

The Path finder Branch Number 59

Thirty-Eighth Year September 2013 Bulletin No. 8

NEXT MEETING at Newark Pavilion - Thursday, September 19, 2013

"Stuff" from Skip by Big Sir Skip Mugford



September already and all is well—not with the world or anything so mundane—just here at Branch 59! We had 6 new members and 2 returning members join us last month and expect a few more this coming month. SIR flyers have been placed at the Senior Centers in Newark and Fremont in an effort to pump up our membership drive. We still need help from all of you in

the general membership to bring friends, neighbors, old coworkers, etc to help out in this our most important endeavor.

Our possible relocation to the Elks Lodge in Fremont was discussed in depth at our last BEC meeting. I would encourage each of you to make your wishes known to a Board Member regarding this issue.

Kudos this month to Sir Allen Sprague, for his efforts on the Sunshine Committee, in bringing information regarding the health and welfare of many of our members this entire year. These efforts go beyond simple phone calls and include drop in visits, attending memorial services etc. truly extraordinary accomplishments!

With the good old US of A apparently ready to go into harms way yet again this is a righteous time to think of our men and women in uniform. Offer them a few moments of silent reflection that they may return home safely to their loved ones.

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MENU

Pork Scaloppini and Chicken Scaloppini

Pasta Alfredo, Pasta Mostachelli and Mixed Vegetables

Can you find Rollie?



Speaker Tom Blalockby Little Sir Rob Ingebretson

Thomas Blalock was first elected to the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) Board in 1994. Since then, voters re-elected him in 1998, 2002, 2006 and 2010 to represent Fremont, Newark, Union City and portions of Hayward. He has served as Vice President and President of the Board.



Blalock is dedicated to expand BART south. He serves on the

Silicon Valley Rapid Transit Project Policy Advisory Board, whose efforts include the new Warm Springs Station and the future BART extension to Santa Clara County.

Director Blalock brings to the BART Board an extensive background in planning, engineering and administration. His professional career spans 43 years working for three cities (Mountain View, Sunnyvale and Fremont). From 1984 to 1994 he served on various policy committees for the League of California Cities and served as President (1991) for the League's Public Works Officers Department. He retired in August 1995.

He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering from San Jose State University and is a licensed Civil Engineer.

Blalock's community involvement includes being a parent faculty club board member at the Chadbourne School and Mission San Jose High School. He is a member of the Fremont Kiwanis Club and the Fremont Chamber of Commerce. In 1996 he chaired the City of Fremont's Downtown Planning Advisory Committee.

Director Blalock resides in Fremont with his wife, Gail. They have fi ve children, three grandsons and five granddaughters. His hobbies include wine making, fishing, boating and travel.

He will inform us on the status of BART and its future plans to expand.

BRING IN A GUEST

WE NEED NEW MEMBERS



If you are <u>not</u> coming or if you are bringing a guest or visitor <u>Don't forget to Call</u> on the Monday before the meeting - or earlier Ed Guthrie (510) 659-0498 or email edguthrie@comcast.net



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Nat Lord George Perry Jerry Sabo Sheldon Schwartz **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

> A Nonprofit public benefit corporation for retired men



Sir Jim Ferenz August Meeting Minutes

order at 10: AM and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL BY SECRETARY

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

Directors Present: Sir Nat Lord, Sir George Perry, Sir Sheldon Schwartz, Sir Ed Thomas, and Sir Roger Wallin. Directors absent: Sir Jerry Sabo.

MEETING MINUTES

The Secretary indicated that the July Meeting Minutes stated that an update to the Sir Manual was published dated June 4, 2014. The correct date is June 4, 2013. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the July Minutes, as corrected.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Secretary's Report: No Report

Treasurer's Report: Sir Hugh Twomey reported a General Fund Balance of \$5168.54. Sir Hugh further reported no contributions were received in the month of July.

Little Sir's Report: Sir Rob Ingebretson reported that our speaker will be Ms. Mary Jane Hodges, Special Projects Manager for Acacia Creek. Acacia Creek is a Senior Living Community. Ms Hodges will speak to us on Maintaining Quality of Life.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Attendance: Sir Ed Guthrie projects attendance at today's luncheon at 130.

Sir Ed also needs two members to help with the badges at the meetings. If you are willing to help please contact Sir Ed at the next meeting. This is a great opportunity for our new members to meet the rest of the Branch. Please consider

Membership: Sir Ron Brutvan reported that we have 8 new members and 2 returning members proposed for today's meeting as follows:

David Hunter, Sponsor Sir Henry Brown David Smith, Sponsor Sir Les Addision William Bauhofer, Sponsor Sir Walter Ulrick Al Hawkins, Sponsor Sir Skip Mugford Donald LaVance, Sponsor Sir Skip Mugford David Reichmuth, Sponsor Sir Walter Ulrick Joe Montellano, Sponsor Sir Skip Mugford Fred Zachau, Sponsor Sir Skip Mugford Fred Alfred, Returning member Luciano Nausin, Returning member

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the new and returning members.

Birthdays: Sir Art Winkley indicated we

Big Sir Skip Mugford called the meeting to are celebrating 8 birthdays ranging from 86 to 67. The Officers and Directors of SIR Branch 59 wish these members a very Happy Birthday.

> Golf: Sir Bill Leake reported that NCGA dues for 2014 will be due in October 2013. We have not been given official notice as yet but we expect dues to remain the same for the next year.

> **Bowling**: Sir Nat Lord said that we had good participation at the Napa Tournament. Three teams are going to the Reno Tournament. Sir Roger Wallin, who had right shoulder surgery, trained himself to bowl left handed and was able to break 200. Way to go Roger.

> **Cybergeezers**: Sir Jerry Sabo sent a note asking that we remind members that the Meeting Place is the Niles Discovery Church. Wives and Significant others are encouraged to attend.

> Sports: Sir Bill Leake reported that 37 Tickets were sold for the SIR Baseball day. It was reported that the seats were very good and attendees had a good time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to support Sir Jim Ferenz for Area 8 Governor.

Little Sir Rob Ingebretson attended the State Annual Meeting in Vallejo. Sir Rob reported that the major issues were Membership, and Growth of the SIR Organization and Maximizing Branch Activities. The Branch also needs to find a volunteer who will be The Growth Coordinator. This person will pull together all of the activities involved with growing the Branch.

Discussion was started on a method for fund raising inside the Branch. Discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

A Policy needs to be developed for dealing with Inactive Honorary Life Members. This action was delayed until the next meeting.

A discussion was held on the subject of a possible move back to the Elks Lodge. The move would require a change in meeting day from the third Thursday to the third Wednesday of the month. The advantages are possibly a better caterer and resultant meal improvement and a cost saving to the Branch of about \$100.00 per month. The BEC realizes the importance of this decision and will continue the discussion at the next meeting. Members are invited to make their comments known to the Big Sir.=

The Officers, Directors, and Members wish to express their sympathy to the families of Sir Louis Smith and Sir Peter Sodini who passed away in the month of August.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 AM Submitted by Secretary Sir Jim Ferenz

September 2013

MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS

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

Birthday Report

September Birthdays

09/12/1925	88
09/26/1927	86
09/09/1928	85
09/12/1929	84
09/19/1929	84
09/05/1931	82
09/15/1933	80
09/06/1936	77
09/11/1938	75
09/17/1938	75
09/08/1940	73
09/24/1942	71
09/21/1943	70
09/21/1943	70
09/10/1945	68
09/16/1947	66
09/13/1948	65
	09/26/1927 09/09/1928 09/12/1929 09/19/1929 09/05/1931 09/15/1933 09/06/1936 09/11/1938 09/17/1938 09/08/1940 09/24/1942 09/21/1943 09/21/1943 09/10/1945 09/16/1947

Membership

Guests: Guest of:

Bob McCauley Richard Holley Ron Kimmel Ed Guthrie

Visitors:

Mary Jane Hodges Speaker

Change of Status:

Frank D. Thomas to Inactive
Louis Smith Died 8/13/13
Peter Sodini Died 8/9/13
Herb Muellerleile Dropped Rule 100
Neil Homer Resigned

Membership Total (as of August 2013)

182 — Active Members
19 — Inactive Members

New Members

Fred T. Alfred

38801 Hastings Street Apt 215 Fremont, CA 94536-6151

510-797-4049 Birthday: 6/12/1929 Badge No. 1 Call me: Fred

William A. Bauhofer

3686 Turner Court Fremont, CA 94536-3625

510-794-4873

Email: phonemama3@aol.com

Birthday: 12/3/1940 Spouse: Marilyn Badge No. 110 Sponsor: Walter Ulrich

Call me: Bill

Alan B. Hawkins

39625 Bruning Street Fremont, CA 94538-1818

510-623-2852

Email: alankhawk@sbcglobal.net

Birthday: 9/16/1947 Spouse: Karen Badge No. 41

Sponsor: Skip Mugford

Call me: Al

David X. Hunter

37775 Farwell Drive Fremont, CA 94536-7003

510-797-2585

Email: davnevhuner@yahoo.com

Birthday: 1/26/1947 Spouse: Nevenda Badge No. 56

Sponsor: Henry Brown

Call me: David

Joseph A. Montellano

35859 Ashton Place Fremont, CA 94536-3403

510-797-7118

Email: josephmontellano@aol.com

Birthday: 5/7/1933 Spouse: Pat Badge No. 93

Sponsor: Skip Mugford

Call me: Joe

Luciano Nausin

4153 Norris Road Fremont, CA 94536-5013

510-797-4821 Birthday: 7/26/1930 Spouse: Joanne Badge No. 100 Call me: Lu

David E. Smith

39378 Sutter Drive Fremont, CA 94538-1264

510-709-9131

Email: waltsmith@gmail.com

Birthday: 9/13/1948 Spouse: Kathy Badge No. 104 Sponsor: Les Addison Call me: David

Fred J. Zachau

4633 Grenadier Place Castro Valley, CA 94546-1259

510-460-8203

Email: S10FJZ@gmail.com Birthday: 12/21/1956

Spouse: Debi Badge No. 105

Sponsor: Skip Mugford

Call me: Fred



Fred Allfred



Bill Bauhofer



Al Hawkins



David Hunter

Attendance Report (For August 2013)

 Members
 118

 Guests
 2

 Visitors
 1

 Total =
 121

41 excused 28 unexcused



Joe Montellano



Lu Nausin



David Smith



Fred Zachau

SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares by Jerry Sabo

Branch 6 and Branch 59 bowlers recently returned from the annual trek to the National Bowling Stadium in Reno. Branch 6 bowlers did extremely well in doubles and should finish in the top five and possibly first and second. One of our teams was comprised of two SIR guests. One of the guests was a former Branch 59 member that is planning to return. That member, Ron Sternal had



an unfortunate accident on the lane approach and evidently broke his leg in two places.

The doubles pair of **Jerry Sabo** and Jim Minton (Branch 6) took second place at the Sonora tournament, Jerry placed third in singles at the Yuba City tournament. By the time this article gets published, the Fremont tournament will be over for another year, and we hope to report good things.

Nat Lord, Frank Cordova, and Jerry attended the State Bowling Committee meeting in August and one of the outcomes is that our SIR bowling on Mondays will very likely be able to have <u>female</u> guests as members of the bowling league. Much of the meeting was devoted to revisions of State Bowling Manual By-Laws. The 2014 State Bowling Calendar was also approved. Those changes will soon appear on the State Bowling website at

http://sirinc.org/bowling/index.html.

Upcoming tournaments:

Citrus Heights Oct 7, 9 Mon, Wed Fireside Lanes Brentwood Oct 15, 17 Tue, Thu Harvest Park

In the limelight is returning bowler, now left-handed, **Roger Wallin**. Roger has had two games over 200 the past two weeks. He may even give up on his right-handed bowling. I wasn't going to say anything, but **Don Henry** has been bowling really well the past few weeks. Don had games of 204, 203, and 223—three good games out of six is not too shabby. Actually he only had one game lower than 180. Wish I could do as well.

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. We welcome new bowler **Victor Okumura** to our Monday SIR group.



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

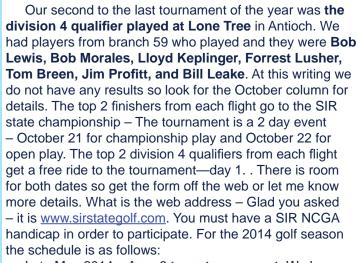
Welcome to the Branch 59 golf column.

We have **many** new members to SIR. Some of you are golfers. I encourage you to join SIR NCGA so you can join us in our tournaments for 2014 – can you believe – 2014.

What happened to 2013?

One of the first things on the agenda for 2014 is NCGA dues. I will not have

the charge for a month or two – for new members there will be a \$10 processing fee – I will make an announcement In September or October and give you more details once they are known to me. I encourage you to look at the website www.sirstategolf.com and it will give you a list of tournaments for 2014. I will list them later in this column.



Late May 2014 = Area 8 team tournament. We have this event at Sunol. Spring Fling in Napa – Eagle Vines and Chardonnay on April 21 and 22; Reno – June 16 – 20 and June 23-27. Both are scramble events and will be at the Atlantis; Solvang (the Fall Classic) sometime in September (date has not been set yet); and the individual championship at Monterey Peninsula October 27 and 28.

Regular play for SIR Branch 59 – We play every Monday (3 tee times) and occasionally on Thursday (1 tee time) at Sunol. Join us – to find out the tee time, please <u>call Sunol at 925-862-0414</u>. The reservation is made under LEAKE.

Post - post your score.

<u>Please – we need more members for SIR and also SIR golf.</u>

Thank you for reading this article.

Bill Leake



CYBERGEEZER MEETING

Cybergeezers—we usually meet on the first Tuesday following our monthly SIR Luncheon. Next meeting is scheduled for

Tuesday **September 24, 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 once again discussed converting VHS tapes to DVD and transferring video files to a PC or Mac. We also demonstrated a few HD Video capturing devices like the Flip, a Samsung device, and a Nikon. Next, the process of transferring those files to a PC or Mac, and then using software to create a movie was demonstrated. Actually, the meeting hasn't taken place as of this writing because of Pathfinder publishing deadlines—who knows what will happen.

At our September meeting, we will have Bill Palleschi lead the meeting because Jerry

will be traveling once again.

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.

If you have any technology topic that you would like included

in our next session, please send the information to Jerry jlsabo@sbcglobal.net. During our next session, we will revisit some of the topics previously discussed—especially tablet devices such as the iPad.

SIR members and friends/significant others 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 other questions.

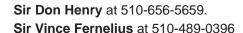
BRIDGE GROUPS

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

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.





Area 8 SIR Travel Adventures Emile Lassalle & Lou Pagni

November 20-21, 2013 RENO HOLIDAY ICE FANTASY

On the Reno overnight trip to the El Dorado Hotel & Casino, you will receive a buffet dinner, and the "HOLIDAY ICE FANTASY" show. Three hour casino play at the Nugget and Boomtown. The price of this trip is \$150 per person, double occupancy, \$20 single supplement. Call Joe Guerrero at 510-326-4196 or Emile Lassalle at 510-538-7463. All our trips are always full of fun.

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

Friday, October 18, 2013 SIR DAY AT THE RACES

Golden Gate Fields \$29.00 per person admission fee includes valet parking, admission to the Turf Club, reserved seating, daily racing program, Turf Club buffet and tax/tip for the food service. Gates open at 11:00a.m., Buffet hours 11:30 a.m.-3:00p.m. For reservation make check to SIR Branch #6 and mail to Lou Pagni, 16120 Via Del Robles, San Lorenzo, CA 94580. Provide your own transportation.

February 23-26, 2014 PALM SPRINGS USO SHOW TRIBUTE

Three shows (A USO Show Tribute, An Evening with the 4077 M*A*S*H, A Salute to the Rat Pack), three nights at the Comfort Inn Palm Springs, three breakfasts, two dinners, round trip airfare, home pickup, luggage handling, all taxes and tips.

Cost: \$1195 Double, \$1425 Single, Insurance \$85 each person (Optional)

This is a Guaranteed trip (no minimums) Contact Lou Pagni for more info 510-276-5025.

Call Travel Chairman Lou Pagni for more information 510-276-5025

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.



READERS AND BROWSERS

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

Sir Wayne Adams 510-797-7611



Giants Game Report

Bill Leake



Greetings Giant
Fans – We had the
SIR Day at the Giants
on August 8 and there
were 30 Branch 59
SIR members and
guests signed up. **And**

the Giants won. The seats were pretty good, although a bit high. The views were spectacular and the smells marvelous. Unfortunately, not too many boats were on the bay. Do not know how many SIR branches were represented but it was fun and we may do it again next year. Appreciate any other comments on this day.







SUNSHINE REPORT by Sir Allen Sprague



In Memoriam
Louis Smith
Peter Sodini

Allen Sprague

ROLAND McNEIL back from an RV trip was anticipating right-knee surgery in August. He had his left-knee surgery in January, which has healed well.

GEORGE VLASTELICA is recovering from recent foot surgery and hopes to make the September meeting.

TONY ZEULI continues to recover from injuries sustained recently due to an accidental fall at home.



At the Annual State Meeting Branch 2 Big Sir Doug Kyle (left) is shown advising Branch 59 Little Sir Rob Ingebretson, representing Big Sir Skip Mugford, who was unable to attend.

SHOULD WE MOVE?

Where do you want to meet? Your Branch Executive Committee is discussing a move back to the Elks Lodge in Fremont.

The move would require a change in meeting day from the third Thursday to the third Wednesday of the month. The advantages are possibly a better caterer and resultant meal improvement and a cost saving to the Branch of about \$100.00 per month.

Let the Big Sir or any other member of the BEC know how you feel about making this move.

New Members Joining Branch 59



New members gather for recognition during the August Little Sir Rob Ingebretson handing out certificates of luncheon meeting.



membership to the new members.



David Smith speaking to the Branch 59 members.



Al Hawkins relating his past history to the crowd.



Bill Bauhofer telling the group about his roots in Fremont.





Fred Zachau made remarks during the luncheon.



Lu Nausin letting us know that he is glad to be back.

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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*

1984 George Herman*

1985 Ray Crosby*

1986 Loran Coburn*

1987 Robert Davis*

1988 Robert Klindt*

1989 Martin Annen*

1990 Lee Updegraff

1991 Fred W. Fretter*

1992 Lyle Kingery

1993 LeRoy J. King*

1994 George Hubach*

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1997 Nat Lord

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2003 Don Henry

2004 Tom Sherba

2005 Howard Thompson

2006 Les Addison

2007 Ted Bresler

2008 Richard Holley

2009 Don Gillis* 2010 Frank R. Thomas

2011 Hugh Twomey 2012 James Ferenz

*(deceased)