



# The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Thirty-Seventh Year

September 2012

Bulletin No. 8

**NEXT MEETING at Newark Pavilion - Thursday, September 20, 2012**

## Jottings from Jim by Big Sir Jim Ferez



Yesterday my wife and I were taking a drive to Half Moon Bay. During the drive our conversation drifted to SIR and why I thought it was such a great organization. The question gave me food for thought and as I ran the question around my internal computer the following came to mind. The SIR Organization is a place where men of similar interests can get together to communicate and feel

part of something and have virtually no requirements placed on them. If you are a Rotarian, for example, you will pay about \$20.00 per week. You will be asked to donate to the Rotary Foundation and you will be asked to donate your time for various Rotary functions. None of this is required of a SIR member.

You get the benefit of the camaraderie and the sense of belonging and you have none of the requirements. To you business guys the cost benefit structure is not bad. Why all this rhetoric this morning. Just a way to say SIR is a great place to spend some time once a month. It is good to think about why we do things once in awhile.

We welcome our new Area Governor Bob Aiello to the Group and wish him well in his new duties. The bad news is that the consolidation of the two areas is caused by the loss of Branches due to shrinking membership. New members are critical to the health of the organization. Total membership is down from over twenty thousand to now just slightly over 18 thousand. We obviously need to continue searching for new members.

On a happy note congratulations to the newly elected members of the Branch Executive Committee. Thank you for your willingness to lead this great Branch in the New Year.

I look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting.

*Jim*

## Speaker Bill Henneberry by Sir Bob Springer



Bill Henneberry, USF Director of Athletic Development Emeritus, was a quarterback on the legendary undefeated and untied USF Dons 1951 football team. He served as student-body president his senior year at USF. After getting a bachelor's degree in business in 1952 (he later would earn two master's degrees), Bill spent two years in the army during the Korean War, then taught and coached at

Sacred Heart high school, three years as assistant coach and 11 as head coach. Following an extended stint as a teacher at Giannini Middle School, he returned to USF in 1984, spending the next two decades as director of athletic development, primarily raising money for scholarships.

Bill has been recognized by being elected to the Sacred Heart, USF and San Francisco prep athletic halls of fame. In 2005 he was named USF's alumnus of the Year.

On January 1, 2008, the 1951 Dons were recognized with a dedication ceremony at the Fiesta Bowl Center and Museum in Scottsdale, Arizona, with the induction of a Dons team jersey as a permanent display to commemorate this year's well-deserved Bowl bid. The following day, the 1951 Dons were honored at the 2008 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl in Glendale, Arizona, with a video tribute highlighting the team's accomplishments and history, aired nationally during halftime.

Henneberry will show the video tribute and present a story of the team that was very tightly bonded regardless of color or creed. The team sent nine players to the NFL after the 1951 season with three players eventually being inducted into the prestigious NFL Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio.

## MENU

**Beef Stroganoff and Chicken Rosemary**  
Noodles, Rice and 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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Jerry Sabo  
Ed Thomas  
Roger Wallin

## 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 August Meeting Minutes

Big Sir Jim Ferenz called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM and led the assembled group in the Pledge of Allegiance. He also acknowledged the presence of our current Area 8 Governor, Sir Don Graff, and the incoming Area 8 Governor, Sir Bob Aiello.

### ROLL CALL BY SECRETARY

Officers present: Big Sir Jim Ferenz, Little Sir Skip Mugford, Secretary Sir Frank R. Thomas, and Treasurer Sir Hugh Twomey.

Officers absent: Assistant Secretary Sir Peter Angelides and Assistant Treasurer Vince Fernelius.

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

Directors absent: Sir Jerry Sabo.

### MEETING MINUTES

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

### OFFICERS REPORTS

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Sir Hugh Twomey, presented the August 2012 Report and indicated a Check Book balance of \$6,764.84.

**Secretary's Report:** None

**Little Sir's Report:** Little Sir Skip Mugford reported that today's speaker would be Fred Biletnikoff Jr. He also indicated that the speakers for the rest of the year looked good.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Attendance:** Sir Ed Guthrie projects attendance at today's luncheon at 143.

**Membership:** Sir Ron Brutvan reported that there will be 1 new member, 1 returning member and 3

guests were expected.

**Birthdays:** Sir Art Winkley indicated we are celebrating 14 August Birthdays ranging from 66 to 93. The Officers and Directors wished these men celebrating today a very Happy Birthday.

**Golf:** None

**Bowling:** None.

**Social:** Sir Don Gillis, Chairman of the new Social Subcommittee that will have the responsibility for Door Prize Activity, indicated that he would be calling an initial meeting soon. Sir Hugh led a spirited discussion concerning the entertainment for December Luncheon where it was agreed that the Dixie Dominus Band would be the only entertainment provided.

**Sunshine:** It was announced that Sir Richard Holmes had passed.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

### 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

### September Birthdays

Raymond Erickson	09/12/1925	87
Joe Markovich	09/26/1927	85
John Skarpelos	09/09/1928	84
David Priego	09/12/1929	83
G. Austin Smith	09/19/1929	83
Armando Castiglioni	09/02/1930	82
Bill Stannard	09/05/1931	81
Vincent Fernelius	09/15/1933	79
Ned Rendell	09/11/1938	74
John Trischetti	09/17/1938	74
Robert Ingebretson	09/08/1940	72
Warren Mindestrom	09/06/1942	70
Stan Peters	09/24/1942	70
Howard Elz	09/21/1943	69
Edward Blank	09/21/1943	69
Fred Ilg	09/10/1945	67



## Attendance Report



Sir Ed Guthrie  
Attendance Chairman

### Attendance Report

(For August 2012)

Members	124
Guests	3
Visitors	4
<b>Total =</b>	<b>131</b>
43 excused	37 unexcused

## New Members

### Neil Homer

48480 Flagstaff Place  
Fremont, CA 94539-7709  
510-378-1005  
Email: fnhomer@aol.com  
Birthday: 12/19/1945  
Spouse: Marcia  
Badge No. 44  
Sponsor: George Perry  
Call me: Neil

### Wayne Lindquist

35910 Blair Place  
Fremont, CA 94536-3408  
510-792-4160  
Email: isaway2@gmail.com  
Birthday: 2/25/1936  
Spouse: Isabel  
Badge No. 85  
Sponsor: James Sissle  
Call me: Wayne

## Welcome New Members

Neil Homer



Wayne Lindquist



## Membership Report



Sir Ron Brutvan  
Membership Chairman

### Guests:

Jim Harrison  
Bob Kammerer  
Frank Wright

### Guest of:

Bob Wallace  
Herb Muellerleile  
Lyle Kingery

### Visitors:

Fred Biletznikoff, Jr. Speaker  
Don Graff Area 8 Governor  
Bob Aiello Area 7 Governor  
Paul Falsafi son of Ahmad Falsafi

### Change of Status:

Richard Holmes Died 8/2/12  
Dick Sullivan Resigned  
Van Lewing Resigned - Moved  
Bruno Orsetti Resigned - Health  
Tom Russo To Inactive  
Tony Martinez To Inactive  
Richard Ahern Dropped  
Tom Bohannon Dropped

Bob Fuchslin Dropped  
Loren Gross Dropped  
Dan Silva Address correction:  
38346 Timpanogas Circle  
Fred Alfred New Address:  
38801 Hastings Street, Apt. 215  
Fremont, CA 94536- 6151

### Membership Total (as of August 2012)

194 — Active Members  
13 — Inactive Members

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



# SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

## Strikes and Spares by Jerry Sabo

Our success in tournaments has diminished recently. At the Napa tournament, **Nat Lord** placed 7th in singles, but that was about it! Jim Minton (Br. 6 another winner at Napa), and Jerry Sabo attended the Sonora tournament, but couldn't seem to get it together as a team. "We" (**Gary Bennett**, **Nat Lord**, **John Pesek**, **Roger Wallin**, **Miguel Ferras**, and **Jerry Sabo** along with 5 Branch 6 bowlers and a friend of SIR) just got back from Reno, and it seemed as if the only branch 59 bowlers that had some success were John and Roger. No additional comments except that everyone had a great time. I think that maybe Nat was even successful on the slot machines.

Upcoming tournaments include:

Fremont	Sep 9, 10	Sun, Mon	Cloverleaf Bowl
Lake Tahoe	Sep 21, 22	Fri, Sat	Tahoe Bowl
Citrus Heights	Oct 1, 3	Mon, Wed	Fireside Lanes
Brentwood	Oct 16, 18	Tue, Thu	Harvest Park

Note that Miguel Ferras has been bowling with our group—another golfer that is also a bowler. We actually have several Branch 59 members that are bowlers as well as golfers: Gary Bennett, James Lawrence, Howard Elz and another member that neither group will actually claim; **Greg Johnston**. Actually it is members like Greg that make bowling fun. Hope I didn't leave out any other golfers.

The extra activities such as bowling really make up the fun part of being a member of Branch 59. I think that any one of the bowlers, especially those that attend tournaments can share many good experiences.

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 are winding down the 2012 golf season and have just recently completed 2 tournaments. The team tournament was held in Brentwood (hot) and the team of **Trischetti/Ilg/Leake/Briscoe** finished but were not in the running for a prize. It was fun, challenging and hot. On August 22 **Dave Tanner** and **Bob Balen** competed in the state qualifier at Boundary Oaks but at this writing we do not have results. 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.

There are two more tournaments this year – the **Fall Classic at Solvang** (September 9-13) – 4 man team 2 man best ball) and the **state individual championship** October 22 & 23 to be held at Laguna Seca. If you are still interested go to – [www.sirstategolf/2012](http://www.sirstategolf/2012) and download the entry form. Laguna Seca is a straight golf/handicap tournament and there are no teams involved.

**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*



## CYBERGEEZER MEETING

Cybergeezers—we meet on the first Tuesday following our monthly SIR Luncheon, our normal time.

### Next Meeting

**Tuesday, September 25th - 1:30 to 3:30 PM**

### 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**

**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**

**DECEMBER 9, 2012**

### A CHRISTMAS CAROL

This is a stage show at the American Conservatory Theater. Arrive at Swiss Louis Restaurant on Pier 39 for a hosted holiday dinner.

**COST: \$139.00 P.P.**

(You must send a stamped self-address envelope for your tickets to be mailed to you.)

**ESCORTS Joe Guerrero 510-841-2876 and**

**Emile Lassalle 510-538-7463**

**August 28-September7, 2013**

### SIR 55<sup>TH</sup> 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

Prices P.P. range from \$1579 TO \$3300, Gratuities are included with a \$25.00 P.P. ship board credit, bottle of wine, gifts and a Alaskan Salmon Bake Excursion/w gold panning. Your deposit is refundable until final payment date of May 23, 2013.

**CALL OR E-MAIL EMILE LASSALLE FOR MORE DETAILS FOR PRICING.**

**elassalle@earthlink.net or phone 510-538-7463**

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**Wayne Adams 510-797-7611**



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# SUNSHINE REPORT

by Sir Allen Sprague and Sir Dave Marymee



Allen Sprague



Dave Marymee



**RICHARD HOLMES** – “Dick” Holmes died August 2nd, after a long illness. Services were held in Davenport, Iowa. His obituary was published in the Argus on August 20th. Dick had a full career in the military, and after retirement held many responsible jobs. He enjoyed golf with Branch 59 golfers. His wife Bernadette expressed gratitude for the continued interest in Dick.

**GORDON M. MACLEOD** – Sir Gordon returned to the hospital on August 24th to replace the stitches in his knee. His wife Ann reports, on August 29th, that Gordon is recovering at home.

*In Memoriam*  
Sir Richard Holmes

## 2013 Branch Executive Committee



**Big Sir Skip Mugford**

**Little Sir No Face**



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Sir Arnold George



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Sir Don Gillis

Sir Nat Lord

Sir George Perry

Sir Sheldon Schwartz

Sir Ed Thomas

Sir Roger Wallin





## Branch 59 Photo Album



In 2013 Branches in Area 7 will combine with Branches in Area 8 to form a new Area 8. In the photo Sir Don Graff (on the left) is the present Governor of Area 8. Sir Bob Aiello (on the right) is the present Governor of Area 7 and will be Governor of Area 8 in 2013. In the center is Branch 59 Big Sir Jim Ferenz.



In the photo on the left, Sponsor Sir George Perry is shown pinning a rooster on new member Sir Neil Homer.

In the photo on the right, returning new member Sir Wayne Lindquist speaks to the Branch, with Big Sir Jim Ferenz looking on.



In the photo at right Branch 59 members Sir Bob McCall (on the left) and Sir Arnold Mozzetti are having a wide ranging discussion on politics, NASCAR racing and what was being served for lunch.



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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

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