



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Thirty-Ninth Year

August 2014

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NEXT MEETING at Newark Pavilion - Thursday, August, 21, 2014

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

by Big Sir Rob Ingebretson



At our July meeting you probably noticed we tried a new way for our members to pick up their name badge, purchase their lunch ticket, receive their wine drawing ticket, and enter the drawing for the free lunch by finding "Rollie" in our monthly Pathfinder. By all accounts the process went well and it will continue in the future.


Did you have a hard time trying to find "Rollie" last month?; well you weren't alone as only 8 members entered the drawing for the free lunch, which was won by Sir Art McGrath. For those that could not find "Rollie" he was located on the sleeve of our June speaker, Kristi Caracappa, on page 7. You should be able to find "Rollie" in this Pathfinder in a similar way.

Don't forget to check out the DID YOU KNOW section in this Pathfinder. I have a copy of the July newsletter for the "Soiree Singles" if anyone is interested.

I want to take this time to thank and acknowledge our own Sir Bob Benya for his insightful knowledge that he brings to our group each month regarding the history and background of the song we all sing. I continually hear positive comments about what he adds to our monthly meeting.

If you have any suggestions that you think can make our monthly luncheon experience better don't hesitate to come by and share your idea with me.

Win a Free Lunch

By finding ROLLIE —  — you can win a free lunch if your name is selected. Let them know where he is located in the **Pathfinder** when you buy your luncheon ticket.

MENU

Swiss Steak and Garlic Chicken

Mashed Potatoes, Rice and Mixed Vegetables

SPEAKER SHARENE GONZALES

By Little Sir Larry Goodman



Sharene Gonzales is a member of the Alameda County Water District's communications team. She assists with ACWD's communications program, community relations, social media, and strategic planning. Her role provides support to various departments within the District to inform and educate the public on water conservation, water supply conditions, and infrastructure and construction projects — most notably ACWD's extensive Main Replacement and Seismic Upgrade Program.

She has more than seven years' experience working in the public sector. Prior to joining ACWD, Sharene worked for the City of Stockton's Municipal Utilities Department where she was responsible for the communication and outreach of the City's water, wastewater and storm water utilities. She also has experience working in both the non-profit and private sector.

Sharene graduated magna cum laude with a degree in Communications Studies with an emphasis in public relations from the University of the Pacific. She is a member of the California Association of Public Information Officials, received her conservation practitioner certificate from American Water Works Association California-Nevada Section, and is a graduate of the Fremont Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Fremont program.

The 2013-2014 period is the driest rain year on record, the ACWD seriously impacts water supply conditions. California is experiencing one of the worst droughts in recorded history and much of the state and water utilities are facing water supply challenges. The presentation will cover current water supply conditions, impacts of reduced water supply, the financial impacts of the drought, and water conservation programs and incentives. Customers can learn what they can do to help conserve water as we move into the summer months when demands peak and it is more important than ever to conserve this resource.



If you are not coming or if you are bringing a guest or visitor
Don't forget to Call on the Monday before the meeting - or earlier
Ed Guthrie (510) 659-0498 or email edguthrie@comcast.net



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(925) 960-0429

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Directors

Nat Lord
Skip Mugford
George Perry
Jerry Sabo
Sheldon Schwartz
Ed Thomas

Branch 59

Meets at Newark Pavilion
6430 Thornton Avenue
Newark
on the 3rd Thursday of
each month
10:00 AM
Executive Board Meeting
11AM Social Hour
12 Noon Lunch

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Sir Frank R. Thomas July Meeting Minutes

Big Sir Rob Ingebretson called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM and led the assembled group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL BY SECRETARY

Officers present: Big Sir Rob Ingebretson, Little Sir Larry Goodman, Secretary Sir Frank R. Thomas, Treasurer Sir Hugh Twomey and Assistant Secretary Sir Peter Angelides and Assistant Treasurer Arnold George

Officers Absent: None

Directors Present: Sir Skip Mugford, Sir George Perry, Sir Jerry Sabo, Sir Nat Lord, Sir Sheldon Schwartz and Sir Ed Thomas.

Directors Absent: None

MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the JUNE Meeting Minutes as published in the Pathfinder.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Secretary's Report: None

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Sir Hugh Twomey, presented the May 2014 Treasurer's report and indicated an Adjusted Check Book balance of \$3,951.40.

Little Sir's Report: Little Sir Larry Goodman reported that today's speaker would be Jon Ford.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Attendance: Sir Ed Guthrie projects attendance at today's luncheon at 124.

Birthdays: Sir Art Winkley indicated there would be 11 members celebrating a July Birthday today. Their age ranges from 70 to 91. The Officers and Directors wished all a very Happy Birthday.

Bowling: Pertinent information is in the Pathfinder.

CyberGeezers: Sir Jerry Sabo indicated ways he might assist members in remembering when the Cyber Geezers Meeting held. Pertinent information is in the Pathfinder.

Golf: Sir Bill Leake stated that Reno Tournament results will be in the August Pathfinder and that information concerning other tournaments would be in the August Pathfinder as well.

Membership: Sir Ron Brutvan reported that there were 3 new members and 4 changes in status. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the new members.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sir Rob Ingebretson discussed the following concerns that he hoped could be covered by our Directors:

- (1) The need for a RIDE COORDINATOR.
- (2) The need for an ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR.
- (3) The need for a person to do Follow Up on new guests to see how they feel about SIR and if they decide not to join, try to find out why.
- (4) Continued emphasis on New Membership.

NEW BUSINESS

Continue to watch for changes in attendance and number of meals being paid for.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 AM.

Submitted by Branch Secretary

Sir Frank R. Thomas

**BRING IN A GUEST
WE NEED NEW MEMBERS**

You can get this issue of the Pathfinder or earlier issues by going to the Branch Website:

<http://branch59.sirinc2.org/>

**SIR
HAPPENINGS**

<http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/>

MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS

by Sir Ron Brutvan, Sir Ed Guthrie, and Sir Art Winkley

Birthday Report



Sir Art Winkley
Birthday Chairman

August Birthdays

Tom Sherba	08/09/1927	87
Arthur Winkley	08/25/1927	87
Arnold George	08/20/1939	75
R. (Skip) Mugford	08/29/1939	75
Roger Wallin	08/30/1940	74
Donal Spicer	08/19/1942	72
Sheldon Schwartz	08/10/1944	70
Douglas Howd	08/03/1946	68

Happy Birthday

Attendance Report



Sir Ed Guthrie
Attendance Chairman

Attendance Report

(For July 2014)

Members	133
Guests	3
Visitors	1
Total =	137
27 excused	17 unexcused

New Members

Charles C. Austin

48264 Cottonwood Street
Fremont, CA 94539-7606
510-656-7386
Email: flytyr45@yahoo.com
Birthday: 12/27/1945
Spouse: Carole
Badge No. 42
Sponsor: Rob Ingebretson
Call me: Cliff

Gerald J. Robertson

1902 Sioux Drive
Fremont, CA 94539-6547
510-490-0450
Email: Robertsongj@comcast.net
Birthday: 5/29/1932
Spouse: Anna
Badge No. 94
Sponsor: James Ferenz
Call me: Jerry

Donal Spicer

188 Hawaii Circle
Union City, CA 94587-4202
510-489-1939
Email: donalspicer188@comcast.net
Birthday: 8/19/1942
Badge No. 114
Sponsor: Victor Okumura
Call me: Donal

**Welcome
New
Members**

Membership Report



Sir Ron Brutvan
Membership Chairman

Guests:

Bob Fondiller
Dennis Bowman
Michael Burns

Guest of:

Rob Ingebretson
Rob Ingebretson
Stan Peters

Visitors:

Jon Ford

Guest of:

Speaker

Change of Status:

Alan Hawkins	Resigned
Dareld Youngker	Resigned
Fred Zachau	Resigned
Richard Howe	Resigned
Alvin Dockter	from Inactive
Bruce Roberts	

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bruceface386@yahoo.com

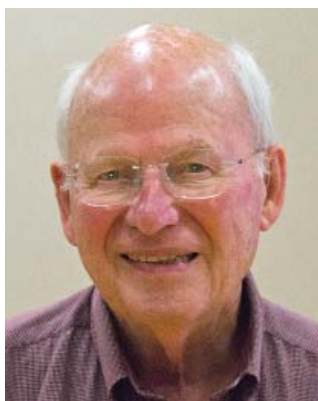
**Membership Total
(as of July 2014)**

**173 — Active Members
30 — Inactive Members**

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WE NEED NEW MEMBERS**



Cliff Austin



Jerry Robertson



Donal Spicer

SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares

by Jerry Sabo



Most recently, **Don Henry** and **Jerry Sabo** journeyed to Yuba City to duplicate our success from the State Tournament at Yuba City, but experienced a sad turnaround. Former SIR member and bowler **Darryl Jewell** was honored for his bowling legacy and was given a moment of silence at that tournament.

We are looking forward to our next two tournaments. We again welcome back **Roger Wallin** for the Napa tournament as well as **Nat Lord**. Nat has had to miss the last several tournaments, and Roger has only bowled in one other tournament this past year because of the injured shoulder. Hope that **Les Prestwood** and **James Lawrence** will be able to join us in the near future—both have been on the injured list.

Nat, **Miguel Ferras**, Jerry, and **John Pesek** are going to the Reno Tournament along with four bowlers from Branch 6. That is always a great time.

Upcoming tournaments include:

Reno	2014 Aug 18, 19, 20	Mon, Tue, Wed
		Reno Bowling Stadium
Fremont	2014 Sep 14, 15	Sun, Mon
		Cloverleaf Bowl
Lake Tahoe	2014 Sep 19, 20	Fri, Sat
		Tahoe Bowl
Folsom	2014 Sep 26, 27	Fri, Sat
		Folsom Lake Bowl

There is always room for more bowlers in our group. Usually fifteen to twenty bowlers show up on Monday to bowl. We do not bowl on teams when we bowl so if you miss occasionally we will miss you; but you are not letting down teammates nor charged any fees. If we get a few more bowlers, we will likely form teams.

We meet at Cloverleaf Family Bowl. Just show up and be ready to start practice bowling on Monday at 12:45 P.M. Cost is \$13.00 to bowl. We normally are finished before 3:00 P.M.



Jerry Sabo

Golf Notes

by Bill Leake



Welcome to the Branch 59 golf column. We completed our third state tournament (Reno) and our first area tournament (team). Yes, we have results ...Reno Results – week 1—**Bob Lewis and Lloyd Keplinger** represented Branch 59 for week 1 and **Bill Leake/John Parent/Gary Bennett/Terry Dalziel and Forrest Lusher** represented Branch 59 week 2. Lloyd was a multiple winner – 4th in straight golf,

4 in 4 man team 2 man best ball, and 2nd in sweeps = \$155 winnings! Way to go Lloyd. Week 2 = 1 winner – Bill won \$50 3rd day 3. Hotel = **Atlantis Hotel** and it was far superior to **Circus Circus**. Come join us next year. *Questions: call me.*

The Team tournament was completed at Sunol. One team from Branch 26 & 1 from Branch 59 will go to the State Championship at Rancho Solano GC in August. Sunol did a good job – we will go there again next year. Those from Branch 59 going to championship are **Steve Johnson** (sub for **Jim Profit**)/**Tom Breen/Alan Hawkins/Ron Hamro**. **Good Luck guys!** Others from Branch 59 = 3rd; place **Terry Dalziel/Gary Bennett/Richard Holley/Forrest Lusher**—4th place **Fred Ilg/Fred Zachu/Bill Leake/Jim Ulam** – 9th - **Bob Morales/Lloyd Keplinger/Bob Lewis/Bill Briscoe**. By the time you read this the state individual qualifier at Boundary Oaks will have been completed. We will have results next month. We had a low turnout for this tournament 7:30 start is too early, so the players say. . Please give me your constructive suggestions other than lateness and I will relay them to the state.

The final state tournament is the **Fall Classic** and it will be at Solvang on Sept 14 to 18. The format is 2 days of 4 man team, 2 man best ball and 1 day scramble. Entry forms are on the web www.sirstategolf.com or let me know if you need one.

Regular play for SIR Branch 59 – We play Mondays and Tuesdays. Mondays we start at 7:00 x 2 and 2-3 tee times for Tuesday beginning at 8:00. Once a month we play Palm. For both times, all are welcome. For Monday, just show up. For Tuesday, let me know you are playing.

Please consider joining us by joining SIR Branch59 golf. If you have a friend who is a golfer and not a SIR member, bring him along on Tuesday. We can share our experiences with him re golf and mention some of the benefits of joining Sons in Retirement. We are NCGA certified. The worst this person can say is no! Join us -- to find out the tee time, please call Sunol at 925-862-0414. The reservation is made under LEAKE.

Post – post your score.

Please – we need more members for SIR and also SIR golf.

Thank you for reading this article.

Bill Leake

CYBERGEEZER MEETING

Cyber Geezers—we meet on the first Tuesday following our monthly SIR Luncheon. Next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday August 26th - 1:30 to 3:30 PM**. We meet at **Fremont Congregational Church, 38255 Blacow Road, Fremont, CA**. Just show up and you will be a member of our group.

We had a good turnout for our July meeting which included the topics:

1. More about *TeamViewer* remote access software and another demo of its usage.
2. Audacity software/ converting analog sound (tape or record) to digital (Wave file, mp3, CD).
3. Microsoft Office 365 advantages/disadvantages.
4. More about iPads and apps including with Office 365.

August topics may include using MS Excel or other spreadsheets. Importing and exporting files with Excel—including email address books using .csv files. Please send me additional topics that you would like to cover.

Jerry also has a few Windows 7 PCs and spare parts that he is trying to sell or give away. The PCs are for sale, but he has wireless routers, keyboards and other items to give away.

What is a Cyber Geezer? We are members of SIR Branch 59 and friends that want to keep up with technology. Topics are varied and usually generated by attendees.

If you have any technology topic that you would like included in our next session, please send the information to Jerry at jsabo@sbcglobal.net. As mentioned previously, we have recently discussed such things as e-books and audio downloads using devices such as the Kindle, iPad or iPod, but other topics are most welcome. Also being discussed are operating systems such as Windows 8 and Mac Mavericks.

SIR members and friends/significant others are welcome, and we do have wireless access so bring your laptop, smart phone or tablet. Call Jerry Sabo – 510-790-3135 or 510-299-3736 if you have other questions.

BRIDGE GROUPS

The Bridge activity includes 2 night time couple's groups and a daytime group following the monthly luncheons. **Sir Arnold George - 510-797-9524**

PATHFINDERS WALKING AND HIKING GROUP

Meet Wednesday mornings at 8:00 AM at the Park at Paseo Padre and Isherwood. Everyone welcome and bring a friend.

Sir Don Henry at 510-656-5659.

Sir Vince Fernelius at 510-489-0396



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Sir James Floor 510-656-9537



DID YOU KNOW By Rob Ingebretson

There is a club called SOIREE SINGLES for men and women age 60+. You can attend up to three of their functions before joining so you can get to know the people in the group and they can get to know you. Some of their activities include dancing, going to the theater, home parties, and dining out to just name a few. If interested or have any questions please call Lois Tanner (Membership Director) at (510) 581-3494.

SUNSHINE REPORT

by Sir Allen Sprague



Allen Sprague

No leads received so far.
I Hope that is good news.

In Memoriam

Doug Eads

Fred Stabell

SIR BRANCH 59 ELECTION

The election for 2015 Branch Officers and Directors will be held during the August Luncheon Meeting.

The nominating committee proposes the following slate of Officers and Directors for next year.

The nominees for **OFFICERS** are:

Big Sir	Sir Larry Goodman
Little Sir	Sir Jim Ulam
Treasurer	Sir Hugh Twomey
Assistant Treasurer	Sir Arnold George
Secretary	Sir Peter Angelides
Assistant Secretary	Sir Rob Ingebretson

The nominees for **DIRECTOR** are:

Sir Nat Lord
Sir Skip Mugford
Sir George Perry
Sir Jerry Sabo
Sir Sheldon Schwartz
Sir Ed Thomas



You will have the opportunity to submit nominations from the floor for any position. However, your nominee must be present at the meeting, and must agree to serve if elected.

Governor Jim Goes to the Annual Meeting



New State officers for 2015 are (left to right) Secretary Derek Southern, Assistant Secretary Ron Flagel, Vice President Don Dill, President Bob Hairston, Treasurer Karl Ryden and Assistant Treasurer Harold D'Ambrogia.

COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS

This is an early reminder to all of our members that our Christmas Event is right around the corner. The Social committee is hard at work with the planning for this great party. We are planning some great entertainment and some Christmas sing along to get us into the Christmas spirit. Our Caterer has agreed that he will do his famous Salmon dish as well as a Beef dish and Chicken Cordon Bleu.

Sir Bill Leake is the Chairman of the Door Prize Committee and needs all the help he can get in the gathering of Door Prizes for this Event. Bill will be addressing the members at the next meeting to talk about his approach.

We will be updating you on our progress on a regular but plan on the 18th of December for a wonderful Christmas party. This event is for our ladies and significant others and we will also provide for our single members so there is no reason that anyone can not have a great time at this event.

Best regards to all our members

Sir Jim Ferenz

Social Chairman

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COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND ASSISTANTS

ACTIVITIES

- Chairman

ATTENDANCE

Ed Guthrie - **Chairman**
Bill Pruner - Assistant
Sheldon Schwartz - Assistant
John Williams - Assistant

AUDIT

Carl Nordling - **Chairman**
Ron Brutvan - Assistant

BIRTHDAYS

Art Winkley - **Chairman**
Sheldon Schwartz - Assistant

BOWLING

Frank Cordova - **Chairman**
Jerry Sabo - Assistant

BRIDGE GROUP

Arnold George - **Chairman**

CAPS & EMBLEMS

Nat Lord - **Chairman**
Dino Mostardi - Assistant

CHAPLAIN

Howard Thompson - **Chairman**
Ted Bresler - Assistant

CIRCULATION

Bill Briscoe - **Chairman**
Fred Ilg - Assistant

CYBERGEEZERS

Jerry Sabo - **Chairman**

GOLF

Bill Leake - **Chairman**
Fred Ilg - Assistant

LIBRARIAN

James Ploor - Chairman
Roger Wallin - Assistant

MEMBERSHIP

Ron Brutvan - **Chairman**
Fred Gotthardt - Assistant
Carl Nordling - Assistant

NOMINATING

Skip Mugford - **Chairman**
Ed Thomas - Assistant
George Perry - Assistant
Sheldon Schwarz - Assistant

PATHFINDER

John Skarpelos - **Editor**
Fred Gotthardt - Assistant

ROSTER - DATABASE

John Skarpelos - **Chairman**
Fred Gotthardt - Assistant

SOCIAL

Jim Ferenz - Chairman
Doug Howd - Assistant
Arnold George - Assistant
Fred Gotthardt - Assistant
Tom Federico - Assistant
Bill Leake - Assistant
Nat Lord - Assistant
Rob Ingebretson - Assistant
John Skarpelos - Assistant

SPORTS

Bill Leake - Chairman
Nat Lord - Assistant

SUNSHINE

Allen Sprague - **Chairman**

WALKING GROUP

Don Henry - **Chairman**
Vince Fernelius - Assistant

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Maynard 'Rod' Rodland

State Vice-President

Bobbie Hairston

State Secretary

Richard DeVoe

State Treasurer

Michael Berry

Director, Region 6

Dean Steichen

Governor, Area 8

Jim Ferenz

Senior Honorary Life Members

Fred Gotthardt
Lyle Kingery
Nat Lord

Honorary Life Members

John Skarpelos
Arthur Winkley

PATHFINDER DEADLINE

Copy deadline for the next issue of the *Pathfinder* will be Thursday a week after the monthly luncheon meeting.

PAST BIG SIRS

1976 Peter Clark*
1977 Karl Heine*
1978 Harry Cooper*
1979 Kenneth Foster*
1980 Larry Varblow*
1981 Guido Milano*
1982 Alex Fulton*
1983 Stephen Epler*
1984 George Herman*
1985 Ray Crosby*
1986 Loran Coburn*
1987 Robert Davis*
1988 Robert Klindt*
1989 Martin Annen*
1990 Lee Updegraff
1991 Fred W. Fretter*
1992 Lyle Kingery
1993 LeRoy J. King*
1994 George Hubach*
1995 Clyde Killion*
1996 Bill Schwan*
1997 Nat Lord
1998 John Buchanan*
1999 Art Lampert*
2000 Harry Heyen*
2001 Bob Beam
2002 Rollin Cunningham*
2003 Don Henry
2004 Tom Sherba
2005 Howard Thompson
2006 Les Addison
2007 Ted Bresler
2008 Richard Holley
2009 Don Gillis*
2010 Frank R. Thomas
2011 Hugh Twomey
2012 James Ferenz
2013 Skip Mugford

*(deceased)