



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Forty-First Year

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NEXT MEETING at Newark Pavilion - Thursday, January 21, 2016

Jim's Thoughts by Big Sir Jim Ulam



I've been thinking about how to define *Sons In Retirement* and I decided it is the people you meet who will probably be with you for the rest of your life. The mission of SIR is "to provide its members with the widest variety of activities that we can support and provide its members with the opportunity to participate in activities they and their spouses, partners or friends, can enjoy while

creating 'friends for life'."

It gives me a warm, fuzzy feeling that this may be our reward for a life well-lived and the beginning of another chapter in our lives. Here we are, a bunch of retired, older gentlemen enjoying activities with other men of various walks of life, different beliefs, ethnicities, cultures, politics, hopes and dreams, but with the common goal of having a good retirement. Wow! There are about 150 active members in our branch all hoping for the same thing, to have a good retirement, participate in activities and make new friends and to grow current friendships!

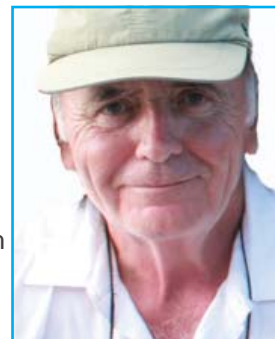
I have met a lot of great fellows through SIR, fellows that I consider friends, people I care about and enjoy. I hope maybe a few of them might think the same of me. I get up each day, check my calendar, and see a lot of days each week marked with SIR activities. That's a great feeling to have "something to do," something for which to look forward. I am really enjoying my retirement and hope that everyone in our branch is enjoying theirs as well.

I feel an obligation to pay back and pay it forward for all that SIR has given me, that's why I stepped up and volunteered to give my time and energy to this group of guys. I will try my best to make my tenure as your Big Sir one that will enhance this branch and move it forward so that future retired men can enjoy the same benefits that I have received.

I hope you all will pitch in and give of yourselves in order that we might all benefit and pass on this benefit to others that follow. We all need each other, working together, to make this branch thrive; can I count on your support?

SPEAKER Alan Blavins

Branch 2 Past Big Sir Alan Blavins was born and grew up in London and made a living creating advertising. He taught his son Josh to fish when he was five. He has been an avid fisherman ever since. When Blavins moved to the States, his son remained in England to finish his doctorate. Annual visits started. They decided to add fishing to the visit.




They either fished in Europe or here in North or South America. They choose exotic fresh water fish their target (just like Jeremy Wade).

They have done this together for the past sixteen years and with "Catch and release adventure fishing trips" to the far corners of the earth, Alan can claim many so called "River Monsters" and has pictures and video to prove it!

The trip he plans to talk about to Branch 59 is about is a trip they did to Suriname a couple of years back.

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

Beijing Beef and Kung Pao Chicken

Chow Mein, Fried Rice, Green Beans



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
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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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retired men



November 2015 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 Sir Peter Angelides, Treasurer Sir Hugh Twomey and Assistant Treasurer Sir Arnold George.

Officers Absent: None.

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

Directors Absent: None

MEETING MINUTES

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

OFFICERS REPORTS

Secretary's Report: None

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Sir Hugh Twomey reported that as of November 19, 2015 the adjusted checkbook balance including petty cash came to \$3,679.32.

Little Sirs Report: Little Sir Jim Ulam reported that in honor of Veteran's Day (Nov 11) and in recognition of all the Veterans in Branch 59, today's speakers, Bob Benya and Art Kimber will speak to us about their experiences flying combat missions in B-25 bombers.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Attendance: Sir Ed Guthrie projects attendance at 134 including new members and guests.

Membership: Sir Ron Brutvan reported that we have one new member for today's luncheon. He is Sir Ron Adamson.

Birthdays: Sir Art Winkley indicated that we are celebrating 7 Birthdays, ranging in age from 92 to 71.

Golf: Sir Bill Leake reported that NCGA dues, \$37.00, for the 2016 golf year are now due, and the deadline is December

15, 2015. Make out check to SIR Branch 59 and mail check to Sir Bill Leake, PO Box 434, Fremont, CA 94537. Branch 59 members play Mondays, Tuesdays. Look in Pathfinder for 2016 schedule.

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

Sunshine: Presently, nothing to report.

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

Activities Committee: 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

Rule 100 part of the "Required Attendance" section of the SIR MANUAL was discussed at length. Sir Fred Gotthardt was invited to the BEC meeting to better explain how to interpret this Rule.

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

SUNSHINE REPORT

Bill Leake had open heart surgery early in January. Everything went well and he is recuperating.

He will be "out of action" for about six weeks.

MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS

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

Birthday Report



Sir Art Winkley
Birthday Chairman

December Birthdays

Les Addison	12/17/1931	84
Wayne Adams	12/21/1933	82
Edgar Guthrie	12/03/1935	80
Julian Vega	12/01/1936	79
Carl Nordling	12/07/1939	76
William Bauhofer	12/03/1940	75
William Williams	12/13/1941	74
Alan Zolman	12/22/1942	73
George Perry	12/20/1944	71
Jim Ulam	12/08/1945	70
Joseph Stanley	12/26/1945	70
David Shideler	12/16/1946	69
Michael Harper	12/05/1953	62

January Birthdays

Raymond Carlson	01/19/1922	94
Melvin Nunes	01/13/1925	91
Walt Oden	01/13/1927	89
Joseph Jenö	01/24/1930	86
John Cordeniz	01/26/1930	86
Thomas Blalock	01/06/1932	84
Walter Ulrich	01/07/1934	82
Dominic Aiello	01/05/1942	74
Michael Burns	01/29/1950	66
Larry Sallee	01/29/1952	64
Victor Okumura	01/24/1957	59

Happy Birthday



<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/>

New Members

Ron B. Adamson

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Birthday: 4/30/1939
Spouse: Alta Jo
Badge No. 108
Sponsor: Carl Nordling
Call me: Ron



Ron Adamson

Attendance Report



Sir Ed Guthrie
Attendance Chairman

Attendance Report

(For November 2015)

Members	128
Guests	5
Visitors	1
Total =	134
17 excused 16 unexcused	

Membership Report



Sir Ron Brutvan
Membership Chairman

Guests:

Guest of:

Kenneth Allen	Mike Lopez
Bob Banfiel	John Pesek
Larry Jet	Jim Ulam
Frank Mulder	Jim Ulam
John Wong	John Pesek

Visitors:

Arthur Kimber	Speaker
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Change of Status:

Cliff Austin	Resigned
Edward Blank	Resigned
William Dark	Resigned
Dale Grant	Resigned
Tony Martinez	Resigned
Edward Shannon	Resigned
Manual Silva	Resigned
William Wessels	Resigned
Francis Rose	Resigned
Eal Graves	Resigned
John Parent	Resigned
Valentino Pianetta	Resigned
Greg Johnston	Resigned
Jack Lindley	Rule 100
Frank Cordova	To Inactive
James Putler	To Inactive

Membership Total

(as of December 2015)

153 — Active Members
16 — Inactive Members

ROSTER TO BE UPDATED

If you recently have acquired a new spouse, telephone number, mailing address, or Email address, please let Fred or John know about it. You can email changes that need to be made to Fred at fredg27@comcast.net or to John at: john@mediaart.com.

SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares by Jerry Sabo

Our 2016 tournament season opens soon. The schedule for our tournaments is always available at <http://sirinc.org/bowling>.

Stockton JANUARY Tue 19 Pacific Bowl
Napa JANUARY Tue 26, Wed 27 Napa Bowl

We did receive 3rd place doubles prize recognition for **Harvey McAninch** and **Victor Okumura** from the Modesto Tournament. Next, **Gary Bennett** and **Don Henry** placed 3rd in doubles, for the Concord Tournament.



We have had great turnout for our Monday bowling this past few weeks. A bit of recruiting has been going on encouraging potential SIR members to bowl with us on Monday and then join SIR. So far, this process has been successful. John Wong and Don Gohranson should be joining the group in January or February, and we have been

working on other potential members. Ruby Barker has been bowling with us for quite awhile, and will likely get her husband to join.

John Pesek and a few other nearly committed bowlers will be taking over my position as Tournament Manager(s) as soon as possible. Since I have been chosen to take on the position as State Bowling Committee Chairman, I cannot be Tournament Manager at the same time.

There is no team commitment, nor a penalty if you cannot make it. We meet at Cloverleaf Family Bowl. Just show up and be ready to start practice bowling on Monday at 12:45 PM. Cost is \$14.00 to bowl. We normally are finished before 3:00 PM.



Jerry Sabo

Golf Notes by Bill Leake

Welcome to the Sir Branch golf newsletter column. As I write this we are winding down 2015 and 2016 is right around the corner.

We start another year at Branch 59 golf group. We have new members for the group with new NCGA numbers.

Please welcome **Bob Fondiller** and **Jim Lomas** who recently joined SIR and now have joined SIR NCGA.

By now you have heard that Sunol is closing.

It was effective the last day of December 2015 (last year, remember). We need to look for another course to play at. There are courses out there that are waiting us Jim Ulam is heading up a committee to explore this idea while I am away in surgery. I will be away from golf for about 2 months due to surgery. There are several courses that come to mind – Spring Valley in Milpitas, San Jose Muni, Los Positas to name a few. Now to state information ---

The SIR schedule for 2016 is out is as follows:

Spring time in Napa – April 18 and 19 – entry form are on the web. Men, day 1 low net at Eagle Vines, day 2 at Chardonay -- 2 man team, 4 man best ball. For ladies reverse courses. Both shotgun starts at 9:00AM..

Reno 2016 – week 1 June 13-17 and week 2 June 20-24. Stay at Atlantis Hotel. Play Somersat day 1, Red Hawk day 2, and Lakeridge day 3. Format will be scramble.

Solvang is back and we will be playing there for the Fall Classic. The dates are September 18-21. It has always been a fun tournament so please consider joining us.

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?

I will be having surgery soon and will not be playing golf for about 2 months.

Please – we need more members for SIR and also SIR golf.

Thank you for reading this article.

Bill Leake



CYBERGEEZER MEETING

Cyber Geezers—we usually meet on the Tuesday following our monthly SIR Luncheon. Our next meeting will not fit the usual pattern. There will be **no January meeting**, and the **next meeting** will be on **Tuesday, February 16th - 1:30 to 3:30 PM**. We usually 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, home Wi-Fi systems, cloud storage, Windows 10, Mac OSX and using software such as Excel. More of the previous or most any new topic is welcomed.

We are still discussing Windows 10, since XP is gone, and Windows 10 combines the best of Windows 7 and 8. If you have not made the switch, Cyber Geezer members will help convince you that it is a wise move. If time allows, Jerry will also go over some of the features in the latest Microsoft Office version for the Mac—Office 2016. The last version was Office 2011. The PC is also due for an Office Upgrade. If you have Office 365, this upgrade will be forthcoming.



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

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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



Area Governor Rob Ingebretson (left) presented Big Sir Skip Mugford with a certificate from State President Hairston expressing his appreciation in recognition of his devotion and service making a lasting contribution to the progress and well-being of Sons In Retirement.

New member Sir Ron Adamson received his certificate of membership at the November Luncheon. From (left to right) Big Sir Skip Mugford, Little Sir Jim Ulam, Sir Ron Adamson and sponsor Sir Carl Nordling.

NOVEMBER SPEAKERS



Arthur Kimber on the left joined Sir Bob Benya to discuss their experiences flying B25 Bombers. Kimber flew his planes during World War II where he was being shot at. No one shot at Benya so it was a much more enjoyable adventure.



INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS



Area Governor Rob Ingebretson installs the 2016 BEC. (From L to R) Ingebretson, Big Sir Jim Ulam, Assistant Treasurer Arnold George, Secretary Peter Angelides, Director Nat Lord, Treasurer Hugh Twomey, Director Alan Weiner, Director Skip Mugford and Assistant Secretary Gerry Robertson.



Big Sir Skip Mugford and Jean. Joyce and Sir Tony Zeuli. Guest X, Sir Art Winkley and Sir Dave Tanner.



Rudy Ramos and his acoustic guitar entertain during the Social Hour.

Merchants that Contributed Door Prize Gifts for the Christmas Luncheon. Please support these merchants and thank them from SIR.

**Dale Hardware
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Spin-A-Yarn Steak House
Country Way
Strizzi's
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Orchard Supply Hardware
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"What the Dickens" Christmas caroling group entertain during the luncheon.

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AUDIO-VISUAL

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Jerry Sabo - **Video**

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- **Chairman**
- Assistant

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- Assistant

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- Assistant

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Skip Mugford - **Chairman**

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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*
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