



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Thirty-Second Year

March 2007

Bulletin No. 3

NEXT MEETING at Newark Pavilion - Thursday, March 15, 2007

Big Sir's Stirs by Big Sir Ted Bresler



This month we celebrate St. Patrick's Day on March 17th.

St. Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. He lived in the 4th and 5th centuries. He is credited with abolishing pagan rites and converting thousands to Christianity.

He didn't really drive the snakes from Ireland, because there weren't any. The legend of the driving of the snakes is symbolic of ending the pagan practice of worship of snake symbols.

The failure of the potato crops in Ireland in the 1840s resulted in mass starvation and disease. Hundreds of thousands of people died, and large scale emigration to the United States began.

The Irish immigrants to America faced high rates of poverty and infant mortality. They also suffered from considerable anti-Irish sentiment, prejudice and discrimination.

Through hard work and education the Irish rose to prominence in America. Our 35th president, John F. Kennedy, was the great-grandson of a farmer who immigrated here in 1849.

On St. Patrick's Day we celebrate not only the progress and achievement of the Irish in America, but also our country as a beacon of freedom, hope, and opportunity for all people.

Ted

Our Speaker – Kory Swekla by Little Sir Richard Holley



Kory K. Swekla, CFA, CFP is a Principal at Halcyon Investment Partners in Novato, CA. Kory has eleven years of experience in the investment industry with a strong background in financial planning, portfolio management, and wealth counseling. Previously, at Stein Roe Investment Counsel (SRIC), Kory was Senior Vice President of Business Development for their San Francisco office and responsible for wealth counseling to private individuals, families, and institutions. He also manages portfolios for select client relationships.

Kory received a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from the University of Alberta in Canada and is a member of the Securities Analyst Society of San Francisco. He received his Chartered Financial Analyst designation in 2002 and his Certified Financial Planner designation in 2001. He and his wife Christine live in Danville, CA.

He will speak to us on the principles of asset class investing.



MENU

Corn Beef and Cabbage

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

Ted Bresler
(510) 490-2680

Little Sir

Dick Holley
(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

Les Addison
Lloyd Anderson
Bob Benya
Don Gillis
Robert Ingebretson
Tom Sullivan

Branch 59

Meets at Newark Pavilion
6430 Thornton Avenue
Newark

on the 3rd Thursday of
each month

10:00 AM

Executive Board Meeting

11AM Social Hour

12 Noon Lunch

A Nonprofit
public benefit
corporation for
retired men



Edited Excerpts of Previous Month's Minutes of Allen Sprague

Big Sir Ted Bresler called the meeting to order at 10:10 am and led the Pledge of Allegiance to a new large flag.

Roll Call by Secretary: Officers present: Big Sir Ted Bresler, Little Sir Richard Holley, Secretary Allen Sprague, Treasurer Louis Bufkin, and Assistant Treasurer Bobby Ben Snodgrass. Officer absent: Assistant Secretary Peter Angelides. Directors present: Les Addison, Lloyd Anderson, Don Gillis, Robert Ingebretson. Director absent: Bob Benya.

The Minutes for the January 18th meeting of ExCom were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Sir Louis Bufkin reported that as of January 24, 2007 the ending cash balance was \$3443.91, and membership was 276 active members and 24 inactive members. At the January 18th luncheon there were 218 members (79% of total), 3 guests, 1 visitor for a total attendance of 222.

Membership: Sir Ron Brutvan reported on the new members and guests that would be present today.

Motion: Moved, seconded, and passed (MSP) to approve induction of 4 new members present today: Clark Redeker, Dan Silva, Frank R. Thomas, and Thomas Loretan. Nicola Ackel was transferred to inactive status.

Program: Little Sir Richard Holley confirmed today's program speaker, Randall Hunter, who will demonstrate using an AED (automated external defibrillator).

Birthdays: Sir Art Winkley reported that 23 celebrants are expected today (91 to 64 years young).

Pathfinder Editor: Sir John Skarpelos requested all reports for the next Pathfinder to be submitted by next week.

Bowling: Sir Frank Cordova reported on upcoming tournaments.

Golf: Sir Bill Leake reported on upcoming tournaments, in particular, at Silverado on April 2nd.

Sunshine: Sir Dave Marymee reported on the current status of various members and spouses.

Social: In the absence of Chairman Sir Doug Eads, committee member Sir Allen Sprague reported that the committee has met and is planning the upcoming May event.

Sports: Sir Nat Lord reported on the upcoming SIR Day sporting events.

Audit: Big Sir Ted Bresler called upon Ben Fernandez, and Vince Fernelius, to present their audit of 2006 finances. "Everything in order," all transactions were reconciled. A recommendation was made to have all deposits be handled by the Treasurer, just as all disbursements are, so that a true and orderly chronology of all transactions can be maintained; all monies to be turned over to the Treasurer rather than being deposited by the person receiving monies. **Motion:** MSP that the Treasurer makes all deposits.

Old Business: Discussion on whether Branch 59 should follow the State SIR rule that a SIR member receive a Free Lunch at age 95, or, instead, at age 90 in their birthday month as had been authorized by prior ExCom action.

[Editor's note: there is no State Rule on free lunches. The State recognizes Seniors at 90, 95 and 100 with awards. Any free lunches are awarded by a branch.]

Consensus: Achievement of age 90 is recognized as the entitlement for the Free Lunch.

Food lines: Sir Bob Ingebretson brought to the attention of ExCom the chaos occurring last month during the collection of luncheon tickets and direction to one of the three food lines.

Consensus: Before attendees leave seats they need to be instructed on the proper procedure to turn in **tickets and badges** and which food line to go to.

Big Sir Ted Bresler adjourned the meeting at 10:39 am.

Submitted by Allen Sprague.

MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS

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



March Birthdays

Bruno Orsetti	3/05/1921	86
Paul Lanferman	3/03/1922	85
John Austin	3/21/1922	85
Manuel Silva	3/16/1923	84
Norman Silveira	3/19/1923	84
Sylvan Farrell	3/07/1925	82
Alvin Dockter	3/17/1925	82
Lyle Kingery	3/17/1926	81
Peter Sodini	3/06/1927	80
Robert Leinkram	3/04/1929	78
Arnold Mozzetti	3/25/1929	78
Donald Wright	3/18/1930	77
James Putler	3/28/1930	77
Robert Benya	3/19/1931	76
Sam Mitchell	3/04/1932	75
Thomas Russo	3/20/1934	73
Allen Sprague	3/13/1935	72
Nathaniel Lord, Jr.	3/26/1935	72
Ray Alvarez	3/01/1936	71
Howard Thompson	3/22/1936	71
Edward Barnes	3/26/1936	71
Rolf Gehruug	3/03/1937	70
Richard Lightholder	3/29/1938	69
Gerald Mendes	3/07/1939	68
Gary Bennett	3/21/1939	68
David Tanner	3/12/1940	67



Membership Report

Guests:

Clarence Chacon
Glenn Coon
George Hay
Gary Leach
Bob Olsen

Guest of:

Gerald Mendes
Les Addison
Ken Reiley
Rob Ingebretson
Transfer
from Br 35

Gary Otterson
Ralph Smith
William Watts

Rob Ingebretson
Lloyd Keplinger
Drag Dutina

Visitors:

Glen Schimelpfenig

Director Region 6

Tom Ahern

Guest of:

Tom Ahern

Membership Total

(as of February 15, 2007)

278 — Active Members

24 — Inactive Members

Change of Status:

Robert Beam — Address Change
3800 Walnut Ave. Apt 317
Fremont, CA 94538-2272
Phone: 510-795-1826

Roy Johnson — Died 02/08/2007

Nicola Ackel — to Inactive



New Members

Thomas V. Loretan

3312 Howard Common

Fremont, CA 94536

510-797-7060

Email: tvloretan@yahoo.com

Birthday: 1/7/1942

Spouse: Nancy

Badge No. 262

Sponsor: Tom Ahern

Call me: Tom

Clark W. Redeker

37027 Arden Street

Newark, CA 94560

510-793-1144

Birthday: 6/20/1917

Badge No. 234

Sponsor: Nat Lord

Call me: Clark

Dan L. Silva

P.O. Box 33224

Fremont, CA 94539

510-791-6295

Birthday: 5/6/1926

Badge No. 224

Sponsor: John Skarpelos

Call me: Dan

Frank R. Thomas

446 Maar Avenue

Fremont, CA 94536-4471

510-797-5038

Email: fr.thomas@comcast.net

Birthday: 6/15/1940

Spouse: Connie

Badge No. 237

Sponsor: Fred Gotthardt

Call me: Frank

Attendance Report

(For February 15, 2007)

Members	206
Guests	8
Visitors	2
Speakers	1

Total = 217

28 excused 47 unexcused

SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares by Frank Cordova

NAME	HIGH GAME	HIGH SERIES
Wayne Adams	138	351
Frank Cordova	224	608
Rollin Cunningham	136	376
Ray Erickson	238	607
Lew Heffron	256	609
Don Henry	248	600
Darrell Jewell	138	372
Nat Lord	193	490
Jerry Sabo	213	573
Roger Wallin	210	484



Meet at Mowry Lanes Regular Branch 59 SIR Bowling every Monday at 12:30 PM. The cost to bowl is \$4.75 for league play.

Tournaments

March 12, 14 - Mon, Wed,
Boulevard Bowl Petaluma

March 19, 21, 22 - Mon, Wed, Thu,
Diablo Bowl Concord



ATTENTION SIR SPORTS FANS

All SIR Day with the **Golden State Warriors**
Sunday, April 15, 2007 at 1:00pm
Oracle Arena in Oakland
Opponent: Minnesota Timber Wolves

Annual SIR Day with the **Sacramento River Cats**
Wednesday, May 23, 2007 at 11:35am
Raley Field - Opponent: Salt Lake Bees

All SIR Day with the **Oakland A's**
Wednesday, June 20, 2007 at 12:35pm
McAfee Coliseum - Opponent: Cincinnati Reds

All SIR Day with the **San Francisco Giants**
Thursday, August 9, 2007 at 12:35pm
AT&T Park - Opponent: Washington Nationals

For any questions on any of these games or for tickets, please contact Nat Lord at 510-797-1704

Golf Notes by Bill Leake



Welcome to the Branch 59 golf column. We begin our golf schedule this month with **Las Vegas** – two sessions. First session is March 19-23 and the second session is March 25-30. Good luck to those who are going there.

The next tournament will be **Reno** – June 11-14 and June 18-21. Let's have a good showing of Branch 59 golfers at one of these sessions. **Solvang** follows in September (the only non-scramble event) September 9-13. No cruise this year. Instead, we will go to **Ixtapa Mexico** November 9/10 through November 16/17 (first week) and November 30/Dec 1 through December 7/8 (second week). We will stay at Hotel Dorado (same hotel we stayed at two years ago).

For Branch 59 and Area 8 activities, we will have an **area individual state pre-qualifier tournament** which will begin in April. The top 2 qualifiers go to Boundary Oaks for state qualifier to be held August 22. Top two from B.O. go to Poppy Hills November 5 and 6. Lastly, we will have a **team state qualifier** in June with the top team from our area going to the state tournament to be held at Poppy Ridge August 20. I will be sending out individual notices for the Area 8 tournaments. SIR State people will be sending out notices regarding the state tournaments (Reno, Solvang and Ixtapa). *For all these events, you need to have a current SIR NCGA index (you can have multiple memberships in NCGA clubs, but one of them must be a SIR membership in order to participate).*

Please go to www.sirinc.org/activities/golf for the most up-to-date information and entry forms... **If you do participate in a SIR event, please take note – If a SIR golf event occurs on a SIR meeting day, call in and tell the attendance person that you are attending a SIR golfing event – you will not be charged for an absence.**

Regular play for SIR Branch 59 -- We play every Monday and Thursday (except SIR meeting weeks--we play Wednesday) at Sunol. 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...**

Thank you **Bill Dark** who called in tee times for ½ of February and all of March. Thank you in advance to **Miguel Ferras** who will be calling in times for April and half of May. As always, thanks to **Jerry Desmond** for calling in tee times for Mondays. Want to call in? **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Currently we have openings beginning in April. Call **Bill at 793-6561**. Are you getting your monthly index from GHIN via e-mail? If not, let me know... Comments? We encourage your constructive comments. Thank you for reading this article.

Bill

Travel Tidbits for Area 8

Emile Lassalle

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.

MAY 7, 2007 CACHE CREEK CASINO

We were finally able to secure a date with this Casino. They allow only a very few outside buses to participate in their program.

Cost: \$30 per person

Escort: Daryl Main 510-352-2210

50TH ANNIVERSARY CRUISE TO

The Islands of HAWAII

April 3 - 15, 2008

**Call your Travel
Chairman, Emile Lassalle
510-538-7463 for details.**

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



AUGUST 14-16, 2007 – THE SKUNK TRAIN

We will be heading to Fort Bragg for this 3 day tour. You will take a round trip on the Skunk Train with a BBQ Dinner and Entertainment, go to the Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens, Tour Ridgewood Ranch, home of Seabiscuit. You will be staying at the Tradewinds Lodge in Fort Bragg. You will have 3 hosted lunches and 2 hosted dinners
Cost: \$498 PPDO.

Escort: Daryl Main 510-352-2210



SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 7, 2007 CANADA ROCKY MOUNTAINEER

See Canada for 8 days, 3 days by Rail. Visit Lake Louise, the Ice Fields, Athabasca Glacier and many more sites.

Cost: \$ 2475 PPDO

Escort: Emile Lassalle 510-538-7463

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 MEETING

When -

Tuesday, March 20th.

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 residing at Carlton Plaza and attended the February luncheon. Bob faces an operation on the left carotid artery to help prevent further strokes. Good to see you, Bob.

LLOYD COWAN's wife, Billie, reports Lloyd's health is about the same. Lloyd suffers from Parkinsonism and resides

at an assisted care facility at 38880 Florence Way in Fremont. Stop in and see Lloyd, he likes company

ROY DUARTE says he feels "fair to middling." He is taking medication and requires nightly dialysis. Roy hopes his health improves as he wishes to become active and attend SIR luncheons.

HERB EPSTEIN says he is fully recovered from a mechanical heart valve implant. He planned to attend the February luncheon. Good news Herb.

ROY FARIA, as reported, has returned home from a stay in rehab after recovering from a bout with pneumonia. Hope you recover soon and are able to resume bowling, Roy.

JACK HAVEMEIER missed seating at the birthday table because of illness. Hope you can make the March luncheon Jack.

OLIVER KNICK, secured a ride from Lee Updegraff (former Big Sir) in order to attend the February luncheon. Oliver was pleased to receive a SIR Senior Certificate honoring his reaching age 90 years. Oliver was hospitalized in January. He says he was suffering from ailments of old age. Glad you could make it to the February Luncheon.

ED KURTZ recently had emergency surgery on veins in his neck. He says he is doing fine now and was able to attend the February lunch.

ED MYSLEWSKI says he has recovered from a bleeding ulcer of the colon. He was looking forward to attending the February luncheon.

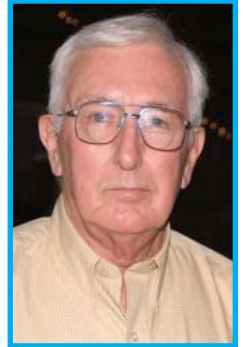
JOHN O'CONNOR, a ninety year old SIR member, suffered the death of his wife, Elaine, in February. A funeral service was held at Holy Spirit Church. On behalf of SIR we wish to express our sympathy to John and his family.

GEORGE PERRY came to the February luncheon with a bandaged right leg and wearing shorts. His right leg was discolored indicating an infection. George said he had a staph infection from a puncture wound from kneeling while cleaning out his flat bed truck. Hope everything is better by the time of the March meeting, George.

VERN TALLEY missed the luncheon because of a cold. Hope to see you at the next luncheon, Vern.

FRANK D. THOMAS, Assistant Birthday Chairman, was able to attend the February luncheon coming directly from a medical appointment. Frank had a recent heart pacemaker implant. He says he is doing fine. Glad you made it to the luncheon, Frank.

JACK WEBB missed the February luncheon as he was unable to reserve special van transportation for himself and his wheel chair. He encouraged me (Dave) to have a virgin Mary cocktail in his honor. Hope you can make the next meeting, Jack.



Bob Walter

In Memoriam **Roy Johnson**

Pinochle Anyone?

Are you interested in playing pinochle, [probably starting with single deck] perhaps following the luncheon meetings? If you have an urge to do so, please contact Jim Hanesworth at 510-791-8238. He will assist any beginners or refresh old timers at the game!

If you have any questions please contact Jim at the phone number above or Email hanesworth2@comcast.net



February new members left to right **Thomas Loretan**, **Clark Redeker**, **Dan Silva** and **Frank R. Thomas**.



Badges being handed out to members. Left to right **Hugh Twomey**, **Bob Boike** and Attendance Chairman **Alan Douglass**, new member **Jack Roach**, waiting to receive his badge and **John Cordeniz** who just received his badge.

Sweetheart Luncheon



**CELEBRATING
SPRING**

Save the date - May 17th

**Menu: Chicken Florentine
Ticket Price: \$18**

**Tickets available at the March
luncheon - see Allen Sprague**

Glen Schimelpfenig, Region 6 Director with the assistance of Big Sir **Ted Bresler** presented Senior Awards to eight members last month. Shown in the picture from left to right are Schimelpfenig, Bresler, **Tom DeHart**, **Clarence Dutra**, **Niels Nielsen**, **Ed Bingle**, **Lewis Greene**, **Ray Andrade**, **Clyde Voorhees** and **Oliver Knick**. **Forest Lusher** and **John O'Conner** were not able to attend the luncheon and their awards will be presented to them at a later time.



PATHFINDER BRANCH NO. 59

John Skarpelos, Editor
1636 Vernal Avenue
Fremont, CA 94539-4736

< john@mediaart.com >

Return Service Requested



FIRST
CLASS
POSTAGE

FIRST CLASS MAIL

Committee Chairmen and Assistants

ATTENDANCE

Alan Douglass - **Chairman**
Hugh Twomey - Assistant
Robert Boike - Assistant
Ed Kurtz - Assistant

BIRTHDAYS

Art Winkley - **Chairman**
Frank D. Thomas - Assistant

BOWLING

Frank Cordova - **Chairman**
Jerry Sabo - Assistant

BRIDGE

Drag Dutina - **Chairman**

CAPS & EMBLEMS

Arnold George - **Chairman**
Dino Mostardi - Assistant

CIRCULATION

Bill Briscoe - **Chairman**
Art Shiffar - Assistant

CYBERGEEZERS

Fred Gotthardt

EDITOR PATHFINDER

John Skarpelos
Fred Gotthardt - Assistant

GOLF

Bill Leake - **Chairman**
Gerry Desmond - Assistant
Fred Ilg - Assistant

HISTORIAN

Peter Angelides

GREETERS

Bruno Orsetti - **Chairman**
Howard Thompson - Assistant

LIBRARIAN

Wayne Adams - **Chairman**
John Gecox - Assistant

MEMBERSHIP

Ron Brutvan - **Chairman**
Fred Gotthardt - Assistant
Carl Nordling - Assistant

ROSTER

John Skarpelos - **Chairman**
Fred Gotthardt - Assistant

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

Rob Ingebretson - **Chairman**
Bill Anderson - Assistant

SOCIAL

Douglas Eads - **Chairman**
Gene Anderson - Assistant
Gordon McLeod - Assistant
Allen Sprague - Assistant

SONG LEADER

Frank Campos

SPORTS

Nat Lord

SUNSHINE

Dave Marymee - **Chairman**
Bob Walter - Assistant

WALKING GROUP

Don Henry

STATE OFFICERS

State President

Tom Ross

State Vice-President

Arthur E. Pufford

State Secretary

William T. Short

State Treasurer

Robert Mannell

Director, Region 6

Glen H. Schimelpfenig

Governor, Area 8

Tom Sherba

Br 59 Honorary Life Members

Louis Bufkin

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
2006 Les Addison
*(deceased)

PATHFINDER DEADLINE

Copy deadline for the next issue of the *Pathfinder* will be Thursday a week after this month's luncheon meeting.