



THE MAIL POUCH



The Pony Express Branch #69
January — 2021 Edition



John Popadak, Editor



Sickert Says

Welcome to the New Year. I am honored for your trust in me as the new Big Sir for 2021. I will do my best to keep the branch strong, healthy and prepared to meet the challenges that are coming as we emerge from a Covid-19 dominated world. As I write this, the activities of the branch have been cancelled until further notice to prevent the spread of the virus to our members.

The strength of our Branch has always been our golf and bowling activities. Branch 69 is very lucky to have two long time serving Committee Chairmen for golf: Lenny Silva (Regular Course play) and Greg Schweitzer (Progressive Golf Club). Before the recent State SIRS shut-down, each were conducting golf tournaments regularly. These golf tournaments recruited new members to the branch. Overall, last year the branch lost 12 and gained 7 new members. We still remain one of the best branches in the state and once we can operate our golf and bowling activities we should be able to grow our membership again.

The key will be to get our activities back up and running. That will be the primary goal and the challenge of the new year. Unfortunately, we are not in control of when that can happen. Just as the level of Covid -19 infections and deaths in the State and county restricts what we can do in our personal lives it is also restricting what the branch can do. I, the Branch Executive Committee (BEC) and Committee Chairmen are ready and will respond at the first opportunity to reopen the branch as soon as permissible. I hope the branch will be able to return to normal sometime during the year.

I want to take a moment to thank 2020's Big Sir Jimmy Buckley. It was a year of big adjustments for Branch 69 last year with the State SIRS' first cancellation of all in-person meetings because of Covid-19 infections. Jimmy and the BEC began the use of the Zoom online conferencing application to conduct the branch BEC meetings.

I hope you and your family had a great holiday season and New Year.

Paul Sickert, Big Sir



Mark's Talk

Welcome fellow SIRS members to 2021, with all the dreams and hopes of a New Year from your new Little Sir.

Although the new begins with us still being on Zoom still, I hope that we can soon return to our regular monthly meetings with a speaker. Our speaker program will begin in February, whether in person or on Zoom. Our first speaker is going to be PBS Jim Porterfield. His talk is entitled "The Future of our Food as The Planet Heats Up".

One more thing: Please remember to send in this yearly voluntary of \$20.00 contribution (to Hal Copperberg). This contribution pays for such branch expenses such as the publication of the Branch roster, office expenses, and State SIR assessments.

Hope everyone stayed Healthy and had an opportunity to play a lot of golf!

Mark Steffens, Little Sir

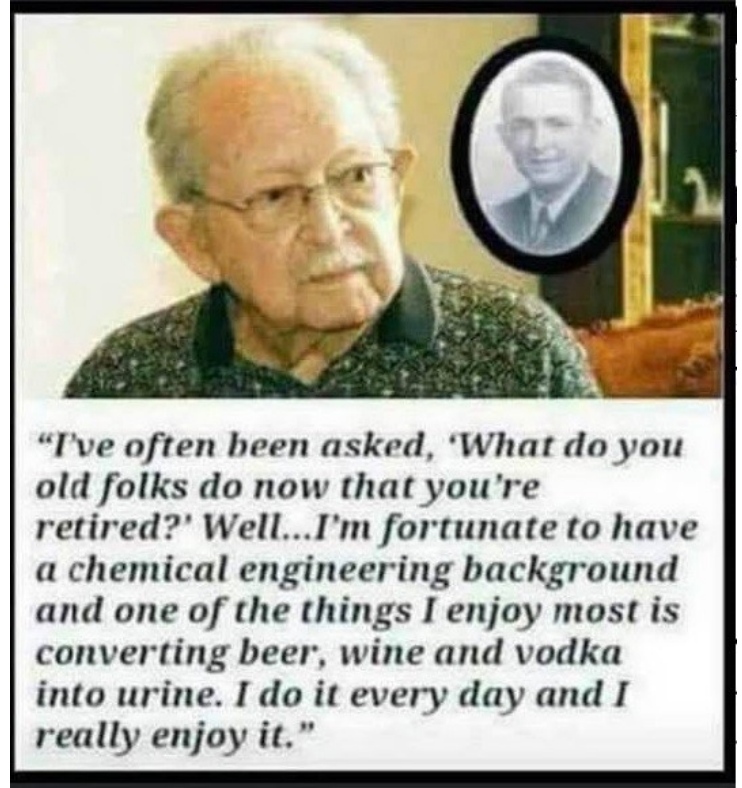
2021 SIRS Branch 69 Roster

The 2021 Roster is here and ready for distribution. Please send your \$20.00 voluntary contribution (check made payable to SIR Branch 69) to our branch Treasurer, Hal Copperberg at his home address: **8015 Garry Oak Drive, Citrus Heights, CA 95610** and he will mail your roster to you. The contribution for 2021 is reduced by \$5.00 due to reduced expenses. Call it a COVID bonus!

Your \$20.00 voluntary contribution is critical for the branch. Among other things, it goes towards publishing of the branch roster and newsletter as well as to pay for obligations including mandated State SIR dues for each member, the Ladies Day Luncheon and SIRS Day in the Park events, appreciation gifts to our speakers and various office supplies consumed during the year. Remember, the Branch provides the umbrella under which our Golf and Bowling programs operate: No Branch, No Activities.

January Birthdays

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|------------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Ernie Shell | 1/6 | |
| Amnon Igra | 1/8 | |
| Ron Peters | 1/9 | |
| Bernie Mareno | 1/11 | |
| Phil Anglesey | 1/13 | 80 Years Old |
| Roger Brunssen | 1/14 | 82 Years Old |
| Dave Yorston | 1/15 | 82 Years Old |
| Tom Knoble | 1/16 | |
| Don Baldwin | 1/18 | 92 Years Old |
| Bob Clamton | 1/21 | |
| Tod Davis | 1/26 | |
| Don Agostinelli | 1/29 | |
| Jerry Schroeder | 1/29 | 80 Years Old |
| Dan Turner | 1/31 | |



January Anniversaries

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|------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Glen and Jayne Halvorsen | 1/1 | |
| Hefren and Kathy Curiel | 1/2 | |
| Ted and Jane Canty | 1/2 | |
| Horace and Beather Holms | 1/2 | 68 Years |
| Bob and Debbie Baker | 1/5 | |
| Richard and Gloria Lee | 1/14 | |
| Lieutenant and Annette Coopwood | 1/15 | |
| Roger and Fran Brunssen | 1/18 | 58 Years |
| George and Joyce White | 1/20 | 59 Years |
| William and Janette Nichols | 1/23 | 50 Years |
| David and Om Fitzsimons | 1/25 | |
| Thomas and Bernece Walton | 1/26 | |
| Jerry and Linda Schroeder | 1/27 | |
| Pat and Teri Berrett | 1/28 | |



Your 2021 Golf Directors



Lennie Silva—Regular Course



Greg Schweitzer—Progressive Golf Club

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2021 ROSTER REPAIRS

PAUL SICKERT—Please change his e-mail address to paulsickert3787@gmail.com
(Instead of @comcast.net)

HAL COPPERBERG—Please change his cell phone to **916-880-8065**
(Instead of 916-880-8665)

JIM HUFFMANM—Please change his e-mail address to jimhuffman50br60@gmail.com
(Instead of jamesfhuffman@gmail.com)

WILBERT GREEN—Please change his e-mail address to green_wilbert47@icloud.com
(not .net)

In the STATE OFFICERS section on page 3, **STUART (STU) WILLIAMS** is the State President, not Jim Johnson.

Alan Weinel, Roster Chairman



PLEASE UPDATE YOUR ROSTERS

Please send Roster Corrections to my personal Email account Alan_Weinel@ATT.Net with subject "Roster Correction"

Also, please remember to add new members each month.

RECRUITING AND PUBLICITY



All our SIR activities remain closed for the foreseeable future, so recruiting efforts have pretty much come to a standstill.

We're still hoping that the State SIR office will reconsider their decision and let SIR golf resume, which would at least let us invite potential new members to join us in a round of golf. We'll have to see how that plays out.

In the meantime, keep thinking of potential members who might want to join our branch when some activities begin again.

I keep in touch with my contact person at Morton Golf; Golf Expo next year is possible but certainly not assured. Like so much in our lives now, it's a wait and see situation. I'll keep you posted on news there.

Stay safe and healthy.

Tom Page Recruiting & Publicity Director



BOWLING NEWS



Happy New Year! We're welcoming 2021 and hoping for a better year than the hateful 2020. Whew, what a mess!



Though we have the hope for a vaccine that will finally end the Covid-19 pandemic and its forced isolation policies, it is pretty apparent to me that nothing will come in time to save our bowling season, even in shortened form. There is no end in sight for Sacramento County (and the rest of the State) as far as opening up businesses such as bowling alleys any time soon. Even if that were to occur soon, we would still have to wait for the State SIR office to permit the resumption of SIR activities. We're already past the halfway point of a regular season, so we might as well face the fact that there will be no bowling season 2020-2021.

Maybe, just maybe, there could be SIR bowling tournaments later in 2021. That would take a lot of luck, but I hold out a little hope for tournaments.

As always, I will keep you posted on bowling developments. Keep your fingers crossed.

Tom Page, League Secretary 916-488-6465

HOW ARE WE DOING?

12/31/2020

| INCOME | ACTUAL | BUDGET | DIFF |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Contributions | \$3,620 | \$3,750 | \$ 130 |
| Other | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$3,620 | \$3,750 | \$ 130 |

| EXPENSES | ACTUAL | BUDGET | DIFF |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Printing & Postage | \$ 528 | \$ 350 | \$ 228 |
| Officers' Expenses | \$ 214 | \$ 200 | \$ 14 |
| Guest Expenses | \$ 0 | \$ 100 | \$ 100 |
| State Assessment | \$ 779 | \$1,100 | \$ 321 |
| Other, Golf Expo | \$ 0 | \$ 200 | \$ 200 |
| Other, Misc. | \$1,104 | \$2,175 | \$ 1,071 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$2,625 | \$4,125 | \$ 1,500 |

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| CASH BALANCE AT END OF 2019 | \$ 3,489 |
| CURRENT CASH BALANCE | \$ 4,486 |
| PROJECTED BALANCE 12/31/2020 | \$ 3,114 |

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| ACTUAL 2020 YEAR END CASH BAL. | \$4,486 |
| ACTUAL 2020 YEAR END MEMBERSHIP | 146 |
| ACTUAL CASH BALANCE PER MEMBER | \$ 30 |

Hal Copperberg, Treasurer



SUNSHINE



Gentlemen: No matter how you celebrate the holidays, please do it safely and with love in your heart.

Curtis Main: Passed away on December 7th.

Bob Houghton: Bob is now home after a stay in the hospital due to a cyst on his kidney.

Fred Smith: Will be undergoing six weeks of radiation for cancer on his head.

Neither my computer nor phone allow me to take part in Zoom, so I will depend on the follow up input to keep abreast.

Stay safe my fellow SIR members...

Kindest Regards,

Bill Nichols, Sunshine Chairman

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2021 Officers

| | | |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| BIG SIR | PAUL SICKERT | (916) 396-6230 |
| LITTLE SIR | MARK STEFFENS | (916) 214-8650 |
| SECRETARY | PAT QUINN | (916) 201-5262 |
| ASST SECRETARY | RON HUTCHESON | (916) 897-2807 |
| TREASURER | HAL COPPERBERG | (916) 722-2606 |
| ASST TREASURER | ALAN WEINEL | (209) 843-1804 |

Directors

| | | | |
|-----------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|
| PBS JIM BUCKLEY | (916) 284-2364 | STEVE BRANDENBURGER | (916) 765-0585 |
| JACK MEHL | (916) 397-3706 | JIM OBLIZZALO | (916) 747-8172 |
| ERNIE BERRYMAN | (916) 723-2148 | BUD ROGERS | (916) 991-2611 |

State Officers

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|--------------------|-----------------------|
| STATE PRESIDENT: | STUART (STU) WILLIAMS |
| REGION 1 DIRECTOR: | DAVE GONZALES |
| AREA 4 GOVERNOR: | HUGH THOMPSON |

Recruitment, Activities, Member Relations & Publicity (RAMP)

| | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| RECRUITING/PUBLICITY/BIO | PBS TOM PAGE | (916) 488-6465 |
| ACTIVITIES | PBS JERRY SCHROEDER | (916) 801-2530 |
| MEMBERSHIP | JACK MEHL | (916) 397-3706 |

Committee Chairs

| | | |
|-----------------|------------------|----------------|
| Programs | Mark Steffens | (916) 396-6230 |
| Newsletter | John Popadak | (916) 662-0695 |
| Chaplain | Bill Nichols | (916) 844-9382 |
| Roster | Alan Weinel | (209) 843-1804 |
| Golf (BR69/RC) | PBS Lennie Silva | (916) 487-9812 |
| Golf (PGC) | Greg Schweitzer | (916) 687-8629 |
| Bowling | PBS Tom Page | (916) 488-6465 |
| Audit | Don Neufeld | (916) 863-5228 |
| Nominating | PBS Jim Buckley | (916) 284-2364 |
| Nominating | Ron Hutcheson | (916) 897-2807 |
| Nominating | John Popadak | (916) 662-0695 |
| Attendance | Ernie Berryman | (916) 723-2148 |
| Orientation | Steve Goodman | (916) 521-6546 |
| Branch Apparel | TBD | |
| Meeting Review | John Popadak | (916) 662-0695 |
| Sunshine | Bill Nichols | (916) 844-9382 |
| Lunch Reception | Ron Bacher | (916) 422-5583 |
| Web Site | Ross Martin | (916) 427-0559 |
| Book Club | Bernie Moreno | (209) 245-6313 |
| RV | Bob Houghton | (916) 487-1190 |
| NCGA Ambassador | Jim Huffman | (916) 468-8197 |
| RAMP | Jerry Schroeder | (916) 801-2530 |

Honored Members

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

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| PBS RON HUTCHESON |
| PBS TOM PAGE |
| PBS JIM PORTERFIELD |
| PRD WARREN SENEGAL |
| PBS LENNIE SILVA |

SENIOR CERTIFICATES

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| SIR JIM PAGE |
| SIR KEN TOWNS |
| SIR VERNON FREEMAN |
| SIR HEMAN SMITH |
| SIR DON BALDWIN |
| SIR ROY DUNSON |
| SIR LLOYD PLANK |
| SIR CHARLES DANT |

TREASURER'S REPORT – December, 2020

Cash Balance 1/1/2020= \$3,489

| | December | YTD |
|------------------------|----------|---------|
| Beginning Cash Balance | \$4,731 | N/A |
| Contributions | \$ 0 | \$3,620 |
| Expenses | \$ 245 | \$2,624 |
| Ending Cash Balance | \$4,486 | N/A |

MEMBERSHIP

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|-----------------------|-------|-----|
| Membership, Gain/Loss | +0/-0 | 146 |
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Checks, money orders or credit cards for Travel for one day or less (no overnight), where a bus/busses is/are used as the primary means of transportation, may be made payable to the Branch sponsoring the event. All other checks, money orders or credit cards for travel must be made payable to the travel agency. (Rule 420 & 421).

Members are obligated to attend all regular luncheon meetings unless prevented by illness or absence from the Branch locale. (Rule 60). REQUIRED ATTENDANCE – A member who misses three (3) consecutive luncheon meetings without having been excused by contacting the designated Branch Attendance person prior to the meeting date, and giving a valid reason, or did not attend one half of the regular luncheon meetings within the previous twelve consecutive month period. may be notified, by letter, of the pending termination of his membership in SIR. (Rule 60, 100 & 107).



BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 2021

Big Sir – Paul Sickert



Joined SIR August 2015

Little Sir – Mark Steffens



Joined SIR August 2013

Secretary - Pat Quinn



Joined SIR August 2009

Asst. Secretary - Ron Hutcheson



Joined SIR in 2007

Treasurer – Hal Copperberg



Joined SIR March 2007

Asst. Treasurer – Alan Weinell



Joined SIR March 2013

Director – PBS Jimmy Buckley



Joined SIR August 2013

Director – Stephen Brandenburger



Joined SIR March 2014

Director – Bud Rogers



Joined SIR March 1997

Director – Ernie Berryman



Joined SIR July 2011

Director – Jim Oblizalo



Joined SIR April 2013

Director – Jack Mehl



Joined SIR August 2019