



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Thirty-First Year

November 2006

Bulletin No. 10

NEXT MEETING at Swiss Park - Thursday, November 16, 2006

Bits and Pieces by Big Sir Les Addison



There's only two months left to go this year, so this will be my last "Bits and Pieces" in the Pathfinder. It's been a great year for me as your Big Sir and I would like to thank all my terrific officers, chairmen, and assistant chairmen of all the various committees, and everyone else who contributed to help make our Branch so successful. I think we have the best SIR branch around.

Tickets for the Holiday Sweetheart Luncheon are on sale. They are \$16 and can be purchased at the November meeting from Sir Don Henry or you can mail in the coupon found in the Pathfinder. Get your tickets right away because you don't want to miss the terrific program planned by Sir Tony Zeuli and his committee. Members are encouraged to bring gifts for door prizes.

Sirs Allen Sprague and Richard Holley attended the SIR officers training session in October in San Ramon.

At the October Board meeting, Sirs Bob Benya, Fred Gotthardt, and Ted Bresler arranged for Ken of McDonough's Catering to meet with us. He answered all our questions and everything is set to go.

Little Sir Ted Bresler is completing the arrangements with the Newark Pavilion where we will be holding our meetings beginning January 2007.

Les

November MENU

Swiss Steak

Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Old Fashioned Green Beans
Salad
Dessert and Coffee

Our Speaker – Bill Marshak by Little Sir Ted Bresler

The Voice of Tri-City

You may have seen copies of the *Tri-City Voice* in your local library, bank, or business. Maybe you picked it up and read it.

I started some months ago and read it regularly, experiencing the high quality of this weekly local newspaper. Its editorials are well considered and written. It contains in-depth interviews with local officials and personalities you won't find elsewhere. The advertisements are well laid out, with appealing color graphics.

Strangely enough, The Voice's publisher and editor-in-chief, Bill Marshak, was not educated or trained in journalism. Raised in Los Angeles, he was a pre-med student at Earlham College, a 1,000 enrollment school in Indiana. He spent a year in graduate studies in zoology at Cal State LA. Thereafter he taught math and science at inner city schools in Los Angeles, and later sold pharmaceuticals, insurance and securities.

After marrying his wife Sharon, at one time a production manager at the *Milpitas Post*, Bill moved to Fremont 10 years ago. Subscribing to 3 major metropolitan daily newspapers, he concluded that they provided no real local information to their southern East Bay readers.

Hoping to fill local readers' needs, Bill's first publishing effort was a calendar of events, which grew into a magazine, *What's Happening*, in September 1998. In January 2002 he started the then semi-monthly *Tri-City Voice*, which has been a weekly newspaper for the last 1-½ years.

After early financial difficulties in keeping the Voice afloat, Bill describes the present status of this venture as "very successful".

Bill Marshak envisions the *Tri-City Voice* as a positive community force. Learn more about his vision and success story at our November 16 meeting.



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

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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 October 19th Minutes of Allen Sprague

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

Roll Call by Secretary: Officers present: Big Sir Les Addison, Little Sir Ted Bresler, Secretary Allen Sprague, Asst. Secretary Peter Angelides, Treasurer Louis Bufkin, Asst. Treasurer Bobby Ben Snodgrass. Directors present: Bill Leake, Howard Thompson, Bob Benya, and Art Winkley. Absent: Directors: Lloyd Anderson, and Don Gillis.

The Minutes for the September 21st meeting of Ex Com, incorporating corrections received by the Secretary, were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Sir Louis Bufkin reported that as of the end of September 2006 the cash balance was \$3,992.09.

Little Sir Ted Bresler reported that next month's speaker will be William Marshak, Publisher and Editor of the Tri-City Voice.

Membership: Sir Ed Bingle reported that as of 10/10/06 there are 268 active members and 24 inactive members.

Attendance: Sir Alan Douglas reported that for today's meeting 204 members, 3 guests, 1 visitor, and 1 speaker are expected, for a total of 209 (36 members are excused and 23 unexcused).

Bowling: Sir Rollin Cunningham reported on bowling activities and said this was his final report as Bowling Chairman, and thanked the Big Sirs who appointed him and all who assisted him in making Branch 59's bowling enjoyable. His assistant Sir Frank Cordova will be the new Bowling Chairman for Branch 59, and Sir Rollin expressed his confidence that Sir Frank will do an outstanding job.

Birthdays: Sir Art Winkley reported that 24 of 27 October celebrants are expected today's meeting. The most senior is Manuel Braga at 87 years, and the youngest is Terry Dalziel at 64.

Pathfinder Editor: Sir John Skarpelos announced that the copy deadline is next Friday, October 27th.

Cybergeezers: Sir Fred Gotthardt reported that the next meeting is the coming Tuesday, October 24th at 2-4 pm. in the Fukaya A Room.

Golf: Sir Bill Leake reported that the \$31 dues for 2007 are being collected and will be due no later than December 15th. There are three more events this year: Poppy Hills (October 31-November 1), Nuevo Vallarta (November), and a 12 day cruise with golf (December 1-12).

Sunshine: Sir Dave Marymee reported

on various members' illnesses and hospitalizations. Sir Dave told us that Branch 59 Sirs are healthy people: The sunshine report for November includes just 5 ailing men!

Social: Sir Tony Zeuli reported that tickets for the December Holiday Party are available.

Relocation of Place of Meeting: Sirs Bob Benya and Ted Bresler reported on contract negotiations with McDonough's Catering (Alameda), and the Newark Pavilion. The fee to use the Pavilion is \$250, including table set-up, and round tables would cost \$50 additional for a total of \$300 per meeting. Storage for SIR material is \$100 per year.

Ken McDonough, son of owner Peter McDonough, was present to answer questions from the Ex Com concerning price (\$9.00 + Sales Tax), table ware (silverware, paper napkins), menu (typical, e.g., chicken with gravy, rice/potato, salad, served in line), coffee (decaf & regular, possibly on each table), clean-up, table covering (plastic or cloth), condiments on table (salt and pepper), water pitchers, dessert selection (on a separate table). Bar would be available and staffed by Pavilion personnel. McDonough usually provides enough food to feed 10% more persons than Branch 59 estimates, insurance (commercial liability for 1 or 2 million, copy to be provided when the final contract signed), health standards (county health permit; but no City permit has been required by the Pavilion). A general sense of acceptability was expressed by Ex Com members.

Big Sir Les Addison stated that Officers Training will be on October 31st .

Secretary Allen sprague at work



MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS

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



November Birthdays

Dan Archer	11/08/1918	88
William Delucchi	11/05/1923	83
Robert Browne	11/10/1923	83
Willard Irwin	11/25/1923	83
James Blood	11/14/1924	82
Edgar Self	11/30/1924	82
James Thurgate	11/03/1926	80
Ralph Knight	11/04/1926	80
Fred Stabell	11/15/1927	79
Lloyd Anderson	11/04/1930	76
James Conard	11/02/1932	74
William Dark	11/07/1934	72
Robert Boike	11/09/1934	72
Wesley Schilling	11/23/1934	72
Robert Stefani	11/02/1938	68
Carey Williams	11/22/1938	68
Donald Ehlers	11/23/1938	68
Wilson Karamian	11/21/1942	64
Bill Leake	11/12/1945	61



New Members

Daniel R. Bega

4536 Norris Road
Fremont, CA 94536-6741
510-894-0120
Email: issapop@comcast.net
Birthday: 2/14/1938
Spouse: Laureen
Badge No. 3
Sponsor: William Briscoe
Call me: Daniel

James A. Bove

3654 Dryden Road
Fremont, CA 94555-3116
510-792-7359
Birthday: 2/5/1934
Spouse: Mary
Badge No. 145
Sponsor: James Conrad
Call me: Jim

Douglas E. Howd

4168 Converse Street
Fremont, CA 94538-6025
510-573-1037
Email: one4dhowdy@comcast.net
Birthday: 8/3/1946
Spouse: Betty
Badge No. 149
Sponsor: Don Allen
Call me: Doug

Wilson Karamian

34762 Williams Way
Union City, CA 94587-5578
510-441-2910
Email: karamian@netscape.com
Birthday: 11/21/1942
Badge No. 172
Sponsor: Bob Edwards
Call me: Wil

Barry Rader

35408 Terra Cotta Circle
Fremont, CA 94536-7633
510-794-6844
Email: karenbarry@comcast.net
Birthday: 6/22/1939
Spouse: Karen
Badge No. 204
Sponsor: Drag Dutina
Call me: Barry

Thomas J. Russo

4142 Wakefield Loop
Fremont, CA 94536-4741
510-790-3735
Email: russo4949@comcast.net
Birthday: 3/20/1934
Spouse: Marilyn
Badge No. 58
Sponsor: Will Wyman
Call me: Tom

Membership Report

Guests:

Dave Bade
Walter Deans
Jack Roach

Guest of:

Art Lampert
Charles Wilkins
Fred Ilg

Visitors:

Ken Wright, Big Sir Branch 6 in Castro Valley

Membership Total

(as of October 19, 2006)

274 — Active Members

24 — Inactive Members

Change of Status:

Ralph Bain new address:
2000 Walnut Avenue Apt H106
Fremont, CA 94538-5313
phone 510-494-9188

Raymond Erickson new phone:
510-894-0154

Attendance Report

(For October 19, 2006)

Members	205
Guests	3
Visitors	1
Speakers	1

Total = 210

36 excused 23 unexcused

SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares by Rollin Cunningham & Frank Cordova

October Scores

Name	HIGH GAME	HIGH SERIES
Wayne Adams	175	374
Ralph Bain	170	480
Gary Bennett	137	375
Frank Cordova	191	539
Al Costa	132	333
Rollin Cunningham	190	492
Bob Edwards	83	222
Ray Faria	174	499
Darrell Jewell	144	345
Nat Lord	195	539
Jerry Sabo	190	465
Frank Thomas	156	435
Roger Wallin	172	483
Art Winkley	120	333



Branch 59 hosted a tournament at Mowry Lanes October 1st and 2nd. There were 82 entries. Branch 59 had four winners: Sirs Roger Wallin, 1st in singles (\$56.35) and 2nd in all events (\$61.50); Rollin Cunningham, 4th in singles (\$28.15), and James Lawrence,

6th in singles (\$16.10). Many thanks are due to Sirs Frank Cordova, Nat Lord, Art Winkley, Bob Edwards, and many others for their assistance in making this tournament a success.

Ten Branch 59 bowlers participated in the Dublin tournament September 18th, and 8 Sirs bowled October 17th at the Brentwood tournament (final winners not yet announced).

The next tournament will be in Modesto November 10th, followed by Clayton Valley (Concord) on November 14th. The final SIR Tournament for 2006 will be in San Rafael, December 5-7th.



SPORTS BY NAT LORD

See You Next Year

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

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 — please send your dues for 2007. Please note the increase — 2007 dues are \$31. Make checks payable to SIR Branch 59 and mail to Bill Leake, PO Box 434, Fremont CA 94537.

Speaking of 2007, we will have one change next year. **Fred Ilg** will be my assistant in the event I am not around. Out with 2006 — this is the last column for this year. It has been enjoyable and I look forward to another good year. This year we gained 6 new members. Let's hope that we can gain at least hold what we have and possibly have another 6 new members for next year — 2007.

Thank you **Ken Windholz** for calling in the times for October, and **Dave Tanner** and **Fred Ilg** who will be calling the times for November and December... And as always, thanks to **Jerry Desmond** for calling in tee times for Mondays... Want to call in? Currently we have openings beginning in April. Call **Bill at 793-6561**.

The state golf committee met in October and set up the agenda for 2007. I will pass this along to you just as soon as I have it.

If you have a friend who is in SIR and plays golf, ask him to call me or recruit him yourself. **One important item — you can be a member of more than 1 golf club. You would still keep the same NCGA number, but belong to more than 1 club.** Do you know what the average index is for Branch 59? 14? 18? 20? **Not even close.** The average index in our group is about 26. *Statewide it is the same. We are a group that likes to have fun. So, come and join us.* If you do want to participate in a SIR event, please 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... If you have any ideas or suggestions on how to improve our group or this column please let me know. Last but definitely not least = **Learn to play ready golf.** What is ready golf? If you are ready and can hit safely, then go ahead and hit the ball. Don't wait for your partner to hit. If you are on the green, line up your putt while the other player is putting. Don't wait for the other player to putt before you line up your putt. You are wasting time. Comments? I encourage your comments and also suggestions on other topics for this column. Thank you for reading this article.

Bill Leake

Travel Tidbits for Area 8

Emile Lassalle

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

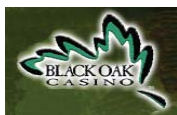


JANUARY 16, 2007 — Tuolumne BLACK OAK BONANZA

Our first trip of the new year. Four hours of gaming at Black Oak Casino. A \$15 Bonus return. These day casino trips are always a sell out, and fill up fast.

Cost: \$19 Per Person.

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



March 21, 2007 – MYSTERY BUS TRIP

We board the bus in Hayward for our trip to who knows where? These trips are always loads of fun since you try to figure where we're going. They also fill up very fast.

Cost: \$66 per person.

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

APRIL 12-23 2007. THE MEXICAN RIVIERA

on the Dawn Princess



This will be next to the last Princess Cruise to Mexico from San Francisco. We were able to reserve for 40 passengers. You will

be picked up and taken to the ship and at the end of the cruise returned to your pick up point. Ports you will visit are Mazatlan, Acapulco, Ixtapa, Puerto Vallarta and Cabo San Lucas. We will have a cocktail party aboard ship.

Tour prices: Range from \$1229 to \$1690 PPDO.

Escorts: **Emile Lassalle** 510-538-7463 and **Daryl Main** 510-352-2210.

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



I want to thank all members from branches 26, 59, 60 and 72 who traveled with us, you made the trips possible. As 2006 now comes to a close with only one trip left for December to complete, I feel we had a great year for traveling with day trips of Casino's, Mystery Bus Trips, Dinner Shows and then our 13 day trip to Italy. On the Italy trip we had members from 3 Branches and boy, we had a great time.

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 BROWERS

Bring your magazines and books to share

Wayne Adams 797-7611



CYBERGEEZER OCTOBER MEETING

When -

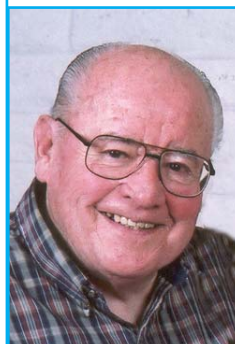
Wednesday, November 22nd.

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

BOB BEAM, Past Big Sir, is recovering from a stroke that affected his right arm and right leg. Bob expects surgery on his left carotid artery at Kaiser in Hayward on October 30th. Bob has purchased a computer with enlarged keyboard keys. We hope Bob continues to improve as the

Raiders or 49ers may need him for linebacker. Teddy Bruski of the Patriots recovered from a stroke and is playing his linebacker position.

LLOYD COWAN is in a resident assisted care facility at 38880 Florence Way in Fremont. Lloyd suffers from Parkinson's syndrome. Lloyd likes to read and could use large print books and magazines. Stop in and see him as he likes visitors.

ROY DUARTE Says he is feeling better but it varies day by day. Roy undergoes nightly dialysis. We hope Roy's health continues to improve.

TOM SHERBA, SIR Area Governor, because of falling and landing on his right thumb, broke a bone in the thumb when on a recent visit to relatives in Colorado. It proved to be a painful break and required surgery to set - the bone in his thumb. Tom's recovering and wearing a brace while his thumb heals.

OLIVER KNICK had to opt out of the October luncheon. He had an offer of a ride with Lee Updegraff which was appreciated. Oliver said he was not feeling well perhaps due to a severe pain in his left eye area. He said he had a fall on his left side affecting the left eye area. Doctors have not been able to find the cause of the pain. Oliver has to use a cane, walker and a wheelchair to get around. Oliver is 90 years of age. We hope Oliver can make the next SIR luncheon.

NAT LORD, SIR area Sports Chairman, is pleased with the improvement of his eyesight after cataract operations on both eyes. With continued improvement Nate may be able to drive without wearing glasses.

JACK WEBB was able to reserve transportation and attend the October luncheon. Jack was happy to obtain his favorite virgin Mary cocktail and a refill. Jack was saddened upon receiving news that his best friend in Texas had died. We were happy to see Jack at the luncheon.

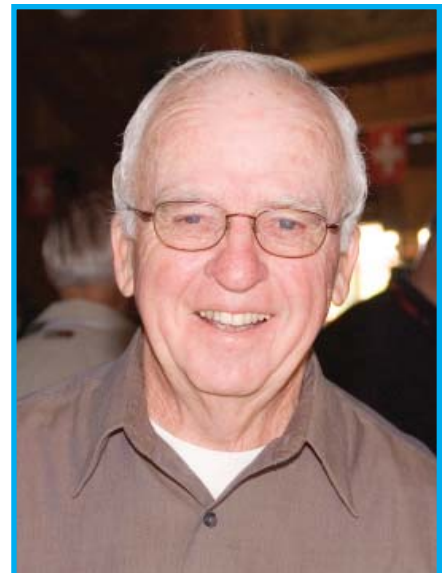


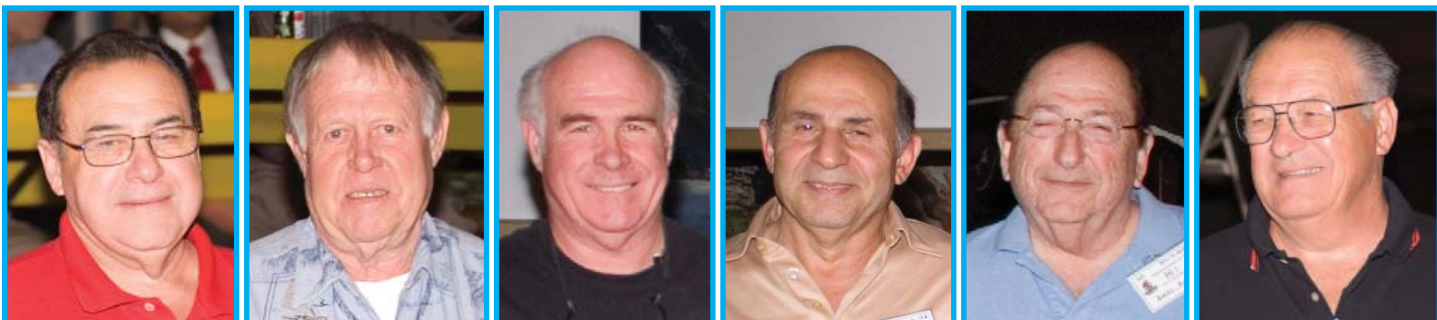
Bob Walter



Shown In the photo at right is Ken Wright, Branch 6 Big Sir, who attended the October luncheon meeting.

Nonagenarian Tom DeHart, at left, may or may not have gotten a free lunch last month.





New members (l to r) Daniel Bega, James Bove, Douglas Howd, Wilson Karamian, Barry Rader, and Thomas Russo



In the photo at left Big Sir Les Addison presents Bob Benya with the Sir of the Month certificate.

In the photo at right Social Chairman Tony Zeuli is ready to sell you a ticket for the Holiday Sweetheart Luncheon.



Save the date - Thursday December 21, 2006

"Holiday Sweetheart Luncheon"

Menu

Glazed Baked Ham
with all the trimmings



Social Hour 11:00 AM
Luncheon at noon



Tables of 8 can be reserved with ticket purchases

Your Name _____ Sweetheart's Name _____

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** Tickets will be sold at October and November Lunch

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

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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
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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
December 29, 2006.