



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

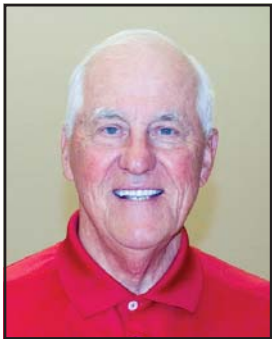
Fortieth Year

February 2015

Bulletin No.2

NEXT MEETING at Newark Pavilion - Thursday, February, 19, 2015

"More Stuff" from Skip by Big Sir Skip Mugford



Well, it appears that the resurrection went fairly well!!! The sitting ovation was truly a mind blower. I sorta felt like Sally Fields at the Oscars: "they really like me"!! and then I told a crappy joke and all reverted back to normal!!

Many thanks to Sir Bob Benya for his outstanding endeavors in always delivering an excellent history of the music he selects for our enjoyment.

This month we will be introducing a new procedure for obtaining your lunch ticket and badge as follows:

Lunch tickets Will Be Purchased First.

Each member purchases either a Luncheon ticket or a \$5 Donation ticket, if he is not having lunch. The Donation ticket includes coffee and dessert if you so desire. You will receive one wine drawing ticket with either a Luncheon or Donation ticket. If you wish to donate additional funds use the Donation "bucket." Thank you for anything extra.

Receive Your Badge Second.

Show your luncheon ticket to the badge attendant and receive your badge. You will deposit your Luncheon ticket in the usual manner at the beginning of the buffet. If you are not having lunch, present your Donation ticket to the badge attendant and receive your badge. The attendant will keep the Donation ticket.

This procedure will help Sir Hugh Twomey keep an improved tally on members present and monies collected.

If you find Rollie in the Pathfinder, after you get your badge, see Rollie Referee Dino Mostardi to enter the drawing for a free lunch. Also, check out the New Activities Table manned by Sir Roger Wallin and Sir Jim Floor who will help you start a new activity or join an existing activity.

Before I forget, Kudos to the group of men and women who helped make our December Holiday Party the success that it was.

We need SOMEONE to step up as Social Chairman this year. No Social Chairman - No Sweetheart Luncheons!!!

Think "new members!"

SPEAKER Bill Harrison By Little Sir Jim Ulam



Mayor Harrison was born and raised in Fremont and attended public schools. He attended Ohlone College, and then went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts in Business Economics with a concentration in accounting at the University of California, Santa Barbara. Today, Mayor Harrison is a Certified Public Accountant and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the California Society of Certified Public Accountants, and the East Bay Society of Certified Public Accountants.

Mayor Harrison was appointed to the Fremont Planning Commission in 2001, and again in 2005. He is a former member of the Alameda County Assessment Appeals Board and currently is the Treasurer of the Fremont Chamber of Commerce Dollars for Scholars program.


Mayor Harrison is happily married to his wife Jennifer, and they are the proud parents of two boys, Bryce and Hayden.

Mayor Harrison will provide Branch 59 with the State of the City of Fremont.

MENU

**Beef Bourguignon and/or
Chicken/with red pineapple sauce
Noodles, Rice and Vegetable Medley**

Win a Free Lunch

By finding ROLLIE —  — you can win a free lunch if your name is selected. Let Rollie Referee Dino Mostard know where he is located in the **Pathfinder** after you buy your luncheon ticket. Sir Dino will be found at a table in the back left of the hall.



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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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 Peter Angelides January Meeting Minutes

Big Sir Skip Mugford 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 Skip Mugford, Little Sir Jim Ulam, Secretary Peter Angelides, Assistant Secretary Sir Jim Ferenz, Treasurer Sir Hugh Twomey, Assistant Treasurer Sir Arnold George.
Officers absent: None

Directors Present: Sir Nat Lord, Sir George Perry, Sir Jerry Sabo, Sir Sheldon Schwartz

Directors absent: None

MEETING MINUTES

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

OFFICERS REPORTS

Secretary's Report: None.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Sir Hugh Twomey reported as of January 15, 2015 an adjusted Check Book balance of \$3,942.19.

Little Sir's Report: Little Sir Jim Ulam reported that today's speaker will be David Sloss, director and conductor of the Fremont Symphony (now retired). David will talk about what conductors are perceived to do and what they actually do. Should be very entertaining.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Attendance: Sir Ed Guthrie projects attendance at today's luncheon at 117, including one new member and 3 guests.

Membership: Sir Ron Brutvan reported that there is one inactive member returning to active status, Terry Pearson.

Birthdays: Sir Art Winkley indicated we are celebrating 14 December Birthdays ranging from ages 68 to 83 and 15 January Birthdays ranging from ages 58 to 93. The Officers and Directors wish these men celebrating this day a very Happy Birthday!

Golf: The next open tournament is the Napa Tournament in April. The team tournament is scheduled for May. Details will be found in the February Pathfinder.

Bowling: None. See February Pathfinder for pertinent information.

Cyber Geezers: Next meeting is scheduled for January 27th.

Sunshine: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Renewal of the 2015 contract with the Catering service was completed. Our status with the Newark Pavilion continues month to month.

The Tri City Voice Ad will be reviewed by Sir Jim Ulam to determine if it can be improved.

The Audit Committee will continue to be Sir Carl Nordling and Sir Ron Brutvan.

Sir George Perry was appointed to head up the Nominating Committee.

Social Committee chairman has not been appointed yet.

It was decided that two additional directors be included in the BEC.

A discussion was started to determine if there was a more effective way to spend our Recruiting dollars, the discussion will be continued at the next meeting.

Sir Skip Mugford spoke about the Directors needing to become more involved and the need for them to take on more of the Operating Responsibilities.

Area Governor Sir Rob Ingebretson pointed out that we need to appoint an Activities Chairman. Sir Roger Wallin was appointed Chairman of the Activities Committee and Sir Jim Ploor agreed to be his assistant.

The meeting was adjourned at 11: 00 AM.

Submitted by Secretary

Sir Peter Angelides

MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS

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

Birthday Report



Sir Art Winkley
Birthday Chairman

New Members

Terry L. Pearson

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Fremont, CA 94536-2627
510-794-7002
Email: 2tpearson@comcast.net
Birthday: 5/23/1945
Spouse: Linda
Badge No. 69
Sponsor: Dave Marymee
Call me: Terry

Membership Report



Sir Ron Brutvan
Membership Chairman

February Birthdays

Forrest Lusher	02/13/1917	98
Harlan Werner	02/28/1922	93
Frank Borghi	02/22/1924	91
Francis Rose	02/28/1925	90
Donald Thatcher	02/04/1929	86
Charles Linzey	02/24/1929	86
Noboru Ono	02/05/1930	85
Bernard Thien	02/03/1931	84
Walt Caeton	02/24/1932	83
James Ferez	02/24/1934	81
Sal Lamagna	02/10/1935	80
George Prows	02/11/1935	80
Laverl Tomlinson	02/10/1937	78
Dennis Bowman	02/28/1938	77
Jacques Guertin	02/28/1939	76
Alan Weiner	02/10/1943	72
Bruce Roberts	02/04/1944	71
Ronald Hamro	02/14/1945	70
Stephen Francis	02/27/1946	69

Welcome Back Terry Pearson



Terry Pearson

<u>Guests:</u>	<u>Guest of:</u>
Brian Goodman	Jim Ulam
Robert Morten	Jim Ulam
Harry Pearson	Bruce Roberts

<u>Visitors:</u>	<u>Guest of:</u>
David Sloss	Speaker

Change of Status:
NONE

Membership Total
(as of January 2015)
163 — Active Members
34 — Inactive Members

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

Attendance Report



Sir Ed Guthrie
Attendance Chairman

Attendance Report

(For January 2015)

Members	117
Guests	3
Visitors	1
Total =	121
23 excused	24 unexcused



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/>

SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares by Jerry Sabo



The bowling tournament year began with Stockton on January 20th and Napa on January 26th. Turnout for the Napa Tournament was low compared to the numbers we have seen in previous years. Six bowlers signed up for that tournament and two bowlers became very ill. **Gary Bennett** came down with a serious case of pneumonia and ended up in the hospital just prior to the

tournament, and **Don Henry** finally caught up with the cold his wife was stricken by—Only Frankie Cordova and Jerry ended up representing Branch 59. Stockton bowlers included **Donal Spicer, Victor Okumura, John Pesek, Frankie Cordova, Miguel Ferras** and **Jerry Sabo**. Donal will likely be in the top for Division A in both singles and All-Events for Stockton. Jerry did pretty well in Division B at both tournaments.

Frankie, Jerry and possibly Nat will be attending a State Bowling Committee meeting in early February, and will report that meeting at the next BEC meeting in February.

Upcoming tournaments:

Livermore	Feb 10, 11	Tue, Wed	Granada Bowl
Concord	March 16,18	Mon, Wed	Diablo Lanes

We recently found out the bowler James Lawrence is going to be out of action for a long time. Not sure what the doctors found, but James has really been backing off of his bowling and golfing until they figure out what is wrong. Roger Wallin, Elena and Jerry are also missing their Wednesday bowling partner—James. By the way, Nat Lord and Frankie Cordova also bowl in a Wednesday league. For the first half of that league, the three SIR member teams ended up in a 3-way tie for first place. Frankie's team won the roll off.

This year we are trying something new! Branch 59 and Branch 6 have decided to host our own private Chuck Pereira Memorial tournament on March 2nd.

In the last Pathfinder, I mentioned that Les Prestwood had been missing because of medical issues. We more recently found out that Les passed away on December 25th.

We always have room for more bowlers in our group. Usually fifteen to twenty bowlers show up on Monday to bowl. 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 \$14.00 to bowl. We normally are finished before 3:00 P.M. Once again, lady friends of SIR bowlers are welcome to join us.

Jerry Sabo

Golf Notes by Bill Leake

Welcome to the Branch 59 golf column.

First things first – take a bow. **Joe Stanley**, with a 13.9 index, shot a 79 at Cypress (net 65.1). In the same group **Wayne Meyer** shot an 84. This coupled with the last 3 rounds of 84, 85 and 83. **Way to go Joe and Wayne**. We have started on our schedule for 2015. At this writing I have not received any inputs for the meeting late January with Division 4, area 8.

We do not have the team tournament set up yet but it should be held in early-mid May and at Sunol. A separate flier will come sometime in February. The championship will be held on August 10, course not known yet. Before the team tournament we have the annual Napa tournament – **April 20 and 21** – Spring Time in Napa – Eagle Vines GC & Chardonnay GC (Ladies Welcome). This tournament fills up very quickly so get your entry in now. Entries are available on the web SIRStategolf.com Reno is always popular and we have 2 venues this year – Week 1: 6/15/15 thru 6/19/15, Week 2: 6/22/15 thru 6/26/15. We stay at the Atlantis and play three great courses. Each week has a different format. A separate flier will be coming out in a couple of months.

Division 4 state individual qualifier (course will be named later) with top 2 winners from each flight going to Poppy Hills Golf course. The course and date will be announced later this year. **Monday Aug 10 Team Championship**. This will be the winners from the qualifier above. The courses will be named later. **Solvang** – always a lot fun and a great vacation spot – the dates are September 13-17 and the courses will be named later. Finally, October 26 & 27th – The state individual championship (26th) and open play (27th) – both at **Poppy Hills**.

Regular play for SIR Branch 59 – We play every Monday (1-2 tee times early) and Tuesdays in the 8:00 timeframe. We play at Sunol – [call Sunol at 925-862-0414](http://callSunol.com). 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 Tuesday following our monthly SIR Luncheon. Next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday February 24th - 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.

January topics included tax software such as Turbo Tax, wireless Sonos speakers, concepts of sound as a wave and then how analog sound is converted into digital sound for music after vinyl records—CD's, MP3 sound and related items. Eventually we discussed various anti-virus programs and the need for “safe browsing” software.

February topics are up in the air, or maybe in “cloud storage”. We had a very good turnout this past meeting but there is always room for more.

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 jlsabo@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 10 and Mac Yosemite.

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.

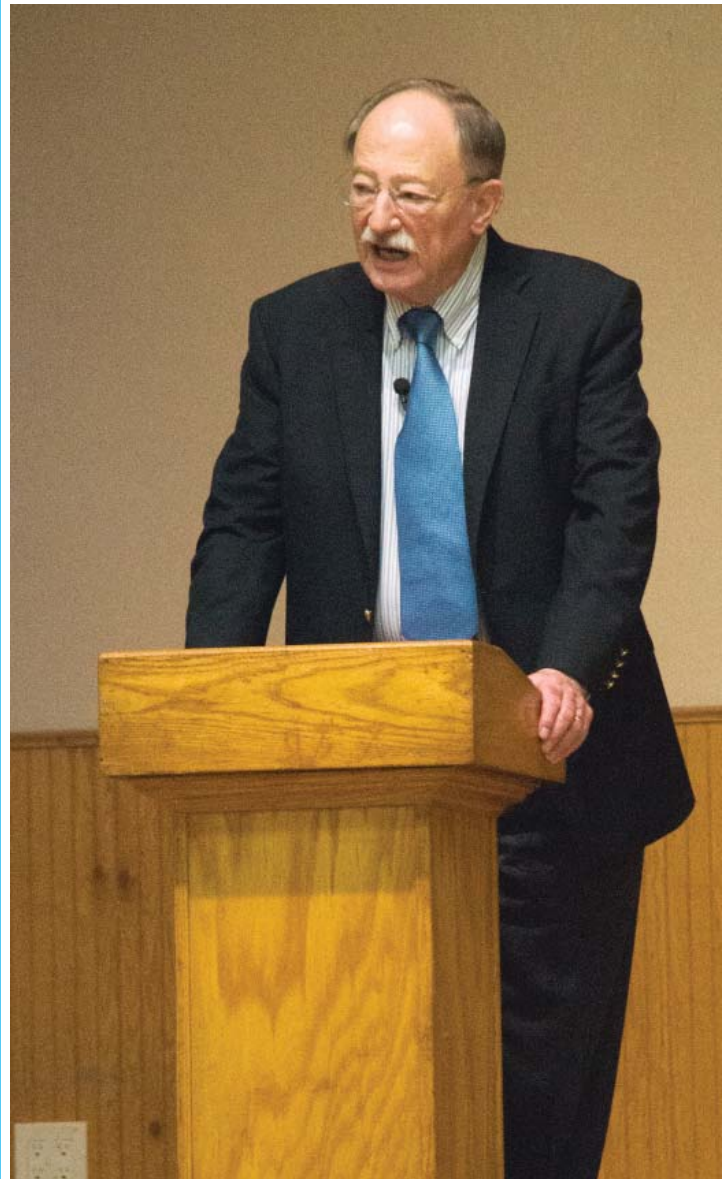
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COUPLES WINE TASTING

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January Speaker



Retired Fremont Symphony Music Director and Conductor David Sloss speaking at the Branch 59 Luncheon on what a Conductor does.

COUPLES DINING OUT

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Sir James Ploor 510-656-9537



MEL NUNES RECEIVES SENIOR SIR AWARD



Sir Mel Nunes (center) happily accepts Senior SIR President's award for reaching the age of 90 from Big Sir Skip Mugford on the left and Little Sir Jim Ulam on the right.

SUNSHINE REPORT by Sir Allen Sprague



Allen Sprague

WALT ODEN: Big Sir Skip Mugford reports that Sir Walt Oden was scheduled for a shoulder replacement medical procedure.

MARTIN SPELLMAN: Report received by Sunshine that Sir Martin Spellman was at Washington Hospital Rehab.

DRAG DUTINA: Sir Drag's spouse Betty told Sunshine that Drag remains in rehab, he continues to have a speech impediment. Lovely Betty said she met and married Drag in WW II.

GERALD HENSEL: Sir Gerald reports that he is "OK" after a medical procedure, and plans to attend our February meeting.

This Sunshine chairman can use all the help he can get. Please let me know of any member being ill or situations that I should include in this Sunshine column.

In Memoriam
Don Graff

Rollie News

Introducing Rollie Referee

By Fred Gotthardt

We welcome the new Rollie Referee
Sir Dino Mostardi.

The new referee is a tough guy so you have to play by the rules as follows:

1. Tell the ref what page number Rollie is on.
2. If the page number is correct he will turn over his copy and ask you to show him where Rollie is located.
3. If you correctly locate Rollie your name will be entered in the drawing for a chance at a Free Lunch.
4. Please, no trash talk to the REF, he has a short fuse and has been known to throw guys out of the hall.



Branch 59 should compliment Big Sir Skip Mugford for stepping up for a rerun of his Leadership when the job opened up at the last minute.

Song Leader Sir Bob Benya always makes the songs have a greater meaning by providing us with the history behind the song.

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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*
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1989 Martin Annen*
1990 Lee Updegraff
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*(deceased)