impacted the young people in our area since 1983 and runs youth development programs throughout the year, reaching over 18,000 young people annually, ages 3-18. The program uses golf as a vehicle to teach core values, life skills and healthy habits to young people and helps give them skills they need to flourish in their lives today and in the future.

Little Sir Phill Sittner

TREASURER’S REPORT: by Treasurer Jim Coe

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| (Beginning Balance (Checking), October 1, 2017: | \$1,148.46 |
| Beginning Petty Cash | 2,480.00 |
| Funds Received: Petty Cash | 0.00 |
| Funds Disbursed | 1,739.64 |
| Ending Checking Balance October 31, 2017 | 3,583.82 |
| Ending Savings Balance | \$ 0 |
| Ending Petty Cash | \$ 400.00 |
| Ending Cash Balance (Total Cash) Oct 31, 2107 | \$ 3,983.82 |

SUNSHINE REPORT: by Chris Christopherson:

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

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: BY CARROLL HAMON

Membership Status: 144 **active** members, including one Senior HLM, one HLM Emeritus, one HJM and five Emeritus members. In addition, there are 14 **inactive** members.

Deletions: None.

Active to Inactive members: None.

New members in December: None.

New members to be inducted in January, 2018: William Loftus, sponsor, Paul Askelson, and six transfers from Branch 50 — Bill Kimball, Doug Brien, Wes Lum, Bob Chapman, J.D. Bamfield and Joe Hannon.

Other changes: Don Kehoe's new address is: Summerset Senior Living, 2341 Vehicle Drive #238, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670-2884. The phone is 916-330-1300.

SPORTS FANS: SAVE THE DATES!!!!

This year, I've purchased tickets for 2 baseball games - one on June 14 between the Oakland A's and the World Champion Houston Astros; the second on August 9 between the RiverCats and the El Paso Chihuahuas.

The A's game is an afternoon game and we will get there by the Capitol Corridor train which stops directly at the Coliseum in Oakland. We have field level seats between home and 3rd base behind the A's dugout. The RiverCats game is an evening game.

More info to come on ticket prices, etc. Save the date for now.

Greg Hood

BOWLING NEWS: by Frank Semans

| SIR League High Score | | Game | Series |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------|
| Scratch | None | | |
| Handicap: | 55-72 | wk 13 Kevin Wall | 821 |
| | 80+ | wk 14 Bob Nielsen | 274 |
| 200+ games bowled by: | wk 14 Bob Nielsen | 210 | |

Week 14 Most improved league average: Kevin Wall 107 to 126.18 (2nd)

Week 10 (12/12/17)

SIR Bowling League 2017 (26 teams)

| | Branch 23 TEAM Standings: | | |
|--|---------------------------|------|-------|
| | Won | Lost | Place |
| Dream Team (21) (Div. 3) | 25 | 31 | 6 |
| Coy, Neighbors, Nielsen, Benson (Br.?) | | | |

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| Groovers (2) (Div 2) Semans, Siagian, Wall, Shank (Br ?) | 30 | 26 | 3 |
| Strikers (19) (Div 4) Naquin, Hettinger (Br.?) Salman (?), Shanahan (?) | 23 | 33 | 2 |
| Alley Oops (12) (Div 2) Hamon, Zelinski, Wright Br.?), Weaver (Br.?) | 20.5 | 35.5 | 5 |

Honor Roll: Exceptional:

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|---|--------------|------------------|
| (70+ over average game and/or series | game: | series: |
| wk 11 Dave Naquin | | 442 + 73 |
| wk 12 Bob Nielsen | | 521 + 71 |
| wk 13 Kevin Wall | | 536 + 179 |
| wk 14 Kevin Wall | | 452 + 80 |

Above Average:

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|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| (40+ over average game and/or series: | game: | series: |
| wk 11 Kevin Wall | | 396 + 42 |
| wk 11 Bob Nielsen | 191 + 43 | |
| wk 13 Kevin Wall | 186 + 67 | |
| wk 13 Dave Naquin | 171 + 46 | |
| wk 13 Marwan Siagian | | 545 + 62 |
| wk 14 Kevin Wall | 176 + 52 | |
| wk 14 Bob Nielsen | 210 + 57 | 526 + 67 |

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:

The 18 hole golf league completed the 2017 season with the awards banquet on December 1 at the Cattlemen's restaurant. The season included 35 tournaments. Four events were cancelled due to rain and three were rescheduled. A total of 765 branch members participated in a total of 1,159 rounds of golf. The final championship winners and the top point winners are shown below.

| Top Ten Point winners | | | Club Championship Flight Winners | | |
|------------------------------|--------------|---------------|---|----------------|------------------------|
| Position | Name | Points | Flights | Name | Aggregate Score |
| 1 | Tom Novi | 103 | First | Bob Ahders | -8 |
| 2 | Jim Heavner | 97 | | Neil Fairhurst | -7 |
| 3 | Bill McGuire | 94 | Second | Gary Bradley | -6 |
| 4 | John Boss | 89 | | Bill Lindsey | -6 |
| 5 | Steve Ng | 88 | | Bill McGuire | -5 |
| 6 | Mike Catino | 86 | | Marwan Siagian | -1 |

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| 7 | Dan Findley | 86 | Third | Jim Heavner | -12 |
| 8 | Bill Abalona | 85 | | Tom Novi | -11 |
| 9 | Don Landsittel | 80 | | Cass Mastalski | -5 |
| 10 | Bill Espinosa | 79 | Fourth | Steve Ng | -18 |
| | | | | George Hood | -12 |
| | | | | David Nemzek | - 5 |

January Lunch Signups:

Bring your prepayment checks to the meeting (Multiply the tournaments you expect to play in by \$5 to get the total.)

February 7- Wednesday, Bartley Cavanaugh. First Big Sir Tournament. This is a dual tee event, BUT, whatever tee you choose long or short, you will play the next two Big Sir events from the same tee box.

February 21, Wednesday, MacKenzie. 2nd Big Sir event. Whatever tee box you play at Cavanaugh, you will also play at MacKenzie. Just match up short or long tee box.

9-hole Golf:

The 9 hole league also consulted their season at the December 1 awards banquet. The season included 17 tournaments, with two events cancelled due to weather. A total of 39 branch members participated in a total of 396 rounds. The top point winners for the season are shown below.

| 9 Hole League Play 2017 Top Ten Point Winners | | |
|--|----------------------|--------|
| Position | Name | Points |
| 1 | Jim Heavner | 66 |
| 2 | Frank Abel | 43 |
| 3 | Steve Ng | 43 |
| 4 | Howard Frank | 42 |
| 5 | Mike Catino | 41 |
| T6 | Chris Christopherson | 39 |
| T6 | Bill Sutherland | 39 |
| T8 | John Mahoney | 37 |
| T8 | Dallas Pennington | 37 |
| 10 | Cass Mastalski | 36 |

NOTABLE JANUARY MEMBER DATES:

JOIN ANNIVERSARIES:

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|------|---------------|------|----------------|
| 1981 | Joe White | 2011 | Bill Lynch (i) |
| 2000 | Floyd Mellon | 2014 | Steve Brush |
| 2001 | Don Kehoe (e) | 2014 | General Davie |

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| 2003 | Jerry Martin | 2014 | Bill Espinosa |
| 2003 | Don Spellman | 2014 | Phil Fotopoulos |
| 2007 | Tom Novi | 2014 | Jim Heavner |
| 2010 | Mike Catino | 2014 | Dave Peterson |
| 2011 | Rich Battistesta | 2014 | Jim Siegfried |
| 2011 | Dick Crippen | 2014 | George Zarzana |

BIRTHDAYS:

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|-------------------|------------------|
| Mike Catino | Ray Barsch |
| Sam Osver (e) | Jesse Salto |
| Sam Scarlett | Bob Anderson |
| Bill Lynch (i) | Dick Hill (i) |
| Stan Holmes | Jim Coviello (i) |
| Joe Ryan (i) | Ray Zelinski |
| Bob Welsh (i) | Fred Lythgoe |
| Bill LeDoux | Steve Brush |
| Dallas Pennington | "Greg" Bullock |
| | Mark Jones |

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Landsittel, Don and Jode

