

# The Pathfinder Branch Number 59

<u>Forty-Forth Year</u> <u>MEETING-Fremont Elks Lodge</u> April 2019 Wednesday April 17, 2019 Bulletin No.4
Social Hour-11 A.M.



## Big Sir Harvey's Thoughts

What would do if you were the Big Sir and received a letter like the following one?

#### Do you remember me?

It amuses me now to hear that SIR spends so much time looking for new members when I

was there all the time.

#### Do you remember me?

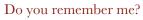
I was a member that came to every meeting, but nobody paid attention to me. I tried several times to be friendly, but everyone seemed to have his own friends to talk to and sit with. I sat with them several times, but they didn't pay much attention to me.

I hoped somebody would ask me to join an activity or committee or to somehow participate, but no one did.

#### Do you remember me?

Finally because of an illness I missed a meeting. At the next meeting no one asked me where I had been. I suppose it didn't matter much whether I was there or not. On the next meeting date, I decided to stay at home and watch a movie. When I attended the next meeting, no one asked me where I had been the meeting before. You might say that I'm a good man, a good family man. I held a responsible job and I love the help my community.

# DO YOU KNOW WHO ELSE I AM? I AM THE MEMBER WHO NEVER CAME BACK!!



Do you know who this person is? If you do, call them and ask them to come back or call me (510-441-3803) I have a position or activity that they can participate in. Harvey McAninch

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.



Mike Hillman-Cloverleaf Bowl

Mike is the 3rd Generation of Hillman's at Cloverleaf Family Bowl.

He worked at Cloverleaf Family Bowl for over 44 years and is currently co-owner of Cloverleaf Family Bowl.

He started the Hillman

Memorial Scholarship Fund in memory of his grandparents, father and uncle in 1997.

- He helped with the formation of Nor Cal's Youth Bowling Association.
- He chaired the Nor Cal youth committee for 6 years.
- In 2011 he co-founded the Youth Bowlers Tour with Bowling Hall of Famer and former Fremont resident Leanne Barrette Hulsenberg.
- In 2019, he will surpass \$1,000,000.00 in scholarships awarded to youth bowlers to continue their education past high school.
- Member of Bowling's National Youth Committee from 2013 - 2017
- Storm National Youth Championship Committee Member since 2016. (Storm Bowling Balls etc.)
- He served on Nor Cal Bowling Centers Board of Directors for approximately 10 years and is returning to the board this month.

**SIR Wine Group Tasting** 

Saturday, May 18, 2019 // 6:30-8:30 P.M Each couple or person is asked to bring 1 bottle of their favorie **White Varietal** or 1 bottle of their favorite **ROSE**, and a **small** wine friendly snack such as cheese, fruit or sweet treats.

20-25 guests can attend. **See page 5** for details.

Menu—Dina's Catering
Hawaiian Pinapple Pork Loin/ Lasagna
Mashed Potatoes and Vegetables
Dessert



If you are <u>not</u> coming or if you are bringing a guest or visitor <u>Don't forget to Call</u> on the <u>SUNDAY BEFORE THE MEETING</u>- or earlier Ed Guthrie (510) 659-0498 or email <u>edguthrie@comcast.net</u>



# SIR Branch 59 BEC Minutes, March 20, 2019

# **Branch 59 Officers**

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**Directors** 

Bill Briscoe Jerry Halligan Larry Jett Larry Lardie Sammy Lum John Pesek

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Jim Ulam-Recruitment Larry Lardie- 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



A Nonprofit public benefit corporation for retired men



The meeting was called to order at 10:00am by Little Sir Rick Henry. All officers and directors were present except Big Sir Harvey McAninch who was excused.

We welcomed visitor Bill Holly, Director, Region 5.

February 20 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurers report was approved as presented. The balance of the general fund on March 20 was \$6,345.26.

Welcome cards will be distributed to members as they check in this morning.

Activities: Larry Lardie reported 8 members enjoyed playing golf this week. Jerry Halligan shared information he has gathered regarding bocce ball, both here at Elk's and Campo di Bocce in Fremont. Need to gauge interest for this activity from our membership. BEC members agree a survey of membership would be helpful to measure interest in current and additional activities. Larry Jett, Dave Nelsen and Rob Ingebretson agreed to meet and develop a survey.

Attendance: 118 are estimated to be in attendance for today's luncheon.

Membership: We expect to welcome one new member today; Gerald (Jerry) Aguilar. Seven guests are returning for orientation. Two members have resigned.

Regional Director, Bill Holly addressed the BEC:

He reminded us of the four main expectations of being a member of SIR's; Being sociable, participate in activities, volunteer when asked to help and bring friends to meetings.

A training event for R.A.M.P. chairmen will be held on May 3. Our chairmen for Recruitment, Activities,
Membership and Publicity are planning to attend.

Honorary Life Members (HLM); With our membership numbering over 150 we are eligible to honor one additional member as an HLM.

Bill is looking at our branch from which to recruit a future Area Governor. This is an honor as it speaks to the strength he sees in our branch and the leadership within. Past Big Sirs would be great candidates for the Area Governor position.

Caterer: Rick, Rob and Arnold continue to evaluate and explore different catering options. There is no easy answer here. Their focus is to provide a quality meal which will be enjoyed by everyone. While the meals may never be satisfactory to 100% of members, our appreciation should be 100% for their efforts to do so.

Bill Briscoe reported that a 50/50 raffle no longer exists. Current state laws require 90% of proceeds go to charity. This doesn't make sense as a fund raising effort for us. The BEC recommends we drop this subject for now.

Meeting adjourned at 11:04am.

Dave Nelsen, Secretary

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#### MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE by Sir Ron Brutvan, Sir Ed Guthrie

# **Attendance Report**



Sir Ed Guthrie Attendance Chairman

#### Attendance Report 03/20/2019

Members	93=62%
Guests	11
Visitors	2
Total	106
Excused	32
Unexcused	26



# Sir Sammy Lum **Birthday Chairman**

# April Birthdays

Tom Federico	85
Lewis Heffron	85
Kenneth Peterson	85
Miguel Ferras	82
Ken Brunskill	80
William Anderson	79
Theodore Bresler	77
Larry Roberts	74
Jay Wagner	74
Robert McCauley	73
Philip Keller	71
Larry Lardie	70
Wen Shih	68



#### **New Members**

Gerald Aguilar Richard Henry Guests (2nd time)

Faz Binesh Jerry Halligan Tyler Harvey G. Austin Smith Bob Higday Larry Jett Rob Perrill Jim Ulam Stan Hunt Larry Jett Loren Lookabill Andrew Lang Guests (1st time)

Larry Anderson Jim Ulam Kevin Hurley Jim Ulam Mike Miller Rob Perrill John Gates

Jim Ulam Fred Kaseman Harvey McAninch

# New Members/Guests

Sir Ron Brutvan Membership Chairman

## Membership Report

03/20/2019

Membership Report

Members 149 Resigned:

No. 87 Sheldon Schwartz) No. 52 Bernard Teague

**Database Changes:** Frankie Cordova: email address

cordovafrankp71@gmail.com





Sir Gary Bennett wins the birthday drawing.

Newest Sir, Gerald (Jerry) Aguilar

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



Our Leaders!!!!!

Gisela gave a great presentation!



Stick around to win the wine

# TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE **REQUEST**

Need transportation assistance to attend SIR luncheons?

Send your request to: <a href="mailto:sirbranch59@gmail.com">sirbranch59@gmail.com</a> Include your name, phone number, street name and nearest cross street for potential driver's information

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## SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

# Strikes and Spares by Sir John Pesek



Six Branch 59 bowlers ventured to Concord for the Branch 146 Bowling Tournament. There were some good results and some not so good results. Victor Okurmura bowled a 212, Jerry Sabo bowled 203 and Gary Bennett bowled a 201. Miguel Ferras and Victor Okurmura placed second the B Division Doubles.

Back at our usual bowling extablishment, Cloverleaf Family Bowl: Joe Staley 226, Howard Elz 207, Frank Cordova 203 & another 203, Don Henry 200, and another 200, Ron Hamro 200, recorded high scores for the month of March.

This month Jerry Sabo, Gary Bennett, Ron Hamro and Harvey McAninch have formed a team for the Gold Dust Tournament in Carson City Nevada. Good luck SIR bowlers.

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.



Annual Chuck Pereira Tournament held March 11th

# 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



RAIN, RAIN, GO AWAY......It's April! Wet weather continues to hinder our golf play with either wet sloppy fairways or Cart Path Only restrictions. Soon (?) it will be summer, and it will be too hot! I don't need to hear that after a rainy season like this.

Good news, we have a new golfer. Tyler Harvey is going through the indoctrination process and will soon be a Sir. Welcome Tyler.

Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> was our first attempt at returning to Skywest Golf Course in Hayward. Skywest is infamous for being a wet course. Courses close to the majority of our membership are limited. Boy, I sure miss Sunol! We will continue to play on Tuesdays and alternate between Skywest and Spring Valley in Milpitas. Tee-times generally start at 8:30 am. Anyone wishing to join our group should contact me at Dpspanky@att.net and I will add you to my weekly emailing.

As I try to fill space for my monthly golf article, I discover little tidbits on the internet; the following Senior golf rule: **Rule 8.k.9(s)** – While advertisements claim that golf scores can be improved by purchasing new golf



equipment, this is financially impractical for many senior players. One-half stroke per hole may be subtracted by players using old equipment.

Terry Dalziel 4th Green



# <u>Technophobe</u> Meeting

Cybergeezers usually meet on the Tuesday following our monthly SIR Luncheon. Our next meeting will be held on <u>April 23rd</u> at UCC Fremont 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.

We keep hoping that newcomers will show up to our meeting. If you have a laptop that is not working well bring it along to see if upgrading is worthwhile. If you are interested in obtaining a laptop, Jerry has a few very good laptops for sale at his refurbishing cost. An older Dell laptop with Windows 7 for \$75, a couple of excellent Macbook laptops for \$100 and \$300.

The plan is to have several such gadgets at the meeting and several of the Cybergeezers will be available to help answer questions and help any Technophobes or reluctant technology users dispell their fears.

The April meeting will be dedicated to newcomers.

#### **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

**SIR Wine Group Tasting** Saturday, May 18, 2019 // 6:30-8:30 P.M.

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#### **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 scheduled for April 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.

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

**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.

## **Special Meeting Minutes**

Purpose: To discuss branch business in greater detail than we have time to do during our regular meetings.

The meeting was held at Acacia Creek and was called to order at 10:00am by Big Sir Harvey McAninch. All officers and directors were present except director Jerry Halligan who was excused.

Harvey distributed a Branch Assessment Survey to assess our branch risk level. All members in attendance filled out the survey and results were tabulated. Our next task will be developing a vision for our future and defining goals and steps to take to move toward that vision.

Harvey ordered new visitor cards and distributed several to each board member. Miguel Ferris will be passing these cards out to all members attending the March 20 meeting.

A nominating committee training session will be held on March 27. Harvey McAninch, Rick Henry, John Pesek and Arnold George will be attending.

John Pesek asked everyone present whether they will serve in their current role next year. All said yes. Rick agreed to be our Big Sir in 2020. Larry Jett offered to serve as Little Sir in 2020 and Big Sir in 2021.

The caterer, food quality and quantity were discussed at length. Rick, Rob and Bill will continue to explore alternatives to the current caterer and the food served in order to create a more satisfactory experience for all members.

Rick reported that speakers are lined up for the entire year except for the July meeting which should be filled soon.

We discussed ideas which might improve our meetings:

Rob suggested purchasing center pieces for the tables. Cost not to exceed \$15 for any one luncheon. Motioned, seconded and passed.

Arnold suggested we make improvements to the sound system. possibly new microphones would help.

Harvey has acquired rules from another Sir branch regarding how they run their raffles. Bill Briscoe will look into this further.

Arnold mentioned our Song Leader, Bob Benya, has not been in attendance lately. Many members miss his presentations, education and voice. We all agreed that we would like him to continue if possible. Arnold will speak with him and request his return.

We discussed the duration of our BEC meetings not being long enough to complete the work we have to do. A motion was made to change the starting time of our monthly meetings from 10:00am to be 9:30am, beginning on our April 17 meeting. Motion was seconded and passed.

Meeting adjourned at approx. 12:00 noon.

Dave Nelsen, Secretary



Bruce Hevelin & Bill Leake attending to your needs.



SIR meetings are fun! A great place to meet with friends.



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SIR Day at Raley Field Sunday, April 7th, 2019, 1 p.m.

#### **AAA Baseball Prices**

Section 104 Senate
Price \$ 21.12
groupmatics.events/event/sirsnight
or see SIR Branch activities director

#### **Carpooling/Parking**

lasherautogroup.com/rivercats
4 in a group/print voucher
save \$ 10

Raley Field, 400 Ballpark Drive, W. Sacramento

#### **Pre-Game Gathering**

Knee Deep Alley Craft Beers Noon

#### **Another Game**

June 13, Thirty Thursday, 7 pm, Sec 115 AAA Omaha-Kansas City Royals same cost/parking arrangements

> Lee Moy State SIR Sports (559) 709-9851 LeeHealthStudio@gmail.com



Golden Gate Fields
March 29-Friday-11 am
mention SIR for:
valet parking, Turf Club (buffet), program
use the Gilman Street entrance
collared shirts & dress slacks
no T-shirts, no shorts, no athletic shoes
Branch leaders see me to get into the
Winners' Circle

Oakland Coliseum-Battle of the Bay Oakland A's vs San Francisco Giants August 25-Sunday-1 pm save \$ 10+ deadline: June 1, 2019 send \$52/per person, plus self-stamp return envelope to Lee Moy, 127 N. Helm Ave, Clovis







Raley Field-W. Sacramento
AAA Baseball
River Cats vs Tacoma Rainier
(SF Giants vs Seattle Mariners)
April 7-Sunday-1 pm; \$21.12; section 104
print voucher for parking
pre-game gathering (noon)-Knee Deep Alley
Plus

"Thirsty Thursday"-June 13, 7 pm, section 115
River Cats vs Omaha (KC Royals)
\$22 seats/minimum 20 tickets
this game deadline: May 28th

Chukchansi Park AAA Baseball Fresno Grizzlies vs Sacramento River Cats May 18th-Saturday, 6 pm price & section not determined yet Meet at Tioga-Sequoia Brewery-4:30 pm

> Please consider wearing SIR apparel and/or your favorite team attire Meet-n-greet fellow SIR members



Lee Moy State SIR Sports LeeHealthStudio@gmail.com

Just a few of the activities available to SIR members. Be sure to check out SIR Happenings!

# FOUR GREAT SIR BASEBALL GAMES



SIR Area 11 San Jose Giants SJ Municipal Stadium 588 E. Alma Ave



Single A Baseball
all Friday 7 pm starts
\$10/pp/game; \$15 parking/car
after game fireworks



May 17 Lake Elsinore
June 14 Visalia
July 19 Rancho Cucamonga
Aug 16 Inland Empire

Bob Grandey Area 11 Governor Lee Moy State SIR Sports



SIR Happenings is published 4 time a year—the next issue will be published for May 2019.

You can find past issues on our website: sirbranch59.org.

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#### **April 2019**

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1976 Peter Clark\* 1999 Art Lampert\* 1977 Karl Heine\* 2000 Harry Heyen\*

1978 Harry Cooper\* 2001 Bob Beam

1979 Kenneth Foster\* 2002 Rollin Cunningham\*

1980 Larry Varblow\* 2003 Don Henry

1981 Guido Milano\* 2004 Tom Sherba 1982 Alex Fulton\*

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

2018 Harvey McAninch

\*(deceased)

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1983 Stephen Epler\*

1985 Ray Crosby\*

1986 Loran Coburn\*

1987 Robert Davis\*

1988 Robert Klindt\*

1989 Martin Annen\*

1990 Lee Updegraff

1992 Lyle Kingery

1993 LeRoy J. King\*

1995 Clyde Killion\*

1996 Bill Schwan\*

1997 Nat Lord

1994 George Hubach\*

1998 John Buchanan\*

1991 Fred W. Fretter\*

1984 George Herman\*