



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

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NEXT MEETING at Newark Pavilion - Thursday, September 20, 2007

Big Sir's Stirs by Big Sir Ted Bresler



Last month we elected a new slate of officers for Pathfinder Branch 59 for 2008. I know they will do an excellent job.

Before our August luncheon I conversed at length with our Little Sir-elect, Don Gillis. He has an extensive background in corporate management, and I am confident that he will carry the benefit of his

experience forward as Little Sir next year.

Our current Little Sir and Big Sir-elect, Dick Holley, continues to bring us high quality, entertaining speakers. Our August speaker, 'Lil' Arnerich, regaled us on August 16th with his fascinating and enjoyable stories and experiences as a professional baseball player. Dick's cheerful, upbeat personality and hard work will serve him in good stead as Big Sir next year.

It was wonderful to help celebrate Clarence Dutra's 95th birthday with the presentation of the Super Senior certificate. Despite some vision and mobility problems, and the need to be transported by others, Clarence at age 95 is up and around and able to be with us. He sets a wonderful example for us all.

Again, I would like to congratulate John Skarpelos on his receipt of the Honorary Life Member award from State SIR on August 6th at its annual meeting in Vallejo. John's devoted service in the preparation of both our branch's Pathfinder and the State SIR Happenings merits our highest commendation.

The most rewarding part of being Big Sir is the inspiration I have received from the many Sirs who have and will continue to give of themselves selflessly to make our branch and state organization beacons of light in the lives of senior men.

Ted

Our Speaker - Fr. Jeffery Finley by Little Sir Dick Holley



Father Jeff Finley became Washington Hospital's Spiritual Care Coordinator in July 2004. Before coming to Washington, Father Jeff participated in the Volunteer Chaplain Program for 16 years. During those years, he was also the Parish Priest at St. Edward's in Newark. Father Jeff graduated from the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology with a Master in Divinity in 1990.

He wears many hats as a patient advocate, counselor, social worker, priest, friend and co-worker. He responds to the needs of patients, families, as well as employees 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Outside of his work at the Hospital, Father Jeff is the chaplain for the Newark and Fremont Emergency Services Departments and he has his own trading card for the Newark Police Department. He is also chaplain for the Dominican Sisters Convent in Mission San Jose.

Father Jeff has a passion for Advanced Directives and he has made several positive inroads when it comes to self-directed health care. The InHealth television program about Advanced Directives that Father Jeff presented was a very successful program and still generates many inquiries. His ability to articulate information to patients in a compassionate and clear manner is just one example of his many admirable traits. He will discuss Advanced Directives for his Branch 59 audience.

MENU

Italian Sausage — Garlic Chicken



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
Bob Boike 792-6141 or email bobboike@comcast.net



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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
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retired men



Sir Allen Sprague Meeting Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report: Assistant Treasurer Bobby Ben Snodgrass presented the report from Treasurer Louis Bufkin. As of August 2, 2007 the ending cash balance was \$3,307.64, and membership was 270 active members and 20 inactive members. At the July 19th luncheon there were 211 members (78% of total membership), 4 guests, 2 visitors for a total attendance of 217. (Full details are in the Form 28 report on file)

Program: Little Sir Dick Holley confirmed that our speaker will be "Lil" Arnerich, former Oakland Oaks baseball player, a "stem-winder" speaker, who will hand out free tickets to Oakland A's games, and also several baseballs will be awarded to lucky Sirs. His baseball book will be available for viewing.

Attendance: Sir Hugh Twomey reported that he expects 205 in attendance for today's luncheon.

Membership: Sir Ron Brutvan reported that as of August 16th, there are 272 active and 19 inactive members. The following applicants were presented for membership: Howard Elz, sponsor Ken Windholtz; Edward Shannon, sponsor Phil Utic; Thomas Breen, sponsor Fred Ilg. It was MSP that these applicants be accepted for membership.

Birthdays: Sir Art Winkley reported that 21 members with August birthdays are expected today, the eldest at 95 is Clarence Dutra and the youngest at 61 is Douglas Howd. A Super Senior Certificate will be presented to Clarence today.

Cybergazers: Sir Fred Gotthardt reported that the meeting for August is cancelled.

Sports: Sir Nat Lord reported that there was poor attendance at the A's

game (only 4), and Giants game (only 6). Forms are available to attend the Raiders game on October 21st.

Golf: Sir Bill Leake submitted a written report of a few notes: "The State team tournament is to be held Monday August 20 - no one from Branch 59 is competing. The State qualifier will be held at Poppy Ridge August 22 - several golfers from Branch 59 will be competing. Three more events for this year: Solvang in September, Poppy Hill in November, and Ixtapa Mexico in November. Dues will start to be collected October 1.

Big Sir Ted Bresler reported that Pathfinder Editor John Skarpelos, who is also the Chairman of Branch 59 database and editor of the statewide newsletter "SIR Happenings," was honored with an Honorary Life Membership award by the State Board.

Sunshine: Sir Dave Marymee reported that most of Branch 59 members are healthy with a few ailing, in recovery or departed (details in the current and next issue of Pathfinder).

Big Sir Ted Bresler reported that the State elected new officers and adopted minor amendments to the Bylaws at the meeting of August 6th (this meeting provided a good opportunity to meet other Branch leaders). Sir Bob Benya stated that Branch 59 is the sixth largest Branch in the State, and we have good attendance, good meals at a good price, and a great facility to meet in. Governor Tom Sherba reported that some other Branches have membership and attendance problems.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30. Submitted by Allen Sprague

The Big Sir Says

If you are bringing guests to the September luncheon, please notify the assistant attendance chairman, **Bob Boike**, by Email bobboike@comcast.net or by phone at (510) **792-6141** 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



September Birthdays

Tom DeHart	09/23/1916	91
Gerald Desmond	09/18/1920	87
Hank Lewis	09/28/1920	87
Mike Whitfield	09/08/1924	83
Joe Barrera	09/09/1924	83
Raymond Erickson	09/12/1925	82
Harry Gardiser	09/01/1927	80
Joe Markovich	09/26/1927	80
John Skarpelos	09/09/1928	79
David Priego	09/12/1929	78
G. Austin Smith	09/19/1929	78
Armando Castiglioni	09/02/1930	77
Arthur Lampert	09/24/1930	77
Glenn Bachelder	09/20/1931	76
Roger Tansley	09/04/1932	75
Donald Eliason	09/25/1932	75
Vincent Fernelius	09/15/1933	74
Gerald Moore	09/15/1933	74
Vern Talley	09/24/1933	74
George Hay	09/28/1933	74
Arthur Slauer	09/02/1936	71
John Trischetti	09/17/1938	69
Robert Ingebretson	09/08/1940	67
Warren Mindestrom	09/06/1942	65
David Nazar	09/24/1942	65
Howard Elz	09/21/1943	64
Fred Ilg	09/10/1945	62



New Members

Thomas A. Breen

40930 Cantare Place
Fremont, CA 94539-3738
510-651-8406
Email: tabreen@yahoo.com
Birthday: 5/24/1950
Spouse: Janet
Badge No. 64
Sponsor: Fred Ilg
Call me: Tom

Howard A. Elz

3462 Hudson Place
Fremont, CA 94536-3523
510-793-0779
Email: elzhwr@netscape.net
Birthday: 9/21/1943
Spouse: Marge
Badge No. 63
Sponsor: Ken Windholz
Call me: Howard

Edward C. Shannon

1117 La Purissima Place
Fremont, CA 94539-3637
510-651-6786
Email: shannon54@sbcglobal.net
Birthday: 2/1/1932
Spouse: Gerry
Badge No. 75
Sponsor: Phil Utic
Call me: Ed

**WELCOME
NEW
MEMBERS**

Membership Report

Guests:

Harry Edwards

Frank Hermosa

George Vlastelica

Guest of:

Jack Lindley

Ken Grimes

Ken Reiley

Visitors:

Conrad Walla

Guest of:

Dave Marymee

Membership Total

(as of August 16, 2007)

272 — Active Members

19 — Inactive Members

Change of Status:

Lloyd Cowan — Died

Mathew Perakis — Transferred to
Branch 26



Attendance Report

(For August 16, 2007)

Members	183
Guests	3
Visitors	1
Speakers	1

Total = 188

54 excused 36 unexcused

SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares by Frank Cordova

Golf Notes by Bill Leake

	HIGH GAME	HIGH SERIES
Gary Bennett	167	451
Frank Cordova	234	602
Rollin Cunningham	156	426
Ray Erickson	186	504
Lew Heffron	187	472
Nat Lord	195	498
Bob Snodgrass	159	407
Art Winkley	186	432



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.

How can we speed it up -- One more hint – use the groups ahead of you and behind you to gauge your pace of play. Speed it up if the group in front of you is farther than a hole ahead. If the group behind you is waiting on each shot then speed it up. Please let the faster groups play through.

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 a NCGA card the price will be \$41. As always, if you have questions call Bill at 793-6561. We cannot collect them earlier as the enrollment period begins October 1. When you do make the checks out make them out to SIR Branch 59. More details will be coming next month.

Solvang – this tournament was set for September 9-13. There are a few branch 59 golfers who will be playing/did play. We will have the results next month. 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 as a member of 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 **Miguel Ferras** who called in tee times for the second half of August and will call all of September and **Tom Sullivan** who will be calling in times for all of October and ½ of November. 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

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

Tournaments in September

Sep 17, 20 Mon, Thu – Earl Anthony's in Dublin
Sep 30, Oct 1, Sun, Mon – Mowry Lanes in Fremont

Tournaments in October

Oct 8, 10 Mon, Wed – Fireside Lanes in Citrus Heights
Oct 23, 25 Tue, Thu – Harvest Park in Brentwood



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

Travel Tidbits for Area 8

Emile Lassalle

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



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

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



50TH ANNIVERSARY CRUISE IN

The Islands of HAWAII

April 3 - 12, 2008

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



August luncheon speaker 'Lil' Arnerich hands the microphone to songleader **Frank Campos** so he can lead the group in singing "Take me out to the Ball Game."

CYBERGEEZER MEETING



When -

Tuesday, September 25th.

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, former Big Sir, on entering his friend's auto fell backward down a ramp and injured his elbows and pulled a hamstring. Due to difficulty in walking, Bob missed the August Luncheon. We hope Bob fully recovers and can attend the September luncheon.

ROBERT 'WALLY' BROWNE.

We were unable to contact Wally. We assume he is receiving help in assisted care.

ERNEST BURKHOLDER's wife, Teddy, said Ernest had a recent operation for removal of a brain tumor. Ernest was hospitalized for a few days and is at home recovering and doing well. Ernest will miss the August and September luncheons.

GARY CALLAHAN's wife, Josephine, has made a remarkable recovery from reconstructive breast surgery. We are glad, with Gary, that everything turned out so well.

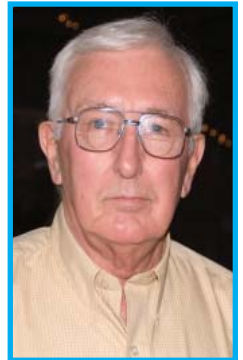
ALAN DOUGLASS, former SIR Attendance Chairman, is having trouble coping with everyday problems. Alan's daughter, Rita Harrington, is assuming the care that Alan needs. We wish them well, as Alan served as a member of the Attendance Committee for a number of years which is appreciated by our SIR organization.

ROY DUARTE's wife, Elaine, reports Roy is confined to a hospital bed at home after a lengthy stay at Kaiser Hospital in Hayward. Elaine says Roy sleeps a lot and is on nightly dialysis. We at SIR wish the Duartes well.

JAMES LAWRENCE was confined to an emergency stay at Stanford Hospital as the result of an abdominal operation. They also found that James was suffering from a very low sodium index. After treatment James is at home on the road to recovery.

ROBERT WANSER is recovering from a heart attack which required implanting a stent. He is feeling better but missed the August luncheon and hopes to attend the September luncheon.

JACK WEBB says he had to miss the August luncheon as he was unable to get special van transportation. Jack asked us to order a Virgin Mary cocktail in his honor.



Bob Walter

In Memoriam

Lloyd Cowan

Dan Kimberly



Area 8 Governor **Tom Sherba** took a break and met with three area 8 Big Sirs at the Annual State Meeting last month.

From left to right Big Sir **Jim Ferdinand** of Branch 26, Big Sir **Ken Wright** of Branch 6, Governor Sherba and Big Sir **Ted Bresler** of Branch 59.



Welcome New Members

Thomas Breen, Howard Elz, and Edward Shannon



'Lil' Arnerich speaking to Branch 59 at the August luncheon. In the picture on the right he shows the ball autographed for him by Joe DiMaggio.



Glen Schimelpfenig, Region 6 Director, has been busy this month. He is shown placing an Honorary Life Member pin on **John Skarpelos**, Editor of The Pathfinder and Editor of SIR Happenings. Skarpelos was awarded the HLM at the state annual meeting in Vallejo by President **Tom Ross**.

Below Glen is shown with **Clarence Dutra** after he presented Clarence with a Super Senior award at the last luncheon meeting.



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

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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*
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1989 Martin Annen*
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