



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Thirty-Eighth Year

February 2013

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NEXT MEETING at Newark Pavilion - Thursday, February 21, 2013

"Stuff" from Skip by Big Sir Skip Mugford



Well, it's one down and 11 more hilarious/lousy jokes to go!!!!

The January meeting was awesome from start to finish! Energy filled the air. Music was again heard and appreciated per the many positive comments I received. We WILL have musical selections at all of our meetings this year. Our thoughts are with Sir Frank Campos, but we will attempt to carry on in his absence. Perhaps

it's a good thing that the bar is now open to "facilitate" these tuneful passages. As an aside, the bar will stay open and its usage reviewed in six months. If you, the members, want it open—ya gotta use it, but wisely so!!

Our thanks to Dr. Jacques Guertin for giving of his time to present us with scientific arguments for/against global warming. His slide presentation and discussion were most illuminating as was the follow-up Q & A session afterwards. Thank You Sir Jerry Sabo for your audiovisual assistance.

It should be pointed out to the membership that our meal cost has risen by \$.50 this year. The Executive Committee voted to "eat" this increase and review in 6 mos. to see if, in doing so, it adversely affects our financial health.

We received kudos from our SIR State President and Area Governor regarding the addition of three new members last month. I heartily encourage all of you to continue your efforts in attracting new members, they are the life blood of our Branch.

Congrats to all for your support of Little Sir Rob Ingebretson as he executes his new duties. Keep it up and, by jove, we'll have a superbly capable Big Sir in 2014!! With that in mind our Branch still lacks leadership on the following: Activities, Nominating and Social Committees. Someone please step up because we need your help!!

I would like to thank Sirs Carl Nordling, Ron Brutvan and Hugh Twomey for their time in completing the annual Treasurer's audit. We passed with flying colors.

Now, go ye forth and enjoy the camaraderie of your Branch 59 friends!!

Skip

Speaker David Zhang by Little Sir Rob Ingebretson

Born and raised in southwestern China, Mr. David Zhang immigrated to the U.S. in 1994. With a strong interest in Chinese history and philosophy, he has studied Eastern and Western literatures extensively. He gets invited to public speaking occasions to comment on current world issues, particularly about China. Mr. Zhang frequently appears on NTDTV's news chat program and serves as the Mandarin news anchor on multi-cultural channel 32.



In addition to his public involvement, Mr. Zhang has a Masters degree in accounting from Brigham Young University, and has been a mainframe software engineer for IBM Corp for 13 years. Mr. Zhang is an avid world traveler, a US patent holder and a writer. He currently resides in San Jose with his wife and daughter.

Many people in the west have long been interested in China. This is true today more than ever before. The ethical values and principles derived from traditional Chinese culture helped create 5-thousand years of splendor in Chinese history. Unfortunately this rich tradition was interrupted by the communist regime. With the present state of the world, understanding the true China has never been more important.

Titles "Shen Yun – The Renaissance of Traditional Chinese Culture and its Global Impact," the presentation has been given to over 50 Rotary clubs and some Kiwanis clubs in the Bay Area since May 2011. Audience members told us that the presentation was "inspiring," "heart-touching," "thought-provoking," "informational," "fresh," and "entertaining."

MENU

Roast Pork and Chicken on a White Cream Sauce

Scallop Potatoes, Rice, Green 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
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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 January Meeting Minutes

Big Sir Skip Mugford called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM and led the group in the Pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL BY SECRETARY

Officers present: Big Sir Skip Mugford, Little Sir Rob Ingebretson, Secretary Sir James Ferenz, Assistant Secretary Sir Peter Angelides, Treasurer Sir Hugh Twomey, and Assistant Treasurer Sir Arnold George.

Directors Present: Sir Nat Lord, Sir George Perry, Sir Sheldon Schwartz, and Sir Ed Thomas.

Directors Absent: Sir Don Gillis and Sir Roger Wallin.

MEETING MINUTES

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

OFFICERS REPORTS

Secretary's Report

The Secretary reported that The State SIR Manual had been updated and the changes dated 11/13/12 were available on the Sir Web Site. Sir Jim further suggested that the Board thank Sir Bill Leake for the work he did in securing door prize items for the Christmas event.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Sir Hugh Twomey reported a positive cash balance and a strong overall financial position. Sir Hugh also reported that lunch cost would go up 50 cents per meal. The Board has decided that we will not increase the cost to our members at this time. We will review our financial position in six months and see if changes are required at that time. Sir Hugh also reported the favorable completion of the annual audit. The Audit Committee Chairman Sir Carl Nordling submitted his report on January 17, 2013.

Little Sir's Report

Little Sir Rob Ingebretson reported that the speaker today would be Dr. Jaques Guertin who will speak on the subject of Global Warming. Dr. Guertin teaches both Chemistry and Physics. Sir Rob also wanted to remind the group to turn off cell phones and if members need to leave early they should leave before the speaker begins.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Attendance

Sir Ed Guthrie projects attendance at today's luncheon at 135.

Membership

Sir Ron Brutvan proposed three new members which were accepted by the Board. They are: Sir Wade Walter sponsored by Sir Douglas Howd, Sir Lloyd Kiplinger Transfer from Branch 26 and Sir Bob Lewis Transfer from Branch 26

Birthdays

Sir Art Winkley indicated we are celebrating 19 December Birthdays ranging from 68 to 89 and 15 January Birthdays ranging from 71 to 91. The Officers and Directors wish these men a very Happy Birthday. May all your Birthday wishes come true.

Golf

Golf Chairman Sir Bill Leake states that the venue for the Reno trip will be the Atlantis. A team qualifier will be held at Sunol. Details will be published at a later date. Sir Bill further states that more Golfers are needed.

Bowling

Bowling continues to be a major activity for Branch 59. If you have an interest in bowling you should contact bowling Assistant Chairman Sir Jerry Sabo.

Social

No data

Sunshine

No data

Cybergееzers

Cybergееzers meet on Tuesday after the Sir Luncheon at the Niles Discovery Church in Niles. The Group is going to build a computer at their next meeting so attendees will have a chance to see a computer from the ground up.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The BEC approved a motion to buy a video projector from Sir Jerry Sabo for \$300 this includes the carrying case. A new projector would have cost about \$600.00 including the case so it was felt that it was a good deal for the organization.

NEW BUSINESS

Big Sir Skip Mugford indicated the Bar would be open at all of our meetings. The cost to the Organization is \$50.00 per month. We must agree not to bring our own beverages if we want the bar to stay open.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50AM

Submitted by Secretary
Sir James F. Ferenz

MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS

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

Birthday Report



Sir Art Winkley
Birthday Chairman

February Birthdays

Forrest Lusher	02/13/1917	96
Robert McCall	02/25/1922	91
Harlan Werner	02/28/1922	91
Frank Borghi	02/22/1924	89
Frank Campos	02/15/1925	88
Francis Rose	02/28/1925	88
James Dunsford	02/12/1926	87
Charles Duncan	02/03/1928	85
Donald Thatcher	02/04/1929	84
Charles Linzey	02/24/1929	84
Noboru Ono	02/05/1930	83
Donald Gillis	02/06/1930	83
Bernard Thien	02/03/1931	82
Edward Shannon	02/01/1932	81
Walt Caeton	02/24/1932	81
Les Prestwood	02/17/1933	80
James Ferenz	02/24/1934	79
Sal Lamagna	02/10/1935	78
George Prows	02/11/1935	78
Wayne Lindquist	02/25/1936	77
Jürgen Habild	02/19/1943	70
Ronald Hamro	02/14/1945	68

New Members

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510-471-1238
Email: KEP1534@ATT.NET
Birthday: 10/6/1935
Spouse: Adela
Badge No. 96
Sponsor: Tom Sherba
Call me: Kep

Robert E. Lewis
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Fremont, CA 94536-5477
510-796-0495
Email:
Birthday: 3/31/1937
Badge No. 103
Sponsor: Tom Sherba
Call me: Bob

Wade W. Walter
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Birthday: 11/14/1945
Badge No. 20
Sponsor: Douglas Howd
Call me: Wade

Membership Report



Sir Ron Brutvan
Membership Chairman

Guests: **Guest of:**
George Gates George Perry

Visitors:
Dr. Jacques Guertin Speaker
Dino Mostardi Inactive Guest

Change of Status:
Ted Jorgenson to Inactive
Lon Hitchcock Resigned
Herbert Muellerleile
Address Change
PO Box 124
Newark, CA 94560-0124

Membership Total
(as of January 2013)
196 — Active Members
15 — Inactive Members



Attendance Report



Sir Ed Guthrie
Attendance Chairman

Attendance Report

(For January 2013)

Members	139
Guests	1
Visitors	2
Total =	142
23 excused	33 unexcused

Welcome New Members

Lloyd Keplinger



Bob Lewis



Wade Walter



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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 opened January 15th at Stockton. Of the ten bowlers that attended from our combination group that meets on Mondays, **Howard Elz** (Br. 59) had the highest handicap Singles score with a 755. That should place Howard close to the top in B singles. Lew Heffron (Br. 6) rolled an awesome 699 scratch (828 handicap) series that should place Lew at the top for all events. Two of the bowlers did well in both singles and doubles—notably, Rich Bowers and Kasey Warner (Br. 6). Six bowlers are going to the next tournament in Napa, but that will be next month's news.

Roger Wallin continues to lead our Monday bowling group with an average of 182, but Roger has had shoulder problems and has missed the first two tournaments. Nat Lord has also had to miss tournaments because of illness. One other bright spot was an incredible 289 game rolled by **Frankie Cordova** on January 21st. Generally it seems as if most of our Branch 59 bowlers have fallen into a slump. It happens that way. Guess we need to use more of our free games that Cloverleaf Bowl gives out on a regular basis. Each month we get ten free games. I definitely need to practice so I can improve my left-handed average.

Upcoming tournaments include:

Livermore	Feb 12 or 13
Petaluma	Mar 4 or 6
Concord	Mar 18 or 20

There is always room for more bowlers in our group. Usually fifteen to twenty bowlers show up on Monday to bowl. We do not bowl on teams when we bowl so if you miss occasionally we will miss you; but you are not letting down teammates nor charged any fees. Another Branch 6 bowler just joined our group last Monday.

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). Most of our tournaments are commuter tournaments, and about one-third of our bowlers go to those tournaments. Later in the year we have a SIR bowling tournament in Reno, where we spend two or three nights in the casinos along with bowling.

We meet at Cloverleaf Family Bowl. 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.

Speaking of welcome back – please welcome back – again **Lloyd Keplinger and Bob Lewis** who have decided – again – to leave Branch 26 and re-join branch 59.

Have you signed up for *the Spring Fling yet* – it replaces Las Vegas. The tournament will be held April 22 and 23. If you need an entry form let me know and I will bring it to the February meeting. You can also download it – www.sirstategolf.com look under APRIL.

I attended the division 4 annual meeting in late January and will write a report sometime after this column is written. **One big concern – membership.** For 2012 we started with 47 and ended up with 44. This is a concern. You want to know the schedule for 2013? Read along below

Napa (listed above) – 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. I will once again take the first 26+ paid entries to go to Lone Tree. An entry form will be sent out sometime in February. We will not have a pre-qual. There may be a waiting list if the demand is there. The tournament at Lone Tree will be August 22 (details will follow later). The top 2 qualifier from each flight get a free ride to the state championship on October 21 **at Laguna Seca** and open play will be October 22 – also at Laguna Seca.

Finally, **Solvang** – September 15-19. Solvang along with the Spring Fling is a 4-man team, 2 man best ball tournament. I will bring fliers to the February meeting. Signup sheets are also available at www.SIRstategolf.com.

Suggestion Box – Do you have a suggestion to improve SIR 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.

Bill Leake



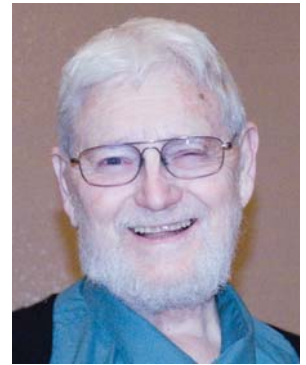
Emile Lassalle

SUNSHINE REPORT

by Sir Allen Sprague

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

EDITOR JOHN SKARPELOS is doing better, but is still recovering from a fall in his home.



Allen Sprague

Thoughts from a Proud SIR

By Past Big Sir Jim Ferenz

I had a wonderful time at our last meeting. During the previous year I was concerned with the schedule, the speaker, the lunch, the complaints of the members, and all the other issues that the Big Sir must face. The January meeting was a great change I could talk to people in a leisurely manner. I could, thanks to the New Team, enjoy a drink with friends at the bar. It was also nice to take a walk thru the library – what a great service that group renders.



At lunch I had the honor of sitting with the Golf Chairman and some of the golfers enjoying lunch without the pain in the pit of my stomach.

Looking around the room perhaps really seeing things for the first time in a year it was wonderful to observe happy faces engaged in conversation and each others company.

What a great organization to be part of. We often don't think about it or appreciate it, but I can tell you from first hand experience it is great to be sitting back in the audience. I intend to drop a line now and then and give you my thoughts on various issues just cause I think it is fun to do.

The New SIR year has begun and I would like to wish our New Big Sir and Little Sir the very best. They are smart caring people who will give you a wonderful year. Keep in mind the May Sweetheart Luncheon is right around the corner and the Team would love to have volunteers to help make it a successful event. Thanks to all.

Jim Ferenz



SFGiants Baseball

By Sports Chairman Nat Lord

We have just received confirmation from the SFGiants of a date for our annual "All SIR Day at the SFGiants." It will be August 8, 2013. The game will start at 12:45 PM. The opponent will be the Milwaukee Brewers.

As I'm sure you are all aware, the Giants sell out every game. It is important to jump in and get tickets early!

As Sports Chairman I have been designated to coordinate sales and communicate with Marisa Coppersmith at (415) 972-2259

mcoppersmith@sfgiants.com to complete the ticket purchases. Travel to the game is also the responsibility of the branch or the individual member.



GO GIANTS



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The First Emperor's Legacy

exhibit at the Asian
Art Museum San Francisco



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JOE GUERRERO
(510) 326-4196

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|----------|--|
| 8:45 am | Meet at RITE-AID Pharmacy--3845 Castro Valley Blvd. |
| 9:00 am | Depart for the drive to San Francisco |
| 10:00 am | Arrive @ the Asian Art Museum for a self-guided tour of the Terracotta Warriors Exhibit. |
| 11:30 am | Depart for Chinatown |
| 12:00 pm | Hosted lunch in Chinatown |
| 1:30 pm | Doors open at Buddha's Universal Church |
| 2:00 pm | Enjoy a performance of "Turmoils at Professor Ming's Mansion" |
| 4:30 pm | Reboard your bus and depart for home |
| 5:30 pm | Approximate arrival back at RITE-AID LOT, Castro Valley |

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1978 Harry Cooper*
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*(deceased)