



The Pathfinder

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NEXT MEETING at Swiss Park - March 16, 2006

Bits and Pieces by Big Sir Les Addison

The committee to explore the advantages and disadvantages of changing the location of our meeting place is still checking on it. This committee is chaired by **Bob Benya** and consists of **Bill Briscoe, Drag Dutina, Fred Gotthardt, and Les Addison.** They are meeting with the Elks Club and the Newark Pavilion to get all the facts. A survey sheet will be handed out at the beginning of the March meeting to get an idea of how the members feel about our existing meeting facilities. When the committee completes the study they will report to the Executive Board.

The theme for our Sweetheart Luncheon in May is "A Tribute to our Veterans." **Tony Zeuli** and his committee are hard at work finalizing the details. Tickets will be on sale at the March meeting.

The "Singing Sirs" will sing a collection of Irish tunes at our March meeting.

I'd like to thank everyone for all their hard work in making our SIR chapter so great! Last month's program by Jim Campbell on the Golden Age of Piracy was very entertaining. We especially enjoyed seeing his art work and pirate artifacts. Good job, Little Sir, **Ted Bresler.**

Remember to keep bringing your empty prescription bottles. Also remember to check our library of books and take one home with you.

Our slogan for this year is "Six new members in '06", so keep inviting all your friends to our meetings. Happy St. Patrick's day to all.

Les



Our Speaker – Douglas Treadway by Little Sir Ted Bresler

The immortal Yogi Berra once said, "If you come to a fork in the road, take it."

Twenty years ago Douglas Treadway came to a fork in the road in his career. Then a mid-level college administrator, he had to decide whether to seek a new career in private industry or to shoot for the presidency of a college. He chose the second path and has never been sorry.

Doug has been president of Ohlone College since July 2003. Since then he's come to 2 new forks in the road.

The first is the construction of the new Ohlone Campus in Newark. This will be the 1st community college in California to be completely designed using solar energy and geothermal heating and cooling. The campus, which will emphasize health, technology and other vocational programs, will be completed in 1-1/2 years and will open in January 2008 to 3,000 students.

The second is the development of the western and southern portions of the Fremont campus in Mission San Jose. Plans are now underway for a forward looking combination of commercial and housing in these areas.

Dr. Treadway has had a long career as a college professor, president and chancellor. He will tell us about his visionary approach to campus development in a stimulating message.



March MENU Corned Beef and Cabbage



With Potatoes and Carrots
Bread and 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
Alan Douglass 573-0051



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Branch 59

Meets at Swiss Park
5911 Mowry Avenue
Newark
on the 3rd Thursday of
each month
10:15 AM
Executive Board Meeting
11AM Social Hour
12 Noon Lunch

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Edited Excerpts of February 16th Minutes of AI Sprague



Big Sir Les Addison called the meeting to order at 10:15 am. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call showed 5 officers and 5 directors present (absent: Sir Peter Angelides and Sir Lloyd Anderson).

Correspondence: Big Sir Les Addison reported a communication from the President of SIR saying that he enjoyed The Pathfinder.

Attendance: Sir Alan Douglass reported there would be an estimated 215 in attendance for the luncheon.

Membership: Sir Ed Bingle reported that 4 new members are expected to be inducted today.

Birthdays: Sir Art Winkley reported that we would be celebrating birthdays ranging from 63 to 89 years old. One member, Sir Clyde Voorhees, is 90 but will not be present. (Happy Birthday, Clyde).

Treasurer's Report: Sir Louis Bufkin reported that the ending cash balance on 1-31-06 was \$3333.34.

Program: Little Sir Ted Bresler reported Jim Campbell, a pen & ink artist of historical subjects, especially sailing ships and pirates, would present today's program.

In March the speaker will be Dr. Treadway, Ohlone Community College President. In April the speaker will be a dietician.

Cybergeezers: Sir Fred Gotthardt reported that the group will meet the following Tuesday, February 21st, 2-4 pm, in the Fukaya A Room, Fremont Main Library.

Happy St Patrick's Day



Bowling: Sir Rollin Cunningham reported that we have some new faces joining us in our weekly bowling event; we had a visiting Sir Lew Effron who wanted to qualify for the USBC in order to bowl in SIR tournaments. Sir Bob Edwards, has recently joined us. Thanks to our new members we have at least twelve bowlers bowling Monday afternoons. Sir Roger Wallin, a new bowler, with a 135 average, bowled a 224; he will receive a patch for 75 pins over his average. The doctors have sidelined Frank Cordova, Art Winkley and Frank D. Thomas, who have joined those on the ailing list. Sir Nat Lord has recovered from his eye operation and says he can now drive without his glasses. There were eight Branch 59 bowlers attending the Napa Bowling Tournament. Nine Sirs are signed up for the Livermore Bowling Tournament next Tuesday, the 22nd. March tournaments are at Petaluma on the 6th and Concord on the 21st. Seven Sirs signed up so far for the Reno Tournament, April 17-21.

Golf: Sir Bill Leake reported we had a huge success at our second outing at Silverado. We had 26 golfers from Area 8. We are making plans for 2006. Our first tournament will be in Las Vegas. In May we will also put on two tournaments—individual and teams. A card is circulating for Jack Knoth for everyone to sign; as he continues to improve every day.

Report from Special Committee on Meeting Location (Chairman Bob Benya): Elks' would charge a total of \$10 for lunch. They cannot schedule the branch on Thursdays due to their Bingo game. Elks' do have a good sound system. Past Big Sir Howie Thompson stated that the servers at our present arrangement are doing the meal as part of their ministry; he also said that the State SIR suggests another branch in Fremont. Sir Rollin Cunningham stated that the Elks' have inadequate parking, requiring many members to park on the street; he also stated that the Elks' caterer had run out of food. Comments were made about the Newark Pavilion. Motion passed (all voting yes) as follows- 1) Ask Elks' again if we could get Thursdays as a meeting date. 2) To evaluate the Newark Pavilion and report back.

Sunshine: Sir Dave Marymee reported no deaths occurred in January.

Adjournment: Big Sir Les Addison adjourned the meeting at 11:02 am.

Submitted by Allen Sprague, Secretary

MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS

by Sir Ed Bingle, Sir Alan Douglass, and Sir Art Winkley



March Birthdays

Bruno Orsetti	03/05/1921	85
Paul Lanferman	03/03/1922	84
John Austin	03/21/1922	84
Manuel Silva	03/16/1923	83
Norman Silveira	03/19/1923	83
Sylvan Farrell	03/07/1925	81
Alvin Dockter	03/17/1925	81
Lyle Kingery	03/17/1926	80
Peter Sodini	03/06/1927	79
Robert Leinkram	03/04/1929	77
Arnold Mozzetti	03/25/1929	77
Donald Wright	03/18/1930	76
James Putler	03/28/1930	76
Robert Benya	03/19/1931	75
Sam Mitchell	03/04/1932	74
Allen Sprague	03/13/1935	71
Nathaniel Lord, Jr.	03/26/1935	71
Ray Alvarez	03/01/1936	70
Howard Thompson	03/22/1936	70
Edward Barnes	03/26/1936	70
Gary Bennett	03/21/1939	67
David Tanner	03/12/1940	66

Happy Birthday

Membership Report

Guests:

Dan Bega
Warren Mindestram
George Mendes
Art Kimber
Tom Pratt
Rolf Gehruug

Guest of:

Bill Briscoe
Bill Leake.
James Conrad
Dave Minor
Herb Epstein
Frank Kinney

Visitors:

Tom Ahern

Visiting from:

Membership Total

(as of February 16, 2006)

265 — Active Members

27 — Inactive Members

Change of Status:

None

Attendance Report

(For February 16, 2006)

Members	203
Guests	6
Visitors	1
Speakers	1

Total = 211

27 excused 34 unexcused

New Members

Wayne M. Meyer

42965 Applewood Street
Fremont, CA 94538-4001
5106561506

Email: wmeyer739@sbcglobal.net

Birthday: 7/13/1939

Spouse: Adie

Badge No. 32

Sponsor: Henry Scherer

Call me: Wayne

Leonard M. Santos

3283 Briggs Court
Fremont, CA 94536-2406
5107935206

Birthday: 10/16/1938

Badge No. 58

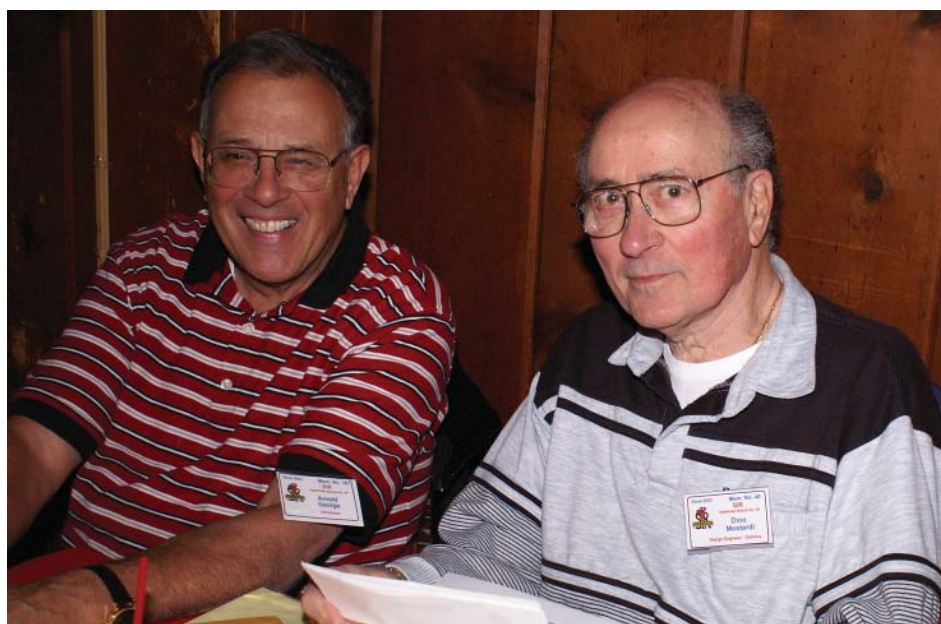
Sponsor: Robert Teglia

Call me: Len

New Members



Sir Wayne Meyer on the left and Sir Leonard Santos on the right.



Caps and Emblem Chairman **Dino Mostardi** on the right along with his assistant, **Arnold George** are ready to sell you anything you need that has the SIR logo on it.

*Welcome
New
Members*



Sir Ed Kneler on the left and Sir Jerry Sabo on the right. Sorry for incorrect identification last month.

SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares by Rollin Cunningham

Golf Notes by Bill Leake

Branch 59 Bowling February 2006

NAME	HIGH GAME	HIGH SERIES
Wayne Adams	169	454
Ralph Bain	246	595
Gary Bennett	170	467
Al Costa	165	431
Rollin Cunningham	158	445
Bob Edwards	76	183
Ray Erickson	200	521
Ray Faria	154	456
Lew Heffron	211	544
Don Henry	203	589
Darrell Jewell	132	347
Roy Johnson	193	480
Nat Lord	223	557
Bobby Snodgrass	155	435
Roger Wallin	224	552

Sir **Roger Wallin** recently started bowling after a 40? year absence. He has a 133 average. He got hot and bowled a 224 game, 91 pins over his average. He will be awarded with a badge.

Sir **Lew Heffron** from Branch 6 has joined our group. He wants to complete his required 21 games to qualify for tournament bowling. Branch 6 is not USBC qualified, Branch 59 is.

We are also welcoming as new members Sirs **Ralph Bain**, **Roger Wallin** and **Bob Edwards** to our team.

Eight of our Sirs traveled to Napa for a tournament. Six Sirs went to the Livermore tournament February 22.

In March we will be attending SIR tournaments in Petaluma on 6th, and Concord on the 20th. The Reno Tournament will be at the Hilton April 17 though the 19 for single, double and team bowling. The Hilton is offering a room for \$39 + tax per night. We have seven Sirs signed up for this event. NOTE: Qualified ladies can participate with the Sirs.

Local bowling is every Monday at 1:30 pm \$4.50 at Mowry Lanes. Practice is \$1.00 per line. Out of town bowling is optional.



Welcome to the Branch 59 golf column... There were no tournaments in February except our outing at Silverado – more on that later.

Welcome **Fred Kemper and Wayne Meyer** who have both joined SIR golf... Are there other golfers out there that want to have fun this year with SIR? Come on – try it: you will like it! If so, call me at 793-6561.



Please keep **Jack Knoth** in your thoughts and prayers. Jack had an unfortunate and very serious accident. We all wish him a very speedy recovery. This goes out to Jack's family as well... We are still taking signups for Lincoln, so I need to know who is interested in going to Lincoln and play golf with **Guy Whitener**. We would drive to Lincoln, play golf, stay overnight, play again and go home. The price would be \$90 for golf, and then your motel room. I have a few names and I will be calling them. We play golf, stay over night, maybe a banquet, and then play golf again the next day. **The deadline is the latter part of March.**

Silverado was a lot of fun. The weather was great and the scores were all over the place. There were two flights and **John Trischetti and Richard Holley** won their respective flights. We will do it again next April... The first major event of 2006 for SIR is Las Vegas. The first session begins March 27 and the second begins 1 week later on April 3. **Note: If a SIR golf event occurs on a SIR meeting day, you will be excused and not be charged as missing a meeting as long as you tell the attendance person that you are attending a SIR golfing event.** You must, however, call at least 5 days before the meeting.

Hope to have some results from Las Vegas next month. For the the schedule, go to www.sirinc.org/activities/ then click on golf. Following Las Vegas we have the team and individual qualifiers, Reno, Solvang, and then the state tournaments. Lastly we have two trips to Mexico. Wives are welcome to support their husbands, or play if they have a current NCGA card.

Coming up is the SIR **area 8 state pre-qualifier and area 8 team qualifier tournaments**. At this writing we do not have a date, but we will and you will be informed... Speaking of golf, we play every Monday and Thursday (except SIR meeting weeks--we play Wednesday). Come and join us. To find out the tee time, please call Sunol at 925-862-0414. The reservation is made under LEAKE... *Are you one of those who only play on Wednesdays?* Come on, be adventurous – join us on a Monday or a Thursday.

Thank you again to the ever faithful **Jerry Desmond** for calling in Monday tee times, and thanks to **Hank Scherer** for calling in for March... And thank you everyone for reading this column.

Bill Leake

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE REPORT

by Dave Marymee and Bob Walter

LLOYD COWAN's wife, Billie, reports Lloyd left Kaiser Hospital, to reside at an assisted care facility at 38880 Florence Way in Fremont. Lloyd was hospitalized because of a heart attack and fluid on his lung. Lloyd suffers from Parkinson's syndrome. Stop in and see Lloyd.

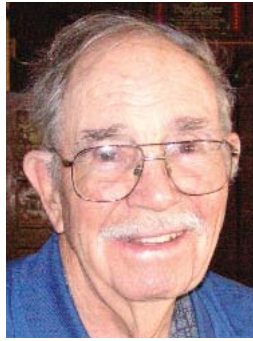
ROBERT DESCH is suffering from Alzheimer's syndrome. He is a resident at Aegis of Fremont on Walnut.

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

JAMES DUNSFORD had a serious auto accident in December at Central and Blacow in Fremont. A driver ran a red light and broad sided James's Lincoln Town Car on the right front wheel. James was alone and escaped injury. Later he went to see his doctor and found he had high blood pressure. James replaced his wrecked Lincoln with another Lincoln. Better to be safe than sorry. Glad you escaped injury, James.

RAY JARVIS is bedfast at Country Drive Care Center. Stop in and see him. Bring a book as Ray likes to read

JACK KNOTH, a Sir golfer, is recovering from a serious fall from a ladder while trimming a tree in his back yard. He has had a month of hospitalized action in San Jose being treated for upper spine and neck fractures. Jack was treated for two weeks for pneumonia. He has had the feeding tube removed from his throat and stomach. Now he can talk which



encourages him and his family. There is concern as to how well he can swallow food. Plans are to transfer Jack to rehab soon. We hope Jack is on the road to recovery.

NAT LORD, SIR Sports Chairman and Social Committee Member, had cataract surgery in January. Nat says he has better vision and is doing OK.

ALLEN SPRAGUE, SIR Secretary, fell during an outing at the Great Mall. He seems to have injured (broken) his knee. He planned to see his doctor after the February luncheon. Hope your knee problem clears up as the Raiders need all the help they can get this fall.

FRANK D. THOMAS, Assistant Birthday Committee Chairman, had cataract surgery February 7. Frank says he is doing OK.

CONRAD WALLA's mother, Cornelia Walla, died February 2, in Vancouver, Washington at age 103 1/2 years. We at SIR offer our sympathy to Con and his family.

JACK WEBB attended the February Luncheon. Jack is wheelchair bound and has to reserve special van service for transportation. We are glad to see Jack and procure his favorite cocktail, a virgin Mary.

ART WINKLEY, SIR Birthday Chairman, says he is recovering from a spinal fusion operation upon his neck and upper spine. Art has been wearing a collar brace for almost two months. Art seems to be carrying on his activities satisfactorily. Hope you can dispense with your collar soon as the Boston Red Sox may need you Art.



FG Photo

Big Sir **Les Addison** presenting the Sir of the Month Award to Pathfinder Editor and Data Base Chairman **John Skarpelos**.



Song Leader **Frank Campos** sings Happy Birthday to **Rosemary Ramsell** of Swiss Park during the February luncheon with Big Sir **Les Addison**.

Travel Tidbits for Area 8

Emile Lassalle

Branch 26 provides all trips and tours for the enjoyment of it's members and their guests, and for all members and guests from branches 59 and 72. Any member from other branches who would like to travel with us, but need a flyer for a particular trip can contact me by e-mail (sirs26@earthlink.net), or phone (510-538-7463) and I will send one.

APRIL 13, 2006 — Thunder Valley Casino

You will be in Sacramento for a day at the Indian Casino. This seems to be a favorite casino for most Sir's and guests. I'm sorry that the flyers didn't get to our editor in time for mailing and therefore were not put in the Bulletin. Call Frank to see if there are still openings.

Cost: \$20 per person.

Escort **Frank Cerruti**, 510-568-8361

MAY 23, 2006---Up on the Roof

Highlights: The Crocker Bank Rooftop, Wells Fargo Bank and Yerba Buena Gardens and Merry Go Round Ride. We will go for a hosted lunch at Pompei's Grotto. After lunch we will continue our tour to the Hines Building rooftop garden and the on to the Embarcadero Center after that to the Fairmont rooftop garden. Be sure to fill in your lunch selection.

Cost: \$65.00 per person

Escorted by **Emile Lassalle**, 510-538-7463

JUNE 8, 2006 — I Love Lucy

Off to Frasinetti's Winery in Sacramento for a tour of the winery, a hosted lunch and a show preformed by impersonator Judith Favero.

Cost: \$68 per person.

Escort **Daryl Main**, 510-352-2210



JULY: 13-19, 2006 — Magic Of The Badlands An exploration of the Black Hills of South Dakota.

You will fly to Rapid City and be transferred to the Radisson Hotel that will be your home for the next 7 days. From there you will see all the exciting things from Mt. Rushmore to the Custer State Park. You will have a hosted breakfast each day and five hosted dinners. All taxes and gratuities for meals and all tips for driver and guide are included. Be sure to read the flyer and see all the extra's you get for your money.

Cost: \$1825 per person DO, \$450 Single Supplement.

Escort **Emile Lassalle** – 510-538-7463



When signing up for a trip, You must send a stamped self-address envelope if you need a return receipt.

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

Oakland Athletics play the Cleveland Indians Thursday, May 4th.

Giants play the Los Angeles Angels (Anaheim) Wednesday, June 21st.

Sacramento River Cats play Fresno Grizzlies Wednesday, June 28th.

Golden State Warriors play Philadelphia 76ers Sunday, March 19th.

Questions? Call Nat Lord **(510) 797-1704**.

CYBERGEEZER MARCH MEETING



When -
Tuesday, March 21st.
2:00pm to 4:00pm

Where -
Fremont Main Library, Fremont
Fukaya A room.

Cheers
Fred

READERS AND BROWSERS

Bring your magazines and books to share.

Wayne Adams 797-7611



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

Facilities Questionnaire

During the March luncheon a questionnaire will be handed out in order to survey the membership on the adequacy of the Swiss Park facility. Questions to be asked include whether it is too crowded, too noisy, too hot or too cold, poor lighting, and good parking. Members will be asked if they want to stay or move to another facility such as Newark Pavilion or the Elks Lodge.

Additional questions are asked about the meeting day, Thursday versus Wednesday preference. A question is also asked on whether a dollar or two increase in the price of the meal would influence their decision.

Be sure to pick up the questionnaire as you enter the hall and be sure to turn it in.

A view of the Newark Pavilion hall.



Facilities Committee Members **Fred Gotthardt**, Big Sir **Les Addison** and **Bill Briscoe** during their inspection of the Newark Pavilion facilities.



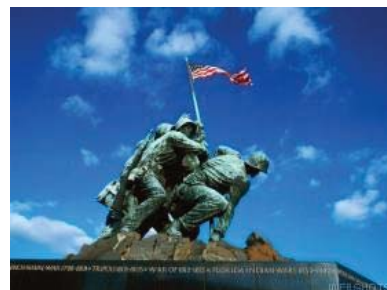
Save the date - Thursday May 18, 2006

Sweetheart Luncheon "A Tribute to our Veterans"

Music by
Bob Marshall

Social Hour 11:00 AM

Menu
Hawaiian Chicken
with Almondine Rice
and all the trimmings



Tables of 8 can be reserved with ticket purchases

Your Name _____ Sweetheart's Name _____

Branch of Military _____

Tickets will be sold at March and April Luncheon

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

and mail to: **Sir Don Henry, 4645 Ridpath St. Fremont, CA 94538**

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

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The next issue of the
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copy deadline will be Friday
March 24, 2006.