

The Path finder Branch Number 59

Thirty-Fifth Year July 2010 Bulletin No. 6

NEXT MEETING at Newark Pavilion - Thursday, July 15, 2010

Message From Your Big Sir by Big Sir Frank R. Thomas

Greetings to you all.

I would like to report that all indications are that the June meeting was a success with good food and a good speaker.

Now having said that, I announced that we had just found out that starting with the



July meeting the Open bar will be closed. At the last meeting, I also announced that we would talk with the General Manager to better understand that decision and now have this to report: the bar indeed will be closed, we will not be able to sell drinks of any kind on premises but we will be able to bring our own refreshments (BYOB) for our own use. We will still continue to look into whether we have other options but starting with the July meeting, please plan on BYOB.

We, your executive committee, continue to work very hard to make this a successful branch and appreciate all your support.

Please continue to make bringing new members into the branch a priority. "Keep the guests coming!!"

Frank

MENU

BBQ Ribs, Chicken and Italian Sausages

Fruit salad, potato salad, cut corn, cob corn and corn bread, beans, and green salad

Our Speaker Brad Aagaard by Little Sir Hugh Twomey

Brad Aagaard is a Research Geophysicist at the U. S. Geological Survey in Menlo Park, CA. He received his BS degree in Engineering at Harvey Mudd College in 1994. A year later he received an MS degree in Civil Engineering at



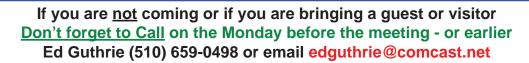
the California Institute of Technology. In 2000 he received his Ph.D. in Civil Engineering also at Caltech. For several years he was a USGS Mendenhall Postdoctoral Scholar before he joined the USGS as a Research Geophysicist in 2003.

Brad's research focuses on using 3-D simulations of earthquakes to better understand the physics of the rupture process and the resulting ground motions. Recent projects include simulation of the 1906 San Francisco and 1989 Loma Prieta earthquakes. Other projects include simulation of Hayward fault scenario earthquakes and rupture models and visualizations for the Great Southern California Shakeout.

He will be showing Branch 59 simulations of the Hayward fault scenario earthquakes. Brad is an excellent speaker and highly regarded and respected by his peers. Be prepared to ask him questions on earthquakes and how we can prepare for them.

Bring in a Guest We need new Members







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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 Peter Angelides June Meeting Minutes

Big Sir Frank R. Thomas called the meeting to order at 10 am and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call by Assistant Secretary
Peter Angelides: Officers Present:
Big Sir Frank R. Thomas, Little Sir
Hugh Twomey, Assistant Secretary
Peter Angelides, Treasurer Sir Ben
Fernandez, Assistant Treasurer Sir
Nat Lord. Officers Absent: Secretary
Sir Jim Ferenz.

Directors Present: Sir Bill Dark, Sir Don Gillis, Sir Jerry Sabo, Sir Roger Wallin. Directors Absent: Sir Bill Anderson and Sir Robert Ingebretson

Treasurer's Report: Sweetheart Luncheon Income and Expenses were almost the same. It was a break even affair. Balance Sheet as of May 31: \$5624.71 total assets and \$5624.71 total liabilities.

Secretary's Report: Because of the Sweetheart Luncheon there was no secretary's report.

Program: Little Sir Hugh Twomey stated that today's speaker will be Desiree Grant, State Park Interpreter who will speak about how to enjoy our State Parks.

Committee Reports:

<u>Attendance</u>: Sir Ed Guthrie projects attendance at 187 for today's luncheon.

Membership: Sir Ron Brutvan reports no new members. Sir Brutvan submitted to the BEC the following names to accept the indicated action.

Transfer to an Inactive Status:
No.137, Bobby Ben Snodgrass,
No.71, James Blood, No.167, Manuel
Braga No.249, Jim Bridges, No.109,
Frank Hermosa, No.243, Robert
Leinkram, No.293, Arthur Slauer.

To be dropped according to rule 100: No.17, William Kemp, No.37, Evan

Strong, No.144, Vern Talley.

<u>Transfer to Branch 26:</u> No.303, Daniel Bega

Resigned Membership: No.15, Mitchell Darnell, No.105, Edward Beilin.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the above request. Motion passed.

Birthdays: Sir Art Winkley says birthdays for the months of May and June will be celebrated today. 21 May birthdays: oldest David Marymee, 90, youngest, Thomas Breen, 60. 22 June birthdays: Oldest, Niels Nielson, 96, Youngest, Mitchell Darnell, 67

New Business: The Newark Pavilion will no longer be operating a bar for SIR luncheons.

The Executive Board then discussed alternatives for future meetings without a bar - like members bringing their own bottles of wine and other spirits, whether this would be in conflict with city ordinances, etc.

Old Business: The Board voted to keep the present policy of paying entertainers only for the two annual social events, the other 10 months guest speakers will not be paid. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am by Sir Frank Thomas.

Submitted by Assistant Secretary Sir Peter Angelides



MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS

by Sir Ron Brutvan, Sir Ed Guthrie, and Sir Art Winkley





July Birthdays

Gordon Thym	07/01/1923	87
James Stanhope	07/02/1923	87
Valentino Pianetta	07/14/1925	85
Frank D. Thomas	07/21/1925	85
Boyd McCaslin	07/24/1925	85
Fred Cutter	07/09/1929	81
Gordon MacLeod	07/12/1930	80
Bernard Teague	07/14/1930	80
Luciano Nausin	07/26/1930	80
Dino Mostardi	07/27/1930	80
Ben Fernandez	07/02/1934	76
Ronald Oliphant	07/14/1934	76
Carl Shaner	07/30/1937	73
Rowland McNeil	07/24/1938	72
Wayne Meyer	07/13/1939	71
Gene Lim	07/04/1940	70
Anthony Gross	07/15/1942	68



New Members

No New Members in June

Please bring in more guests that will become members



Attendance Report



Sir **Ed Guthrie** Attendance Chairman

Attendance Report

(For June 17, 2010)

38 excused 42 unexcused

Members Guests	158
Visitors Total =	2 162



The vinyl 3" x 9" Car Sticker, shown above, can now be ordered in packages of 100 on Form 21.

Membership Report



Sir **Ron Brutvan** Membership Chairman

Guests:	Guest of:
Ron Faria	Dave Priego
Sergio Zillu	Tom Federico

Visitors:

Desiree Gant Speaker
Mike Mitzmacher Ted Bresler
visitor from Las Vegas

Change of Status:

Mitchell Darnell	Resigned
Edward Beilin	Resigned
Bobby Ben Snod	Igrass to Inactive
James Blood	to inactive
Manuel Braga	to inactive
Jim Bridges	to inactive
Frank Hermosa	to inactive
Robert Leinkram	to inactive
Arthur Slauer	to inactive
William Kemp	dropped rule 100
Evan Strong	dropped rule 100
Vern Talley	dropped rule 100
Daniel Bega	transfered to Br 26
Sam Mitchell	new email address
	cudles3460@att.net

Niels Nielsen address change 35490 Mission Blvd Apt 331

phone 510-797-7943

Jack Roach address change

2875 Cellars Drive Livermore, CA 94550 phone 925-292-5377

Membership Total

(as of June 17, 2010)

232 — Active Members29 — Inactive Members

You can get this issue of the Pathfinder or earlier issues by going to the Branch Website: www.sirbranch.com/johnsplace/

SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares by Jerry Sabo



We still have not received the results from the State SIR Tournament that was held in Sacramento, but are anticipating some good news. That Tournament was held in May at Citrus Heights Bowl.

Don Henry once again was very successful at the Pinole Tournament. Funny thing was that there was not only some doubt that Don would get a partner, but also, the Tournament

Director could not find Don's entry check. Guess Don showed them all by taking 1st place in Doubles with his last minute partner, 2nd place in Singles, and 2nd place All-Events: plus a nice award check for \$183.50. Jerry Sabo also did well taking 3rd in singles, and 8th place All-Events. Nat Lord placed 9th in All-Events, and Gary Bennett was 11th in Singles. All received prize money for their efforts. We are sending four bowlers to the Cambrian Tournament on each of the two days of their tournament—good luck. Upcoming tournaments include:

Yuba City—July 12th and July 13th. Napa—July 26th and July 27th. Sonora—August 2nd and 5th. Reno—August 16th thru 18th.

Fremont—August 29th and 30th. (Cloverleaf Bowl)
Notice that our own tournament has been moved from the
end of September to the end of August. We are once again
holding the tournament on a Sunday to better accommodate
the out-of-towners that are reluctant to face the Bay Area traffic
on a weekday. Actually, our tournament and the Cambrian Bowl
Tournament in Campbell are the only tournaments that are in the
Bay area.

Jerry Sabo is the assistant State Bowling Secretary, and "assistant web-master" for the bowling segment of the SIR State bowling site. If you would like to learn more about the bowling segment of SIR take a look at the web site located at www.sirinc.org/bowling/. You can see our Tournament schedule both now and last year, apply to participate in a SIR Tournament, see Tournament results, and so forth. If you haven't gone to the SIR web site then it may be worth the visit.

We welcome new bowlers **Richard Bowers** and **Ron Faria**. Richard is from Branch 6, and Ron is giving it a shot after attending the last SIR luncheon as a guest.

Remember, all SIR members are welcomed to join us most any 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).

Jerry

Golf Notes by Bill Leake



Welcome to the Branch 59 golf column.

Do you want to stay abreast with SIR state activities – visit

www.sirstategolf.com and it will tell you more than you need to know. We completed two sessions of Reno since the last column. We don't have results but will have them next

month. What's up – We have upcoming events: On July 8 we had the team competition at Sunol Cypress. There were 14 teams entered and results will be posted next month. There are upcoming state events which are all on the Sir Golf site www.sirstategolf.com. SIR State team championship will be Monday August 9 at Poppy Ridge. Following this is the Fall Classic South at Solvang on Sep 12-16. We have openings and I handed out a flier at the last meeting. Next we have the state individual championship at Poppy Hills – October 27 open play and Oct 28 championship play. Finally, Mesquite November 7-11 (new item).

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

Take a Bow – Take a bow **Bill Dark** who is organizing a golf mini-clinic (one time to see how it goes). It will be at Country Driving Range (across the



street from Sunol) on July 20 at 10:00 a.m. **Bob Morales** and **Wayne Meyer** (two of our lower handicappers) will offer their services to see if they can help your game improve. As for mine – it can't get much worse. If it works great! If it does not – we tried. Following the clinic we can meet at Sunol for lunch and discuss how it went. Thank you

in advance to Bill, Bob and Wayne.

Post post post – don't forget to post your score. Regular play for SIR Branch 59 – We play every Monday and Thursday (2 times – early and 9ish) 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 for reading this article.

Bill

CYBERGEEZER MEETING



When -

Tuesday - July - 20th 2:00pm to 4:00pm Where -Fremont Main Library, Fremont Fukaya A room.

> Cheers Fred

TENNIS

At present there are just four names on the list to play and one signed up in error. So we need more players to form teams or just play for fun.

Ron Holladay - 510-656-9017

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

READERS AND BROWSERS

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





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



Nat Lord Sports (510) 797-1704







SIR Day at the SF Giants vs. the Florida Marlins

July 29 (Thursday) at 12:30 PM

Ticket Prices: Lower Box \$34, View Box \$23, View Reserved \$17, LF Bleachers \$17

Area 8 SIR Travel Adventures Emile Lassalle

AUGUST 25, 2010 PETER PAN IN SAN FRANCISCO

The stage production of PETER PAN is coming to San Francisco and we have reserved seats for that date, Lunch is at Pier 39.

Cost is \$129 PP and includes Bus, Show, Lunch and all taxes and tips. Escort Emile Lassalle at 510-538-7463.



September 29 – October 9, 2010 MEXICAN RIVIERA CRUISE FROM SAN FRANCISCO

Ports of call: Catalina Island, Puerto Vallarta, Mazatlan, Cabo San Lucas, San Diego and home To San Francisco. Ship is filling up fast, send in your application as soon as possible not to be left out. Cost Inside Room from \$1145 PPDO, Balcony Room from \$1890 PPDO.

Escorts Joe Guerrero 510-483-3627 and Emile Lassalle, 510-538-7463.

May 7 – 14, 2010 HAWAIIAN CRUISE ABOARD THE PRIDE OF AMERICA

Seven day cruise of the beautiful Hawaiian Islands.. Round trip from Bay Area Airport to Honolulu. Board the Pride of America for one day visit to Hilo, two day Maui, one day Kona and two days Kauai.

Cost Inside Room \$1770 PPDO or Balcony Room \$2185 PPDO.

For more information call Lou Pagni, 510-276-5025.

OCTOBER 26-27, 2010 RENO OVERNIGHTER: GLEN CAMPBELL SHOW

Stop en-route to Reno for breakfast, arrive at Reno and stop at the Nugget Casino for \$5.00 cash with a 3 hour stop over. Leave the Nugget and go to Grand Sierra Resort for our overnight stay. Here we will go to Glen Campbell show, doors open at 7:00 P.M. and show starts at 8:00 P.M. Receive a breakfast coupon for the next morning. We will depart for home and stop at Boomtown for 3 hours, and receive \$5.00 cash and a \$5.00 food credit. As in the past all tips are included. Cost: \$143.00 PPDO, \$25.00 Single supplement Escort: Joe Guerrero, 510-483-3627

SIR BRANCH 59 ELECTION

The nominating committee proposes the following slate of Officers and Directors for the

Election in August

The election for 2011 Branch Officers and Directors will be held during the August Luncheon Meeting.

The nominees for Officers are:

Big Sir
Little Sir
Sir Ron Holladay
Secretary
Sir James Ferenz
Treasurer
Assistant Secretary
Assistant Treasurer
Sir Peter Angelides
Sir Nat Lord

The nominees for Director are:

Sir Bill Anderson Sir Bill Dark Sir Robert Ingebretson Sir Jerry Sabo Sir Frank R. Thomas Sir Roger Wallin

You will have the opportunity to submit nominations from the floor for any position. However, your nominee must be present at the meeting, and must agree to serve if elected.



SUNSHINE REPORT

by Dave Marymee — Bob Walter and — Carl Shaner

THOMAS AHERN's wife Edna, reports Thomas is making progress on recovering from a stroke. Edna says Thomas appreciates friends stopping to visit at the Fremont Health Care Center behind the Fremont Fire Station.

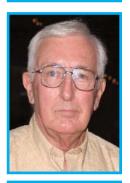
MANUEL BRAGA's wife Mary, reports that Manuel misses SIR luncheons because he frequently does not feel well. We hope that Manuel's health improves.

ALAN DOUGLASS's daughter, Rita, reported that Alan passed away as a result of Alzheimer's.

RICHARD HOLMES has recovered from a stent repair of an abdominal aorta aneurysm. Richard attended the June luncheon. Richard says he misses golfing.



Dave Marymee



Bob Walter

HERBERT MUELLERLEILE is at home recovering from surgery in May. He hopes to attend the July luncheon.

CLARK REDEKER attended the June luncheon with a large bandage on his head. Clark had a growth removed. Clark celebrated his 93rd birthday seated at the June birthday table.

BOBBY BEN SNODGRASS says he undergoes therapy several times a week. Bobby Ben is recovering from a stroke and has given up his Assistant Treasurer duties.

VERN TALLEY's wife Willie, reports Vern had an inner ear grafting operation in June. Vern is recovering at home and missed the June luncheon.

CONRAD WALLA's wife Ann, reports Conrad had another chemotherapy treatment before the June luncheon. The chemotherapy treatment lays Con low. We wish Conrad well and the treatment is fully beneficial.

JACK WEBB said he missed the June luncheon as he was suffering from a cold. He said he is feeling better and hopes to attend the July luncheon.

A Message from the Social Committee Thank You Sponsors

Greetings Fellow Branch 59 Members. We just completed a very successful Spring Luncheon in which our invited guests attended. It was a big success. One of the items on the agenda was the raffling of the prizes which were all donated by local companies.

How about taking a moment to thank these sponsors the next time you shop, eat, swing a club, or whatever you may be doing.

Yes, take the time to thank these generous sponsors for their donations. If you are at **Safeway** then thank the manager for their donation. If you are car shopping **Maganussen Lexus** of Fremont then express to them your thanks. Same for you golfers, whether you are –playing **Sunol**, **Monarch Bay** or **Spring Valley** – give them a thank you from SIR.

And the remaining sponsors – Bruce's Tires, Spin A Yarn, Fremont Flowers, Super Station Car Wash, and Bailey Farms – take the time and tell them Thank you. If you do that, then we can go back to them and see if they can be generous again next December.

Thank you in advance for thanking these sponsors.

ACTIVITIES

by Rob Ingebretson



Tennis is getting off to a slow start, but Ron Holladay is pursuing it with vigor.

Writing Your Life Story is being worked on by Don Gillis

and Ron Holladay who attended a meeting of this activity at Branch 8. Enough members have shown interest so they are preparing to start this activity in September..

I will have another activity sign up at the July meeting. If you are interested in any specific activitiy just let me know and we will try to make it happen. You can call me at (510) 657-7828 or email me at

Robingy@sbcglobal.net.

Sweetheart Luncheon Survey

Attendee Responses Were Very Positive:

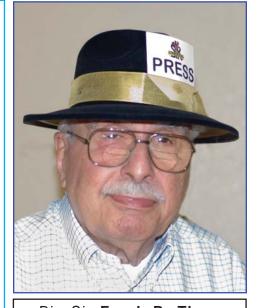
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
BAND	89	11	0	0
PIANO	77	23	0	0
DECORATIONS	74	23	0	0
FOOD	54	40	6	0
OVERALL	71	26	3	0

Non Attendees Responses:

	No.	% of Participants
Conflicting Appointments	19	35%
Price too High	0	0%
Do not like Mixed Functions	3	6%
No Spouse	8	14.5%
Other Reasons	10	19%
Medical Conflict	6	11%
Miscellaneous (see below)	8	14.5%

Wife does not care for Spouse works (2) Wife out of town Death in family Multiple reasons Lousy food Missed notice (blames email)





Big Sir Frank R. Thomas presented Sir John Skarpelos, Pathfinder Editor and Chief Photographer with a Press Fedora that allows him to take any and all pictures during the SIR luncheon. The award was conceived of by Assistant Editor Fred Gotthardt who took the picture above. His bride, Ardith Gotthardt, created the stylish chapeau..

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

PAST BIG SIRS

1976 Peter Clark*

1977 Karl Heine*

1978 Harry Cooper*

1979 Kenneth Foster*

1980 Larry Varblow*

1981 Guido Milano*

1982 Alex Fulton*

1983 Stephen Epler*

1984 George Herman*

1985 Ray Crosby*

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2008 Richard Holley

2009 Don Gillis

*(deceased)