

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

Big Sir Monthly Musings by Big Sir Richard Holley



Hello Everyone! Well, here is my last month that my column will get published as the Big Sir, it seems as though I just started. What a wonderful decision I made when I said yes to become the Little Sir two years ago. As you know you move into the Big Sir office after being

the Little Sir. The early office prepared me for the responsibilities of the office.

I have been able to meet almost all of the members here at our meetings. If I haven't talked to you yet please come and say hi to me. The organization has some of the most interesting people I have the pleasure of meeting in my life. We have members of the USF I951 team here with us. We have pro ball players, top school teachers, principals, etc. What a wealth of knowledge and Branch 59 has them all.

I will miss leading this august group and I must say it is a humbling experience to be amongst you all. So as I rejoin the ranks of the membership I say Thank You my fellow Sirs.

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MENU

Corned Beef or Breaded Sole

Our Speaker Michael Gimbel by Little Sir Don Gillis

Prior to his employment with the FBI, Special Agent Michael Gimbel worked for 8 years as a Criminal Enforcement Investigator for the State of Florida. He investigated most types of financial fraud, as well as any instance of fraud waste, or abuse of state funds.



Upon entering the FBI, he was assigned to an Organized Crime/

Drug squad in San Jose, CA. Special Agent Gimbel's focus was on the cartels operating in Mexico.

After the events of September 11, 2001, he was re-assigned to an International Terrorism squad. His primary investigative duties involve all terrorism matters related to Usama bin Laden, Al-Qaeda, and other Sunni Extremist Groups. He oversees 8 FBI agents and 2 Joint Terrorism Task Force officers. He is also a teacher at the FBI Academy and conducts classes for local, county and state law enforcement agencies both around the U.S. and internationally.

Special Agent Gimbel wears a variety of "hats." He is also responsible for the San Jose International Airport, a member of the FBI's National Recruitment Team, the FBI representative to the PGA and the San Jose Sharks. He has been an FBI agent for 8 years. We cannot show a photograph of our speaker because it is considered a security risk by his division of the FBI.

The topic of his talk is "The FBI and Counterterrorism," basically how the FBI is dealing with and investigating terrorism.



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 Jim Ferenz October 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 10:25 AM and led The Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call by Secretary:

Officers present: Big Sir Richard Holley, Little Sir Don Gillis, Treasurer Sir Louis Bufkin, Assistant Treasurer Sir Bobby Ben Snodgrass, Secretary Elect Sir James Ferenz, and Assistant Secretary Peter Angelides. Officers absent: Secretary Allen Sprague.

Directors present: Sir Bill Anderson, Sir Ted Bresler, Sir Bill Dark, and Sir Roger Wallin. Directors absent: Sir Bob Benya and Sir Robert Ingebretson

The minutes of the September 19, 2008 meeting were approved

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Sir Louis Bufkin reported that the ending balance on October 2, 2008 was \$3029.87. There were 263 active and 26 inactive members. Luncheon attendance was 170 members (65%) 3 guests and 1 visitor for a total of 174. Full details are in the Financial Report on file.

Attendance: Sir Hugh Twomey reported that the expected attendance for Today's luncheon is 202.

Program: Little Sir Don Gillis reported that today's speaker Bill Henneberry will present the story of the USF Dons 1951 Football Team.

Birthdays: Sir Art Winkley reported that we will celebrate 23 birthdays this month. The age range is between 61 and 89.

Membership: Sir Fred Gotthardt reported that 2 new members are being nominated for induction today. They are Sir James Sissle, who is a returning ex-member, and Sir Edward Tavares a transfer from Branch 72. It was further reported that the following members requested transfer to inactive status: Sir Howard Beyers, Sir Hank Lewis and Sir Wayne Halbert. The following members are being dropped per Rule 100: Sir James Rodamer, Sir Russell Niel, Sir David Colby and Sir Tony Doot. A motion was made that these personnel actions be approved. The motion was seconded and approved by the Branch Executive

Committee

Cybergeezers: Sir Fred Gotthardt reported the next session will be Tuesday October 21st at 2:00PM in the Fukaya Room A at the Fremont Main Library.

Golf: Sir Bill Leake reported that we continue to collect dues for 2009 golf year. They remain at \$31.00 and checks should be made out to Sir Branch 59. Mail checks to Bill Leake. Three more events this year – Cabo San Lucas the third week in October, Poppy Hills play the first week in November, and finally cruise the Mexican Riviera November 10th.

Social: Sir Gordon MacLeod reported that tickets are on sale for the December Holiday event.

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

Bridge: Sir Drag Dutina reported that bridge still continues to be popular...

Caps and Emblems: Sir Arnold George reported that there were still 30 hats available for sale.

Old Business: Frank Campos continues to recover after successful surgery.

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

Submitted by: Secretary Elect: Sir James Ferenz

Sir Louis Bufkin to Retire

Honorary Life member Sir Louis Bufkin will retire as Branch 59 Treasurer

at the end of December. After a number of years as Assistant Treasurer, and over ten years as Branch Treasurer, Lou has decided to pass the baton to another Sir.



We should all congratulate him on his many years of dedicated service to SIR.

November 2008

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



HAPPY

Sir **Art Winkley** Birthday Chairman

November Birthdays

William Delucchi	11/05/1923	85
James Blood	11/14/1924	84
James Thurgate	11/03/1926	82
Ralph Knight	11/04/1926	82
Fred Stabell	11/15/1927	81
Lloyd Anderson	11/04/1930	78
James Conard	11/02/1932	76
William Dark	11/07/1934	74
Robert Boike	11/09/1934	74
Wesley Schilling	11/23/1934	74
James Ploor	11/07/1935	73
Loren Gross	11/08/1938	70
Donald Ehlers	11/23/1938	70
Bill Leake	11/12/1945	63

New Members

James E. Sissle 35455 Woodbridge Place Fremont, CA 94536-3333 510-792-5837 Birthday: 8/8/1932 Spouse: Hilda Badge No. 268 Sponsor: Anthony Bruno Call me: Jim

Edward L. Tavares 19524 Meekland Avenue Hayward, CA 94541-1938 510-581-3979 Birthday: 9/12/1929 Badge No. 180 Sponsor: Transfer from Br 72 Call me: Ed

Welcome New Members

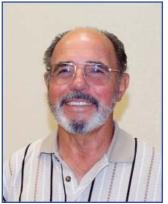
Jim Sissle







Ed Tavares



Membership Report



Sir **Ron Brutvan** Membership Chairman

<u>Guests:</u>

Guest of:

Placido HernandezRowland McNeilLarry MathenyTed BreslerEdward BlankStan PetersHarvey HinesReed FrederiksenDale MurrayHarry EdwardsLeo HinkelInactive MemberWilliam WilsonInactive Member

<u>Visitors:</u>

Jim Madden

Bob Springer

Change of Status:

Howard Beyers	to Inactive
Wayne Halbert	to Inactive
Hank Lewis	to Inactive
David Colby	dropped Rule 100
James Rodamer	dropped Rule 100
Russel Niel	dropped Rule 100
Tony Doot	dropped Rule 100

Membership Total

(as of October 16, 2008)

258 — Active Members 27 — Inactive Members



Sir **Hugh Twomey** Attendance Chairman

Attendance Report (For October 16, 2008)		
Members	194	
Guests	7	
Visitors	1	
Speakers	1	
Total =	203	
41 excused	29 unexcused	

SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares by Jerry Sabo



Finally, Jerry Sabo gets a chance to set up his first SIR tournament at Cloverleaf Bowl and then goes off to Kauai so he can't be there. Thanks especially to **Gary Bennett**, **Frank Cordova** and **Nat Lord**, and the rest of the bowling group for being there and making sure that everything was a success. I have heard nothing but good from everyone that was at our

tournament on September 28 and 29.

Award (money) winners at our tournament were: **Ken Windholz** 2nd in doubles, 5th in singles, and 3rd in all events. **David Nazur** placed 2nd in singles. **Wayne Adams** took 3rd in singles. **Frank Cordova** placed 1st in Division 2 singles with a scratch 637 series **Howard Elz** teamed with Ken for his doubles prize. Many of our bowlers were just out of the money with **Art Winkley**, and **Ray Erickson** and 6th and 7th respectively in singles Division 1. **Chuck Pereira** (Branch 6) placed 8th in both singles and all events for Division 2 and Gary Bennett placed 8th in Division 1 singles. All together we took 7 of the 33 prize awards.

Nat Lord, Darrell Jewell, Roger Wallin and Don Henry went to the tournament in Sacramento where Roger took second for singles. On October 21st at Brentwood, Frank Cordova did well in both singles and doubles – 158/245/215 followed by 173/152/215. A lot of great games were bowled, but for some reason or other there were also bad games. Gary Bennett had games of 196 and 217, Nat Lord had a 195 then a 198 and 208, Chuck Pereira rolled a 203, Jerry Sabo a 215 and Don Henry had a 202. Most of us don't want to talk about the other games, but John Pesek had some good scores. We next journey to Modesto in two weeks.

Our final two tournaments of the year: Concord Nov. 18th or 20th and San Rafael Dec. 2nd or 4th.

I just did some quick stats which indicate that 15 of the 22 have improved their averages since the April USBC scores were published, 1 (Art Winkley) had no change and 7 of us have dropped. The net improvement has been 63 points or an average of nearly 3 points per bowler. Some of us just like stats – Oh well!

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.

Golf Notes by Bill Leake

Welcome to the Branch 59 golf column.

Please welcome **Rudy Parisotto, Bill Kemp** and **Jim Proffitt** who joined SIR Branch 59 and also joined our golf group.

This will be the last column for 2008. Let us know what you want covered for the year 2009 in this column and our golf group. We would like very much to have new ideas.

Dues remain at \$31.00 for 2009. 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 Sirs – dues are the same – \$31.00.

Take a bow – Who lately has eagled hole #7? I know. Congratulations **Dave Tanner** – Driver, 9 iron and bingo – an eagle. Wait.. wait .. Who do I hear in Dave's footsteps? Yes, it is our own **Forrest Lusher.** Not again?! Yes, again. Congratulations **Forrest** for shooting your age – again! He shot a 90 on Cypress (Forrest is 91 years young). So, we have two winners this month. Congratulations **Dave** for eagling hole #7 and again **Forrest** for shooting your age – a 90 on Cypress. Help us out please – Do you know of anyone else out there who deserves to take a bow – Let me know.

Balance of year schedule = the state championship/open play at <u>Poppy Hills</u> in Monterey on November 3 and 4. We have two finalists for the state championship from Branch 59 – **Gary Bennett and Bill Leake.** Finally, November 10-20 will be a <u>cruise to the Mexican Rivera</u>. Three of the stops will be devoted to golf.

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 **Wayne Meyer** for calling in for ½ of November and all of December and **John Trischetti** who will call in for January and ½ of February. We have **Fred IIg** 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.**

Speaking of tee times – thank you thank you and again thank you to **Jerry Desmond** for calling in tee times for Mondays.

Since this is the last column for 2008, we will not have results of the Mexico trips plus Poppy Hills until the January column.

Thank you for reading this article.

Bíll Leake

Jerry Sabo

SIR Travel Adventures for Area 8 Daryl Main

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.

JANUARY 26 – 29 , 2009 THREE NIGHTS IN LAS VEGAS

Round trip air fare from Oakland Airport, deluxe motor coach transfers (airport/hotel), Three nights at the FLAMINGO HOTEL & CASINO (made famous by Bugsy Siegel). Hosted breakfast at Margueritaville, a lavish hotel buffet dinner. Cost: \$580 per person, single supplement is \$115. Escorted by Daryl Main (510-352-2210).

APRIL 26, 2009 TOMMY TUNE SHOW IN MARIN, CA

Tommy is putting on his 50th anniversary performance at the Marin Auditorium in San Rafael. Cost: is \$159, including lunch at Chalet Basque, deluxe motor coach to San Rafael and back to Hayward. Escorted by Daryl Main (510-352-2210).

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.



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.



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



Big Sir Richard Holley presiding over the Branch Executive Meeting.

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



Wayne Adams 797-7611

CYBERGEEZER MEETING

When - **Tuesday, November 25th.** 2:00pm to 4:00pm Where -Fremont Main Library, Fremont

Fremont Main Library, Fremont Fukaya A room.

> Cheers Fred

Drag Dutina - 657-1037

November 2008

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE REPORT by Dave Marymee and Bob Walter and Carl Shaner



ROBERT BENYA, Branch 59 Director, had ongoing problems with pressure of vertebra on nerves, causing a great deal of pain on walking. Early in October, Bob was hospitalized and an operation was performed, taking pressure from the vertebra off of the nerve by placing a device that further separates the vertebrae. Bob came home the morning of October 19 and says he is feeling better. Get well Bob

Dave Marymee

we need you at the Board meetings and leading the SIR singers.

MANUEL BRAGA has recovered from falls at home that injure his left foot. Using a cane, Manual attended the October luncheon.

FRANK CAMPOS, SIR Song leader, and soloist, is in rehab in Manteca as reported by his wife, Louise. Frank will see his doctor, October 21 to see if he can lower his foot. Frank had a complete left hip replacement, including the hip socket. Frank hurry back as no one has volunteered to lead the singing at lunch time.

ARMANDO CASTIGLIONI: We were unable to contact Armando;

JOHN CLARK's wife, Leslie, reports that John is on renal dialysis, supervised by Kaiser. John goes for dialysis three times weekly. We hope John's health improves so that he can attend SIR luncheons.

ART LAMPERT has been in and out of the hospital because of poor health especially breathing problems and lack of pep. Art's latest hospital visit was Monday night, October 20. Art says he was carefully checked and given medication. It is not known whether Art has a biological infection. Keep trying Art; we need you back at the luncheons and on the Water Board.

HANK LEWIS is legally blind in both eyes. Hank has had cornea transplants in both eyes. His left eye will have stitches removed in November. Hank depends on others for his meals and for walking. Hank we hope you regain some eyesight.

PAUL LEWIS missed his October birthday luncheon because he had a doctor's appointment. Paul has had cataract surgery in one eye and needs the same in the other eye. Paul has trouble being fitted with glasses. We hope you get your eyesight problems resolved, Paul.

ROBERT McGRATH missed his October Birthday luncheon because of heart problems. The upper heart beat was disturbed by selfinduced electrical impulses and a more modern defibrillator had to be implanted to control the lower heart beat. This was done at the Alta-Bates hospital in Oakland. We hope your problems have been resolved, Robert.



Bob Walter

HENRY SCHERER, Jr. missed the

October luncheon because his wife, Joan, had chest pains and Henry drove Joan from home in Pleasanton to Kaiser Emergency in Fremont. After five hours of tests, Joan's problems were not resolved, leaving treatment up to Joan's regular Kaiser Physician. We hope Joan's treatment clears her health problems.

WES SCHILLING attended the October luncheon. Wes is recovering from a spinal operation and is now allowed to drive. Welcome back Wes.

JACK WEBB Missed attending the October luncheon, as he was unable to reserve Fremont Para-Transit transportation for himself and his wheelchair. We missed you Jack and your Virgin Mary.

WILLIAM WILSON says he has recovered from shingles, but lacks pep. He says he has been checked by specialists and blood tests indicate major anemia. We hope your health improves, William.

Roster to be Updated

Your Roster Chairman, Sir **John Skarpelos** and his assistant, Sir **Fred Gotthardt** are planning on updating the Roster to be be published in January 2009. If you recently have aquired a new spouse, telephone number, mailing address, or Email address, please let Fred or John know about it. You can email changes that need to be made to Fred at:

fredg27@comcast.net or to John at john@mediaart.com.

If you don't have a computer, see Fred or John at the November Luncheon meeting, or mail the information to the address shown on page 8.





Photos taken at the October Branch Executive Meeting (clockwise from upper left) Sir Dave Marymee, Sunshine Chairman, Sir Jim Ferenz pinch-hitting for the Secretary, Sir Fred Gotthardt pinch-hitting for Sir Ron Brutvan and Director Sir Bill Anderson.





A Note from Last Months Speaker



Jim Madden, Bill Henneberry and Sir Bob Springer (left to right).

Dear Big Sir Richard Holley

Thanks to you and the members of Sons In Retirement for the warm reception I received at the October 16 luncheon meeting.

Everything was well organized and the nice lunch was a bonus.

Special thanks to Little Sir Don Gillis, for the Pathfinder Bio, John Skarpelos for the photo shots and Bob Springer, my USF teammate, for making it all possible.

Wishing you continued great activities and each others friendship.

Thanks again.

- Self Jennley

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

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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 and mail to: Sir Ed Kurtz, 2688 Sunnycrest Court, Fremont, CA 94539 & No: 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 November luncheon meeting.

November 2008

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