



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Thirty-Fourth Year

October 2009

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NEXT MEETING at Newark Pavilion - Thursday, October 15, 2009

Things to Consider by Big Sir Don Gillis

This month you will have the SIR cards that can be written on using any type of pen. We will be giving each person who attends 4 cards. Two of them should be given to your spouse. Additional cards are available.

This should be a good recruiting tool. We have lost some members this year and need new ones to build up our membership. Please make this a priority during this last quarter of the year.

We are still trying to find an activities chairman whose job it will be to facilitate the addition of new activities. We also need a chairman for a membership recruiting committee. We have lots of talented people in our organization that would be able to handle these functions. These positions have been filled in many other branches of SIR and they have volunteered to help get these committees started in our branch. ANY VOLUNTEERS?

On September 11th, I had surgery on my hand and wrist. I didn't appreciate the problems faced by people with only one arm or hand until I experienced it first hand (pun intended). The surgery I had employed a new technique whereby a bone is removed, and another bone is cut to a smaller shape. I should be back to normal, and pain free in about one month. I am very thankful for the medical advances that have made these surgical procedures possible.

Don



Our Speaker David Turner by Little Sir Frank R. Thomas

David Turner started his NFL career eight years ago as an intern with the Miami Dolphins in their teams operations department. If things needed to get moved he was the one doing it. After ten months of lifting, moving and filling coolers he moved on to the New York Football Giants where

he started his education in player personnel. David spent the next two years learning under then General Manager Ernie Accorsi and Pro-Personnel Director Dave Gettleman.

His education at the Giants gave him the base for his next move which was to the NFL league office to assist the teams of NFL Europe through their draft and assigning allocated players to each team in order to ensure a competitive season.

After his brief stretch at the league office he was hired by the Oakland Raiders to assist College Director Jon Kingdon. Over the five years of being employed by the Raiders David has gone from college assistant to a college area scout to now Director of Pro Personnel.

David went to De La Salle High School in Concord, CA where he grew up, then got a degree from San Francisco State in Political Science.

He will talk to Branch 59 about NFL and Raider personnel, team building and team work. How it applies to winning in the NFL and how it translates to everyday life and business.



MENU

Sirloin Tips and Chicken
Noodles, Rice and Vegetables

Bring in a Guest - We need new Members



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 Jim Ferez September Meeting Minutes

Big Sir Don Gillis called the meeting to order at 10:20 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 Jim Ferez, Assistant Secretary Sir Peter Angelides, and Treasurer Sir Ben Fernandez.



Officers absent: Assistant Treasurer Sir Bobby Ben Snodgrass. Directors present: Sir Bill Dark, Sir Richard Holley, Sir Robert Ingebretson, Sir Jerry Sabo, and Sir Roger Wallin. Directors absent: Sir Bill Anderson.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the August meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Sir Ben Fernandez reported the Balance Sheet ending balance at \$3,311.92. He further reported that as of the end of August we had no debt as an organization. Sir Ben indicated that we needed to get contracts in place with the Newark Pavilion and the caterer. Big Sir Don Gillis also indicated that we need to develop criteria for projecting meal counts each month. It was further indicated that we need to insure that if our members are not going to attend the meeting they need to call in advance so that we can keep the meal count accurate.

Program: Little Sir Frank R. Thomas reported that the speaker for this morning will be Sir Bob Benya. Sir Bob has been a member of SIR Branch 59 since October 2000 and practiced law in Fremont for 37 years. Sir Benya will speak to us about his experiences as a docent at Mission San Jose.

Committee Reports:

Attendance: Sir Hugh Twomey expects 180 for lunch today.

Birthdays: Sir Art Winkley stated that we would celebrate 24 Birthdays ranging from 64 to 93.

Membership: Sir Ron Brutvan proposed two new members for approval. The BEC approved for membership Sir Robert Fuchslin (158) Sponsored by Sir Hugh Twomey and Sir Hank Ruelas (125) Sponsored by Sir Frank D. Thomas.

Golf: Sir Bill Leake reports that an error was made in announcing 2010 Golf dues at \$31.00 in actuality it is \$37.00. The Golfers completed the 3rd tournament in Solvang. Five golfers competed and five finished in the money. 2010 Golf Dues is being collected and is due by mid December. Checks should be made payable to SIR Branch 59 and mail or give to Sir Bill Leake. His address is PO Box 434, Fremont CA 94537.

Sunshine: Sir David Marymee reports that Beryl Lusher, spouse of Sir Forrest Lusher, passed away. We express our sincere condolences to Forrest and his family on their loss.

Unfinished business: Big Sir Don Gillis is still looking for an Activity Chairman and a Recruitment Chairman.

New business: Big Sir Don Gillis has tasked Sir Bob Benya with the responsibility for establishing a contract with Newark Pavilion and with the Caterer. The cards to aid in the recruiting of new members were passed out to the BEC.

The meet was adjourned at 10:45 AM

Submitted by Secretary
Sir Jim Ferez

MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS

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



Sir Art Winkley
Birthday Chairman

October Birthdays

Manuel Braga	10/29/1919	90
Paul Lewis	10/13/1921	88
Robert Heiney	10/18/1922	87
Calvin Lynch	10/13/1923	86
John Ockes	10/05/1927	82
Stanley Lewis	10/11/1927	82
Fred Gotthardt	10/30/1927	82
Harry Edwards	10/31/1927	82
Gene Anderson	10/10/1929	80
Peter Angelides	10/15/1929	80
Frank Reis	10/17/1930	79
Henry Scherer, Jr.	10/10/1931	78
Arthur McGrath	10/05/1932	77
Clyde Brewton Jr.	10/22/1932	77
Lynn Purvis	10/29/1932	77
Anthony Bruno	10/08/1933	76
Jim Frederick	10/22/1935	74
Hugh Twomey	10/24/1935	74
John Pesek III	10/19/1940	69
Robert Teglia	10/10/1942	67
Placido Hernandez	10/13/1942	67
Terry Dalziel	10/25/1942	67
Jim Proffitt	10/19/1947	62



New Members

Robert M. Fuchslin
5241 Sabin Avenue
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Email: robert@fuchslin.com
Birthday: 2/17/1938

Spouse: Linda
Badge No. 158
Sponsor: Hugh Twomey
Call me: Bob

Hank Ruelas
27981 High Country Drive
Hayward, CA 94542-2530
510-538-2935
Email: hnkrue@sbcglobal.net
Birthday: 1/18/1933
Badge No. 125
Sponsor: Frank D. Thomas
Call me: Hank

Bob Fuchslin



Hank Ruelas



Membership Report



Sir Ron Brutvan
Membership Chairman

Guests: Guest of:

Tom Caminada Edward Blank

Pete Flores Marty Enriquez

Larry Roberts Ed Barnes

Visitors: none

Change of Status:

Bill Bell New email address:
bell_bill@comcast.net

Frank D. Thomas New Address
3800 Walnut Ave Apt 341
Fremont, CA, 94538
new phone: 510-739-1662

Bob Olson Resigned

Joe Barrera to Inactive

Ray Faria to Inactive

Membership Total

(as of September 17, 2009)

251 — Active Members

25 — Inactive Members

Attendance Report



Sir Hugh Twomey
Attendance Chairman

Attendance Report

(For September 17, 2009)

Members 158

Guests 3

Visitors 0

Total = 161

59 excused 35 unexcused

You can get this issue of the Pathfinder or earlier issues by going to the Branch Website:

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

SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares by Jerry Sabo



Interesting how our expectations are often fooled. Last month I was telling everyone that we did a terrible job bowling in Reno. Now I am happy to report that we did well enough that checks were issued to **Gary Bennett, Roger Wallin, John Pesek, Nat Lord, Jerry Sabo, Chuck Pereira (6), Lew Heffron (6)** and the partners of Nat and Gary. I guess you could say that we actually cleaned

up—everyone from Fremont that went to the Reno National Stadium to bowl earned prize money.

We were also surprised when **Wayne Adams**, Jerry Sabo, and Gary Bennett earned checks from Napa.

Last Monday (9-21-2009) we returned from what we suspect was a very successful tournament. Both high scores and series were recorded. Very briefly, **Don Henry** got out of his perpetual slump (so he claims) with scores of 163, 246 and 220 for a handicap series of 746 followed by a series of 226, 151 and 200!!! Gary Bennett had a 202 and four other scores in the 180's and 190's. **Frank Cordova** had scores of 204 and 211. Lew Heffron rolled scores of 201, 203, 215 and 201. **James Lawrence** rolled 4 scores well above his average, ditto for Jerry Sabo and Roger Wallin (Roger also rolled a 204). We should have quite a few prize winners from Dublin. Basically a lot of the bowlers rolled well above their book average and hence should win prize money.

Everything is set for our tournament at Cloverleaf Bowl coming up at Pathfinder deadline. Good luck to all of us.

There were so many tournaments last month that there were only a few high scores to report from our home at Mowry Lanes. I should mention that Nat Lord had one really good day when he rolled a 221 followed by a 210 for a 596 series. Nat had to miss the Dublin Tournament due to illness. Rumor has it that one of these days we will even get his computer hooked up so he can become an eBay or Craig's list seller.

Upcoming Tournaments

Citrus Heights (Sacramento)—Oct. 4 and 5th
Harvest Park (Brentwood)—Oct. 20 and 22nd
McHenry Bowl (Modesto)—Nov. 4 and 6th
Clayton Bowl (Concord)—Nov. 17 and 19th

Remember, 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 \$5.25 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.

Jerry Sabo

Golf Notes by Bill Leake



Welcome to the Branch 59 golf column.

In the last column I wrote that dues for 2010 would be \$31. **This is not correct. The dues for 2010 will be \$37** and checks should be made out to SIR Branch 59 and mail to Bill Leake, PO Box 434, Fremont CA 94537. Deadline is mid-December, 2009.

We have results – We completed the Solvang tournament and 5 golfers from branch 59 attended (along with spouses) and all 5 bought in and all 5 went up to receive \$\$\$. The winners included **Richard Holley** \$35 (5th place day 1); **Hank Scherer** \$60 (2nd place, day 1); **Wayne Meyer** \$135 (2nd place, day 1, & 4th place sweeps) **Bill Leake** \$135 (6th place day 1, 4th place day 2 & 5th place sweeps) and the big winner was **Dave Priego**—\$210 (3rd place day 1, 3rd place day 2 and 1st place sweeps). Congratulations. Will we see more branch 59 golfers there next year?

Take a bow – We have someone who deserves to take a bow and he is **Greg Johnston**. A few weeks ago Greg was playing Cypress hole #17. Drive and 6 iron and boom – lost ball. Where did it go? Did anyone think to look in the cup? Yes they did and Greg scored an eagle. **Greg – take a bow.**

Tee times – Thank you **Bill Watts** for calling in Thursday tee times, and thank you **Jerry Desmond** for calling in tee times for Mondays.



We have three more events this year – **Fall Classic North** was held – Sep 30-Oct 4 at Warm Springs Oregon. Will look at results and see if anyone from branch 59 attended and report results. On November 4 there is state individual play at Poppy Hills. Finally -- we will have a trip to **Nuevo Vallarto – Paradise Village**. The dates are: Nov 10-17 & Nov 11-18.

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.

One last item -- Do you know who puts the name tags out at the lunches? **Thank you Les Prestwood for your service. Les arrives at the meeting before 10:00 so he can get the free tables.**

Thank you for reading this article.

Bill Leake

Nat Lord Sports (510) 797-1704



This photo shows Nat Lord (left) and Treasurer Ben Fernandez collecting money for the last months lunch... or are they playing poker.

SIR Day at the Oakland Raiders Still to be Announced



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.

Don Henry at 510-656-5659.

Vince Fernelius at 510-489-0396



READERS AND BROWERS

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

Wayne Adams 510-797-7611



CYBERGEEZER MEETING



When -

Monday, October 19th.

2:00pm to 4:00pm

Where -

Fremont Main Library, Fremont
Fukaya A room.

Cheers
Fred

Area 8 SIR Travel Adventures Daryl Main

DECEMBER 12-14, 2009

VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS TO NEVADA CITY and GRASS VALLEY

SIR Branch 90 - is sponsoring this trip. Cost is \$499 PPDO, \$165 single supplement. If you are interested in this trip call Daryl at 510-352-2210 or Dan Miller at 650-591-3314.

FEBRUARY 5 -20, 2010

15 DAY PANAMA CANAL CRUISE ON THE CORAL PRINCESS

Leave from the port of Los Angeles and sail the canal with many stops and depart from Ft. Lauderdale, Florida for home. This is an all inclusive trip, including all tips, air fare and group travel insurance. Cost starts at \$3190 for an inside stateroom to \$4170 for a mini-suite. For more information call Daryl Main at 510-352-2210

FEBRUARY 10, 2010

THE FOUR ACES AT THE MONDAVI CENTER'S JACKSON HALL IN DAVIS

If you are interested attending this event please let Daryl Main know at 510-352-2210. Cost is \$76 person.

Please answer the Travel Survey on
page 6.

For more information Call 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.

Arnold George - 510-797-9524

SIR HAPPENINGS

<http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/>

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE REPORT

by Dave Marymee — Bob Walter — Carl Shaner

TOM DeHART (93 year old Sir) has recovered from his health problems. Tom headed the birthday table at the September luncheon. We were happy to see him.

DAVID DUNLAP's wife Shirley, reports David is under Kaiser Home Hospice Care suffering from a brain illness that causes a situation that David lacks the use of his arms. We hope for the best for David and his family.

CLARENCE DUTRA (97 year Old Sir) had the staples and stitches removed from his head caused by a fall backwards into a glass panel. Clarence said he intends to get back into the swing of things and intends to attend the October luncheon.

DON GILLIS (Big Sir) has had his right hand wrist and forearm surgically operated on due to a wrist problem that just shaking the right wrist hand caused severe wrist pain. Don hopes the treatment will alleviate the problem.

DARRELL JEWELL's wife, Sue, fell and fractured her left hip. Sue is in convalescent care at Windsor Convalescent Care Center on Country Drive, Fremont. We hope Sue's fracture heals soon.

FORREST LUSHER's wife, Beryl, died September 9. A memorial was held at the Sunol Golf Club. We wish to express the sympathy of Pathfinder Sirs to Forrest and his family.

CLARK REDEKER (92 year old Sir) enjoyed the September luncheon. Clark said he had a stent implanted in a blood vessel in the right side of his neck. Clark goes on to say he can garden now without getting dizzy.

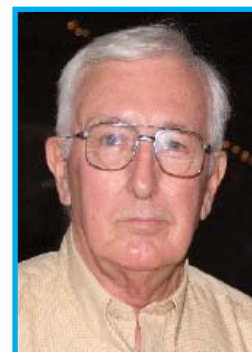
BOBBY BEN SNODGRASS's (Assistant Treasurer) wife Kim, says he suffered a stroke the week of the September luncheon. We missed Bobby Ben at the Treasurer's table selling luncheon tickets. Nat Lord pinch-hit for Bobby Ben. Bobby Ben is convalescing at Windsor on Country Drive, Fremont. We wish Bobby Ben a speedy recovery.

CLYDE VOORHEES (92 year old Sir) says he is fully recovered from a fall backward on the escalator at an early A's game. Clyde says he enjoyed the September luncheon.

JACK WEBB, Wheelchair bound Sir, enjoyed attending the September luncheon.



Dave Marymee



Bob Walter

Travel Survey for 2010

Daryl Main is surveying all members of Branch 26 and Branch 59 to help determine what type of trips and tours the members would like to take during 2010. Today's economy and other venues help to influence our decisions on what trips you take, that is why he is asking for help in providing feedback, so that he can make 2010 a great travel year.

Please select what trips and tours you would be interested in for 2010. Please return this form by mail to Daryl at your earliest convenience.

CRUISES:	<input type="checkbox"/> short (3/7 DAYS) or <input type="checkbox"/> longer
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Mail your marked up form to:

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if you have any questions you can email him at

<dmain@att.net>

or you can phone him at
510-352-2210



Little Sir Frank R. Thomas (left above) joking with future Little Sir Hugh Twomey about having their picture taken.



Sir John Cordeniz (left above) relating a good story to Sir John Gecox during the social hour.



Golfer Sir Jerry Desmond (left above) chatting with Bowler and exGolfer Sir Art Winkley.



Golf Chairman Bill Leake (left above) hobnobs with Sir Ed Tavares who transferred from Branch 72 last year.



Area Governor Tom Sherba (above left) closes his eyes while he tries to think of a joke to tell Sir Gene Anderson.

Sir Tom DeHart (right photo) arrives to celebrate his 93rd birthday at the September luncheon.

Sir Ed Thomas (left photo) greets members and hands out badges as part of the attendance committee.



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1976 Peter Clark*
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