



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Forty-Forth Year

May 2019

Bulletin No.5

MEETING-Fremont Elks Lodge

Wednesday May 15, 2019

Social Hour-11 A.M.



Big Sir Harvey's Thoughts

Thanks to you for bringing the 3 new members to Branch 59 in April and three guests. Keep inviting guests to our great organization.

We are having a regular meeting in May with a lunch and a very good Speaker. We did not have enough help to make the May Ladies luncheon a success. So, what is the solution for the Christmas Ladies Party? We need about 4-6 Sirs to help Rob Ingebretson. Please contact Rob so we can have a great Christmas Party, it is too large a task for Gig and Rob to do by their self.

Be sure to Check out SIR Happenings (state newsletter). It is published quarterly. This newsletter has so much information about Northern California in it. Our own Jerry Sabo is the executive editor and Fred Gotthardt assistant editor.

The Big Sir of Branch 59 thanks the editors for recognizing our Branch in the May issue of SIR Happenings, which was sent to all Branch 59 .members that have email addresses listed.



Horace Hines, Ph. D.


Horace earned a bachelor's degree at Auburn University in Alabama and his doctorate in Biophysics from UC Davis. He enjoys learning about and talking on many subjects. One of his favorites is Baseball. Horace started playing baseball in Little League when he was seven years old. He mainly played catcher since he had a good arm for throwing out runners and worked well with pitchers. In Pony League, he batted 470! Horace could not hit a curveball so his baseball "career" ended in Pony League when he was about 16 after playing for about 10 years. He's been a Giants fan since 1984 when the family moved to San Jose. He rooted for them even through the lean years in the 80's when they lost 100 games! He took his family to the 1989 World Series game which was the only one called on account of an EARTHQUAKE. He enjoys the strategy of the game within the game between the batter and the pitcher. Baseball is a game of probabilities and he like understanding both the strategies and the physics of what is going on. He hopes his talk will give you a better appreciation of the advantages the picture has and how hard it is to get a hit.

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 favorite **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.

 **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
Cherry Glazed Ham / Seared Tilapia
Brown Rice and Vegetables Medley
Dessert



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, April 17, 2019

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The meeting was called to order at 9:30am by Big Sir Harvey McAninch. All officers and directors were present except Director Bill Briscoe.

March 16 and March 20 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurers report was approved as presented. The balance of the general fund on April 17 was \$6,050.77.

Rick has continued to look into different catering options. He put forward a sample menu from Big & Littles Catering. Plans are afoot for BEC members to meet for a sample tasting of the food they offer.

Membership: Ron Brutvan explained Form 27 and how it is used to track historical data. Branch 59 ranks number 9 of all branches in California in terms of adding new members. We should all be proud of this data point.

We expect to welcome five new members today. Four guests are expected to join us. 115 are estimated to be in attendance for today's luncheon. Thirteen members are celebrating birthdays this month.

New member, Jerry Aguilar, will be taking meal tickets and counting plates today. We will be looking for a different member to participate with this task each month.

Complaints were aired last month about long meeting discussions prior to lunch being served, causing food to be cold by the time it was eaten.

Last month Bill Holly asked our nominating committee to consider submitting a candidate from our branch to serve as area governor. John Pesek spoke with possible candidates and reported to Bill that no one would be available from our branch for that position at this time.

Bob Marshall was asked to consider the position of assistant director to Larry Jett. Following an introduction of himself, his background and interests, he accepted the nomination. The BEC moved, seconded and approved Bob for the position of assistant director. Bob also indicated he would be Little Sir to Larry Jett in 2021 and Big Sir in 2022. Thank you Bob for your willingness to serve.

Activities: Larry and Dave have created an "Activities Survey" which will be included in the May Pathfinder. We will be distributing this survey during the May luncheon in hopes that we identify activities which members share a common interest. Results will be shared in the June Pathfinder.

Joe Stanley will be hosting a couples wine tasting event at his home on May 18.

Our branch bowling team took 4th place in doubles in the state wide tournament held last month in Carson City, Nv. Participants included Harvey McAninch, Ron Hamro, Jerry Sabo and Gary Bennett. Congratulations to you all, well done.

Information was put forward regarding "Prostrate World Support Group" held at Washington Hospital each month. More info will be available in the Pathfinder.

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MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE by Sir Ron Brutvan, Sir Ed Guthrie

Attendance Report



Sir Ed Guthrie
Attendance
Chairman

Attendance Report 04/17/2019

Members	104=68%
Guests	4
Visitors	1
Total	109
Excused	26
Unexcused	22

New Members/Guests

New Members

John Weed	Harvey McAninch
Rob Perrill	Jim Ulam
Loren Lookabill	Andrew Lang

Guests (2nd time)

Larry Anderson	Jim Ulam
Kevin Hurley	Jim Ulam
John Gates	Jim Ulam

Guests (1st time)

Ed Nelson	Andrew Lang
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Membership Report



Sir Ron Brutvan
Membership
Chairman

Membership Report

04/17/2019

Members 152

Resigned:

Deceased:

Alvin Dockter	04/01/2019
Irene Delucchi	(Wife of William Delucchi)



Sir Sammy Lum
Birthday Chairman

May Birthdays

Donald Henry	90
Joseph Montellano	86
Willard Wyman	86
Donald Allen	83
Larry Goodman	83
Richard Holley	80
Gerald Rodrigues	80
Ron Brutvan	78
Harvey McAninch	76
Jerry Halligan	74
Terry Pearson	74
Henry Brown	72
Chip Koehler	65



New members (L to R) Loren Lookabill, Rob Perrill, and John Weed being welcomed by Little Sir Rick Henry (far left) and Big Sir Harvey McAninch (far right)



Bring in a Guest
We need new
Members

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



A "Big" thanks to our Guest, Mike Hillman, Cloverleaf Bowl

SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares by Sir John Pesek



In the SIR Carson City Bowling Tournament last month the doubles team of Sir Harvey McAninch and Sir Ron Hamro came in fourth place in Division 2 out of 67 teams. Congratulations for holding up Branch 59 honors.

At Fremont's only bowling establishment, Cloverleaf Family Bowl, on our regular Mondays' for last month top bowlers were: Sir Gary Bennett 215, Sir Joe Staley 213, Sir Frank Cordova 213, Sir Ron Hamro 202 and 200, and Sir Donal Spicer 201.

Last week we welcomed Sir Julian Vega to the regular SIR Monday Bowling.

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.

Branch 59 will be hosting a SIR Bowling Tournament at Earl Anthony Lanes in Dublin on June 18th.



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



Well, it's already happened, one of our golfers replied to the weekly invite saying in jest that "I will play if it's not to hot". Yes, it is warming up and the courses are dried out and the cart path only restrictions are gone for a few months. In fact, we will give Skywest the test on Tuesday,

April 7th.

I noticed at the April luncheon that a few of our new members were golfers. Great. ALL Sirs are welcome to play. We play weekly on Tuesdays at either Spring Valley Golf Course in Milpitas or at Skywest Golf Course in Hayward. Our tee-times generally start at 8:30 am. I make the tee-times and send an email out on Tuesday afternoon soliciting players for the following Tuesday. You need to "reply to sender" so I can put you on the list to play. On Sunday I post the pairings. To be added to my list email me at Dpspanky@att.net.

Additional information on SIR golf (and all SIR activities) can be found on www.sirinc.org

Fairways and greens,



"No, this isn't the year 1972. I think you spent way too much time looking for your ball in those woods."



Technophobe Meeting

Cybergeezers usually meet on the Tuesday following our monthly SIR Luncheon. Our next meeting will be held on May 21st 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 still has two very good laptops for sale at his refurbishing cost. a 13" Macbook laptop for \$100 and a 15" Macbook Pro laptop for \$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 May meeting will be dedicated to newcomers.

Note: We did talk about cancelling the meeting, but it is on again.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

SIR Wine Group Tasting

Saturday, May 18, 2019 // 6:30-8:30 P.M.
Hosts: Joe and Joanne Stanley
32445 Darlene Way
Union City, CA 94587
Sign-up April 17 or May 15 or RSVP to joestan@mac.com

READERS AND BROWERS

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 scheduled for May 27th

(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.

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Holiday luncheon: Rob spoke of the need for increased participation in helping coordinate this event. From gift donations, organizing and distribution to finding and coordinating entertainment, this needs help from several members. Please step forward if there is something you can do to help out. Doing this with a group of friends would ease the individual load and make it fun for all.

Meeting adjourned at 10:49am.

Dave Nelsen, Secretary



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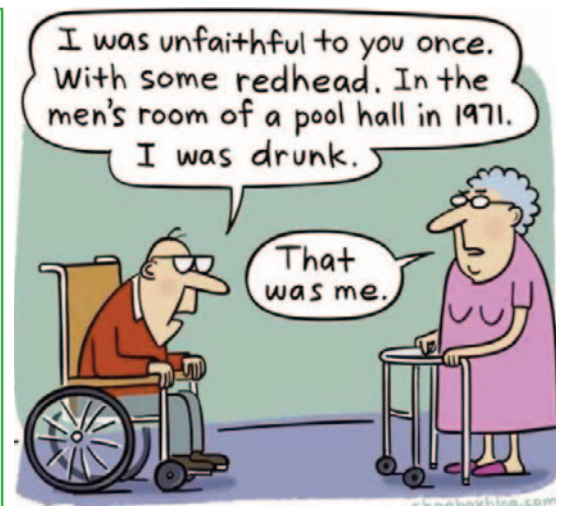
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**SIR
HAPPENINGS**





Some happy wine drawing recipients.



New Member introductions:
John Weed, Loren Lookabill,
and Rob Perrill.

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May 2019

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2018 Harvey McAninch
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2019 PAST BIG SIRS

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