



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Thirty-Second Year

June 2007

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NEXT MEETING at Newark Pavilion - Thursday, June 21, 2007

Big Sir's Stirs by Big Sir Ted Bresler



Active membership in SIR Pathfinders Branch 59 is now over the 280 mark. Our membership continues to grow, thanks to your excellent efforts.

Until April we have had a membership limit of 299. This was based upon the capacity of our meeting site to handle us, and the legal occupancy load

limit imposed by local government.

Our move to the Newark Pavilion, with its increased seating capacity, allows us to continue our growth.

Therefore, I am happy to announce that at our April Board of Directors meeting, the Board, recognizing our need and desire for continued growth, has increased our active membership limit to 325.

So keep bringing those guests and new members in! And keep up the good work!

Also, I am pleased to announce that I have invited Lew Wolff, co-owner and managing director of the Oakland Athletics, as our guest speaker for July. You won't want to miss this exciting and information presentation about the Tri-City area's future as the home of Major League Baseball.

Ted

MENU

Honey Baked Ham — Teriyaki Chicken
Au Gratin Potatoes

Our Speaker - Dr. Kevin Gersten by Little Sir Richard Holley



Dr. Kevin Gersten obtained his B.A. degree from Princeton University and his M.D. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Michigan. He obtained his residency training in Otolaryngology--Head and Neck Surgery at the University of Washington.

This department is regarded as one of the best training programs in the country. Dr. Gersten has over 10 years of experience treating individuals with sleep disorders. He has actively pursued advanced training in the diagnosis and different treatment options for sleep disorders, allowing him to provide his patients with the best care possible.

Sleep apnea is caused by a temporary closure of the airway and affects 4% of men and 2% of women. Snoring, lack of energy, high blood pressure, diabetes, or disturbed sleep are warning signs for this disorder. Left untreated, it can shorten one's life by 5 to 10 years. His lecture to Branch 59 on sleep disorders will provide greater insight into different types of sleep problems, how they are diagnosed, and the treatment options available.

Hugh Twomey - Attendance Chairman

Hugh Twomey is our new Attendance Chairman. Please help him do his job by keeping him informed if you will not attend the luncheon 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
Hugh Twomey 796-5559 or email hught22@comcast.net



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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

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Edited Excerpts of Previous Month's Minutes of Allen Sprague

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

Roll Call by Secretary: Officers present: Big Sir Ted Bresler, Little Sir Richard Holley, Secretary Allen Sprague, Assistant Secretary Peter Angelides, Treasurer Louis Bufkin, and Assistant Treasurer Bobby Ben Snodgrass.

Officers absent: None. Directors present: Les Addison, Lloyd Anderson, Don Gillis, Bob Benya, Robert Ingebretson, and Tom Sullivan. Directors absent: None.

The Minutes for the March 15th meeting of the Executive Committee were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Sir Louis Bufkin reported that as of April 5, 2007 the ending cash balance was \$4346.59, and membership was 283 active members and 20 inactive members. At the March 15th luncheon there were 213 members (75% of total membership), 6 guests, and 1 visitor for a total attendance of 220. (Full details are in the Form 28 report on file).

Program: Little Sir Richard Holley confirmed today's speaker is Dr. Raymond Grimm, a clinical psychologist. He is the coordinator of the Pathways Ageing Project, a partnership between the City of Fremont and the Tri-Cities Elder Coalition.

Attendance: Sir Alan Douglass reported the expectation for today's meeting: 230 attendees.

Membership: Sir Ron Brutvan reported that as of March 15th there were 283 active members, and 20 inactive members. Two members resigned. **Motion:** Moved, seconded, and passed (MSP) to approve induction of 5 new members: Jack Gaunt (sponsored by Tony Zeuli), Loren Gross (sponsored by George Perry), James Rodamer (sponsored by David Shideler), Ed Thomas (sponsored by Lee Mineau), and Paul Ruberto (sponsored by Bob Lee).

Sir Brutvan also reported that a follow-up letter would be sent to members not in compliance with attendance criteria.

Birthdays: Sir Art Winkley reported that only 17 members with April birthdays are expected today. The most senior celebrant is Lee Mineau at 87 and the youngest Ted Bresler at 65.

Sunshine: Sir Dave Marymee reported on several members' surgeries and illnesses, full details in the Pathfinder.

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 in May (full details in the Pathfinder).

Golf: Sir Bill Leake reported on upcoming tournaments, including on April 25th for the State prequalifier - details in the Pathfinder.

Sports: Sir Nat Lord referred to the upcoming SIR Day sporting events, as reported in the Pathfinder, including the Golden State Warriors, Oakland A's on June 20th (\$24 per ticket), S.F. Giants, San Jose Giants, and admonished members to sign up before all the tickets are sold out. Make sure checks made out to the sports team, not Nat!

Big Sir Ted Bresler brought up items of new business: (1) Buy May 17th luncheon tickets from Sir Allen Sprague, before and after the regular meeting. (2) The current membership limit is 299, but the capacity of the Newark Pavilion (over 500), including parking, would permit an increase. **Motion** (MSP) to increase the membership to 325. (3) The current set-up fee of \$50 is being increased to \$100. Discussion included the idea of passing around a "kitty" to raise \$50 but with assurance from Treasurer Lou Bufkin that the treasury has adequate funds on hand that we pay out of the treasury.

Big Sir Ted Bresler adjourned the meeting at 10:43am.

Submitted by Secretary,
Allen Sprague

MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS

by Sir Ron Brutvan, Sir Hugh Twomey, and Sir Art Winkley



May-June Birthdays

Edmund Bingle	05/15/1916	91
Carmen Vendetti	05/02/1918	89
David Marymee	05/18/1920	87
Richard Marriott	05/08/1923	84
Edward Frasier	05/08/1924	83
Charles Wilkins	05/08/1924	83
John Rice	05/10/1925	82
Robert Beam	05/15/1925	82
Dragomir Dutina	05/26/1925	82
Dan Silva	05/06/1926	81
Richard Ahern	05/26/1926	81
Fred Anderson	05/03/1927	80
Stanley Paris	05/26/1927	80
Leo Hinkel	05/14/1929	78
Donald Henry	05/29/1929	78
William Wessells	05/22/1931	76
Willard Wyman	05/23/1933	74
Gene Page	05/06/1934	73
Paul Tong	05/10/1934	73
Donald Allen	05/31/1936	71
Gerald Rodrigues	05/07/1939	68
Richard Holley	05/25/1939	68
Ron Brutvan	05/21/1941	66
Jack Roach	05/25/1944	63
Niels Nielsen	06/25/1914	93
Oliver Knick	06/19/1916	91
Bob Olsen	06/11/1924	83
Clark Dedrick	06/23/1924	83
Walter Fasolis	06/09/1925	82
David Minor	06/01/1927	80
Louis Bufkin	06/21/1927	80
Fred Alfred	06/12/1929	78
Phil Utic	06/24/1929	78
William Pereira	06/27/1931	76
Marty Enriquez	06/10/1932	75
Tony Zeuli	06/11/1933	74
William Briscoe	06/15/1933	74
Darrell Jewell	06/19/1936	71
John Clark	06/10/1937	70
Alan Kenney	06/11/1937	70
John Vennemeyer	06/19/1937	70
Barry Rader	06/22/1939	68
Frank Thomas	06/15/1940	67
Gary Otterson	06/19/1940	67
Jerry Sabo	06/02/1942	65
Kenneth Windholz	06/15/1947	60

New Members

Jack L. Gaunt

36751 Magnolia Street
Newark, CA 94560-2937
510-793-3190
Email: rosjac_g@pacbell.net
Birthday: 4/6/1932

Spouse: Rosemary
Badge No. 222
Sponsor: Tony Zeuli
Call me: Jack

Loren E. Gross

690 Gable Drive
Fremont, CA 94539-7519
510-440-0539
Birthday: 11/8/1938
Badge No. 9
Sponsor: George Perry
Call me: Loren

James R. Rodamer

5340 Selma Avenue
Fremont, CA 94536-7229
510-797-7594
Email: jimnancyrod@sbcglobal.net
Birthday: 1/25/1936
Spouse: Nancy
Badge No. 58
Sponsor: David Shideler
Call me: James

Paul E. Ruberto

36993 Montecito Drive
Fremont, CA 94536-2620
510-797-0411
Birthday: 1/30/1944
Spouse: June
Badge No. 280
Sponsor: Robert Lee
Call me: Paul

Edward L. Thomas

35250 Lido Blvd. Unit D
Newark, CA 94560-1187
510-795-8040
Birthday: 12/12/1940
Spouse: Jacqueline
Badge No. 151
Sponsor: Lee Mineau
Call me: Ed

Membership Report

Guests:

Anthony Gross

Harry Lewis

Guest of:

Loren Gross

from Inactive

Visitors:

None

Guest of:

Membership Total

(as of April 19, 2007)

282 — Active Members

15 — Inactive Members

Change of Status:

John Shaffer — Resigned

Charles Marshall — Resigned

Willard Irwin — Resigned

Lee Updegraff — Resigned

Edward Pierick — to Inactive

Pat Kingery — Change of address

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Fremont, CA 94536-8201

510-792-2402

Email: mapking1@comcast.net

Henry Scherer — Change of address

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Pleasanton, CA 94566-5470

925-399-5760

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Attendance Report

(For April 19, 2007)

Members	206
Guests	2
Visitors	0
Speakers	1

Total = 209

35 excused 43 unexcused

SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares by Frank Cordova

NAME	HIGH GAME	HIGH SERIES
Frank Cordova	223	591
Rollin Cunningham	158	441
Bob Edwards	90	267
Ray Erickson	183	487
Lew Heffron	230	521
Don Henry	214	570
Darrell Jewell	139	367
Nat Lord	172	487
Jerry Sabo	204	542
Roger Wallin	195	530



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 in July

July 5-6 Thu-Fri Country Club Lanes in Sacramento

July 16-17 Mon-Tue Nu Generation in Yuba City

July 30-31 Mon-Tue Napa Bowl in Napa



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.



ATTENTION SIR SPORTS FANS

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.

SIR state golf has a new web site – it is WWW.SIRSTATEGOLF.COM. Everything you want to know about SIR state golf is there. Download forms, get state results, etc. **The state committee is very excited about it.** Bookmark it please.

We have results from Las Vegas. For week 2, **Terry Daziel** represented branch 59 and he took home some \$\$\$\$. Day 1 he placed first and won \$70. Day 3 he was 3rd and took \$50 and for sweeps he pocketed \$80, for a total of \$200. Not bad for a \$40 investment. Where were the rest of you? We have Reno and Solvang coming up. **Reno** – June 11-14 and June 18-21. **Solvang** – follows in September (the only non-scamble event) September 9-13. Flash – the fliers are out at stategolf.com. Lastly 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 stay at Hotel Dorado (same hotel we stayed at two years ago).

We completed our first tournament of the year – the area 8 state pre-qualifier, held at Alameda. The top two finishers of each flight will advance to Boundary Oaks in August for the state qualifier. Those advancing from branch 59 are: Flight 1, **Gary Cal-lahan** 1st and **Dominic Aiello** 2nd; Flight 2, tie for 2nd between newcomer **Skip Mugford** and **Tony Martinez**; Flight 3, **Lloyd Keplinger** 1st and **Bill Leake** 2nd; Flight 4, **Howard Thompson** 1st; Flight 5, **Ben Fernandez** 2nd; Flight 6, **Bill Andersen** 2nd; and flight 7, **Little SIR Richard Holley** 2nd. *Congratulations to all the winners and also to all the participants. There were 48 golfers in the tournament and 27 were from branch 59.* For closest to the pin, we had winners from Branch 59. Hole #7 – we were paying 3 winners but only 2 made it to the green (of those who paid). Congratulations to **John Trischetti** (first \$72) and **Ben Fernandez** (second (\$48)). We had winners for hole # 11 also – **Bill Leake** (first, \$57.50) and **Tony Martinez** (second, \$34.50). **Team competition** -- We will have results next month.

Slow Play – Please do your best to keep up the pace. Two minutes to look for lost balls. Line up your putt immediately after you get on the green. Please – after triple bogey pick up—i.e. on a par 3, 6 strokes, par 4, 7 strokes, and par 5, 8 strokes. This will speed the play up for everyone. More hints to come later.

Solvang –as stated above -- the fliers are out and the tournament is set for September 9-13. It is a lot of fun and I encourage you to consider attending. Questions – see Bill Leake. *For Solvang and all SIR golf activities, you need to have a current SIR NCGA index. You can have multiple memberships in NCGA clubs, but one of them must be SIRS in order to participate.*

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 to **Ken Windholz** for calling in tee times in April and ½ of May, **Jim Lawrence** for calling in for half of May and June. Finally and as always, thanks to **Jerry Desmond** for calling in tee times for Mondays. Want to call in? **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Call **Bill at 793-6561**. Thank you for reading this article.

Bill Leake



Travel Tidbits for Area 8

Emile Lassalle

JUNE 11, 2007 CACHE CREEK CASINO

Because so many of you like to go to this Casino we were able to book it again, but with a different travel company.

Cost: \$30 per person

Escort: Philip Castillo 510-264-0655



NOVEMBER 2007

A good month for Horse Racing. Hope to have more information for you next month.

Cost: \$?

Escort: Emile Lassalle 510-538-7463



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

OCTOBER 29-30, 2007 RENO AND SHOW at the GRAND SIERRA RESORT

Cost: \$125 PPDO.

Escort to be announced.

READERS AND BROWERS

Bring your magazines and books to share, take books home to read.

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



DECEMBER 29, 2007 – JANUARY 3, 2008 ROSES ON PARADE

Five nights at the Holiday Inn, Buena Park; Dinner and Shopping at Knott's Berry Farm; Glory of Christmas performance at the Crystal Cathedral; Rose Parade viewing with Grandstand Seating; Ronald Regan Presidential Library.

Cost: \$1000 PPDO.

Escort: Daryl Main 510-352-2210

50TH ANNIVERSARY CRUISE IN

The Islands of HAWAII

April 3 - 15, 2008

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

CYBERGEEZER MEETING



When -

Wednesday, June 27th.

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 says his carotid surgery at Kaiser has been postponed for a couple of months. Bob says he is feeling well.

JOHN CLARK's wife, Leslie, reports John is recovering from a heart attack that occurred Easter Sunday. John came home after angioplasty but has some problems. He has a blood clot

in the lower portion of his heart. This with breathing problems slows him down but is not life threatening. We hope John's health continues to improve.

LLOYD COWAN's wife, Billie, reports that the physician's report that Lloyd's condition is at stage five with Parkinsonism. Lloyd seems to be slowing down as he seems to not be speaking. Lloyd resides at an assisted care facility at 38886 Florence Way in Fremont. We hope the best for Lloyd and Billie.

ROY DUARTE says he is not feeling well. He is taking medication and is on nightly dialysis. We hope Roy's health improves.

RAY FARIA is recovering from a bout with pneumonia. He is at home and says he is slowly getting better.

MIGUEL FERRAS is recovering from quadruple heart bypass surgery. He went to the hospital in April. Miguel is now in cardiac therapy but will be cleared to drive or play golf in another month or two. We hope for a good recovery, Miguel.

JACK HAVEMEIER had a pacemaker implant in April. His pulse rate bounded from a low 30 to 40-42. Jack is doing OK.

OLIVER KNICK says he is feeling the same as always. For a 90 year old young man, Oliver seems to be doing as well as can be expected.

RALPH KNIGHT's wife, Betty is at home recovering from a stroke. She moves around with a walker. They plan to attend the Sweetheart Luncheon.

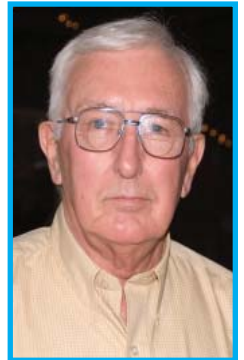
NAT LORD's brother, Sam, died in Avon, Conn., age 68 on Friday, April 13th. We at SIR offer our sympathy to Nat and his family.

CALVIN OLIVEIRA says he is doing well recovering from a stroke. Cal says he feels some weakness on his left side. Cal and Bea plan to attend the Sweetheart Luncheon.

DAVE TURNER had a left hip replacement the first week in April. Dave hopes to get back to golf soon. He and his wife, Judy, plan to attend the Sweetheart Luncheon.

JACK WEBB says he is not feeling well because he sat in the sun too long. Jack hopes to come to the June luncheon.

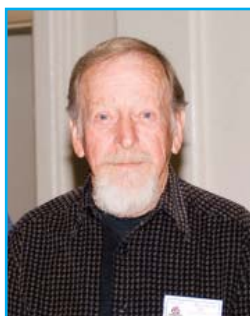
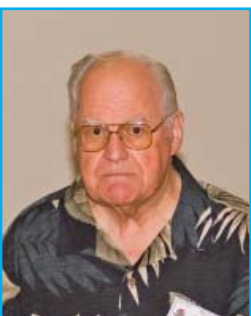
DARELD YOUNGKER had a pre-cancerous growth removed from his nose in early April. He says he is doing OK and has had no falls lately.



Bob Walter

April 2007 New Members

Left to right Jack Gaunt, Loren Gross, James Rodamer, Paul Ruberto and Edward Thomas.



Highlights of the May Sweetheart Luncheon

Shown clockwise in the photos on this page are

- 1) Little Sir Dick Holley with Sir Don Gillis and Sir Gordon MacLeod.
- 2) Lydia Hubach with Past Big Sir Bob Beam.
- 3) Crowd with table in foreground with Song Leader Sir Frank Campos with his wife Betty Louise and mystery Sir and his companion.
- 4) Social committee member Sir Gene Anderson and chairman Sir Doug Eads presenting door prizes.
- 5) Sir Bob and Lynn Springer.



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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*
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1991 Fred W. Fretter*
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1997 Nat Lord
1998 John Buchanan*
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2000 Harry Heyen*
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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.