



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Fortieth Year

July 2015

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NEXT MEETING at Newark Pavilion - Thursday, July, 16, 2015

"More Stuff" from Skip by Big Sir Skip Mugford



GREETINGS FELLOW SIRS!!! Let us be thankful for many things this month. Most important of which is the celebration and commemoration of our nations birth on July 4th. We stand in awe of those gone before us who made this country what she is today – a beacon of hope, freedom and prosperity for

the entire world!!

Many thanks to Sir Tom Blalock (and his assistants) for stepping in at the last minute as our Speaker last month. His presentation on the latest BART news was greatly appreciated—let alone quite informative!!!

A presentation was made at the BEC meeting re investigating a possible Branch move to The Acacia Retirement Home community on the grounds of the Masonic Home in Fremont. A lunch visit will be made in the next month with Board discussion to follow. Hopefully, I will be able to report on this in the next Pathfinder issue.

Our finances appear to be on solid ground thanks to the efforts of our Treasurer, Sir Hugh Twomey. Kudos to the general membership for your support of the "donation bucket." The extra money voluntarily coming in monthly really goes a long way in defraying expenses!!

Remember to think "NEW MEMBERS." Branch 59 needs your support in attracting and retaining new members. I've run out of neighbors to bring in—they're all members!! Gimme a hand, will ya??!! Our Little Sir, Jim Ulam, has been working very hard on advertising our Branch. All should seek him out at the next Luncheon and thank him for his efforts!!!

SPEAKER Barry Bamford By Little Sir Jim Ulam

Barry Bamford is the founder and president of Sacred Space Memorial.


Sacred Space Memorial specializes in educating veterans about local, national, and state veteran cemeteries, eligibility requirements, benefits information, and how to apply for their earned burial benefits.

Barry is an industry professional with over 30 years experience managing cemeteries and funeral homes, and helping families with immediate needs as well as those wishing to take a more proactive approach to planning. The speaker was recommended by Past Big Sir Richard Holley.

Bamford will speak on "Explaining veterans' death and burial benefits."



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

**BBQ Ribs, BBQ Chicken
and Italian Sausage**

Fruit Salad, Potato Salad, Cut Corn and Corn Bread



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



Branch 59

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Nat Lord
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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

A Nonprofit
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corporation for
retired men



June Meeting Minutes

Big SIR Skip Mugford called the meeting to order 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 Sir Peter Angelides, Treasurer Sir Hugh Twomey, and Assistant Treasurer Sir Arnold George.

Officers Absent: Assistant Secretary Sir Jim Ferenz.

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 June Minutes as published in the Pathfinder.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Secretary's Report: None

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Sir Hugh Twomey reported that as of June 18, 2015 there was an adjusted checkbook balance of \$3,612.15 and a petty cash balance of \$400.00.

Little Sirs Report: Little Sir Jim Ulam reported that today's speaker would be Sir Tom Blalock, President of the BART Board of Directors. Sir Tom Blalock will discuss in detail BART's latest addition, the Warm Springs Station in Fremont. Sir Jim also reported that the Tri Cities Voice Ad brought in two new members to SIR.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Attendance: Sir Ed Guthrie projects attendance at 115 including new members and guests.

Membership: Sir Carl Nordling reported that we have one new member for acceptance today. He is Sir Alan Zolman sponsored by Sir Jim Ulam. Two guests invited by Sir Jim Ulam will join us at today's luncheon. They are Emmanuel Baraiya and Earl Graves.

Birthdays: Sir Art Winkley indicated that we are celebrating 12 May Birthdays, ranging in age from 91 to 65 and 10 June Birthdays ranging in age from 86 to 66.

Golf: Sir Bill Leake reported that three Branch 59 members participated in the Reno Tournament. Although they didn't win a prize, a good time was had by all. In depth golf news is found in the Branch 59 Newsletter.

Bowling: See Branch 59 Newsletter for latest news on bowling.

Sunshine: Sir Allen Sprague reported the passing of Sir Luciano Nausin. The Officers, Directors, and Members offer sincere condolences to the family of this fine man.

CyberGeezers: See Branch 59 Newsletter for the latest CyberGeezers news.

Activities Committee: Activities Chairman Sir Roger Wallin indicated that so far Dining, Wine Tasting, and Investments were the most popular activities. Other activities that got attention included Bridge, Giants/A's games, Beer tasting, and Bocce Ball.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

New Meeting Place?

Branch 59 Member Sir Harvey McAninch lives in the Acacia Creek facility, an upscale retirement complex that has all the amenities for Branch 59 meetings and dining. Sir Harvey McAninch gave a talk on the facility. He said the lunches are better than what we presently have and at a slightly lower price.

The meeting was adjourned by Big Sir Skip Mugford at 11:00 AM

Minutes submitted by

Sir Peter Angelides
Branch 59 Secretary

MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS

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

Birthday Report



Sir Art Winkley
Birthday Chairman

July Birthdays

Gordon Thym	07/01/1923	92
Valentino Pianetta	07/14/1925	90
Fred Cutter	07/09/1929	86
Gordon MacLeod	07/12/1930	85
Bernard Teague	07/14/1930	85
Dino Mostardi	07/27/1930	85
Ben Fernandez	07/02/1934	81
Rowland McNeil	07/24/1938	77
Wayne Meyer	07/13/1939	76
Gene Lim	07/04/1940	75
Robert Wallace	07/16/1943	72
Frank Bowman Jr.	07/12/1944	71
James Lomax	07/01/1948	67



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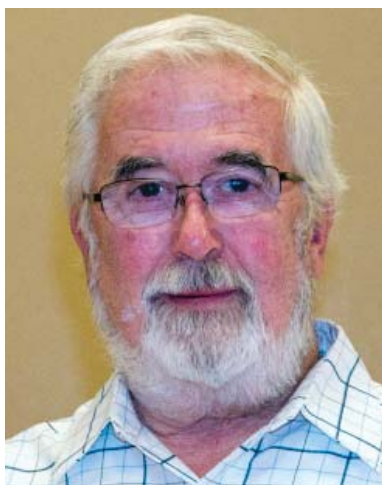
**BRING IN A GUEST
WE NEED NEW MEMBERS**

New Member

Alan D. Zolman

34995 Alberta Terrace
Fremont, CA 94555-
408-215-8253
Email: alzman1942@icloud.com
Birthday: 12/22/1942
Spouse: Jeff
Badge No. 103
Sponsor: Jim Ulam
Call me: Alan

Welcome Alan Zolman



Alan Zolman



Membership Report



Sir Ron Brutvan
Membership Chairman

<u>Guests:</u>	<u>Guest of:</u>
Emmanuel Baraiya	Jim Ulam
Earl Graves	Jim Ulam

<u>Visitors:</u>	<u>Guest of:</u>
None	

Change of Status:

William Dark	to Inactive
James Lawrence	to Inactive
William Wessells	to Inactive
Harvey McAnich	to Inactive
Thomas Breen	rule 100
Richard Chatham	rule 100
Robert Kammerer	rule 100
Jim Proffitt	rule 100
Martin Spellman	rule 100
Bernard Thien	rule 100
Dragomir Dutina	Resigned

Membership Total

(as of June 2015)

158 — Active Members

21 — Inactive Members

Attendance Report



Sir Ed Guthrie
Attendance Chairman

Attendance Report

(For June 2015)

Members	113
Guests	2
Visitors	0
Total =	115
37 excused	19 unexcused

SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares

by Jerry Sabo



So often I refer to the success that we have when we go away to tournaments. There are many SIR Bowlers that choose not to attend tournaments, but still show up on a regular basis to get a bit of exercise and have fun.

Wayne Adams has had several great games these past few weeks. Wayne has had

troubles with his vision and health in general. When he bowls a game that is 44 pins over his average it is awesome.

Ron Hamro is another bowler that has kept an average of over 160 and has a high game of 244! Ron has decided not to bowl tournaments.

Jim Floor is another good bowler with an average of 150 and a high game of 225. No tournaments.

Nat Lord has an average of over 160 with a high game of 219. Nat used to bowl tournaments with Darrell Jewell as a partner. Now that Darrell has gone, Nat has not bowled tournaments.

We do have one tournament that everyone attends—the Fremont Tournament to be held this year one day only on Sunday, September 13th. At that tournament, all of the Branch 59 and Branch 6 bowlers participate in our tournament. We had one other Annual Tournament—The Chuck Pereira Tournament; held this past year in March.

The next tournaments are:

Reno	Mon-Wed 8/17-8/19	Reno Bowling Stadium
Fremont	Sun 9/13	Cloverleaf Bowl
Lake Tahoe	Fri 9/18, Sat 9/19	Tahoe Bowl
Citrus Heights	Mon 10/5, Wed 10/7	Fireside Lanes

We always have room for more bowlers in our group. Usually fifteen to twenty bowlers show up on Monday to bowl. There is no team commitment, nor a penalty if you can't make it. 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—we now have two women bowlers—**Ruby Barker** and **Elena Bryant**.

Jerry Sabo

Golf Notes

by Bill Leake



Welcome to the Branch 59 golf column.

There are not any tournament results to report. Reno is completing as this column is being written and if anyone from branch 59 competed please let me know so you can get your name on the SIR golf column.

The next major tournament for SIR is **Franklin Canyon Golf course, Hercules**, on Wednesday Aug 19. Price is \$48 for green fee, cart and prizes. The entry form is on the web. This is the division 4 state qualifier. There will be 7 flights and the top two finishers of each of the flight go to the state championship at **Poppy Hills** in Monterey Oct 28. 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.

For those golfers that play well – do you want to be recognized? We can do that – just send to me a note and let me know how you did on your round – where you played and what you are bragging about – and it will be put into the column. Space available. Want to try it?

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 July 21st - 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. We have previously discussed such things as e-books and audio downloads using devices such as the Kindle, iPad or iPhone, but other topics are most welcome. Also being discussed are operating systems such as Windows 10, IOS and Mac Yosemite.

June topics evolved around obtaining Apps for the iPhone or other smartphones, as well as email clients vs web based email, and finally Windows 10. Jerry had a copy of Windows 10 installed on his laptop along with Windows 8—so we could compare the new operating system with the older.

New PC and Mac operating systems haven't changed too much (we still review older processes such as how to use email and file copying)—except there will likely not be CD/DVD drives in the new models because "cloud storage" and high speed internet service is a must. There are increasingly less things to do on a computer because 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.

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

We did not get enough people for the Sacramento trip so we had to cancel. Please speak up if you have any desire to set up any trips. We have gone to Europe; we've cruised; done day trips and overnights. We can do any of these and probably any other that you would like to do. Let me know!

Call Travel Chairman Emile Lassalle
for more information 510-538-7463

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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 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



Big Sir Skip Mugford (left) and Little Sir Jim Ulam (center) welcome new member Sir Alan Zolman.



Area 8 Governor Sir Rob Ingebretson provides a sermon for the Branch.



Song Leader Sir Bob Benya leading the Branch membership in song.



SIR birthday Golf Cap winners Sir Tony Zeuli on the left (with Sir John Ockes behind him) and Sir Don Henry on the right. Congratulations on winning your prize.



SIR BRANCH 59 ELECTION

The election for 2016 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
Little Sir
Treasurer
Assistant Treasurer
Secretary
Assistant Secretary

Sir Jim Ulam
Open
Sir Hugh Twomey
Sir Arnold George
Sir Peter Angelides
Sir Jim Ferenz



The nominees for **DIRECTOR** are:

Sir Nat Lord
Sir Skip Mugford
Sir George Perry
Sir Jerry Sabo
Open
Open

*Step up and help the
Branch by volunteering for
one of the open slots.*



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.

SUNSHINE REPORT by Sir Allen Sprague



Allen Sprague

**no news is
good news**



Sir Tom Blalock updated the Branch on the status of BART at the June Luncheon.

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ACTIVITIES

Roger Wallin - **Chairman**
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

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

CIRCULATION

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

COUPLES DINING OUT

Skip Mugford - **Chairman**

COUPLES WINE TASTING

Skip Mugford - **Chairman**

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

George Perry - **Chairman**
- Assistant

PATHFINDER

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

ROLLIE REFEREE

Dino Mostardi - **Chairman**

ROSTER - DATABASE

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

SOCIAL

Rob Ingebretson - **Chairman**

SONG LEADER

Bob Benya - **Chairman**

SPORTS

Bill Leake - **Chairman**
Nat Lord - Assistant

SUNSHINE

Allen Sprague - **Chairman**

STATE OFFICERS

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Bob Hairston

State Vice-President

Don Dill

State Secretary

Derek Southern

State Treasurer

Karl Ryden

Director, Region 6

Dick DeVoe

Governor, Area 8

Rob Ingebretson

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
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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
2014 Rob Ingebretson

*(deceased)