



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Thirty-Fifth Year

August 2010

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NEXT MEETING at Newark Pavilion - Thursday, August 19, 2010

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

Greetings Fellow Sirs,
I would like to report that all indications are that a good time was had by all who attended the July Luncheon. We received good reviews on the food and very positive comments concerning the speaker.

Now having said that, our lagging attendance continues to be a concern. I would like to think that it may be due to the time of the year, however, there is no reason, that I can think of, that would cause a person not to pick up the phone and let Sir Ed Guthrie know they do not plan on attending the luncheon; 42 unexcused Sirs is not good for the Branch. So, it would be very much appreciated in the future, if you would please make every effort to call in if you do not plan on attending the luncheon.

Please continue to make bringing new members into the branch a priority so we keep the guests rolling in.

Frank



Our Speaker Geoffrey Hirsch by Little Sir Hugh Twomey

Geoffrey Hirsch, Professor of Mathematics at Ohlone College, was also recently honored for 25 years of teaching mathematics at the College of San Mateo, where his adjunct title is Assistant Professor. He is proud of starting six courses at Ohlone and of his role as advisor to Ohlone's Math Club, which helped Ohlone achieve its position in the Top Ten nationally for the third time in the last six years on the Student Math League exam (open to any of the nation's 1,833 two-year colleges).

He sometimes moonlights as The Professor, his comedy stage-name, putting on his own one-man shows, My Life in Comedy, which he premiered in 2000, and 2001 Earth Odyssey, which premiered in the Philippines, and included his observations about some differences between men and women, and how he was introduced to an Australian television audience. Not to give away too much, the introduction highlighted the size of a particular body part.

His stories include how he stole home, made the greatest catch in the history of baseball, struck out a .700 hitter (and future major leaguer), swam in the 1984 Olympics (unfortunately, it was a non-swimming event), snuck into a concert then graciously offered his seat to Joan Baez, snuck into the Ali-Frazier Thrilla in Manila then had several photos published.

Some questions that might be posed are, "How could he be asleep in the 20th Century after being asleep in the 21st Century? What does he mean when he says that this isn't the first time he's been in this millennium, that there have been hundreds of other times? What about all those world records he holds? And, what about that Australian TV introduction?"



**Bring in a Guest
We need new Members**

MENU

Swiss Steak and Baked Fish
Mashed Potatoes, Rice and Vegetables



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
Ed Guthrie (510) 659-0498 or email edguthrie@comcast.net



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Bill Dark
Don Gillis
Robert Ingebretson
Jerry Sabo
Roger Wallin

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 Ferenz July Meeting Minutes

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

Roll Call by Secretary Sir Jim Ferenz:
Officers Present: Big Sir Frank R. Thomas, Little Sir Hugh Twomey, Treasurer Sir Ben Fernandez, Assistant Treasurer Sir Nat Lord. Officers absent: Assistant Secretary Sir Peter Angelides. Directors Present: Sir Bill Anderson, Sir Bill Dark, Sir Don Gillis, Sir Robert Ingebretson, Sir Jerry Sabo, Sir Roger Wallin.

A motion was made and passed to accept the Minutes of the June meeting as posted.

Treasurer's Report: Sir Ben Fernandez reports the Balance sheet shows our Current Assets to be \$5443.76. We continue to maintain \$300.00 in our Petty Cash account. Sir Ben further reports our financial position is sound and all books are in order and ready for audit at any time.

Little Sir Hugh Twomey stated that the Pavilion bar would no longer be open to sell drinks at SIR meetings. Members are free to bring their own libations and extra glasses will be put on the tables for drinks. We apologize for this inconvenience.

Program:

Sir Hugh stated that our speaker today will be Mr. Brad Aagaard from the US Geological Survey who will speak on earthquakes and how to prepare for them.

Committee Reports:

Attendance: Sir Ed Guthrie projects attendance at 170 for today's luncheon

Membership: Sir Ron Brutvan proposed three new members for acceptance. A motion was made and passed to accept the new members. They are: Sir Ron Faria, Badge no. 15 sponsored by Sir Dave Priego, Sir Sergio Zilli, Badge no. 17 sponsored by Sir Tom Federico and Sir Charles Glover, Badge no. 27 Sponsored by Sir Tony Bruno. Sir Tom DeHart will be dropped per Rule 100.

Birthdays: Sir Art Winkley reported that we would celebrate 17 birthdays this month and expect 14 of the celebrants to be with us for lunch. The birthdays range from the oldest at 87 to the youngest at 68. The officers, directors, and members wish all

of you a very Happy Birthday.

We are honored to have with us today our Area Governor Sir Don Graff.

Golf: Sir Bill Leake states Golf is active and well. Several tournaments are coming up. See the Pathfinder for details.



New Business:

Sir Robert Ingebretson stated that he is continuing signups for new activities and asked that all officers and directors stress this during the lunch period.

Sir Nat Lord stated that various items with SIR logos are available for sale. We stock some of these items here at the Branch and all items are available for sale and can be ordered. Order forms are available on the SIR Web Site.

Big Sir Frank R. Thomas is going to look into the cost for a month's use of the large advertising sign in front of the Pavilion as a means of letting people know about SIR. Sir Frank also mentioned the New Trifold advertisement that was just released for sale from the State Organization. This could be a handy tool to raise the awareness of the SIR organization. The cost to the Branches is \$17.00 per hundred. Input from the membership would be welcome. A motion to shelve the discussion to the next meeting was made and seconded. Motion passed.

Sir Howie Thompson indicated that the planning cycle is starting for the Christmas luncheon. He is looking for suggestions and Door Prizes. We need 12 prizes valued at about \$100.00 each.

Unfinished Business:

The closing of the bar and any resultant action we may have to take, based on input from our members, will be discussed at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 AM.

Submitted by Secretary
Sir Jim Ferenz

MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS

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



Sir Art Winkley
Birthday Chairman

August Birthdays

William Wilson	08/13/1919	91
Philip Cox	08/01/1924	86
Tom Sherba	08/09/1927	83
Arthur Winkley	08/25/1927	83
Richard Howe	08/08/1928	82
William Fremont	08/08/1928	82
Dean Olsen	08/06/1929	81
John Gecox	08/02/1930	80
Louis Smith	08/23/1931	79
Herbert Muellerleile	08/04/1932	78
James Sissle	08/08/1932	78
Robert Springer	08/15/1932	78
Edward Baldini	08/17/1932	78
Arnold George	08/20/1939	71
R. (Skip) Mugford	08/29/1939	71
Roger Wallin	08/30/1940	70
Aaron Wong	08/15/1942	68
Sheldon Schwartz	08/10/1944	66
Douglas Howd	08/03/1946	64

New Members

Ron J. Faria
5563 Truman Place
Fremont, CA 94538-1033
510-651-9632

Email: gloron@sbcglobal.net
Birthday: 11/26/1941

Spouse: Gloria
Badge No. 15
Sponsor: Dave Priego
Call me: Ron

Charles C. Glover

3241 Sutton Court
Fremont, CA 94536-5166
510-797-8705

Email: chuckglover2@comcast.net
Birthday: 1/5/1947

Spouse: Sherry
Badge No. 27
Sponsor: Tony Bruno
Call me: Chuck

Sergio J. Zilli

601 Rancho Arroyo Parkway
Fremont, CA 94536-2628
510-585-7329

Email: sjzilli@gmail.com
Birthday: 3/8/1936
Badge No. 17
Sponsor: Tom Federico
Call me: Serge

Membership Report



Sir Ron Brutvan
Membership Chairman

<u>Guests:</u>	<u>Guest of:</u>
Jerry Alameda	SIR
Nathan Di Franco	SIR
James Marcell	Bud Farrell
Edward Stoermer	Nat Lord
Walter Ulrich	Mickey Rose

Visitors:

Don Graff	Area 8 Governor
Brad Aagaard	speaker

Change of Status:

Tom DeHart	dropped rule 100
Richard Ahern	new email address rgahern@att.net

Membership Total

(as of July 15, 2010)

234 — Active Members
29 — Inactive Members

NEW MEMBERS

Ron Faria



Chuck Glover



Serge Zilli



Sir Ed Guthrie
Attendance Chairman

Attendance Report

(For July 15, 2010)

Members	150
Guests	5
Visitors	2
Total =	157
38 excused	42 unexcused

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



The big news is that when we walked into Mowry Lanes on July 19th, we were informed that the bowling alley was going to be sold. We thought that we had a few weeks to find a new home, but later in the day we receive the news that the closing date was to be July 21st and we had to find a new home. Jerry called Cloverleaf

Bowl and Mission Lanes in Milpitas to get cost estimates; then called all of the bowlers for site choice. Most everyone chose Cloverleaf Family Bowl, and effective July 26, 2010 we will be bowling there.

At the State SIR Tournament that was held in Sacramento, John Pesek, Don Henry, Roger Wallin, and Chuck Pereira (Br.6) were all money winners—not as well as we had hoped.

We attended the tournament at Cambrian Bowl in Campbell. Lew Heffron (Br 6) — 5th in singles, 3rd all events and Jesse Medeiros (Br 6) and Lew took 3rd in doubles, while Jerry Sabo placed 1st in singles and 2nd in all events. We are taking 10 bowlers to the Napa Tournament so we hope to report success in the next Pathfinder.

Upcoming tournaments include:

Fremont—August 29th and 30th

(Our Tournament at Cloverleaf Bowl)

Dublin—September 20th

Citrus Heights—October 4th and 6th

Notice that the Branch 59 sponsore tournament has been moved from the end of September to the end of August. We are 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.

If you would like to learn more about the bowling segment of SIR take a look at the web site located at

<http://www.sirinc.org/bowling/>

Remember, all SIR members are welcomed to join us most any Monday at Cloverleaf Family Bowl; located in the shopping center at the corner of Grimmer and Fremont Blvd. Just show up and be ready to start practice bowling at 12:45 P.M. The cost is only \$11.80 for three lines of bowling and the only other commitment is that when you join you either already are, or must become a sanctioned bowler (cost \$20/year). Once you have a book average, or have established an average with 21 games or more then you can join us in tournament play. Unlike other leagues, we bowl year round.

Jerry

Golf Notes by Bill Leake



Welcome to the Branch 59 golf column.

Reno Results Terry Dalziel was rep from branch 59 at session 1. Result = shutout. Session 2 = 3 reps – John Trischetti, Forrest Lusher and Tom Sherba. John won \$125 – 2nd place for day 2 and 8th place in sweeps. Forrest got his buy in back by placing 5th place in day 3 and Tom had fun but no money.

Suggestion Box – Do you have a suggestion to get more golfers to play state tournaments? Is there a reason you don't sign up? We now have a suggestion box. If you have ideas as to how things statewide can improve send me a note. If accepted we forward it to div 4 leader. If OK he will forward it to the state level. If adopted then you (the suggestee) will win a case (not sleeve) of golf balls. Compliments of SIR. Talk it up and let me know your ideas.

We completed the team competition and the team of John Trischetti, Richard Howe, Richard Holley and Ben Fernandez finished 3rd and will go to the state championships August 9. Congrats gentlemen. We have a huge group who qualified for Boundary Oaks. They include Mugford, Meyer, Trischetti, Leake, Russo, Lusher, Wyman, Bennett, Sherba, Ness (brand new to SIR), and Fernandez. The top 2 from each flight at BO go to Poppy Hills Oct 28.

Stay abreast with SIR state activities on the internet there are upcoming state events which are all on the Sir Golf website www.sirstategolf.com.

First off is the Fall Classic South at Solvang on September 12-16. Next we have the state individual championship at Poppy Hills – October 27 open play and October 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– Great job Bill Dark, Bob Morales and Wayne Meyer for the initial mini-clinic. It was a HUGE success. We will have the sessions the Tuesday before the Thursday meeting date (3rd Thursday of each month) and it will begin at 10:00 AM followed by lunch at Sunol. Price = \$1.00 per player – that is cheap!

Post post post – don't forget to post your score.

Regular play for SIR Branch 59 – We play every Monday and Thursday 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

CYBERGEEZER MEETING



When -

Wednesday - August - 25th
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 BROWERS

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

Wayne Adams 510-797-7611



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

Football is Coming

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	Sir Hugh Twomey
Little Sir	Sir Ron Holladay
Secretary	Sir James Ferenz
Treasurer	Sir Ben Fernandez
Assistant Secretary	Sir Peter Angelides
Assistant Treasurer	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

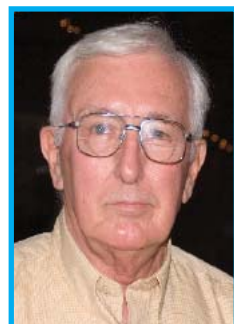
by Dave Marymee — Bob Walter
and — Carl Shaner

THOMAS AHERN's wife Edna says Thomas is still undergoing physical therapy at the Fremont Health Care Center. Thomas did come home for one day and returned for more therapy. Thomas appreciates his friends stopping by to see him. We hope Thomas' health improves with further treatment.



Dave Marymee

TOM DEHART's wife Martha, reports that Tom is suffering from Alzheimer's, decided not to continue treatment at an Alzheimer's facility, came home. We hope Tom can get proper treatment.



Bob Walter

HERBERT MUELLERLEILE has finally recovered from an operation done in May. Herbert attended the July luncheon and appeared to be his jovial self.

CLARK REDEKER attended the July luncheon wearing a red Stanford cap which covered a smaller bandage on top of his head. Clark had a growth removed earlier. Clark is a graduate of Stanford University.

VERN TALLEY's wife, Willie, says Vern is recovering from an operation that involved grafting in his inner ear. Vern missed the July luncheon. We hope Vern's health improves.

CONRAD WALLA's wife, Ann, reports that Conrad had his fourth chemotherapy treatment in July. It takes several days for Conrad to recover from the chemotherapy treatment. We hope Conrad recovers his health soon.

BOB WALTER (Sunshine Committee member) missed the July luncheon as his wife was hospitalized in early July. Virginia came home with a problem with her right ankle. We hope Virginia recovers soon.



Mr. Sunshine, **Dave Marymee** (on the left), was presented with two awards at the last Branch 59 Luncheon.

Area Governor **Don Graff** was there to present a Senior Honorary Life Member award recognizing his ten years as an HLM, and a Presidential Senior SIR Certificate for attaining the age of 90.

ACTIVITIES

by Rob Ingebretson



At our last meeting we had many men sign up for the various new activities we are trying to start up. The following is a list of the new activities that at least two or more men signed up for in the parenthesis; Horse Shoes (3), Coin & Stamp Collecting (3) Sirs In The Kitchen (2), Antique and Exotic Cars (3), SIR Hikers (4), Cribbage (5), Tennis (4), Fishing (2), Digital Photography (7), Bocce Ball (7), and Writing Your Life Story (9).

If any of these interest you and you would like to be a part of that activity call or email me or talk to me at our next meeting. I am the guy who collects your badge and lunch ticket before you eat lunch. My phone number is (510) 657-7828 or email me at Robingy@sbcglobal.net.



SIR State officers for 2011, who were elected at the Annual Meeting early in August, are shown in the above photo. From left to right we have Jim Stedman, Vice President, Bob Mannell, President, George Lopez, Treasurer, Eckart Sellinger, Secretary and Karl Ryden, Assistant Treasurer. Charles Moss, shown in the photo at right was voted in as Assistant Secretary, but was not able to attend the Annual Meeting. A brief Executive Board meeting was convened where they elected Sellinger to complete the 2010 term as Secretary which opened as a result of former Secretary Gary Gruber leaving the state.



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Robert Boike - Assistant
Dave Priego - Assistant
Ed Thomas - Assistant

BIRTHDAYS

Art Winkley - **Chairman**
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BOWLING

Frank Cordova - **Chairman**
Jerry Sabo - Assistant

BRIDGE GROUP

Arnold George - **Chairman**

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Fred Gotthardt

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Carl Shaner - Assistant

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Don Henry - **Chairman**
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David Marymee

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Nat Lord

John Skarpelos

PATHFINDER DEADLINE

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*
1986 Loran Coburn*
1987 Robert Davis*
1988 Robert Klindt*
1989 Martin Annen*
1990 Lee Updegraff
1991 Fred W. Fretter*
1992 Lyle Kingery
1993 LeRoy J. King*
1994 George Hubach*
1995 Clyde Killion*
1996 Bill Schwan*
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1998 John Buchanan*
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2002 Rollin Cunningham*
2003 Don Henry
2004 Tom Sherba
2005 Howard Thompson
2006 Les Addison
2007 Ted Bresler
2008 Richard Holley
2009 Don Gillis

*(deceased)