

NEXT MEETING at Newark Pavilion - Thursday, August 21, 2008

Big Sir Monthly Musings by Big Sir Richard Holley



Well another wonderful meeting has been carefully placed in history. Thank you all for your attentive help in making our SIR meetings so interesting and educational. I specially like talking to members that I haven't seen much. I ran into one of those fellows at this meeting and he told me he was ready to come back

and play golf. Now, this was almost shocking to me for the last time I saw him he looked a little Raggedy Andy if you know what I mean. Don't get me wrong this is a strong guy who had a lot of things go wrong all at one time and I was very concerned for him. It was good to see him up and vibrant again, maybe he will share his secret with all of us. (Probably a strong wife helped)

Not a meeting goes by that someone comes up to me, just a little frustrated, that he can't find a place to sit, because there are "reserved" signs on all the seats. Well, that is overstated but sometimes it seems all the seats are called for with names tags at the table setting. I have instituted a new procedure for the meetings. About 15 minutes before the meeting starts I ask that name tags to be removed from the place settings. This will free up seats for our new brothers. Nothing is harder for a new member to come to a meeting, not knowing a lot of people and he goes to sit down and someone says not there that's old Sams or Joes seat. Now the new member begins another search just to be shunned again. Brothers lets not send our new friends off into the hinter lands. lets help him feel wanted; wouldn't you like it if someone befriended you?

Well guys I can't wait to see you in August 2008, until then "Who loves ya baby?"

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Our Speaker David Morse by Little Sir Don Gillis

David Morse is a Special Assistant in the Office of the Ames Center Director responsible for developing and enhancing collaborations between NASA and its academic partners, particularly the University of California at Santa Cruz. Morse's primary focus is the Silicon Valley Initiatives,



encompassing the Advanced Systems Laboratories, the Bio-Info-Nano R&D Institute, the Silicon Valley Center, the Collaborative for Higher Education, and a range of academic programs.

Morse was born in London, England, and spent his high school and early college years in Canada. He holds BA and MA degrees with honors from the University of Calgary, Canada, and a Ph.D. (ABD) from the University of California, Berkeley. He resides in San Jose, CA.

His talk is entitled "The National Human Space Program — Past, Present and Future." He will present the drivers and benefits of human space exploration through a brief recap of the Apollo program, a summary/assessment of NASA's current human space activities, and a glimpse ahead at what NASA and the nation have planned for future human exploration. Morse will talk briefly about the role of Ames Research Center in NASA's developing Constellation program.

> MENU Swiss Steak or Baked Chicken



If you are <u>not</u> coming or if you are bringing a guest or visitor <u>Don't forget to Call</u> on the Monday before the meeting - or earlier Hugh Twomey 796-5559 or email hught22@comcast.net



Sir Allen Sprague July Meeting Minutes

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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





Big Sir Richard Holley called the meeting to order at 10:13 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: Sir Bill Anderson, Sir Ted Bresler, Sir Bill Dark, Sir Robert Ingebretson and Sir Roger Wallin. Directors absent: Sir Bob Benya.

The Minutes for the June 19, 2008 meeting of the Ex. Com. were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Sir Louis Bufkin reported that the ending balance on June 2, 2008 was \$4939.03 (with more than half of that attributed to golf dues). There were 269 active and 21 inactive members. Luncheon attendance was 172 members (65%), and 5 guests for a total of 179.

Attendance: Sir Hugh Twomey reported that the attendance for today's luncheon is expected to be 196.

Birthdays: Sir Art Winkley reported that there are 17 June celebrants expected, with birthdays ranging from 66 (Anthony Gross) to 85 (Gordon Thym) and nativities from 1923 to 1944, and including notables Frank D. Thomas, Dino Mostardi, Ben Fernandez, and Bobby Ben Snodgrass.

Membership: Sir Ron Brutvan reported that 2 new members are up for approval and induction today: Carl Shaner (sponsored by Sir Dave Marymee), and David Schmidt (sponsored by Sir Lee Mineau). A motion to admit Carl Shaner and David Schmidt was made, seconded, and approved.

Cybergeezers: Sir Fred Gotthardt reported that the next meeting would be next Tuesday July 22nd at 2 pm, in the Fukaya Room A at the Fremont Main Library.

Bridge: Sir Drag Dutina reported that he has abandoned an attempt to form a second duplicate bridge group (for lack of interest).

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

Bowling: Sir Jerry Sabo reported that the scheduled events in Napa, Reno, and Stockton have occurred. Our own tournament is scheduled for September.

Golf: Sir Bill Leake reported that we finished the Area 8 - team scramble; no one from branch 59 qualified to go to Poppy Ridge for the finals (the top 3 qualifiers were from branch 6). The next major event will be Solvang on September 14th. Dues will be due starting in October. We continue to play at Sunol on Mondays and Thursdays.

Sports: Sir Nat Lord reported a failure ("lousy") to attract any takers for the Giants game, and only 4 tickets sold for the As' game on August 14th. Tickets will be available for the October 19th Raiders vs. Jets (\$46 or \$56 on the third deck).

Program: Little Sir Don Gillis stated that the speakers today would be Audrey Uhring and Ihande Weber, Licensed Clinical Social Workers for the City of Fremont, to discuss the services available to seniors in the Tri-City area.

Sunshine: Sir Dave Marymee mentioned the death of the wife of a member; that a new member was getting a new knee; that Thomas Tinker was coming back as an active member; and that Sir Dave himself began his career as a teacher in 1958. Sir Dave also mentioned the availability of formal firing-squad salutes for certain members giving advance notice.

Old Business: Secretary Sir Allen Sprague recommended approval of the destruction of the ballots cast in the 2006 membership plebiscite on relocating the location of the monthly meetings. A motion was made, moved, and approved to authorize the Secretary to destroy the 2006 election ballots.

New Business: Sir Robert Ingebretson brought up the occurrence of a member heckling the speaker last month, which was very irritating; Sir Robert reported that the responsible member apologized. Sir Robert also reported that a larger screen for program presentations costs \$1200 for a 15' x 25' screen.

Big Sir Richard Holley stated that he will remind the branch members that the cost of the monthly meeting luncheon will increase to \$15 in September and that members shall remove reservation of table seating for anyone not showing up by 11:45 am.

Big Sir Richard Holley reported that the members will be voting today on the nominees for the 2009 Executive Committee of Branch 59. The office of Secretary does not have a candidate.

Big Sir Richard adjourned the meeting at 10:44 am.

Submitted by Sir Allen Sprague, Secretary

MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS by Sir Ron Brutvan, Sir Hugh Twomey, and Sir Art Winkley



HAPPY

Sir **Art Winkley** Birthday Chairman

August Birthdays

Clarence Dutra	08/31/1912	96
John O'Connor	08/08/1916	92
Kenneth Grimes	08/29/1923	85
Philip Cox	08/01/1924	84
Jess Jacinto	08/08/1926	82
David Dunlap	08/18/1926	82
Tom Sherba	08/09/1927	81
Arthur Winkley	08/25/1927	81
Richard Howe	08/08/1928	80
Dean Olsen	08/06/1929	79
John Gecox	08/02/1930	78
Louis Smith	08/23/1931	77
Herbert Muellerleile	08/04/1932	76
Robert Springer	08/15/1932	76
Edward Baldini	08/17/1932	76
Arnold George	08/20/1939	69
R. (Skip) Mugford	08/29/1939	69
Roger Wallin	08/30/1940	68
Aaron Wong	08/15/1942	66
Douglas Howd	08/03/1946	62



New Members

David A. Schmidt 227 West Hunter Lane Fremont, CA 94539-6340 510-657-5450 Email: dpschmidt@aol.com Birthday: 1/28/1932 Spouse: Phyliss Badge No. 172 Sponsor: Lee Mineau Call me: Dave

Carl R. Shaner 38627 Cherry Lane Apt 2 Fremont, CA 94536-4237 510-792-4196 Email: csandms@comcast.net Birthday: 7/30/1937 Spouse: Marilyn Badge No. 174 Sponsor: Dave Marymee Call me: Carl

Welcome New Members

Dave Schmidt



Carl Shaner



Membership Report



Guests:

Sir **Ron Brutvan** Membership Chairman

Guest of:

Bill Dellaria Thomas Tinker Bill Standard Jim Proffitt Stanley Saylor Frank D. Thomas from Inactive Ken Windholz Tom Breen from Br 128

<u>Visitors:</u> None

> Membership Total (as of July 17, 2008)

266 — Active Members21 — Inactive Members

Change of Status:

Lloyd Keplinger change of Email: kep1534@att.net





Sir **Hugh Twomey** Attendance Chairman

Attendance Report (ForJuly 17, 2008)		
Members	189	
Guests	5	
Visitors	0	
Speakers	2	
Total =	196	
50 excused	27 unexcused	

SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares by Jerry Sabo



First off, 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 pm. Usually we have about 15 to 20 bowlers there except once or twice a year when we are at a tournament. There are about 20 tournaments

scheduled throughout the year but we try to avoid being away on the Mondays. 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.

We finally received the results from the Pinole tournament that was held in early June, but **Roger Wallin** was the only prize winner. Roger placed 2nd in the B division of bowlers. There were a few bowlers that just missed the money – **Art Winkley, Chuck Pereira, and Darrell Jewell**.

We haven't received results from Homestead Lanes or Yuba City. **Don Henry**, **Darrell Jewell** and **Nat Lord** went to the Yuba City tournament, but just couldn't get together a good series. Darrell turned in a higher than average series, but don't know how he placed.

Hope to have something good to report next time when after the Napa, Reno, and Stockton tournaments coming up.

We are about ready to send out the notices for our own tournament to be held at Cloverleaf Bowl on the mornings of September 28th and 29th. This would be a great time to stop by to cheer us on, and see what tournament play is all about. We start bowling at 10 am for singles, and at about 1:00 pm for doubles.

I missed bowling last week to try my hand at kayak fishing – guess I should have gone bowling instead, but rumor has it that **Don Henry** rolled a real nice 250+ game. His average should be leveling off at about 180 soon. Now if you ask Don about his bowling I think that maybe he has good reason to recruit Sirs to join his walking club that meets regularly. That may just be the key to his success.

In addition to our own tournament, we will be going to Earl Anthony Lanes in Dublin on the 15th or 18th of September and then will have four or five more tournaments to finish out the year.

Golf Notes by Bill Leake

Welcome to the Branch 59 golf column.

We are more than half way through another golf year. Dues will be coming up again beginning next month. More info in the September column.

We just completed the 2008 area 8 team tournament – at Sunol Palm course. This year we will call it the branch 6 tournament as the top 4 teams

were all from branch 6. Oh well, we had fun. For branch 59 our top finishers – 5th place, **Wayne Meyer/Terry Dalziel/ Miguel Ferras** and **Hank Scherer** – gross 76 net 62.68; 6th place, **Ted Smith/Ken Windholtz/Howard Elz/Gordon MacLeod** gross 76 net 62.86; 7th place Lloyd Keplinger/ Forrest Lusher/Governor Sherba/Jim Robinow (branch 72) gross 77 net 63.24; 8th place **Tony Martinez/Richard Howe/Gary Bennett/Bill Briscoe** gross 77 net 63.25; 9th place **Dominic Aiello/Bill Leake/Fred Ilg/**Big Sir **Richard Holley**, gross 75 net 64.57, and finally 10th place **Bob Morales/John Trischetti/Bob Lewis/Ben Fernandez** gross 75 net 65.21. It was fun.

If you are a member of SIR, like golf & not a member of NCGA golf then let me know. We still have a lot of activities planned for the rest of this year – the area 8 individual championship at <u>Boundary Oaks</u> on August 27; There are many branch 59 golfers going to Walnut Creek on that day; The Fall Classic at <u>Solvang</u> September 14-17. Individual scores count in this tournament. Solvang is followed by the <u>SIR land trip to Cabo San Lucas</u> – October 18-25. The state championship/open play at <u>Poppy Hills</u> 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 <u>cruise to the Mexican Rivera</u>. Three days will be devoted to golf.

Take a bow – Forrest Lusher did last month. Do you have a reason to take a bow – long drive, hole in one, eagle, other – let me know.

There is a term in golf – "**don't give away the hole.**" Do you now what it means? If so, let us know. If not, do you want to know what it means? What do you think it means? Do you have any other ideas for "quizzes"?

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 <u>call Sunol at 925-862-0414</u>. The reservation is made under LEAKE.

Thank you **Lloyd Keplinger** for calling in ½ of August and all of September, and **Jim Lawrence** who will be calling in tee times for all of October and ½ of November. 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

Jerry Sabo

SIR Travel Adventures for Area 8 Daryl Main

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).

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.

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).

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.



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.





Presents....
A fall "Salute to SIR" day at the races!!!

When: Friday October 10, 2008 Where: Golden Gate Fields Turf Club Time: Please arrive @ 11:15 a.m. Gates open at 11:00 a.m. Buffet Hours: 11:30-2:30 p.m. First race: 12:45 p.m.

Cost: \$23.00 per adult (Groups of 10+ required) Includes: Valet parking (or parking for a bus), admission & reserved seating, daily racing program, buffet meal and a race named in honor of your SIR Branch!

For More Information Call **Michael Roberts** of Golden Gate Fields @ (510) 559-7380 Or email mroberts@goldengatefields.com

OCTOBER 28 - 30, 2008 SIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY RENO

Enjoy two nights at the beautiful Grand Sierra Resort & Casino plus an exclusive SIR 50th anniversary reception and dinner followed by a performance by world-famous comedian, Yakov Smirnoff. Cost is \$291 pp. \$45 single supplement. For Information call Daryl Main (510-352-2210).

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Bring your magazines and books to share, take books home to read.



Wayne Adams 797-7611

CYBERGEEZER MEETING



When - **Tuesday, August 26th.**

2:00pm to 4:00pm Where -Fremont Main Library, Fremont Fukaya A room.



Drag Dutina - 657-1037

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE REPORT by Dave Marymee and Bob Walter



Dave Marymee

FRED ANDERSON, although wheelchair bound, and driven to the July luncheon by a caretaker, enjoyed attending the luncheon.

MANUEL BRAGA's wife, Mary, reported Manny fell at home injuring his left foot. Treated with icepacks and using a cane, Manny's getting better. Manny had to miss the July luncheon, even though Nat Lord stopped

to pick him up. Manny served on the Battleship U.S.S. Missouri and was present at the signing of the Japanese surrender. Hope to see you at the next luncheon, Manny.

LOUIS BUFKIN, Sir Treasurer, attended the July luncheon and presented the treasurer's report and helped at the luncheon ticket table. Louis is somewhat troubled by his eye problems of excessive tearing. We hope your eye problems improve Louis.

FRED CUTTER's wife, Nancy, says Fred is better as he was able to attend the July luncheon. Fred is anticipating a future abdominal operation. Hope all goes well for Fred.

JAMES SISSLE's wife, Hilda, died July 4th from complications of Addison's disease. James and Hilda were married over 51 years. A memorial service was held July 12th at St. Anne's Episcopal Church. Sir members wish to extend their sympathy to James and his family.

THOMAS TINKER has recovered from most of his ailments but does anticipate an operation involving the groin area. After reapplying for renewal of membership in SIR, Thomas attended the July luncheon using a walker.





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ROBERT WANSER, new SIR member, missed the July luncheon as he was recovering from a left knee operation done on July 15th. Robert says his main difficulty is getting in and out of bed. Hope you heal better by next season as the Raiders may need you, Robert.

WILLIAM WILSON says he is finally recovering from a bout with Shingles. William hopes to



attend the August luncheon to celebrate reaching his 89th birthday. With therapy William's heart function increased from 35% to 50% and he feels much better. William is pleased his brother-in-law, David Schmidt, became a new SIR member at the July luncheon.

JACK WEBB managed to obtain Para transit van transportation for himself and his wheelchair for the July luncheon. Jack celebrated his 81st birthday at the July luncheon. Happy birthday, Jack.



vs. the **New York Jets** October 19 (Sunday) at 1:15pm



Lloyd Anderson, Tony Zeuli and Marty Enriquez (left to right) are trying to reach an agreement on who should be our next Branch Secretary.



Herb Epstein was interviewed on why the Apple Mac computer is superior to the more prevalent Windows computer. However, he didn't suggest that he was ready to take over as editor of the Pathfinder.

Election in July

The election for 2009 Branch Officers and Directors was held during the July Luncheon Meeting.

The elected Officers are:

Big Sir Little Sir Secretary Asst. Secretary Treasurer Asst. Treasurer Don Gillis Frank R. Thomas --To be determined--Peter Angelides Ben Fernandez Bobby Ben Snodgrass

The elected Directors are:

Bill Anderson Bill Dark Richard Holley Robert Ingebretson Jerry Sabo Roger Wallin



No nominations were submitted from the floor for any position.

PLEASE - NO CELL PHONES

Using a cell phone while driving to and from a SIR activity (i.e. A branch meeting, a SIR golf tournament, etc.) may be a very costly event for you and for SIR. The recent change in the motor vehicle code seems small, but the real impact is the problem a cell phone user incurs in the event of an at fault accident.

To protect yourself, your passengers, and SIR, Please do not use your cell phones while driving.

If you must make a call, please pull over, stop your vehicle, and then make your call.



Lyle Kingery (on the right) and **Drag Dutina** (center) are trying to convince **Peter Angelides** on the left to run for Branch Secretary. Peter prefers to continue as Assistant Secretary with all its benefits.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor

I am sure you have noticed the trouble we are having projecting pictures on a screen at our monthly meetings. The screen we have is too small and projecting it on the wall at our last meeting wasn't much better.

So we are putting out a plea to anyone if they know where we might be able to come up with a bigger screen. Please contact me at home or by email.

My email address is Robingy@sbcglobal.net My home phone is (510) 657-7828

Thanks,

Rob Ingebretson

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