



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Thirty-Eighth Year

March 2013

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

"Stuff" from Skip by Big Sir Skip Mugford



Two meetings—and the good times continue! Thanks to Sir Bob Benya for leading us in a rousing rendition of “America the Beautiful.” Sir Bob will lend his musical efforts at least through May or June—and beyond, if he so desires. We are grateful for his contributions. I encourage all attending to fill your lungs and make a joyful rendition celebrating the good ol’ US of A and all that

she stands for!

Well, the joke telling was a hit. Thanks to Sir Tom Sherba for stepping up for a “joke off” and taking some good natured ribbing with his stories.

Before I go any farther, I feel it appropriate to cite one particular Branch 59 member for his outstanding contributions that were over and above the call of duty. I would like to thank Sir John Skarpelos for his efforts in getting out the Pathfinder—AND—the membership rosters. John did this work while in great discomfort after a fall at home. A lesser man would have taken time off, but not John. This is one tough old bird, thoroughly devoted to our membership. I encourage all of you to single him out and say “Thank You” up close and personal. He deserves every bit of the respect you show him!!

As I advised the general membership at the last luncheon, meal fees will rise to \$18 effective immediately. This increase was not taken lightly, but only after extended BEC discussion. Our Branch’s financial health depends on it. We’ve purchased a new projector and are shopping for a new, improved lapel mike with the necessary accoutrements. All this is in an effort to vastly improve our audio/visual presentations for years to come.

I will miss the March luncheon due to a scheduled right knee replacement surgery. As such I would like to thank our Little Sir, Rob Ingebretson, for taking care of business until my return in April.

Skip

Speaker Susi Cherry and “Globie” by Little Sir Rob Ingebretson

Come and meet Susi Cherry and her beautiful Labrador retriever, Globie. Susi will share the story of how Guide Dogs for the Blind trains and partners dogs that change the lives of visually impaired and blind individuals. From breeding to whelping, puppy socializing to training, resulting in a partnership between a blind individual and a dog, the human and canine story will be presented.

Susi Cherry, a native Californian, retired interior designer, has co-authored a book about her experience as a Puppy Raising and Breeder Keeper. She has volunteered



for Guide Dogs for the Blind for over 20 years, where she raised five puppies for GDB. Currently, Susi volunteers as a docent on the Guide Dog campus in San Rafael, giving tours to the public. She is past Chair of the Guide Dogs for the Blind’s Legacy Society and participates on their Speakers Bureau. Susi is also a member of the Development Committee which reports to the Board of Directors of Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Susi is a Breeder Custodian for “Globie” a beautiful black Labrador retriever, who is now retired from breeding, but who gave birth to 22 puppies for Guide Dogs for the Blind. Globie accompanies Susi on speaking engagements as her “Ambassador.”

MENU

Corned Beef and Garlic Chicken
Cabbage, Rice, Potatoes and Carrots



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 February Meeting Minutes

Big Sir Skip Mugford called the meeting to order at 10:00AM 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 Don Gillis, Sir Nat Lord, Sir George Perry, Sir Sheldon Schwartz, Sir Ed Thomas and Sir Roger Wallin.

MEETING MINUTES

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

OFFICERS REPORTS

Secretary

No data to report.

Treasurer's Report

Sir Hugh Twomey reported a dangerous financial situation upcoming due to the fact that expenses are increasing at a faster rate than our income and if nothing is done we will end the year with a negative cash balance.

Little Sir's Report

Sir Rob Ingebretson reported that the speaker, today, will be David Zhang. Mr. Zhang is an IBM Main Frame Engineer who will speak to us about The Renaissance of Traditional Chinese Culture and its Global impact. Sir Rob further reported that he was looking at Themes for the May Ladies Day event and would report further at the March Meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Attendance

Sir Ed Guthrie projects attendance at today's Luncheon at 126

Membership

Sir Ron Brutvan reports one member returning from Inactive, Sir Dino Mostardi (106).

Birthdays

Sir Art Winkley indicated we are celebrating 22 Birthdays this month. The Birthdays range from 96 to 68. The Officers and Directors wish these men a very Happy Birthday. We hope you all stay as young as you look today.

Golf

No data - Sir Bill Leake is travelling.

Bowling

Sir Jerry Sabo reports a new data system is being installed to track Bowler's data.

Social

Sir Rob Ingebretson is planning the May Event and needs help with Planning and Execution. We always need Door Prizes.

Sunshine

Sir Allen Sprague reports the passing of two former members, Sir Robert Edwards and Sir Bruno Orsetti. These men made major contributions to our organization and will be missed. The Officers, Directors, and Members offer our sincere condolences to the members of their families. May they rest in peace.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sir Fred Gotthardt and Sir John Skarpelos of the Roster Committee report that the 2013 Sir Member Roster is available for the members. Please pick up a copy so that you will have current information to contact other members. Remember that this data is for members only and is not to be given to anyone for commercial use.

Big Sir Skip Mugford announced that he wanted to establish an ad that will appear monthly in the Tri City Voice in the hopes of increasing membership. The cost of the ad is \$42.00 each time the ad appears. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to establish this ad for a period of six months.

NEW BUSINESS

Big Sir Skip Mugford raised the issue of our financial situation. After a great deal of discussion and concern for the membership a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed to raise the monthly lunch price to \$18.00 effective with the March meeting. A second motion was made, seconded and passed with one dissenting vote to raise the Ticket price for the May and December events to \$25.00 each.

Discussion was tabled until the March meeting on Sir Day at the Giants and the issues of members not being able to hear the speakers.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55AM

Submitted by Secretary
Sir James Ferenz

MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS

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

Birthday Report



Sir Art Winkley
Birthday Chairman

March Birthdays

Manuel Silva	03/16/1923	90
Norman Silveira	03/19/1923	90
Sylvan Farrell	03/07/1925	88
Alvin Dockter	03/17/1925	88
Lyle Kingery	03/17/1926	87
Gus Anastole	03/25/1926	87
Arnold Mozzetti	03/25/1929	84
James Putler	03/28/1930	83
Robert Benya	03/19/1931	82
Sam Mitchell	03/04/1932	81
Allen Sprague	03/13/1935	78
Nathaniel Lord, Jr.	03/26/1935	78
Sergio Zilli	03/08/1936	77
Gerald Hensel Jr.	03/09/1936	77
Howard Thompson	03/22/1936	77
S. Edward Barnes	03/26/1936	77
Robert Lewis	03/31/1937	76
Richard Lightholder	03/29/1938	75
Gary Bennett	03/21/1939	74
David Tanner	03/12/1940	73

New Members

Dino R. Mostardi

38525 Kimbro Street
Fremont, CA 94536-6815
510-793-5269
Email: dmostardi@sbcglobal.net
Birthday: 7/27/1930
Spouse: Connie
Badge No. 106
Call me: Dino

Welcome Back Dino



Dino Mostardi

Membership Report



Sir Ron Brutvan
Membership Chairman

Guests:

Louis Alonzo
Donald Lessard

Guest of:

Terry Dalziel
Ben Fernandez

Visitors:

David Zhang
Mr. X

Speaker
Speaker Assistant

Change of Status:

Peter Sodini to Inactive

William Wilson to Inactive

Lloyd Keplinger

New email address
LEK1534@YAHOO.COM

Membership Total
(as of February 2013)

195 — Active Members
12 — Inactive Members



Attendance Report



Sir Ed Guthrie
Attendance Chairman

Attendance Report

(For February 2013)

Members	125
Guests	2
Visitors	2
Total =	129
31 excused	37 unexcused

Save the Date – May 16th
"Hawaiian Delight"

Take your wife or a friend to lunch

Menu will have fish, chicken and beef

Ticket price will be \$25 per person

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

At the Livermore Tournament of February 12th, twelve bowlers journeyed to Livermore and for the most part did well. Tournament results just arrived, and once again Branch 6 bowlers did very well—Rich Bowers was first in singles and all-events, Lew Heffron placed in singles and all-events, and Jim Minton was third in singles. Branch 59 bowlers also placed with **Nat Lord** fifth in singles, and the doubles team of **Jerry Sabo** and **Frankie Cordova** placed third. Frankie also placed in all events. So of the twelve bowlers that went to Livermore, six of them won awards.

Only four bowlers are going to the Petaluma tournament; Lew and Jim from Branch 6 and Jerry teams up with **John Pesek**. We hope to report good news next month.

We now have three bowlers that are bowling switch handed: Rich Bowers (Br. 6), Jerry Sabo and now our top bowler, Roger Wallin. Roger's physician has recommended that Roger not use his right shoulder as much as he does when he bowls, so he decided to switch. Right off the bat, Roger's left-handed average is nearly twenty pins higher than Jerry's. Now that the "switch" has begun, a number of our bowlers are now experimenting!

Upcoming tournaments include

Carson City	Apr 15, 16, 17, 18	Gold Dust West
Pollock Pines	Apr 27, 28, 29	Knotty Pine Lanes

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 spent 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 12:45PM. Cost is \$13.00 to bowl. We normally are finished before 3:00PM.

Jerry Sabo



Golf Notes by Bill Leake

Welcome to the Branch 59 golf column.

Guess who came out of the cold. Welcome back **Walt Oden** and **Tony Martinez** who both took some time off and now are out hacking with the rest of us. Also, we have a new SIR golf member – golf only. **Please welcome Junko Trischetti**, John's wife, who joined NCGA through SIR area 8 golf club. It is less expensive than going through any other club. If your spouse would like to join NCGA then talk to me now or in October when 2014 dues start to be collected.

Next month we start our first tournament of the year – Spring Fling event – it replaces **Las Vegas**. That is the good news. If you did not sign up – it is full. Waiting list only. The second tournament of the year is the **Area 8 team tournament**. It will be at Sunol on **Thursday May 23** with hopefully a 7:56 shotgun start. I sent out several signup sheets. If you need a partner or want to be on a team let me know. I can help you to get on a team. I will make an announcement at the March meeting. The deadline to enter is May 6 – but don't wait for the last minute to enter. The winning 1-2 teams from the Sunol tournament will be eligible to go to the state championship on August 12 at **Stevenson Ranch**. The rest of the 2013 golf schedule is as follows: **Reno** – 2 weeks – **June 10-14** and **June 17-21** – to be held at the Atlantis in Reno (not Circus Circus). For the division 4 state qualifier **we dropped Boundary Oaks** and replaced it **with Lone Tree Golf Course in Antioch**. The **date is August 22**. I will once again take the first 26+ paid entries to go to Lone Tree. An entry form will be sent out sometime in March. We will not have a pre-qual. There may be a waiting list if the demand is there. The top 2 golfers from each of the 7 flights will get a free ride to the state championship on October 21 **at Laguna Seca**. 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 March meeting or get them from the SIR golf website www.SIRstategolf.com

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 SIR and also SIR golf.

Thank you for reading this article and let's make 2013 successful.

Bill Leake



CYBERGEEZER MEETING

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

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, March 26, 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.

At our last meeting we spent some time discussing the computer that was built, and what steps were taken to install the Windows operating system and other software. We also went over a photo essay done by MaximumPC magazine that followed similar steps that we went thru to build a “gaming” computer. By the way, the computer that we built had a bad motherboard; so that computer part had to be sent back to the manufacturer. We also went over two other MaximumPC articles discussing the steps that should be taken following the purchase of any new computer, and finally a list of software that should be added to a computer—such as Adobe Acrobat Reader, Skype, Google Chrome, Firefox, and other free or inexpensive software.

At our next meeting we will see Dragon Naturally Speaking recognition software, and continue discussion begun at our last meeting. New topics are welcomed. We have several members that are Mac or “tablet” users, and Jerry is still learning Windows 8 and sharing those experiences.

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 Sir Jerry Sabo – **510-790-3135** if you have other 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.

Sir Arnold George - 510-797-9524

READERS AND BROWSERS

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

Sir Wayne Adams 510-797-7611



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Meet Wednesday mornings at 8:00 AM at the Park at Paseo Padre and Isherwood. Everyone welcome and bring a friend.

Sir Don Henry at 510-656-5659.

Sir Vince Fernelius at 510-489-0396



Area 8 SIR Travel Adventures

Emile Lassalle



August 28-September 7, 2013

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WRITING YOUR LIFE STORY

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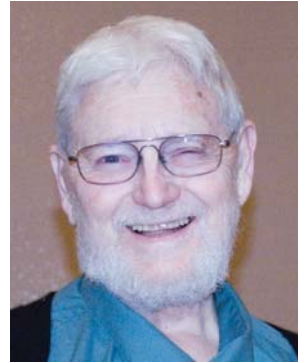
During that hour, instructions are handed out for writing (but not required); writings are read (if you want to read what you wrote) and discussed. It is an active class with some great people.

Sir Don Gillis - 510-490-1978

SUNSHINE REPORT

by Sir Allen Sprague

LOUIS BUFKIN: Sir Louis is an Honorary Life Member, having been a Treasurer, and Secretary, as well as Assistant Treasurer and Assistant Secretary. Sir Louis told Sunshine he “can’t get around” as much anymore, although he still drives and goes to the Senior Center for meals. He says Hi to the old gang of Branch 59. Sunshine senses he would like members who know him to contact him and urge him to come to our meetings.



Allen Sprague

LON HITCHCOCK: Sir Lon, who resigned in January, says he had cataract surgery in January, and has new glasses following exams, which have confirmed improvement in his vision. Lon is himself a specialist in optics, from both military and civilian employment. Sir Lon expressed a desire to come back to Branch 59.

LYLE “PAT” KINGERY: Missed February meeting. Sir Pat says he is “doing pretty good” although his “Parkinson’s” can be problematic; he uses two walking sticks. Sunshine Chairman Allen and his wife Judy had dinner with old friends Sir Pat and his wife Margaret at their residence in Merrill Gardens. Sir Pat will be at the Birthday Table on March 21st. It will be the last time he will drive, as his license expires and he is not renewing it, and will need someone to pick him up for the April meeting.

ROWLAND MC NEIL: Sir Rowland had knee surgery in January. At physical therapy he experienced very low blood pressure. Hopes to make the March meeting, but is concerned that the chairs at the luncheon are too low.

RON OLIPHANT: Had his right knee replaced in January, to fix a baseball injury from 1962, and said it was a “great success.” Sir Ron keeps knee iced and elevated, physical therapy is starting. He can walk—bending knee is the biggest challenge.

In Memoriam
Sir Robert Edwards
Sir Bruno Orsetti

BOB SPRINGER: Sir Bob had quadruple bypass surgery at Washington Hospital and is recovering at home. His heart surgery was successful and he is looking forward to attending the March luncheon with a ride from his buddy Arnie Mozzetti.



SF Giants Baseball

By Sports Chairman Nat Lord



We have just received confirmation from the SF Giants of a date for our annual “All SIR Day at the SF Giants.” 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

Let me know if you are interested in attending this game.

February Luncheon Photos



Sir Arnie Mozzetti (Left) is explaining some important changes that need to be made to Past Big Sir Jim Ferenz. Sir Arnie: "There is no Toilet Paper in the men's room!" Sir Jim: "Do you always talk with your hands?"

Cybergeezer Chairman Sir Jerry Sabo (Left) is having a good laugh at Sir George Vlastelica's joke.



Assistant Secretary Sir Peter Angelides (Left) and Sir Drag Dutina are getting ready to sit down for lunch.



Sir Art Winkley, Birthday Chairman (Right) is welcoming 96 year old Sir Forest Lusher to the Birthday table.



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*(deceased)