



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Forty-First Year

April 2016

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

Jim's Thoughts by Big Sir Jim Ulam



Three months into my term as Big Sir for Branch 59 I am still learning the ropes, trying to get better organized, stir up more enthusiasm for our organization, create a culture of service to our fellow members, and trying to have fun. I am definitely succeeding in the having fun department!

In talking to fellow Sirs about volunteering some of their time to our wonderful organization I am finding that almost all our men are extremely busy with more activities than they ever thought about in their working lives. I am impressed with the number of guys who volunteer for worthy causes, who are on other organization governing boards, who give time to their churches and communities, who travel, who participate in sports, who do things with their wives, who stay busier now than they did when working for a living! My hat is off to all of you "doers!"

I really enjoy meeting guests and new members and chatting with members who have been with SIR longer than me. Everyone has an interesting story, an interesting former career, and an interesting take on life. I enjoy playing golf and bridge and tasting wine and eating out with fellow Sirs and their spouses and I am really having fun being in SIR and I am really having fun being an officer and contributor! Getting involved is like getting into a hot tub, at first you are very tentative, thinking "whoa, this is just too hot," then as you get in deeper you start thinking "whoa, this really feels good," then, as you settle down, you think "I should have gotten in a long time ago!"

I am telling you guys, "come on in, the water is fine, and you are going to love it once you get used to it!" This is what a good retirement is all about, sitting in a hot tub with people you enjoy being around!

MENU

Hawaiian Pineapple Pork and Breaded Fish
Au Gratin Potatoes, Rice and Vegetables

SPEAKER Spencer Christian

Spencer Christian has been in the TV news business for more than 45 years,

In college during the late 1960s, his love of language and literature led him to major in English, while choosing to minor in journalism. He also played varsity baseball and had a Major League tryout in his junior year. It was clear to him, though, that his journalistic skills exceeded his baseball talent; so he wisely followed his nose for news.

He has been a news reporter, sportscaster, talk show host, and weather forecaster. His assignments and travels have taken him to all 50 states and 5 continents. He has had the privilege of interviewing 5 presidents; the most prominent figures in sports, world affairs, and the arts; and, most memorably, ordinary people who have done extraordinary things. Of course, there have also been unsettling moments reporting from hurricanes, floods, blizzards, earthquakes, virtually every natural calamity known to mankind.

He began his career as a news reporter in 1971, at the NBC TV affiliate in Richmond, VA, just 25 miles from his childhood home. He was then on his way to New York.


He spent 9 years at WABC. During all of those years, he made frequent appearances on ABC's Good Morning America, filling in on weather and doing feature reports and interviews. In 1986, he joined GMA full-time as weather forecaster, feature reporter, and guest host.

After 22 years in New York, he moved to the Bay Area. ABC7 has been his home since 1999, and he now gets to test his forecasting skills for the Bay Area's micro-climates.

With this background he will have many stories to relate to Branch 59 at the April Luncheon.



Win a Free Lunch

By finding ROLLIE —  — you can win a free lunch if your name is selected. Let Rollie Referee Dino Mostardi know where he is located in the **Pathfinder** after you buy your luncheon ticket.



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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March 2016 Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Big Sir Jim Ulam; the flag salute and roll call of officers and directors was conducted.

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

Officers Absent: Secretary Sir Peter Angeles and Assistant Secretary Sir Jerry Robertson

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

Minutes of the February meeting were approved after Big Sir noted the Secretary forgot to mention that Form 27 was discussed extensively.

Treasurer's Report Sir Hugh Twomey reported a balance of \$3,766.29. He also showed our check register for January and February which indicates a net general loss of \$298.98 for that period.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Birthday Chairman, Art Winkley, and assistant Sammy Lum, reported on March celebrants. Norman Silveira, at 93, being the oldest March born, and Dave Tanner, at 76, being the youngest.

Bowling Chairman, John Pesek, reported that 29 bowlers showed up for the recently held Chuck Perrera Memorial Bowling Tournament. Our own Branch 59 Larry Sallee won with a near perfect final score of 279! The tourney honors the late Branch 6 Big Sir, Chuck Pereira.

Jim Ulam, standing in for Golf Chairman, Bill Leake, reported that Branch 59 is playing three Mondays a month at Spring Valley Golf Course,

and fourth and fifth Mondays at other courses, like San Jose Muni, Las Positas, Sky West and Monarch Bay.

NEW BUSINESS

The Form 27 discussion showed Branch 59 picked up a net three new members through March and seven new members since January 1, 2016! Twelve guests were welcomed through March. Attendance for the March luncheon is pegged at 118, which is 72% of active members, slightly ahead of our goal of 70% attendance.

Area Governor, Rob Ingebretson, and long-time Branch 59 member, past Big Sir, and Social Chairman, said that he would, again, head up the May Sweetheart Luncheon, only if he got a consensus that the BEC and general members would attend and participate. The board agreed to support him.

Rob Ingebretson brought up his desire to improve the quality of our SIR baseball caps and to ask general members who would be interested in purchasing the proposed better hats as well as SIR shirts. It was moved, seconded and unanimously passed that Rob would order the hats and be in charge of collecting money.

Finally, it was decided by the board that information regarding sick or injured members be sent to the Big Sir since the Branch is without a Sunshine Committee Chairman.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Jim Ulam, Acting Secretary

MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS

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

Birthday Report



Sir Art Winkley
Birthday Chairman

April Birthdays

Jack Lindley	04/09/1932	84
Kenneth Peterson	04/02/1934	82
Miguel Ferras	04/08/1937	79
Ron Adamson	04/30/1939	77
William Anderson	04/08/1940	76
Theodore Bresler	04/30/1942	74
Jay Wagner	04/02/1945	71
Larry Roberts	04/09/1945	71
Robert McCauley	04/19/1946	70
Larry Lardie	04/05/1949	67

New Members

James T. Draughan

36741 Locust Street
Newark, CA 94560-03
510-796-9045
Birthday: 12/16/1936
Badge No. 20
Sponsor: Rob Ingebretson
Call me: Jim

J. Bruce Hevelin

2753 Meadowlark Dr.
Union City, CA 94587-3142
510-489-7216
Email: bruce911@sonic.net
Birthday: 9/11/1953
Badge No. 2
Sponsor: Jim Ulam
Call me: Bruce



Jim Draughan



Bruce Hevelin

Membership Report



Sir Ron Brutvan
Membership Chairman

Guests:

John Mikal
John Etherton
Jack Alt
Jerry Shafer

Guest of:

Bill Briscoe
Jim Ulam
Jim Ulam
Jim Ulam

Visitors:

Richard Jones
David Caldwell

Speaker
From Br 34

Change of Status:

Jack Lindley Reactivated

Membership Total (as of March 2016)

156 — Active Members
16 — Inactive Members

BRING IN A GUEST

WE NEED NEW MEMBERS

Attendance Report



Sir Ed Guthrie
Attendance Chairman

Attendance Report

(For March 2016)

Members	112
Guests	4
Visitors	2
Total =	118
24 excused 19 unexcused	



<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/>

SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares by John Pesek



The Second Annual Chuck Pereira Memorial Bowling Tournament was held on March 7, 2016 with 29 participants at the only bowling establishment left in Fremont, the Cloverleaf Bowl. Sir Larry Sallee came in first by bowling a 667 series for three games with a high game of 279 out of 300. Sir Nathaniel Lord was second and Sir Victor Okumura was third.

During the month of March, Sir Larry Sallee continued his hot streak with series of 619 and 687 with outstanding games of 215, 222, 253 and 265. Sir Roger Wallin bowled well with a 611 series and a high game of 247 and Sir Frank Cordova bowled a very nice 235.

In the last two Sir's Bowling Tournaments' in Stockton and Concord Sir Harvey McAninch, Sir Victor Okumura twice, Sir Don Henry, Sir Lew Heffron and Sir John Pesek placed in the money.

We have several wives who bowled very well bowling with us on Monday.



ready to start practice bowling at 12:45 PM. The cost is \$14 to bowl 3 games. We normally finish before 3:00 PM.



Judy Sallee had a 204 game and Ruby Barker wowed everybody with a 223 game.

We always have room for more bowlers in our group. Usually 15 to 20 bowlers show up on Monday to bowl. There is no team commitment, nor a penalty if you can't make it. We meet at the Cloverleaf Family Bowl. Just show up and be

John Pesek

Golf Notes by Bill Leake

Welcome to the Sir Branch golf newsletter column.

We continue to have a group that plays local courses on Mondays. Our Big Sir Jim Ulam is heading this activity. I will assist Jim later in the year. More details below.

At the April meeting Rob Ingebretson and Big Sir Jim Ulam will be handing out donation letters to us. We need your help. Please take a copy of this letter to your favorite restaurant or place of business that you think would like to make a donation to our Spring Fling to be held Thursday May 19. If the merchant gives you a donation please bring this donation to the luncheon or give it to Rob or me so we can use them as door prizes. Our tax ID will be referenced on the letter so it is a win win for both the merchant and SIR Branch 59. Questions?!

We have activities scheduled for SIR state through this year. They are as follows: Spring time in Napa – April 18 and 19 – just completed. Did you play and if so how did you do?

Team Tournament – we will have another team tournament to be held May 18 (Wednesday) at Metropolitan Golf Course. Once I get more details I will let you know. If interested or have questions please let me know. You will need 4 golfers with NCGA indexes with 4 different handicaps in order to play as a team. This year Branch 26 is in charge of the tournament.

Reno 2016 – week 1 June 13-17 and week 2 June 20-24. Stay at Atlantis Hotel. Play Somerset 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.

Old news – Sunol is closed. It is a big empty field now.



We have been playing at Spring Valley and would like to invite you to join us. Also, if you like to play a certain course and it is not listed then let Jim or me know. If you would like to join us then please call Jim Ulam (797-9357) and you are in. Just that easy. The group plays Mondays weather permitting. We are also looking at

other courses – San Jose Muni, Los Positas to name a few. 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. The **April** meeting will be held as usual on **April 26 at Fremont Congregational Church, 38255 Blacow Road, Fremont, CA**. Just show up and you will be a member of our group. The meeting time is from 1:30 to about 3:30 P.M.

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 had a good turnout for our March. The bulk of our time was spent discussing pdf (Portable Document Format) files, but we also answered quite a few more questions regarding Windows 10 changes and common threads from the old operating systems.

Jerry is always looking for new topics to discuss, and as stated above, welcomes any input. One option that is always a possibility is Excel, another might be setting up a "blog". Please send in any and all suggestions or questions prior to our meeting. If you have a question, there are at least five others in the meeting that would likely have the same question

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. Please send an email to Jerry if you want to get on the mailing list for reminders and follow up data.

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

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**

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Your SIR Hotlines

Attendance:

659 - 0498

Sir Ed Guthrie

Membership:

794 - 4019

Sir Ron Brutvan

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

Sir James Ploor 510-656-9537



BRANCH 59 NEWS

A Message from Your Social Chairman

My Fellow SIR Brothers

On Thursday, May 19th we will be having our annual Springtime Sweetheart Luncheon, "Strumming into Spring," and one of the highlights is our door prize drawings. This is where you come in and make the luncheon a real success.

At our April luncheon I will have a merchant donation letter you can use to introduce yourself and I am hoping you will take just ONE letter and go to your favorite merchant and see if by using the donation letter you can obtain a nice gift for our door prize drawing.

Your Social Chairman,

Rob Ingebretson



SUNSHINE REPORT

In Memoriam
Arthur Shiffrar



Editorial

Last month your old Editor went out to his car planning on being on time for the BEC meeting. The seven year old car would not start. The battery was dead. A call to AAA got me a service man in half an hour or more. He tried to jump start my engine using a portable power pack. He failed! He called for a backup truck to tow me to where I could get some maintenance. An older fellow came with a tow truck, but he said let me try to jump start the engine. He succeeded! I drove to the dealer. The diagnosis: a worn out battery. They replaced my battery and I was ready for lunch.

However, I didn't get to the luncheon until Richard Jones, the speaker, was nearly through. I didn't get any lunch, I didn't get any photos; I didn't know what happened at the BEC meeting. Happily thanks to J.D. Smith (via Jim Ulam) and Rob Ingebretson we have photos of our new members Bruce Hevelin and Jim Draughan.

Like my old battery some of us are wearing out. Please consider doing a little more and volunteer for some of our open spots.

Editor John Skarpelos

"Strumming Into Spring"

Save the Date — May 19, 2016



The entertainment will include Dave Badilla "Strumming into Spring" during our luncheon.



Set aside – May 19th for the Sweetheart Luncheon.

Take your wife or your significant other or just yourself.

This year's theme is "Strumming Into Spring" and tickets will be on sale at this month's meeting. Once again the price will be the same as last year, \$22.50 per person or \$45.00 a couple.

You will enjoy this festive time of good food, outstanding decorations, professional entertainment, and outstanding door prizes.

You might want to purchase a table for eight. That is a great way to enjoy the lunch and program together with friends. Forms will be available at the April luncheon or on Branch 59's website:
<http://branch59.sirinc2.org/>.

The menu is a choice of Tri Tip Roast in a light BBQ sauce, Chicken Cordon Blue with Champagne Gravy Sauce, or Poached Salmon with Lemon Caper Sauce prepared by our outstanding chef, Juan Aguilar.

Remember: Sir Rob Ingebretson and his wife Gig will be selling tickets at the April Luncheon.

Rob Ingebretson
Social Committee Chairman

Beef:	Tri Tip Strip with Light BBQ sauce
Chicken:	Chicken Cordon Bleu with Champagne Gravy Sauce
Fish:	Poached Salmon with Lemon Caper Sauce

Your Name & No. _____ Partners's Name _____

Tickets will also be sold at the April Luncheon

Number in Party _____ x **\$22.50** per person = \$ _____ Make out check to **SIR Branch 59**
and mail to: **Sir Rob Ingebretson, 48232 Cottonwood St., Fremont, CA 94539**

Indicate Meal Choice & No:

Ticket orders must be received by May 12th

Beef:

Be sure to enclose a self-addressed and stamped envelope.

Chicken:

No refunds after May 12th.

Fish:

For Official Use Only

Check # _____

Cash \$ _____

Requests for Table Reservations must be submitted on a **TABLE RESERVATION REQUEST FORM** with a list of Sir Member names and their Partner names. Forms will be available at the April Luncheon and also on the Branch Website.
<http://branch59.sirinc2.org/TableRequestForm-20160325.pdf>

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Bill Pruner - Assistant
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Jerry Sabo - **Video**

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Sammy Lum - Assistant

BOWLING

John Pesek - **Chairman**
- Assistant

CAPS & EMBLEMS

Nat Lord - **Chairman**
- Assistant

CHAPLAINS

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Ted Bresler

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COUPLES DINING OUT

Skip Mugford - **Chairman**

COUPLES WINE TASTING

Skip Mugford - **Chairman**

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Carl Nordling - Assistant

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Copy deadline for the next issue of the
Pathfinder will be Thursday a week
after the monthly luncheon meeting.

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1978 Harry Cooper*
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1982 Alex Fulton*
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