



THE MAIL POUCH

Concept and Creation by Frank Franzago



The Pony Express Branch #69
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Alan Weinel, Editor



TONY'S TALK

Welcome fellow SIRs members to the month of July. Happy 4th of July to everyone! Here are a few facts for this month:

1) July is the warmest month in the Northern Hemisphere on average. It is similar to January in the Southern Hemisphere. 2) Sometimes the hot, long days of July are called the "dog days of summer". 3) It is sometimes called the Hay month because the grass dries out due to a lack of rain and can be made into hay.

Our luncheon attendance of active members did not quite meet our monthly goal of 70% for June. Probably due to members either being on vacation or attending graduations for family members. However, we are only slightly off in attendance for the year which is 69%.

We are continuing to look for a new Dinner Theater, Lunch Explorer Organizer to replace Jim Porterfield. Jim had to resign because his schedule had become extremely full, or else he would probably still be doing it. Take note: In order for the branch to grow and be successful, members need to step forward and get involved. When you do, you really do feel a part of the organization that you joined. I do have to say that it has been a very rewarding experience for me.

I want to recognize and thank other branch members such as Pat Quinn (Little Sir), Ron Hutcheson (Secretary), Jerry Buhlert (Treasurer), Hal Copperburg (Asst. Treasurer), Lennie Silva (Golf Chairman), Greg Schweitzer (Progressive Golf Club), Tom Page (Bowling Sec. / Publicity & Recruiting), Alan Weinel (Newsletter), John Popadak (Membership), Mike Ratzlaff (Clothing and Hats), Bernie Moreno (Book Exchange), Bob Houghton (RVs), Ron Bacher (Luncheon Reception) and Paul Sickert (Attendance) for their time and contributions to making our Branch 69 a success.

In closing, at the June Luncheon General Meeting, I spoke to the membership regarding imposing a \$25.00 Yearly Membership Fee because we are falling 20% short of our Volunteer Membership Fee of our full membership. In fact, I asked for a show of hands if this should be adopted and as I saw it, the majority was in favor of a yearly membership fee. The BEC will be voting on this in the next couple of months. I will keep you posted.

Tony Vigil, Big Sir

QUINN'S QUIPS

I used to compete in sports a lot ... but then I realized you can buy trophies ... now I'm good at everything.



Our guest speaker in June, Brian Brown, did a great job explaining what happened to him and his family when his plane crashed into a steep Idaho mountainside. Fortunately, everybody survived. He took full responsibility for the crash, but then he really put out the ultimate effort to do anything he could to save his loved ones. It was obvious to see that the emotions were still very strong and fresh in his mind.

The \$25 per person for lunch at the Dante Club has been a hot topic for some time at our Branch Executive Committee (BEC) meetings. Our Big Sir, Tony Vigil, outlined some key points in our June Newsletter. The BEC feels it is important to talk to the membership about this cost. I plan on providing a brief overview at July's luncheon on what this \$25 per person cost actually provides to the branch.

Our guest speaker for July will be our own Jim Porterfield. Jim was nice enough to fill in this spot when my scheduled guest speaker had to back out. Two years ago Jim had done some reading about how much suffering there is worldwide from the impacts of climate change, He saw former Vice President Al Gore's movie *Inconvenient Truth*. It inspired him to get involved with educating the general public about global warming. He was trained by Mr. Gore and a highly credible team of scientists from the Climate Reality Project. Now, as a trained spokesman with the Climate Reality Project, Jim is one of thousands of volunteers in 135 countries around the globe with the mission to educate the public about climate change causes, impacts and solutions, some of which are in progress.

Hope to see you all in July.

Pat Quinn, Little Sir

JULY 2018 LUNCHEON MENU

Thursday July 12, 2018

**Cornish Game Hen w/ Almond & Olive Couscous,
Vegetables, Rolls and Strawberry Cream Cake**

Vegetarian / Vegan options available. Ask your Caller.

WELCOME!!

SIR STEVE DAVIDSON

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Sponsor: Golf Expo



SIR JOE GLENN

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Sponsor: Ernie Shell



Steve was born and raised in Sacramento. Following high school, he went for Job Corps training and apprenticed as a tile setter. A slack construction market found him working as a counter man in a diesel truck parts company. Later, he worked for Winston Tires and then 14 years as the manager for an RV appliance company. He next spent 16 years at the parts counter for Johnstone Supply, a heating and air conditioning parts company. He retired in 2017.

Although Steve has no children, his wife, Tammy, has three adult children from an earlier marriage. Steve enjoys golf, bowling, fishing, swimming and bicycling.

Birthday: December 3, 1961
Anniversary: Tammy, May 24, 2014

Joe was born in Charleston, South Carolina but moved to Lake Charles, Louisiana, as a child. After high school and a brief try at college, Joe got drafted into the Army in 1970 and spent his service as an MP in Fort Gordon, Georgia, and Fort Ord. After his Army service, he went back to college on an ROTC scholarship at McNeese State in Louisiana and earned both a degree in accounting and an Army officer's commission. He next worked in the oil fields but soon moved to California. He sold pneumatic equipment and worked in the vacuum pump industry before going to work for SMUD as an accountant. He worked there for 13 years before retiring this month.

Joe has one son from a previous marriage and lives with his longtime companion, Jan. He likes golf, wine tasting and travel.

Birthday: August 28, 1950





BOWLING NEWS



I passed around the signup list for our fall bowling league last month at the June luncheon. I'll pass it around again in July, plus I'll be contacting any other bowlers from last year to get them on board for next season. Meanwhile, many of our bowlers have been keeping their bowling skills sharp by bowling in either of Tuesday's leagues at Country Club Lanes or with no-tap bowling Friday, also at Country Club.



In July, many of our bowlers will be heading to Pollock Pines to compete in their SIRs tournament there. Held at the small Knotty Pines Lanes there, the tournament is always a fun event in a friendly atmosphere.

At a recent tournament at Fireside Lanes, Mark Steffens, Ritchie Carlson, Joe Bowers and Darren Simonds acquitted themselves well and took home a big chunk of the prize money. The four of them won the Division B team event, while Mark and Ritchie took 5th in the Division B doubles and Joe and Darren took 6th in the Division A doubles. Congratulations, guys—great bowling.

Don't forget to watch for the signup list for the league bowling at the July luncheon--if you're new to the branch or new to bowling but want to join in the fun, be sure to sign up.

Tom Page, League Secretary 488-6465

Special congratulations to Frank Calcagno, Merritt Davis and George White on their 80th birthdays.

July Birthdays

Steve Eason	7/1	
Dan Nielson	7/2	
Bill Mueller	7/4	
John Evans	7/5	
Bill Nichols	7/6	82 Years
George White	7/11	80 Years
Keith Lake	7/11	
Frank Calcagno	7/12	80 Years
Jim Page	7/13	91 Years
Roger Wilbur	7/17	
Wayne Plauster	7/18	83 Years
Merritt Davis	7/22	80 Years
Steve Haakenson	7/22	
Dale Walton	7/25	
Erle Hansen	7/25	
Bob Baker	7/26	
Jim Carlson	7/28	85 Years
Steve Flynn	7/29	
Rodney Lukins	7/29	
Curtis Main	7/30	84 Years
Jim Huffman	7/30	

July Anniversaries

Bud & Romelle Rogers	7/1	
Ken & Daphne Towns	7/4	66 Years
Jerry & Lois Deuser	7/7	
Bernie & Denise Moreno	7/11	
Patrick & Tara Fintel	7/12	
Richard & Katie Terrell	7/12	
Bob & Starlene Houghton	7/18	
Alan & Michele Weinell	7/21	
Dick & Jackie Borah	7/21	
Rick & Nancy Hom	7/22	
Mark & Debbie Steffens	7/23	

DAY IN THE PARK

The *Day in the Park* was a big success. It wasn't too hot and the shade made it very pleasant. We even ducked a 100 degree day! We enjoyed tri-tip and chicken grilled by Dan Calcagno, along with a whole menu ranging from Linda's spiced baked beans, Amnon's potato salad, tossed salad, Romelle and Lonnie's cornbread muffins and Mark's watermelon. Joanne brought lots of lemonade again. And who knew Lennie was so good at carving meat? I'd like to thank everyone who pitched in and made it work. Also, thanks to Tony and Pat for leading the after dinner entertainment. I didn't have a chance to find out who did well in all the games, but there were people out there having a lot of fun ...and a whole lot more just visiting and talking up a storm.

This was my first picnic to put together, and I was concerned about the budget and if we would have enough food, but it appears we came in on target. Next time we can fine tune quantities and make it better.

Some pictures are on the last page of the newsletter.

Jerry Schroeder, RAMP

PICNIC LOST and FOUND

Someone left a nice Tupperware bowl after the picnic. Let Pat Quinn know if it is yours.



Your 2018 Golf Directors



Lennie Silva—Regular Course



Greg Schweitzer—Progressive Golf Club

JULY GOLF:

07-05 Thurs Alister 2nd round C/C
 07-19 Thurs Mather Low Net
 07-26 Thurs Teal Bend Low Net

AUGUST GOLF:

08-02 Thurs Dry Creek Low Net
 08-16 Thurs Turkey Creek Low Net
 08-23 Thurs Wildhawk Low Net

JULY GOLF:

07-23 Mon Bing Maloney 2 Man Shamble
 White Tees

AUGUST GOLF:

08-13 Mon Cavanaugh 2nd Round Club
 Championship
 08-27 Mon River Oaks 4 man Scramble
 White Tees

State SIR Scramble Team Championship

SIR Branch 69 and SIR Branch 93 both sent teams to compete at Empire Ranch Golf Course in Folsom on May 30th. for the right to represent SIR Area 3 in the SIR State Scramble Team Championship on August 13th at Fairfield Rancho Solano Golf Course.

Branch 69's team was comprised of Pat Quinn, John Popadak, Larry McLeod, and Mark Steffens.



Branch 93 was represented by Connor Chin, Robert Thomas, Greg Owyang and Dave Pevny.



Branch 93's team—with 5 birdies and NO bogeys—prevailed with a net score of 55.85 vs. 61.24 for Branch 69.

Wish them luck in the State Scramble!!

4th of July Facts!

- Three of the first five Presidents died on July 4th:
 - John Adams (#2) and Thomas Jefferson (#3) both died on July 4, 1826, 50 years to the day after the Declaration was adopted.
 - James Monroe (#5) died July 4, 1831.
- Only one president has been born on July 4th: Calvin Coolidge (#30) was born July 4, 1872.



SUNSHINE



For the 1st time in many years of doing this article for your newsletter I have not heard of anything new to report on.

If you know of any of our members or immediate family with health problems give me a call @ (916) 635-8516

Jim Carlson, Sunshine Chairman

2018 ROSTER REPAIRS

Please update [MAS MIYAGI'S](#) address and telephone number

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Please update [DAVE YORSTON'S](#) e-mail

FROM dsyjay@surewest.net
 TO dsyjay@gmail.com

Alan Weinle / Roster Chairman



TREASURER'S REPORT – JUNE 2018

Cash Balance 1/1/2018 = **\$3,572**

	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Beginning Cash Balance	\$5,122	N/A
Contributions	\$ 145	\$3,185
Expenses	\$ -0-	\$1,316
Ending Cash Balance	\$5,267	N/A

MEMBERSHIP

Membership, Gain/Loss	+2/-0	154
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HOW ARE WE DOING?

06/30/2018

INCOME	ACTUAL	BUDG	DIFF
Contributions	\$3,185	\$3,700	\$ 515
Other	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total Income	\$3,185	\$3,700	\$ 515

EXPENSES

Printing & Postage	\$ 36	\$ 650	\$ 614
Officers' Expenses	\$ 146	\$ 350	\$ 204
Guest Expenses	\$ 0	\$ 100	\$ 100
State Pro Rata	\$ 446	\$ 950	\$ 504
Other, Golf Expo	\$ 147	\$ 300	\$ 153
Other, Misc.	\$ 541	\$2,000	\$ 1,459
Total Expenses.	\$1,316	\$4,350	\$ 3,034

CASH BALANCE AT END OF 2017	\$3,572
CURRENT CASH BALANCE	\$5,267
PROJECTED BALANCE 12/31/2018	\$2,922

PROJECTED 2018 YEAR END MEMBERSHIP	159
PROJECTED CASH BALANCE PER MEMBER	\$ 18

Jerry Buhlert, Treasurer

RECRUITING & PUBLICITY

I want to welcome Steve Davidson, who joined our branch last month from Golf Expo. Steve has already played in some of our tournaments. We're still working on some of the contacts from Golf Expo, so there could be more recruits from that venue. We also welcomed Joe Glenn, sponsored by Ernie Shell.

The most important part of recruiting is the efforts of individual members, so keep those friends and neighbors coming.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the July luncheon—don't forget to invite a guest or two.

Tom Page Recruiting & Publicity Director



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Honored Members

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

PBS LENNIE SILVA (SHLM)
PRD WARREN SENEGAL
PBS TOM PAGE
PBS JIM PORTERFIELD
PBS RON HUTCHESON

SENIOR CERTIFICATES

SIR SAM LeROUGE
SIR JIM PAGE
SIR WINFIELD (WINDY) CURTIS
SIR NOBLE ZUMWALT

2018 ATTENDANCE REPORT

Our June attendance was only **62.0%**.
YTD is 69% The SIR minimum goal is 70%.

Paul Sickert, Attendance Chairman

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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

SIR Day in the Park

