

The Path finder 59

Thirty-Third Year October 2008 Bulletin No. 09

NEXT MEETING at Newark Pavilion - Thursday, October 16, 2008

Big Sir Monthly Musings by Big Sir Richard Holley



Well here we are on the cusp of fall and our branch is humming along like a well tuned automobile. I would like to thank Sir James Ferenz for coming forward and taking the Secretary position for next year, this has been a real relief for the Big Sir for next year. The volunteers at Branch 59 are the best of the best and James will

find out just how great their help is. I have been told by members of other branches that we have some of the best people they have seen in the entire area. SIR would not operate without the volunteers that come forward and help everyone have a special experience each and every meeting.

Now I would like to apologize to some of the members for some of the problems with seating arrangements they incurred. With any new system there are bound to be problems and we found a couple. The tables with the black color card in the middle are not supposed to be reserved for your friends and or group members. We are trying to keep open space for our visitors, etc. We also want all groups to remove name cards from the tables 15 minutes before the meeting starts. We are merely trying to make space available for our visitors, etc. If anyone has a better idea I would love to hear it.

Did you notice how fast all of you got fed last month? Sir Rob Ingebretson came up with his new idea for speeding things up and boy it worked like a charm. Great going Rob!

Richard

MENU Sirloin Tips or Chicken

Our Speaker Bill Henneberry by Little Sir Don Gillis



Bill Henneberry, USF Director of Athletic Development Emeritus, was a quarterback on the legendary undefeated and untied USF Dons 1951 football team. He served as student-body president his senior year at USF. After getting a bachelor's degree in business in 1952 (he later earned two master's degrees), Bill spent two years

in the army during the Korean War, then taught and coached at Sacred Heart high school, three years as assistant coach and 11 as head coach. Following an extended stint as a teacher at Giannini Middle School, he returned to USF in 1984, spending the next two decades as director of athletic development, primarily raising money for scholarships.

He was recognized by being elected to the Sacred Heart, USF and San Francisco prep athletic halls of fame. In 2005 he was named USF's alumnus of the Year.

On January 1, 2008, the 1951 Dons were recognized with a dedication ceremony at the Fiesta Bowl Center and Museum in Scottsdale, Arizona, with the induction of a Dons team jersey as a permanent display to commemorate this year's well-deserved Bowl bid. The following day, the 1951 Dons were honored at the 2008 Fiesta Bowl with a video tribute highlighting the team's accomplishments and history, aired nationally during halftime.

Henneberry will show the video tribute and present a story of the team that was very tightly bonded regardless of color or creed. The team sent nine players to the NFL after the 1951 season with three players eventually being inducted into the prestigious NFL Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio.



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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

A Nonprofit public benefit corporation for retired men



Sir Allen Sprague September Meeting Minutes

Big Sir Richard Holley called the meeting to order at 10:18 AM and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

The Minutes for the August 21, 2008 meeting of the Ex. Com. were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Sir Louis Bufkin reported that the ending balance on September 9, 2008 was \$2,875.08. There were 259 active and 27 inactive members. Luncheon attendance was 180 members (70%), 3 visitors and 4 guests for a total of 187. (Full details are in the Form 28 report on file.)

Attendance: Sir Hugh Twomey reported that the attendance for today's luncheon is expected to be 189.

Birthdays: Sir Art Winkley reported that 18 Sirs are celebrating September birthdays with us today, ranging in longevity from 66 (Sir Stan Peters) to 92 (Sir Tom DeHart), with birth dates from 1916 to 1942, and including notables Sir John Skarpelos and Sir Robert Ingebretson.

Membership: Sir Ron Brutvan recommended, and Ex.Com. moved, seconded, and passed a motion to approve: (1) two new members: William Kemp (#17), and Rudy Parisotto (#114), and: (2) the reactivation of three members previously on inactive status: Sir Ed Bingle (#162), Sir Thomas Tinker (#207), and Sir James Sissle (#268).

Cybergeezers: Sir Fred Gotthardt reported that the next session will be on the following Monday September 22nd at 2pm, in the Fukaya Room A at the Fremont Main Library.

Golf: Sir Bill Leake reported that Branch 59 completed the state qualifier, with 2 golfers qualified to go to Poppy Hills in November. We also finished the fall classic at Solvang; the details of the tournament, which was a huge success, will also be in the golf column in the Pathfinder. Dues will remain at \$31.

Social: Sir Gordon MacLeod reported that the cost per attendee for the Holiday banquet in December has been successfully negotiated with the caterer to remain at \$19. Also, that Sir Ed Kurtz will sub for Sir Allen Sprague at the October meeting, selling tickets. At Sir Gordon's and Big Sir Richard's urging, the Ex.Com expressed consensus support of a 'rule' to require that a table for 8 can be reserved only with a written list containing the 8 names of members and guests, their choice of entrée and full payment in advance.

Sunshine: Sir Dave Marymee reported on the health status of several Sirs and their spouses, including Sir Art Lampert.

Bridge: Sir Drag Dutina reported that bridge is becoming popular again.

Walking: Sir Don Henry reported that we now have a group of 10 to 12 on the trails

Caps & Emblems: Sir Arnold George announced that there were still 31 Sir caps available for purchase.

Old Business: (1) Sir Bob Ingebretson recommended strict adherence to the rule to remove seat reservations at 11:45 if the person for whom the seat was being reserved had not taken the seat by 11:45. The Ex.Com. expressed strong consensus support for this rule. and Big Sir Richard agreed to make this absolutely clear to the membership. (2) Little Sir Don Gillis reported on the search for a large projection screen: An 8'x8' screen has been rented for today at the cost of \$129.07. Sir Bob Ingebretson will further explore sources for purchase of such a screen. (3) Big Sir Richard noted that the cost of the meal goes up to \$15.00 today, a necessity for cash flow and is not out of line with the cost of meals for other SIR branches.

Big Sir Richard adjourned the meeting at 10:50 AM.

Submitted by Secretary Sir Allen Sprague

MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS

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



Sir Art Winkley Birthday Chairman

October Birthdays

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Manuel Braga	10/29/1919	89
Paul Lewis	10/13/1921	87
Robert Heiney	10/18/1922	86
Howard Beyers	10/29/1922	86
Calvin Lynch	10/13/1923	85
Ray Faria Jr.	10/23/1923	85
Arthur Shiffrar	10/07/1926	82
John Ockes	10/05/1927	81
Stanley Lewis	10/11/1927	81
Fred Gotthardt	10/30/1927	81
Harry Edwards	10/31/1927	81
Robert McGrath	10/04/1929	79
Gene Anderson	10/10/1929	79
Peter Angelides	10/15/1929	79
Frank Reis	10/17/1930	78
Henry Scherer, Jr.	10/10/1931	77
Arthur McGrath	10/05/1932	76
Lynn Purvis	10/29/1932	76
Anthony Bruno	10/08/1933	75
Lloyd Keplinger	10/06/1935	73
Jim Frederick	10/22/1935	73
Hugh Twomey	10/24/1935	73
John Pesek III	10/19/1940	68
Robert Teglia	10/10/1942	66
Terry Dalziel	10/25/1942	66
Jim Proffitt	10/19/1947	61

Welcome **New Members**

New Members

Edmund J. Bingle

3800 Walnut Avenue Apt 306 Fremont, CA 94538-2272

510-494-8198

Email: bingleed@comcast.net

Birthday: 5/15/1916 Badge No. 162 Call me: Ed

William R. Kemp

3228 Langhorn Drive 86 Fremont, CA 94555-1423

85 | 510-792-8078

85 Email: kemphouse@comcast.net

Birthday: 3/9/1942 Spouse: Sharon 81 Badge No. 17

81 Sponsor: Henry Scherer

Call me: Bill

Rudy A. Parisotto

2657 Morello Court

Union City, CA 94587-4921

510-487-6214

Email: parisotto3@earthlink.net

Birthday: 5/16/1952 Spouse: Linn Badge No. 114

Sponsor: Henry Scherer

Call me: Rudy

Thomas B. Tinker

35820 Toledo Court Fremont, CA 94536-4661

510-796-0845 Birthday: 4/13/1929 Spouse: Beverly Badge No. 207

Sponsor: Bill Schwann

Call me: Tom

Membership Report



Sir Ron Brutvan Membership Chairman

Guests: Guest of:

James Wilson James Putler **Edward Travares** Dave Priego

Visitors:

Keith Heldly with Guest Speaker

Change of Status:

Warren Mindestrom

New Phone No. 510-792-6272

Membership Total

(as of September 18, 2008)

263 — Active Members 26 — Inactive Members



Sir Hugh Twomey Attendance Chairman

Attendance Report

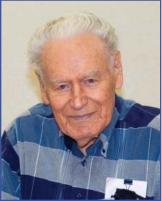
(For September 18, 2008)

Members 170 Guests 2 Visitors Speakers

Total = 174

58 excused 30 unexcused





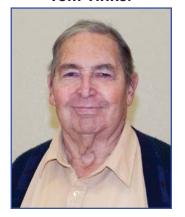
Bill Kemp



Rudy Parisotto



Tom Tinker



SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares by Jerry Sabo



Gary Bennett was indeed the top bowler in singles at the big meet in Reno (August 18-20) and received two or three pretty decent check for that accomplishment. Ray Erickson was the only other prize winner. On Thursday the 18th of September, Gary once again did extremely well

in singles bowling with games of 184, 212 and 204. For that effort, he ended up with a 768 handicap series. Official results will not be available for awhile, but it looks like <u>another first place</u> for **Gary**.

At the Stockton tournament held on August 26th, several Branch 59 members had a great day. Roger Wallin rolled a 180, 167, and 193 in singles followed by a 192, 191, and 215 when he bowled doubles with Don Henry. Don rolled a 212, 235 and 218 in doubles. The amazing part is that Don had already rolled games of 170, 201 and 235 in singles earlier that day. Nat Lord also had some notable scores of 171, 202, and 201—followed by 167, 171 and 201. Other bowlers that were successful included: Lew Heffron, Darrell Jewell, and James Lawrence in singles and Wayne Adams in doubles. We expect a lot of prize awards from the Stockton tournament.

After we finish our own tournament at Cloverleaf Family Bowl in late September, we venture to Harvest Park in Brentwood on the 21st or 23rd of October, then McHenry Bowl in Modesto –November 5 or 7 followed by Clayton Bowl in Concord on November 18 or 20.

Once again, join us most any Monday at Mowry Lanes, located at 585 Mowry Ave (behind Comcast) 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 \$20/year). Once you have a book average, or set your average with 21 games or more then you can join us in tournament play. Unlike other leagues, we bowl year round. I think we might not bowl on Christmas Day because the alleys are closed, but neither holidays nor rain nor shine keeps us away from our bowling.

Jerry Sabo

Golf Notes by Bill Leake



Welcome to the Branch 59 golf column. It is time for 2009 NCGA golf dues; they will remain at \$31.00. Please make checks out to SIR Branch 59. Mail the checks to Bill Leake, PO Box 434, Fremont, CA 94537. The deadline is mid-December, 2008. New to SIRS -- dues are the same -- \$31.00

Boundary Oaks - we had 2 winners.

Congratulations to **Gary Bennett** who finished 1st in his flight. (96-27=69). **Bill Leake** came in 2nd place (94-23=71). Gary won \$25 and Bill \$20 and both get a free pass to Poppy Hills on November 3.

Solvang – Great time had by all in the Fall Classic at Solvang – and we had winners. Those who attended were Wayne Meyer, Tony Martinez, Bill Leake, Fred Ilg, Marty Enriquez, Richard Holley and Hank Scherer and Jack Roach. Jack's wife Chris also played. We had winners – Wayne finished first place, day 2, and won \$85. Jack finished 4th place, day 2 (won \$60) and Jack also finished 5th place for the sweeps for an additional \$70.00. Richard won \$45 for placing 6th on day 2 and Marty Enriquez placed 8th in the sweeps won \$50. Congratulations!

Take a bow – We have someone who deserves to take a bow and he is **Gary Bennett**. As mentioned earlier, Gary finished first place in his flight at Boundary Oaks. In addition, just about 3 weeks ago Gary played Cypress and shot an 88. You say so what! This is the first time he broke 90 on the Cypress course at Sunol. **Gary** – **take bow.**

Balance of year schedule = <u>SIR land trip to Cabo San Lucas</u> – October 18-25, the state championship/open play at Poppy Hills in Monterey on November 3 and 4. Finally, November 10-20 will be a <u>cruise to the Mexican Rivera</u>. Three of the stops will be devoted to golf.

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

Thank you **Jim Lawrence** for calling in all of October and ½ of November, and to **Wayne Meyer** who will call in for ½ of November and all of December. So far, for 2009, we have **John Trischetti** calling in for January and ½ of February, and **Fred Ilg** who will call in for ½ of Feb and all of March. That leaves the rest of the year – April through December. **What months will you sign up for to call in tee times? Call me at 793-6561 and volunteer.** As usual thank you to **Jerry Desmond** for calling in tee times for Mondays.

Bill Leake

SIR Travel Adventures for Area 8 Daryl Main

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).

December 7, 2008 Beach Blanket BABYLON (Trip is Full, Just taking stand by)

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

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.



Drag Dutina - 657-1037



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

PATHFINDERS WALKING AND HIKING GROUP

Meet Wednesday mornings at 8:30 AM at the Park at Paseo Padre and Isherwood. Everyone welcome and bring a friend. **Don Henry** at 656-5659.



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

Wayne Adams 797-7611



CYBERGEEZER MEETING



When - Tuesday, October 21st.
2:00pm to 4:00pm

Where -Fremont Main Library, Fremont Fukaya A room.

Cheers Fred

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE REPORT

by Dave Marymee and Bob Walter and Carl Shaner



Dave Marymee

HOWARD BEYERS is in an assisted care facility in San Leandro. Howard suffers from prostate cancer that has invaded his bones for which he receives treatment. We hope for the best for Howard.

MANUEL BRAGA missed the September luncheon as he is still recovering from an injury to his left foot due to a fall. Manuel uses a cane and hopes to attend the October luncheon.

FRANK CAMPOS (SIR Song leader and soloist)--Frank's wife, Betty, reports Frank had a total left hip replacement, including the hip socket. Frank is in physical therapy and cannot put his left foot down until the middle of October. We wish Frank a complete recovery as we miss his vocal leadership.

ARMANDO CASTIGLIONI reported that he had to have the left lobe of his lung removed in May due to cancer. Before the operation, a stent was implanted in a blood vessel leading to the heart. The cancer operation required surgery involving the wind pipe and his larynx. Armando is a true blue Sir as he celebrated his 78th birthday at the October luncheon.

JOHN CLARK We were unable to contact John. John's wife, Leslie, reported last month, John has started kidney dialysis. We hope John is doing OK.

FRED CUTTER had an abdominal operation and spent 12 days in the hospital. Fred was looking forward to attending the September luncheon.

CLARENCE DUTRA (96 year old Sir) attended the September luncheon. His wife, Eleanor, reported Clarence was feeling better than he did in August.

DOUGLAS EADS was wearing a black eye patch (looking like a pirate) at the September luncheon. Doug had an eye operation.

ART LAMPERT reports he is short of breath and cannot find the cause. He was cleared of having a kidney problem by a specialist. Art says his breathing problem really slows him down. Art missed the September luncheon, the first luncheon he has missed in a long time. Get well Art



Bob Walter

as they need your input in solving water problems.

HANK LEWIS has serious eye problems. Because of cornea and blood vessel problems, he is blind in both eyes. Hank had 3 cornea transplants in his left eye. The last transplant takes six weeks before the stitches are removed. Hope you regain your eyesight Hank. He wishes to become inactive until his eyesight returns.

WES SCHILLING is recovering from spinal surgery. He can walk but not bend over or bend latterly. Wes missed the September luncheon. Get well Wes as the Raiders may need you next year.

ROBERT WANSER's wife, Arlene, reported Robert missed the September lunch. Robert had physical therapy session scheduled because of a left knee operation in July.

JACK WEBB attended the September luncheon as he was able to secure transportation for himself and his wheel chair with the Fremont Para transit. Glad to see you Jack.

WILLIAM WILSON reported he was hospitalized ten times this past year because of his heart condition and shingles. William missed the September luncheon because of shortness of breath. Hope you can make the October luncheon, William.



The Branch 59 bowlers were at the Clover Leaf Bowl for their annual tournament. Shown above (L to R) are Nat Lord, Bob Edwards, Frank Cordova and Don Henry.

Branch 59
Bowling
Tournament
September
2008



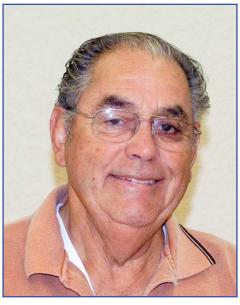


Frank D. Thomas and Art Winkley awaiting their turn to bowl.

Branch 59 New Officers for 2009







Ben Fernandez 2009 Treasurer



Jim Ferenz 2009 Secretary

Branch 59 was fortunate to have these three fellows volunteer to become officers for the 2009 year.

Save the Date - December 18th Holiday Luncheon

Take your wife or a friend to lunch

Live Music by the Fremont Aires

(Dancing is encouraged) Social Hour starts at 11:00 AM

Added attractions:

Tap Dancing by the Fremont Tappers
The Singing Sirs — Door Prizes

Menu
Choice of Salmon, New York
Strip, or Chicken Florentine
Vegetable and Dessert

Your Name & No	Partners's Name		
Tickets will also be sold at the October and November Luncheons			
Number in Party	x \$19 per person = \$	Make out check to SIR Branch 59	
Indicate Meal Choice & No:	and mail to: Sir Ed Kurtz, 2688 Sunnycrest Court, Fremont, CA 94539 Ticket orders must be received by December 11th		
Salmon	Be sure to enclose a self-addressed and stamped envelope.		
New York Strip		No refunds after December 11th.	
Chicken Florentine			

To reserve a table for 8 you must submit a list of SIR member names, their Partner names and menu selections accompanied by a check for full payment (\$152).

Forms will be available at the next two luncheon meetings.

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

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1976 Peter Clark*

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1991 Fred W. Fretter*

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2001 Bob Beam

2002 Rollin Cunningham*

2003 Don Henry

2004 Tom Sherba

2005 Howard Thompson

2006 Les Addison 2007 Ted Bresler

*(deceased)