



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Forty-Third Year

October 2018

Bulletin No.9

MEETING-Fremont Elks Lodge

Wednesday October 17, 2018

Social Hour-11 A.M.

Big Sir Harvey's Thoughts



As most of you may agree with me, the fourth quarter of the year is probably the most important and busiest quarter for any SIR branch, and our branch is no exception. Important, because it is when the branch really pushes it to realize and surpass the goals set at the beginning of the year.

And busy, because of the various ongoing activities in the implementation process as well as those activities in the production process. Let me explain and be more specific. First regarding goals. In January of this year, our total membership was 153 members. That meant that the goal our branch needed to meet by year's end is eight new members (5%). As of September 2018, our branch was lagging behind in our recruitment effort by **-1%(-3 lost)** or 150 members, which means that just to meet our minimum goal of 161 members; we still need 11 more members. Help us meet our goal and put a silver lining to this particular issue.

Notice I keep emphasizing minimum goal. The other goal is Luncheon Attendance. Here, our goal is to keep the percentage of total membership attendance at our monthly luncheons at a minimum of 70%. As of our last luncheon, our branch is precisely at 71%. So from the standpoint of performance, or, how the State would categorize us as a viable and growing branch, I would say our combined performance to date has been less than satisfactory. There are only three more full months to go. This is crunch time folks. We need more members. So in these last three months, I challenge each of you to extend yourselves just that much further so that collectively, we can not only meet our goals, but exceed them.

I would like to once again remind everyone that our Annual Ladies Christmas Luncheon is rapidly approaching. Tickets will be on sale, and table seating reserved, at the October and November luncheons.



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.



Bill Quirk—Assemblyman

William J. "Bill" Quirk is an American politician currently serving in the California State Assembly. He is a Democrat representing the 20th Assembly District, which encompasses the southern East Bay of the San Francisco Bay Area.

Bill has an undergraduate degree in engineering and applied physics and a PhD in Astrophysics, both from Columbia University.

After a postdoctoral fellowship at CalTech, he went to NASA Goddard, where he developed one of the first 3-dimensional global models of the earth's climate. His pioneering paper showing a feedback between the biosphere and the climate is still referenced today.

From 2004-2012 Bill served as a Hayward City Council member, where he led the revival of the City's Downtown and fought hard to keep the City's budget balanced during the 2008 economic downturn.

He was elected to the Assembly in 2012. He is the only scientist serving in the California Legislature and continues to use his expertise on energy and climate change to help shape legislation that will better the lives of all Californians.

Menu—Dina's Catering
Beef Red Enchilada/Chicken Enchilada
Rice, Chips, Dip, Beans, Salsa and Salad
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
Ed Guthrie (510) 659-0498 or email edguthrie@comcast.net



SIR Branch 59 BEC Minutes, September 19, 2018

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Sammy Lum-Publicity



The Meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Big Sir Harvey McAninch and the roll call of Officers and Directors was conducted. All Officers and Directors were present except

Director Sir Alan Weiner.

Treasurer's Report and BEC Minutes:

Sir Hugh Twomey reported that Branch finances are in good shape with a cash balance of \$4114.41 on September 19, 2018. The Treasurer's report and Minutes for the August meeting were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership:

Sir Ron Brutvan reported that there is no new member or 2nd time guest scheduled for today. Two first time guests are expected. One member is returning to active status.

Attendance

Sir Ed Guthrie reported the expected lunch attendance is 104.

Birthdays

For September Sir Joe Markovich is the oldest at 91 and Sir Sammy Lum is the youngest at 63.

OLD BUSINESS

The catering situation was discussed at length regarding food quality, nutrition and catering options. Decision was made to continue with the current agreement. Little Sir Victor Okumura, with assistance from 2019 Little Sir Richard Henry, was tasked with investigating food service options and surveying member's opinions regarding current food service. They will report back at the next BEC so that

decisions can be made at the November BEC regarding 2019 food service.

No response yet to the "Transportation Assistance Request" notice placed in the September Pathfinder.

NEW BUSINESS

SIR President Derek Southern sent out a request for feedback on proposals for "The Future of SIR." Big Sir Harvey is distributing the document and collecting input from officers and directors to meet the October 30 deadline for Branch 59 input.

Next year Rob Ingebretson is stepping down from his long run as Social Chairman. We expect it will take several members to replace him. Big Sir Harvey distributed a list of 30 members who have been born in 1940 or later as potential candidates for positions as officers and committee chairman. It was noted that of the 35 new members that have joined since 2015 only 4 have become involved in leadership roles.

Sir Kasey Warner outlined the Elk Club's proposal for our use of their two Bocce courts. Both courts could be available for two hours for \$150 and would accommodate up to 16 players. Sign up sheets will be distributed at lunch to help determine interest.

Big Sir Harvey suggested we consider the possibility of an outdoor Bar-BQ next May or June.

Big Sir Harvey asked everyone to bring a guest to the October 17th meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

Secretary Jerry Robertson



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MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE by Sir Ron Brutvan, Sir Ed Guthrie

Attendance Report



**Sir Ed Guthrie
Attendance
Chairman**

Attendance Report 9/19/2018

Members	107=71%
Guests	2
Visitors	2
Total	111
Excused	21
Unexcused	22

New Members/Guests

New Members
None

Guests (1st time)

John Mah Tri-City Ad
Scott Whitaker Dave Nelson

Membership Report



**Sir Ron Brutvan
Membership
Chairman**

Change of Status

Deceased
Sir Louis Bufkin 8/14/2018
Lou was an Honorary Life Member.

Membership Report 9/19/2018

Active Members 150
Inactive Members 27

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



**Sir Sammy Lum
Birthday Chairman**

October Birthdays

John Ockes	91
Stanley Lewis	91
Fred Gotthardt	91
Peter Angelides	89
John Etherton	84
Harry Pearson	84
Hugh Twomey	83
Louis Alonzo	82
John Pesek III	78
J. D. Smith	76
Terry Dalziel	76
Fred Barker	74



Big Sir Harvey presenting a thank
you plaque to Sir Tom Blalock.
BART Director Tom gave us
information about the award winning
Warm Springs BART Station.



Elected Little Sir Rick Henry found
Rollie and received his prize!



**SUNSHINE REPORT
by Sir Art Winkley**

Art reports that Sir Ron Hamro and
former director Sir Roger Wallin recently
entered surgery which ended up in ICU.

TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE REQUEST

Need transportation assistance to attend SIR luncheons?

Send your request to: sirbranch59@gmail.com
Include your name, phone number, street name and
nearest cross street for potential driver's information

SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares by Sir John Pesek



Sir Bowlers are required to be USBC members to participate in any of the major tournaments that are available. Cost for USBC Membership is currently \$25 per year, but if you are just wanting to try out our SIR Branch 59 League, called Monday

Sirs then just show up at Cloverleaf Bowl between 12:30 and 12:45 so we can begin bowling at 1:00 (on Mondays). In other words, the \$25 is only required if you decide to join our league. If you have a USBC Membership from another league then you don't have to pay a second time.

Our league began in early September and continues until the following September, but Sir Bowlers are not assigned to teams so there is no penalty for missing bowling, and you can join our league any time during the year. Weekly bowling cost is \$15 for three games. Cloverleaf offers seniors another 10 free games per month so you can practice Monday-Friday before 5:00.

So should you want to give bowling a try.

- 1) Show up on Monday (Holidays excluded)
- 2) Let Sir Frankie Cordova or Sir Art Winkley know that you would like to bowl.
- 3) Select a bowling ball and get bowling shoes unless you have your own.
- 4) Get a lane assignment
- 5) Practice for about 10 minutes then start bowling.
- 6) Hints and lessons by SIR bowlers are free

Should you decide you want to join our group, there is no obligation to bowl in any tournaments, but there are many tournaments available during the year with 100% handicap. So if you average is 100, and if the highest bowler in the tournament has an average of 230, then you get and extra 130 pins handicap for each game.

Take a look at SIR Bowling on the www.sirinc.org/sirbowling website.

This month we started a new bowling season with great success. Sir Frank Cordova gave our bowlers a challenge to beat his high game of 251. Sir Frank also bowled a 208. Sir Donal Spicer had games of 217 & 209. Also Sir Gary Bennett bowled a 202 and Sir Ron Hamro bowled an even 200.

You can get your Pathfinder at:

<http://sirbranch59.org>

Comments, photos for site etc. email to:
sirbranch59@gmail.com

Golf Notes by Sir Dave Shideler



This month's article is written with the hope that all Sirs in Branch 59 have the following information to participate in our golf program.

Branch 59 golf is under the jurisdiction of the SIR STATE GOLF COMMITTEE (SSGC). We are participating as part of Division 4,

Area 8. Information on SIR golf can be found at www.sirinc.org click on Golf

Branch 59 golf is also a member of the Northern California Golf Association (NCGA) We are Association #63, Club #278. Membership is open to all active Branch 59 members and their significant others. The annual dues are \$39.00 each. Additional information is available on ncga.org/memberarea/post-a-score.

SIR golfers continue to play every Tuesday morning. We alternate courses weekly between Skywest Golf Course in Hayward or Spring Valley Golf Course in Milpitas. Tee-times usually start at 8:30am. If you would like to join us please contact me by emailing me Dpspanky@att.net. Include your email address and I will include you in my weekly notifications. Unlike other SIR activities walk-ons are difficult to accommodate.

On Tuesdays I send a Group email including information for the following Tuesday. If you wish to play I expect a email reply no later than Saturday morning. On Sunday mornings I verify our tee-times with the golf course and email "pairings" to those that have responded stating they wish to play. In turn I should be notified if there is a cancellation. (this is occasionally a problem)

Of course, the main goal is to get out and have fun!

Special attention: NCGA dues for 2019 will remain at \$39. Please forward a check payable to SIR BRANCH 59 if you wish to join, renew or be reinstated and mail to Dave Shideler 4619 Jean Ct. Union City, CA. 94587 no later than December 1st



CYBERGEEZER MEETING

We usually meet on the Tuesday following our monthly SIR Luncheon. Our next meeting will be held on October 23rd 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

During the August session, we discussed photography and various issues. The Affinity (Photoshop like) editing software was demonstrated. Topics for October have yet to be determined at this writing, but suspect there will be more discussion regarding Password Managers cell phone apps, and photo related items such as Adobe Lightroom.

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 Floor 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 October 22nd
(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.

Help! It would be great if photos taken at other SIR
activities besides our luncheons could be sent to Sir Jerry
Sabo for inclusion in the Pathfinder. I know that many
activities are going on such as the poker group activity. I
really appreciated having those photos for the
Pathfinder, and I know that Sir Sammy Lum would
appreciate more photos and stories for our
sirbranch59.org website.

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



Activities Chairman
Kasey Warner

Bocce Ball as a new activity?

Playing Bocce Ball at Elks Lodge after our luncheon meeting was announced at our September Luncheon. Bocce Ball is very easy to learn to play and is not physically arduous. And it is very enjoyable and fun. To have both courts open for 2 hours for us, the cost is \$150. Elks will keep the bar open as well during this time. Two hours will usually allow us to play three to four rounds. We need sixteen people at \$10.00 each to make this viable option. Four team of a four-person team will meet that requirement. Many people express an interest but we only had eight Sirs signed up to play. I will have the sign-up sheet at my table for another month.

Couples Wine Tasting – Joestan@mac.com
Chairman Sir Joe Stanly is back from his summer break and is ready to resume Couples Wine Tasting. All Sirs(single, couples & friends) are all welcome to join the group. Joe is very knowledgeable about wines – He makes his own wine . A visit to a local winery for wine tasting and food is a one option being considered. If you love wine this is great way to learn and enjoy our great local wines.



Bocce Ball layout at the Elks Lodge. Sixteen players needed to have both courts.
\$10.00/person.

Bored? Here are a few
Activities!



“Dealers Lunch
Bunch”

Christmas Luncheon

Wednesday, December 19th

TAKE YOUR WIFE OR FRIEND TO LUNCH

Holiday luncheon tickets



Fellow Sir,

Sir Rob Ingebretson and his wife Gig will be selling tickets for the December Holiday Luncheon at both the October and November luncheons. Forms for a table of 10 will be available. We ask that if you are paying by check that you make it out in advance and payable to SIR Branch 59.

Luncheon Entrees --- \$25/person, \$50/couple



<i>BEEF:</i>	<i>Tri Tip Strip</i>
<i>CHICKEN:</i>	<i>Cordon Bleu with Champagne sauce</i>
<i>FISH:</i>	<i>Poached Salmon with Lemon Caper Sauce</i>
<i>VEGETARIAN:</i>	<i>Eggplant Parmesan</i>

*******Please fill out form below and bring to next luncheon*******

Your Name _____ Partner's Name _____

Number in Party ____ X \$25.00 = _____ Make out check to SIR Branch 59.

Check # _____ or Cash Amount _____

Indicate Entrée Choices: BEEF ____ CHICKEN ____ FISH ____ VEG. ____



The Birthday Table



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1995 Clyde Killion*	2017 Jim Ulam
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1997 Nat Lord	

PATHFINDER DEADLINE

Copy deadline for the next issue of the Pathfinder will be Wednesday, a week after the regularly scheduled Monthly Luncheon Meeting.