



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Thirty-Second Year

August 2007

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NEXT MEETING at Newark Pavilion - Thursday, August 16, 2007

Big Sir's Stirs by Big Sir Ted Bresler



Our monthly meetings continue to provide us with a series of informative and entertaining speakers.

The Newark Pavilion offers excellent lighting, a high quality sound system, and plenty of room for us to sit with our friends and other members of our large SIR branch.

We have set up enough tables for 270 people to attend our meetings. However, this year we have had, at the most, 222 persons present.

So, **PLEASE BRING MORE GUESTS!** We have only averaged a about 4 guests per meeting this year.

Bringing guests assures our continued success in increasing membership. It gives more men in our community the opportunity to share in the fellowship and good feelings we enjoy when we get together each month to enjoy each other's company, share a good meal, and learn from the variety of speakers we host.

I would like to welcome back our Little Sir, Dick Holley, from his vacation. Dick has been more than a right hand man. He has been at my side at every opportunity to work with me to make our SIR branch a great success.

This month we will be voting for the new officers for the year 2008.

Our Senior Certificate program has achieved favorable publicity in SIR Happenings, the state organization's quarterly newsletter. This month we will be honoring Clarence Dutra on this 95th birthday.

Finally, I would like to offer the condolences of all of us to a member of our board of directors, Rob Ingebretson, on the passing of his son, Deron, in July.

Ted

Our Speaker - A. J. "Lil" Arnerich by Little Sir Dick Holley



Our featured speaker on August 16th will be A. J. "Lil" Arnerich. "Lil" comes from a well known baseball family of 6 brothers. "Lil" was a 3-time All-City shortstop at McClymonds High School in Oakland. He was selected to the United States All-Star Baseball Team in 1946.

He attended St. Mary's College and signed with Casey Stengel and Oakland Oaks in 1948. "Lil" worked for the City of Alameda's Recreation and Parks Department for 35 years and served on the City of Alameda's City Council for 10 years. He is currently on the Board of Directors for the Alameda County Fair.

Come prepared to sing "Take Me Out To The Ball Game."



Words: Jack Norworth Music: Albert von Tilzer

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME

Take me out to the ball game, Take me
out to the crowd, Buy me some
pea-nuts and Crack-er Jacks, I don't care if I
nev-er come back, And it's root, root, root for the
home team, If they don't win, it's a shame,
For it's one, two, three strikes, You're
out! At the old ball game.

MENU

Pot Roast — Fish



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



Branch 59

Officers

Big Sir

Ted Bresler
(510) 490-2680

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(510) 713-8100

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(510) 657-0661

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(510) 797-3570

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(510) 796-3543

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Bob Benya
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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



Sir Peter Angelides Meeting Minutes

Roll Call by Assistant Secretary
Officers present: Big Sir Ted Bresler, Assistant Secretary Peter Angelides, Treasurer Louis Bufkin, and Assistant Treasurer Bobby Ben Snodgrass. Officers absent: Little Sir Richard Holley, Secretary Allen Sprague. Directors present: Les Addison, Don Gillis, Tom Sullivan, Bob Benya. Directors absent: Lloyd Anderson, Robert Ingebretson.
Treasurer's Report: Sir Louis Bufkin reported that as of July 3rd, 2007 ending cash balance was \$3,398.50. At the June 21, 2007 luncheon there were 187 members (69 % of total membership), 4 guests, 1 visitor, and 2 speakers for a total attendance of 194. Full details are in the Form 28 report on file.

Program: Big Sir Ted Bresler confirmed that today's guest speaker, Lew Wolff, co-owner and managing director of the Oakland Athletics will speak about bringing Major League baseball to Fremont.

Attendance: Sir Hugh Twomey expects that 219 will attend today's luncheon.

Membership: Sir Ron Brutvan reported that as of July 19, 2007 there were 270 active and 20 inactive members. The following new members were proposed for membership: Rowland McNeil (transfer from Branch 72), Robert Lewis (transfer from Branch 72), Gonzalo Martinez, and Jim Frederick. It was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the new members. Two members, Lewis Greene and Arthur Kuhlman, were being dropped for cause. It was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the action to drop these men.

Birthdays: Sir Art Winkley reported that 13 members with July birthdays are expected for the July 19th luncheon. The oldest, Gordon Pine, is

84, the youngest, Anthony Gross, is 65.

Bowling: No report, as Sir Frank Cordova was not in attendance. Up coming tournaments are listed in the Pathfinder.

Golf: Sir Bill Leake reported as follows:

- We completed the two weeks of golf at Reno in mid-late June. We had a good turnout, a lot of fun, and even had some winners.
- We also completed the team tournament in June. We had 13 teams competing. Branch 59 got third place.
- In September we go to Solvang for our annual tournament.
- We play at Sunol Mondays and Thursdays.

Sports: Sir Nat Lord reported that 7 Sirs are signed up to attend the Giants game vs. the Washington Nationals, August 7th.

Social Committee: No report for the month of June.

Sunshine: Details will be reported in the Pathfinder.

Meeting
adjourned at
10:40 am.

Submitted
by Assistant
Secretary,
Sir Peter Angelides



The Big Sir Says

If you are bringing guests to the August luncheon, please notify the attendance chairman, **Hugh Twomey**, by Email hught22@comcast.net or by phone 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



August Birthdays

Clarence Dutra	08/31/1912	95
John O'Connor	08/08/1916	91
William Wilson	08/13/1919	88
Kenneth Grimes	08/29/1923	84
David Dunlap	08/18/1926	81
Tom Sherba	08/09/1927	80
Arthur Winkley	08/25/1927	80
Richard Howe	08/08/1928	79
Dean Olsen	08/06/1929	78
John Gecox	08/02/1930	77
Louis Smith	08/23/1931	76
Herbert Muellerleile	08/04/1932	75
James Sissle	08/08/1932	75
Robert Springer	08/15/1932	75
Edward Baldini	08/17/1932	75
Arnold George	08/20/1939	68
R. (Skip) Mugford	08/29/1939	68
Roger Wallin	08/30/1940	67
Aaron Wong	08/15/1942	65
Walter Deans	08/16/1943	64
Douglas Howd	08/03/1946	61



New Members

Jim B. Frederick
34608 Wells Avenue
Fremont, CA 94555-3157
519-494-1536
Email: cwgolfer@excite.com
Birthday: 10/22/1935
Spouse: Yolanda
Badge No. 19
Sponsor: Sam Mitchell
Call me: Jim

Robert E. Lewis
36047 Magellan Drive
Fremont, CA 94536-5477
510-796-0495
Birthday: 3/31/1937
Badge No. 70
Sponsor: Tom Sherba
Call me: Bob

Gonzalo Y. Martinez
4152 Hawkins Street
Fremont, CA 94538-2823
510-651-4424
Birthday: 4/15/1955
Spouse: Ana
Badge No. 35
Sponsor: Bob Snodgrass
Call me: Gonzo

Rowland D. McNeil
40759 Creston Street
Fremont, CA 94538-3233
510-490-6114
Email: fmtcanman@aol.com
Birthday: 7/24/1938
Spouse: Signe Ann
Badge No. 38
Transfer from Br 72
Call me: Mac



Membership Report

Guests:
Howard Elz
Joe Sankene
Edward Shannon

Guest of:
Ken Windholtz
Dave Priego
Fred Utic

Visitors:
Jess Jacinto
Harry Edwards

Guest of:
Mel Nunes
Earl Evans

Membership Total

(as of July 19, 2007)

270 — Active Members

20 — Inactive Members

Change of Status:

Ernie Korte — Resigned

Carmen Vendetti — Resigned

Lewis Greene — Dropped for Cause

Arthur Kuhlman — Dropped for Cause

Harry Lewis is better known as

Hank Lewis — sorry for the error last month.



Attendance Report

(For July 19, 2007)

Members	211
Guests	3
Visitors	2
Speakers	1
Total =	217
35 excused 30 unexcused	

SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares by Nat Lord for Frank Cordova

	HIGH GAME	HIGH SERIES
Wayne Adams	167	455
Ralph Bain	151	420
Gary Bennett	178	421
Al Costa	159	416
Rollin Cunningham	182	518
Bob Edwards	101	267
Ray Erickson	213	564
Ray Faria	186	524
Lew Heffron	239	587
Don Henry	207	584
Darrell Jewell	140	398
Nat Lord	220	589
Gonzalo Martinez	180	468
Bobby Snodgrass	151	418
Frank Thomas	160	423
Roger Wallin	216	554
Art Winkley	166	453



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, Thu – Kentwig Lanes in Vallejo

Tournaments in September

Sep 17, 20 Mon, Thu – Earl Anthony's in Dublin

Sep 30, Oct 1, Sun, Mon – Mowry Lanes in Fremont

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

Oakland Raiders versus **Kansas City Chiefs**

Sunday, October 21st at 1:05 pm

Ticket prices \$46 and \$61

Call **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. Bookmark it please.

Please welcome **Bob Lewis** who has transferred from branch 72 to branch 59.



Lloyd Keplinger hosted a tournament at Tilden Park and we had fun. Those from our branch 59 were **Lloyd Keplinger, Dominic Aiello, Wayne Meyer, Bill Leake, Terry Dalziel, Bob Teglia, Fred Ilg, Tom Sherba, Ben Fernandez, Bob Lewis, Dave Priego, Armando Castiglioni, Gary Bennett, Marty Enriquez and Andy Andersen**. There was just one winner from branch 59 – **Lloyd** came in 3rd place in his flight. Tough competition – with tougher conditions. It was fun.

Slow Play – Please do your best to keep up the pace. One more hint – while proceeding to your ball use the travel time to be thinking over your next shot – the yardage, which clubs you will use, and so on. Begin preparing before you get to your ball. Once again. This will speed the play up for everyone. More hints to come later.

2008 Dues for NCGA – On October 1 we will begin collecting dues for NCGA dues, 2008. The price for existing NCGA SIR members will be \$31. For new members of SIR without an NCGA card the price will be \$41. As always, if you have questions call Bill at 793-6561.

Solvang – this tournament is still a go and it 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 **John Trischetti** who called in tee times for all of July and ½ of August, and to **Miguel Ferras** (welcome back) for calling in times for the second half of August and all of September. 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



Cancelled this Month

Fred has a date with, Ardith,
his bride of 58 years.

See you in September

Cheers

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE REPORT

by Dave Marymee and Bob Walter



Dave Marymee

BOB BEAM, former Big Sir, reports his physician told him that the carotid artery blockage was improving and for Bob to report back in six months. Good news Bob.

ROBERT (WALLY) BROWNE was hospitalized at Washington Hospital IC Unit in early July because of a bleeding ulcer.

After more than a week stay Wally was released to return home. As a pilot Wally flew 28 missions over Germany during WW II. It is great Wally survived the bomber missions and now a bleeding ulcer. We wish him well.

ANTHONY BRUNO had a valve transplant in early June and came home in early July. Anthony says he is doing OK.

GARY CALLAHAN missed the July luncheon. His wife, Betty Louise is at home after being hospitalized for reconstructive surgery; after treatment for breast cancer. She seems to be recovering very well.

LLOYD COWAN's wife, Billie, reports Lloyd reached 80 years old on July 16. After a brief stay in the hospital, Lloyd returned to the assisted care facility at 38886 Florence Way in Fremont for Hospice care.

ROY DUARTE's wife, Elaine, reports Roy arrived home from Kaiser Hospital, Hayward, July 14, after six weeks of treatment. Roy is confined to a hospital bed at home. Roy requires nightly dialysis. We wish Roy: recovery and improvement in health.

RICHARD HOWE's daughter, Jennifer Ann Worley, died July 15 from cancer. Jennifer died at age 41 years, leaving her husband, Dan, and five boys, the oldest age 12 years and leaving the Howe family to mourn her loss. We wish to express the sympathy of Branch 59 SIR to the Worley and Howe family, for their loss.

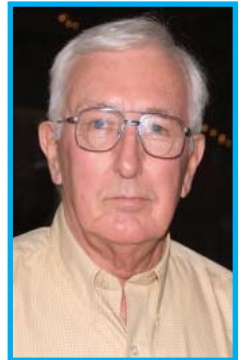
ROBERT INGEBRETSON's son, Deron Douglas Ingebretson, died on July 21. We wish to express the sympathy of Branch 59 SIR to Robert and his wife Gig and family for their loss.

OLIVER KNICK keeps on going in spite of ailments. He said he missed the July luncheon as he had no ride. Oliver says it is difficult for him to get up and down while seated at the luncheon.

JAMES LAWRENCE hoped to make it to the July luncheon. James had stitches removed at Stanford from a previous operation. He seems OK.

ROBERT WANSER is recovering from a recent bypass operation according to information relayed by Bob's friends. We wish Bob a speedy recovery.

JACK WEBB reached the ripe age of 80 years old exactly on 7/19/07. Jack brought his brother, Charles, who was visiting from Anchorage, Alaska. Both enjoyed the July luncheon seated at the birthday table. We wish Jack and his brother Charles, many more happy birthdays.



Bob Walter



In the picture on the left, Golf Chairman, **Bill Leake**, presents his report to the Executive Board at the July meeting.

In the picture on the right Big Sir **Ted Bresler** presents a certificate of appreciation to July speaker Lew Wolff.





Welcome New Members

Bob Lewis, Gonzalo Martinez, Jim Frederick and Mac McNeil



Lew Wolff at the July meeting giving us information on the Oakland A's move to Fremont. He talked about how, in the future, you would order your tickets using your cell phone.

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
Bob Benya
Ted Bresler
Bill Dark
Robert Ingebretson
Roger Wallin



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.

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Drag Dutina - **Chairman**

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Tom Sherba

Br 59 Honorary Life Members

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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
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.