

The Path finder Branch Number 59

Thirty-Third Year March 2008 Bulletin No. 03

NEXT MEETING at Newark Pavilion - Thursday, March 20, 2008

Big Sir Monthly Musings by Big Sir Richard Holley



Well gentlemen 2 meetings have taken place since I became your Big Sir and the wheels are still on the old bus. I am certainly enjoying my office so far and am looking forward to the balance of my term.

I don't know about you fellows but I really enjoyed Lil's talk on

the referees and such. Lil is certainly what you would call a stem-winder when it comes to entertaining an audience. I hope that this is the kind of talk you gentlemen enjoy and judging by the comments and calls I have received my question seems rhetorical.

Last Wednesday I decided to attend the Cybergeezers meeting over at the Fremont public library in the Fukaya room. The leader of this group is non-other than our Fred Gotthardt and he really knows his computer operations. This is one of the groups that our Branch 59 sponsors and I have to tell you fellas that it was two hours well spent. I spent a lot of time in my job around computers and I also have one at my home. Fred showed us how to set up our computers for Email and how to trouble shoot problems when you encounter them, some said all you need is Fred's telephone numbers, but he quickly set us all strait on that subject. If you are contemplating getting a computer or already have one this is a group you should consider joining. I really enjoyed myself at the meeting, plus learned how to work with my computer better, thank you Fred for your great work.

Richard

Our Speaker - Alan W. Weiner by Little Sir Don Gillis

Alan Weiner, an engineer, scientist, and hypnotherapist who has lived in Newark for the last 25 years, will talk to us about his new book, "Just Before the Giggle, A Journey from Suffering to Freedom."

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Which of us has not been weighed down from time to time by our burden of life's woes? Take advantage of the latest research

in cognitive science to gain mastery over your experiences of pain and suffering, transforming them into experiences of interest and wonder. Alan will provide some stories to entertain us, some information to enlighten us, and some techniques that will help us to turn our pain into joy.

Just Before the Giggle documents the discoveries made during a year of mind-body-spirit integration coaching sessions that brought Linda, a medical doctor attempting to recover from a serious illness, from a state of unremitting agony to a state of quiet equanimity, from a person closed in on her own debilitating pain to a person alive and interacting joyfully with her friends, husband, children, and grandchildren.

Alan's light-hearted approach to wellness can be combined with the advice from our doctors to create a new level of vibrant aliveness. Unlike any medications we may be taking, the only side affect is an occasional giggle. Learn more at www.jb4g.com.

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and/or Fish





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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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Sir Allen Sprague February Meeting Minutes

Big Sir Richard Holley called the meeting to order at 10:20 am and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call by Secretary: Officers present: Big Sir Richard Holley Little Sir Don Gillis, Secretary Allen Sprague, Assistant Secretary Peter Angelides, Treasurer Louis Bufkin, and Assistant Treasurer Bobby Ben Snodgrass. Officers absent: None. Directors present: Bill Anderson, Bob Benya, Ted Bresler, Bill Dark, and Robert Ingebretson. Directors absent: Roger Wallin.

The Minutes for the January 17, 2008 meeting of the Ex. Com. were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Sir Louis Bufkin reported that as of January 5, 2007 the ending cash balance was \$3,134.34, and membership was 268 active members and 18 inactive members. At the January 17th luncheon there were 194 members (72% of total membership), 4 guests and no visitors present for a total attendance of 198 (Full details are in the Form 28 reports on file).

Big Sir Richard Holley reported on the receipt of a letter from SIR State President Arthur E. Pufford, which included comments: The slogan for 2008 is "Working together for Success;" insurance premiums are 15% less for 2008-2009; election of State Officers for 2009 requires the filing of declaration of candidacy by April 15, 2008; SIR Day at the S.F. Giants and Sacramento River Cats; branch closings in San Mateo, Stockton, and Sunnyvale; there are 157 active branches beginning January 1, 2008 (with two scheduled to merge).

Program: Little Sir Don Gillis confirmed that today's speaker is 'Lil' Arnerich, on "An insider's view of football officiating, as seen through the eyes of game officials." This should be another outstanding presentation, following on the speaker's program on base ball.

Attendance: Sir Hugh Twomey reported that the expected attendance for today's luncheon is 206.

Membership: Sir Ron Brutvan placed John Barr (sponsored by John Clark), and Reed Frederiksen (sponsored by Thomas Russo) up for membership. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve John Barr and Reed Frederiksen as new members. Sir Ron also reported on the change of status: Three members have become inactive, and three members are proposed to be dropped pursuant to Rule 100 (unless they show up

for the day's meeting). A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve dropping from membership Gonzalo Martinez and Richard Paynter.

Birthdays: Sir Art Winkley reported that 24 February celebrants are expected. The most senior celebrants are Clyde Voorhees at 92 and Forrest Lusher at 91 Wow! Our favorite crooner Frank Campos, and Little Sir Don Gillis, are also admitting to February nativities.

Bowling: Sir Frank Cordova reported that upcoming events will be noticed in the next Pathfinder. A notable event was Don Henry bowling a 263.

Golf: Sir Bill Leake reported that we completed our first of two Silverado outings – in great weather; we had 26 golfers between Branches 72, 26, and 59. Las Vegas begins the end of March – a 4 day event which is always great fun; we will be having our prequalifier sometime in the spring – no date yet set. Branch 59 golfers play every Monday and Thursday at Sunol.

Bridge: Sir Drag Dutina reported that a questionnaire is being circulated to determine interest in participating in a duplicate bridge group.

Social Committee: Sir Allen Sprague reported that Chair Doug Eads will be calling a meeting to prepare for the May sweetheart event.

Sunshine: Sir Dave Marymee reported that he found a 41 cent stamp celebrating "Forever..." which he used successfully even though postage will cost 42 cents in May, proving that the stamp is truly immortal. Sir Dave also presented reports on the status of illnesses and recovery of several Branch 59 members. A more up-to-date report will be reported in the next Pathfinder.

Cybergeezers: Sir Fred Gotthardt reported the Cybergeezers will meet next Wednesday, February 27th at 2pm, in the Fukaya Room A at the Fremont Main Library.

Walking Group: Sir Don Henry reported that we need more walkers for the regular Wednesday morning stroll.

New Business: Sir Ben Fernandez and Vince Fernelius reported that the annual audit resulted in finding the books in excellent shape, with all transactions documented.

Big Sir Richard Holley adjourned the meeting at 10:55 am.

Submitted by Sir Allen Sprague, Secretary

MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS

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





Sir **Art Winkley** Birthday Chairman

March Birthdays

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Bruno Orsetti	03/05/1921	87
Paul Lanferman	03/03/1922	86
John Austin	03/21/1922	86
Manuel Silva	03/16/1923	85
Norman Silveira	03/19/1923	85
Sylvan Farrell	03/07/1925	83
Alvin Dockter	03/17/1925	83
Lyle Kingery	03/17/1926	82
Peter Sodini	03/06/1927	81
Robert Leinkram	03/04/1929	79
Arnold Mozzetti	03/25/1929	79
Donald Wright	03/18/1930	78
James Putler	03/28/1930	78
Robert Benya	03/19/1931	77
Sam Mitchell	03/04/1932	76
Thomas Russo	03/20/1934	74
Allen Sprague	03/13/1935	73
Nathaniel Lord, Jr.	03/26/1935	73
Howard Thompson	03/22/1936	72
S. Edward Barnes	03/26/1936	72
Rolf Gehrung	03/03/1937	71
Robert Lewis	03/31/1937	71
Richard Lightholder	03/29/1938	70
Gerald Mendes	03/07/1939	69
Gary Bennett	03/21/1939	69
David Tanner	03/12/1940	68

New Members

John G. Barr

34656 Calcutta Drive Fremont, CA 94555-3160

510-796-4640

Email: jbarr5@comcast.net

Birthday: 4/22/1931 Spouse: Rose Badge No. 132 Sponsor: John Clark Call me: John

Reed O. Frederiksen

2672 Bailey Court

Fremont, CA 94536-5304

510-793-6634

Email: reedfrederiksen@sbcglobal.net

Birthday: 12/16/1933 Spouse: Nancy Badge No. 131

Sponsor: Thomas Russo

Call me: Reed



Membership Report



Sir **Ron Brutvan** Membership Chairman

Guests:

Guest of:

James Ploor Richard Holley

Visitors:

Robert McGrath

Membership Total

(as of February 21, 2007)

264 — Active Members
21 — Inactive Members

Change of Status:

Oliver Knick - to inactive Jerry Springer - to inactive Cal Oliveira - to inactive

Gonzalo Martinez - dropped rule 100 Richard Paynter - dropped rule 100 Glenn Jacobs - died February 2, 2008

Change of Address:

Robert Ralston

33883 Alvarado Niles Road Apt 220 Union City, CA 94587

Clyde Voorhees

2860 Country Drive Apt 131 Fremont, CA 94536



Sir **Hugh Twomey** Attendance Chairman

Welcome New Members John Barr and Reed Frederiksen







Attendance Report

(For February 21, 2007)

Members216Guests1Visitors1Speakers1

Total = 219

36 excused 18 unexcused

SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares by Jerry Sabo



In recent weeks, we've had 5 new bowlers join our ranks as well as Branch #6 member, Lew Heffron that joined us last year.

We meet every Monday rain or shine, 12:40 pm at Mowry Lanes in Fremont. Cost is only \$5 for 3 lines of bowling. Bowlers must establish a 21 game average to join in

the tournaments so some of the bowlers have not been able to participate this year.

At the Napa Tournament **Gary Bennett** rolled a 691 handicap series in the singles and followed that up with a 697 in doubles. Gary has had to sit out the past few weeks following surgery. **Roger Wallin** rolled a 749 handicap series in doubles so we expect that once again **Don Henry** and Roger will be in the money.

At the Livermore tournament, Don rolled a 705 in singles following that with a 708 in the doubles. Roger had to miss that tournament, but Don's impromptu partner held up the duo anyway. At Livermore, Don rolled a 240 game, **Jerry Sabo** had a 233 and **Frank Cordova** rolled a 250. The doubles team that did really well was the duo of **Bob Edwards** and **Art Winkley**. The pair combined for a handicap series of 1427. This means that with handicap, each bowler rolled an average score of over 237– awesome job guys. It is very possible that "sandbagger" **James Lawrence** will be getting some prize money from the Livermore Tournament – must be the new ball?

	Average	High Game	High Series
Wayne Adams	134	186	500
Gary Bennett	163	227	616
Frank Cordova	179	247	666
Al Costa	127	172	448
Bob Edwards	95	217	506
Howard Elz	153	201	527
Ray Erickson	162	230	612
Lew Heffron	170	239	638
Don Henry	170	248	651
George Howe	125	140	379
Darrell Jewell	123	188	468
James Lawrence	144	190	507
Nat Lord	173	235	614
David Nazar	141	176	449
John Pesek	152	173	491
Jerry Sabo	162	224	587
Bob Snodgrass	135	189	493
Frank Thomas	142	193	500
Roger Wallin	166	231	586
Ken Windholz	142	172	468
Art Winkley	133	192	484

Tournaments for April 2008

April 15, 17 (Tue, Thu) Kentwig Lanes Vallejo April 21-23 (Mon, Tue, Wed) Gold Dust West Carson City

Golf Notes by Bill Leake

Welcome to the Branch 59 golf column. If you are a member of SIR and like to play golf and not a member of NCGA golf then let me know. We have an exciting year planned for 2008. We just finished session 1 at Silverado. The second session will be April 14. If you are reading this column and have not signed up for the April get together then it is too late. Sorry!



Once again – the state schedule is out. The first tournament will be Las Vegas - March 31 through April 4. This is followed by 3 sessions for Reno – all them in June. Sometime in late April or May we will have a state prequalifier tournament. The winners go to Boundary Oaks with the finals being held at Poppy Hills (see below) Then we will have a team state qualifier in late June – with the finals being at Poppy Ridge on August 11. The most popular event of the year has been expanded - Reno is now 3 weeks, June 2 through 6, June 9 through 13, and June 16 through 20; Solvang (play your own ball) September 14 through 17. The state individual final tournament will be at Poppy Hills November 3 with open play also on November 3 and the next day - November 4. As we get down to the end of the year we will have a trip to Mexico – Cabo San Lucas October 18 through 25, and a cruise - Mexico golf/cruise November 10 through 20. Please visit www.sirstategolf.com for more details.

In addition to the above state tournaments, we will also have two area 8 tournaments. In May we will have the area 8 state pre-qualifier. The winners of this tournament will advance to the state qualifier to be held at Boundary Oaks in August. The top two finishers for each flight will advance to Poppy Hills November 3 and play for the state championship – and play for free. We will also have a team competition in June. The winning team, advances to the state team championship on August 11. The input so far is that most golfers that I talked with liked Sunol, so we may have it again at Sunol this year. I hope to have the individual pre-qualifier at Alameda.

Take a Bow –Do you have a reason to take a bow – long drive, hole in one, eagle, other – let me know.

Post post post – don't forget to post your score.

Regular play for SIR Branch 59 – We play every Monday and Thursday at Sunol. Join us – to find out the tee time, please call Sunol at 925-862-0414. The reservation is made under LEAKE.

Thank you **Bill Dark** for calling in tee times for ½ of February and all of March, and **Miguel Ferras** who will be calling in for March and ½ of April. And thank you **Jerry Desmond** for calling in tee times for Mondays. Want to call in? **WE NEED YOUR HELP for next year to call in tee times.** Call **Bill at 793-6561.** Thank you for reading this article.

Bill Leake

SIR Travel Adventures for Area 8 Daryl Main

APRIL 16, 2008 FLEET OF HEROS

Private narrated cruise aboard the 50 foot

DELPHINUS of the MOTHBALL FLEET. This trip will be limited to 30 people so sign fast. Hosted luncheon at the Union Hotel, in Benicia, free time to browse in Benicia. Cost \$116 per person.



Escort Daryl Main 510-352-2210.

MAY 29-30, 2008 SHASTA CASCADE WONDERLAND TOUR

Deluxe motor coach transportation, two nights at the Tree House Inn - Mount Shasta, stop at the Sundial bridge and lunch at the Lakeside Resort in Redding. Guided tour of the Lava Beds National Monument, dinner on the Shasta Train and a guilded tour of the Mt. Shasta area.

Cost \$598 PPDO and \$154 for single supplement. Escorted by Daryl Main (510) 352-2210

For more information Call your Travel Chairman, Daryl Main 510-352-2210 for details. To download a brochure go to www.branch26.com/Travel.html

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, take books home to read.





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

JULY 27-31, 2008 TREASURES of the SOUTH COAST

Deluxe motor coach, a matinee performance of Ragtime, one night at the Historic Santa Maria Inn, includes a Prime rib dinner that night. First stop on the second day will be at the Huntington Library and Gardens, then to Studio City to stay at the Sportsman's Lodge for three nights. From here we will go to Beverly Hills, to tour the homes of stars and attend the Pageant of the Masters in Laguna Beach, next day the Terra Cotta Warriors exhibit. Ride a Venetian Gondola, William S. Hart Ranch, head home. Cost \$1185 PPDO, \$250 to secure reservation per person, and single supplement is \$250. Escort Daryl Main (510-352-2210).

SIR State Sports

Call Nat Lord at 510-797-1704

SIR Day at the Golden State Warriors
vs. the Denver Nuggets

April 10 (Thursday) at 5:00pm for info call **Mel Augustine** (510) 524-4952

SIR Day at the Sacramento River Cats vs. the Colorado Sky Sox

May 21 (Wednesday) at 11:30am for info call *Ken Edwards* (209) 223-9156

SIR Day at the SF Giants vs. the Florida Marlins

August 21 (Thursday) at 12:45pm for info call **Chuck Roberts** (408) 243-6717

CYBERGEEZER MEETING



When - Monday, March 24th.
2:00pm to 4:00pm
Where -

Where Fremont Main Library, Fremont
Fukaya A room.

Cheers Fred

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE REPORT

by Dave Marymee and Bob Walter



Dave Marymee

FRED ANDERSON says his blood clot condition has cleared but he has to depend on using a catheter at times. Fred depends on a wheel chair but has lost strength in his arms and is unable to move out of his wheel chair. When he gets arm strength he plans to attend SIR luncheons. We hope you

continue to improve, Fred.

BOB BENYA had an operation in January that completely replaced his left shoulder joint. Bob expects to be able to free his arm from a sling at the end of February. Bob says the FDA approved his type of operation just within the past three years. Glad Bob is progressing, the "A's" will want him to join their bullpen for left handed pitchers.

ED BINGLE says he depends on using oxygen. He says when he can get around without using oxygen he hopes to attend SIR luncheons. Ed does attend cyber-geezer meetings when he can obtain a ride.

BILL BRISCOE's wife, Diana, is improving at home after her operation. Bill drove Diana to see her doctor before attending the February luncheon. Bill says Diana is doing ok.

JOHN CLARK recently was in the hospital for heart and blood vessel problems. After angioplasty, he came home and is improving. We hope that John's health improves.

RAY ERICKSON's wife, Dorothy, reports that she has had surgery for removing cancerous tissue in February. We hope all goes well for Dorothy.

OLIVER KNICK says he makes it day by day. Oliver goes to Kaiser for a shot each week. He says he is well known at Kaiser so he doesn't have to show his membership card.

RALPH KNIGHT's wife, Betty, is residing at Aegis in Fremont. Ralph says Betty is having some adjustment problems at Aegis as she wishes to come home. Ralph says he is doing ok.

ROBERT RALSTON says he is settled and getting use to a one bedroom apartment at a retirement facility at 33883 Alvarado-Niles Blvd., telephone 487-1044. Robert attended the February luncheon.

JAMES RODAMER says he has a rest period between treatments for a form of asbestos that attacks the lining of the lungs. We hope the best for James.



Bob Walter

TOM SHERBA, Area Governor, reports his wife, Lillian continues to have severe back pain. Lillian obtains some relief when she elevates her legs. Tom says he is chief cook and dishwasher in order to help Lillian. We hope the best for them.

GORDON THATCHER's wife, Pat, is at home recovering from two Strokes. They receive "meals on wheels" and supplement with TV dinners. We hope for continued improvement.

ROBERT WANSER says he has suffered from a type of flu. Earlier he had heart bypass surgery. Robert hopes to improve in health and become active in SIR.

JACK WEBB missed the February luncheon because he did not wish to expose himself to a rainy downpour as he is wheelchair bound. We hope Jack can make it to the March luncheon.

WILLIAM WILSON was in the hospital three times in January. He spent twelve hours on life support. William's heart functions at about a 30% level and he is bothered with asthma. William says when he is well again he wishes to become active as he enjoys SIR luncheons. We hope your health improves, William.

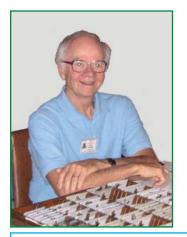




Ben Fernandez (on the left) and Vince Fernelius presented the 2007 Audit report to the Executive Committee at the February meeting.



Some pictures from the SIR Archives









Enjoy reading *SIR Happenings*, the State Newsletter, and find out about all the fun things that are going on throughout our organization. You can easily find Happenings on the SIR State Website: **sirinc.org**

The Bridge Chairman Sir Drag Dutina Asks for your Answers

SIR Duplicate Bridge Formation Questionnaire

- 1. Are you interested in playing duplicate bridge in a SIR group?
- 2. How often do you want to play?
- 3. What days are preferable?
- 4. What days can you not play?
- 5. Do you prefer day or nite time play? What time is preferable?
- 6. Would you prefer fixed partners or rotating ones?
- 7. Where do you suggest we play? Homes? Newark Pavilion? Somewhere else?
- 8. How long should the sessions be?
- 9. Prizes? Refreshments?
- 10. Other questions?

Please either phone me at (510) 657-1037 or Email me at d.dutina@sbcglobal.net with responses and suggestions. I will compile the data and plan to meet with all of you after the March meeting.



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1976 Peter Clark*

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