



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Fortieth Year

August 2015

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NEXT MEETING at Newark Pavilion - Thursday, August, 20, 2015

"More Stuff" from Skip by Big Sir Skip Mugford



Well August is upon us—the dog days of summer as it were. So far so good, except for all of the forest fires burning all over our tinder-dry State, a recent 4.0 earthquake locally and... (only 3 dots in memory of Herb Cain)

Several of us will be attending the SIR State Annual Meeting in Concord in a few days. More info on that at the Luncheon meeting on August 20th. Couples dining out is off to a good

start and a wine tasting event should be held shortly after Sir Joe Stanley returns from vacation.


A moment, please, to think of our good friend Sir Allen Sprague. He served Branch 59 long and faithfully and his many contributions are gratefully acknowledged!!

This is a reminder that we will elect our new slate of officers and directors at this month's luncheon. However, as this goes to press we are still in need of someone to step up and be our Little Sir for 2016.

Our life's blood is NEW MEMBERS. Your Officers and Directors can only do so much---we need the help of the general membership to introduce new guests who will transition into full membership in Branch 59.

It has been suggested that Branch 59 hold our own mini car rally in the parking lot prior to the September luncheon. Several members have some sweet looking rides that the rest of us would like to drool over and rekindle old memories. If you do have a car you would like to "show," please look me up at this month's luncheon. This event would certainly be different and undoubtedly lots of fun!!!

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.

SPEAKER Alan Ross By Little Sir Jim Ulam

Born in New York City, Alan Ross came to California in 1979. He presently lives in Pleasanton with his significant other and two German Shepherds.

Mr. Ross has a Master's degree in Nuclear Engineering and a Law degree. He works as a regulatory consultant involved with litigation and arbitration related to worldwide nuclear power plants. He retired as a Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Naval Reserve.

Al started officiating basketball in 1969 and football in 1970; he then added baseball in 1972.

He has officiated football for 42 years at the high school, junior college and 4-year Division 1 college level. He has worked as a Back Judge and Referee and later as a Replay Official in the Western Athletic, PCAA and Mountain West Conferences. He officiated at 6 North Coast Section football championship games, the Cal State Junior College Championship and three NCAA Bowl games. Al also served as President of the Mission Valley Football Officials Association for six years. In his career he officiated at more than 800 football games on all levels.

He refereed basketball on the high school, JC and Division 1 college level for more than 30 years, including one assignment in the NCAA Basketball Tournament. He served as President of the Mission Valley Basketball Officials Association for four years.

Al also umpired baseball for almost 15 years on the JC and college level.

The topic of his talk is **Officiating Football and New Rules for 2015.**



MENU

Swiss Steak and Chicken Chipole
Mashed Potato, Rice and Medley Vegetables



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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(510) 794-1184

Little Sir
Jim Ulam
(510) 797-9357

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Peter Angelides
(510) 797-3570

Asst. Secretary
James Ferenz
(510) 651-7717

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Hugh Twomey
(510) 796-5559

Asst. Treasurer
Arnold George
(510) 797-9524

Directors
Nat Lord
George Perry
Jerry Sabo
Sheldon Schwartz

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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July 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, 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 and Sir Sheldon Schwartz.

Directors Absent: Sir Jerry Sabo

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 July 16, 2015 there was an adjusted checkbook balance of \$3,451.90 and a petty cash balance of \$400.00.

Little Sirs Report: Little Sir Jim Ulam reported that today's speaker will be Barry Bamford, founder and president of Sacred Space Memorial, an organization which specializes in educating veterans on veterans cemeteries, eligibility requirements, and benefits information. Mr. Bamford will speak on "Explaining veteran's death and burial benefits"

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Attendance: Sir Ed Guthrie projects attendance at 114 including new members and guests.

Membership: Sir Carl Nordling reported one new member for acceptance today. He is Sir Emmanuel Baraiya sponsored by Sir Jim Ulam. One guest, Michael Harper, invited by J. D. Smith will also join us at today's luncheon.

Birthdays: Sir Art Winkley indicated that we are celebrating 10 July Birthdays, ranging in age from 92 to 71.

Golf: Sir Bill Leake reserves golf time every Mon, Tues at Sunol for Branch 59 Members. Sept 14/15 is the Fall Classic at Whitney Oaks, Rocklin—replacing Solvang Tourney. State individual play at Poppy Hills Oct 27/28. Entry forms for above tournaments are on the web.

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

Sunshine: None.

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

Discussed possible visit to Acacia Creek by SIR Officers as alternative meeting place to present location.

NEW BUSINESS

None

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

August Birthdays

Tom Sherba	08/09/1927	88
Arthur Winkley	08/25/1927	88
Gerald Robertson	08/29/1932	83
Don Potestio	08/31/1935	80
Arnold George	08/20/1939	76
R. (Skip) Mugford	08/29/1939	76
Roger Wallin	08/30/1940	75
Donal Spicer	08/19/1942	73
Sheldon Schwartz	08/10/1944	71
Douglas Howd	08/03/1946	69



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

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

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

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

New Member

Emmanuel S. Baraiya

38623 Cherry Lane Apt 120
Fremont, CA 94536-4233

510-494-0418

Email: emmanuel6017@att.net

Birthday: 11/8/1933

Spouse: Suvas

Badge No. 9

Sponsor: Jim Ulam

Call me: Emmanuel

Welcome Emmanuel Baraiya



Emmanuel Baraiya



Membership Report



Sir Ron Brutvan
Membership Chairman

Guests:

Michael Harper

Guest of:

J. D. Smith

Visitors:

Barry Bamford
Larry Jackson

Guest of:

Speaker
Guest of
Jim Haarrison

Change of Status:

Ray Carlson New Address
191 Guadalupe Terrace
Fremont, CA 94539-5412

Membership Total

(as of July 2015)

159 — Active Members

21 — Inactive Members

Attendance Report



Sir Ed Guthrie
Attendance Chairman

Attendance Report

(For July 2015)

Members	111
Guests	1
Visitors	2
Total =	114
27 excused	21 unexcused

SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares by Jerry Sabo



We had a good turnout of 19 bowlers this past Monday, including two ladies that have joined our group. Two of our newest bowlers are rolling great games and carrying decent averages. Larry Sallee has a high game of 242, and is carrying a 199 average. **Laverl Tomlinson** had a 265 game and holds a 168 average.

Jerry has improved his bowling with a high game of 276 and a 181 average, but he is just trying to keep ahead of previously injured **Roger Wallin**. Other bowlers with great games include Gary Bennett---256, Frankie Cordova---239, Howard Elz---220, Miguel Ferras---224, Ron Hamro---244, Don Henry---258, Nat Lord---219, Victor Okumura---235, John Pesek---210, Jim Ploor---225, Donal Spicer---235, and Roger Wallin---219. We also have four great bowlers from Branch 6.

Most of the recent tournaments and upcoming tournaments will be held in faraway places. For example, the last tournament that was attended by **Don Henry, John Pesek, Larry Sallee, and Jerry Sabo** was held in Yuba City. Shortly Larry, Jerry, and **Harvey McAninch** will be attending a tournament at the Black Oak Casino in Tuolumne. Upcoming tournament for the next two months will include the following:

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

Notice that the Fremont Tournament will only be held on Sunday this year. Turnout for Mondays was low so we decided to try a one day venture. **Frankie Cordova** and Jerry will be attending the State Bowling Committee on August 4th to plan for next year, and perhaps get new State Committee officers. Our current President, Del Locke, has held that position for an extended three-year term. Del cannot serve another term. Just like most any other organization—leadership is important. The State meeting will be held in Sacramento this year rather than the usual location in Vallejo.

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.

Jerry Sabo

Golf Notes by Bill Leake

Welcome to the Branch 59 golf column.

We do have some results from Reno – **Terry Dalziel, Gary Bennett and Forrest Lusher** represented Branch 59. They played 3 courses. Terry finished 4th on day 1 and won \$\$\$. All 3 had fun. The turnout was pretty good but only 2 sessions this year.



Did you sign up for the individual qualifier which will be held at Franklyn Canyon golf course in 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 tournament – There will be 7 flights and the top two finishers of each of the 7 flights go to 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 Branch, NCGA#, phone, e-mail address etc.

As reported last month – No more Solvang. **Solvang has been replaced by Whitney Oaks in Rocklin** (Sep 14 & 15). This tournament will be similar to Napa. It will be a 2 day event without set accommodations – but – SIR does provide a listing of accommodations if you wish to stay over. Ladies welcome. Fliers are on the web:

<http://www.golf.sirinc2.org/>

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 September 22nd (Jerry will be out of town in August) - 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.

July topics evolved around obtaining Apps for the iPhone, iPad, or other smartphones or tablets. More specifically, how to print the iPad calendar—or can it be done to the desired quality? Looking at the App store it was determined that perhaps there are better Calendar Apps out there. More discussion ensued regarding Phishing—a topic that all SIR households should know more about if you use a computer. Finally we looked a bit more at Windows 10. Jerry has a copy of Windows 10 installed on his laptop along with Windows 8—so we could compare the new operating system with the older. We also looked at the Khan Academy website—a wonderful place for learning.

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.

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**

EAST BAY SUNSHARES SOLAR-SIMPLE-TOGETHER

By Bill Palleschi

Thinking about installing solar but don't know where to start or think it's just too expensive?

The City of Fremont has teamed up with the non-profit Vote Solar Initiative and other East Bay cities to help you take the next steps!

Called “East Bay SunShares,” the exciting new solar group-purchasing program pools the buying power of individual participants to get more competitive pricing from solar companies, making going solar easier and more affordable than ever for residents.

East Bay SunShares is a limited-time opportunity that launches August 3 and runs until mid-October. Both residents and employees of Fremont will be eligible to receive over a 15% discount off the current market price of solar through this program.

East Bay SunShares is being offered by the City as part of the Fremont Green Challenge – a community-wide initiative to cut local greenhouse gas emissions in the places we live, work, and play. The Fremont Green Challenge is designed to help Fremont meet its Climate Action Plan goals as well as win the Georgetown University Energy Prize, a two-year-long national energy reduction competition, with a \$5 Million prize for the community that achieves the deepest energy savings.

Homeowners are invited to take the Fremont Green Challenge and sign up with East Bay SunShares to receive a no cost, no obligation site evaluation and learn how to plug into the sun today and save on your utility bills for years to come. Plus, you'll be doing your part to help Fremont win the \$5 Million Georgetown University Energy Prize! In Fremont, we're all in to win!

Visit www.fremont.gov/sunshares for more information and to register.

COUPLES DINING OUT

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

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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

AMBASSADOR ALAN WEINER TO AID NEW MEMBERS

Ambassador Alan Weiner, shown in the photo below and wearing a **bright yellow badge**, will be circulating prior to beginning of meetings to greet members and guests and specifically to help seat and introduce our new members. Look for him if you have questions or need assistance.

Please let Jim Ulam know if you would also like to volunteer to be an ambassador.



THE BRANCH NEEDS YOUR HELP! by Jim Ulam

We do not have any candidates for the position of Little Sir for the 2016 year! That could mean that we have no speakers for our monthly luncheons. We also do not have candidates for two open Board of Directors positions, as well as other needed committee chairmen. We just lost our Sunshine Chairman.

We would hate to see our branch dissolve because members will not step up and volunteer. This branch will simply cease to exist if you don't get up off your backsides and give your time and energy to it!



SIT WHERE THE FLAG IS FLYING

In order to help members find seating, we are placing **bright "flags"** on the table numbers. If a table has seating available, the flag will be up. If the table is full, the flag will be turned down.

It is important that members remember to turn their flag down when their table is full.

NEW MEMBER BADGES

New and fairly new members will have a **bright star** sticker on their name badges so all members will know they should introduce themselves and assist our new members and encourage them to join activities and better enjoy themselves as active members!

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

In Memoriam **Allen Sprague**

It is with great sadness that we report the recent passing of Sir Tom Sherba's wife, Lillian, after 58 years of marriage. Tom is a Branch 59 Past Big Sir and a retired SIR Area 8 Governor. Our thoughts are with Tom and Lillian at this time.

JULY SPEAKER



Barry Bamford spoke to Branch 59 at the July Luncheon on veteran's burial benefits.

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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

- **Chairman**

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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
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
2014 Rob Ingebretson

*(deceased)