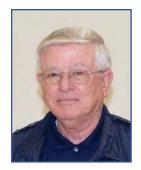


# The A **Branch Number 59**

**July 2008 Bulletin No. 06** Thirty-Third Year

### **NEXT MEETING at Newark Pavilion - Thursday, July 17, 2008**

### **Big Sir Monthly Musings** by Big Sir Richard Holley



It's hard to believe that we have completed one half of 2008 and are still having so much fun. I can report that I really missed having a meal with you gentlemen in June but I had a couple of meals with SIR golfers in Reno, NV. The tournament as usual was a lot of fun sharing with fellow SIR gentlemen. It will not be surprising

to you fellas that this organization is just cram packed with a bunch of interesting people and it is fun for me to meet these guys and share with them. I want to share one story, my second round team was headed up by a gentleman from Napa, CA, he was 81 years, and out driving everyone on our team. On one long par 5 hole he put the ball down the fairway 245 yards. I only hope that when I get to 81 I can hit the ball that far, because at my age of 69 I can't do it.

On a more serious note, I understand that we had some mild heckling of our speaker during our June meeting. I have done some investigating and it seems that a majority of the people present believe the guilty party was not one our members. I would have a hard time believing that one of our members would do such a thing. I would just remind the membership that our speakers are guests in our house and our respect should always be that we invited these people. If you see anyone at your table not having a badge or someone that you don't recognize please bring this to my attention and I will follow up, they could be new members, but caution is our watch word.

Richard

### MENU

BBQ Ribs, Chicken and Italian Sausage

### **Our Speakers Audrey Uhring & Ihande Weber** by Little Sir Don Gillis

Audrey A. Uhring is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker with a Masters Degree in Business Administration. She has over 23 years working in a variety of settings such as medical hospitals, psychiatric hospitals, and outpatient programs. Her experience has included working with neonates to seniors,



diverse cultures, and a multitude of life challenges. In addition, she has held several management positions in various settings and has had the opportunity to supervise multi-disciplinary teams. These teams have consisted of; psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, rehabilitation counselors, nurses, student interns and volunteers.

Currently, Audrey works for the City of Fremont, Human Services Department, Aging and Family Services Division. She oversees several senior programs as the clinical supervisor.

Ihande M. Weber Is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in the State of California. She has over 19 years of experience working mostly in an outpatient mental health clinic and developmental center. Her experience has included working with clients with developmental disabilities, adults and seniors with mental illness and families and children. She



has worked mostly with clients of various ethnicity and culture, including new immigrants.

In addition, she has held several management positions in an outpatient mental health programs. She also had opportunities to supervise multi-disciplinary teams. These teams have consisting of psychiatrist, psychologist, social workers, rehabilitation counselors, psychiatric technicians, student interns and volunteers.

Currently Ihande is the clinical supervisor for the City Of Fremont Senior Mobile Mental Health Program.

Their presentation will be an overview of Senior Services available through the City of Fremont's Aging and Family Services Division.



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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### **Sir Allen Sprague June Meeting Minutes**

Little Sir Don Gillis called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call by Acting Assistant Secretary
Drag Dutina: Officers present: Little
Sir Don Gillis, Treasurer Louis Bufkin,
and Assistant Treasurer Bobby Ben
Snodgrass. Officers absent: Big Sir
Richard Holley, Secretary Allen Sprague,
and Assistant Secretary Peter Angelides.
Directors present: Bill Anderson,
Bob Benya, and Robert Ingebretson.
Directors absent: Ted Bresler, Bill Dark,
and Roger Wallin.

Acting Assistant Secretary Drag
Dutina raised the question of whether
there was a quorum present since
only half the voting members were in
attendance. A quorum was declared to
be present by virtue of the presence
of Sir Drag Dutina as Acting Assistant
Secretary.

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

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Sir Louis Bufkin reported that the ending balances for the months of May and June were \$2715.03 and \$3770.65 respectively. The Sweetheart Luncheon on May 15th netted \$444.60. Sir Louis again warned that our funding is on the ragged edge and will need serious attention soon. (Full details are in the Form 28 report on file.) At the April 17th meeting there were 267 active and 5 inactive members.

Birthdays: Sir Art Winkley reported that there are 18 May birthdays ranging from 67 to 88, and 21 June birthdays ranging from 54-94.

Attendance: Sir Hugh Twomey reported that the attendance for today's luncheon is expected to be 178.

Membership: Sir Ron Brutvan reported that we have 2 new members. Changes included 1 move, 1 employed and 4 dropped for cause. Sir Fred Gotthardt was thanked for providing a Form 2,

which defines rules for dropping members when necessary.

Cybergeezers: Sir Fred Gotthardt reported that the next session will be on Wednesday June 25th at 2pm, in the Fukaya Room A at the Fremont Main Library.

Bridge: Sir Drag Dutina reported that a final attempt at initiating a duplicate bridge group will be made following today's luncheon.

Sports: Sir Nat Lord reported no tickets have been sold for the Rivercats and Giant's games, and only 3 tickets sold for the A's game.

Caps & Emblems: Sir Arnold George announced that there were still 46 SIR hats available for purchase.

Bowling: It was reported that the next bowling event will be at the Homestead lanes in San Jose on July 1st.

Golf: A report was made that the golfers were playing hooky from this meeting to hit some balls in Reno.

Program: Little Sir Don Gillis stated that the speaker today would be Sister Caritas Foster, a member of the Sisters of the Holy Family who will talk on the problem of worldwide human trafficking.

Sunshine: Sir Dave Marymee reported that Richard Ahern was recovering from back surgery.

New Business: Sir Robert Ingebretson brought up the issue of the need for a larger screen for use during the talks since the members at the back have difficulty seeing the presentations. He was asked to research the size, cost and installation needed.

Little Sir Don Gillis adjourned the meeting at 10:40 AM.

Submitted by Sir Allen Sprague, Secretary,

Based upon notes taken by Sir Drag Dutina as Acting Assistant Secretary (recruited by Assistant Secretary Peter Angelides).

### MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS

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



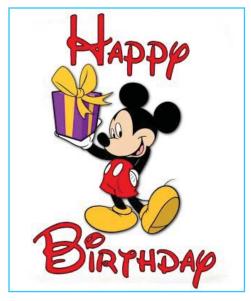


Sir **Art Winkley** Birthday Chairman

### **July Birthdays**

| Gordon Thym        | 07/01/1923 | 85 |
|--------------------|------------|----|
| Valentino Pianetta | 07/14/1925 | 83 |
| Frank Thomas       | 07/21/1925 | 83 |
| Boyd McCaslin      | 07/24/1925 | 83 |
| Jack Webb          | 07/19/1927 | 81 |
| Fred Cutter        | 07/09/1929 | 79 |
| Wayne Halbert      | 07/10/1930 | 78 |
| Gordon MacLeod     | 07/12/1930 | 78 |
| Luciano Nausin     | 07/26/1930 | 78 |
| Dino Mostardi      | 07/27/1930 | 78 |
| Ben Fernandez      | 07/02/1934 | 74 |
| Ronald Oliphant    | 07/14/1934 | 74 |
| Bobby Snodgrass    | 07/11/1938 | 70 |
| Rowland McNeil     | 07/24/1938 | 70 |
| Wayne Meyer        | 07/13/1939 | 69 |
| Gene Lim           | 07/04/1940 | 68 |
| Anthony Gross      | 07/15/1942 | 66 |





### **New Members**

#### William Bell

4958 Everglades Park Drive Fremont, CA 94538-3923

510-657-1095

Email: bell.judy@comcast.net

Birthday: 2/10/1941 Spouse: Judy Badge No. 148

Sponsor: Sal Lamagna

Call me: Bill

### Robert F. Wanser

5148 Ipswich Court Newark, CA 94560-2009

510-818-1975

Email: rob@robwanser.com

Birthday: 2/24/1943 Spouse: Arlene Badge No. 155

Sponsor: Bill Anderson

Call me: Rob

### Welcome New Members

### William Bell



**Robert Wanser** 



### **Membership Report**



Sir **Ron Brutvan** Membership Chairman

Guests: Guest of:
Carl Shaner David Marymee
David Schmidt Lee Mineau
Russell Broussard Jim Ploor
William Smith Ron Brutvan

Visitors: None

### **Membership Total**

(as of June 19, 2008)

264 — Active Members
21 — Inactive Members

### **Change of Status:**

Carey Williams - Resigned - Moved
Ralph Smith - Resigned–Back to work
George Hay - Dropped Rule 100
Gene Page - Dropped Rule 100
Thomas Tinker - Dropped Rule 100





Sir **Hugh Twomey** Attendance Chairman

### **Attendance Report**

(ForJune 19, 2008)

Members172Guests4Visitors0Speakers1

Total = 177

64 excused 32 unexcused

### **SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES**

## Strikes and Spares by Jerry Sabo



They say that no news is good news, but not so with the Branch 59 (and Branch 6) SIR bowlers. As I recall, the only bowlers that did well at Pinole on June 5th were Roger Wallin and Chuck Pereira (Branch 6), but for some reason or other I don't have all of the

tournament score sheets. I think that Roger might have taken his singles scores home for framing? Chuck did roll a 162, 184 and a 205 in singles and 192, 153 and 192 in doubles. I suspect that both Roger and Chuck will be money winners, but the checks must be in the mail.

Darrell Jewell and Nat Lord attended the Tall Pines tournament in Paradise, but again, the results are not in yet. Fourteen of the bowlers were anxious to knock down the pins at Homestead Lanes in Sunnyvale on July 1. We all miss Branch 6 bowler George Howe who suffered a mild stroke. Lew Heffron (Branch 6) reports that George is improving.

On the home front at Mowry Lanes, **Gary Bennett** had a nice 197, 203 and 188 series on
June 9th. Our \*Star\* bowler, **Don Henry**, rolled
a 211, 146, and then came back with a 236 on
June 16th. Finally, **Lew Heffron** rolled a 212, 162
and 191 on June 23rd. Other great games were
rolled by **Nat Lord** 216, **David Nazar** 213, **Chuck Pereira** 214, and **Gary Bennett** 204.

If you have been thinking about joining us, just drop by at Mowry Lanes, located at 585 Mowry Ave (behind Comcast) any Monday and be ready to start practice bowling at 12:45 P.M. The cost is only \$5.00 for three lines of bowling and the only other commitment is that when you join you either already are, or will become a sanctioned bowler (cost \$18/year). Once you have a book average, or set your average with 21 games or more then you can join us in tournament play.

Upcoming tournament play will be: Reno Stadium, Reno August 18-20; and Pacific Bowl, Stockton, August 26-27.

Jerry Sabo

## Golf Notes by Bill Leake



Welcome to 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 one additional name for the Boundary Oaks tournament – Bob Morales. Congratulations Bob.

The next tournament will be the <u>team</u> <u>qualifier</u> which was held July 9 and we will have results in the next Pathfinder.

The balance of the 2008 – SIR state team championship (top 2 finishers in team qualifier will be invited) on August 11; the area 8 individual championship at Boundary Oaks on August 27. The Fall Classic at Solvang September 14-17. Individual scores count in this tournament. Solvang is followed by the SIR land trip to Cabo San Lucas – October 18-25. The state championship/open play at Poppy Hills in Monterey will be November 3 and 4. The top 2 qualifiers from Boundary Oaks get a free pass to Poppy Hills. Finally, November 10-20 will be a cruise to the Mexican Rivera. Three days will be devoted to golf.

We have results from Reno – week 1 – John Trischetti – won \$85 for 2nd place, day 1, \$90 for 5th place, overall, for a total of \$175. No one from branch 59 attended week 2 – if you did and I missed you please let me know. We had many golfers for week 3 – Lloyd Keplinger, Fred Ilg, Ben Fernandez, Bob Lewis, Bill Briscoe, Big Sir Richard Holley, Area Governor Tom Sherba, Bill Briscoe, and Bill Leake. In addition, Patty Fernandez also played golf. Results: Day 1 – Leake won \$80, 2nd place, Keplinger \$60 for third, and Briscoe 3rd place for CTP – \$20. Day 2 – Holley 6th place, \$45. Day 3 – Ilg 2nd place, \$80, and Patty 1st place, \$40. Sweeps – Keplinger \$140, 2nd place (B), Ilg \$85 5th place (B); Fernandez \$70 (6th, C); Lewis \$45 (9th, C); Holley \$60, 7th (D); and Patty (2nd) \$30. Congratulations to all the winners and also who attended.

Take a Bow – Forrest Lusher (91 years old) shot his age twice at Sunol Cypress – and both times he birdied hole # 17. Congratulations Forrest. Do you have a reason to take a bow – long drive, hole in one, eagle, other – let me know.

Post-post – <u>don't forget to post your score</u>.

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

Thank you **Tom Sullivan** for calling in tee times for all of July and ½ of August, and Lloyd Keplinger for calling in ½ of August and all of September. And thank you **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.

Bíll Leake

## SIR Travel Adventures for Area 8 Daryl Main

### 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).

### AUGUST 22 - SEPTEMBER 1, 2009 ALASKA CRUISE

Ten night round trip cruise from San Francisco aboard the SEA PRINCESS, ports of call are Ketchikan, Juneau, Icy Strait Point, Victoria, BC and cruise the Tracy Arm Fjord and the Sawyer Glacier. Cost ranges from \$1820 for inside cabin to\$2925 balcony cabins PPDO.

Escort Daryl Main (510-352-2210).

### 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.

### **BRIDGE GROUPS**

The Bridge activity includes 2 night time couple's groups and a daytime group following the monthly luncheons. The diners are encouraged to join the latter card sharks in order to overwhelm the noise of tables and chairs being moved by Pavilion's staff.



The attempts to start a duplicate group have led to an utter defeat. If any one wishes to resurrect this effort, the Bridge Chairman is willing to be helpful with the mechanics but wants no part in the initiation process.

Drag Dutina - 657-1037

### SEPTEMBER 26, 2008 MYSTERY DAY TRIP

Mystery trip which includes a hosted lunch and a hosted dinner.

Cost will be \$129 PP.

Escort Daryl Main (510-352-2210).

### OCTOBER 28 - 30, 2008 SIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY RENO

Enjoy two nights at the beautiful Grand Sierra Resort & Casino.

Cost is \$291 pp. \$45 single supplement. For Information call Daryl Main (510-352-2210).

### December 7, 2008 Beach Blanket BABYLON

Travel to San Francisco by Motor Coach for the Holiday performance of Beach Blanket Babylon. Lunch will be served before the show at CAPP'S Restorante (choice menu). Lunch is at 11:30am. Curtain is at 2:00pm, should arrive home at around 6:30pm. Price for this trip is \$138 PP.

Escort 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

### **READERS AND BROWSERS**

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### CYBERGEEZER MEETING



When -Tuesday, July 22nd.

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 missed celebrating his 82nd (May 26) at the June luncheon. Richard had successful back surgery on June 13 at Stanford Hospital. Richard is wearing a brace and recovering nicely.

FRED ANDERSON enjoyed celebrating his 81st birthday in May and attended the June luncheon. Fred's health

seems to have improved as, though wheelchair bound, he has regained some of his arm strength.

**LOUIS BUFKIN**, SIR Treasurer, although bothered by excessive tearing of the eyes, gave the treasurer's report at the SIR Board meeting and enjoyed the June luncheon as he celebrated his 8lst birthday (June 21).

FRED CUTTER was hospitalized June 19 because of abdominal pain. Fred came home June 21. With medication, Fred says he is feeling better.

**CHARLES DUNCAN** says he is fully recovered from a bout with pneumonia. Charles enjoyed the June luncheon.

### **SIR State Sports**

Call Nat Lord at 510-797-1704



**SIR Day** at the **Oakland A's** vs. the **Tampa Bay Rays** August 14 (Thursday) at 12:35 pm



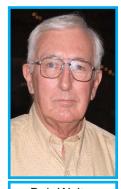
GIANTS

**SIR Day** at the **SF Giants** vs. the **Florida Marlins** August 21 (Thursday) at 12:45pm



**ROWLAND McNEIL** enjoyed attending the June luncheon. With the use of medication, Rowland has fully recovered from a bout with pneumonia.

THOMAS TINKER says he has recovered from broken ribs due to a fall. Thomas says he has trouble with vision in his left eye. He has had lens implant from cataract surgery. The lens implant



**Bob Walter** 

in his in his left eye is clouded over, limiting the vision in that eye. We hope your eye problem can be resolved. Thomas.

JACK WEBB says his wife, Lisa, is doing fine in recovering from a stent implant. Jack missed the June luncheon as he had trouble securing special van transportation for himself and his wheelchair. Jack hopes to attend the July luncheon.

WILLIAM WILSON (inactive SIR member) hopes to be able to come to the July luncheon. He was unable to attend the June luncheon as he developed a case of shingles. Williams' heart function has improved from 35% to 50% level. William says he is feeling better. William's brother-in-law, David Schmidt is a prospective member of SIR but just had back surgery. Hopefully both will be able to attend future luncheons and become active members of SIR.



Sir **John Gecox** on the right with his guest, Richard McBreen, at the April luncheon.



### LANCERS' DAY

Branch 59 Honorary Life Member
Sir **Dave Marymee** (left) is greeted
by Sandra Iglehart at Tennyson
High School's 50th anniversary
celebration in Hayward last month.
Marymee was a teacher and
adviser when the school opened
in 1958 until he retired in 1985.
Iglehart has been teaching at
Tennyson since 1982 and used to
work with Marymee.

### **Election in August**

The election for 2009 Branch Officers and Directors will be held during the August Luncheon Meeting.

The nominees for Officers are:

Big Sir
Little Sir
Secretary
Asst. Secretary
Treasurer
Asst. Treasurer
Asst. Treasurer
Bobby Ben Snodgrass

The nominees for Director are:

Bill Anderson
Bill Dark
Richard Holley
Robert Ingebretson
Jerry Sabo
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.



Golf Chairman Bill Leake seen carrying a big club at the April luncheon. He was getting a head start on the Reno tournament in June.

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Frank Cordova - Chairman Jerry Sabo - Assistant

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Drag Dutina - Chairman

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Frank Campos

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Nat Lord

#### SUNSHINE

Dave Marymee - Chairman Bob Walter - Assistant

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Nat Lord

David Marymee

John Skarpelos

### PATHFINDER DEADLINE

Copy deadline for the next issue of the Pathfinder will be Thursday a week after the monthly luncheon meeting.

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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

2007 Ted Bresler

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