



The Pathfinder

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August 2004

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NEXT MEETING at Swiss Park - August 19, 2004

Ramblings of Big Sir Tom Sherba

A big thank you to Little Sir Howie Thompson for getting an excellent speaker for our June Lunch meeting. Dr. Charlie Self spoke on the history of the Summer Olympic Games. His comments and knowledge of the Games brought back many memories of our great American Olympic athletes.

This month we will be voting on the slate of Officers for 2005. Members from the floor will have an opportunity to nominate a member for any office providing that member is in attendance and is willing to serve if elected. We are in particular need of a Past Big Sir or Director who has served at least one year for the office of Area #8 Governor in 2005.

I thank Sir Rollin Cunningham and all of his committee for presenting an excellent slate of Officers for the year 2005. The strength and health of our Branch is directly associated with the dedication and hardworking efforts of all our Officers, Directors and Committeemen. They all deserve the gratitude, support and help of the membership.

We also must keep bringing in NEW MEMBERS, even at times, when the hall appears totally crowded, there are seats available if you don't mind meeting new friends and introducing yourselves. The menus and quality of the Luncheons are always terrific and delicious.

Keep coming to our luncheons and share the companionship of your fellow Sirs. Remember the State Motto — "Let's have fun and bring in one in 2005" Life is short, so let's enjoy every single moment.

Tom

AUGUST MENU

Pork Loin with Rice Pilaf

Coleslaw or Carrot Salad

Rolls & Butter

Dessert & Coffee

Our Speaker – Mr. Dave Brown by Little Sir Howard Thompson

Our Speaker this month is Mr. Dave Brown. He is a Reverse Mortgage Consultant with Wells Fargo Home Mortgage. He works with senior homeowners who wish to utilize the equity in their homes to supplement their retirement with tax-free income.

He had over eight years in the Reverse Mortgage industry with EHCO Housing where he helped more than 1500 seniors and their families review their retirement goals. He will urge you to investigate reverse mortgages and whether they are right for you. He will examine several different scenarios dealing with this type of mortgage. We realize that a reverse mortgage is not for everyone, but we need to be cognizant of rules and regulations dealing with these mortgages.

You should go away from his presentation with a clear picture of what these mortgages offer you and what might be best in your situation. There have been some misconceptions, and that is why it is important to learn the facts so we might make wise decisions.

If there is a friend that might enjoy this topic, please invite him to the luncheon.

DID YOU KNOW

The Olympic flag was first hoisted at the 1920 Games in Antwerp, Belgium. What do the five interlocked rings represent?



Can you name five outstanding male/female athletes for the United States of America?



Bring
in
New
Members

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

Fred Gotthardt - 797-4592 or Manual Silva - 792-5484 or Arnold Mozzetti - 797-2127



Branch 59

Officers

Big Sir

Tom Sherba
(510) 793-3217

Little Sir

Howard Thompson
(510) 656-6132

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Al Wydler
(510) 278-4380

Asst. Secretary

Drag Dutina
(510) 657-1037

Treasurer

Louis Bufkin
(510) 651-8664

Asst. Treasurer

Bobby Ben Snodgrass

Directors

Herb Epstein
Don Gillis
Don Henry
Bill Leake
Chris Lemler
Frank Thomas

Branch 59

Meets at Swiss Park
5911 Mowry Avenue
Newark
on the 3rd Thursday of
each month
10:15AM

Executive Board Meeting

11AM Social Hour
12 Noon Lunch

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Edited Excerpts from the July 15th Minutes of Sir Al Wydler



The Meeting was called to order at 10:28am. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call showed five Officers and five Directors present. The Minutes of June 17 were corrected to show that transportation would be provided to the "A's" Game and not the "Giants" as indicated. BART is available to the "Giants" game. Minutes were approved as corrected.

Big Sir Tom Sherba requests attention to the request that those knowingly not attending a meeting to please call before so as for us to know how much food to prepare.

Sir Fred Gotthardt expects 180 members and 6 guests to attend today. He indicates the Cybergeezers will meet July 26 at the Fremont Library. Sir Ed Bingle reports we have four new members and one more Inactive. Present Membership is 274. Sir Nat Lord reminds us of the "A's" game next Thursday and the "Giants" July 28.

Sir Dave Dunlap reports a Bowling tournament at Napa Aug. 3, followed by 2 at Reno. Also noted that our own Rollin Cunningham is placing well.

Sir Bill Briscoe has received complaints of non-delivery of the Pathfinder, Advises complaining to the Post Office, as there should be no more than several days in third Class Mail delay.

Sir John Skarpelos announced a July 23 deadline for Pathfinder articles.

Sir Bob Edwards gave a dismal quarterly emblem sales report. Most items are not of

interest to new members and very few repeat sales.

Sir Bill Leake announced that Our Branch 59, leads in Golf winners and gave dates of 4 upcoming tournaments.

Little Sir Howie Thompson reports some controversy on the June Speakers subject. Also is drafting a form for request of pre-paid money refunds.

Sir Frank Campos does not have songs for today but will present a narrative "What makes a Dad." Sunshine Chairman Dave Marymee gave a written report on our Ill members.

Area Governor Bob Lippincott reported that younger members are the least active and views this as a bad trend.

Meeting Adjourned 11.15am. Respectfully Submitted, Alfred Wydler, Secretary.

Financial Report by Lou Bufkin



The month of June saw a beginning General Fund balance of \$4166.65 and Custodial Fund balance of \$682. General Fund receipts of contributions and interest totaled \$234.49. General Fund disbursements of \$121.43 included printing, supplies and postage. The month ended with a balance of \$4796.71 including custodial funds of \$517.

Branch Officers and Directors Election at the August Luncheon meeting

Officer Candidates Nominated for 2005

Big Sir – Howard Thompson
Little Sir – Les Addison
Secretary – Al Wydler
Assistant Secretary – Drag Dutina
Treasurer – Lou Bufkin
Assistant Treasurer – Bobby Ben Snodgrass

Nominated for Directors

Don Gillis
Bill Leake
Chris Lemler
Bob Ralston
Tom Sherba
Art Winkley



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.

Thanks are due to Nominating Committee Chairman Sir Rollin Cunningham and members Sir Drag Dutina and Sir Herb Epstein for their efforts in providing this slate of nominees.

MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS

by Sir Ed Bingle, Sir Fred Gotthardt, and Sir Art Winkley



August Birthdays

Clarence Dutra	08/31/1912	92
John O'Connor	08/08/1916	88
Harry Cesari	08/26/1916	88
William Wilson	08/13/1919	85
Eugene Ivaldi	08/19/1922	82
Kenneth Grimes	08/29/1923	81
David Dunlap	08/18/1926	78
Tom Sherba	08/09/1927	77
Arthur Winkley	08/25/1927	77
John Randall	08/07/1928	76
Richard Howe	08/08/1928	76
Dean Olsen	08/06/1929	75
John Gecox	08/02/1930	74
John Vance	08/20/1931	73
Daniel Kimberly	08/25/1931	73
Herbert Muellereile	08/04/1932	72
James Sissle	08/08/1932	72
Robert Springer	08/15/1932	72
Edward Baldini	08/17/1932	72
Louis Smith	08/23/1932	72
Douglas Taylor	08/30/1932	72
Arnold George	08/20/1939	65
Robert Armstrong	08/09/1942	62

Membership Report

Guests:

Richard Ahern
Ray Alvarez
Lynn Amason
William Anderson
James Fastigepi
William Williams

Guest of:

Howie Thompson
Art McGrath
Stanley James
Rob Ingebretson
Bill Wessells
Don Eliason

Visitors:

None

Membership Total

(as of July 15, 2004)

273 - Active Members

24 - Inactive Members

Change of Status:

Clarence LeCount – to Inactive
John Randall - Correction of Email
Address Johntrs2@juno.com

Attendance Report

(For July 15, 2004)

Members	191
Guests	6
Visitors	0
Speaker	1
Total =	198

44 excused 40 unexcused

New Members

James A. Conard

35650 Cabrillo Drive
Fremont, CA 94536-5404
510-797-4718
Birthday: 11/2/1932
Spouse: Nancy
Badge No. 120
Sponsor: Sam Mitchell
Call me: Jim

Edgar A. Guthrie

42767 Everglades Park Drive
Fremont, CA 94538-3926
510-659-0498
Email: edguthrie@comcast.net
Birthday: 12/3/1935
Spouse: Sharon
Badge No. 169
Sponsor: Fred Gotthardt
Call me: Ed

G. Austin Smith

4370 Faulkner Drive
Fremont, CA 94536-4926
510-791-8017
Email: winnaustin@comcast.net
Birthday: 9/19/1929
Spouse: Winnafred
Badge No. 72
Sponsor: Gordon C. MacLeod
Call me: Austin

Jan A. Wells

3741 Farm Hill Blvd.
Redwood City, CA 94061-1820
650-366-2507
Email:

wellswinecomm@aol.com

Birthday: 9/8/1935

Badge No. 179

Sponsor: Sam Olsen

Call me: Jan

Travel Tidbits for Area 8

Emile Lassalle

Be sure to pick up flyers at your SIR Luncheon or call Emile Lassalle at (510) 538-7463, for one to be mailed to you.

September 15-21: "A September To Remember In BRANSON"

A 7 DAY TRIP TO THE SHOW CAPITOL OF AMERICA, COST \$1,499.00 PER PERSON (Dbl-Occ). Fly from Oakland to Kansas City, for the start of our fun trip. You will see 10 shows, enjoy breakfast and dinner each day, and all admissions, tips and taxes are included. (Trip filling up, Call Escort Emile Lassalle at (510) 538-7463.

OCTOBER 19 & 20, RENO CASINO BUS TRIP

Price of \$70 per person (dbl-Occ). **Day One:** You will stop in Sacramento for a no-host breakfast. At 12:00PM arrive at the Reno Hilton for a 3-hour stay and receive a \$7 slot credit. At 3:15pm you will check in to the Eldorado Hotel Casino for your One Night Accommodations, receive a Breakfast Buffet Coupon, the rest of the day is at your leisure. **Day Two:** Silver Club, \$7 cash, Boomtown Casino, \$5 cash and Buffet coupon



Bonus package over \$40 in value. Call Escort Robbie Robinson at (925) 447-5653.

NOVEMBER 17TH MYSTERY BUS TRIP

This will be an exciting mystery bus trip, we will be going to places that we have not traveled too, or visited before for fun and adventure. The cost is \$58 per person and that includes all admissions, a Hosted Lunch, Driver Gratuity and your Motor coach. Call Escort Frank Cerruti at (510) 568-8361 or Emile Lassalle at (510) 538-7463 for reservations.

DECEMBER 11TH SINGING CHRISTMAS TREES

By popular demand, this very popular production in Sacramento is being offered to you again. The cost, per person is \$71 and that includes your Admission, a Hosted Lunch, Driver Gratuity and your Motor coach. Call Escort Frank Raab at (510) 278-5777 for reservations.

SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares

By Dave Dunlap

NAME	HIGH GAME	HIGH SERIES
Wayne Adams	164	424
Gary Bennett	198	508
Frank Cordova	247	636
Al Costa	180	476
Rollin Cunningham	180	495
Dave Dunlap	126	347
Ray Erickson	192	551
Ray Faria	173	476
Don Henry	215	587
Roy Johnson	154	429
Nat Lord	190	560
Bob Snodgrass	178	455
Carl Tolle	172	479
Art Winkley	179	458

Winners at Pinole Valley Lanes

Frank Cordova	9th place in all events score
Ray Erickson	5th place in all events score
Ray Faria	6th place in "B" singles



There are three Tournaments scheduled for the month of August, they are the Napa Bowl in Napa, Reno Bowling Stadium in Reno and Kentwig Lanes in Vallejo.

For Information on bowling call Dave at 510-657-2603

THE CYBERGEEZERS

Will meet on Monday, August 23, at 2PM at Fremont Main Library in Fukaya Room A.

Beginners and seasoned addicts are welcome to share Internet experiences, misinformation, frustrations, and gossip. Call Chief Cybergeezer:

Fred Gotthardt at 797-4592

BRIDGE GROUPS

We have four bridge groups: Three of them are evening two-table groups and each meets monthly. The 4th bridge group welcomes all members and meets after the monthly meeting. **Drag Dutina - 657-1037**

PATHFINDERS WALKING AND HIKING GROUP

Meet Wednesday mornings at 8 AM at the Park at Paseo Padre and Isherwood. Everyone welcome and bring a friend. **Don Henry** at 656-5659.

SPORTS BY NAT LORD

For Information see **Nat Lord** at the luncheon or call him at (510) 797-1704.

Golf Notes

by Bill Leake

Summer is here! If you are a regular and plan to be away let someone know so we will not schedule you. For July it was Tom Sullivan. For August it is Les Prestwood.

Welcome John Trischetti. John has an NCGA, joined SIR, and now is a member of the Branch 59 club.

Golf in Wine country – Division

1, August 10, 2004. Call me at (510-793-6561) or Wayne Thush (707-217-8344). Price = \$39 (includes cart, green fee and closest to hole). **Tilden Park** – August 2 (sponsored by Lloyd Keplinger and Branch 72). \$45, 9:00 am starting time. Call me or Lloyd at 510-471-1238. If you are reading this and have not signed up for the tournament by this writing it is too late.

More Reno Results. We have winners from the second session of Reno (June 21-June 25). We had 7 participants and almost half took home money. All were winners. We also were very pleased to meet up with **Guy Whitener** who sends his best – and took a bunch of money home with him. **Bill Leake** (B player) won \$45 for 6th place, day 1. **Gary Callahan** (A player) also won – a total of \$170—with 6th on day 1, 3rd on day 3 and 9th overall in the sweeps. **Ken Windholz** (B player) was our third winner, taking home \$235 – 6th on day 2, 4th on day 3 and 3rd overall. Congratulations to the winners and all who played. Back to Guy – Guy (B player) is doing very well and sends his best. He also managed to take home \$395 by placing 4th on day 1, 2nd on day 2, 2nd on day 3 and 1st overall for a B player.

September 1 will be the state qualifier tournament to be held in Walnut Creek at Boundary Oaks.

Monday and Thursday tee times – Thank you very much for Tom Sullivan who called in for July and Les Prestwood for calling in for August. Want to help – call 793-6561 and be a volunteer. Thanks again for Jerry for faithfully calling in on Mondays.

Thank you Thank you thank you. Thank you very much for posting after your round of golf. And the NCGA thanks you.

State Golf Tournament – The tournament will NOT be held at Poppy Hills but at Coyote Creek, at one time the site of one of the Seniors events. The price is \$70 (includes pastry and coffee, cart, water, prize, fun) and the applications are on the SIR web site (sirinc.org/what do we do/golf/forms) or see me.

Alameda Tournament – Branch 72 is having a tournament October 4 in Alameda — \$45. If you are interested, let me know.



READERS AND BROWSERS

Bring your magazines and books to share. **Bob Matthies 797-5638**



SUNSHINE CHAIRMAN SIR DAVE MARYMEE REPORTS CALLING OR SENDING A CARD COULD BE THIS DAY'S BEST DEED

DAN ARCHER says he is feeling OK. He says he plans to make it to SIR luncheons.

BOB BENYA missed the July luncheon due to knee replacement surgery. See you in August, Bob.

BOB BOUCHER says he is feeling better after spending time in the hospital. Bob is more comfortable using oxygen. Hope you continue to improve, Bob.

LOUIS CAPITO is fighting stomach cancer which he says is terminal. Louis says he is taking one day at a time. We wish the best for you, Louis.

RAY DUARTE, due to kidney failure, is on home dialysis four times daily. Ray feels his health problems are working out OK. Glad to hear it, Ray.

DAVE DUNLAP had thyroid surgery recently in which the left half was removed. It was a benign growth. Dave is thankful and hopes to enjoy good health.

FRANK HUNKLER is recovering from a broken left hip. He gets around fairly well using a wheel chair inside and a cane outside. Frank hopes to make the SIR luncheons soon. See you there, Frank.

GLENN HURSEY's wife, Helen, reports Glenn is recovering from a spinal operation fusing and stabilizing spinal discs. Glenn is residing and being treated with physical therapy in a Kaiser facility in San Leandro. We hope Glenn's progress continues to improve so that he can return home.

RAY JARVIS continues to reside at the Care Center on Country Drive. Ray is bedfast and likes visitors. Bring a book, Ray likes to read.

JOSEPH KISH's wife, Joy, reports that Joseph's recovery from a stroke is slower than anticipated. He is able to be up and about with considerable help. Joseph is at a therapy care center in Hayward at 2563 Sleepy Hollow Ave. We wish Joseph improvement in his recovery.

CLARENCE LECOUNT's wife, Alice, reports Clarence is spending time in Washington Hospital recovering from a fall at home in which he cracked his pelvic bone. He hopes to come home soon. Clarence is 97 years old. He is Branch 59 oldest member in age. Since Clarence has hearing loss and requires oxygen, he wishes to be placed on the SIR inactive list. Clarence does enjoy reading the Pathfinder.

RICHARD MADDUX is recovering from radiation treatment for a malignant growth in the lung. He is waiting for the followup of radiation procedure. We hope for good news of a full recovery, Richard.

GORDON MACLEOD has had recent knee replacement surgery.

NIELS NIELSEN's wife, Inga, says Niels will have the cast removed from his healing right ankle, which was broken. She says Niels can hardly wait. Good recovery, Niels.

CALVIN OLIVEIRA is reported to have had gall bladder surgery recently. His doctor was unable to find the cause of Calvin's abdominal pain using various scans.

LYNN PURVIS says he is recovering nicely from a knee replacement. He says therapy does wonders for the healing and use of the knee.

GEORGE RODRIGUES' wife, Florence says George, who is recovering from a stroke, is somewhat improved. With therapy at Country Drive Center, George is able to stand and with assistance is able to walk using a walker. We are glad to hear of your improved condition.

In Memoriam Felix Dandois

Felix Dandois died July 28, 2004 at the age of 87 as a result of complications from an aneurysm. Felix was born in South Charleston, WV, in 1917 and was married to Evelyn Ruth Dandois, his wife of 54 years, who predeceased him in 1993. He was survived by his daughter, Pamela Macedo. Felix was an instrument engineer for FMC Corporation for 45 years in Newark, CA. After retirement he was a member of SIR Pathfinder Branch 59 for 22 years joining in July 1982.

Samuel Holloway

Samuel Carroll Holloway died July 22, 2004 at the age of 80 at Kaiser Hospital in Fremont. He was born March 31, 1924 in Boston, Massachusetts. He is survived by his wife, Virginia and his son, Samuel Paul Holloway. After 30 years of service in the Marine Corps, he was also an insurance adjuster of CSAA for 25 years, from which he retired. He was a member of SIR Pathfinder Branch 59 for eleven years joining in June 1993.

Ben Smith

Ben Smith died July 25, 2004 at the age of 80. He is survived by his wife Norma. He retired from the Southern Pacific Railroad. Ben was a member of SIR Pathfinder Branch 59 for nearly eight years joining in October 1996.



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The next issue of the *Pathfinder*
will be in **September** and the
copy deadline will be
Friday, **August 27, 2004.**

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1976 Peter Clark*
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