



# The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Fortieth Year

September 2015

Bulletin No. 8

**NEXT MEETING at Newark Pavilion - Thursday, September 17, 2015**

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



September is singing its song--only 4 more months to go before Jim Ulam ascends to the Big Sir position!!!

For the first time SIR Branch 59 will be represented in the Newark Days Parade!! On September 19th I will be driving my sweet Jaguar convertible in the Parade with Little Sir Jim Ulam riding

shotgun. He has procured signs with Branch 59 info that will magnetically affix to the driver and passenger doors. We are still trying to work out getting a few teams of volunteers to walk the route and pass out SIR brochures while Jim and I smile and wave in a humble yet regal manner!!!

If you've heard discussion regarding a move from the Pavilion to Acacia Creek, please disregard it. Turns out they couldn't accommodate us in any form whatsoever anyhow!!

Many thanks to our speaker last month, Al Ross, for playing along with me—blowing his whistle—throwing a flag and ejecting me for an intentionally foul joke. Hope you weren't too offended!! He truly is a class act!!

Keep working on attracting new members for our organization's survival, cuz your elected officers are doing all we can.

COME AND SEE US IN THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY NEWARK DAYS PARADE ON SEPTEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>!!!

## MENU

### Sirloin Tips and Chicken Rosemary

Noodles, Garden Wild Rice and Medley Vegetables

## 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.



I WANT YOU  
TO BRING IN  
A GUEST

## 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](mailto:edguthrie@comcast.net)



## Branch 59

### Officers

Big Sir  
Skip Mugford  
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Peter Angelides  
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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

A Nonprofit  
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retired men



## AUGUST Meeting Minutes

Big SIR Skip Mugford called the meeting to order and led the assembled group in the Pledge of Allegiance at 10:02AM.

### ROLL CALL BY ACTING SECRETARY

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

Officers Absent: Secretary Sir Peter Angelides and Assistant Secretary Sir Jim Ferenz.

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

Directors Absent: Sir Jerry Sabo

### MEETING MINUTES

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

### OFFICERS REPORTS

**Secretary's Report:** None

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Sir Hugh Twomey reported that as of August, 2015 there was an adjusted checkbook balance of \$3,824.65 and a petty cash balance of \$400.00.

**Little Sirs Report:** Little Sir Jim Ulam reported that today's speaker will be Alan Ross, who will speak to us on Officiating Football and New Rules for 2015.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Attendance:** Sir Ed Guthrie projects attendance at 112 including new members and guests.

**Membership:** Sir Ron Brutvan reported two new members for acceptance today. They are Sir Earl Graves sponsored by Sir Jim Ulam and Sir Michael Harper sponsored by Sir J. D. Smith.

**Birthdays:** Sir Art Winkley indicated that we are celebrating 10 August Birthdays, ranging in age from 88 to 69.

**Golf:** Sir Bill Leake: We are playing at Sunol twice a week – early Monday and early Tuesday. Wayne Meyer and Richard Holley competed in the Division 4 state qualifier individual golf tournament at Franklyn Canyon Golf course. Both Wayne and Richard did well but did not qualify for the free trip to Poppy Hills. The top 2 in each of the 7 flights automatically go to Monterey. Final results not in, yet.

The replacement for Solvang is Whitney

Oaks and it will be played in September. Entry forms can be found on the SIR state website.

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

**Sunshine:** None.

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

**Activities:** Activities Chairman Sir Roger Wallin indicated that so far Couples Dining Out, 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

Discussed attendance, new member recruitment and member retention especially how we handle Rule 100 and the status of members who are absent for great lengths of time, i.e. who have two homes. It was emphasized that members not attending a regular scheduled branch meeting, or bringing a guest, MUST call or email Ed Guthrie the Monday before the meeting, or earlier!

Big Sir Skip Mugford said that he and a couple other members will bring their classic cars to the Sept meeting for a brief car rally prior to meeting commencement. He also suggested the same cars attend the Newark Days parade in Sept to "advertise" SIR.

Little Sir Jim Ulam has ordered a couple of door magnets to be placed on the cars which tout our SIR Branch 59.

Bill Briscoe brought up the idea of saving branch money by not mailing the Pathfinder to those members who also get it by email. It was suggested by Ambassador Alan Weiner that we do offer to mail the Pathfinder for a nominal fee to members.

Big Sir also suggested that we highlight a couple of members in each month's Pathfinder as a way of re-introducing each other and our pre-retirement vocations.

The meeting was adjourned by Big Sir Skip Mugford at 11:00 AM  
Minutes submitted by  
*Sir Jim Ulam*  
Acting 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

### September Birthdays

Joe Markovich	09/26/1927	88
John Skarpelos	09/09/1928	87
David Priego	09/12/1929	86
G. Austin Smith	09/19/1929	86
Bill Stannard	09/05/1931	84
Vincent Fernelius	09/15/1933	82
Phillip Norris	09/27/1934	81
Jim Harrison	09/06/1936	79
Ned Rendell	09/11/1938	77
John Trischetti	09/17/1938	77
Robert Ingebretson	09/08/1940	75
Victor Wong	09/12/1942	73
Stan Peters	09/24/1942	73
Howard Elz	09/21/1943	72
Fred Ilg	09/10/1945	70
Sammy Lum	09/13/1955	60
Robert Morten	09/27/1957	58



<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

**Michael A. Harper**  
6130 Linford Terrace  
Fremont, CA 94555-3600  
510-517-1155  
Email: mah535@gmail.com  
Birthday: 12/5/1953  
Spouse: Sinoy  
Badge No. 88  
Sponsor: JD Smith  
Call me: Mike

**Welcome  
Michael  
Harper**



Michael Harper



## Membership Report



Sir Ron Brutvan  
Membership Chairman

<b><u>Guests:</u></b>	<b><u>Guest of:</u></b>
Ron Adamson	Carl Nordling
Thomas Breen	
George Morariu	Skip Mugford
Jim Profit	
Jay Wagner	Tony Bruno

<b><u>Visitors:</u></b>	<b><u>Guest of:</u></b>
Alan Ross	Speaker
Roger Baird	Br 32 San Jose

<b><u>Change of Status:</u></b>
Frank Bowman
Dropped Rule 100

**Membership Total**  
(as of August 2015)  
  
158 — Active Members  
21 — Inactive Members

## Attendance Report



Sir Ed Guthrie  
Attendance Chairman

### Attendance Report (For July 2015)

Members	115
Guests	5
Visitors	2
<b>Total =</b>	<b>122</b>
<b>27 excused</b>	<b>18 unexcused</b>

# SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

## Strikes and Spares

by Jerry Sabo



Monday bowling continues to grow in participation with the presence of three women: **Ruby Barker, Judi Sallee, and Elena Bryant.** 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.

We did get the results from the Yuba City Tournament with **John Pesek** placing 2nd in C Division, and the team of **Don Henry** and John placing 6th in Doubles B. Jerry took 8th in all events—three out of four bowlers brought back some winnings! No word yet from Sonora, but **Harvey McAninch** should have done very well in both singles and doubles, and our team might have placed. It was a good trip, and we enjoyed the Black Oak Casino where the event took place.

Upcoming tournaments include our own—which should be over and done with by the time this edition of the Pathfinder is published, and the following:

Citrus Heights	Mon Oct. 5, Wed Oct. 7	Fireside Lanes
Brentwood	Tue Oct. 13, Thu. Oct. 15	Harvest Park

Frankie Cordova and Jerry attended the State Bowling Committee on August 4th to plan for next year. Our current Committee Chairman, Del Locke, appointed Jerry Sabo to take over as State Bowling Chairman. Just like most any other organization—leadership is important. The State Bowling meetings will be held at one of the plush Elks Lodge's in Sacramento from now on rather than the previous location in Vallejo. The location was a much better venue than our previous one, but the drive is a bit longer.

At the State Meeting, it was also decided that Cloverleaf Bowl in Fremont will be the site of the 2016 State Tournament to be held on May 1, 2, and 3.

*Jerry Sabo*



## Golf Notes

by Bill Leake



Welcome to the Branch 59 golf column.

The division 4 state qualifier was completed at Franklyn Canyon golf course the 3rd week in August. Branch 59 was represented by **Wayne Meyer and Richard Holley** who both shot very respectable scores but unfortunately did not qualify to go to Poppy Hills in October.

The state SIR golf individual tournament is Poppy Hills and the dates are October 27 (open play) and October 28 (championship play). Details for Poppy Hills are as follows: October 27: Open tournament. 140 positions, \$95 INCLUDING PRIZE FUND 24 POSITIONS RESERVED FOR WOMEN TO PLAY IN THEIR OWN TOURNAMENT, \$95 PER PLAYER INCLUDING PRIZE FUND OCTOBER 28: STATE CHAMPIONSHIP, 70 DIVISION QUALIFIERS, SEVEN FLIGHTS OPTIONAL \$20 BUY-IN FOR THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP OPEN TOURNAMENT, 70 POSITIONS, \$95 INCLUDING PRIZE FUND. There is time to sign up and if your spouse has an NCGA index she can play as well. For more details go to [www.sirstategolf.com](http://www.sirstategolf.com).

As reported last month – Solvang **has been replaced by Whitney Oaks in Rocklin** (September 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 – [sirstategolf.com](http://sirstategolf.com). If you are reading this and did not sign up then it is too late.

**For those golfers that play well – do you want to be recognized? We can do that – just send 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?**

**Dues – Golf dues will be coming up soon – look for messages once the time approaches.**

**Regular play** for SIR Branch 59 – We play every Monday (1-2 tee times early) and Tuesdays—2 tee times -- in the 7:30 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 - 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). 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.

September topics should evolve around the new Windows 10 operating system. Fred has volunteered to give us all a rundown on the new system, and other cyber geezers have already installed Windows 10 to replace either Windows 7 or 8. I know that Microsoft has spent a lot of time beta testing the system so there shouldn't be too many bugs—nothing like Vista I hope.

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 "I-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

### "Tracks and Suds" Thursday, February 4, 2016

Your day will begin at the Western Railway Museum for a docent lead Car House tour and a one hour train ride aboard a Historic Electric Rail Car. At the conclusion of your tour you will board the motor coach and head to lunch at Cast Iron Bar and Grill in Suisun City. After lunch it's off to Anheuser-Busch's Budweiser Brewery in Fairfield. During your tour you will observe the art of brewing as you follow the making of Budweiser through the 7 Steps of the Brewing Process. At the beginning of the tour, you will have an opportunity to taste some of the quality beers brewed at the facility in the Budweiser Hospitality Room. As your tour concludes your will also have a chance to sample some more "Suds" in your souvenir glass. This Tracks and Suds day is one you will not want to miss.



Depart: 8:45 am Return: 6:00 pm  
3848 Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley

Cost Per Person:

\$ 96.00 with 30 paid guests / \$78.00 with 40 paid guests

Cost Includes:

- Round Trip Motor coach Transportation
- Hosted Lunch ~ Tour and Tasting @ Budweiser Brewery
- Tour and Train Ride @ Western Railway Museum

Contact: Emile Lassalle @ (510) 538-7463

Make Checks Payable to: SIR Branch 26

Mail Checks to:

Emile Lassalle,  
19574 Stanton Ave.,  
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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 member Sir Michael Harper (center) is introduced at the August luncheon by Big Sir Skip Mugford (left) and Little Sir Jim Ulam (right).

**Sir Valentino Pianetta** (right) receives the Presidents Senior Award for having reached the age of ninety. Presenting the award was Big Sir Skip Mugford on the left and Little Sir Jim Ulam in the center.



# COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS

This is an early reminder to all of our members that our Christmas Luncheon is right around the corner. I am already at work planning for this annual fun gala. I hope to have some great entertainment and a Christmas sing along to get us in the Christmas spirit. Our caterer will again provide us with his culinary magic around his wonderful Salmon, Beef, and Chicken entrees.

As always, I will be depending on our wonderful Sons In Retirement brothers to come through with some great door prizes. I will make available a merchant introduction letter you may use to obtain a door prize from our generous area merchants.

I will be updating you on my progress in future Pathfinder articles so save the date **THURSDAY DECEMBER 17th** for a wonderful Christmas Party. This event is for our ladies or significant other and we will also provide for our single members so there is no reason that anyone cannot have a great time.

***Sir Rob Ingebretson***

Social Chairman

## RESERVE A TABLE FOR CHRISTMAS

Hi Fellow Sirs, The form to reserve a table for 8 for our Holiday Luncheon will be available at this coming September luncheon. This will give those Sirs who wish to no-host a table for 8 an extra month to arrange for their guests. A fillable request form is also available on the Branch 59 web-site. We will start selling tickets for our Holiday Luncheon in October.

***Cheers, Fred Gotthardt***

Ticket Chairman



## AUGUST SPEAKER



Alan Ross spoke to Branch 59 on Officiating Football and New Rules for 2015.

## PATHFINDER BRANCH NO. 59

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September 2015

### COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND ASSISTANTS

#### 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**  
Sammy Lum - 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**

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- **Chairman**

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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)