



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Forty-Forth Year

July 2019

Bulletin No.7

MEETING-Fremont Elks Lodge

Wednesday July 17, 2019

Social Hour-11 A.M.



Big Sir Harvey's Thoughts

Wear your best Old Glory outfits.

"I've been listening to the Sirs recite the Pledge of Allegiance for over the past 22 years and if it is becoming monotonous to you. If I may, this how

Red Skelton says it.

Now, more than ever, listen to the meaning of his words.

I "Me, an individual, a committee of one."

Pledge "Dedicate all of my worldly goods to give without self-pity."

Allegiance "My love and my devotion."

To the flag "Our standard, Old Glory, a symbol of freedom. Wherever she waves, there's respect because your loyalty has given her a dignity that shouts freedom is everybody's job!" of the

United "That means that we have all come together."

States "Individual communities that have united into forty-eight great states. Forty-eight individual communities with pride and dignity and purpose; all divided with imaginary boundaries, yet united to a common purpose, and that's love for country."

And to the Republic "Republic. A state in which sovereign power is invested in representatives chosen by the people to govern. And government is the people and it's from the people to the leaders, not from the leaders to the people"

For which it stands,

One Nation under God "One Nation, meaning 'so blessed by God'"

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July Speaker!




OPEN MIC

Our speaker(s) for July will be you! At our next branch 59 meeting on the 17th of July, Tammy Duran with meals on wheels will talk a little about their organization and give out flyers. Following her presentation we will open the floor to our members with a open mic session, a 5 minute time limit will be given.

Little Sir Richard has a list of questions for each speaker after the question the mic is theirs to fill the room with a childhood memory.....good or bad.

Please DON'T be shy.....should be FUN.....

 **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 Parmesan and Sirloin Tip
Noodles, Rice, Vegetables
Cheese Cake Desert



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, June 19, 2019

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The meeting was called to order at 9:55am by Big Sir Harvey McAninch.

All officers and directors were present except Larry Lardie, who was excused.

In honor of the 4th of July Harvey requested as many members as possible wear red, white and blue attire during our July Meeting.

May 1st and 15th meeting minutes were both approved as presented.

The treasurers report was approved as presented. The balance of the general fund on June 19 was \$6,008.42.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the addition of photographs to next year's directory. A motion was made, seconded and approved to include photo's. However, upon further discussion we realized there are several details, including cost, which are unclear. We approved a motion to withdraw the prior motion. Sammy Lum and Jerry Sabo will do further research and report their findings next month.

Harvey discussed suggestions from Region Director Bill Holly;

>That all directors should have a back-up or assistant director to work with them.

>That a director position be held for only 2 - 3 years.

>That a retiring Big Sir, with his broad knowledge of branch membership, serve on the nominating committee for 1 or 2 years. These seem like good ways to increase involvement in the BEC from our membership.

Rick updated us regarding our caterer, Danniell. He has agreed to work with us to improve our

satisfaction with the meals. Going forward, each month during the BEC meeting, we will approve the following month's menu. We all agreed the menu's have improved.

Ron Brutvan reported on membership; Five new members are expected today. Their membership was motioned, seconded and approved. Four guests are expected to join us and two are expected for orientation. Ron announced he will resign as membership chairman effective as soon as a replacement can be found. He has held this position for many years. We relayed our gratitude for his service to our branch. Ron handed me a list of important membership policies which need BEC discussion and action. These have been passed to Harvey for inclusion in future agenda's.

Jerry Robertson made a suggestion; Add an article to the Pathfinder each month highlighting an individual who volunteers their time and talent to our branch. A great way of recognizing the wonderful work so many people do.

Activities; >We will not participate in the 4th of July parade due to lack of interest. >John Pesek will forward the activities survey to Jerry Sabo for inclusion in the July Pathfinder. >Gary Bennett has volunteered to chair the GOLF group. Thank you Gary! >We have run out of trifold's used for recruitment and advertising at the bowling alley. We all agreed more should be purchased, of the new style. Nat Lord will be asked to order them.

Our next BEC meeting will begin at 9:30am on July 17.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00am.

Dave Nelsen, Secretary

Branch 59
Meets at Fremont Elks
38991 Farwell Drive,
Fremont CA on the 3rd
Wednesday of each
month
9:30 AM
Executive Board Meeting
11AM Social Hour
12 Noon Lunch



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MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE by Sir Ron Brutvan, Sir Ed Guthrie

Attendance Report



Sir Ed Guthrie
Attendance
Chairman

Attendance Report 06/19/2019

Members	108=70%
Guests	6
Visitors	1
Total	115
Excused	26
Unexcused	22



Sir Sammy Lum
Birthday Chairman

July Birthdays

Gordon Thym	96
Fred Cutter	90
Gordon MacLeod	89
Dino Mostardi	89
Ben Fernandez	85
Rowland McNeil	81
Wayne Smith	81
Wayne Meyer	80
Gene Lim	79
Robert Wallace	76
Jimmy Inocencio	75
Joseph Lucia	72
James Lomax	71



New Members/Guests

New Members

Faz Binesh	Jerry Halligan
Edward Nelson	Andrew Lang
Robert Higday	Larry Jett
Frederick Kaseman	Harvey McAninch

Guests (2nd time)

James Green	Paul Pennelly
Donald Roach	Nat Lord

Guests (1st time)

Chuck Ferguson	Andrew Lang
Russ Blowers	Larry Jett
Hugh Carter	Larry Jett
Zach Ploscaru	Carlie Houseworth

Membership Report



Sir Ron Brutvan
Membership
Chairman

Membership Report

06/19/2019

Members 154

Resigned:

Ted Shively	Health
William Pereira	Health

Deceased:

Lew Heffron	July 1, 2019
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Newest Members: Sir Faz Binesh, Sir Edward Nelson, and Sir Robert Higday. (Sir Kaseman not pictured)



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



Branch 59 members became fiercely involved in the "competition" as guest John Lehmen entertained us with a game called "Who Sang It" John is about to open a web service called whosangit.com for download and streaming music retailers to retrieve songs for any date beginning in 1890.

SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares by Sir John Pesek

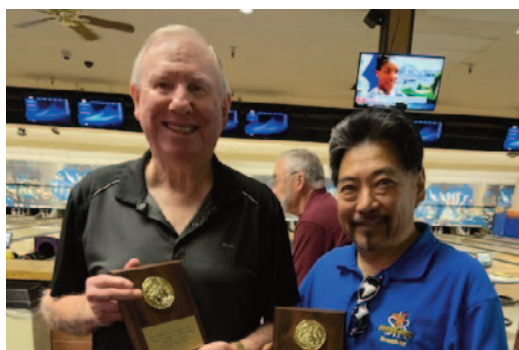


In the Branch 59 Bowling Tournament, held at Dublin Bowl, Sir Ron Hamro bowled a spectacular 227 game, which placed him second in the B Division Singles, and Sir Jerry Sabo placed second in B Division All Events. Sir Jerry Sabo bowled a very nice 212 game and Sir Donal Spicer bowled an even 200 game in the tournament.

At are usual Monday bowling, high games were bowled by: Sir Miguel Ferras 217, 209 & 200, Sir Jerry Sabo 214, 207, & 204, Sir Donal Spicer 213 & 211, Sir Ron Hamro 207 & 202, and Sir Don Henry 202

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.

We just heard the sad news that our long time bowler and long time SIR member, **Lew Heffron** passed away on July 1. Lew transferred to Branch 59 from Branch 6 and has been one of our super bowlers. Lew is survived by his wife Georgia, who has endured a long bout with illness during the last several years.



Golf Notes by Sir Gary Bennett



At the last BEC meeting it was announced that Sir Gary Bennett has accepted the role of Branch 59 Golf Chairman.

Gary is out spending time with his Son this past week or two so was not able to submit an article to the Pathfinder this month.

I would again like to thank Dave Shideler for serving as past Chairman of the golf group.—Jerry Sabo



You can get your Pathfinder at:

<http://sirbranch59.org>

Comments, photos for site etc. email to:

sirbranch59@gmail.com

The 2019 SIR State Bowling champions for B Division Doubles are none other than Sir Gary Bennett, and Sir Victor Okumura shown at the left.

Gary rolled a 214, 183, and a 166 while Victor had a 153, 157 and 198. Their handicap series was a 1509—each bowler averaged a 251.



Cyber Geezer Meeting

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

During our June meeting we discussed various web browsers such as Chrome, Edge, Safari and the latest web browser by Mozilla—Firefox Quantum.

We are especially anxious to help out newcomers and other Cyber Geezers with technology. Anything from using a Smart Phone, Tablet, New TV, internet connections, working with digital photos, music, video, or shopping for such a device including Mac, Google, or PC products.



OTHER ACTIVITIES

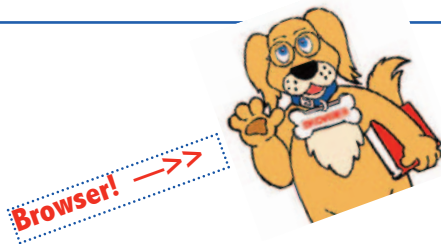
COUPLES DINING OUT

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

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**

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

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

Send news and questions to:

Jerry Sabo,
Executive Editor
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Please send notices of Activities and/or news items to jlsabo3@comcast.net.

SIR Happenings deadline—July 15th.

“Dealers Lunch Bunch”

Next poker lunch scheduled for July 22nd

(Monday following monthly SIR Luncheon)

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.



During the last BEC meeting it was suggested that we acknowledge an outstanding member of Branch 59 in each Pathfinder Edition. It was unanimously decided that our first recognition should go to the man that many of you have not seen for awhile—**Sir Fred Gotthardt!**

Fred is the man that has been the backbone of SIR for many years. When I first joined in 2004, Fred was Mr. Cyber Geezer. He still maintains all of the monthly SIR reports and keeps up our Access Database. In addition, he is Assistant Editor of **SIR Happenings**, and of the Branch 59 **Pathfinder**. I know that without Fred, I would be in serious trouble. He is also a wonderful friend.

Sir Jerry Sabo

What about a monthly Pathfinder column titled..... *SIRtainly Good News*

It would only be needed if I get some good news from the rank and file in any given month. I volunteer to be the editor and field reporter for the scheme. Should this be acceptable to our esteemed Publisher, I submit Job One. Can I attach photos?

Recently, the Newark Optimist Club gathered, as it has for 48 years, to honor the Police Office of the Year Award for the U.C/Fremont/Newark Police Depts. These officers were chosen by the actual officers of the respective agencies. Sir Larry Jett welcomed the mayors and police chiefs, ranking city officials and the award winners and their families for a breakfast. The City of Fremont's award went to Ryan Lobue, son of Sir Bob Lobue. Fremont's mayor and police chief were effusive in their praise of Ryan who served 3 tours in the Marine Corp in the middle east before becoming a Fremont officer. Ryan took fire from a really bad guy near Washington Hospital, called for back up and took the perp down with a rifle as the suspect continued to take shots. A very well earned award as the other officers present gave him a standing ovation.

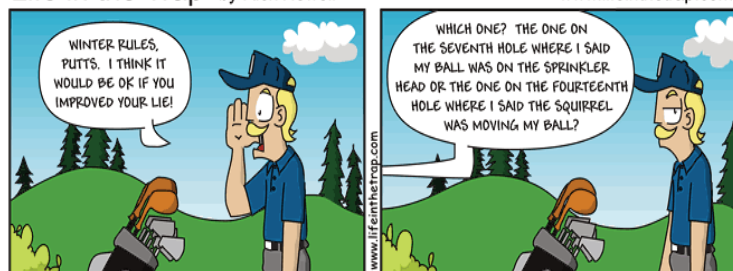
Sirs....this can be a monthly column if you will provide Sir Larry Jett with input. larrywjett@gmail.com
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BRANCH 59 SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2020

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Assistant Treasurer	Arnold George
Director	Larry Lardie
Director	Sammy Lum
Director	John Pesek
Director	Jim Ulam
Director	Jerry Halligan
Director	William Briscoe`

Life in the Trap by Rick Newell

www.lifeinthetrap.com



Indivisible "Incapable of being divided."

With liberty "Which is freedom -- the right of power to live one's own life without threats, fear or some sort of retaliation."

And Justice "The principle or quality of dealing fairly with others."

For all. "For All. Which means, it's as much your country as it is mine."

Two more state were added since he said this. Remember this at our next meeting.

Harvey McAninch, Big Sir

The Activity Survey Results

The Activity Survey from last month show that most Sirs are interested in being active and participating in activities. Our current activities, Computers (Cyber Geezers), Golf, Bowling, Cards (Bridge, and Poker) are popular. It also shows that other activities such as Bocce Ball, Dining Out, BBQing, Antique Cars, Theater, Fishing, Walking, Investments, Gardening and Travel are also popular activities.

SIRs branch 59 wants to offer these activities to our members and will work to try to develop some of these activities.

<u>Activity</u>	<u>#Interest</u>
Dining Out	38
Bocce Ball	37
Barbequing	24
Walking	24
Antique Cars	23
Theater	23
Travel	21
Gardening	20
Investments	19



Remember to wear your “Patriotic Attire” for our July meeting and Competition!



Treasurer Sir Hugh Twomey won the door prize, and Director Sir William Briscoe won both the birthday prize and the Rollie drawing. He left for Reno after the meeting! (Should have).



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2018 Harvey McAninch

*(deceased)

PATHFINDER DEADLINE

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