



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Thirty-Eighth Year

January 2013

Bulletin No. 1

NEXT MEETING at Newark Pavilion - Thursday, January 17, 2013

"Stuff" from Skip by Big Sir Skip Mugford



When I volunteered to be Little Sir in the fall of 2011, I did so with great trepidation. While a Branch member for approximately 6 years at that point, I only knew the chaps in my golf group along with a few of the 'locals' that I met along the way as a 40 year resident of Newark. I knew absolutely nothing about the inner workings of SIR Branch 59 and practically no one on the Executive Committee.

My education began with a warm openness from literally everyone in the organization – with generous unending offers of support that have never wavered to this day! Our Past Big Sir, Jim Ferenz, was a very generous mentor every day and in every way. I am profoundly grateful to him for his friendship and guidance. Likewise, to literally every member of the Executive Board – you know who you are and so do I!!

It was thought that we would start the New Year without a Little Sir and how that absence would bode for the future of the Branch. Would we, without a Little Sir, in fact, have to close up shop and simply fade away into the woodwork at the end of 2013?

Sir Rob Ingebretson stepped in to save our bacon at the Holiday/Christmas Festival a few short weeks ago. I know without a doubt that he and Branch 59 will prosper and succeed handsomely due to the warm and generous support of ALL members of our group. I urge you all to step forward and introduce yourself to Rob and offer words of support. You see he's a shy fellow, a Cal grad, and is still finding his way around our organization and needs the help.

Most of all, remember, if I make a mess of things, it's Ferenz's fault!!!

Respectfully,

Skip Mugford

Speaker Dr. Jacques Guertin by Little Sir Rob Ingebretson

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 at 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).

Dr. Jacques Guertin, is a materials scientist with additional experience in toxicology and environmental science and is a teacher of all sciences. He holds 5 U.S. patents and is author of more than 80 technical publications and is coauthor of 2 definitive books on BTBE and Cr(VI). He has worked at Bell Telephone Laboratories, the Electric Power Research Institute, and environmental consulting firms. Currently, Dr. Guertin is partly retired but continues his own technical consulting business in Newark, California and is writing a book on the science regarding global warming.

Global Warming: What Does the Science Say? His topic will be pros and cons of Global Warming.



MENU

Beef Bourguignon and Chicken Garlic Rosemary

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 Peter Angelides November 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 ASSISTANT SECRETARY

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

Officers absent: Assistant Treasurer Sir Vince Fernelius.

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

MEETING MINUTES

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

OFFICERS REPORTS

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Sir Hugh Twomey, presented the November 2012 Report and indicated a Check Book balance of \$6979.68

Secretary's Report: None

Little Sir's Report: Little Sir Skip Mugford reported that today's speaker will be Dr Sam Jain, internationally renowned for his work in implant dentistry. Dr Jain will discuss the advantages of implant dentistry.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Attendance: Sir Ed Guthrie projects attendance at today's luncheon at 130, including one new member.

Membership: Sir Ron Brutvan reported that there is one new member, Bill Harrison, sponsored by Robert Wallace

Birthdays: Sir Art Winkley indicated we are celebrating 15 November Birthdays ranging from ages 65 to 89. The Officers and Directors wish these men celebrating this day a very Happy Birthday!

Golf: Golf season is over. There will be changes in 2013 which have been outlined in the last 2 Pathfinders and will

be outlined in the January Pathfinder. We continue to collect dues, and they are due no later than December 15 2012.

Bowling: None.

Social: Sir Don Gillis, Tickets are on sale at the door for the Christmas Fantasy Luncheon. There is still a need for more door prizes.

Sunshine: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The caterer agrees to keep the luncheon price at \$12.50. Sales tax to be included in the new contract.

NEW BUSINESS

There was a discussion on how to present the gifts at the Christmas Luncheon. It was suggested that the gifts should be in individual bags.

Increase membership: Run ads in the Tri City Voice. It will cost \$185.00 per quarter.

New projector: A motion was made and seconded to get a new projector. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10: 50 AM.

Submitted by
Assistant Secretary
Sir Peter Angelides



Roster to be Updated

Your Roster Chairman, Sir John Skarpelos and his assistant, Sir Fred Gotthardt are planning on updating the Roster to be published in February 2013. If you recently have acquired a new spouse, telephone number, mailing address, or Email address, please let Fred or John know about it. You can email changes that need to be made to Fred at:

fredg27@comcast.net or to John at john@mediaart.com.

If you don't have a computer, see Fred or John at the January Luncheon meeting, or mail the information to the address shown on page 8.

MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS

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

Birthday Report



Sir Art Winkley
Birthday Chairman

New Members

Jim Harrison

2836 Parkside Drive
Fremont, CA 94536-5245
510-579-0204

Email:

j.harrison2120@sbcglobal.net

Birthday: 9/6/1936

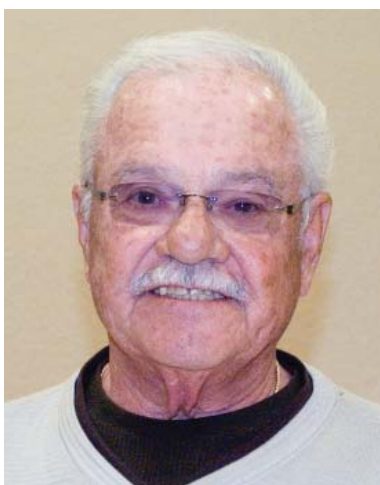
Spouse: Candie

Badge No. 58

Sponsor: Robert Wallace

Call me: Jim

Jim Harrison



Membership Report



Sir Ron Brutvan
Membership Chairman

Guests:

NONE

Guest of:

Visitors:

Dr. Sam Jain

Speaker

Change of Status:

Harold Anderson to Inactive

Warren Mindestrom Transferred
To Branch 129 - Redding

Membership Total
(as of November 2012)

196 — Active Members

14 — Inactive Members

December Birthdays

Gordon Thatcher	12/18/1924	88
Robert Walter	12/31/1929	83
William Watts	12/14/1930	82
Ken Weiss	12/09/1931	81
Les Addison	12/17/1931	81
Tom Sullivan	12/16/1932	80
Wayne Adams	12/21/1933	79
Edgar Guthrie	12/03/1935	77
Glenn Coon, Jr	12/28/1937	75
Carl Nordling	12/07/1939	73
James Lawrence	12/02/1940	72
Edward Thomas	12/12/1940	72
Frank Cordova	12/18/1940	72
William Williams	12/13/1941	71
Lon Hitchcock	12/05/1942	70
George Perry	12/20/1944	68
A. Ulam	12/08/1945	67
Neil Homer	12/19/1945	67
Joseph Stanley	12/26/1945	67

January Birthdays

Raymond Carlson	01/19/1922	91
Melvin Nunes	01/13/1925	88
Walt Oden	01/13/1927	86
Joseph Jenö	01/24/1930	83
John Cordeniz	01/26/1930	83
Thomas Blalock	01/06/1932	81
Robert Kammerer	01/09/1932	81
Martin Spellman	01/17/1933	80
Walter Ulrich	01/07/1934	79
Tony Martinez	01/26/1935	78
Richard Chatham	01/12/1936	77
Harold Manley	01/30/1937	76
Greg Johnston	01/04/1938	75
Ted Jorgenson	01/25/1941	72
Dominic Aiello	01/05/1942	71

Attendance Report



Sir Ed Guthrie
Attendance Chairman

Attendance Report

(For November 2012)

Members	129
Guests	0
Visitors	1
Total =	130
35 excused	33 unexcused

You can get this issue of
the Pathfinder or earlier
issues by going to the
Branch Website:

<http://branch59.sirinc2.org/>

Bring in a Guest
We need new
Members



SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares by Jerry Sabo

Our Tournament season begins January 15th at Stockton. The 2013 calendar is always on-line at http://sirinc.org/bowling/bowling_calendar_2013.pdf. The next scheduled tournament, the Sonoma tournament in Napa may have to be cancelled because the tournament director has resigned. Issues such as this will be settled at our State Bowling Committee meeting to be held in Vallejo soon.

The only good tournament news that I have to report at this time is that **Don Henry** placed 3rd in the B Division Singles in Modesto.

On the local front, **Roger Wallin** continues to bowl extremely well. Recently Roger rolled a fine three game series of 244, 204 and 183. Most of the rest of us have been struggling except for an occasional great game such as the 212 rolled by **Darryll Jewell**, a 223 by **Gary Bennett**, and a 224 by **Jim Floor**. On the other hand, Jerry Sabo now has a 98 average trying to bowl left handed and Rich Bowers (Br 6) has a 122 bowling right handed. Rich is a very good left-handed bowler. The point is that we are really out there for friendship and a bit of exercise. Not too many of us take our league seriously because we are only competing amongst ourselves, and establishing tournament averages. We do not bowl on teams when we bowl on Monday so it is not a guaranteed league. That means if you have to miss bowling, you are not charged any fees.

The league is sanctioned or we would not be able to bowl in tournaments. That basically means that we each pay \$20.00 to the USBC (bowling congress). Probably about half of our bowlers go to tournaments. We are also going to get a team together to bowl in the Nationals at Reno. We have booked tournament times in mid April. In the past, Gary, Roger, and Jerry have attended along with Branch 6 bowlers, but this year only Roger and Jerry will be going. Later in the year we also have a SIR bowling tournament in Reno, and usually about eight bowlers from Branch 59 attend.

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. All members of Branch 59 are welcomed to join us.

Jerry



Golf Notes by Bill Leake

Welcome to the Branch 59 golf column.

Happy New Year and welcome to the SIR Branch 59 columns – I will be your golf chairman for another year. I look forward to your continued cooperation to make this a good year.

The Christmas luncheon was very successful. We had a lot of door prizes – take a minute to thank Sunol – they donated 4 rounds of golf PLUS 2 lessons from the pro Dane –

First – welcome **Jim Ulam** – brand new to SIRS and he has joined SIR Branch 59 golf group. We have openings for more members so don't be shy.

I will be attending our division 4 annual meeting in late January to go over events for 2013. If there is something that you would like me to bring up don't be shy – let me know.

Here is the schedule for 2013 –

There are lots of changes this year –

Las Vegas is gone. It was to be replaced with a tournament in Arizona but that too has been canceled. The new replacement will be a tournament in the wine country in April. More info later **Reno has a new home** at Atlantas Casino. Two new tournaments April 22 and 23, one at Eagle Vines and one at Chardonnay. Wives are welcome to play. More info later

Reno – 2 weeks -- June 10-14 and June 17-21 – to be held at the Atlantis in Reno (not Circus Circus).

Sometime in June will be the team qualifier at Sunol with the state team tournament to be held August 12 at Stevenson Ranch

For the **division 4 state qualifier, we dropped Boundary Oaks and replaced it with Lone Tree Golf Course in Antioch.** The state championship and open play will be October 21 & 22 – at Laguna Seca.

Finally, **Solvang** – September 15-19. Solvang is the only tournament which has 2 man best ball

Wow! That is a lot of changes.

Suggestion Box – Do you have a suggestion to improve SIRS golf? We now have a suggestion box. 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 tee times) and sometimes on 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 SIRs and also SIR golf. Thank you for reading this article and let's make 2013 successful.

Happy New Year

Bill Leake



CYBERGEEZER MEETING

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

Next Meeting

Tuesday, January 22, 2013 - 1:30 to 3:30 PM.

Location

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

Just show up and you will be a member of our group.

What is a Cybergeezer? We are members of SIR Branch 59 and friends that want to keep up with technology. Topics are varied and usually generated by attendees. For example, at our last meeting we discussed Jerry's adventure installing the new Windows 8 operating system on his laptop. We then looked at the similarities and differences in the new PC operating system from Microsoft as compared to Windows 7. Would it be wise to perform an upgrade??

At our next meeting Jerry plans to build a computer from components purchased on-line. We will basically go through the process of building a computer, and at the same time learn how to maintain the essential parts of the computer. This computer is new out of several boxes, and will be "For Sale" after it is built (and the operating system is installed along with updates) if any member of Branch 59 wants to purchase the NEW Windows 8 computer at my cost. The computer will be an Intel Core I3 computer with 8 GB of Ram, 1 TB hard drive, DVD burner, a good ASUS Motherboard, and a Thermaltake case with lots of power. The system will be comparable to any \$800 system on the market and will sell at cost--\$494.98 including everything and a 90-day guarantee.

SIR members and friends are welcome, and we do have wireless access so bring your laptop, smart phone or tablet. We are able to use the Niles Church thanks to Carl Nordling. Call **Jerry Sabo - 510-790-3135** if you have questions.

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

READERS AND BROWSERS

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

Wayne Adams 510-797-7611



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

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

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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Two new trips for 2013 are in the planning stage and will be presented at our next meeting for approval.

The first trip is a day trip to San Francisco to see the Terracotta Warriors from China with a show and lunch.

The second trip is an overnigher to Reno for some gaming fun. On this trip we might add the show and dinner at the Eldorado Hotel Casino; the show would be "MAGIQUE". We will be able to add it on for only the people that want to go to the show and dinner.

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



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

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.

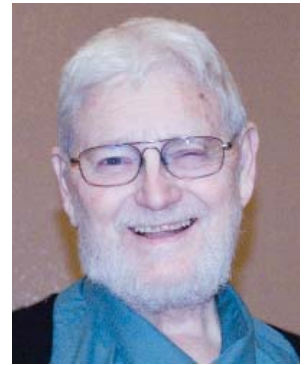
Don Gillis - 510-490-1978

SUNSHINE REPORT

by Sir Allen Sprague

SUNSHINE CHAIRMAN ALLEN SPRAGUE has been out of circulation (surgery, chemo, etc.) but will back in town in January.

EDITOR JOHN SKARPELOS is recovering from a fall in his home.



Allen Sprague

Gifts and Donations

By Bill Leake

We had a very successful Holiday party on December 20. It appears that everything went very well. The food was served on time and it was hot. The bar was open and folks seemed to be having a good time. And we had door prizes – lots of door prizes. This is where you come in – whether you went to the party or not, whether you won anything or not – we need your help.

Please note the list of donor for the social. There are a lot of them. Next – the next time you go into this establishment take a minute to seek out the manager and say thank you from SIR. Thank you goes a long way – two words – thank you! Very powerful words.

Here are the donors for the social:

- Sunol Golf Course (6 gifts)
- Dale Hardware
- Claim Jumper Restaurant
- Elephant Bar
- Gift Card from Safeway
- Food Basket from Trader Joes
- Jack's Brewing in Fremont Hub
- Mclvor's hardware
- Strizzis Restaurant
- Spin a Yarn
- Country Way
- Sweet Tomatoes
- Dale hardware
- Paul's Mission Barber Shop
- Ken Peterson



Christmas Fantasy in Photos



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Copy deadline for the next issue of the
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after the monthly luncheon meeting.

PAST BIG SIRS

1976 Peter Clark*
1977 Karl Heine*
1978 Harry Cooper*
1979 Kenneth Foster*
1980 Larry Varblow*
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1982 Alex Fulton*
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*(deceased)