



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Forty-Second Year

September 2017

Bulletin No.8

MEETING -Fremont Elks Lodge - Wednesday September 20, 2017 -Social Hour 11AM



Big Sir Jim Ulam's Thoughts

Hey! We are still working on making our lunch line go faster!

Part of the problem is the Elks Lodge only has one "hot serving table," so we are limited to the number of lines we can get to those

hot dishes. We had a long talk with the caterer and came up with a few things we think will improve the situation. Please be patient with us.

We are still "tweaking" the usage of the space we have so you will notice a few changes in table positioning, podium and screen placement until we get to the best combination for all concerned.

I am so pleased with the numbers of guests and new members that have been coming in the past several months! This is exactly what we need to keep the branch active and alive, so keep up the great work fellows and keep bringing in those guests!

I am very proud of our branch and the enthusiasm evident in our members and the energy and creativeness of your board in trying to improve the enjoyment for all members. Look for more activities and entertaining events in future meetings.

As always, your comments, suggestions and support are very welcome!

September Speaker, Lisa Faria



Lisa Faria is a third generation Fremont residence She is planning to speak on elder financial abuse. Lisa was a criminal prosecutor for 31 years and spent the last 2 years prior to retirement prosecuting elder financial abuse.

Attention!


Since September is the month we kick off the football season, we would like all our members to wear a shirt or don some apparel that represents the team you follow or adore. It could be the college you attended or one of the areas professional team (ie. 49ers, Raiders, Cowboys) ...you get the idea.

All Sirs are invited to attend a monthly Prostate Support Meeting

St Rose Hospital
Pavilion Bldg. Classroom
27190 Calaroga Ave
Hayward California

Every 2nd Tuesday of the month
6:30 PM

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 Marcela and Pork Piccata
Mashed Potatoes, rice and Vegetables
Open Deserts



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



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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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September 2017

SIR Branch 59 BEC Minutes, August 30, 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 except for Peter Angelides who was out of town.

Treasurer's Report and BEC Minutes:

Sir Hugh Twomey reported that Branch finances are in good shape with a cash balance of \$3669.97 on August 30, 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 4 potential members attending orientation, and 3 first time guests. In addition, we have 2 members who transferred in from Branch 6. As Big Sir Jim Ulam commented "things are looking good!"

Attendance

Sir Ed Guthrie reported the expected lunch attendance to be 116.

NEW BUSINESS

Sir Rob Ingebretson, who is arranging the entertainment for our Christmas lunch with the ladies, asked for a budget approval from the BEC. The BEC approved \$600 and one of our SIR members agreed to write a check to underwrite the entire cost but requested that he remain anonymous.

Rob also proposed that everybody wear their favorite football team shirt to the next luncheon. He will be wearing Cal Bears colors.

We discussed at length the need to recruit a Little Sir replacement for Victor Okamura who had to resign that position for 2018 due to a death in the family. After an extensive discussion, Arnold George and John Pesek were selected to lead the recruitment effort. Since the median age of Branch 59 is 79.3, the importance of selecting a younger member for Little Sir who is not currently heavily involved in Branch administration was emphasized.

Little Sir Harvey McAninch proposed an October Fest theme for the October lunch – details later. He has booked luncheon speakers through February.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

Secretary Jerry Robertson

Notice!

Sir Rob Ingebretson will be available to take your order for a SIR logo polo shirt or a SIR logo golf hat. The price for a golf hat is \$12.00 and the price for a SIR logo polo shirt is; small thru xlg is \$21.50, 2xl is \$23.00 and 3xl is \$24.00.

Usually we have a meeting, and then a two or three week time frame is available to publish the Pathfinder. This time, we had three days! Special thanks to everyone that submitted newsletter information. As always, a "Cheers" to Sir Fred Gotthardt for editing the Pathfinder before publication.

Sir Jerry Sabo, Editor

MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE

by Sir Ron Brutvan, Sir Ed Guthrie

Attendance Report



Sir Ed Guthrie
Attendance Chairman

Attendance Report - 08/30/2017

Members	111=71%
Guests	7
Visitors	2
Total	120
Excused	25
Unexcused	21

New Members/Guests

New Members:

Member	Sponsor
#128 Bob Doherty	Jim Cunningham
#129 Lew Heffron	From Branch 6
#130 Rich Bowers	From Branch 6

Guests (1st time)

Fred Talifero	Al Kenney
Sterling Stricklan	Bill Briscoe
Ted Shivley	John Prior

Guests (2nd time)

Ken Brumskill	Bill Briscoe
Richard Henry	Fred Baker
Phillip Keller	Bob Marshall
David Nelsen	Bruce Roberts

Membership Report



Sir Ron Brutvan
Membership Chairman

Return to Active

#84 Robert Wallace

Resigned

#62 Norman Silveira	Moved
#21 Dean Martin	Transfer SJ

Deceased

#163 Sam Mitchell 8/2017

Membership Report

08/30/2017

Active Members	156
Inactive Members	19



Sir Sammy Lum
Birthday Chairman

September Birthdays

Joe Markovich	90
G. Austin Smith	88
Bill Stannard	86
Vincent Fernelius	84
Jim Harrison	81
Ned Rendell	79
John Trischetti	79
Robert Ingebretson	77
Jerry Ford	77
Victor Wong	75
Howard Elz	74
Paul Pennely	67
J. Bruce Hevelin	64
Tom McCaslin	63
Sammy Lum	62

Big Sir Jim with newest member Sir Bob Doherty



Notice!

Individual Photos of Branch 59 Members will be taken at the October and November SIR Meetings. We plan to have an on-line photo album on our website: <http://sirbranch59.org>



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



Over 250 SIR bowlers were in Reno for the big bowling tournament at the National Bowling Center. Branch 59 sent two teams of four members each to the tournament

Neither team did well in the team event but in doubles, singles and all-events six members came away with cash prizes. Sir Jerry Sabo, Sir Miguel Ferras, Sir Lew Heffron & Sir Rich Bowers were on team one and Sir Ron Hamro, Sir Harvey McAninch, Sir Charles Bailey & Sir John Pesek were on team two. Very good scores were bowled by Sir Jerry Sabo 204 & a 203 and Sir Miguel Ferras 203 & a 200.

We continue to have some good scores bowled at our usual Monday Bowling. Sir Ron Hamro 224, Sir Frank Cordova 223, Sir Don Henry 216, Sir Jerry Sabo 201 and Sir Donal Spicer 200.

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.



Sir Larry Lardie getting into the swing of things. Larry is a new-comer to bowling and is quickly improving his game.

Golf Notes by Sir Bill Leake



Welcome to the Sir Branch 59 golf newsletter for September 2017. It is getting near the end for 2017 and 2018 is around the corner. NCGA dues for 2018 will be announced soon. Look for it.

What has happened – The state team championship was held on August 14. The team of Meyer/Dalziel/Holley/leake did play in May but did not advance. Look at SIR state golf for the final results of the team championship. It should be on the agenda for 2018. So, this is a heads up for our first branch 59 tournament for 2018.

The individual state championship and open play tournament will be held October 16 & 17 at Laguna Seca. Day 1 will be open play – ladies are welcome to join us. Day 2 will be championship play with remaining slots for open play. Entry forms are on the web siratetegolf.com and as mentioned earlier, there is a special tournament for ladies on day 2 (open play). Please look on the web for further details.

We do not have the schedule for 2018 as of yet but when it does come out I will let you know. It should not be a big difference between 2017 and 2018 (yikes).

Look on the SIR website www.sirstategolf.com for updates, especially regarding Monterey.

We continue to play open golf and the most popular courses are Spring Valley (Milpitas) and SkyWest (Hayward). If there are other courses of interest to get more golfers together let me know and we will post it via e-mail

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. When you read this article hopefully you will have attended the August 30 meeting. The next meeting for September will be September 20.

Thank you for reading this article.
Bill Leake 793-6561

CYBERGEEZER MEETING

Cyber Geezers—we usually meet on the Tuesday following our monthly SIR Luncheon. Our next meeting will be held on **September 26th** 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 August meeting we discussed "Cloud Storage" in depth, and various video connections such as VGA, DVI and the newest HDMI. We also spent some time visiting a very useful website: <https://www.gcflearnfree.org/>

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**

READERS AND BROWSERS

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

Sir James Ploor 510-656-9537



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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First "Dealers Lunch Bunch"

Monthly Poker Lunch scheduled for September 25th, and on each **FOURTH Monday** 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.

Do you have new Activity suggestions?

Contact:
Sir Roger Wallin
Activities Coordinator.



BRANCH 59 Member Information



Rollie Referee Sir Dino Mostardi ready to distribute prize tickets.



Song leader Sir Bob Benya was back in good voice and improved health for the July meeting.

Repeat Information

BEC Candidates for 2018

Big Sir – Harvey McAninch

Little Sir –

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



Branch 59

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Activities: Chairman Roger Wallin
Assistant Jim Ploor

Membership: Chairman Ron Brutvan
Assistant Fred Gotthardt

Publicity: Chairman Sammy Lum
Assistant Jim Ulam

Please send notices of Activities and/or news items to jlsabo3@comcast.net.

Thanks,
Sir Jerry Sabo
Editor

**Senior SIR awards presented to former
Area Governor Sir Tom Sherba and current
Sunshine Chairman Sir Arthur Winkley.**



Sir Fred Cutter and soon to become Big Sir Harvey McAninch receive a generous portion

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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*
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2016 Jim Ulam
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