



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Thirty-Second Year

July 2007

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NEXT MEETING at Newark Pavilion - Thursday, July 19, 2007

Big Sir's Stirs by Big Sir Ted Bresler



Our SIR branch functions well due to wonderful contributions of a number of our members. I would like to thank some of them here.

Our Membership and Attendance Committees are working smoothly. I am amazed at how they handle the forms, badges, and record keeping so efficiently. Three cheers to Ron Brutvan, who took over Membership

last year, and to Hugh Twomey, who recently became Attendance chairman.

One of the people who work so well, often behind the scenes, is Fred Gotthardt. Fred not only assists with Membership, but is a wizard in arranging the computer software that makes this all work. Also, Fred's calligraphy gives a professional look to the certificates we present our speakers and Senior Certificate recipients.

Lou Bufkin and Bobby Ben Snodgrass have been doing a wonderful job handling our funds and keeping our financial records.

Ralph Knight's stirring invocations and Frank Campos' beautiful singing have been starting our meetings out on a high spiritual plane.

Finally, one of our chief unsung heroes is John Skarpelos, our Pathfinder editor. I receive a number of newsletters from various SIR branches each month. Because of John's skills and diligence, our Pathfinder is far superior to the others.

We all owe a big debt of gratitude to these Sirs and the many others who make our branch one of the biggest and the best.

Ted

MENU

BBQ Ribs — BBQ Chicken

Our Speaker - Lew Wolff



There are only 30 Major League Baseball teams in the United States and Canada. The metropolitan areas with these teams are privileged to be the sites of one of our greatest sports, played at its highest professional level.

The Tri-City community is about to join the ranks of the home of Major League Baseball, with the advent of the Oakland Athletics within the next several years.

Our speaker on July 19, Lew Wolff, is the co-owner and managing partner of the A's, and no stranger to the worlds of professional sports and real estate development.

Mr. Wolff is a former minority owner of the St. Louis Blues NHL hockey team and the Golden State Warriors.

He is the founder and co-founder of firms involved in the development, acquisition, and management of a wide range of commercial, office, parking and hotel properties in a number of California cities such as San Jose, Los Angeles, Pasadena, and Burbank. He has ownership interests in a number of hotels in the United States and the West Indies.

A native of St. Louis, Missouri, Mr. Wolff has a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and an MBA from Washington University in St. Louis, where he began his career in real estate economics and appraisal. After relocating to Los Angeles, he became the president of 20th Century Fox Realty & Development Company, where he managed Fox' worldwide interests.

Mr. Wolff will speak to us about the A's ambitious plans to build a big league stadium in Fremont, along with other nearby commercial and residential development.

You won't want to miss this great event on July 19, and learn about a great milestone in the future of our Tri-City area.



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

A Nonprofit
public benefit
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Allen Sprague Meeting Minutes

Big Sir Ted Bresler called the meeting to order at 10:13 am 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, and Treasurer Louis Bufkin. Officer absent: Assistant Treasurer Bobby Ben Snodgrass. Directors present: Les Addison, Lloyd Anderson, Don Gillis, and Tom Sullivan. Directors absent: Bob Benya, and Robert Ingebretson.

The Minutes for the April 19th meeting of the Executive Committee were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Sir Louis Bufkin reported that as of May 3, 2007 the ending cash balance was \$4590.67, and membership was 282 active members and 15 inactive members. At the April 19th luncheon there were 206 members (73% of total membership), and guests for a total attendance of 209. (Full details are in the Form 28 report on file). A separate report was submitted for the May 17th sweetheart luncheon: Total income: \$3305.00; Total expenses: \$2162.07, for a net: \$1142.93 (the written report is on file).

Program: Little Sir Richard Holley confirmed that today's speaker is Dr Kevin Gersten, who will inform us about sleep apnea and available remedies.

Attendance: The new Attendance chairman, Sir Hugh Twomey, reported the expectations for today's meeting: 199 members.

Membership: Sir Ron Brutvan reported that as of April 19th there were 282 active members, and 15 inactive members. Fifteen letters were sent to members not in compliance with attendance criteria; five members resigned, six members moved to inactive, three to be dropped for cause and one moved from area. It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the resignations, transfer and drops for cause.

Birthdays: Sir Art Winkley reported that 20 members with May birthdays are expected today. The most senior

celebrant is Sir Edmund Bingle at 91 and the youngest, Jack Roach, at 63. For the June birthdays, 19 are expected, with Niels Nielsen the eldest at 93 and Frank Thomas the youngest at 67.

Bowling: Sir Frank Cordova reported on upcoming tournaments in July (full details in the Pathfinder).

Golf: Sir Bill Leake reported (with a written report—he was away on a golf tournament) on Branch 59 completing the team tournament at Sunol (the best team for Branch 59 was 3rd place), and two groups going to Reno for the annual tournament, one group playing June 11-14th, and the second group playing June 18-22nd, all having a great time; the next tournament is in August, the division 4 state qualifier.

Sports: Sir Nat Lord reported that only 6 Branch 59 members went to the A's game, and only 7 are signed up for the San Jose Giants game (an "A" team in 1st place).

Social Committee: Sir Doug Eads, Chair, thanked committee members, in particular Sirs Gordon MacLeod, Tony Zeuli, and Allen Sprague (thunderous applause given to this report). The event only netted \$142 because of the caterer's increase in price.

Sunshine: Sir Dave Marymee reported that 250 members are healthy, and that Big Sir Ted Bresler has a new grandson, named Miles, born June 6th. Details on several members' surgeries and illnesses will be reported in the Pathfinder.

Big Sir Ted Bresler announced that he had secured as speaker at the July 19th meeting: Lew Wolff, managing owner of the Oakland "As".

Big Sir Ted Bresler adjourned the meeting at 10:30 am.

Submitted by Secretary, Allen Sprague

The Big Sir Says

If you are bringing guests to the July luncheon, please phone the attendance chairman, **Hugh Twomey**, at (510) 796-5559 and advise him of how many guests you are planning on bringing, and their names.

MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS

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



July Birthdays

Gordon Thym	07/01/1923	84
Valentino Pianetta	07/14/1925	82
Frank Thomas	07/21/1925	82
Jack Webb	07/19/1927	80
Fred Cutter	07/09/1929	78
Mathew Perakis	07/05/1930	77
Wayne Halbert	07/10/1930	77
Gordon MacLeod	07/12/1930	77
Luciano Nausin	07/26/1930	77
Dino Mostardi	07/27/1930	77
Ben Fernandez	07/02/1934	73
Ronald Oliphant	07/14/1934	73
Bobby Snodgrass	07/11/1938	69
Wayne Meyer	07/13/1939	68
Gene Lim	07/04/1940	67
Anthony Gross	07/15/1942	65



New Members

Clarence S. Chacon

37526 Southwood Drive
Fremont, CA 94536-6650
510-797-0267
Email: chaconpat@aol.com
Birthday: 6/15/1934

Spouse: Pat
Badge No. 76
Sponsor: Gerald Mendes
Call me: Chico

Anthony A. Gross

44363 Pomace Street
Fremont, CA 94539-6537
510-490-0417
Birthday: 7/15/1942

Badge No. 83
Sponsor: Loren Gross
Call me: Tony

Harry Lewis

5094 Scarbrough Drive
Newark, CA 94560-2017
510-797-3373
Birthday: 9/28/1920
Badge No. 106
Sponsor: From Inactive
Call me: Harry

Membership Report

Guests:

Thomas Breen

Jim Frederick

Gonzalo Martinez

Rowland McNeil

Guest of:

Fred Ilg

Sam Mitchell

B. Snodgrass

Br 72 Transfer

Visitors:

Glen Schimelpfenig Director, Reg 6

Guest of:

Membership Total

(as of June 21, 2007)

270 — Active Members

20 — Inactive Members

Change of Status:

Alan Douglass — Resigned

Fred Kemper — Resigned

Robert Stefani — Resigned

Ed Kneler — Resigned

Stanley Paris — Resigned

Paul Tong — Resigned — Moved

Ray Alvarez — to Inactive

Jack Abraham — to Inactive

Wayne Lindquist — to Inactive

Robert McGrath — to Inactive

Robert Browne — to Inactive

Darryl Moore — to Inactive

Peter Aubry — Dropped for Cause

Edgar Self — Dropped for Cause

John Randall — Dropped for Cause

Welcome New Members

Clarence Chacon, Tony Gross and Harry Lewis



Attendance Report

(For June 21, 2007)

Members	187
Guests	4
Visitors	1
Speakers	2

Total = 194

62 excused 39 unexcused

SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares by Frank Cordova

NAME	HIGH GAME	HIGH SERIES
Wayne Adams	143	389
Ralph Bain	174	429
Frank Cordova	217	546
Rollin Cunningham	161	451
Bob Edwards	96	273
Ray Erickson	189	489
Lew Heffron	185	497
Don Henry	248	651
Darrell Jewell	127	323
Nat Lord	154	415
Gonzalo Martinez	179	489
Bobby Snodgrass	187	467
Frank Thomas	166	450
Roger Wallin	206	531
Art Winkley	156	422



Branch 59 SIR Bowling meets at Mowry Lanes every Monday at 1 PM. The cost to bowl is \$5 for league play.

Tournaments in August

Aug 20-22 Mon-Wed Reno Bowling Stadium in Reno
Aug 28,30 Tue,Thur Kentwig Lanes in Vallejo

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 **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 completed the team tournament that was held at Sunol. There were 13 teams participating, with a total of 51 golfers, and 20 were from branch 59. The team finishing first becomes eligible to compete in the state tournament to be held in August at Poppy Ridge. No one qualified from branch 59 – the winning team this year was from branch 6, followed by a team from branch 26, both of which are in area 8. The best Branch 59 could do is third, which was accomplished by **Wayne Meyer, Greg Johnston** and **Hank Scherer**. The tournament was held at Sunol, but the biggest problem that day was the wind. Oh well, there is always next year. **Les Prestwood** was 3rd place for CTP and Les turned his \$5.00 investment into \$41.00.

We have some results from Reno. In week 1, **Terry Dalziel** and **John Trischetti** represented branch 59. John converted his \$40 buy in into \$90 with 2nd place in closest to the pin and 7th over all for day 2. For week 2, we had representation as well. Those attending and playing were **Bill Leake, Gary Callahan, Forrest Lusher** (who celebrated his 65th wedding anniversary on day 2), **Tom Sherba, Bill Briscoe, Ben Fernandez** (wife Patty played golf and won \$), **Lloyd Keplinger** and **Bob Lewis**. We also had winners – **Patty** won \$160, **Gary** won \$50 (6th place, day 2), **Forrest** won \$70 (4th place, day 2), **Tom** won \$65 (45h place, day 3), **Bob** won \$85 (2nd place, day 2), and **Bill Leake** won \$210—2nd place, day 3 and 3rd place, overall). Congratulations to all of the players who participated. The next SIR state tournament will be the division 4 state qualifier to be held August 22.

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 SIR 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 **Jim Lawrence** for calling in for half of May and June, and John Trischetti for calling in all of July and ½ of August. 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

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

NOVEMBER 7, 2007 MYSTERY BUS TRIP

You will depart Hayward at 8 am and arrive back around 5 pm. Where we go nobody knows!

Cost: \$77 PP.

Escort: Emile Lassalle 510-538-7463

NOVEMBER 2007

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

Cost: \$?

Escort: Emile Lassalle 510-538-7463



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 5, 2007 THUNDER VALLEY CASINO

Get ready to win big money for your Christmas Season.

Cost: \$22.50 PP.

Escort: Daryl Main 510-352-2210



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 - 12, 2008

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

CYBERGEEZER MEETING



When -

Monday, July 23rd.

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

RICHARD AHERN's wife Peggy passed away from cancer on May 28. A memorial service was held at Bridges Community Church in June. We wish to express our sympathy to Richard and his family for their loss.

BOB BEAM consulted with his physician in June, and finds he will need a sonogram in July to determine the need for an

operation on his carotid artery to prevent further strokes. Hope all goes well for you, Bob.

TED BRESLER, Big Sir, is a proud grandfather. His second grandchild was a boy born June 6 and named Miles. We think Ted will be grooming Miles to play for the "A's" or the Raiders. Congratulations!

ANTHONY BRUNO had a heart valve transplant at the veteran's hospital in Palo Alto. A pig valve was used to replace the original valve. His wife, Shirley, says he could come home in a couple of weeks.

LLOYD COWAN's wife, Billie, reports Lloyd has slowed down. Lloyd sleeps a lot. Lloyd suffers from Parkinsonism and resides at an assisted care facility at 38886 Florence Way in Fremont. On a visit after SIR June luncheon, Dave Marymee found Lloyd was reasonably alert and able to speak very softly. We hope Lloyd's health improves.

ROY DUARTE's, wife, Elaine, reports Roy has been in Kaiser Hospital in Hayward for the past three weeks due to extremely low blood pressure causing the inability to stand. Roy is on medication and dialysis. His hospital stay will continue due to low blood Pressure, We wish Roy a Happy Birthday (May 29) and recovery from his illness.

RAY FARIA says he is fully recovered from a bout with pneumonia. He attended the June luncheon.

MIGUEL FERAS says he is fully recovered from a quadruple heart bypass operation. He said he was out on the range driving golf balls. Miguel hopes to get back to regular golfing soon.

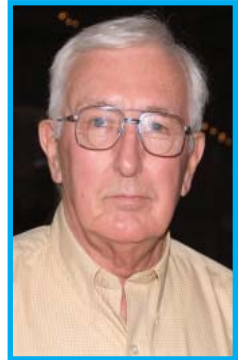
JACK HAVEMEIER spent a couple of days in Washington Hospital recovering from a debilitating vertigo attack, causing nausea and extreme dizziness After shots he tended to recover and was released to come home. Hope you recover, Jack, and have no more attacks.

OLIVER KNICK says he is up and around doing about the same. Oliver attended the June luncheon, celebrating his 91st birthday

DARRYL MOORE's daughter reports both Darryl and his wife, Jonnie, are in convalescent care. The Golf Group misses Darryl's participation.

NIELS NIELSEN had a nose trim. Seriously, Niels had a cancerous growth removed in June. Niels said the medics took several biopsies and each time removed more tissue from his nose. Niels came to the June luncheon wearing a tissue on his nose. He celebrated his 93rd birthday.

JACK WEBB is wheelchair bound and has to obtain special van transportation. He came to the June luncheon. Glad to see you there, Jack.



Bob Walter

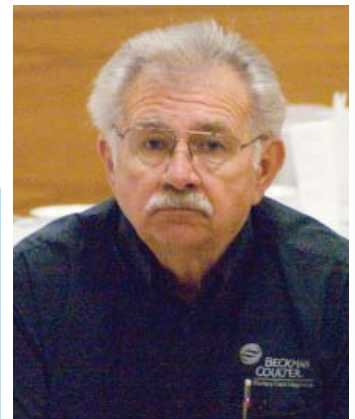
In Memoriam Dan Archer



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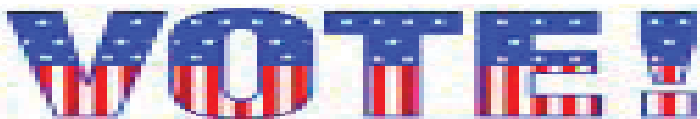
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Ron Brutvan, Membership Chairman is shown waiting to present his report to the Executive Board.





Glen Schimelpfenig, Region 6 Director is presenting a Senior Certificate to Sir **Clark Redeker**, on the left, who just reached 90. At right is Big Sir **Ted Bresler**.



Election

The election for 2008 Branch Officers and Directors will be held during the August Luncheon meeting.

The nominees for Officers are:

Big Sir	Dick Holley
Little Sir	Don Gillis
Secretary	Allen Sprague
Assistant Secretary	Peter Angelides
Treasurer	Lou Bufkin
Assistant Treasurer	Bobby Ben Snodgrass

The nominees for Director are:

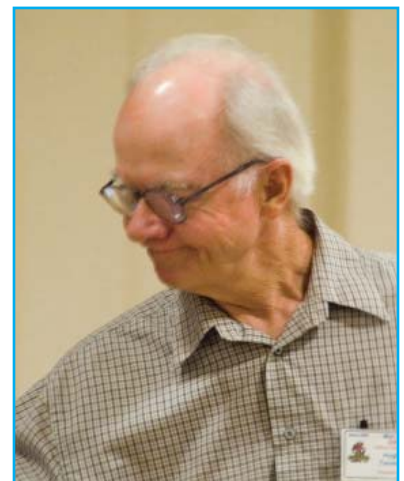
Bill Anderson
Ralph Bain
Bob Benya
Ted Bresler
Bill Dark
Robert Ingebretson

You will have the opportunity to submit nominations from the floor for any position. However, your nominee must be present at the meeting, and must agree to serve if elected.

Dick Holley, Little Sir, is shown presenting his report to the Executive Board.



Hugh Twomey, Attendance Chairman, is shown waiting to present his report to the Executive Board.



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1976 Peter Clark*
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Copy deadline for the next issue of the *Pathfinder* will be Thursday a week after this month's luncheon meeting.