



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Thirty-Sixth Year

September 2011

Bulletin No. 8

NEXT MEETING at Newark Pavilion - Thursday, September 15, 2011

The Rooster Crows by Big Sir Hugh Twomey

The suggestions placed into the "Suggestion Box," have been a wide variety of improvements to our SIR Branch 59. One anonymous note was "opposed to Swiss Park," another anonymous note was "take another vote." Just read the minutes of the last months Branch Executive Meeting. The BEC discussed Swiss Park and ruled it out as a location.



One suggestion concerned having the caterer serve guys that need help at a "special table." Another fellow would like to have the seating be assigned and changed every meeting, so members meet other members, also "include iced tea."

This month Sir Rob Ingebretson is encouraging SIR Branch 59 members to consider the activities offered to our members. There will be an extra table set up for our members to discuss their interest in joining an activity. This is an opportunity to invite guests who consider joining a SIR activity as a new member. Past Big Sir Ted Bresler suggested asking for "discount coupons," for incentives.

The August SIR State Elections were held at Vallejo. A SIR Inc. Display Package was provided as an opportunity to set up a banner, posters, table covers, and table retractable Banners. This exhibit/display package is offered to any branch at a special price of \$750. This would be effective to use at festivals and special events.

Finally I would like to congratulate the Officers elect and the Directors elect for 2012.

Branch 59 needs your friends to join us as guests and become members of the Branch.

Hugh Twomey

Our Speaker Jon Kingdon by Little Sir Ron Holladay

Jon Kingdon, Director of College Scouting for the Oakland Raiders, grew up in Roslyn, New York a suburban town on Long Island.

He received his undergraduate degree in English from Oberlin College. He received a Master's Degree in Sports Administration from the University of Massachusetts



and came to the Raiders as an intern in fulfillment of the program at the University of Massachusetts.

Jon has been employed by the Oakland Raiders since 1978 when he came to the Raiders as an intern, working in whatever area that was needed. He worked one year as Tom Flores' administrative assistant and then moved fulltime into the personnel department.

Kingdon began as Ron Wolf's assistant and eventually became responsible for the West Coast area in scouting and after Ron Wolf left, eventually took on the role of Director of College Scouting.

Jon will talk about the overall operation of the College Scouting for the Raiders and the people that make up the department and will be happy to handle any questions you may have about the Raiders.

MENU

**Beef Stroganoff and
Chicken Rosemary**

Noodles, Rice and Cut Green Beans



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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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 August Meeting Minutes

Big Sir Hugh Twomey 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 Hugh Twomey, Little Sir Ron Holliday, Secretary Sir Jim Ferez, Treasurer Sir Ben Fernandez, and Assistant Treasurer Sir Nat Lord. Officers



absent: Assistant Secretary Sir Peter Angelides. Directors present: Sir Bill Anderson, Sir Bill Dark, Sir Robert Ingebretson, Sir Jerry Sabo, Sir Frank R. Thomas, and Sir Roger Wallin. No Directors were absent.

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

Treasurer's Report: Sir Ben Fernandez reports financials continue to remain solid with a checkbook balance of \$6106.65. No problems exist at this time.

Little Sir's Report: Sir Ron Holliday reported that our speaker will be Mr. Rick Pickering who is the Director of the Alameda County Fair. Mr. Pickering's subject will be general information about how the Fair is operated and some of the local history surrounding the Alameda County Fair.

Committee Reports:

Attendance: Sir Ed Guthrie projects attendance at today's luncheon at 150.

Membership: Sir Ron Brutvan proposed one new member and one member who wishes to return to Active Status from Inactive. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the new members. The new members are Sir Miguel Ferras (113) sponsored by Sir Hugh Twomey and Sir James Blood (306) returning to active status from inactive.

Nominating Committee: Sir Frank R. Thomas reminds us that the full membership will vote, today, on the new slate of officers and directors for the year 2012.

Sir Frank also reported to the board that an ad for our SIR Branch has been started in the Tri City Voice and will run for the next ten weeks. The ad covers a bit about the

SIR organization and our meeting time and location.

Birthdays: Sir Art Winkley reports that we will celebrate 14 Birthdays this month ranging from 92 to 65. Branch 59 wishes our Birthday celebrants a very Happy Birthday.

Social: Sir Jim Ferez reminds us that the December Luncheon is coming up and we still need volunteers to help. We especially need door prizes and ask the members to donate items that can be used for door prizes. If you have any recommendations for entertainment please contact Sir Jim.

Activities: Sir Rob Ingebretson stresses that we need to focus on activities and will set up an Activities table at the next meeting where interested people can meet with the heads of various activities to find out more about them and how to participate. The table will be manned from 11:00 to 12:00. Bocce Ball is cancelled because of a lack of players. Sir Ron Holladay is ready to set up a Terrain Hiking group. If you have interest call him.

Caps and Emblems: A new SIR hat is available. Sir Nat Lord will have samples to display at the next meeting.

All activities are covered on a regular basis in the Pathfinder. All members are requested to read the Pathfinder for current SIR information.

Unfinished Business:

The discussion on how the Exit Process should be handled was tabled until the September meeting at the request of Sir Frank R. Thomas.

New Business:

Discussion continued on potential new meeting locations. Swiss Park was definitely ruled out as a location. The Officers, Directors, and members of SIR Branch 59 offer their sincere condolences to the families of Sir John Clark, Sir Gerald Desmond, and Sir Conrad Walla who all passed away during the month of July.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:15 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

September Birthdays

Raymond Erickson	09/12/1925	86
Harry Gardiser	09/01/1927	84
Joe Markovich	09/26/1927	84
John Skarpelos	09/09/1928	83
David Priego	09/12/1929	82
G. Austin Smith	09/19/1929	82
Armando Castiglioni	09/02/1930	81
Bill Stannard	09/05/1931	80
Vincent Fernelius	09/15/1933	78
Ned Rendell	09/11/1938	73
John Trischetti	09/17/1938	73
Robert Ingebretson	09/08/1940	71
Warren Mindestrom	09/06/1942	69
Stan Peters	09/24/1942	69
Howard Elz	09/21/1943	68
Edward Blank	09/21/1943	68
Fred Ilg	09/10/1945	66

New Members

James J. Blood
35449 Galen Place
Fremont, CA 94536-3320
510-793-1678
Birthday: 11/14/1924
Spouse: Maxine
Badge No. 76
Call me: Jim

Miguel R. Ferras
36450 Diego Drive
Fremont, CA 94536-5559
510-792-8301
Email: miguel Ferras@att.net
Birthday: 4/8/1937
Spouse: Linda
Badge No. 113
Sponsor: Hugh Twomey
Call me: Miguel

Miguel Ferras



Bring in a Guest
We need new
Members

Membership Report



Sir Ron Brutvan
Membership Chairman

Guests: **Guest of:**
None

Visitors:
Rick Pickering Speaker

Change of Status:
Lloyd Keplinger Resigned
Mike Whitfield Resigned
Rob Ingebretson Email Address changed to robingy@comcast.net

Membership Total (as of August 2011)

216 — Active Members
27 — Inactive Members

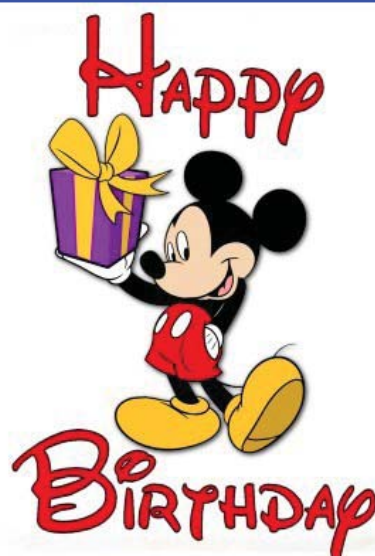
Attendance Report



Sir Ed Guthrie
Attendance Chairman

Attendance Report (For August 2011)

Members	149
Guests	0
Visitors	1
Total =	150
43 excused	27 unexcused



You can get this issue of the Pathfinder or earlier issues by going to the Branch
Website: <http://branch59.sirinc2.org/>

SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares by Jerry Sabo

Awards from the Yuba City Tournament arrived, and three of the four tournament attendees took awards: **Darrell Jewell**, **John Pesek**, and **Don Henry**.

Two of the four bowlers that went to Napa won prizes, with **Roger Wallin** and **Jerry Sabo** placing second in B category doubles.

Rumor has it that Jerry also won prize money at Sonora, but **Nat Lord** still has the tournament results, and has evidently forgotten to share them. John and Jerry went to Sonora and bowled OK, but who knows. Must be that Nat is still in shock from the Reno Tournament. Nat has really been bowling well this year, but the inconsistency has taken its toll. Nat has been bowling some big games followed by the games that lower the average. In any case, of the three branch 59 bowlers that went to Reno: **Gary Bennett**, John Pesek and Nat Lord, it seems that only Gary and John had respectable series scores.

Jerry hopes to report results from the Fremont Tournament in the Pathfinder next month, but is also planning a trip to Europe so results may be sketchy. Thanks in advance to any of you that support us on September 11th and 12th at Cloverleaf Bowl.

The schedule for October is as follows:

Citrus Heights	OCT 3, 5	Mon, Wed
Brentwood	OCT 18, 20	Tue, Thu

Now would be a great time for new bowlers to join us. Usually the "winter leagues" start in early September, and we are no exception. However, SIR members can join us at any time. We even have four golfers that bowl with us. We meet 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 \$13.00 to bowl. We normally are finished before 3:00 P.M.



I would especially like to thank our greatest supporters. Even though **Art Winkley** hasn't bowled with us for a long time, he is always there to give support and keep track of those "high scores." **Frank Thomas** (the handsome Frank, not former Big Sir – just kidding) also stops by to visit on a regular basis. We miss **Ray Erickson** and **Bob**

Edwards who dropped out for medical reasons, but four new bowlers have joined us this year. That being said, we would welcome a new bunch of SIR bowlers to join us.

Jerry Sabo

Golf Notes by Bill Leake

Welcome to the Branch 59 golf column.

Please welcome **Miguel Ferras** back to Branch 59. I was not at the last meeting – was traveling. Sorry for not being there.

On Wednesday August 31 we had the division 4 state qualifier at **Boundary Oaks**. Those representing Branch 59 were **John Trischetti**, **Dave Tanner**, **Gary Bennett**, **Bob Balan** and **Bill Leake**. We will have results in the next Pathfinder column. The top 2 finishers in each flight get to go to **Poppy Hills** on October 18 – for free. There are openings for Poppy Hills on October 19 which is open play and you pay. This is the last time for **Poppy Hills for a couple of years**. Word is that there will be a major overhaul of the course so they can get back for the AT&T....

When you go to the next meeting you will notice that some golfers are absent. That is because of second to last tournament of the year – the **Solvang Classic**. It will be held Sep 11-15 at Solvang. 5 days, 4 nights, 3 days of golf this year – 2 days of 2 man best ball & scramble 1 day. Results of that tournament will be in next month's Pathfinder as well.

As we approach the last quarter of 2011 you are minded of **golf dues for year 2012**. I will let you know the amount in the next column. I am assuming that it will be \$37 again – but will let you know in the next 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.

One interesting note – there is talk of a possible cruise in Q1 2012 – will let you know more later.

Suggestion Box – Do you have a suggestion to improve SIR golf? We now have a **suggestion box**. Call Bill Leake (510-793-6561) 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

Jerry has arranged for the return of **Fred Gotthardt**, CybergEEZER Emeritus, for the next meeting. Information on the program was not available at the time the *Pathfinder* went to the printers.

Our meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 27 from 2 to 4 pm** in the Fukaya room at the Fremont Main Library. **Note that this is one week later than usual.**

Last month Jerry discussed and demonstrated working with spreadsheets in Microsoft Excel.

Topics are usually varied, and generated by group interest. All SIR members and friends are always welcomed to attend. If you have a laptop computer or notebook, please bring it next time.

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

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

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 BROWSERS

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

Wayne Adams 510-797-7611



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

Area 8 SIR Travel Adventures

Emile Lassalle

October 18-19, 2011

OVERNIGHT TO RENO

Leave Hayward at 8:00 A.M. Breakfast stop will be made en route to Reno. Arrive about 1:00 P.M. and check in at the Eldorado for your overnight stay. Cocktail party at 4:30 in Joe's Suite. Dinner Buffet is hosted tonight. Show is optional if you wish to go, live on stage is HAIRSPRAY at an additional cost of \$30.00. Hosted breakfast buffet in the morning before leaving the Eldorado, before continuing to Boomtown. Upon arriving there you will receive a \$5.00 cash and a \$5.00 food credit.

COST: \$136.00 PP, \$28 Single supplement.

OPTIONAL: Hairspray tickets \$30.00 P.P.

ESCORT: JOE GUERRERO, Ph. 510-326-4196 or call Emile Lassalle at 510-538-7463.

September 24, 2011

FAMILY NIGHT AT THE COLOMBO CLUB

All you can eat and dancing to a live band.

(LIMITED RESERVED SEATING)

Call George Dini for more information at 510-483-5577.

October 21, 2011

SIR DAY AT THE RACES

This day has been reserved for Sons in Retirement at Golden Gate Fields. Come join in the fun of horse racing at one of the last remaining race tracks in California. You will be treated to the TURF CLUB BUFFET MENU, VALET PARKING, RESERVED SEATING, DAILY RACING PROGRAM and all taxes and tips are included.

COST per person: \$28.00 – Deadline for ticket sales is SEPTEMBER 14, 2011.

NONE ACCEPTED AFTER THAT DATE.

You must send a "STAMPED SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE" to Emile so the tickets will be sent to you. This is a trip where you drive to the track in your own car.

MAIL your check to Emile Lassalle, 19574 Stanton Ave., Castro Valley, 94546

December 10, 2011

THE SINGING CHRISTMAS TREE

This is a trip we did about 8 years ago and it was a sell-out, we had 2 buses. It is a Christmas PAGEANT in Sacramento and the tree had at least 100 or more singing participants. We will have dinner at the Spaghetti Factory.

COST: \$81 PER PERSON,

Escort Emile Lassalle, 510-538-7463

**Call Travel Chairman Emile Lassalle
for more information 510-538-7463**

SUNSHINE REPORT

by Sir Dave Marymee, Sir Bob Walter and Sir Carl Shaner

THOMAS AHERN is receiving physical therapy and residing at Lincoln Convalescent Center in Irvington District. Stop in and see him as he likes visitors.

FRED ANDERSON (wheel chair bound) attended the August luncheon. Fred enjoyed the speaker, Rick Pickering, who is Director of Alameda County Fair. Fred depends upon a driver to take him to the luncheon.



Dave Marymee



Bob Walter



Carl Shaner

GERALD DESMOND's wife, Marilyn sent a thank you note to SIR for the sympathy card from the Branch. Marilyn's thank you was greatly appreciated.

DOUG EADS will be out of commission for a while after surgery in early September for a form of stomach cancer.

JACK GAUNT's wife, Rosemary, reports that Jack is on hospice care. Jack suffers from liver and kidney disease. We wish the best for Jack.

LEE MINEAU's wife, Helen, reports that Lee is fighting lung cancer and is on hospice care. We wish Lee the best.

CARL SHANER (Sunshine Committee) is receiving medical treatment from Kaiser that includes shots in the lower spine for relief from pain and chemo therapy treatment for cancer. We wish Carl well.

CONRAD WALLA's memorial funeral service was held on August 17 at the Newark Memorial High School Theater. The memorial service was well attended with an overflow crowd. Con would have been 80 years old on that day. Con was retired from the Newark School District as a choral teacher.

ACTIVITY COMMITTEE

by Sir Rob Ingebretson



At our next meeting there will be a table set up with a representative from each of our activities within the SIR organization. They will be there to answer any questions about their particular activity. I will be there at the table to sign up people that might be interested in forming or be a part of an activity that presently doesn't exist. Please come by and say "hi" and give me your suggestions.

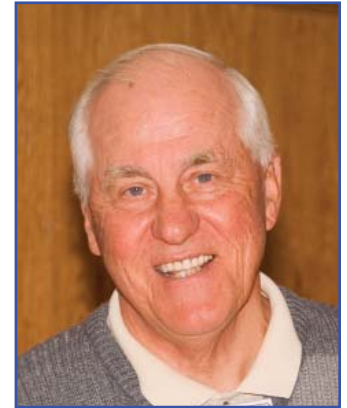
Rob Ingebretson

2012 Branch Executive Committee



**Big Sir
Ron Holladay**

**Little Sir
Skip Mugford**



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**Assistant
Secretary**

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**Assistant
Treasurer**



Sir James Ferenz



Sir Peter Angelides



Sir Hugh Twomey



Sir Vincent Fernelius

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Sir Don Gillis



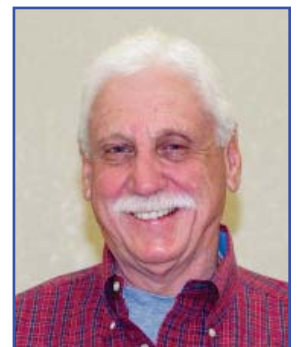
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Copy deadline for the next issue of the *Pathfinder* will be Thursday a week after the monthly luncheon meeting.

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*

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1985 Ray Crosby*

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*(deceased)