



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Thirty-Fourth Year

June 2009

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NEXT Regular MEETING at Newark Pavilion - Thursday, July 16, 2009

Things to Consider by Big Sir Don Gillis



May was a very challenging month. We learned three days prior to the Sweetheart Luncheon that the caterer was in the hospital, and would not be able to prepare our luncheon. An emergency meeting was held by the Social Committee to find another caterer. Those efforts failed, and we made the decision to reschedule the event to June 18th.

We notified our membership by email, and by telephone, and set about to find a replacement caterer. We found one, and if we are satisfied with the June luncheon, we will use that company for subsequent months.

In late May and early June, we emailed the membership that there would not be a regular June meeting, and asked them to let us know if they planned to attend the Sweetheart Luncheon rescheduled for that date. Those without email were notified by telephone. This was a lot of work for all who were involved, and we hope that we were successful in reaching everyone.

We were able to bring about some significant changes in the Pavilion Bar. Now we will be able to bring in our own wine for the Sweetheart Luncheon, and for the Christmas Party, and we will not be charged a fee for removing the corks. In addition, larger plastic glasses will be used from now on for cocktails, and wine. (The health department will not allow real glasses to be used because the bar does not have a dishwasher.) These improvements should satisfy most of our complaints.

We owe our Social Committee our thanks for all their hard work in putting together the Sweetheart Luncheon. The circumstances were extraordinarily difficult but I'm sure the event will be enjoyable and memorable.

Don

Sweetheart Luncheon Rescheduled to June 18, 2009

Three days before the event, the Social committee learned that Peter McDonough, the SIR caterer, was severely ill and hospitalized and would not be able to serve at the Sweetheart Luncheon Thursday, May 21st. The Sweetheart Luncheon was rescheduled to Thursday, June 18th. The menu and entertainment remains unchanged from that promoted in the two previous issues of *The Pathfinder*.

THERE WILL BE **NO** REGULAR MONTHLY LUNCHEON MEETING IN JUNE.

If you have tickets and are not able to attend the Luncheon on Thursday, June 18th please contact Ed Kurtz via email (ed94539@comcast.net). If you have tickets and will not attend, refund requests should be submitted by JUNE 12.

Please mail your request and the TICKETS to Ed Kurtz. Ed's address is:
2688 Sunnycrest Court, Fremont, CA. 94539

If you were unable to attend the Luncheon on May 21st, but would like to attend the June 18th date, you may purchase tickets by contacting Ed Kurtz.

If you need tickets, please provide the following by mail to Ed Kurtz:

Members Name _____
Partners Name _____
Menu Selection _____
Beef _____
Chicken _____
Salmon _____

Include a check for \$20.00 per ticket. Also include a stamped, self-addressed, envelope. Ed's address is:
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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 Jim Ferez April Meeting Minutes

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

Roll Call by Secretary: Officers Present: Big Sir Don Gillis, Little Sir Frank R. Thomas, Secretary Sir James Ferez, Assistant Secretary Peter Angelides, Treasurer Sir Ben Fernandez, and Assistant Treasurer Sir Bobby Ben Snodgrass. Directors present: Sir Bill Anderson, Sir Bill Dark, Sir Jerry Sabo, Sir Robert Ingebretson, and Sir Roger Wallin. Directors absent: Sir Richard Holley.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the March 19, 2009 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Sir Ben Fernandez reported accounts balanced and under control.

Program: Little Sir Frank R. Thomas reported that the Program for this meeting will be Mr. David Kiehn, a founding member, historian, and film programmer for the Niles Essanay Silent Film Museum. He will speak on the Silent Film work done in Niles in the early 1900's.

Committee Reports:

Birthdays: Sir Art Winkley reported that we will be celebrating 17 Birthdays in the month of April. The ages of the celebrants run from 89 to 69.

Membership: Sir Ron Brutvan reported that two new members are being submitted to the BEC for approval. They are: Sir James Stanhope sponsored by Sir Don Gillis and Sir Dave Colby sponsored by Sir Dave Minor. A motion was made and seconded to accept the new members.

Attendance: Sir Hugh Twomey reported that 197 members and guests were expected for today's meeting.

Bowling: status was reported by Sir Frank Cordova.

Bridge: Sir Arnold George reported current status of Bridge.

Golf: Sir Bill Leake reported on the Golf status. The group is looking for people to

call in tee times. Next tournament will be May 7 at Alameda.

Sports: Sir Nat Lord reported on sports.

Social: Sir Bob Benya reminds us that the Sweetheart Luncheon will be an outstanding event with music, songs, dance, and good fellowship. The Luncheon will be on May 21, 2009.

Sunshine: Sir Dave Marymee reported on the welfare of our membership. Sir Dave thanked the Board for his appointment as Senior Honorary Life Member.

Walking/Hiking: Sir Don Henry reported on hiking

Emblems: Sir Arnold George reported that we have 11 hats available for purchase.

Unfinished Business:

Big Sir Don Gillis spoke about the Leadership Action Plan and the fact that the membership average age is 77 and we need to stress getting younger members.

New Business:

A motion was made and seconded to establish a Membership Recruiting Committee. The vote was in the affirmative. Discussion was initialized on the formation of a committee to nominate a chairman for the establishment of a New Member Recruiting Committee. Further discussion on this issue and a vote was delayed until the June meeting.

Sir Robert Ingebretson reminded the Board that two Sergeants at Arms will be required for the July/August time frame.

Unfinished business:

Big Sir Don Gillis and Sir John Cordeniz are meeting with the Bar Manager today to discuss the resolution of member issues.

The meeting was adjourned by Big Sir Don Gillis at 10:50 AM.

Submitted by
Secretary Sir James Ferez

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



Birthdays for May, June and July will be celebrated at the July Luncheon meeting.

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<http://johnsplace.sirbranch.com/>

New Members

James H. Stanhope
2346 Castillejo Way
Fremont, CA 94539-5107
510-498-1138
Birthday: 7/2/1923
Spouse: Juanita
Badge No. 106
Sponsor: Don Gillis
Call me: Jim

Membership Report



Guests:

Guest of:

Visitors: none

Change of Status:

Wayne Meyers Change of Email
wmeyer739@comcast.net

Membership Total

(as of April 16, 2009)

264 — Active Members

23 — Inactive Members

Welcome New Members

Dave Colby



Jim Stanhope



Sir Hugh Twomey
Attendance Chairman

Attendance Report

(For April 16, 2009)

Members	191
Guests	3
Visitors	0

Total = 194

44 excused 28 unexcused

In Memoriam

Bob Lippincott

former Governor Area 8



SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares

by Jerry Sabo



Branch 59 (and a few Branch 6) bowlers that join us have been very successful during the last several tournaments. At Walnut Creek, **Lew Heffron** (#6) took 3rd in singles, 1st All Events and teamed with **Chuck Pereira** (#6) they took 7th in doubles. This was a large tournament with 150 bowlers. (Lew took home \$200.00) In that same tournament **John Pesek** was 11th in singles, **David Nazar** 24th. **Don Henry** and David

took 2nd in Doubles and David was 3rd in All Events. (David's winnings – \$136). Petaluma Tournament, Chuck was 9th in all events A; **Roger Wallin** was 2nd All Events B with David 8th, Don was 7th in Division A singles, David was 2nd in B Singles and Roger was 3rd. Finally, at Pinole, **Frank Cordova** was 3rd in A Division singles, **Gary Bennett** was 5th in B Division singles, Don Henry and David Nazar were 2nd in Doubles, **Darrell Jewell** and **Nat Lord** took 7th, and in all events, Don took 4th, Gary 5th, Nat 7th.

Upcoming tournament play in store includes Paradise on June 23, 24; Cambrian Bowl in Sunnyvale June 28, 29; Yuba City July 13, 14 and Napa on July 27, 28. Most likely we will only be attending the Sunnyvale and Napa tournaments.

We have all established our new Book Averages as of April 15 so at least Roger Wallin will be moving to the A Division at most of the tournaments. He has raised his average more than 25 pins during the past two years. I know that was Roger's goal and we congratulate him on that accomplishment.

Once again, all SIR members are welcomed to 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 we will be bowling on the Monday after Christmas. Neither holidays nor rain nor shine keeps us away from our bowling.

I hoped to have some good news to add from the National Tournament in Las Vegas that was attended by SIR's Roger Wallin, Gary Bennett and Jerry Sabo from branch 59, along with Chuck Pereira and Lew Heffron from branch 6. They can only say that they enjoyed the tournament and are looking forward to the next National Tournament to be held in Reno beginning next April. Lew was probably the only cash winner, but the others think that they definitely gained a lot of valuable experience.

On a final note, **Art Winkley** finally got his money from the Modesto Tournament held last November. We are hopeful that the new Tournament Director will have fewer problems.

Jerry Sabo

Golf Notes

by Bill Leake



Welcome to the Branch 59 golf column.

We just completed our first area 8 golf tournament – the state pre-qual – and we have results. Assuming that the top 4 places go to Boundary Oaks on Aug 12 for the division 4 state qualifier, then the following golfers are eligible – **Skip**

Mugford, flight 1 (3rd place); Flight 2 – **Dave Tanner** (1st) and **Lloyd Keplinger** (4th); Flight 3 – **Bill Leake** (3rd place); **Terry Dalziel** (4th place); **Ed Tavares** (5th place); Flight 4 – **Tom Russo** (2nd place), **Greg Johnston** (3rd place); **Bill Stannard** (4th place); Flight 5 – **Bob Lewis** (3rd place); Flight 6 – **Wil Wyman** (3rd place); **Armando Castiglioni** (4th place); Flight 7 – **Warren Mindlestrom** (2nd place). **Lloyd Keplinger** also won 3rd place in CTP. Congratulations to the winners and all who played that day. A very special thank you to **Fred Ilg** who helped me out with running the tournament, proofing my e-mails, and helping to collect the ctp money. Thank you **Bill Watts** for calling in Thursday tee times, and thank you **Jerry Desmond** for calling in tee times for Mondays.

What else is on the agenda – team competition to be held at Sunol on **FRIDAY** July 17. **Are you signed up? Do you want to play? Let me know.** There are upcoming state events which are all on the Sir Golf site www.sirstategolf.com – Las Vegas is complete and results – low turnout and no branch 59 winners. **Terry Dalziel** went but did not place in the \$. Next is **Fall Classic South at Solvang** on Sep 13-16. There is a new event this year, **Fall Classic North** – Sep 30-Oct 4 to be held in Warm Springs Oregon (*just a little north of Fremont's Warm Springs*) – these events have entry forms on the web—www.sirstategolf.com.

Finally – we will have two trips to **Nueva Vallarta – Paradise Village**. The dates are: trip 1 Nov 10-17 & Nov 11-18. Trip 2 is Dec 1-8 and Dec 2-9.

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 for reading this article.

Bill Leake

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE REPORT

by Dave Marymee — Bob Walter — Carl Shaner



Dave Marymee

TOM DeHART (92 year old Sir) was hospitalized and underwent rehab therapy. We were unable to obtain up-to-date information. We wish Tom a comfortable recovery. Most recent information is that Tom and Martha was planning on attending the Sweetheart Luncheon.

RAYMOND ERICKSON had a left knee replacement in the middle of April. Between episodes of hospital treatment and therapy

Raymond arrived home to stay May 9th. Raymond says he is doing well.

JACK GAUNT has recovered from heart bypass surgery. Jack was planning to attend the May luncheon and join the SIR Singing Group and participate in the group's presentation.

DON GILLIS, present Big Sir, was wearing a bandaid on top of his head because of a visit to the dermatologist for removal of a growth. Don was well dressed and looked good conducting the SIR April meeting.

HENRY LEWIS has eye problems. Henry has had a

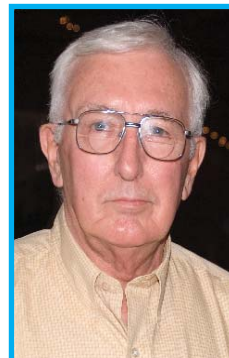
cornea replacement and is waiting for stitch removal. Henry has been to specialists in San Francisco and received no encouragement. Henry has to have help, as he is blind. We wish you well Henry.

NAT LORD, former Big Sir and present sports Chairman, had a health procedure done that took a whole day before the procedure was started and completed. Nat was told he had had a heart attack of which he was not aware. Nat says he is doing OK.

GORDON THYM three months ago had a gout attack on his left toe and foot. Now, by taking a pill a day, he seems to get relief.

WILLIAM WILSON says he has received treatment and therapy for anemia and pulmonary problems. William says he is doing OK.

THOMAS TINKER tripped and fell at the Oakland Airport just before Christmas. With rehab and therapy, Thomas says he has a slight limp in his left leg.



Bob Walter

PATHFINDERS WALKING AND HIKING GROUP

Meet Wednesday mornings at 8:00 AM at the Park at Paseo Padre and Isherwood. Everyone welcome and bring a friend. Also at 8:30 AM on Monday at the boat ramp in Central Park.

Don Henry at 510-656-5659.

Vince Fernelius at 510-489-0396



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Wayne Adams 510-797-7611



CYBERGEEZER MEETING



When -

Tuesday, June 23rd.

2:00pm to 4:00pm

Where -

Fremont Main Library, Fremont
Fukaya A room.

Cheers
Fred

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.

Arnold George - 510-797-9524

Nat Lord Sports

(510) 797-1704



SIR Day at the SF Giants
vs. the **Pittsburgh Pirates**
July 29 (Wednesday) at 12:45pm

SIR Day at the Oakland Athletics
vs. the **Texas Rangers**
August 6 (Thursday) at 12:35pm



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