



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Thirty-Seventh Year

August 2012

Bulletin No. 7

NEXT MEETING at Newark Pavilion - Thursday, August 16, 2012

Jottings from Jim by Big Sir Jim Ferez



Hello fellow SIR members. Another month has slipped by and we are now into the end of summer. July was noteworthy from a couple of standpoints. First we had one of the best speakers I have heard since I joined SIR. Sir George Vlastelica presented in a superb manner an interesting and fascinating segment of his life. This only goes to prove what I have been saying for some time.

We have a virtual treasure trove of history and experience in our own organization and our members can rightfully be proud to stand up and present that history to the rest of the organization. Please give it some thought and think about a presentation.

The second interesting point was the Olympic Opening Event. I thought the show was well designed and executed. It certainly was outstanding in the various scenes. It is interesting to see what the mind of man can create. Too bad that so much of the world needs to compete on the battlefield instead of the athletic field.

I believe that Branch 59 is moving along well. New members seem to be coming in which is a healthy sign. Complaints are not surfacing so I assume that the membership is reasonably happy with our current status. If anyone has issues please do not hesitate to bring them up. My Goal is to make our meetings an enjoyable place to be.

We still continue to need a Little Sir and as of this writing we have no candidate. Please give it some thought. It is an enjoyable experience. Next year's Big Sir is a good guy and will be fun to work with.

I would like to add my personal thanks to Sir George Vlastelica. You did a great job. I have not seen that level of attention paid to a speaker in a long time.

My Best regards to all the members of Branch 59.

Jim

Speaker Fred Biletnikoff Jr. by Sir Bob Springer

Fred Biletnikoff Jr. is the Chief Operating Officer and Vice president of Football Operations of EndZone Sports Management LLC, which recently purchased a controlling interest of the USFL (United States Football League).

Since 1991, Fred Biletnikoff, Jr. has led 23 different football teams at the high school, junior college and professional levels. His accomplishments include ten post season bowl games, including 4 Northern California Championship Games, two undefeated seasons at Fresno City College and in 2002 he coached a Fresno City College team that held a number-one national ranking for six weeks. From 2004-2010, he served as the Head Coach and Director of Football Operations for the Central Valley Coyotes of the Arena 2 Football League (AF2) where he led the Coyotes to the playoffs three years in a row from 2006-2008. In addition, he was the General Manager of the Coyotes from 2006-2010, managing all business operations. He also served on the AF2 Board of Directors, Coaches Peer Review and Rules and Competition Sub-Committees.

Biletnikoff, Jr. received his Bachelor's degree in Kinesiology from Cal State University, Hayward. He has taught at various colleges for over ten years, including his alma mater Cal State University, Fresno where he received his Masters degree in Kinesiology.

He will speak to us on restarting the USFL in 2013 with eight teams spread across the United States. He may also talk to us about his coaching experiences and growing up in the Raider locker room.



MENU

Baked Ham and Baked Fish

Au Gratin Potatoes, 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 Frank R. Thomas July Meeting Minutes

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

ROLL CALL BY SECRETARY

Officers present: Big Sir Jim Ferez, Little Sir Skip Mugford, Secretary Sir Frank R. Thomas, Assistant Secretary Sir Peter Angelides and Treasurer Sir Hugh Twomey.

Officers absent: Assistant Treasurer Vince Fernelius.

Directors Present: Sir Nat Lord, Sir George Perry, Sir Jerry Sabo, Sir Don Gillis, Sir Roger Wallin and Sir Ed Thomas.

Directors absent: None.

MEETING MINUTES

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

OFFICERS REPORTS

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Sir Hugh Twomey, presented the July 2012 Report and indicated a Check Book balance of \$7,660.23.

Secretary's Report: None

Little Sir's Report: Little Sir Skip Mugford reported that today's speaker would be Branch 59's own Sir George Vlastelica. He also indicated that he might have a problem with one of the speakers but didn't see it as a big issue.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Attendance: Sir Ed Guthrie projects attendance at today's luncheon at 137.

Membership: Sir Ron Brutvan reported that there were four new members and 1 guest was expected.

Birthdays: Sir Art Winkley indicated we are celebrating 16 July Birthdays ranging from 70 to 89. The Officers and Directors wished these men celebrating today a very Happy Birthday.

Golf: Bill Leake reported that team of Trischetti/Ilg/Leake/Briscoe will go to state team championship on August 13 at Shadowlinks in Brentwood. At this writing there were 10 openings to the state qualifier at Boundary Oaks on August 22. The top 2 from each of the 7 flights go to Laguna Seca on October 22 for the state championship. We play Mondays at Sunol and sometimes Thursdays at Sunol as well. Please consider going to Solvang on September 9-13. The format is both 2 man team and also scramble on 3rd day.

Bowling: None.

Social: Social Chairman Sir Hugh Twomey first announced that Sir Don Gillis had accepted the Chairmanship of the new Social Subcommittee that would have the responsibility for Door Prize Activity. He also asked Sir Ed Kurtz if he would remain as the ticket guru and he indicated he would. Sir Hugh also indicated that the entertainment for December Luncheon had been lined up. It is the Dixie Dominus Band.

Sunshine: Big Sir Jim Ferez indicated that Sir Ahmad Falsafi was now at home recovering from surgery. Sir Alan Sprague indicated that he would make contact with him.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

In appreciation for all Bill Leake has done in acquiring Door Prizes for Branch 59's special Luncheons, Big Sir Jim Ferez presented him with a Saint Andrews Golf Towel. Good job Sir Bill!

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 AM.

Submitted by Secretary

Sir Frank R. Thomas



MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS

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

Birthday Report



Sir Art Winkley
Birthday Chairman

August Birthdays

William Wilson	08/13/1919	93
Philip Cox	08/01/1924	88
Tom Sherba	08/09/1927	85
Arthur Winkley	08/25/1927	85
Richard Howe	08/08/1928	84
Louis Smith	08/23/1931	81
Herbert Muellerleile	08/04/1932	80
Robert Springer	08/15/1932	80
Edward Baldini	08/17/1932	80
Arnold George	08/20/1939	73
R. (Skip) Mugford	08/29/1939	73
Roger Wallin	08/30/1940	72
Sheldon Schwartz	08/10/1944	68
Ahmad Falsafi	08/02/1945	67
Ed Nilsen	08/24/1945	67
Douglas Howd	08/03/1946	66



New Members

Larry J Goodman
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Birthday: 5/7/1936
Spouse: Nancy
Badge No. 40
Sponsor: Peter Angelides
Call me: Larry

Harold R. Manley
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510-793-9327
Email: haroldmanley09@gmail.com
Birthday: 1/30/1937
Spouse: Vera
Badge No. 69
Sponsor: Ed Guthrie
Call me: Harry

Robert M. Wallace
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510-651-2011
Email: rojow5308@att.net
Birthday: 7/16/1943
Spouse: Joanne
Badge No. 84
Sponsor: Howie Thompson
Call me: Bob

Membership Report



Sir Ron Brutvan
Membership Chairman

Guests: **Guest of:**

None

Visitors:

James Sandoz

Change of Status:

None

Membership Total

(as of July 2012)

202 — Active Members

11 — Inactive Members

Attendance Report



Sir Ed Guthrie
Attendance Chairman

Attendance Report

(For July 2012)

Members	137
Guests	0
Visitors	1

Total = 138

34 excused 29 unexcused

Welcome New Members

Larry Goodman



Harry Manley



Bob Wallace



SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares by Jerry Sabo

By the time this news article is read, Branch 59 bowlers will have competed in three more tournaments. Twelve of us will have gone to the Napa Tournament, another two are scheduled to go to the Black Oak Casino Bowling alley in Sonora, and another six bowlers from Branch 59 and the same number from Branch 6 will be going to Reno. Hope we have good news to report.



Not too much success from Branch 59 bowlers at the most recent tournaments. **Roger Wallin** did place at the Sunnyvale tournament and **Jerry Sabo** did OK in singles at Pinole, but nothing special to write about.

Upcoming tournaments include:

Reno	Aug 20-22	Mon-Wed	Reno Bowling Stadium
Fremont	Sep 9, 10	Sun, Mon	Cloverleaf Bowl
Lake Tahoe	Sep 21, 22	Fri, Sat	Tahoe Bowl

Note that we are once again hosting our own tournament at Cloverleaf Bowl. Details regarding each of the tournaments can be found by checking out the "bowling website" and tournament applications. For example, the address: <http://sirinc.org/bowling/bowlingtournamentapplications-2012.html> will give a listing for each tournament as well as the actual application for each tournament. Sir Jerry Sabo is the State Bowling Secretary and the "webmaster" for the Bowling part of the SIR.org website. Sir John Skarpelos is "a webmaster" for the entire site.

Our Monday turnout has been good the past few weeks. We have had 18-20 bowlers turn out each week. As mentioned prior, several bowlers from Branch 6 join with us at Cloverleaf and for the tournaments. Not all SIR branches have a bowling committee, nor do they host tournaments. One problem we have is attracting bowlers to our tournament because of the traffic congestion for bowlers that come from as far away as Sacramento, Yuba City, and Paradise. One thing for certain is that we get to meet a lot of SIR members throughout the state. Many of the same bowlers become long time friends that we look forward to seeing again and again. I used to complain because **Nat Lord** always wanted to get to tournaments at least an hour early. I now know why—lots of friends to visit with.

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 column.

We do not have any results of completed tournaments. If you are reading this and did not sign up for the state qualifier at Boundary Oaks – it is too late. It will be played August 22 and we will have results in the next Pathfinder. Speaking of Boundary Oaks, what do you think of having the state qualifier at Lone Tree GC in Antioch? We are kicking around locations to replace BO. We cannot have it at Sunol as people from Vacaville (division 4 stretches that far) would not come – too far. Let me know.

Speaking of tournaments – the team of **Trischetti/Ilg/Leake/Briscoe** participated in the state team championship on August 13 and the results will be in the next Pathfinder. Our last tournament of the year will be the **Solvang classic to be held September 9-13**. There are openings for this tournament – see www.sirstategolf/2012 (schedule) or Bill Leake for details. This is the only non-scramble tournament of the year.

Suggestion Box – Do you have a suggestion to make golf more fun? Is there a reason you don't sign up for tournaments? Let me know. Better yet, we now have a suggestion box. Call Bill Leake (793-6561) for details. You could win a case of golf balls.

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

Regular play for SIR Branch 59 – We play every Monday (3 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.

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

Thank you for reading this article.

Bill Leake



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CYBERGEEZER MEETING

CybergEEZers—we normally meet on the first Tuesday following our monthly SIR Luncheon, however

Next Meeting

Tuesday, August 28 (Jerry will be in Reno on the 21st)

Location

Niles Discovery Church, 36600 Niles Blvd., Fremont, CA

What is a CybergEEZER? We are members of SIR Branch 59 that wants to keep up with technology. Topics are varied and usually generated by attendees. For example, at our last meeting we discussed free



Internet based web sites that distribute movies and TV programs for viewing. We discussed “cloud storage” and a home version of a cloud called a NAS box. We also spent a great deal of time using an iPad, learning a bit about Apps, downloading an App for TV 7, played with Garage Band, and saw how photos could be edited using iPhoto.

Next month’s topics might include nearly anything from using Excel, creating a PowerPoint presentation, upgrading a computer, how to set up a home entertainment center, shopping on-line, downloading a book to a Kindle or and audio book from the library, or whatever else comes up. SIR members and friends are welcome, and we have wireless access so bring your laptop, smart phone or tablet. We are able to use the Niles Church thanks to Carl Nordling.

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



Area 8 SIR Travel Adventures

Emile Lassalle

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.

OCTOBER 19, 2012

SIR DAY AT THE RACES

This is the day that Golden Gate Fields reserves for Sirs and all their friends with a special package that includes Valet parking, reserved seating, the Turf club buffet and all tax/tips for the food servers. We did this last year and had 23 in our group. Sign up early, bring your friends.

COST: \$29.00 per person

ESCORTS: Emile Lassalle, 510-538-7463: Joe Guerrero, 510-841-2876

August 28-September 7, 2013

SIR 55TH ANNIVERSARY CRUISE TO ALASKA

Make your reservations now and you only need to put \$100.00 P.P. deposit for cabin, the earlier you sign up, the better selection you have. Dates for Cruise ship sale for reduced deposit are:

June 16-June 25

July 9-July 23

August 13-August 20

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SUNSHINE REPORT

by Sir Allen Sprague and Sir Dave Marymee



Allen Sprague



Dave Marymee

No news is good news.

Activity Committee



Rob Ingebretson
Chairman

As your Activity Director I am always looking for new activities for our group. Harold Manley, one of our newest members approached me about starting a discussion group that could meet right after our regular meeting to discuss what was just presented by our guest speaker or any other topic in the news.

I would particularly like to meet and hear from our newest members for 2012; Ahmad Falsafi, Ted Jorgenson, Van Lewing, Henry Brown, George Prows, Ken Weiss, Dick Sullivan, Ed Nilsen, Neil Horner, Larry Goodman, Robert Wallace, and Harold Manley. Since you can see my picture it shouldn't be hard for you to find me. I would love to meet with all of you right after our next meeting. I will stand next to the flag in front so you can't miss me. I would like to hear if there are any other fresh ideas from our new members and answer any questions you might have.

Rob Ingebretson

Golf Story - Al Williams Branch 3

A Golfer accidentally overturned his cart.

Elizabeth, a "beautiful" golfer who lived in a villa on the golf course heard the noise and yelled over to him, "Hey, are you okay, what's your name?"

"Willis," he replied.

"Willis forget your troubles. Come to my villa, rest up and I'll help you get the cart up later."

"That's mighty nice of you," Willis answered, "but I don't think my wife would like it."

"Aw come on," Elizabeth insisted. She was very pretty and persuasive.

"Well okay," Willis finally agreed, And added, "but my wife won't like it."

After a hearty drink AND sexy driving and putting lessons, Willis thanked his host. "I feel a lot better now, but I know my wife is going to be real upset."

"Don't be foolish!" Elizabeth said with a smile, she won't know anything. By the way, where is she?"

Willis replied "Under the cart!"



SIR BRANCH 59 ELECTION

The election for 2013 Branch Officers and Directors will be held during the August Luncheon Meeting.

The nominating committee proposes the following slate of Officers and Directors for next year.

The nominees for Officers are:

- Big Sir
- Little Sir
- Secretary
- Assistant Secretary
- Treasurer
- Assistant Treasurer

- Sir Skip Mugford**
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- Sir Frank R. Thomas**
- Sir Peter Angelides**
- Sir Hugh Twomey**
- Sir Arnold George**



Mugford

?????????

Thomas

Angelides

Twomey

George



The nominees for Director are:

- Sir Don Gillis**
- Sir Nat Lord**
- Sir George Perry**
- Sir Sheldon Schwartz**
- Sir Ed Thomas**
- Sir Roger Wallin**



Gillis

Lord

Perry

Schwartz

Thomas

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.

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Tom Sullivan - Assistant
George Vlastelica - Assistant

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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*
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1985 Ray Crosby*
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2011 Hugh Twomey

*(deceased)