



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Forty-Second Year

July 2017

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NEXT MEETING -Fremont Elks Lodge - Wednesday July 19, 2017 -Social Hour 11AM



Big Sir Jim Ulam's Thoughts

I guess it's a sign of old age, or SIR burnout, or the blazing heat the past few weeks, but I can't think of a thing to say.

Hats off to Bill Briscoe, Hugh Twomey, Arnold George, Al Kenney, Fred Gotthardt, Jim Ploor, and Rob

Ingebretson for all their efforts in getting us moved over to the Elks Lodge! These guys deserve a big round of applause!

We have to thank Jerry Sabo and Sammy Lum for their huge contributions to Branch 59! Jerry is the state bowling chairman, bowls with the group, runs Cyber Geezers and puts out our monthly Pathfinder newsletter. Sammy is the birthday chairman, RAMP committee chairman, audio/visual go-to guy and runs the branch website. I wish we had about 50 more guys just like these two!

We have a full slate of officers and our allotted six directors, but I propose that we include at least another dozen fellows to come to our BEC meetings as understudies/observers/potential future officers so we can insure the continuity of our branch. We cannot keep asking the same guys to remain officers or directors forever, we have to have guys waiting in the wings to carry Branch 59 into the future! **Please consider joining us at the next BEC meeting which is held at 10:00 am on our luncheon day!**

I am thinking, instead of waiting for "volunteers" to step forward, our branch should institute a draft system like the U.S. had during the Vietnam war. All men, between certain ages, will be called upon to fill the ranks of the board and chairmanships as their number comes up. Of course, guys who have already served or who have reached the age of 80 will be exempt. What do you think of that idea?



July Speaker, Steven Burchik

With a compass to direct him in his job as a forward observer and a personal camera to document his experiences—and keep him connected to his creative side—Vietnam veteran Steven Burchik was lucky enough to make it home and

years later decided to write about the most challenging year of his life.

A unique memoir of the war, this presentation pulls not only from Burchik's memories, but also from the daily letters he wrote to his fiancée (she kept every single one) and includes numerous photographs from his collection of over four thousand. The images alone make this lecture a must-see for any history buff or fellow veteran.

Mr. Burchik grew up in New York City and earned his bachelor's degree from Manhattan College. After graduating, he entered the US Army at the peak of the Vietnam War. He trained at various bases in the U.S. then spent a year in the rice paddies northeast of Saigon in the role of a forward observer as a sergeant with the First Infantry Division.

Married with grown children, Burchik enjoys pursuing photography and sailing on San Francisco Bay. *Compass and a Camera*, his memoir of his Vietnam War experience, was his first book.

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Win a Free Lunch



By finding **ROLLIE** — you can win a free lunch if your name is selected. Let Rollie Referee Dino Mostardi know where he is located in the Pathfinder after you buy your luncheon ticket.

Menu--Dina's Catering

Chicken Parmasana and Sirloin Tip
Noodles, rice and Vegetables
Open Desserts



If you are not coming or if you are bringing a guest or visitor
Don't forget to Call on the SUNDAY BEFORE THE MEETING- or earlier
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Branch 59

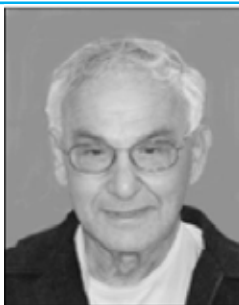
Meets at Fremont Elks
38991 Farwell Drive,
Fremont CA on the 3rd
Wednesday of each month
10:00 AM
Executive Board Meeting
11AM Social Hour
12 Noon Lunch

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July 2017

SIR Branch 59 BEC Minutes, June 15, 2017



Big SIR Jim Ulam called the meeting to order and led the assembled group in the Pledge of Allegiance at 10:00 am
Officers Present: Big Sir Jim Ulam, Little Sir Harvey McAninch, Assistant Secretary Sir Peter Angelides,

Treasurer Sir Hugh Twomey, and Assistant Treasurer Sir Arnold George.

Officers Absent: Secretary Sir Jerry Robertson

Directors Present: Sir Sammy Lum, Sir George Perry, Sir John Pesek, and Sir Alan Weiner
Directors Absent: Sir Nat Lord and Sir Jerry Sabo

MEETING MINUTES

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

Secretary's Report: None

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Sir Hugh Twomey reported that as of June 15, 2017 there was an adjusted checkbook balance of \$3,623.12 and a petty cash balance of \$400.00.

COMMITTEE REPORTS\

Birthday's: At today's luncheon we celebrate both May and June Birthdays for a total of 26 members. The oldest member is 93 and the youngest is 63.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Attendance:

Sir Ed Guthrie projects attendance at 115 including new members and guests.

Membership: Sir Carl Nordling reported that we have two new members for acceptance today. They are Sir Dean Martin sponsored by Sir Harvey McAninch and Sir Wen Shih sponsored by Sir Ed Guthrie.

Golf. Bowling Activities for these two sports can be found in the latest Pathfinder.

CyberGeezers: See Branch 59 Newsletter for the latest CyberGeezers news/activities

RAMP Activities

RAMP Committee: Activities Chairman Sir Roger Wallin brought to the attention of the BEC members the presence of a lot of musical talent in the Branch 59 membership. We should be promoting a Branch 59 band and keep it ongoing.

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OLD BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS : Big Sir Jim Ulam will announce at the luncheon the move to the Elks' Lodge in July and all the details that go with the move, like day change, etc.

The meeting was adjourned by Big Sir Jim Ulam at 11:00 AM

Minutes submitted by Sir Peter Angelides,
Branch 59 Assistant Secretary



Sir Sammy Lum
Birthday Chairman

July Birthdays

Gordon Thym	94
Fred Cutter	88
Gordon MacLeod	87
Bernard Teague	87
Dino Mostardi	87
Ben Fernandez	83
Rowland McNeil	79
Wayne Meyer	78
Gene Lim	77
Robert Wallace	74
Jimmy Inocencio	73
John Mikel	71
Joseph Lucia	70
James Lomax	69



Now you will be able to get Pathfinder issues at:

<http://sirbranch59.org>

Comments, photos for site etc.
email to:

sirbranch59@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE

by Sir Ron Brutvan, Sir Ed Guthrie

Attendance Report



**Sir Ed Guthrie
Attendance Chairman**

Attendance Report – 06/15/2017

Members	100=65%
Guests	2
Visitors	1
Total	103
Excused	26
Unexcused	28

New Members/Guests

New Member:

Member
#21 Dean Martin

Sponsor
Jim Ulam

Guests (1st time)

Alfred Hu
Bob Doherty

Sponsor

Jim Ulam
Jim Cunningham

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

Membership Report



**Sir Ron Brutvan
Membership
Chairman**

To Inactive

#118 Stan Peters

Return To Active

59 Joe Markovich

Resigned

#75 Ron Pucci

#84 Robert Wallace (conflict)

Database Changes

#41 Bob Marshall -email address
hdog48@gmail.com

#7 Victor Okumura -email address
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Membership Report – 06/15/2017

Active Members 154
Inactive Members 21



Sir Dean Martin with Big Sir Jim and Little Sir Harvey



Air Force One
Presentation
by Sir Art
McGrath
last month



SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares by Sir John Pesek



In June there were some very good scores bowled. Sir Jimmy Inocencio 226, Little Sir Harvey McAninch 222, Sir Miguel Ferras 216, Sir Frank Cordova with three 200 games in the month 231, 216 and a 202 and a series of 601, Sir Donal Spicer 212 & and a 200, Sir Don Henry 212, Sir Gary Bennett 202, and Sir Jerry Sabo & Sir Joe Stanley both with a 201.

We always have room for more bowlers in our group. Usually 15 to 20 bowlers show up on Monday to bowl. There is no team commitment, nor a penalty if you can't make it. We meet at the Cloverleaf Family Bowl. Just show up and be ready to start practice bowling at 12:45 P.M. The cost is \$14 to bowl 3 games. We normally finish before 3:00 P. M



Sadly we had to relinquish our SIR State Bowling Championship trophy to the 2017 winners. One last photo from last year.



Any Activity suggestions?
Contact:
SIR Roger Wallin
Activities Coordinator.

Golf Notes by Sir Bill Leake



Welcome to the SIR Branch 59 golf newsletter for July 2017. And welcome to our new home at the Elks' Lodge just down the road. **We meet the third Wednesday of the month, social at 11:00 and meeting at 12:00. Remember – Wednesday and NOT Thursday.**

We continue to play open golf and the most popular courses are Spring Valley (Milpitas) and SkyWest (Hayward). There are also others that play local courses and we can discuss this at the next business meeting, which is the 3rd WEDNESDAY in July (7-19).

We do not have results as of yet from **Reno**. Once they are known you can read about the results in this column or the SIR state golf site – sirstategolf.com.

Division 4 Individual Qualifier – The 2017 division 4 individual qualifier will be held August 23 (8:30) at Hiddenbrook Golf Club in Vallejo. \$46.00 entry fee and the top 2 in each of the 7 flights go to State Individual Finals to be played at Laguna Seca Monterey on October 17, 2017. More info later. Look for a flier at the next SIR Meeting at the Elks' Lodge on July 19.

Take a bow – **Richard Holley** shot an 89 at Spring Valley – not bad for a 23 handicap. $89-23=66$.

What about the rest of you??! Have a good round, good score, or just a good time. Let us know. In late September or early October there will be a notice of 2018 SIR NCGA dues – assume that they will remain the same. I will let you know.

Our next big tournament will be the Fall Classic -- to be held in Fresno on September 18 & 19 at **Fig Garden and Dragon Fly golf course**. Entry forms can be found on the SIR golf site.

What a better way to finish off the year than with the Individual tournament to be held Oct 16 & 17 at the Monterey Peninsula. One day will be open play and one day will be championship play. Details are on the web.

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CYBERGEEZER MEETING

Cyber Geezers—we usually meet on the Tuesday following our monthly SIR Luncheon.

The **July** meeting will be held on **July 25th** at **Fremont Congregational Church, 38255 Blacow Road, Fremont, CA**. Just show up and you will be a member of our group. The meeting time is from 1:30 to about 3:30 PM.

What is a Cyber Geezer? 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 at jlsabo3@comcast.net We have previously discussed such things as e-books and audio downloads using devices such as the Kindle, iPad or iPhone, home Wi-Fi systems, cloud storage, Windows 10, Mac OSX and using software such as Excel. More of the previous or most any new topic is welcomed. Just attempting to keep up-to-date with changes in technology!



During the June meeting we discussed the use of Microsoft Access--the Database program which is used by Branch 59 to maintain important membership data. An Excel database was converted into an Access database

Most of the session was devoted to a question and answer format with several questions being discussed at length.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

COUPLES WINE TASTING

All Sirs (singles, couples, friends) are invited to join us. This activity is in the planning stage so let your thoughts be known to:

Chairman **Sir Skip Mugford 510-794-1184**
or email **SMUGFORD86@COMCAST.NET**

BRIDGE GROUPS

The Bridge activity includes 2 night time couple's groups and a daytime group following the monthly luncheons

Sir Arnold George - 510-797-9524

COUPLES DINING OUT

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READERS AND BROWERS

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

Sir James Floor 510-656-9537



Please send News Items or Notices of Activities to jlsabo3@comcast.net so I can better fill this space next month.

Thanks,
Jerry



Branch 59

R.A.M.P. Committee Chairmen

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Assistant **Jim Floor**

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Assistant **Fred Gotthardt**

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Assistant **Jim Ulam**

SUNSHINE REPORT by Art Winkley

Sir Walt Oden is still recuperating
We expect to see

Sir Joseph Lucia and
Sir Bob Benya at our next meeting.

BRANCH 59 Member Information

Continued from page 4--Sir bill Leake

Look on the SIR website www.sirtstategolf.com for updates, especially regarding Monterey. Please post your scores. They are updated the 15th and last day of each month. We need more members for SIR and also SIR golf. You have friends – talk to them about joining us. Besides golf we have a whole lot of activities. See you Wednesday July 19 at the Elks' Lodge for the July meeting.

Thank you for reading this article.

Bill Leake 793-6561

News Briefs

Election of Next Years Branch Executive Officers will be held next month. The only changes to report thus far include new Big Sir Harvey McAninch, and little Sir Victor Okumura. Please review the current list of officers on Page 2 of this Pathfinder Edition for a complete list of potential candidates. As Big Sir Jim stated in his comments. Many of us on the BEC would be happy to be replaced.

First "Dealers Lunch Bunch"

Monthly Poker Lunch scheduled for July 25th, and on each **FOURTH** Tuesday of the month from then on.

Time: 1pm to 4pm

Location: Jack's Restaurant and Bar, Lower Level, Newpark Mall (below Pieology)

Buy-in and Game: \$10 buy-in with dime/quarter/half dollar/dollar chips; dime ante; half dollar maximum; each game around the table is dealer's choice.

Food/Drinks: Order from Jack's Restaurant and Bar menu; \$7 to \$30; menu items; and typical beers, well, and specialty drinks.

Roster: Twenty member maximum. We will keep membership in the group open until we get twenty members (we are optimistic). We will then start a substitution list.



Cheers
See You All
WEDNESDAY
July 19
Elks' Lodge

38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont CA

**Don't Forget !!!
Says Sir Tom Blalock!
Fremont Elks' Lodge.**



**We open the meeting with a blessing, and this time we said goodbye to the Newark Pavillion.
Next month we begin a new era at the Elks' Lodge in Fremont.**



**Little Sir Harvey McAninch demonstrating his
computer skills.**

**Some benefits come to those that
stay 'til the end of the meetings!**



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

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