



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Forty-Second Year

August 2017

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MEETING -Fremont Elks Lodge - Wednesday August 30, 2017 -Social Hour 11AM



Big Sir Jim Ulam's Thoughts

Jim's Thoughts

Our next meeting – this one time only – is **Wednesday, August 30!** I said at the end of our July meeting that the August meeting was the *second*

Wednesday, but it is really the **fifth** Wednesday!

Sorry for the mix up, I was still suffering jet lag from my trip to Russia!


All subsequent meetings, September and onward, will be on the third Wednesday of each month.

So, what did you think of our first meeting at the Elks Lodge? I know the food serving was real slow and we might have felt a bit cramped, but these things we will work out. I think everyone enjoyed the bar – be sure to be generous with your tips as the bartender is volunteering his time and does not get paid! – and, you can no longer bring in your own alcoholic beverage as it is prohibited by the Elks' liquor license.

Speaking of my trip to Russia, it again emphatically pointed out that people are the same around the world! The Russian people get up each morning, go to work, come home, eat dinner, watch TV, go to bed and do it all over again the next day.

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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.

August Speaker, Alan Anderson



Alan Anderson brings nearly 20 years of fundraising and marketing experience to his work as Director of Development at Shriners Hospitals for Children Northern California. Prior to joining Shriners Hospitals, Anderson managed the Children's Miracle Network program for

the University of California, Davis and served as the major gifts officer for the UC Davis Children's Hospital.

With two children of his own, Anderson has long been an advocate for children. He is a member of the board of the Davis Schools Foundation. In his free time, Anderson can be found emceeing at athletic and fundraising events that benefit children's causes.

Attention:

We meet on the 5th Wednesday this month only. In the future, our meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of each month.

Menu--Dina's Catering

**Chicken Scalpini and Beef Stew
Noodles, rice and Vegetables
Tapioca**



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
Ed Guthrie (510) 659-0498 or email edguthrie@comcast.net



Branch 59

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Directors

Nat Lord
Sammy Lum
George Perry
John Pesek
Jerry Sabo
Alan Weiner

RAMP

Jim Ulam-Recruitment
Roger Wallin- Activities
Ron Brutvan-Membership
Sammy Lum-Publicity

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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August 2017

SIR Branch 59 BEC Minutes, July 19, 2017



SIR Branch 59 BEC
Meeting, July 19, 2017

Meeting was called
to order at 10:00 am
by Big Sir Jim Ulam;
the flag salute and
roll call of Officers
and Directors was
conducted. All Officers
and Directors were present.

Treasurer's Report and BEC Minutes:

Sir Hugh Twomey reported that
Branch finances are in good shape
with a cash balance of \$3298.50 on
July 19, 2017. Minutes of the June
meeting and the Treasurer's report
were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership:

Sir Ron Brutvan reported that we
will have 1 new member today and 1
potential member attending orientation.

Attendance

Sir Ed Guthrie reported the
expected lunch attendance to be 112.

NEW BUSINESS

Big Sir Jim Ulam updated Form
27 and reported that the membership
is now 155. That is an increase of
1 and meets the target set by the
State SIR organization for year end.
Of course, Branch 59's intention is
to beat that target. He also passed
out new recruiting "business cards"
which designate the Elk Lodge as the
location for our lunches.

Sir Rob Ingebretson, Area 15
Governor, reported that Region 5
evaluated its 27 branches in terms of
recruitment, newsletter, website, etc.

We are proud to learn that our
Branch 59 was voted the best Branch
in Region 5.

Big Sir Jim Ulam showed an
automobile license plate holder that
has been developed for SIR. The
holder will be made available to
members for \$2.00 during lunch today.
A motion was made and passed to
purchase 20 license plate holders to
give to incoming new members.

Sir Nat Lord moved that 40 SIR
"pins" be purchased for Branch
inventory – the motion was passed.

Sir Bill Briscoe, who is also
an Elk member, stated that all
communications with the Elk staff
and/or the caterer must be channeled
through him, Jim Ulam or Hugh
Twomey to avoid any possible
confusion or misunderstandings.

Sir Jerry Sabo moved that Branch
59 pay Fred Gotthardt \$50.00 for the
laptop he donated. The motion was
passed.

Sir Arnold George moved that the
following "regulations" be adopted
to establish how the 6 Branch 59
Directors will be elected and to
establish term limits for Directors:

*"Directors will serve a single term
of 3 years. Each year 2 new Directors
will be elected and 2 existing Directors
will retire after their 3-year term is up.
During the transition period, 2 of the 6
existing Directors will voluntarily retire
each year. Big Sir will resolve any
issues regarding which 2 Directors will
resign each year.*

*A Director who has already served
a 3-year term will be eligible for re-
election to another term after a 3-year
break in service" (Cont Pg.6)*

MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE

by Sir Ron Brutvan, Sir Ed Guthrie

Attendance Report



Sir Ed Guthrie
Attendance Chairman

Attendance Report – 07/19/2017

Members	111=72%
Guests	7
Visitors	1
Total	119
Excused	32
Unexcused	12

New Members/Guests

New Member:

Member
#1) #75 - Wen Shih

Sponsor
Ed Guthrie

Guests (1st time)

Ken Brumskill
Richard Henry
John Hollowell
Phillip Keller
David Nelsen
Loye Pinson

Sponsor

Bill Briscoe
Fred Baker
Carl Nordling
Bob Marshall
Bruce Roberts
Bill Briscoe

Guests (2nd time)

Bob Doherty Jim Cunningham

Membership Report



Sir Ron Brutvan
Membership
Chairman

To Inactive

#60----John Alt
Return to Active
#14----Bob Fondiller

Resigned

#280---Gus Anastole

Database Changes

#43-----Chip Koehler
New email address
koehlerchip@gmail.com

Membership Report

07/19/2017

Active Members 154
Inactive Members 21

Bring in a Guest
We need new
Members

Sir Sammy Lum
Birthday Chairman

August Birthdays

Tom Sherba	90
Arthur Winkley	90
Gerald Robertson	85
Don Potestio	82
Arnold George	78
R. (Skip) Mugford	78
Roger Wallin	77
Donal Spicer	75
Sheldon Schwartz	73
Douglas Howd	71
Ken Arora	70

Big Sir Jim with newest mem-
ber Sir Wen Shih

Area Governor Sir Rob Inge-
bretson seems to be sending
a message to photographer
Sir Bruce Roberts



HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

You can get your Pathfinder at:

<http://sirbranch59.org>

Comments, photos for site etc.
email to:

sirbranch59@gmail.com



SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares by Sir John Pesek



The Branch 59 group of bowlers has had a busy summer this year. Not so much as going to tournaments but a lot of fun and good bowling at our home bowling establishment.

One of the big events every year is bowling at the National Bowling Center in Reno, Nevada.

Branch 59 is sending two teams (of 4 bowlers each) this year. On team One is Sir Lew Heffron, Sir Rich Bowers, Sir Miguel Ferris and Sir Jerry Sabo. On team Two is Sir Harvey McAninch, Sir Chuck Bailey, Sir John Pesek and Sir Ron Hamro. We will bowl the week of our next meeting. I will report about our spectacular scores next month.

Leading up to the tournament our Monday Bowlers have been rolling some high scores.

Sir Don Henry with a high game of 246 and a series of 606 (for 3 games). Sir Don also bowled games of 216 and 212 since my last report. Other top scores were; Sir Lew Heffron 244, Sir Frank Cordova with a 612 series, that included games of 237 & 205. Sir Frank also had games of 236, 223 & 211. Sir Roger Wallin 222 & 201, Sir Jimmy Inocencio 222, Sir Jerry Sabo 213, 202 & 200, Sir Miguel Ferras 210 & 200 and Sir Gary Bennett 203.

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.



**Do you have new
Activity suggestions?**

Contact:

**Sir Roger Wallin
Activities Coordinator.**

Golf Notes by Sir Bill Leake



Welcome to the Sir Branch 59 golf newsletter for August, 2017.

I was not able to attend the July meeting but am told it was a success. It was held at our new home at the Elks Lodge just down the road.

Thank you Sir Jim Ulam for making this happen.

Except for August we meet the third Wednesday of the month, social at 11:00 and meeting at 12:00.

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 August 30 – the 5th Wednesday.

Division 4 Individual Qualifier – The 2017 division 4 individual qualifiers was 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. This was announced at a prior meeting and hopefully we had a good attendance from branch 59.

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:

www.sirtstategolf.com.

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 August meeting will be held on August 22th 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 July meeting we discussed the latest Microsoft Windows 10 Creator's Update and issues surrounding that update. We also re-emphasized the process of cloning a hard drive for a wise backup for those having a lot of software installed on their system that would necessitate a significant amount of work to re-install software.

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

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

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READERS AND BROWSERS

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

Recruitment:	Chairman	Jim Ulam
	Assistant	Alan Weiner
Activities:	Chairman	Roger Wallin
	Assistant	Jim Floor
Membership:	Chairman	Ron Brutvan
	Assistant	Fred Gotthardt
Publicity:	Chairman	Sammy Lum
	Assistant	Jim Ulam

SUNSHINE REPORT by Sir Art Winkley

Condolences to Victor Okumura whose Mother passed away recently. Sir Tom McCaslin is doing well after his dehydration scare during our last meeting. Inactive member Hank Ruelas has been diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease.

BRANCH 59 Member Information

Continued from page1--Big Sir Jim

Weekends and vacations are family time and parents love their children and only want peace, food, shelter, education, and enjoyment!

Russia is very multi-cultural and very tolerant of all religions and ethnicities. They worry about the same things as everyone else in the world and universally say that their government, and the governments of any other countries, do not represent the true feelings of the people. Their attitude is live and let live, just like everybody else in the world; it is only governments that make war and persecute and manipulate. Foreign travel is always very eye opening!

SIR is really just a microcosm of the world, blending different races, religions, colors, bound by a common humanity with similar goals and aspirations. Be kind to one another and appreciate all that we have.

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 August 30 at the Elks Club for the August meeting.

Thank you for reading this article.

Bill Leake 793-6561

Continued from page 2--BEC Minutes

Little Sir Harvey McAninch moved that:

“Two Director Advisors be appointed each year for a 1-year term to participate in the BEC. The Director Advisors would not have voting rights.”

Both above motions were passed. The intent of these changes is to introduce fresh talent, ideas, and enthusiasm into the BEC and Branch 59.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.
Secretary Jerry Robertson

News Briefs



BEC Candidates for 2018

Big Sir – Harvey McAninch

Little Sir – Victor Okumura

Secretary – Jerry Robertson

Assist Sec – Peter Angelides

Treasurer – Hugh Twomey

Assist Treasure – Arnold George

Directors:-

Nat Lord

George Perry

Sammy Lum

Jerry Sabo

John Pesek

Alan Weiner

RAMP:

Recruitment – Jim Ulam

Activities – Roger Wallin

Membership – Ron Brutvan

Publicity – Sammy Lum

Nominating Chairman – Arnold George

First “Dealers Lunch Bunch”

Monthly Poker Lunch scheduled for August 22nd, 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.

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Last Month, Sir Rob Ingelbretson had a licence plate frame order sheet. If you missed out, you may still be able to order a frame (pictured above) for \$2.00.--See Sir Rob



Our newest SIR bowler, Sir Carlie Houseworth during a recent Monday bowling session.

Region 5 “Best Branch”

Each Regional Director was asked to select a branch or branches that he felt had performed well this year and had a well developed RAMP program. There were four nominees. Each Area Governor plus the Regional Director was asked to select the top three. Since our Area Governor, Sir Rob Ingebretson, nominated our Branch 59 he was not allowed to vote for his own branch but had to vote for the other branches nominated. The votes were tabulated with five points given for first place, three points given for second place and one point given for third place.

Only two points separated the first three branches. Pathfinder Branch 59, which moved to Fremont in July, was first with 15 points. They began their Renaissance under the current Big Sir a year and a half ago. They have done a heck of a job and embraced RAMP. They also have an excellent website. Branch 59 is the only Branch in Area 15 (the East Bay) that is showing any life at all at a plus one member for the year with 154 members.

Branch 81, Rossmore was second with 166 members.

Branch 8, Mount Diablo was third with 349 members.

Branch 69 Pony Express (Sacramento) was fourth with 150 members

Congratulations to BRANCH 59
Ed Benson
Regional Director

Our New Home at the Elks Lodge even has a “bar” observes Sir Harry Pearson!



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ACTIVITIES

Roger Wallin - Chairman
James Ploor - Assistant

ATTENDANCE

Ed Guthrie - Chairman
Bill Pruner - Assistant
Sheldon Schwartz - Assistant
John Williams - Assistant

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Art Winkley - Assistant

BOWLING

John Pesek - Chairman

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Nat Lord - Chairman

CHAPLAINS

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Ted Bresler

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Bill Briscoe - Chairman

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Skip Mugford - Chairman

COUPLES WINE TASTING

Skip Mugford - Chairman

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Bill Leake - Chairman

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Arthur Winkley

PATHFINDER DEADLINE

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*
1995 Clyde Killion*
1996 Bill Schwan*
1997 Nat Lord
1998 John Buchanan*
1999 Art Lampert*
2000 Harry Heyen*
2001 Bob Beam
2002 Rollin Cunningham*
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*
2013 Skip Mugford
2014 Rob Ingebretson
2015 Skip Mugford
2016 Jim Ulam
*(deceased)