



# The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Thirty-First Year

September 2006

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**NEXT MEETING at Swiss Park - Thursday, September 21, 2006**

## Bits and Pieces by Big Sir Les Addison



I feel that the committee that looked into possible meeting places has done a terrific job. They did an excellent job of pointing out all the pluses and minuses of each considered location so that everyone knew what they were voting for. The vote was taken, and when the Board met to vote on when the move should take place, a lot of

suggestions came in as to what the committee should have done and what they should not have done. If people had concerns, they should have let the committee know before the vote was taken.

As it stands now, we will be moving to the Newark Pavilion in January, 2007. At our Board meeting in September, McDonough's catering will be available to answer any questions or concerns anyone might have.

At our August meeting the nominating committee put forth the following slate of officers for 2007: Big Sir Ted Bresler, Little Sir Richard Holley, Secretary Allen Sprague, Assistant Secretary Peter Angelides, Treasurer Lou Bufkin, Assistant Treasurer Bobby Ben Snodgrass, Directors Lloyd Anderson, Les Addison, Bob Benya, Don Gillis, Robert Ingebretson, and Tom Sullivan.

A vote was taken and the slate was elected unanimously. Congratulations to the Executive Board of 2007!

I'd also like to thank the nominating committee, Sirs Don Henry, Tom Sullivan, and Robert Ingebretson for a job well done.

It was nice having District Governor of Area Eight, Sir Tom Sherba, at our August meeting.

Keep bringing the prescription bottles and your friends to our meeting.

*Les*

## Our Speaker – Barbara Procter by Little Sir Ted Bresler

### *Meals On Wheels – A Valuable Program*

For many elderly persons in the Tri-City Area who have difficulty obtaining hot, nutritious, well balanced meals, the Meals on Wheels Program is a godsend.

Barbara Procter is the Coordinator of Volunteers for the Meals on Wheels program, one of the three programs of Life Elder Care.



She recruits volunteers to drive and bring the meals to the seniors and informs the public of the programs available. The meals are prepared in Livermore under the direction of a nutritionist. The program caters to diabetics, toothless persons, and those with stomach and swallowing problems. 23 volunteers, whose ages range from 16 ½ to 90, deliver the meals each day over assigned routes. The average volunteer delivers 6 to 25 meals daily in Fremont, Newark, and Union City. Total deliveries amount to 350 per day.

Ms. Procter started her working career as a 1st and 2nd grade teacher in New York and Boston, later teaching a cerebral palsy program. Sixteen years ago she moved to California and went into real estate. She loved the "people" part of real estate, but not the paperwork, so she made a career change and became the marketing and sales director at Carlton Plaza, a residential facility for seniors. This position developed her enjoyment with working with seniors, and led her to her present position with Meals on Wheels.

Please attend our September 21 meeting and learn about this valuable program and how you can help.

## September MENU

### BBQ Chicken and Rigatoni



Salad - Garlic Bread  
Coffee and Dessert

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



## Branch 59

### Officers

#### Big Sir

Les Addison  
(510) 656-7048

#### Little Sir

Ted Bresler  
(510) 490-2680

#### Secretary

Allen Sprague  
(510) 657-0661

#### Asst. Secretary

Peter Angelides  
(510) 797-3570

#### Treasurer

Louis Bufkin  
(510) 651-8664

#### Asst. Treasurer

Bobby Ben Snodgrass  
(510) 796-3543

#### Directors

Lloyd Anderson  
Bob Benya  
Don Gillis  
Bill Leake  
Howard Thompson  
Arthur Winkley

## 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

A Nonprofit  
public benefit  
corporation for  
retired men



## Edited Excerpts of August 17th Minutes of Allen Sprague

Big Sir **Les Addison** called the meeting to order at 10:15am, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Roll Call by the Secretary recorded the presence of 5 officers and 5 directors. Absent: Assistant Secretary **Peter Angelides** and Director **Howard Thompson**.

Minutes for the July 20, 2006 meeting were approved (and thanks given to Sir **Howie Thompson** for preparing in the absence of the Secretary).

Treasurer's Report: Sir **Louis Bufkin**, referring to his Monthly Cash Report for July 2006, and dated August 1, 2006, reported that the ending cash balance on August 1, 2006 was \$3,415.59.

Little Sir **Ted Bresler** reported that today's speakers will be two chiropractors.

Meeting attendance: Sir **Alan Douglas** reported the expectations for today: From a membership total of 271, with 53 excused, plus two guest speakers, about 190 will be present. Some discussion, but no decision, ensued about the possible need to bill unexcused absences, especially if a new caterer requires payment for all meals planned.

Membership: Sir **Ed Bingle** reported that one new member is planned to be inducted today.

Birthdays: Sir **Art Winkley** reported that 17 celebrants are expected today; the eldest at 94 (**Clarence Dutra**), and the youngest is 64 (**Aaron Wong**).

Bowling: Sir **Rollin Cunningham** reported on the activities of the bowlers (details of which will be in the next Pathfinder), including that Mowry Lanes has increased its fees to \$ 4.75 for 3 lines but practice is still \$1.00 per line. Branch 59 will be hosting a tournament at Mowry Lanes on October 1-2. Out of town tournaments coming up are in Vallejo, Dublin, Brentwood, Modesto, Concord, and San Rafael.

Pathfinder: Editor **John Skarpelos** announced that the deadline for the September Pathfinder edition is August 25th.

Golf: Sir **Bill Leake** reported that a detailed report would be in the Pathfinder. There is a State qualifier in Walnut Creek,

and the top two from each flight will go on to the State Championship. There will be a tournament in Solvang.

Sunshine: Sir **Dave Marymee** reported that Sir **Oliver Knick** got a ride to today's meeting. Sir **Jack Webb** does not have a special van and therefore he will be unable to attend. Sir **Dave** commented on and passed around a very fine pamphlet prepared for the memorial service at St. Joseph's for Sir **Jack Knoth**. He also complimented Editor **John Skarpelos** on the **Knoth** write up in the Pathfinder.

Cybergeezers: Sir **Fred Gotthardt** reported that next week's meeting will be on Wednesday, August 23rd, (rather than the usual Tuesday, because the Fukaya Room at the Library is not available).

Old business: Election results on the question whether to move the location of Branch 59 meetings. Sir **Bob Benya**, chair of the committee, thanked Sir **John Skarpelos** for the excellent analysis of the election results (printed in the August Pathfinder). A total of 205 ballots were cast out of which 99 members (48.3%) want to move to the Newark Pavilion, compared to 43 (21.0%) who want to move to the Elks Lodge, and 63 (30.7%) who preferred to remain at Swiss Park. After discussion of the results of the election, a MOTION was made and passed 6 yes and 2 no to: MOVE IN JANUARY 2007 TO NEWARK PAVILION. Discussion ensued over who would be the caterer (Newark Pavilion does not provide a caterer).

Whoever it is must be licensed to meet SIR standards. Big Sir **Les Addison** appointed **Bob Benya** and **Fred Gotthardt** to investigate and report back to Ex Com as to the available choices, and possibly bringing their preferred choice to be interviewed. The Secretary will maintain the ballots and tally sheets and Ex Com will consider further retention or destruction after Branch 59 is settled in at Newark Pavilion. It was the consensus of Ex Com that Big Sir **Les Addison** be the only authorized spokesperson regarding the issues.

Submitted by Secretary  
Allen Sprague

# MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS

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



## Membership Report

**Guests:**  
Dan Bega  
Paul Siragusa

**Guest of:**  
Bill Briscoe  
Tom Ahern

**Visitors:**  
None

**Visiting from:**

**Membership Total**  
(as of August 17, 2006)

270 — Active Members  
26 — Inactive Members

### Change of Status:

Paul Bleignier Resigned  
Leonard Santos Resigned  
Ray Jarvis Died in August

## Attendance Report

(For August 17, 2006)

Members	184
Guests	2
Visitors	0
Speakers	2

**Total = 188**

53 excused 33 unexcused

## Football

A guy named Bob receives a free ticket to the Football game from his company. Unfortunately, when Bob arrives at the stadium he realizes the seat is in the last row in the corner of the stadium he is closer to the Goodyear Blimp than the field.

About halfway through the first quarter, Bob notices an empty seat 10 rows off the field right on the 50 yard line. He decides to take a chance and makes his way through the stadium and around the security guards to the empty seat.

As he sits down, he asks the gentleman sitting next to him, "Excuse me, is anyone sitting here?" The man says no.

Now, very excited to be in such a great seat for the game.

Bob again inquires of the man next to him, "This is incredible! Who in their right mind would have a seat like this at the Football and not use it?"

The man replies, "Well, actually, the seat belongs to me, I was supposed to come with my wife, but she passed away. This is the first Football we haven't been to together since we got married in 1956."

"Well, that's really sad," says Bob, "but still, couldn't you find someone to take the seat? A relative or a close friend?"

"No," the man replies, "they're all at the funeral."

## New Member

**David G. Nazar**  
3453 Atwater Court  
Fremont, CA 94536-3513  
510-794-1231  
Email: dnazar2442@comcast.net  
Birthday: 9/24/1942  
Spouse: Holliday  
Badge No. 246  
Sponsor: Ken Reiley  
Call me: Dave



*Welcome Dave*

**WANTED**  
New SIR Members



**Bring In One More**  
**In 2006**

## September Birthdays

Tom Dehart	09/23/1916	90
Gerald Desmond	09/18/1920	86
Lee Updegraff	09/21/1920	86
Roy Johnson	09/04/1923	83
Mike Whitfield	09/08/1924	82
Joe Barrera	09/09/1924	82
Charles Marshall	09/17/1924	82
Raymond Erickson	09/12/1925	81
Harry Gardiser	09/01/1927	79
Joe Markovich	09/26/1927	79
John Skarpelos	09/09/1928	78
David Priego	09/12/1929	77
G. Austin Smith	09/19/1929	77
Armando Castiglioni	09/02/1930	76
Arthur Lampert	09/24/1930	76
Glenn Bachelder	09/20/1931	75
Roger Tansley	09/04/1932	74
Donald Eliason	09/25/1932	74
Vincent Fernelius	09/15/1933	73
Gerald Moore	09/15/1933	73
Vern Talley	09/24/1933	73
Arthur Slauer	09/02/1936	70
Arthur Kuhlmann	09/14/1936	70
Robert Matthies	09/15/1937	69
John Trischetti	09/17/1938	68
Robert Ingebretson	09/08/1940	66
L. Mindestrom	09/06/1942	64
David Nazar	09/24/1942	64
Fred Ilg	09/10/1945	61





# SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

## Strikes and Spares by Frank Cordova August Scores

NAME	HIGH GAME	HIGH SERIES
Wayne Adams	142	417
Ralph Bain	170	475
Gary Bennett	161	465
Frank Cordova	227	614
Al Costa	136	393
Rollin Cunningham	168	462
Ray Erickson	200	545
Ray Faria	144	432
Darrell Jewell	169	386
Jerry Sabo	235	575
Frank Thomas	129	373
Roger Wallin	226	577

Winners Bowling at Napa Tournament on July 31 and August 1, 2006

"B" Division — Doubles

Gary Bennett — \$49

Ray Erickson — \$89

"B" Division — Singles

Lew Heffron — \$24

"A" Division—all Events

Jerry Sabo — \$19

"B" Division — all Events

Wayne Adams — \$19

Ray Erickson — \$89

Jerry Sabo — \$79



## Golf Notes by Bill Leake

Welcome to the Branch 59 golf column... Interested in joining us? 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...



Post post post — don't forget to post your score... 2007 Dues — We have an increase in dues for 2007 — the new price to get NCGA certified through SIR golf is \$31.00. You may send in your checks anytime you like — make the check out to SIR Branch 59 and mail to Bill Leake, PO Box 434, Fremont CA 94537 and make sure the amount is \$31.00. Sorry about the increase, but I am just passing it on to you.

Thank you **Fred Ilg** for calling in tee times for August and thank you **Jim Lawrence** for calling in the times for September. As always, thanks to **Jerry Desmond** for calling in tee times for Mondays. Yes, you can volunteer to call in tee times — call Bill at 793-6561 and you will be calling for your fellow SIR golfers.

We have 4 more tournaments left in the year — state tournaments that is. We just completed the August 23 state qualifier — results will be next month. We hoped to have the results by press time, but we ran out of time. For our area 8, we had 26 participants. Of those 26, 16 were from Branch 59, so we had a good turnout for this event.

The top two winners from each flight advance to Poppy Hills on October 31. We have Solvang this month. This is always a fun tournament and the only one left in which your individual score is recorded. We have Mexico (Puerto Vallarta) in November and the Mexico cruise in December.

What do you want? What do you want to see in this column that is not here? Let us know and we will try and put it in the column. So, don't be bashful — let me know... **Take 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.

Indexes — do you have an e-mail address and are you receiving your monthly index from GHIN? If not, let me know... We will have more information next month... Thank you everyone for reading this column.

*Bill Leake*

**SPORTS BY NAT LORD**

See You Next Year

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

# Travel Tidbits for Area 8

Emile Lassalle

## SEPTEMBER 24 to October 10, 2008 — Hawaii SIR 50th Anniversary Cruise to Hawaii

You all have received a flyer for this trip and if you are thinking of going, sign up now. The ship is now 50% sold out. Like all trips, every 5 years, they are trips you will remember.



Cost: See Brochure at:

<http://sirinc.org/2008TripBrochure-5-11-06.pdf>  
or call

Escort: **Emile Lassalle**, 510-538-7463

## September 26-October 8, 2006 — ITALY TREASURES OF ITALY



A 13-day trip to the beautiful country of Italy featuring Rome, Florence, Parma,

Milan, Verona, Lake Como and Venice.

Cost: \$3535 per person DO,

\$665 Single Supplement

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



## DECEMBER 10, 2006 — Sacramento GARBEAU'S CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON SHOW

Garbeau's Christmas is a new holiday revue that's a celebration of everything we love about the holiday season.

You will be entertained while you enjoy a fine lunch. This lunch/show is always a sell out, sign up early? This performance will be in Sacramento.

Cost: \$77 Per Person.

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



## NOVEMBER 14-15, 2006 - RENO DARREN ROMEO — THE VOICE OF MAGIC

A spectacular stage show by Darren Romeo, a dinner buffet and a night of Gaming at the El Dorado Hotel Casino. You will receive a breakfast buffet on Thursday morning before heading out to the casinos. Also, you will receive a \$2 food credit and a total \$16 cash.

Cost: \$98 Per Person.

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



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

*Emile*

## 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.

**Wayne Adams 797-7611**



## CYBERGEEZER SEPTEMBER MEETING

When -

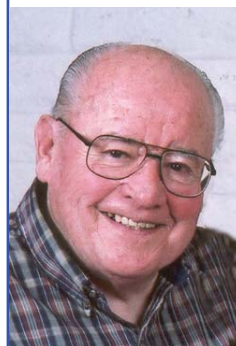
**Monday, September 25th.**

2:00pm to 4:00pm

Where -

Fremont Main Library, Fremont  
Fukaya A room.

**Cheers**  
*Fred*



# SUNSHINE COMMITTEE REPORT

by Dave Marymee and Bob Walter



Dave Marymee

**AL COSTA** and his wife, Elizabeth, celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary July 30. Sir wishes to congratulate the fortunate couple

**LLOYD COWAN**, who suffers from Parkinsonism, is doing well at assisted care residence

at 38880 Florence Way. Stop in and see him, Lloyd likes visitors.

**ROBERT DESCH** is suffering from Alzheimer's syndrome. He is a resident at Aegis of Fremont on Walnut. Stop in and see him.

**ROY DUARTE** is on nightly dialysis. His previously malfunctioning dialysis equipment is operating satisfactorily, but Roy says he has up and down days. Roy hopes to attend SIR luncheons regularly. See you there Roy.

**JACK HAVEMEIR** attended the August luncheon, celebrating his recovery from a recent heart attack. Jack undergoes therapy three times weekly.

**OLIVER KNICK** uses a wheel chair, walker and a cane to get around. Oliver says he has changed physicians as he felt he was not making much progress improving his health. He says he planned to attend the August luncheon. Oliver has reached the 90 year of age mark.



Bob Walter

**NAT LORD**, SIR Sports Chairman, had cataract surgery on his right eye August 18. Nat says he had the operation at 7:30AM and was home by 9:30AM. Nat says he is doing fine now that he has completed cataract surgery on both eyes.

**JACK WEBB** missed the August luncheon as he was unable to reserve transportation. Jack has to secure special van service for wheel chair pickup. Hope to see you at the next luncheon Jack as I am missing a sip from your virgin Mary cocktail.

**WILLIAM WILSON** is attending therapy sessions three times weekly with **Jack Havemeier**. William is recovering from heart bypass surgery. He attended the August luncheon.

## *In Memoriam* Ray Jarvis



Attendance Chairman Alan Douglass and Membership Chairman Ed Bingle making their reports to the Executive Board with Big Sir Les Addison presiding.



# 2007 Officers and Directors



Left to right, Director Bob Benya, 2006 Big Sir and 2007 Director Les Addison, 2006 Little Sir and 2007 Big Sir Ted Bresler, Little Sir Richard Holley, Secretary Allen Sprague, Treasurer Louis Bufkin, Director Don Gillis, Director Lloyd Anderson, and Director Tom Sullivan. Assistant Secretary Peter Angelides and Director Robert Ingbretonson were absent and Assistant Treasurer Bobby Ben Snodgrass was out of range of the camera.



SIR State Supplies and Hardware Chairman and former Area 8 Governor Bob Lippincot addressing the group at the Annual SIR state meeting in Vallejo.



SIR State Bowling Chairman and State Baseball Chairman for the Oakland A's Nat Lord addressing the group at the Annual SIR state meeting in Vallejo.

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### ATTENDANCE

Alan Douglass - **Chairman**  
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Ed Kurtz - Assistant

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Art Winkley - **Chairman**  
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### BRIDGE

Drag Dutina - **Chairman**

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Nat Lord

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Fred Gotthardt

Lyle Kingery

Nat Lord

David Marymee

## 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  
2005 Howard Thompson  
\*(deceased)

## PATHFINDER DEADLINE

The next issue of the  
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the copy deadline will be Friday  
**September 29, 2006.**