



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Thirtieth Year

October 2005

Bulletin No. 9

NEXT MEETING at Swiss Park - October 20, 2005

The Big Sir Challenge R for RECRUITMENT By Howard Thompson

The past several months I've shared about the strength of our Branch and the influence we have on the retired men in our community.

This month highlights the importance of Recruiting and the strength this Branch has shown in the past. This year we started with 260 members and over the past nine months we have gained two new members.

You must be commended for inviting 34 guests this year. That means we need an average of 8 guests in the remaining 2 months. Remember to call the Attendance Chairman, or one of his assistants, if you wish to bring a guest.

Our Branch goal is 50 invited guests for the current year. We now have 262 active members and growing thanks to all of you.

I want to thank Les Addison for the outstanding speaker and two students he invited last month. And this month, Les continues his outstanding job of getting interesting speakers.

We also have a special surprise this month for all who attend the luncheon.

Did you know?

You can sign up for the December Holiday Luncheon this month or November.

Don Henry sold all of the Branch 59 calculators in 2 months. Great job.

Our speaker this month was a former San Francisco Giant. (and a good one too)



Happy Halloween

Our Speaker

Shawon Dunston

By Little Sir Les Addison

Our speaker for October is Shawon Dunston who was a major league short stop for 18 years. The Chicago Cubs made Dunston the first pick in the nation in the 1982 June draft after he batted .790 as a senior at Brooklyn's Thomas Jefferson High. In 1986, he led the NL shortstops in put outs, assists, double plays, and home runs (17). He was an All Star in 1988 and 1990 and was a key contributor to the Cub's NL East division title in 1989. In 1990, he tied a major league record with three triples in one game with a 10-7 win over the Expos, driving in five runs.



He played for the San Francisco Giants in 1996, 2001, and 2002. He played in the World Series for the Giants in 2002 against the Anaheim Angels. In the sixth game of the World Series, he hit a home run. He retired after the 2002 World Series with a life time batting average of .276, 150 home runs, and 668 RBI's.

Shawon lives in Fremont with his wife and four children. He has three daughters aged 16, 15, and 9; and one son age 12. He is active in the community and does a lot of volunteering.

At our luncheon meeting Dunston will be talking about his career in baseball.

Octoberfest MENU

Knackwurst & Sauerkraut

German Potatoes

Applesauce

Bread & Butter

Dessert-German Apple Cake

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 Manuel Silva - 792-5484 or Arnold Mozzetti - 797-2127



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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
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retired men**



Edited Excerpts of September 15th Minutes of Al Wydler



The September 15, 2005 meeting was called to order at 10:15am. Roll Call, following the Pledge of Allegiance, showed 5 officers and 5 directors to be present.

The Minutes of the August meeting were corrected to show that the price of the calculator was \$2.25, not \$3.25. Minutes were accepted as corrected.

Treasurer, Sir Lou Bufkin, reported a balance of \$2084.89. All bills, including the SIR State Assessment, were paid and receipts accounted for. Report was accepted.

Big Sir, Sir Howard Thompson, praised our Greeters, as they are important in making arriving members feel comfortable. He announced today's speaker to be Tommie Lindsey who has taught at Logan High School since 1988. He will be accompanied by two of his students. Tommie coaches Speech and Debating and has the enviable record of having 90% of his graduates attend college.

Attendance Chairman, Sir Fred Gotthardt expects 185 members at lunch today. The Cybergeezers will meet September 20th at the Fremont Main Library.

Membership Chairman, Sir Ed Bingle, expects 2 new members and 3 guests today. He also reported one Inactive member returning to an Active status and one member

resigning, due to moving to Newcastle, CA.

Sir Nat Lord will be the SIR State Bowling Chairman for 2006 and the 2006 SIR representative to the Oakland A's Baseball team. He reported we do well at bowling. One member will receive an award for having a "triplicate," which is bowling the same score in three consecutive games.

Social Chairman, Sir Tony Zeuli, expects a sell out for the December Holiday Luncheon. Tickets will be \$18 and will go on sale in October.

Sir Dave Marymee visited two hospitalized members, one having a partial foot amputation. He also proudly announced that he attended his son's 25th Wedding Anniversary.

Sir Don Henry has 11 unsold calculators and requests permission to give ten to the Swiss Park dinning staff in appreciation of their services. Motion on this request passed.

Big Sir Howie Thompson announced that the installation of Tom Sherba, as Area 8 Governor, would be January 1, 2006. He also stated that we net about \$5 for each member per year and feels that the sponsors of an "Unexcused No Show" member contact that person. He announced 2006 training session for incoming officers is scheduled for November 29th, 2005. A motion was made and seconded that the branch would pay for the lunch, at \$17 per person, for the officers attending the training session. Motion passed. He announced the SIR State publication titled "Happenings" is available on the Internet. He also announced the Sir of the Month award will be presented to Wayne Adams and that Sir Tom Sherba is still accepting empty pill bottles.

Adjourned at 11:00am
Respectfully Submitted
Alfred Wydler, Secretary

SIR OF THE MONTH Drag Dutina

Drag heard about SIR while he was traveling in Europe from a fellow passenger who told him to call Bill Schwan. When Drag returned he called Bill who connected him to Nat Lord, the membership chairman. This was followed by an invitation to lunch by Greg Vernon in January of 1995.

Drag served as Assistant Secretary and Historian for 6 years. He is leader of the Bridge group and served as our Nomination Chairman this past year. He also has served on the Audit Committee for the Branch.

Drag is a dedicated Sir in Branch 59 and we are grateful for his participation.

He worked for General Electric for many years both in Schenectady NY and in the Bay Area. His fields were analytical and radiochemistry.



Classified Advertisement

Past Big Sir Tom Sherba reminds us to bring in empty pill containers with labels removed. Call Tom at 510-793-3217 if you have any questions.

August 2005 Financial Report by Lou Bufkin

A general cash balance of \$2365.85 and a custodial cash balance of \$174.13 was on hand at the beginning of July.

Ending cash balance for the month of June was \$2084.89.

MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS

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



October Birthdays

Manuel Braga	10/29/1919	86
Louie Benites	10/12/1920	85
Paul Lewis	10/13/1921	84
Rollin Cunningham	10/22/1921	84
Robert Heiney	10/18/1922	83
Howard Beyers	10/29/1922	83
Calvin Oliveira	10/29/1922	83
Calvin Lynch	10/13/1923	82
Ray Faria Jr.	10/23/1923	82
Arthur Shiffrar	10/07/1926	79
John Ockes	10/05/1927	78
Stanley Lewis	10/11/1927	78
Fred Gotthardt	10/30/1927	78
Jack Abraham	10/21/1928	77
Robert McGrath	10/04/1929	76
Gene Anderson	10/10/1929	76
Peter Angelides	10/15/1929	76
Henry Scherer, Jr.	10/10/1931	74
Arthur McGrath	10/05/1932	73
Alan Douglass	10/23/1932	73
Lynn Purvis	10/29/1932	73
Anthony Bruno	10/08/1933	72
Jerry Springer	10/19/1933	72
Hugh Twomey	10/24/1935	70
Robert Teglia	10/10/1942	63
Terry Dalziel	10/25/1942	63

Membership Report

Guests:

Dennis Bowman
Wayne Lindquist
Gilbert Martinez

Guest of:

Howard Thompson
Jim Sissle
Bob Ralston

Visitors:

None

Visiting from:

Membership Total

(as of September 15, 2005)

262 — Active Members

24 — Inactive Members

Change of Status:

Richard Ahern	Returned to Active Status
Carl Tolle	Resigned-Moved to Newcastle, CA

Attendance Report

(For September 15, 2005)

Members	177
Guests	3
Visitors	0
Speakers	3
Total =	183

55 excused 23 unexcused



New Members

Douglas S. Burgess

737 Wasatch Drive
Fremont, CA 94536-1859
510-794-5443
Email: doug-burgess@comcast.net
Birthday: 11/15/1947
Badge No. 125
Sponsor: Jack Lindley
Call me: Doug

Ronald H. Oliphant

42225 Forsythia Drive
Fremont, CA 94539-4712
510-651-2444
Birthday: 7/14/1934
Spouse: Shirl
Badge No. 88
Sponsor: Bob Benya
Call me: Ron



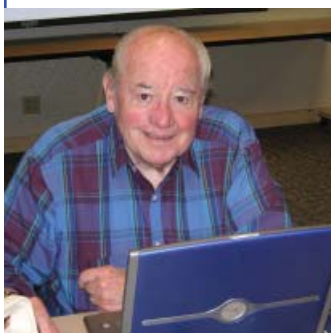
In the photo below Big Sir **Howie Thompson** introduces new members Sir **Ronald Oliphant** and Sir **Douglas Burgess**



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.

CYBERGEEZER OCTOBER MEETING



When -
Tuesday, October 25th.
2:00pm to 4:00pm
Where -
Fremont Main Library,
Fremont Fukaya A room.

Cheers
Fred

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

READERS AND BROWSERS

Bring your magazines and books to share.

Wayne Adams 797-7611

SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares by Rollin Cunningham

Sir Art Winkley, Sir Rollin Cunningham and Sir Nat Lord attended the SIR State Bowling Committee meeting. Congratulations to Sir Nat Lord our newly elected SIR State Bowling Chairman.

Branch 59 winners at Vallejo SIR Tournament are: Sirs Don Henry 5th A singles, 7th All Events, 5th place doubles with Frank Cordova; Gary Bennett 2nd in B Singles and 2nd in doubles with Nat Lord; and Ray Faria last in All Events (17th).

Sir Gary Bennett got into a special rut. He bowled an award winning three 168s.

The 2005-2006 Bowling Congress dues of \$15 are due now.

Next Optional out of town bowling tournament will be at Harvest Park, Brentwood October 18th and 20th.

McHenry Bowl, Modesto November 2nd and 4th. Including a free lunch!

Regular SIR Branch 59 Bowling on Monday at 1:00 PM, \$4.50 per game. Handicap.

September Scores

NAME	HIGH GAME	HIGH SERIES
Wayne Adams	158	409
Ralph Bain	257	557
Gary Bennett	200	511
Frank Cordova	201	580
Al Costa	189	580
Rollin Cunningham	187	503
Ray Erickson	213	519
Ray Faria	173	507
Don Henry	237	547
Darrell Jewell	129	329
Roy Johnson	170	442
Jim Lawrence	165	401
Nat Lord	204	519
Bob Snodgrass	170	468
Frank Thomas	189	481
Art Winkley	165	386



Sir **Gary Bennett** was awarded the ABC triplicate award at last months luncheon. This award recognizes a rare achievement of having the same score of 168 three consecutive times in one game. In the photo Gary demonstrated how he did it, he just closes his eyes and lets the ball go.

Golf Notes by Bill Leake

Welcome to the Branch 59 golf column...**Dues** As I have indicated in the past, NCGA dues for next year will remain at \$26 and are due now. Deadline is November 30, 2005. Give checks to me or send check to Bill Leake at PO Box 434, Fremont, CA 94537, and make check out to SIR Branch 59. No cash please...

Post – Don't forget to post after you play each round. Either on the machine or via internet is OK – but please post your score. Problems -- call me at 793-6561. I can help...**Thank you Jerry Desmond** for faithfully calling in Tee Times for Mondays for all of 2005 (and 2004, and 2003 and). And, Thanks **John Trischetti** for volunteering to call in tee times for September and also to **Les Prestwood** for calling in tee times for October. We need volunteers – many of you reading this column play every week and have never called in tee times. Please call me and volunteer for the last month of this year and one of the months in 2006, except March (**Tom Sherba**), May (**Andy Anderson**), and November (**John Trischetti**).

Solvang Results. We just concluded our SIR tournament in Solvang. It was a two day event, 2-man best ball, 4 man team event. After the \$40 buy in, we had 3 winners. **Richard Holley** won his \$40 back by placing 8th on day 1. **Bill Leake** won \$90 for placing first on day 2. **Tony Martinez** also won some greenbacks. Tony placed 5th on day 1 and won \$55, he placed 6th on day 2 and won \$50, plus he was 3rd overall for Flight A and won an additional \$85. It was fun. Join us next year..... **November 1 state championship** – don't forget that our own **Armando Castiglioni** will be competing November 1. Good luck Armando...**Schedule next year** – No firm schedule yet. The only two events solid are Las Vegas in March and Reno in June..... **There is a lot going on with golf. Website for SIR Golf? SIRINC.ORG.** Go to Activities, and then golf.

Speaking of golf, we golf on Mondays and Thursdays at Sunol. Everyone posts after they play, don't they!! Golfers and hackers -- come join us. Call Sunol for the time -- 888-848-8693 – ask for Leake... New to our group -- call me at 793-6561.

Thank you
Bill Leake



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE REPORT

by Dave Marymee and Bob Walter

LES ADDISON, Little Sir, says he was in the hospital during the time of the August luncheon. Les says, after tests, his liver seems ok. He feels better and his medication was reduced. Glad you are feeling better, Les.

EDWARD BALDINI missed the August luncheon for a checkup following radiation treatment for prostate cancer. Ed says he received a good report. Glad to hear it, Ed.

LLOYD COWAN'S wife, Billie, reports that Lloyd is residing in an assisted care facility due to Parkinson's. He suffered many falls. Lloyd is at the Fremont Retirement Villa at 41040 Lincoln, 94538. Please call on him there. We hope Lloyd is comfortable there. Billie was expecting an operation in September.

ROBERT DESCH is suffering from Alzheimer's syndrome. He is at Aegis of Fremont on Walnut.

ROY DUARTE says he is doing okay. Roy is on nightly dialysis. This frees him for daytime activities.

DAVE DUNLAP says his health is improving. He drives but uses a walker to get around. Glad you can make the luncheons, Dave.

BEN FERNANDEZ has fully recovered from a diabetic, low blood sugar, episode at the August luncheon. Ben says he is doing okay.

RAY JARVIS'S wife Betty is recovering from a recent stroke and is in a nursing facility. Ray is bedfast at Country Drive Care Center. Ray likes visitors. Bring a book. Ray likes to read.

RICHARD MARRIOTT is anticipating cataract eye surgery. He went for the operation but was sent home due to high blood pressure. Better luck next time Richard.

MARTY SPELLMAN is still on crutches with a cast on his left ankle due to Achilles tendon repair. Marty drives and attends the luncheons. Glad you are improving, Marty.

CHARLIE SWANSON is home and wheelchair bound. He has had partial amputation of the toes on his right foot due to a diabetic condition. Charlie is fitted with a vacuum pump which aids the healing of his right foot. Hope your health improves, Charlie, we miss you at the luncheons.

JACK WEBB missed the September luncheon as he was unable to secure van service for transportation. Jack is wheel chair bound. Hope to see you at the next luncheon, Jack as I missed a sip of your Virgin Mary cocktail.

In Memoriam

Mac A. Currie



Save the date - Thursday December 15, 2005

"Holiday Sweetheart Luncheon"

Music by
The Canyon Band

Social Hour 11:00 AM
Luncheon at noon

Menu
Baked Ham
with all the trimmings



Tables of 8 can be reserved with ticket purchases

Your Name _____ Sweetheart's Name _____

Number in Party _____ x \$18 per person = \$ _____ Make out check to **SIR Branch #59** and mail to:

Sir Don Henry, 4545 Ridpath St. Fremont, CA 94560 Tickets will be sold at October and November Lunch

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

Travel Tidbits for Area 8

Emile Lassalle

December 7, 2005:

IRVING BERLIN'S WHITE CHRISTMAS

- 12:15 pm—leave Southland for the Golden Gate Theatre
- 2:00 pm, Wednesday Matinee at the Golden Gate Theatre—seating on the main floor, best seats in the house
- 5:30 pm—Hosted Italian Dinner at Caesar's Restaurant in North Beach
- 8:30 pm—approximate arrival home at Southland

Only 42 tickets have been reserved for this performance. This will be the last travel activity for the Branches in 2005 and I hope you join us for an enjoyable time.

COST: \$147 per person, includes all taxes and tips.

ESCORT: Lyle Kreger 510-278-9167 or Emile Lassalle for more detailed information at 510-538-7463.



January 18, 2006: MYSTERY BUS TRIP

This is one Mystery Trip I can tell you of one stop we will make. We will go to the Culinary Academy of Treasure Island for a Three-Course Gourmet Meal prepared and served by the advanced trainees. The rest of the trip will be a secret, but I know you will enjoy where we go.

Cost: \$63 per person, Escort Emile Lassalle, 510-538-7463

March: Spring Training in Arizona

March 13-18, 2006

(Dates subject to change when the schedule is finalized)

We are off to Bakersfield for a one night stay at the Shelton Four Points, then off to the Buck Owens Crystal Palace for BBQ food and entertainment. We travel to Tempe AZ for a 3 night stay at the Best Western Hotel. You will go to 2 ball games, the horse races and a dinner show. Day 5 will take us to Laughlin, NV for a day of gaming. The next day we will be on our way home.

COST: \$943 per person, double occupancy,

ESCORT: Daryl Main, 510-352-2210

Help us Plan for 2006

If you are interested in being an Escort please call me.

More Day Trips and Travel Tours are now being arranged for 2006. If you have any ideas about trips you might want us to arrange, please let us know what your wishes are.

Email to Emile Lassalle at

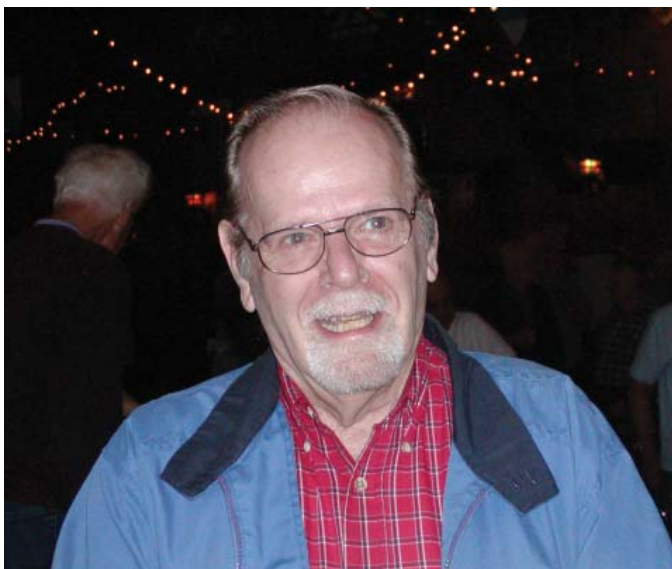
sirs26@earthlink.net

or mail to

Emile Lassalle

19574 Stanton Avenue

Castro Valley, CA 94546



Sir **Alan Douglas** will become the new Attendance Chairman in 2006 taking over from Sir **Fred Gotthardt** who has had the job for nine years



photo by Editor John Skarpelos

Past Big Sir **Lyle (Pat) Kingery** with Sir **Mel Nunes** photographed while attending an Oakland A's baseball game



September Luncheon speaker Tommie Lindsey addresses Branch 59



Jonathan Harris, speaker Tommie Lindsey, Clinton Pierce and Little Sir Les Addison (l to r)



Past Big Sir **Nat Lord** will be Chairman of the State Bowling Committee and A's Baseball Chairman for 2006

Below Clinton Pierce and Jonathan Harris perform their forensic selection for Branch 59



Sir **Art Winkley** Birthday Chairman



Sir **Bruno Orsetti** Greeters Chairman



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The next issue of the
Pathfinder will be in **November**
and the copy deadline will be
Friday, October 28, 2005.

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