



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Thirty-Seventh Year

January 2012

Bulletin No. 1

NEXT MEETING at Newark Pavilion - Thursday, January 19, 2012

Jottings from Jim by Big Sir Jim Ferez

Well here we are! Another year has started and we have survived the 2011 Holidays and entered 2012. We had a very successful Christmas Luncheon. Our members and guests seemed to have a good time with lots of fellowship and entertainment. The year was exciting for me personally as I found myself Social Chairman so a good part of the year was spent in planning and working with the committee to make these events happen. Then because of a series of circumstances I found myself as Big Sir for 2012. The fun just never seems to stop.

I would like to thank Sir Hugh Twomey for a great 2011. Sir Hugh led the organization thru the year with style and grace. He put a lot of effort into making Branch 59 one of the best branches in the SIR Organization.

It is 2012 and a new year begins for Branch 59. I have two goals for the year. Goal number one is to make the meetings as interesting and enjoyable as possible with good speakers, good food, and good friends. My second goal is to come out of 2012 with one more member than when we entered the year. The goals are simple and I ask each and every one of you to help me and the Branch Executive Committee make them real.

I am asking all of you to make new members welcome in the organization and help me get them involved in one of our many projects and activities. You old timers in the organization have lots of knowledge and know how – why not put some of it to work and help keep this branch running smoothly. Please talk about SIR when you meet people and bring in a new member.

In summary let's all do a little to have a successful Branch. We can all work to bring in new members and let's make new members feel welcome. Introduce them to me and I will find them something to do.

Have a great year and please know that I am proud to be your Big Sir.

Jim

Our Speaker Jacques Guertin by Little Sir Skip Mugford



Dr. Jacques Guertin earns his living teaching and consulting about chemistry. He obtained his B.S. degree in Chemistry in 1960 from McGill University and five years later was awarded a Ph.D. from the same University. He has taught Chemistry and Physics at both Chabot and Ohlone Junior College.

However, since 1963, Dr. Guertin has been viewing and photographing total eclipses of the sun, having been clouded out in only 5 of 24 eclipse expeditions (20 total, 4 annular). More than 200 of Jacques's high-resolution photographs of the chromosphere, prominences, and inner corona have been published in magazines such as Astronomy and Sky & Telescope. Jacques has also organized and led groups to difficult eclipse locations such as deep in the middle of Borneo (1988).

Besides eclipses, Jacques has extensive experience in nature photography, and in depth knowledge of cameras, lenses, and telescopes. Jacques provides suggestions on how to photograph various features of a total solar eclipse using a digital camera as well as a traditional camera using photographic film (if anyone is still using film).

MENU

Sirloin Tips and Breaded Fish
Noodles, Rice and Mixed 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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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 November Meeting Minutes

Big Sir Hugh Twomey called the meeting to order at 10:00AM and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call by Secretary: Officers present: Big Sir Hugh Twomey, Secretary Sir Jim Ferenz, Assistant Secretary Sir Peter Angelides, and Assistant Treasurer Nat Lord. Officers absent: Little Sir Ron Holladay (Resigned), and Treasurer Sir Ben Fernandez. Directors Present: Sir Bill Anderson, Sir Bill Dark, Sir Robert Ingebretson, Sir Jerry Sabo, Sir Frank R. Thomas, and Sir Roger Wallin. Directors absent: None.

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

Treasurer's Report

Big Sir Hugh Twomey presented the Report and indicated a balance of \$6309.97. Sir Hugh further indicated the financials remain strong but indicated we needed to be watchful of spending.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Jim Ferenz stated he wanted to compliment Assistant Secretary Peter Angelides for a job well done for the October Minutes.

Little Sir Report

Little Sir Elect Skip Mugford reported that today's speaker will be Captain Joe Garrity of the San Francisco Police Department. Captain Garrity grew up in Fremont and attended Washington High School and was an accomplished athlete. Captain Garrity commands the Tenderloin Police Station and will talk to us about current Law Enforcement issues.

Committee Reports

Attendance

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

Membership

Sir Ron Brutvan proposed three new members. A motion was made seconded and passed to accept the new members. The new members are: Sir Ted Jorgenson (27) sponsored by Sir Joe

Stanley, Sir Ahmed Falsafi (12) sponsored by Sir Charles Wilkens, and Sir Van Lewing (36) sponsored by Sir Gordon MacLeod.

Social

Sir Jim Ferenz Reported that plans are moving along for the Christmas Fantasy. Sir Rob Ingebretson has the entertainment in place and Sir Ed Kurtz and Sir Drag Dutina have plenty of tickets available. We still need door prizes and the members are asked to help with this issue. We look forward to seeing you all on December 15. Social hour is at 11:00 AM and Lunch will be served at noon. Single members are most welcome.

Birthdays

We are celebrating 13 birthdays ranging from 88 to 64. The Officers and Directors wish these men a very Happy Birthday.

Bowling

It has been reported that the top averages in our Branch are held by Sir Gary Bennett and Sir Jerry Sabo. Congratulations Gentlemen.

Sunshine

It is with sadness that we report the passing of Sir Roger Tansley and Sir Lee Mineau.

Pathfinder

Sir John Skarpelos requests that members check their data in the current Sir Roster and submit any necessary corrections to him at john@mediaart.com so that the 2012 Roster can be published.

Unfinished Business

Sir Hugh Twomey will be working with our caterer to renew the contract for 2012.

Sir Bill Leake reminds all Golfers that 2012 dues is payable until December 15.

Members are reminded to turn off Cell Phones during the meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40AM.

Submitted by Secretary
Jim Ferenz

MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS

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

Birthday Report



Sir Art Winkley
Birthday Chairman

December Birthdays

Gordon Thatcher	12/18/1924	87
Robert Walter	12/31/1929	82
William Watts	12/14/1930	81
Les Addison	12/17/1931	80
Tom Sullivan	12/16/1932	79
Wayne Adams	12/21/1933	78
Edgar Guthrie	12/03/1935	76
Glenn Coon, Jr	12/28/1937	74
Carl Nordling	12/07/1939	72
James Lawrence	12/02/1940	71
Edward Thomas	12/12/1940	71
Frank Cordova	12/18/1940	71
William Williams	12/13/1941	70
Lon Hitchcock	12/05/1942	69
George Perry	12/20/1944	67
A. Ulam	12/08/1945	66
Joseph Stanley	12/26/1945	66

January Birthdays

Raymond Carlson	01/19/1922	90
Melvin Nunes	01/13/1925	87
Walt Oden	01/13/1927	85
Richard Holmes	01/22/1929	83
Joseph Jenó	01/24/1930	82
John Cordeniz	01/26/1930	82
Thomas Blalock	01/06/1932	80
Martin Spellman	01/17/1933	79
Walter Ulrich	01/07/1934	78
Tony Martinez	01/26/1935	77
Richard Chatham	01/12/1936	76
Greg Johnston	01/04/1938	74
Ted Jorgenson	01/25/1941	71
Dominic Aiello	01/05/1942	70

New Members

Ahmad M. Falsafi
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Newark, CA 94560-2024
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Birthday: 8/2/1945
Spouse: Parvin
Badge No. 12
Sponsor: Charles Wilkens
Call me: Ahmad

Ted A. Jorgenson
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510-651-4224
Email: iaswede41@yahoo.com
Birthday: 1/25/1941
Spouse: Carmen
Badge No. 27
Sponsor: Joe Stanley
Call me: Ted

Van C. Lewing
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510-651-6259
Email: vanlewing@hotmail.com
Birthday: 2/25/1938
Spouse: Donna
Badge No. 36
Sponsor: Gordon MacLeod
Call me: Van

Membership Report



Sir Ron Brutvan
Membership Chairman

Guests: Guest of:

Henry Brown Jack Lindley
Myron Ness Returning

Visitors:
Joe Garrity Speaker

Change of Status:
Harry Gardiser To Inactive

Membership Total
(as of November 2011)

204 — Active Members
29 — Inactive Members

Attendance Report



Sir Ed Guthrie
Attendance Chairman

Attendance Report

(For November 2011)

Members	151
Guests	2
Visitors	1
Total =	154
26 excused	26 unexcused

Welcome New Members

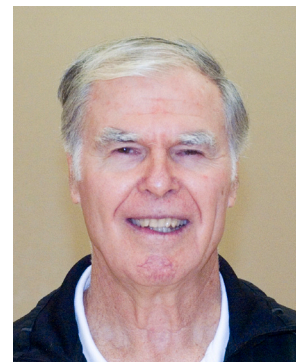
Ahmad Falsafi



Ted Jorgenson



Van Lewing



SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares by Jerry Sabo

Really is difficult to write a bowling article at the beginning of a New Year because our tournament season ended in early December and our next scheduled tournament will be held in Stockton on January 16th. There is also a January 30, February 1 tournament in sponsored by the Sonoma SIR Branch to be held in Napa. **Frank Cordova** has returned to bowling, but has been having knee problems that hamper him regularly. **Roger Wallin** has bowled again recently after a several week layoff due to back spasms.

Several bowlers have shown improvement over their book averages: **Gary Bennett** is 7 over, **Don Henry** is 6 over, **Greg Johnston** is 9 over, **Les Prestwood** is 8 over and Roger is 12 over in spite of the injuries.

On the bowling part of the SIR website:

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

there is always a posting of upcoming tournaments, tournament results, tournament applications etc. The State Bowling Webmaster is yours truly.

We are hoping to get more bowlers from Branch 59. In fact for the Stockton tournament we have 6 bowlers from Branch 6 and only 4 bowlers from Branch 59 going. Branch 6 bowlers have been with us for the past few years, and it is great to have them in our group. In fact, several weeks ago, Branch 6 Little SIR, Chuck Pereira talked about the SIR bowling leagues in a great article published by the Argus group. Chuck has been a regular bowler in our group along with Branch 6 Big Sir Lew Heffron. When we went to the National Bowling tournament, it was Lew that did the organizing and Chuck Pereira, Roger Wallin, Gary Bennett and Jerry Sabo teamed up with Lew for the bowling.

This year another tournament has been added at South Shore, Lake Tahoe on September 21st and 22nd and all you need to bowl in tournaments is a 21 game average in a sanctioned league, and a USBC membership. It is never too late 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.



Jerry

Golf Notes by Bill Leake

Welcome to the Branch 59 golf column.

Happy New Year. We begin this year with news about a reduction of golfers – **we have lost 10 golfers** for various reasons so we now have 47 active paid SIR Branch 59 NCGA golfers. If you know someone interested in golfing, is a SIR Branch 59 member, then let's get them signed up for the SIR NCGA program. Call me at 793-6561 if you have any questions.

Let's start 2012 with Take a Bow! Gordon MacLeod (current index is 25.3)—take a bow!

Gordon shot an 85 at Sunol/cypress. That is a net score of 59.7 (85-25.3 = 59.7). **Gordon – nice going and take a bow!**

We are NCGA handicap certified for the next 4 years. Just certified last December.

We have the schedule for 2012: Las Vegas – April 22 – 25. **Reno** (2 weeks this year) – week 1 June 11-15 and week 2 June 18-22. **Solvang classic** September 9-13. Team qualifying tournament (probably at Sunol again) with the team championship at Brentwood on August 6 (Shadow Lakes) and an individual state qualifier sometime in August at B.O..

Congratulations **Skip Mugford** who won the the round of golf for 4 golfers from Sunol. When you go to Sunol ask to speak with **Randi** or the **GM Parry** and tell them **Thank You.**

Speaking of Sunol, there is a new program available. **You can pre-purchase 10 rounds of golf for \$175 (does not include cart) and is good M-Th. It saves you \$23-17.5 = \$5.50. There is no expiration date.**

There are no results as there were not any tournaments this past cycle.

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.

Suggestion Box – Do you have a suggestion to improve SIR'S golf? 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 (3-4 tee times) and Thursday (1 tee time) 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

Our meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 24th from 1:30 to 3:30 pm** in the Fukaya A room at the Fremont Main Library.

Jerry will continue to discuss and demonstrated working with spreadsheets in Microsoft Excel.

Topics are usually varied, and generated by group interest. All SIR members and friends are always welcome 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.

Don Gillis - 510-490-1978

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

APRIL 14th, 2012

BEACH BLANKET BABYLON IN SAN FRANCISCO

We will board our bus at 3:15pm in the parking lot for our trip to San Francisco to a fine Italian Dinner. After dinner we will most likely walk to the Beach Blanket Babylon Theater for the show. The reason for the walk is that it is only about a block away and parking in San Francisco is bad.

Price for this trip will range between \$130.00 and \$140.00 depending on participation of members, friends and guests. Also we are trying to negotiate a lower rate for the bus to help lower the fare. We need more than 32 persons to make this trip a go. Please sign up A.S.A.P as the signup period is only about 30 days. This show production is always a sell-out.

COST: \$130-\$140 PER PERSON,
Escort Emile Lassalle, 510-538-7463



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for more information 510-538-7463**



Speaker Joe Garrity reminiscing with his old coach Bob Springer at the November Luncheon.

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

SUNSHINE REPORT

by Sir Allen Sprague and Sir Dave Marymee



Allen Sprague



Dave Marymee

I have been appointed by Big Sir Jim Ferenz to assume the duties of the Sunshine Committee Chairman, following in the footsteps of Sir Dave Marymee. I have consulted with Dave, who provided the information at right. Dave has had his own health challenges, as to which his wife Leona says he is "doing pretty well." Dave has given me a couple of leads which I can follow up on. I hope my 30 years as a hospice volunteer will help me in keeping tabs on the health of our wonderful Sirs. I also solicit input from all Branch 59 members. I would like very much to have a couple of volunteers to assist me in obtaining leads for follow up. At least for a while, Dave has agreed to help me as an assistant.

Allen

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) missed the November luncheon as he had problems getting his wheel chair repaired.

JOHN AUSTIN and his wife, Norma, were reported to be in Washington Hospital ICU by neighbor and fellow Sir Gerald Hensel.

EDWARD BALDINI is undergoing chemotherapy for prostate cancer.

ANTHONY BRUNO came to the November luncheon. He has fully recovered from placement of a stent in an artery in his neck.

RAY FARIA Jr passed away December 19, 2011. Our sympathy is with the family.

JACK GUANT who was in hospice care passed away November 24, 2011. Our sympathy is with the family.

RICHARD HOLMES--We were unable to reach the family to report on Richard's condition.

CARL SHANER's wife Marilyn reports Carl has three more chemotherapy treatments then Carl will be tested for the treatment progress. We wish Carl well.

MANUEL SILVA has recovered from a cancer operation on the rear of his tongue. Manuel says he has undergone chemotherapy earlier and he thinks - every thing is clear. We wish Manuel well.

In Memoriam

Jack Gaunt
Ray Faria Jr.

NEW MEMBER RECRUITMENT IS SUCCESSFUL – BRANCHES ARE IMPROVING

SIR President Jim Stedman's message to all SIR members:

Our goal was to recruit 1,900 new members in 2011. Branch leaders exceeded this goal by recruiting and inducting 2,100 new members. This is an outstanding accomplishment which puts to rest the idea that newly retired men are not joiners. They will join SIR branches that are appealing. But this successful year is only a start.

The SIR organization fell on hard times in recent years. Overall membership declined from about 32,000 members in 1990 to about 18,000 now. 44 branches failed and closed in the last 12 years. We know why this happened. We lost our focus on maintaining a good balance of newer and older members in our branches. We did not recruit enough new members annually to maintain a good proportion of newer members and our branches became less appealing and lost members.

Our challenge now is to restore this balance. We have found that recruiting new members every year at the annual rate of at least 10% of membership is needed. We met and exceeded this goal in 2011. So when Branch leaders remind you to sponsor a new member, please respond by inviting your retired friends and acquaintances to join. Each successive year this goal is met the proportion of newer members in your branch will increase. Over time balance will be restored and your improved branch will be there for you and for those who come after you.

CHRISTMAS FANTASY



In the upper photo, Branch 59 Officers and Directors for 2012 are being installed by Area 8 Governor Don Graff.



In the photo at left, the Singing Sirs entertained the members and guests at the Christmas Fantasy.



Little Sir Skip Mugford and Jean with George Vlastelica and Pat.

The Fabulous CRUISE TONES - Stephanie and Dana provided entertainment for the Christmas Fantasy.



In the photo above 2011 Big Sir Hugh Twomey and Mary with Area 8 Governor Don Graff (center).

In the photo below Area 8 Governor Don Graff with 2012 Big Sir Jim Ferenz.



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

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