



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Thirtieth Year

April 2005

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NEXT MEETING at Swiss Park - April 21, 2005

The Big Sir Challenge Spring into Action by Howard Thompson

It has been almost nine years since I retired. Really!!! It seems I've been busier now than I was when I was working. But having a great time.

I look forward to our SIR luncheon meetings each month meeting new men.

Over the past several years I've seen men wandering around trying to find a seat because the seats were saved. Some men have left because of this problem.

In last month's Pathfinder I shared the seating problems with you and asked the Executive Board to come up with a suggestion to solve this dilemma.

Following are the Executive Board suggestions:

If you reserve a seat for a man, make sure they will be attending the luncheon by either having them call you or calling them.

If the person that you saved a seat is not there by 11:45 consider picking up their nametag so we can identify the open seat.

The two Sergeants at Arms will assist the men in finding a seat for the luncheon.

Finally, I will start making announcements at 11:45 to identify open seats.

We would appreciate your cooperation, as we don't want to turn away any men from our luncheon.

In the month of July we will have a Get Acquainted Month where there will be no saved seating. We do encourage you to sit with someone you haven't met.

We know that when we start calling tables for lunch, because of the crowded conditions (which is a good thing) there was a suggested movement from all the ten tables.

At the April meeting I will explain the proposed movement. This is a trial for this month.

I appreciate all the comments from you to make the meeting enjoyable to all men.

Our Speaker – Rick LaPlante

by Little Sir Les Addison

Our speaker for April is Rick LaPlante, City Editor for the Argus. He graduated from San Jose State University with a B.A. in journalism and started a daily newspaper career as sports editor of the Sonora Union Democrat. He later worked at Vallejo Times Herald and the Peninsula Times Tribune where he was lead sports columnist when the paper ceased publication in 1993. An enthusiastic soccer fan, he worked as Press Officer for the World Cup soccer tournament at Stanford in 1994 and later helped start Major League Soccer and the San Jose Clash (now Earthquakes). He returned to journalism as City Editor of the Argus in 1999.

Rick has been married 31 years to Linda, a first-grade teacher at Glenmoor Elementary School. He has three grown kids; Kelly, an interior designer in Southern California; Matthew, a reporter in Salt Lake City; and Michael, a senior drama major at Sacramento State University.

Rick plans to speak about the part journalism plays in today's world.

Continued from previous column

Remember our goal is to invite at least 5 guests per month and net 5 new members this year.

We are slightly behind on the goal of inviting guests but already have met the goal of 5 members. Congratulations and keep up the great work.

Howie

APRIL MENU

Chicken BBQ

Parsleyed New Potatoes
Old Fashioned String Beans
Salad - Bread & Butter
Dessert and Coffee

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

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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

A Nonprofit
public benefit
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retired men



Edited Excerpts from the March 17th Minutes of Al Wydler



The Meeting was called to order March 17 at 10:17am.

Roll call following the Pledge of Allegiance, showed 5 Officers and 3 Directors to be present. The minutes of the February meeting were accepted.

Correspondence received, indicated our Area Governor, Bob Lippincott, was resigning. It was requested that Branch 59 submit a volunteer to replace him and indicated that the Offices of Statewide Assistant Secretary and Treasurer will soon be vacated.

Big Sir Howie Thompson reported that Les Addison is being hospitalized for liver complications.

Sir Fred Gotthardt is expecting an attendance of 215 today. He also reported the Cybergazers will meet next Tuesday at 2:30 pm in the Newark Library.

Sir Ed Bingle expects 1 Visitor and 5 Guests today. He also expects 5 new members.

Sir Nat Lord requests that those signed up for the Giants or A's baseball remit the ticket cost by April 1st.

Sir Rollin Cunningham reports that we do well in Bowling as some scores are in the 175 - 215 range. A tournament is scheduled at Diablo Lanes in Concord and accommodations are at the Hilton for the Reno tournament.

Sir Art Winkley has 26 birthdays today ranging from 86 to 65 years of age.

Sir Drag Dutina has found a substitute bridge player to replace deceased George Hubach.

Sir Peter Angelides states, that while no longer required, he will continue the annual summary of our branch activities.

Sir John Skarpelos has a Pathfinder deadline of Friday, March 25th.

Golf, a written report indicated two upcoming tournaments, April 1st being the next.

Sir Tony Zeuli has tickets for our Lady's Day luncheon available for sale "NOW."

Sir Lyle Kingery reported the death of Loran Coburn, 1986 Big Sir.

Don Gillis, chairman of the committee appointed to study seating arrangements, reported that the committee suggested that reserved seating not be honored after 11:45am and that one month would be designated a no reserved seat month.

Big Sir Howie reported that our SIR banner has been repaired and when needed, a new one can be made at a cost of about \$200.

Sir Frank Campos, who often sings solo and leads us as a group, commutes from Manteca to be here and is being recognized as Sir of the month.

Adjourned at 10:53am.

Respectfully submitted,
Alfred Wydler, Secretary.

SIR OF THE MONTH

Rollin Cunningham

Rollin has been a dedicated member of our branch of SIR for more than ten years.

Besides being the Big Sir in 2002 he has helped in the areas of Bowling and Librarian.

He owned a successful real estate company in Fremont. Rollin has been involved with the City of Fremont as a Councilman and many other organizations that help both children and adults. Whatever needs to be done he is there to assist.

He is an outstanding choice for this month's SIR of the Month.

February 2005 Financial Report by Lou Bufkin



A general cash balance of \$3548.04 and a custodial cash balance of \$458.96 was on hand at the end of January.

Ending cash balance for the month was \$3701.28

MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS

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



April Birthdays

Lewis Greene	4/11/1915	90
Lee Mineau	4/09/1920	85
Herbert Epstein	4/12/1922	83
Ernie Korte	4/17/1925	80
Edward Kurtz	4/24/1926	79
Jack Knoth	4/07/1927	78
Charles Capella	4/15/1927	78
Earl Evans	4/03/1928	77
Thomas Tinker	4/13/1929	76
Dareld Youngker	4/27/1929	76
Ricardo Arenas	4/03/1932	73
Jack Lindley	4/09/1932	73
Kenneth Peterson	4/02/1934	71
James Duffy	4/25/1935	70
Gerald Abbott	4/15/1938	67
Les Gora	4/05/1940	65
William Anderson	4/08/1940	65
Theodore Bresler	4/30/1942	63

Membership Report

Guests:

Jim Hanesworth
James Lawrence
John Meyer
Gladyn Putt
Roger Wallin

Guest of:

Bob Brown
Frank Thomas
Fred Stabell
Richard Ahern
Don Gillis

Visitors:

James Peiso

Visiting from:

Maryland State

Membership Total

(as of March 17, 2005)

267 - Active Members

22 - Inactive Members

Change of Status:

George Hubach - Died 2/28/2005

John Roberts - Resigned Moved

Duane Moran - Resigned

Mac Currie - Resigned

Frank Cordova - New Email

f_cordova@comcast.net

Attendance Report

(For March 17, 2005)

Members	203
Guests	5
Visitors	1
Speaker	1
Total =	210

38 excused 22 unexcused

New Members

Clark C. Dedrick

16144 Paseo Del Campo
San Lorenzo, CA 94580-2312
510-278-0628
Birthday: 6/23/1924
Badge No. 186
Sponsor: Tony Martinez
Call me: Clark

Franklin A. Kinney

587 Barcelona Drive
Fremont, CA 94536-2603
510-792-1355
Email: frankin1@comcast.net
Birthday: 1/27/1938
Spouse: Beverley
Badge No. 154
Sponsor: Drag Dutina
Call me: Frank

Al H. Mason, Jr.

2044 Mento Drive
Fremont, CA 94539-4625
510-656-8044
Birthday: 8/17/1921
Spouse: Anna
Badge No. 183
Sponsor: Jack Lindley
Call me: Al

Nelson F. Morris

39576 Blacow Road
Fremont, CA 94538-1804
510-656-8333
Email: nelsonjoyce@comcast.net
Birthday: 11/4/1929
Spouse: Joyce
Badge No. 116
Sponsor: Mathew Perakis
Call me: Nelson

Robert P. Stefani

36928 Montecito Drive
Fremont, CA 94536-2621
510-792-5931
Email: bvstefani@aol.com
Birthday: 11/2/1938
Spouse: Veronica
Badge No. 155
Sponsor: Drag Dutina
Call me: Bob



Travel Tidbits for Area 8 Emile Lassalle

June 14th: MYSTERY PROGRESSIVE DINNER TOUR

This is a real fun trip; you will depart from Sears, Hayward and go to 4 different restaurants starting with Wine Tasting and Hors d'oeuvres. The rest I won't tell you about since this is a mystery tour.

COST: \$84 per person

ESCORT: Lyle Kreger 510-278-9167

August 11th: MYSTERY BUS TRIP

As always, the mystery trips are full of fun, who knows where we are going. Only the driver knows. Lunch included.

COST: \$61 per person

ESCORT: Lyle Kreger 510-278-9167

September 7th: RENO OVERNIGHTER

Accommodations are at the Silver Legacy casino with other casino stops. Bring our casino cards to use while you play for extra bonus. Bonus package is over \$25 in value.

COST: \$69 per person

ESCORT: Emile Lassalle 510-538-746

September 20th: APPLE HILL

This is a tour that always sells out fast. We go by Placerville in the Mother-Lode country. A guided tour of Apple Hill area, and the BBQ lunch including Apple Pie.

COST: \$46 per person

ESCORT: Frank Cerruti 510-568-8361

SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

March Strikes and Spares by Rollin Cunningham

NAME	HIGH GAME	HIGH SERIES
Wayne Adams	137	368
Gary Bennett	161	450
Al Costa	155	439
Frank Cordova	214	573
Rollin Cunningham	195	471
Ray Faria	181	498
Don Henry	246	613
Darrell Jewell	211	463
Roy Johnson	148	404
Nat Lord	221	594
Bob Snodgrass	160	439
Frank Thomas	152	402
Carl Tolle	211	548
Art Winkley	179	479



You are welcome to join in Branch 59 SIR Open Handicap Bowling at Mowry Lanes at 1:00 PM on Mondays. The cost is \$4.50. Optional out of town tournament bowling is available bimonthly.

AWARDS: Don Henry triplicate (375), Carl Tolle 100 pins over his average (277) wins a watch, Darrell Jewell average 133 Bowled 211, 75 pins over his average.

THE CYBERGEEZERS

Will meet Tuesday, April 26th at **2:30pm** at the Newark Library located at 6300 Civic Terrace Avenue in Newark.

Call Fred for more information.

Fred Gotthardt at 797-4592
fredg27@comcast.net

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.

READERS AND BROWSERS

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



SPORTS BY NAT LORD

Oakland A's playing the Anaheim Angels Thursday, August 11, 2005 12:35 pm. Plaza Level Infield seats \$13.
San Francisco Giants playing the Atlanta Braves, July 20, 2005 12:35 pm. View Reserved seats \$19.
Questions? Call Nat Lord **(510) 797-1704**.

Golf Notes by Bill Leake

Welcome to the Branch 59 golf column.

Welcome **Earl Evans** to SIR and our golf group.

Thank you **Hank Scherer** (March) and **Dave Priego** (April) for calling in tee times.

Reminder – We golf on Mondays and Thursdays at Sunol.

Call Sunol for the time — 888-848-8693 – ask for Leake.

New to our group — call me at 793-6561. Want to volunteer – Great! **We need your help!**

No more reports! The NCGA and GHIN will no longer issue paper reports. This includes ALL monthly reports (8 in all), and **stick-on handicap labels**. Instead, I generate all reports (i.e. club level). How do I get my index – you ask?

For those with e-mail addresses: I have currently set up with USGA to e-mail to you the index notification. Don't have e-mail? **Call me for help.** Don't know anyone who has e-mail? Well, you can do one of two things – (1) go to Kinko's, get onto a computer, log on,

go to <http://www.ncga.org>. On left column, second item down, is "**Your Handicap index**". Scroll down to the blue area & insert index without dashes (i.e. follow the directions), then hit submit. Presto – you now have more information about yourself that you probably wanted to see. Print this out and carry it. It is dated. Or, go to a copier, reduce it, and then tape it to your card. This would cost you about \$1 total. (2) If all else fails – call me and I will give you your current index. If you still insist on having a sticky index card to put on the back of your card – I will print them for you – it will cost you \$2. **You don't need the sticker.** Speaking of cards – **DO NOT THROW AWAY YOUR PLASTIC INDEX CARD.** If you lose it, NCGA will charge our club \$10.00 for a new one. And the club will charge you. This is a summary of the major changes at NCGA. Questions: Bill at 793-6561.

Plan on being absent from the SIR meeting. Please be sure to call in to one of the attendance committee members. If you are absent because of a SIR sponsored golf tournament, tell them this also. We WILL get a special credit.

Upcoming Branch 72 Tournaments: Tilden, July 18, 2005, 8:30, \$47 payment due July 5. Contact **Lloyd Keplinger at 471-1238** or Bill Leake at 793-6561.

More tournaments – Area 8 will be hosting a team championship on July 7, 2005 at Alameda with winners going to Stockton on August 17 for the finals. **You should have received an entry form. Need one – 793-6561.** Area 8 will also host an individual pre-state qualifier on Tuesday May 10. Deadline to enter is Thursday April 21. See me, Jerry Desmond or Darryl Moore.

Upcoming SIR tournaments — April 23-29 = San Diego; June 13-17 & 20-24 = Reno; September 11-15 = Solvang; Nov 6-13 & 13-20 = 1 week tournament in Mexico.

Thank you for reading this and happy golfing! Additions, corrections, or want to volunteer – call Bill at 793-6561



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE REPORT

by Dave Marymee, Bob Walter and Richard Ahern

LES ADDISON, was briefly in the hospital with heart problems and also has liver problems. He is tired all the time. We at SIR hope for the best for Les.

ROBERT BOIKE is still being treated at home, on alternate days, by a nurse because of a staph infection in his leg. Bob plans to attend the SIR luncheons. Hope to see you there, Bob.

JOHN CLARK's, wife, Leslie, reports John has recovered from a cardiac problem and is doing OK.

ROBERT DESCH is reported to be suffering from Alzheimer's syndrome. He is reported to be at the Aegis of Fremont on Walnut. Hope you are comfortable, Bob.

ROY DUARTE says he continues nightly kidney dialysis and is doing OK. Roy plans to attend SIR luncheons.

LEWIS GREEN's, wife, Rosalind died on March 6 at the age of 89 years. They had been married for 65 years. We at SIR wish to express our sympathy to Lewis and family.

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

ROY JOHNSON says he had a mild stroke during Christmas time. Roy says he is fully recovered. Glad to hear the good news, Roy.

OLIVER KNICK, long time member of SIR, has numerous health problems. Oliver says he has kidney, liver and heart problems. He says he would

be helped by kidney dialysis but is not ready to take the step. Oliver was awarded a plaque at the February luncheon meeting for active long time membership in SIR. Congratulations Oliver, may you participate many more years.

DICK MADDUX's wife, Petra, fell on March 12th and broke her hip. She had surgery on Monday the 14th and is now at Fremont Health Care Center. Dick fell on Sunday the 13th and sustained a number of bruises. He is now living at Carlson Plaza where Petra will join him when she leaves the care center.

CHARLIE SWANSON, has serious health problems and is continually visiting the doctors and hospital.

In Memoriam

George Rodrigues, 92 and a member of Branch 59 since February 1986, died March 20, 2005.

Bill Miles, 77 and a member of Branch 59 since August 2003 died March 25, 2005.

Loran Coburn, 82 a former member of Branch 59 and Big Sir in 1986 died March 15, 2005 in Sun City West, Arizona.



Save the date - Thursday May 19, 2005

"Western Showdown"

Menu

BBQ Tri Tip and BBQ Chicken
with all the trimmings



Social Hour 11:00 AM
Luncheon at noon

Tables of 8 can be reserved with ticket purchases



Western attire recommended
(leave your six shooters at home)

Sounds of the old West provided by
The Canyon Band

Your Name _____ Sweetheart's Name _____

Number in Party _____ x \$16 per person = \$_____ Make out check to **SIR Branch #59** and mail to:

Sir Tom Sherba, 3371 Galsworthy Court, Fremont, CA 94560 Tickets will be sold at March and April Lunch

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

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The next issue of the *Pathfinder*
will be in **June 2005** and the
copy deadline will be
Friday, **May 27, 2005.**

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
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