



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Thirty-Seventh Year

April 2012

Bulletin No. 4

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

Jottings from Jim by Big Sir Jim Ferenz



Springtime has finally arrived and we can start to see the sunshine a little more and the weeds are starting to grow which means time to get out in the yard with tools in hand and get some exercise. Spring is a great time of year, a feel good season. A good time to be thankful we are alive. It is a great time for fellowship and that brings us to a reminder to get tickets for the upcoming Summertime Fiesta in May. Sir Ed Kurtz and his team

are ready to sell you tickets and make table assignments. Sir Hugh Twomey and Sir Don Gillis are going to make this event a real spectacular.

We continue to work on making our meetings a great place to be. Sir Skip Mugford is doing a wonderful job of bringing us interesting and articulate speakers. If any of the members have ideas about speakers or meeting improvements let Skip or me know. It is my goal to try to make this a monthly place you look forward to visiting.

We would like to give special thanks to Sir Bob Benya and the SIR singers for the outstanding Saint Patrick's Day performance. They really added a festive note to the event. We have some great talent in our Branch.

We are continuing to lose members, so a continued focus on gaining new members is very important. Please think about your friends who might enjoy SIR bring them as our guest and let's see if we can't sell them on joining our organization. We have lots to offer and require very little from our members which makes us pretty unique as organizations go so let's continue the push to gain membership.

Activities are very important to maintain interest in the organization and we should add any activities that the members and their significant others are interested in. If you have suggestions please mention them to our Activities Chairman Sir Rob Ingebretson. I would like to put in a special plug for Amateur Radio if we have any Hams in the group let me know.

Well that about wraps it up for this month. Thanks for being a Sir.

Jim

Our Speaker Walt Hlavacek by Little Sir Skip Mugford



Walter Hlavacek, President of the South Bay Model Shipwright Club (SBMS), will be our speaker for the April luncheon meeting. He will provide Branch 59 with a presentation highlighting the activities and accomplishments of their club. Several models will be on display at a table manned by modelers, including Branch 59 member Sir Jack Lindley

Mr. Hlavacek has had an ongoing interest in wood working and model ship building for many years. He has participated with the SBMS for the past 4 years and last year held the Vice President position. He is an active advocate for this craft and enjoys the social interactions with like-minded individuals.

The South Bay Model Shipwrights have been in the bay area for 30 years promoting enjoyment of the art of ship model building through show and tell discussions, workshops, exhibits and group activities concerning nautical interest.

The shipwrights club was founded in September, 1982, by Jean Eckert. The club focus is static scale ship models but all forms of ship modeling are of welcome interest. Wood is the primary medium, but many materials such as plastic, paper, card stock, and resin have been used in our models. Our scratch and kit builder members have varied and talented backgrounds and can provide insight and assistance in pursuit of this hobby.

**BRING IN A GUEST
WE NEED NEW MEMBERS**

MENU

Meat Loaf and Breaded Fish
Mash Potatoes, Rice and Long 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 Frank R. Thomas March Meeting Minutes

Big Sir Jim Ferenz called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM and led the assembled group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL BY SECRETARY

Officers present: Big Sir Jim Ferenz, Little Sir Skip Mugford, Secretary Sir Frank R. Thomas, Treasurer Sir Hugh Twomey, Assistant Secretary Sir Peter Angelides. Officers absent: Assistant Treasurer Vince Fernelius.

Directors present: Sir Nat Lord, Sir George Perry, Sir Jerry Sabo, Sir Ed Thomas, Sir Don Gillis, and Sir Roger Wallin. Directors absent: None.

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

Big Sir Jim Ferenz welcomed Area 8 Governor Sir Don Graff to Branch 59.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Sir Hugh Twomey, presented the March Jan 2012 Report and indicated a Check Book balance of \$5745.52.

Secretary's Report: Secretary Frank R. Thomas stated he had nothing to report.

Little Sir's Report: Little Sir Skip Mugford reported that today's speaker will be Jim Solar.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Membership: Sir Ron Brutvan reported that there will be one new member, Dick Sullivan.

Birthdays: We are celebrating 25 March Birthdays ranging from 72 to 91. The Officers and Directors wish these men a very Happy Birthday.

Golf: None

Bowling: Sir Jerry Sabo reported that the Area Bowling Website would be

updated soon and more information will be in the up coming Pathfinder. He also reported that the Cybergeezers meeting would take place at 13:00 not 13:45.

Social: Social Chairman Sir Hugh Twomey reported that preparations for the up coming Sweetheart Luncheon were moving along but we are still lacking door prizes and he requested assistance from all present.

Sunshine: Sir Alan Sprague reported with sadness that Sir John Austin had passed on as well as Sir Dean Olsen.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made that was worded per page 21 of the Leaders Manual indicating that Branch 59 was deferring from purchasing Liability insurance. It was seconded, and passed. (see box below)

The meeting was adjourned at 10:26 AM.

Submitted by Secretary

Sir Frank R. Thomas

"Pursuant to the provisions of California Corporations Code 5239, effective January 1, 2002, Branch 59 has received a determination made by the SIR State Insurance Committee which reveals that the cost of obtaining Officer and Directors Liability insurance exceeds 5% of the prior year budget. This constitutes a good faith effort to obtain such insurance and we therefore defer to the Sections 5239 which states "there shall be no personal liability to a third party for monetary damages on the part of a volunteer director or volunteer executive officer of a nonprofit corporation subject to this part, caused by the director's or officer's negligent act or omission in the performance of that person's duties as a director or officer." Therefore it is moved, seconded and passed that Branch 59 cannot afford to purchase this type of liability insurance and the Branch elects to be covered by the provision of Section 5239."

MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS

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

Birthday Report



Sir Art Winkley
Birthday Chairman

April Birthdays

Edward Kurtz	04/24/1926	86
Dareld Youngker	04/27/1929	83
Jack Lindley	04/09/1932	80
Kenneth Peterson	04/02/1934	78
Tom Federico	04/09/1934	78
James Hanesworth	04/30/1935	77
Miguel Ferras	04/08/1937	75
William Anderson	04/08/1940	72
Theodore Bresler	04/30/1942	70
Tom Bohannon	04/16/1944	68
Larry Roberts	04/09/1945	67



New Members

Dick Sullivan
34400 Mission Blvd.
Union City, CA 94587-3604
510-476-6277
Email: ucsully@gmail.com
Birthday: 11/3/1935
Spouse: Barbara
Badge No. 103
Sponsor: Jürgen Habild
Call me: Sully

Dick Sullivan



Membership Report



Sir Ron Brutvan
Membership Chairman

Guests:

David Caldwell

Guest of:

Bud Farrell

Visitors:

Jim Solar

Speaker

Sir Don Graff

Area 8 Governor

Change of Status:

None

Membership Total

(as of March 2012)

202 — Active Members

10 — Inactive Members

Bring in a Guest
We need new
Members

Attendance Report



Sir Ed Guthrie
Attendance Chairman

Attendance Report

(For March 2012)

Members 145

Guests 1

Visitors 2

Total = 148

35 excused 24 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

The most recent tournament results came from Livermore with nearly every bowler that attended winning a prize. **Don Henry** and **John Pesek** – are 3rd in High Handicap doubles game. **Gary Bennett** – is 6th in High Handicap Series Division A. **Nat Lord** and **Jerry Sabo** both tied for 4th in High Handicap game Division A. Don Henry 3rd and **Darrell Jewell**, 4th in High Handicap Game Division B and Don Henry 4th in All Events Division B. Branch 6 bowlers Kasey Warner and Rich Bowers also did well. It is too early to report results from the Concord tournament.



The next two tournaments are many miles away, but it is very likely that Darrell and Nat might attend if they can get two other bowlers to join them. The State Tournament listed below is to be held in Pinole so we will probably take two teams of four bowlers from Branch 59 and Branch 6 may do the same.

Upcoming tournaments include:

Carson City - Apr 16,17,18,19 - Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu
Pollock Pines - Apr 28,29,30 - Sat, Sun, Mon
Pinole State Tournament - May 15,16,17 - Tue, Wed, Thu

The Black Oak Casino Tournament of August 6th and 9th should be reinstated soon after the State Board meets on April 3rd.

We welcomed back both **Roger Wallin** and Branch 6 Director **Chuck Pereira** to the bowling ranks. Roger has returned in awesome form: last week a 207, 212 and 157 and this week with a 168, 191 and a miserable 248. Chuck has been recuperating from surgery so has only been bowling 1 or 2 games a week. Gary Bennett is currently our top bowler with a 183 average. Frank Cordova, Don Henry, Nat Lord, Jerry Sabo, and Roger Wallin all have averages over 175. Lots of high scores have been coming up, but eight of our regular bowlers attended tournaments this past week.

As a note of interest, Branch 6 has three directors, Little SIR and past Big and Little SIR bowling with us on Mondays. 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 on Monday at 12:45 P.M. Cost is \$13.00 to bowl. We normally are finished before 3:00 P.M.



Jerry Sabo

Golf Notes by Bill Leake

Welcome to the Branch 59 golf.

We have 2 tournaments coming up – team tournament and individual qualifier. The team tournament is May 24, and the deadline to enter is May 7. As of this writing we have 1 team signed up AND only **5 golfers who want to play.** Get on board and participate. The winning team goes



to Shadow Lakes (Brentwood) on August 13. Last year we had 14 teams (14 x 4 = 56 players). This year so far **we don't even have 14 players.** Come on – sign up and play. Send in your check for \$50 per golfer (I will try to get you on a team) or \$200 if you have a team. The second tournament is the State Qualifier at Boundary Oaks on August 29. We can take only 28 golfers (8 have signed up so far). Avoid the rush – send me a check for \$52, made out to SIR Branch 59, and mail to PO Box 434 Fremont CA 94537.

Take a bow – Nothing this month. Did you say tournaments – here is the schedule for 2012 – **Las Vegas** next week... **Team qualifying tournament** on May 24 at Sunol (as noted above) – **Reno** (2 weeks this year) – week 1 June 11-15 & week 2 June 18-22. Did you get the flier and call in? Are you going week 1 or 2? The **area 8 individual state qualifier** August 29 at Boundary Oaks—the top 2 from each flight get a FREE ride at Poppy Hills October 22. And finally we have the **Solvang classic** September 9-13.

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. Call Bill Leake (793-6561) for details. You could win a case of golf balls.

Pre-Qualifier – This year we will not have a pre-qual tournament. Instead, you tell me you want to play at Boundary Oaks on August 31. You write a check for SIR Branch 59 for \$52.00 and you automatically go to Boundary Oaks. The top 2 finishers of each flight get a free ride to Poppy Hills.

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.

Finally, please remember our friend **John Austin** who passed away late February. John and his wife Norma attended and played in many SIR state run golf tournaments.

Thank you for reading this article.

Bill Leake

CYBERGEEZER MEETING

Our meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 24th in the Fukaya room** 1:30 to 4:00 PM at the Fremont Main Library.

Jerry plans to wing it again. He also would like to spend a lot more time answering your questions before he brings up other topics.

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



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Area 8 SIR Travel Adventures

Emile Lassalle

June 6, 2012

THUNDER VALLEY CASINO

Trip limited to 40 paid passengers, be the first to sign up, seating will fill up fast.

CASINO BONUS PACKAGE:

\$15.00 slot or table play and
\$5.00 food credit.

(you must have valid ID and
be over 21 years of age)

COST: \$32.00 Per person.

Escorts: Joe Guerrero,
510-326-4196 and James
Robinow, 510-502-5001



September 28 to October 13, 2012

PANAMA CANAL CRUISE

This is a 15 night cruise aboard the ISLAND PRINCESS, San Francisco to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Return flight home to San Francisco included. All transfers between airport, ship and pier and Driver/Porter gratuities included.

COST: \$2695 TO \$3385 plus insurance if selected.

Escort Lou Pagni, 510-276-5025.

June 15 to 21, 2012

AMERICAN QUEEN CRUISE NEW ORLEANS

Roundtrip airfare to New Orleans is included. Embark the American Queen in New Orleans. Visit the towns of St. Francisville, Baton Rouge, Oak Alley and then return to New Orleans.

COST: \$2679 to \$3905 plus insurance if selected.

Escort Lou Pagni, 510-276-5025.



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

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

SUNSHINE REPORT

by Sir Allen Sprague and Sir Dave Marymee



Allen Sprague



Dave Marymee

AHMAD FALSAFI: Brain surgery, in hospital from early January to mid-March, then to rehab in San Jose, and expected to go home in early April for further rehab.

In Memoriam

Sir James Stanhope



Sir Forrest Lusher reached the age of 95 and was presented with the State President's Super Senior Award at the March Luncheon. From left to right Big Sir Jim Ferez, Sir Forrest Lusher, Area Governor Don Graff and Little Sir Skip Mugford.



The Singing Sirs

The Singing Sirs with song leader Sir Bob Benya entertained Branch 59 with Irish songs in celebration of Saint Patrick's Day.



SUMMERTIME FIESTA



Trio Sol de America Mariachi Band.



EL Ballet Folklórico de James Logan High School.

Save the Date – May 17th “Summertime Fiesta”
Take your wife or a friend to lunch

The Sweetheart Luncheon has firmed up. The Social committee working with the caterer has chosen four meal choices: Beef – Tri Tip Strips with Special Sauce, Fish – Poached Salmon, Chicken – Chicken Cordon-Bleu and a Mexican Plate – Chicken with Special Red Sauce.

Trio Sol de America Mariachi Band will be entertaining during the Social Hour.

EL Ballet Folklórico de James Logan High School will be our entertainment after lunch.

Tickets will be sold at the March and April Luncheons.

Your Name & No. _____ Partners's Name _____

Tickets will also be sold at the April Luncheon

Number in Party _____ x **\$22.50** per person = \$ _____ Make out check to **SIR Branch 59**
and mail to: **Sir Ed Kurtz, 2688 Sunnycrest Court, Fremont, CA 94539**

Indicate Meal Choice & No:

Beef:

Chicken:

Fish:

Mexican:

Ticket orders must be received by May 10th

Be sure to enclose a self-addressed and stamped envelope.

No refunds after May 10th.

Requests for Table Reservations must be submitted on a **TABLE RESERVATION REQUEST FORM** with a list of Sir Member names and their Partner names. Forms will be available at the March and April Luncheons and also on the Branch Website.

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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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