



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Forty-Third Year

June 2018

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MEETING-Fremont Elks Lodge-Wednesday-June 20, 2018-Social Hour 11AM



Big Sir Harvey's Thoughts

My fellow Sirs:

Retirement is when you stop living at work and start working at living.

That's what SIR is all about. Staying active, having fun and living. I hope you take advantage of all SIR has to offer.

If you enjoy the SIR activities, tell your friends and bring them along.

I hope everyone had a wonderful May Country Hoe Down! I know my wife and I did. I want to thank Rob and his wife Gig for all the work they did to make it a great success. They are the best.

This month we have retired Brigadier General Chester Ward Speaking at our meeting. He was on the Nixon White House staff and will speak about his dealings with the Russians during his time there. It should really be interesting.

I had the great opportunity to host the poker group in May at Acacia Creek where I call home. We have a casino style table and chips. I hope all had a good time for the four hours that they were there and enjoy my money.

At the last time we met at the Elks the bocce ball courts were just about finished. Do we have anyone interested in Playing Bocce Ball? They will be available to the Sirs.

Till next month:

Harvey McAninch Big Sir



Chester L. Ward, MD, MPH

Dr. Ward currently serves on the Pilot Fitness Committee of the Board of Commissioners for the Bays of San Francisco of Pilot, San Pablo, and Suisun.

Dr. Ward's civilian experience includes: Aviation Medicine, Travel Clinic physician, contract physician providing medical care in the Butte County Jail, Director of Public Health in Butte County, Executive Director of Continuing Medical Education and a Clinical Professor of Emergency Medicine at the Keck School of Medicine of USC.

General Ward's military assignments included: commander of Womack Army Community Hospital, Ft. Bragg, NC & Wm. Beaumont Army Medical Center, El Paso, TX, provided clinical care & Preventive Medicine for The White House from 1971 thru 1976 for Presidents Nixon & Ford; Chief, Medical Corps assignments, Office of The Surgeon General (OTSG); Alcohol & Drug Abuse Consultant to the Army Surgeon General; Environmental Health Director, US Army Medical Research & Development Command; Flight Surgeon, OTSG; Aviation Brigade Flight Surgeon and U S Army Republic of Vietnam Aviation Medicine Consultant; plus an earlier tour in Vietnam as a Special Forces ("Green Beret") Surgeon. Dr. Ward was commissioned in The Infantry in 1954: serving @ Ft. Benning, GA (BIOC, Ranger, Airborne, & Jump Master qualifications) before assignments in the 65th, 33rd, & 20th Infantry.

Continued on Pg.6 --General Ward

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 With Mushroom
Cream Sauce and Roast Beef, Noodles, Rice
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
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SIR Branch 59 BEC Minutes, April 18, 2018

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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



Big Sir Harvey McAninch introduced Area Governor John Haffner who was visiting our Branch today.

Treasurer's Report and BEC Minutes:
Sir Hugh Twomey reported that Branch finances are in good shape with a cash balance of \$3144.47.97 on April 18, 2018. The Treasurer's report and Minutes of the March meeting were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership:

Sir Ron Brutvan reported that two new members are scheduled for installation today. Three potential members are scheduled for orientation and two first-time guests are expected. One member has resigned, and one went inactive.

Attendance

Sir Ed Guthrie reported the expected lunch attendance of 117 was transmitted, as required, to the caterer one week ago.

Activities

Sir Roger Wallin said the Elks Bocce Ball facility was about 2 months from completion. The possibility of using the facility immediately after the monthly lunch was discussed. The Silliman Swim Center in Newark is now available. A leader for that possible activity is needed.

Birthdays

Sir Jack Lindley is the oldest at 86 and Sir Wen Shih is the youngest at 67.

OLD BUSINESS

The Branch 59 is now in full compliance with the recent requirements of Form 64 (Insurance Provisions for Sons In Retirement) after obtaining Certificates of Liability Insurance from our caterer.

Big Sir Harvey McAninch again encouraged the Nominating Committee to expedite its efforts to find qualified candidates for all BEC officer, director and assistant director positions. Due to the retirement of Sir Nat Lord as a Director in 2019, Sir Richard Henry agreed to serve as an Assistant Board member for 2018 and as a Board member in 2019. Note: There was discussion of a Little Sir candidate for 2019 but my notes are not clear on the result – input from BEC members is required to fix this issue (and any other omissions or errors).

The need to recruit an Assistant Guest Orientation Director was identified due to the absence of Sir Alan Weiner.

NEW BUSINESS

Big Sir Harvey McAninch commented on Form 27. Branch 59 membership is just barely keeping up with attrition even with the inflow of new members. The need to bring new members, especially the younger ones, into active participation in the operation of Branch 59 was reemphasized because the median age for Branch 59 members is 78.9. The use of the SIR business cards as valuable recruiting tool was encouraged. Big Sir Harvey, Sir Rob Ingebretson and Sir John Pesek plan to determine if a very brief version of form 27 information could be developed for the bulletin. The advisability of putting Form 27 on the Branch web site was discussed.

Big Sir Harvey commented on the high-quality training he received at the recent all day Big Sir meeting. He plans to implement many of the promising ideas. In addition, he suggested entering Sir members classic cars in the Fourth of July Parade with banners promoting SIR.

Sir Rob Ingebretson gave a progress report on the Country Western theme May Sweetheart Luncheon and encouraged members to sign up asap.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

Secretary Jerry Robertson

MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE by Sir Ron Brutvan, Sir Ed Guthrie

Attendance Report



Sir Ed Guthrie
Attendance
Chairman

Attendance Report 4/18/2018
Members 116=75%
Guests 5
Visitors 2
Total 123
Excused 21
Unexcused 20

New Members/Guests

New Members
Wayne Smith
Robert LoBue

Sponsor
Alan Kenney
Phil Keller

Guests (2nd time)

Jay Kossler Jim Ulam
Bud Spalding Bob Doherty
Stefan Jennings Harvey McAninch

Guests (1st time)

John Haak Victor Okumura
Jerry Halligan Bill Bauhofer

Membership Report



Sir Ron Brutvan
Membership
Chairman

Change of Status
To Inactive
39 Bill Delucchi

Resigned
#6 Jack Lindley
(Moved)

Membership Report
4/18/2018
Active Members 155
Inactive Members 23

Sir Sammy Lum
Birthday Chairman

May Birthdays

Donald Henry 89
Joseph Montellano 85
Willard Wyman 85
Donald Allen 82
Larry Goodman 82
Richard Holley 79
Gerald Rodrigues 79
Ron Brutvan 77
Harvey McAninch 75
Terry Pearson 73
Henry Brown 71
Chip Koehler 64

June Birthdays

Louis Bufkin 91
William Pereira 87
William Briscoe 85
Willie Jackson 83
Alan Kenney 81
Ronald Matuszak 81
John Vennemeyer 81
Leroy Sayas 77
Jerry Sabo 76
Robert Doherty 71
Michael Lopez 69

Bring in a Guest
We need new
Members

SUNSHINE
REPORT
by Sir Art Winkley



Deceased David Priego
4/17/2018



Newest Members: **Sir Wayne Smith, and Sir Robert LoBue**



SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares by Sir John Pesek



In the two months since my last report we have had many fine bowling scores led by Sir Frank Cordova with six two hundred scores, 231, 227, 226, 223, 210 & 201. Sir Ron Hamro was almost as hot with five two hundred scores, 222, 215 202, 202 & 200. Sir Gary Bennett bowled the high score with a 244. Sir Gary also bowled a 201. Sir Roger Wallin bowled two games of 215, and games of 209 & 208. Sir Miguel Ferras 224 & 211. Sir Donal Spicer 209 & 202.

Sir Jerry Sabo 207 & 203. Sir Kasey Warner 209. Sir Lou Heffron 203. Sir John Pesek 201. Sir Don Henry 200.

The 2018 Sir's State Bowling Tournament, for four man teams and doubles, was held on May 15 & 16, at the Fireside Lanes in Citrus Heights, California. I am very happy to report that our Branch 59 team of Sir Ron Hamro, Sir Victor Okumura, Sir Jerry Sabo and Sir Miguel Ferras, placed third in the B Division out of 27 teams. In B Division Doubles Sir Ron Hamro and Sir Miguel Ferras placed third out of 12 doubles teams. During the tournament Sir Miguel Ferras had games of 210 and 202 and Sir Ron Hamro had a game of 201.

Six bowlers will venture to the newest tournament location in Pacheco, CA. Hopefully they will fare well.

We always have room for more bowlers in our group. Usually 15 to 18 bowlers show up on Monday to bowl. There is no team commitment, nor a penalty if you can't make it. Coffee is hot and free. The companionship is warm and abundant. 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 \$15 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 Dave Shideler



It is my pleasure to announce that Richard Holley hit a Hole-in-one on the Par 3, 4th hole at Spring Valley Golf Course in Milpitas on Monday, April 30, 2018. This rare feat was witnessed by fellow Sirs Wayne Meyer, Joe Stanley, and Howard Elz. Richard said that "My friends like to play jokes and I didn't believe them at first".

A hole-in-one is a rare feat the average amateur golfer will likely never achieve in their entire career. Golf Digest and the National Hole In One Association estimate that a tee shot hit by an amateur golfer on a par-3 goes into the hole one out of every 12,750 times.

As the weather continues to get warmer, we are getting more golfers out on Tuesdays. We have been alternating between Spring Valley and Skywest. The Monday group plays Spring Valley early and Rob Ingebretsons' Thursday group comprised of Sirs and ROMEOs plays at several different locations such as Lake Chabot, San Jose Muni, San Ramon, and Redwood Canyon. Anyone interested in playing should contact me at Dpspanky@att.net or Rob at Robingy@comcast.net

Interest in tournament golf is minimal as we only had one team play in the Area tournament on May 21st at Metropolitan Golf Course in Oakland. Joe Stanley, Richard Holley, Bill Leake, and Gordon MacLeod carried the Branch 59 colors.

And I suppose no golf article should close without a tidbit on "slow play"

"Don't wait for dawdlers. They'll start playing faster as a result."

Fairways and Greens,

Dave Shideler

You can get your Pathfinder at:

<http://sirbranch59.org>

Comments, photos for site etc. email to:

sirbranch59@gmail.com

CYBERGEEZER MEETING

Cyber Geezers—we usually meet on the Tuesday following our monthly SIR Luncheon. Our next meeting will be held on June 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 Topics for April included continued discussion of password management App LastPass. We also demonstrated and talked about the MS Word App--One Note. Topics for June have yet to be determined at this writing, but suspect there will be more discussion regarding Password Managers such as LastPass and perhaps another look at One Note or Excel.

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

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 Joe Stanley** 510-487-7751 or email **--JOESTAN@MAC.COM**

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 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 Jim Ulam -510-797-9357** or email **--TIME4GOLF@SNAKEBITE.COM**

"Dealers Lunch Bunch"

Next poker lunch sheduled for June 25th
(FOURTH Monday of the month)

Time: 1pm to 4pm

Location: Home of Sir Larry Jett *
8176 Fairway Court
Newark, CA 94560

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: Bring your own eats and drinks.

Roster: * Be advised that the monthly venue is subject to change from time to time. Any interested players who HAVE NOT previously signed up for the group should notify the Poker Co-Chair via email (hdog48@gmail.com) prior to attending a scheduled game.



The Monthly Poker Game --Dealer's Lunch Bunch

Continued from Pg.1 --General Ward

General Ward's awards & decorations include: Combat Medical Badge (CMB); Distinguished Service Medal (DSM); Legion of Merit (LOMX2); Bronze Star; Air Medal (X5); Army Commendation Medal; Humanitarian Service Medal, etc.; & the Republic of Vietnam Medal of Honor for Merit. Additional Badges/Qualifications include: Naval Flight Surgeon; Master Flight Surgeon; Senior Paratrooper; Vietnam Parachute Badge, & SCUBA Diver.

Please excuse the fact that I omitted many of General Ward's qualifications due to publishing space.



Fond Memories of the Sweetheart Luncheon--Music by the Cimarron Rose Band



I think everyone that attended our Wednesday, May 16th Sweetheart Luncheon had a good time. The music from the CIMMARON ROSE BAND entertained us. The DOOR PRIZES very fantastic. The FOOD was wonderful and the FELLOWSHIP the best.

Merchants That Supported Our May 16th Sweetheart Luncheon

(Make it a point to patronize and thank these merchants for supporting our S.I.R. organization)

Fremont Ford	Dorso Automotive	Dragon House Chinese Restaurant
Stevenson Tire	Food Max	Acacia Creek Retirement Community
Safeway	Erik's Deli	Dino's Family Restaurant
The North face	Black Bear Diner	Jack's Brewery and Grill
Trader Joe's	Lexus of Fremont	Premier Subaru of Fremont
Strizzi's Restaurant	Orchard Supply Hardware	Spin-A-Yarn Steakhouse
Olive Garden	Harbor Freight Tools	The Country Way Restaurant
Fremont Flowers	Home Depot	Super Station Car Wash
Massimo's Restaurant	Baldie's Restaurant	Cloverleaf Family Bowl

The following are the men in our organization that either obtained or donated door prizes

**Rich Henry Harry McAninch Alan Weiner J.D. Smith Victor Okumura Bill Leake
Howie Thompson Bill Anderson Bob Wallace Leroy Sayas Ben Fernandez
Carlie Houseworth Phil Angelides Sheldon Schwartz Ron Hamro Rob Ingebretson
Jerry Sabo**



Sir ROB INGEBRETSON --- Social Chairman



Cimmaron Rose Band



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the
"Old West"**



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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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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

2017 Jim Ulam

*(deceased)

PATHFINDER DEADLINE

Copy deadline for the next
issue of the *Pathfinder* will
be Wednesday, a week after the
monthly luncheon meeting.