



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Thirty-Sixth Year

June 2011

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NEXT MEETING at Newark Pavilion - Thursday, June 16, 2011

The Rooster Crows by Big Sir Hugh Twomey

The April attendance was 161. We were very pleased to welcome Sir Tom Bohannon, and Sir Bill Roberts to our membership, they were sponsored by Sir Howard Elz, and Sir Charles Wilkins.

Area 8 Governor Sir Don Graff visited Branch 59 and attended the Branch Executive Committee Meeting and Luncheon. Our SIR State organization provides the branches with the leadership that makes the branches orderly and promotes a thriving membership at each branch. Thanks to our state leaders like Sir Don Graff for his dedication and support.

Jack Swenson, Fremont Senior Center Creative Writing Instructor, was very enlightening as our guest speaker. Little Sir Ron Holladay has also served on the "Writing Your Life Story," committee. Thank you Sir Ron for bringing Jack Swenson as our guest speaker.

The "Springtime Surprise," luncheon in May was a great success thanks to Jim Ferenz and the Social Committee. The program started out with Derrick Hall at the keyboard during the social hour with a medley of music. Then the welcoming was followed by Sir Frank Campos leading us in songs. After a delicious lunch was served, the stage was filled with the Mission San Jose High School Theater Ensemble with songs and dance from musicals.

The Social Committee will be needing assistance for the Holiday luncheon from willing members to help make it another success. Now is the time to let Jim Ferenz know that you would help as a SIR Branch 59 supporter.

Branch 59 needs friends of yours to join us as guests and become members of the SIR Branch 59. Now is the time to invite a friend to our luncheon as your guest.

Hugh Twomey

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

Our Speaker James Stanhope by Little Sir Ron Holladay

Jim Stanhope says his life really began in Niles Grammar School when he became aware of a beautiful classmate – Juanita Galvin! His graduation from Washington High School in 1941 and the good life was soon interrupted by the attack on Pearl Harbor. His 1942 enlistment in the Army Air Corps produced a newly minted 2nd Lt. P-40 fighter pilot in March 1944. By October 1944 he arrived in Italy and was assigned to the 14th P-38 Fighter Group. The following nine months were spent driving a P-38 over the Alps into Germany, escorting large bomber groups. There were also assorted dive bombing and ground attack missions on German rail and other targets.

Some 200 combat hours later the war ended, then home to California and marriage to the waiting Juanita. In 1947 he was recalled to the new USAF and a career in military aviation. Although always a fighter pilot, an early specialization in (atomic) weapons employed on various fighter plane generations, made for a busy life during the cold war period. In 1952, he had a stint in Korea, then a tour of duty at the RAF base in Alconbury, UK. He was then assigned to Headquarters Air Force at the Pentagon. Four years later he was sent to diplomatic duty as an Advisor to the Peruvian Air Force in Lima Peru.

Since retiring from the Air Force, Jim has held various civilian positions: Vice President of a Regional Airline, President and CEO of a Commuter Airline, CEO of an Aircraft Maintenance Company.

Jim will captivate Branch 59 relating his adventures in Europe during World War II.



MENU

Paella and Beef a la Espanola

Potatoes Bravas, Zucchini



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
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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 Hugh Twomey called the meeting to order at 10:05AM and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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



A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the March minutes as published in the Pathfinder.

Treasurer's Report: Sir Ben Fernandez reports financials in good condition but continues to caution that we are not growing our revenue. A long discussion on the issues was conducted and the board agreed that we would look at the financials in detail at the six month point in the year and continue to be watchful on a month to month basis.

Little Sir's Report: Sir Ron Holliday reported that our speaker will be Mr. Jack Swenson who is an author and will speak to us on writing in general and specifically on writing life stories. Sir Ron also reminds the group to be on the lookout for good speakers.

Committee Reports:

Attendance: Sir Ed Guthrie projects attendance at 157 for today's luncheon.

Membership: Sir Ron Brutvan proposed two new members for acceptance. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the new members. They are Sir Tom Bohannon (58) sponsored by Sir Howard Elz and Sir Bill Roberts (100) sponsored by Sir Charles Wilkins. Recruiting new members continues to

be our most important challenge.

Birthdays: Sir Art Winkley reported that we would celebrate 13 Birthdays ranging from 91 to 66. Happy Birthday to all!

Nominating Committee: Sir Frank R. Thomas, Chairman, reports that he is ready to propose a full slate of Officers and Directors for the year 2012. All other Committee reports may be found in the Pathfinder.

New Business:

Sir Fred Gotthardt and Sir John Skarpelos prepared an excellent trend chart which was the basis for a serious discussion on our declining membership. The chart looks at things like venue, bar vs. no bar, and other factors. The downward trend is alarming and it is clear that we need to take action to define the issue and resolve it. The answers are not as simple as recruit new members and we need to get to the true solution of the problem. Sir Don Graff, our Area Governor, stated that this is a problem across all Branches. He further states the nature of retirement is changing in that more people are working on a part time basis. We need to find ways to attract the younger retirees.

A proposal was made to eliminate the fee for Guest Lunches in order to motivate people to bring guests for possible membership. A motion was made and seconded. Discussion was tabled to the June meeting.

Old Business:

Sir Frank R. Thomas is continuing to look into where best to advertise our Branch to help in the recruiting process.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Submitted by Secretary, Sir Jim Ferez

Jim Ferez

MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS

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

Birthday Report



Sir Art Winkley
Birthday Chairman

May Birthdays

David Marymee	05/18/1920	91
Charles Wilkins	05/08/1924	87
Dragomir Dutina	05/26/1925	86
Dan Silva	05/06/1926	85
Fred Anderson	05/03/1927	84
Donald Henry	05/29/1929	82
William Wessells	05/22/1931	80
Willard Wyman	05/23/1933	78
Donald Allen	05/31/1936	75
Gerald Rodrigues	05/07/1939	72
Richard Holley	05/25/1939	72
Roberto Morales	05/13/1940	71
Ron Brutvan	05/21/1941	70
Jack Roach	05/25/1944	67
Terry Pearson	05/03/1945	66
Thomas Breen	05/24/1950	61

June Birthdays

Clark Redeker	06/20/1917	94
Walter Fasolis	06/09/1925	86
David Minor	06/01/1927	84
Louis Bufkin	06/21/1927	84
Gail Shipp	06/11/1929	82
Fred Alfred	06/12/1929	82
Phil Utic	06/24/1929	82
William Pereira	06/27/1931	80
Marty Enriquez	06/10/1932	79
George Vlastelica	06/28/1932	79
Tony Zeuli	06/11/1933	78
William Briscoe	06/15/1933	78
Darrell Jewell	06/19/1936	75
John Clark	06/10/1937	74
Alan Kenney	06/11/1937	74
John Vennemeyer	06/19/1937	74
Frank Thomas	06/15/1940	71
Gary Otterson	06/19/1940	71
Jerry Sabo	06/02/1942	69
Crispulo Pangilinan	06/10/1944	67

New Members

Tom N. Bohannon

35477 Eden Court
Fremont, CA 94536-3317
510-797-3013
Email: tombo36565@aol.com
Birthday: 4/16/1944
Spouse: Ginger
Badge No. 58
Sponsor: Howard Elz
Call me: Tom

Bill Roberts

43451 Columbia Avenue
Fremont, CA 94538-6022
510-657-7047
Email: robertsfrg@yahoo.com
Birthday: 10/27/1935
Badge No. 100
Sponsor: Charles Wilkins
Call me: Bill

Tom Bohannon



Bill Roberts



Membership Report



Sir Ron Brutvan
Membership Chairman

Guests:

Ron Sternal
Bill Bauhofer

Guest of:

Howard Elz
Bob Fuchslin

Visitors:

Don Graff Area 8 Governor
Jack Swenson Speaker
Jim Blood Inactive Member

Change of Status:

Donald Eliason resigned
Richard Ahern to Inactive
Edison Schrader to Inactive
Roger Tansley to Inactive
James Thurgate to Inactive
Aaron Wong to Inactive
Gene Anderson dropped Rule 100
Bill Fremont dropped Rule 100
Del Morsette dropped Rule 100
Paul Ruberto dropped Rule 100
James Sissle dropped Rule 100

Membership Total

(as of April 15, 2011)

217 — Active Members
30 — Inactive Members

Attendance Report



Sir Ed Guthrie
Attendance Chairman

Attendance Report

(For April 15, 2011)

Members 161
Guests 2
Visitors 3

Total = 166

30 excused 32 unexcused

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Website: <http://branch59.sirinc2.org/>

SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares by Jerry Sabo



We did have good results from the tournaments that we attended since the last column. **Wayne Adams** took prize money at Livermore and Concord; **Frank Cordova** did extremely well at Petaluma; **Don Henry** took home cash from Sonoma, Livermore and Concord; **Darrell Jewell** won at Sonoma and Concord; Nat Lord collected from Sonoma, Petaluma and Concord; **Chuck Pereira** (Br. 6) won at

Petaluma and Concord; **Jerry Sabo** and **Roger Wallin** won at Sonoma, Livermore and Concord. So far this year we have accumulated total prize money of \$1107.17!

Branch 59 had two teams at the State SIR tournament in Brentwood this year. Gary Bennett, Frank Cordova, Don Henry, and Jerry Sabo bowled as Team 1, while Wayne Adams, Darrell Jewell, Nat Lord, and John Pesek bowled as Team 2. Branch 6 put together a team of Rich Bowers, Lew Heffron, Chuck Pereira, and one other bowler. At least Branch 6 put on a good showing.

The crew that went to the Nationals at Reno just did OK. Seemed as if we all bowled better this year than the past two years, but couldn't put the big games in the right places. That group of bowlers included: Gary Bennett, Rich Bowers (Br. 6), Lew Heffron (Br. 6), Chuck Pereira (Br. 6), Jerry Sabo, and Roger Wallin.

Our upcoming schedule for the months of June and July are as follows:

JUN 22, 23	Tue, Wed	Tall Pines	Paradise
JUN 27, 28	Sun, Mon	Cambrian Bowling Alley	Campbell
JUL 12, 13	Mon, Tue	Nu Generation	Yuba City
JUL 26, 27	Mon, Tue	Napa Bowl	Napa

SIR members are always invited to join us 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. Cost is \$12.00 to bowl, and we always have a "top" game and series pool as well as a poker game going on. We normally are finished before 3:00 P.M. This is a bit different from a normal bowling league because we bowl as individuals rather than teams. Any SIR member can join our group at any Monday gathering.

For those of you that might be interested in a bit of Monte Carlo Bowling, several of the SIR bowlers have been going to the "special event" on Friday's at 1:00 P.M. at Cloverleaf Bowl. There is one exception in that on the second Friday of each month, we bowl "no-tap." On those Fridays we start bowling at 12:30 rather than the usual 1:00. Cost is \$12.00. Usually there are lots of snacks and a great time can be had at the Friday session. SIR bowlers that usually attend include: Nat Lord, Frank Cordova, Roger Wallin, Jerry Sabo and Gary Bennett. Just show up and join us if you are a "Senior."

Jerry Sabo

Golf Notes by Bill Leake



Welcome to the Branch 59 golf column.

We had a very good time at last month's sweetheart luncheon. Congratulations to John Trischetti for winning one of the door prizes – golf at Sunol for 4.

We completed the team competition. The top team advances to the states in Corning on August 8. The winning team was from branch 26. The team of Trischetti/Ilg/Leake/Fernandez finished 3rd. For CTP-- Wayne Meyer won \$ for first in ctp and Dominic Aiello won 2nd for ctp.

A flier went out – we will have the division 4 qualifier August 31. Call me if you did not get an entry form. It is \$49 per golfer, held at Boundary Oaks in Walnut Creek, and the top two finishers from each flight go to Poppy Hills in October. Make checks out to SIR Division 4 Golf and mail to Bill Leake, PO Box 434, Fremont CA 94537.

The first SIR state tournament was held in Las Vegas. Terry Dalziel and Bill Leake attended. Terry finished 4th place in one of the flights and won his \$40 back. Bill won 2nd place and also 4th place sweeps and overall he won \$80.00. We have more tournaments – June 3 sessions of Reno— August 31 – state individual qualifier at Boundary Oaks. Top 2 from each of 7 flights go to Poppy Hills in October. \$49, check made out to Division 4 Golf, mail to Bill Leake at PO Box 434, Fremont 94537 if interested – September 11-15 Fall Classic at Solvang; 5 days, 4 nights, 3 days of golf this year – 2 days of 2 man best ball & scramble 1 day.

Take a bow – Myron Ness – eagle on # 5 Cypress– par 5 – Sunol... Gordon MacLeod – with 25.5 index shot 89 on Cypress. Net = 63.5. Included a birdie on # \$ – hole 2nd shot of 115 from hole...John Trischetti – won golf outing from Sunol at luncheon

Suggestion Box – Do you have a suggestion to get more golfers to play state tournaments? We now have a suggestion box. Call Bill Leake (793-6561) for details. You could win a case of golf balls.

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.

Post – post your score.

Please – we need more members for SIR and also SIR golf.

Thank you for reading this article.

Bill Leake



CYBERGEEZER MEETING

The CybergEEZER group will meet at the Fukaya A room of the Fremont Main Library. We almost always meet on the first Tuesday following the SIR lunch meeting of Thursday. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 21st 1:30 to 3:30pm — see you there and then.

Jerry Sabo – 510-790-3135

WRITING YOUR LIFE STORY

Join us for an hour at the Creative Writing Class at the Fremont Senior Center every Tuesday at 10:00 AM.

During that hour, instructions are handed out for writing (but not required); writings are read (if you want to read what you wrote) and discussed. It is an active class with some great people.

Ron Holladay - 510-656-9017

Nat Lord Sports (510) 797-1704



SIR DAY AT THE GIANTS

The 2011 SIR DAY with the WORLD CHAMPION SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS is Wednesday, August 10th, the Giants vs the Pittsburgh Pirates, 12:45 PM. Tickets are priced dynamically and can change based upon demand so order your tickets NOW! Prices currently range from \$10 to \$24.50 (View Level) to \$33 or \$44 (Lower Box) to \$38.25 (Club Level)! Choose the seating area that suits you!

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

BOCCE

Bocce Ball at City Beach every first Tuesday of the month at 1:00 PM for all members and guests, unless it rains.

Ed Shannon - 510-651-6786

Roger Wallin - 510-793-8291

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



Area 8 SIR Travel Adventures

Emile Lassalle

July 14, 2011

MOVING MOVIE TOUR

We will tour San Francisco and our walk-on escort will show clips of famous movies that were made in San Francisco over the years. You will be treated to a Hosted Luncheon at "FOG HARROR" on PIER 39 and at the end of the tour to dessert at "MEL'S." Cost: \$89 Per Person.

For more information call Joe Guerrero, 510-483-3627 or Emile Lassalle at 510-538-7463

October 2nd-13th, 2011.

THE GRAND TOUR OF ITALY

We land in Florence the first day. We won't be packing each day to move to a new city, we will stay 4 nights in Montecatini, 3 nights in Rome and 3 nights in Sorrento. From these key cities we visit all the other areas. Included you will have 10 breakfasts and 10 dinners, air is included and also, all taxes and tips. Talbot Tours will have a sign-up for the trip on April 21st, between 1:30-2:30 PM at Carrows Restaurant In Castro Valley. Hope you can make it. Contact Joe Guerrero or Emile Lassalle for any information you might want. Joe Guerrero 510-483-3627 or Emile Lassalle 510-538-7463

READERS AND BROWERS

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

Wayne Adams 510-797-7611



Having reached his 90th birthday, Sir Bruno Orsetti (right) recently was presented with the State President's Award by Big Sir Hugh Twomey.

SUNSHINE REPORT

by Dave Marymee, Bob Walter and Carl Shaner

LES ADDISON (past Big Sir) is recovering from a fall that happened at home in April. Les says he is walking using a cane.

THOMAS AHERN The last report was that Thomas had moved to the Irvington area to Lincoln Convalescent Center on Lincoln Avenue. Thomas continues physical therapy. Thomas enjoys seeing friends at the Center.

FRED ANDERSON is wheelchair bound and seems to get along with the help from a young man who also serves as his driver. Fred is subject to fluid retention. We wish Fred well.

JOHN AUSTIN fell at home and injured his hip. John is now recovering at home, using a walker to get around.

WILLIAM DARK was in the hospital to have hiatal hernia of the diaphragm repaired and is at home doing ok. William plans to attend the SIR June luncheon.

RAY FARIA (inactive)-We were unable to contact Ray. We do wish him well.

DON GILLIS's wife reports that Don is in ICU after the four hour operation to remove the left lung upper lobe. They did not find any cancer in Don's lymph nodes and is cancer free now. They also took him off oxygen and he's feeling much better.

TONY MARTINEZ was in the hospital April/early May with pneumonia. Tony is at home and says he has recovered.

LYNN PURVIS lost his wife Marlene, who died May 20, age 74. We at SIR wish to express our sympathy to Lynn and his family.

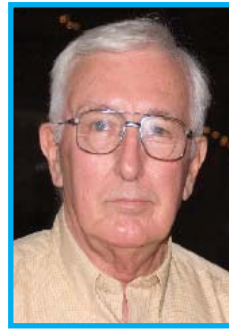
CARL SHANER (Sunshine Committee) takes shots in his lower spine to alleviate pain. We wish him well.

CONRAD WALLA (inactive) wife, Ann, says Con is taking chemotherapy treatment once a week instead of treatment every three weeks. The treatment is intended to clear up cancer involving the kidneys. We at SIR wish Conrad well.

DARELD YOUNGKER suffers blood clots in his left leg. Dareld is wearing support hose and taking blood thinner medication. He uses a walker and cane to get around. We wish him well.



Dave Marymee



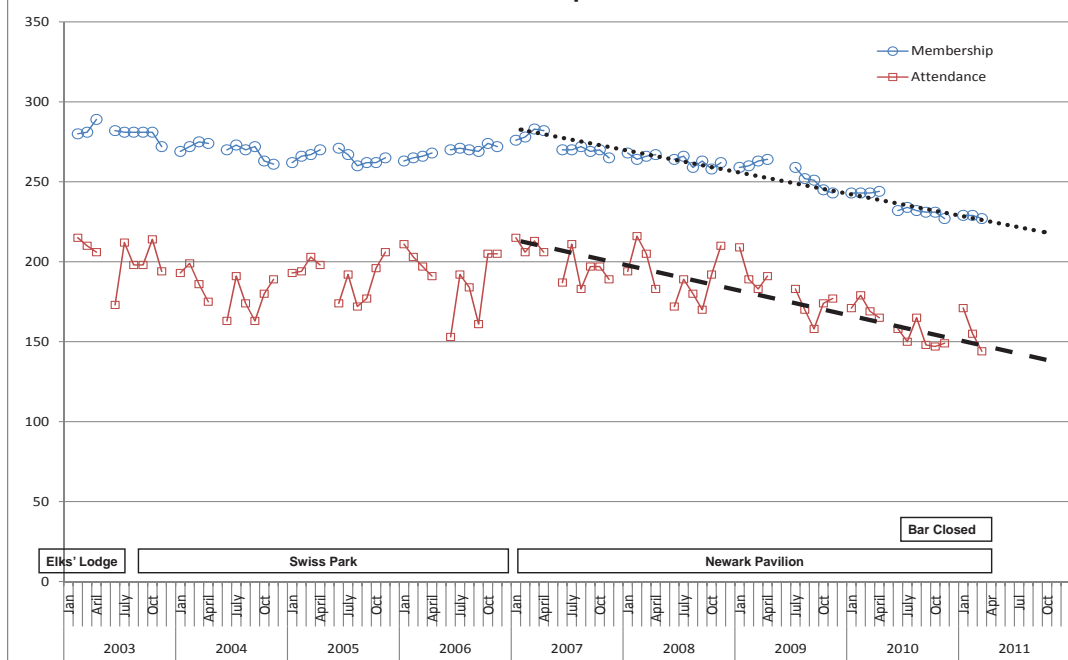
Bob Walter



Carl Shaner

In Memoriam Clark Dedrick

Branch 59 Membership and Attendance



SIR Branch 59 Membership and Attendance Declines

The chart at left illustrates the loss of membership and attendance during the past five years.

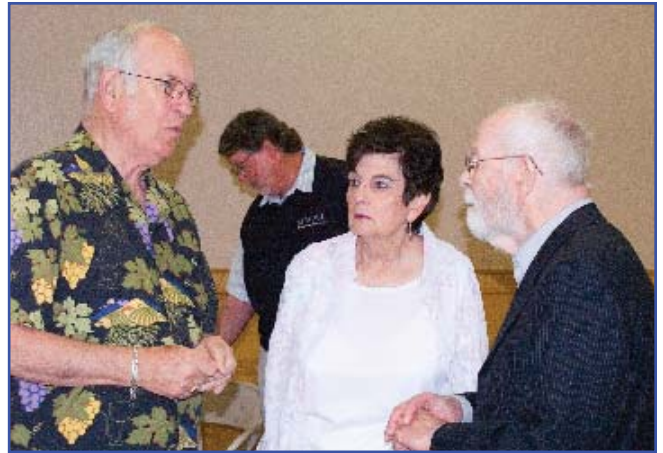
What has caused this serious problem? Is it the meeting place? Is it the lack of a bar? Is it the food? Is it the luncheon speakers?

You are invited to send emails to the editor and to your Branch Executive Committee letting them know your opinion about the problem and how we can correct it.

Springtime Surprise



The Mission San Jose High School Theater Ensemble provided entertainment at the Springtime Surprise luncheon..



Sir Tom Blalock, Diane Briscoe and past Big Sir Lyle Kingery discuss several important issues.



In the left photo Sir Tim Pearson is reviewing some information with Assistant Secretary Peter Angelides and his wife Genevieve .



In the right photo Sir Bob Benya serenades his wife, Dorothy, with Happy Birthday on this special occasion..



Two entertainers at the Sweetheart Luncheon were Sir Frank Campos on the left who sang several songs and Derrick Hall on the right who provided music for the crowd during the social hour and dining hour.



Below left Social Chairman Jim Ferenz and Big Sir Hugh Twomey greet the attendees. In the center Past Big Sir Frank R. Thomas gives the invocation and below on the right Sir Rob Ingebretson awards door prizes.



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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

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1995 Clyde Killion*

1996 Bill Schwan*

1997 Nat Lord

1998 John Buchanan*

1999 Art Lampert*

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