



# The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Fortieth Year

June 2015

Bulletin No. 5

**NEXT MEETING at Newark Pavilion - Thursday, June, 18, 2015**

## "More Stuff" from Skip by Big Sir Skip Mugford



It looks like June is bustin out all over!! The weather is showing signs of warming up. The trees are green, flowers are sorta blooming and the lawns are brown. Hopefully this will be an El Nino year and our water woes will be a thing of the past.

Kudos to Sirs Rob

Ingebretson, Fred Gotthardt,

Jim Ferenz and their many volunteers for a very successful Spring Fling. The "Magic" entertainment was a lot of fun, not to mention quite entertaining. Sir Mel Nunes volunteered to be in the show and never knew that his watch and wallet had been "lifted"! I slipped the guy a ten spot to make Sir George Vlastelica disappear, but V's mojo was just too strong! AND just what happened behind the curtain to get Sir Arnold George to give his coat up to that purty magician's assistant—with her being all tied up and such?

Once again the caterer should be acknowledged for the quality of food presented. Sir Bill Leake and his many assistants are to be commended for the many door prizes procured for us!! I personally got skunked the past few years, but sure made up for it this year!

Our push for this last half of the year will be to increase membership—an annual effort it seems. Your BEC can only do so much so we need your help. We'll attempt to increase the number of activities offered through Branch 59 to facilitate these efforts. ONWARD AND UPWARD GENTLEMEN!!!

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


## SPEAKER Kenneth Kwok By Little Sir Jim Ulam

Kenneth Kwok has been a police officer since 2006. He received his BA from the University of California-Irvine in Criminology and his MS from San Jose State University in Criminal Justice Administration. Kenneth has been a police officer for the past 9 years. For five years he was a Crime Scene Investigator. He is currently assigned to the Financial Crimes Unit and has been a detective for the past year. Most of his patrol experience was spent in the north end of Fremont.



Detective Kwok will speak to Branch 59 about financial crimes against seniors.

## 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.

## MENU

**Paella and Asturiana Estile Beef**  
Potatoes Bravas and Vegetable Medley



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](mailto:edguthrie@comcast.net)



## Branch 59

### Officers

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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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## April Meeting Minutes

Big Sir Skip Mugford called the meeting to order at 10:00AM and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance

### ROLL CALL BY SECRETARY

Officers Present: Big Sir Skip Mugford, Little Sir Jim Ulam, Secretary Sir Peter Angelides, Assistant Secretary Sir Jim Ferenz, Treasurer Sir Hugh Twomey, and Assistant Treasurer Sir Arnold George.

Officers absent: None

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

Directors absent: None

### MEETING MINUTES

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

### OFFICERS REPORTS

Secretary's Report: None

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Sir Hugh Twomey reported as of April 10, 2015 the adjusted checkbook balance was \$4012.15. Sir Hugh also suggested that we should consider a budget for the balance of 2015 and into future years.

Little Sir's Report: Little Sir Jim Ulam reported that today's speaker would be Rachel DiFranco who is the Sustainability Coordinator for the City of Fremont. She will speak to us about the implementation of the City's Climate action Plan by identifying and implementing opportunities for emission reductions and promoting energy efficiency efforts in both the City's municipal operations and in the community at large.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Attendance: Sir Ed Guthrie projects attendance at today's luncheon at 120 including new members and guests.

Membership: Sir Ron Brutvan reported that we have three new members for acceptance today. They are: Sir Larry Sallee sponsored by Sir Jerry Sabo, Sir James Lomax sponsored by Sir Joe Stanley and Sir Don Potestio sponsored by Sir James Ploor. A Motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the new members.

Birthdays: Sir Art Winkley indicated we are celebrating 10 April Birthdays. The Birthdays this time range between 83 and 66. The Officers and Directors wish these

men a very happy Birthday.

Golf: Sir Bill Leake indicates we have only one team for the Sunol Tournament where we usually have ten. The apparent lack of interest is becoming a concern. Further details about Golf may be found in the Pathfinder.

Bowling: Sir Jerry Sabo reports that we have two teams from Branch 59 going to the Tournament in Sonoma. The Officers and Directors wish Good Luck to the participants. Bowling details may be found in the Pathfinder.

Sunshine: Sir Allen Sprague reports the Passing of Sir Jack Webb and Sir Cal Lynch. The Officers, Directors and Members offer sincere condolences to the families of these fine men.

CyberGeezers: Sir Jerry Sabo reports no May Cyber Geezer Meeting will be held.

Activities Committee: the new Activities Chairman Sir Roger Wallin reported the following data: Signups for new activities: Dining out 7 people, Wine tasting 9 people, Bridge 5 people, Giants Game 1 person, Investments 1 person and Hiking 1 person. The committee is exploring interest in Bocce Ball and Beer tasting. Sir Roger also noted the many Travel opportunities offered to SIR Members.

### OLD BUSINESS

Sir Skip Mugford reported the New Advertisement is now in the Tri City Voice and thanked Little Sir Jim Ulam for his work in making this happen. Sir Jim was able to get the Voice to hold the \$42.00 Price.

Area Governor Sir Rob Ingebretson, in his role as Social Chairman, reported that plans are well along for the May sweetheart Event. Tickets are being sold at today's Meeting. This will be an outstanding event and all of our Members, single and attached are welcome. Door Prizes are always welcome. Sir Rob further reports that he has been visiting other Branches and feels we can be very proud of what we do in Branch 59.

### NEW BUSINESS: None

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 AM  
Submitted by Assistant Secretary

*Sir Jim Ferenz*

# MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS

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

## Birthday Report



**Sir Art Winkley**  
Birthday Chairman

### May Birthdays

Charles Wilkins	05/08/1924	91
Donald Henry	05/29/1929	86
William Wessells	05/22/1931	84
Gerald Robertson	08/29/1932	83
Joseph Montellano	05/07/1933	82
Willard Wyman	05/23/1933	82
Larry Goodman	05/07/1936	79
Donald Allen	05/31/1936	79
Gerald Rodrigues	05/07/1939	76
Richard Holley	05/25/1939	76
Roberto Morales	05/13/1940	75
Ron Brutvan	05/21/1941	74
Harvey McAninch	05/13/1943	72
Jack Roach	05/25/1944	71
Bill Palleschi	05/17/1945	70
Terry Pearson	05/23/1945	70
Henry Brown	05/07/1947	68
Thomas Breen	05/24/1950	65

### June Birthdays

Phil Utic	06/24/1929	86
William Pereira	06/27/1931	84
George Vlastelica	06/28/1932	83
Tony Zeuli	06/11/1933	82
William Briscoe	06/15/1933	82
Willie Jackson	06/01/1935	80
Alan Kenney	06/11/1937	78
John Vennemeyer	06/19/1937	78
Leroy Sayas	06/01/1941	74
Jerry Sabo	06/02/1942	73
Michael Lopez	06/05/1949	66



## New Members

### James W. Lomax

1220 Deer Road  
Fremont, CA 94536-1823  
510-709-7220  
Email: maxlomax@mac.com  
Birthday: 7/1/1948  
Spouse: Anne  
Badge No. 44  
Sponsor: Joseph Stanley  
Call me: Max

### Don F. Potestio

35077 Lucia Court  
Fremont, CA 94536-5457  
510-792-0477  
Email: donflyrods@sbcglobal.net  
Birthday: 8/31/1935  
Spouse: Margaret  
Badge No. 96  
Sponsor: Jim Ploor  
Call me: Don

### Larry Alfred Sallee

38029 Canyon Heights Drive  
Fremont, CA 94536-1809  
510-648-5139  
Email: kynie@sbcglobal.net  
Birthday: 1/29/1952  
Spouse: Judi  
Badge No. 101  
Sponsor: Jerry Sabo  
Call me: Larry

## Welcome New Members



**Max Lomax**



**Don Potestio**



**Larry Sallee**

## Membership Report



**Sir Ron Brutvan**  
Membership Chairman

**Guests:** **Guest of:**  
**No Guests**

**Visitors:** **Guest of:**  
Rachel DiFranco **Speaker**  
Norman Morrison **Ben Fernandez**

**Change of Status:**  
Drag Dutina **to Inactive**  
Manuel Silva **to Inactive**

**Membership Total**  
**(as of April 2015)**  
**168 — Active Members**  
**18 — Inactive Members**

## Attendance Report



**Sir Ed Guthrie**  
Attendance Chairman

### Attendance Report

(For April 2015)

Members	120
Guests	0
Visitors	2
<b>Total =</b>	<b>122</b>
<b>31 excused</b>	<b>19 unexcused</b>



# SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

## Strikes and Spares

by Jerry Sabo



After the State Tournament, those that attended left frustrated. After all, Branches 6 & 59 teamed up last year to bring home the Division B "Team Trophy" and the bowling was not up to par. Turns out that we almost did as well this year—taking second place as a Team of four—Jerry, Donal, Lew, and Rich. The Doubles

pair of **Jerry Sabo** and **Donal Spicer** took first, and placed forth and fifth respectively in All-Events. Also attending the State Tournament in Sonora were pairs; Lew Heffron and Rich Bowers (Branch 6), **John Pesek** and Kasey Warner (Br. 6), **Victor Okumura** and **Laverl Tomlinson**.

Six of our members will have bowled at Pinole on June 4th, and hope to have good results to report at the June luncheon. For the first time we will have newcomer **Larry Sallee** bowling doubles with Jerry. Larry has been our top bowler carrying a 196 average to the tournament.

We have had a lot of good scores and most everyone has been healthy. We have missed **James Lawrence** for most of the season, and hope that he will return soon.

### The next tournaments are:

Yuba City	Mon 13, Tue 14	Nu Generation
Pollock Pines	Sat 18, Sun 19, Mon 20	Knotty Pine Lanes
Sonora	Sun 26, Mon 27, Tue 28	Black Oak Casino

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.

**We just completed our area 8 team tournament, held at Sunol. We had 9 teams competing, one from branch 59. The team of Fred Ilg, Bill Leake, Jim Ulam and Bill Brscoe finished in the middle of the pack. The team from branch 26 won and will go to the state event in August.**

**Our first SIR tournament of the year was spring time in Napa, held April 20 & 21, and we have some results – this was a 2 day tournament. Those attending were from branch 59 were Wayne Mayer, Terry Dalziel, Gary Bennett, Jim Ulam, Bill Stannard and Forrest Lusher. Results: Day 1, CTP – Wayne Meyer 1st place. Day 2 – Gary Bennett 3rd place. Those who placed won money.**

**Reno** – the dates were June 15-19 and June 22-26. If you went hopefully you did well. If you did go please let us know how things went so we can share in next month's column. We do not have results in this article. Want to go to Poppy Hills – for free?? The division 4 individual qualifier will be held at **Franklin Canyon Golf course, Hercules**, on Wednesday Aug 19. Price is \$48 for green fee, cart and prizes. The fliers are out there and were at the last meeting. . It is an 8:00 start and the top 2 finishers of each of the flight go to the state championship at **Poppy Hills** in Monterey Oct 27 & 28. The fliers for open play will be out soon. Oct 27th will be open play and 28th will be championship tournament. The price for Franklin Canyon is \$48, make checks payable to Division 4 golf, and mail to:

Steve Johnson  
200 Grey Wolf Drive  
Vacaville, CA 95688.

(Include your branch, NCGA#, phone, e-mail address etc.)

Major change – **Solvang has been replaced by Whitney Oaks in Rocklin** (Sep 14 & 15). This tournament will be similar to Napa – SIR does not provide the hotel but have suggested places to stay. Ladies welcome. Fliers will be available soon.

**Regular play** for SIR Branch 59 – We play every Monday (1-2 tee times early) and Tuesdays—2 tee times – in the 8:00 timeframe. We play at Sunol – 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 Tuesday following our monthly SIR Luncheon. Next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday June 23rd - 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.

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](mailto: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.

June topics should evolve around Spreadsheet (Excel, Numbers etc) graphs. Other topics are up in the air, or maybe in “cloud storage” or Windows 10. We took a break in May, but are ready for more new topics. Jerry plans to re-focus on basic topics that everyone should know. New PC and Mac operating systems haven’t changed too much, but there are more things to do on a computer since more and more seniors are using “pads and Smartphone’s”.

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**

## COUPLES WINE TASTING

All Sirs (singles, couples, friends) are invited to join us. This activity is in the planning stage so let your thoughts be known to:

Chairman **Sir Skip Mugford 510-794-1184**  
or email **SMUGFORD86@COMCAST.NET**

## AREA 8 TRAVEL

**July 28, 2015**

### Sacramento Underground Tour

A day in Sacramento. Round-trip motorcoach transportation,  
Admission to the Sacramento History Museum,  
Guided Sacramento Underground History Tour, Hosted Lunch onboard the Delta King. Depart Castro Valley 8:30 AM.



Cost \$103 per person.

Contact John Hagebusch 510-200-9103.

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/>

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## COUPLES DINING OUT

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## READERS AND BROWSERS

Bring your magazines and books to share, take books home to read.

**Sir James Ploor 510-656-9537**





## Branch 59 News



New members being introduced to Branch 59 at the April Luncheon. From L to R Big Sir Skip Mugford, sponsor Sir Jerry Sabo, Sir Larry Sallee, Little Sir Jim Ulam, Sir Max Lomax, sponsor Sir Joe Stanley, Sir Don Potestio and sponsor Sir Jim Floor.



Social Chairman Sir Rob Ingebreton and his wife, Gig, greeting members and guests and guiding them to their tables.



Sir Arnold George and Sir Nat Lord hand out Door Prize tickets.

## SUNSHINE REPORT by Sir Allen Sprague



Allen Sprague

*In Memoriam*  
**Cal Lynch**  
**Luciano Nausin**  
**Jack Webb**



Rachel DiFranco speaking at the April Luncheon on the Fremont Climate Action Plan.



# "SPRINGTIME MAGIC"



Sir Mel Nunes is invited to join magician Dan Chan on the stage where he proceeds to lose his wallet and watch.



Social Chairman Sir Rob Ingebreton becomes part of the show.



Kat Chan pops out of the balloon.



In the photo on the left Sir Arnold George is observing magician Dan Chan tie up his assistant Kat Chan. In the center Dan envelopes Arnold and Kat. When they reappear Kat is wearing Arnold's jacket and is still tied-up.

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James Ploor - Assistant

#### ATTENDANCE

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

#### AUDIO-VISUAL

Carl Nordling - **Audio**  
Jerry Sabo - **Video**

#### AUDIT

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

#### BIRTHDAYS

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

#### BOWLING

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

#### CAPS & EMBLEMS

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

#### CHAPLAIN

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Ted Bresler - Assistant

#### CIRCULATION

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#### COUPLES DINING OUT

Skip Mugford - **Chairman**

#### COUPLES WINE TASTING

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#### Senior Honorary Life Members

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Nat Lord

#### Honorary Life Members

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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\*  
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1981 Guido Milano\*  
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2012 James Ferenz  
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2014 Rob Ingebretson

\*(deceased)