



THE MAIL POUCH

Concept and Creation by Frank Franzago



The Pony Express Branch #69
July — 2019 Edition



Alan Weinel, Editor



PAT'S PAPERS

I'm pleased to report that at our June luncheon the number of purchased meals matched exactly with the number of plates the Elks Club charged us. In May we ended up paying for an additional 5 plates. I believe closely watching the number of plates they set up, and counting any additional plates they bring out, helped this total count and charge match. After all members got their food we also asked the Elks Club to remove any additional plates not yet used. We also changed our procedure by having members provide their meal tickets before grabbing a plate. These procedures will likely be used for a while. I'll continue to ask **Assistant Treasurer Hal Copperberg** to give both luncheon tickets to each member when they purchase their lunch. One ticket will be collected for the raffle when a plate is taken. The other ticket will be held for the raffle. We will watch the number of plates provided very carefully.

Half way through the year is a good time to thank those members filling needed roles within the branch. From our branch officers, luncheon callers, committee chairmen and directors, I want to thank you guys for helping out. I'm not completely knowledgeable about the efforts you make on some of these assignments but I do know that behind the scenes you are putting in the additional work to make things best for our branch and it's members. Sometimes it feels like a thankless task but I want you to know that I, and many others, appreciate the effort and dedication.

At our June luncheon it was great to see one of our new members approach and offer to help out the branch in some future capacity. New member **Gary Rumick** understands that there are roles that need to be filled in a branch. He offered to help out in any way filling one of these roles. I want to thank Gary for his thoughtfulness in making this offer. I hope that others will follow his example and offer to help out in some capacity. We still need to fill the Assistant Secretary position. The branch needs a volunteer. The officer positions and tasks are not really that time consuming like many of you might think.

Side note: I've been a Luncheon Caller, Secretary, Newsletter Editor, Roster Chairman, Little Sir and now Big Sir. I've done my share, how about you?

Pat Quinn, Big Sir



JIMMY'S GEMS

Things are stabilizing at the Carmichael Elks Lodge. Our buffets are working well and we haven't heard any major complaints about our process as we continue to tweak the method for meal accountability.

Our guest speaker in June was Lt. Col. Joe Neff, USMC, Retired, Director of Veterans Golf program. His program is directed towards disabled veterans (men and women) with the goal of developing and improving their self-esteem and also to help with relationship building through the game of golf. Its based at the Mather VA Hospital. The program provides all the necessary golf equipment at no cost to the veteran.

Our SIRS Day in the Park was very successful with many of our members participating. Special thanks to **Dan Calcagno, Jerry Schroeder** and **Kevin Riggs** for the food preparation. Everything was cooked to perfection. AND, **THANKS** to the wives and significant others who volunteered to help make this event successful. Lots of re-gifts were donated, so almost every attendee was able to take home two or more gifts. Thank you, SIRS, for going over and above. If I have failed to recognize someone for their efforts, I apologize so please forgive me. **Pat Quinn**, thanks for helping me with my Little Sir duties. The weather was perfect: sunny but not HOT. We talked about how to improve attendance. One suggestion is to have our callers ask the members on their list whether or not they plan to attend. It will help knowing how with the food to purchase. A great time was had by all.

We are in the planning stages of our SIRS Holiday Luncheon. So, **SAVE THE DATE** on your calendar for the second Thursday in December. Currently, we are planning to have the event at the Carmichael Elks. The menu is being discussed and we are attempting to have a menu similar to previous years. We prefer sit-down service. If you have any ideas as to how we can make it better don't hesitate to call or pull me aside. We want to improve the participation and have fun. More to follow as we develop additional details.

Jimmy Buckley, Little Sir

The July Luncheon menu is on page 2...



Our bowlers are in between the regular season leagues for the summer, but there are several leagues going on at Country Club Lanes, including a walk-in Tuesday league and No-Tap bowling on Fridays at noon.

We had several Branch 69 bowlers compete in the Brentwood Sir tournament in mid-May. Todd Davis and Emory Haworth finished 5th in the Division 2 doubles, while Mark Steffens and Darren Simonds took 6th in the Division 1 doubles. The rest of us didn't fare as well and finished out of the money.

In July, I will hand out sign-up sheets for our 2019-2020 league. I hope to see our bowlers from past years return and many new bowlers sign up to participate in the bowling fun. Several of our newer members have mentioned that they have past bowling experience, so I'm hoping to see them on our lanes next season.

Tom Page, League Secretary 488-6465

July Anniversaries

Bud and Romelle Rogers	1	
Ken and Daphne Towns	4	67 Years
Jerry and Lois Deuser	7	
Bernie and Denise Moreno	11	
Richard and Katie Terrell	12	
Patrick and Tara Fintel	12	
Bob and Starlene Houghton	18	
Alan and Michele Weinell	21	
Dick and Jackie Borah	21	
Rick and Nancy Hom	22	
Mark and Debbie Steffens	23	
Michael and Pamela Pinkston	24	
Bill and Francine Green	28	

July 2019 LUNCHEON MENU

Thursday July 11, 2019

**Hillshire Farms Sausage, Sauerkraut,
Mashed Russet Potatoes
Seasonal Vegetables, Salad, Rolls & Butter and
Chef's choice for dessert!**

2019 ATTENDANCE REPORT

Gentlemen: For June, 2019 our luncheon attendance was 63%, and YTD is 69%
The SIR minimum goal is 70%

Paul Sickert, Attendance Chair



**2020 BEC SLATE OF CANDIDATES
FOR SIRS BRANCH 69**

The election will be held at August's Luncheon.

The Nominating Committee recommends:

OFFICERS:

Big Sir, Jim Buckley
From Little Sir in 2019



Little Sir, Paul Sickert
From Attendance



Secretary, PBS Jim Huffman
From Director



Assistant Secretary; TBD

Treasurer; Hal Copperberg
From Assistant Treasurer



Assistant Treasurer, Alan Weinell
From Newsletter Editor & Roster



DIRECTORS:

PBS Pat Quinn



Steve Brandenburger
Term: 2020-2022



Ernie Berryman
Term: 2020-2022



Steve Goodman
Term: 2018-2020



John Popadak
Term: 2019-2021



Rex Bowling
Term: 2019-2021



Patrick Fintel
Term 2020-2022



Thank you gentlemen for serving

Your 2019 Golf Directors



Lennie Silva—Regular Course

JULY GOLF:

07-18 Thurs Mather Shotgun, Low Net
 07-25 Thurs Alister Mac 2nd Round CC

AUGUST GOLF:

08-01 Thurs Dry Creek Low Net
 08-15 Thurs Turkey Creek 8:00 Shotgun Low Net
 08-29 Thurs Wildhawk Low Net

SIRS #69 and #93 co-host golf at Land Park every Tuesday at 10 AM. Come join McLeod, Machado, Martin, Brazil, Copperberg and others. Very simple, no entry fee, no prize money, just chance to practice and socialize. If interested email me at mratz246@sbcglobal.net and I will put you on my weekly email announcement. It is important that we know if you are coming so we have enough tee times. We also welcome non-SIRS - perhaps a chance to recruit a new member.

Thanks,

Mike Ratzlaff



RECRUITING AND PUBLICITY

All's quiet on the Western front—too quiet! We didn't have any new members at the June luncheon or any new applications, either. It's time to touch base with newly retired friends and golfers and invite them to a luncheon. I'm still working on our Golf Expo contacts, too.



I hope to see all of you at the July luncheon. I missed the June luncheon, but I think the food and overall setting at the Carmichael Elks Lodge so far have been very good. I'm looking forward to many more good luncheons there.

Tom Page Recruiting & Publicity Director



Greg Schweitzer—Progressive Golf Club

JULY GOLF:

07-22 Mon Bartley Fwd. Tees; Stroke Play

AUGUST GOLF:

08-12 Mon Bing Maloney 2nd Round Club Championship
 08-26 Mon River Oaks 4 Man Scramble

July Birthdays

Steve Eason	1	
Dan Nelson	2	
Bill Mueller	4	80
John Evans	5	
Bill Nichols	6	83
George White	11	81
Frank Calcagno	12	81
Jim Page	13	92
Roger Wilbur	17	
Wayne Plasuster	18	84
Merritt Davis	22	81
Steve Haakenson	22	
Erle Hansen	25	
Bob Baker	26	
Wing Tse	27	
Jim Carlson	28	86
Steve Flynn	29	
Rodney Lukins	29	
Curtis Main	30	85
Jim Huffman	30	

HOW ARE WE DOING?

6/27/2019

INCOME	ACTUAL	BUDGET	DIFF
Contributions	\$3,495	\$3,700	\$ 205
Other	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
TOTAL INCOME	\$3,495	\$3,700	\$ 205

EXPENSES			
Printing & Postage	\$ 0	\$ 550	\$ 550
Officers' Expenses	\$ 88	\$ 300	\$ 212
Guest Expenses	\$ 0	\$ 100	\$ 100
State Assessment	\$ 721	\$1,000	\$ 279
Other, Golf Expo	\$ 199	\$ 300	\$ 101
Other, Misc.	\$ 692	\$1,800	\$ 1,108
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,700	\$4,050	\$2,350

CASH BALANCE AT END OF 2018	\$3,509
CURRENT CASH BALANCE	\$5,305
PROJECTED BALANCE 12/31/2019	\$3,159

PROJECTED 2018 YEAR END MEMBERSHIP	160
PROJECTED CASH BALANCE PER MEMBER	\$ 19

Jerry Buhlert, Treasurer



SUNSHINE



LARRY ARONSON: has shared that he is having to undergo additional cancer treatment and is receptive to our prayers and good wishes

WINDY CURTIS: Windy passed on June 6th (the 75th anniversary of D-Day) at the age of 98. He will be missed.

Gentlemen: Please keep all of our members who are struggling with health problems in your prayers and if there is anyone you are aware of that might benefit from a card or a call from us, please let me know.

If you know of any of our members or immediate family with health problems give me a call @ (916) 844-9832 (Text is also OK.)

*kindest Regards,
Bill Nichols, Sunshine Chairman*



2019 Officers		
BIG SIR:	PAT QUINN	(916) 201-5262
LITTLE SIR:	JIM BUCKLEY	(916) 284-2364
SEC:	PBS RON HUTCHESON	(916) 897-2807
ASST SEC:	GEORGE LANGFORD	(650) 823-5493
TREAS:	JERRY BUHLERT	(916) 704-0159
ASST TREAS	HAL COPPERBERG	(916) 722-2606
Directors		
PBS TONY VIGIL	(916) 217-7816	BILL NICHOLS (916) 844-9382
STEVE GOODMAN	(916) 521-6546	JOHN POPADAK (916) 662-0695
JIM HUFFMAN	(916) 468-8197	REX BOWLING (530) 519-1601
State Officers		
STATE PRES:		ED BENSON
REG. 1 DIRECTOR:		MARK STUART
AREA 4 GOV:		BOB PEREZ
Recruitment, Activities, Member Relations & Publicity (RAMP)		
RECRUITING/PUBLICITY/BIO	PBS TOM PAGE	(916) 488-6465
ACTIVITIES	PBS JERRY SCHROEDER	(916) 801-2530
MEMBERSHIP	JOHN POPADAK	(916) 662-0695
Committee Chairs		Honored Members
Programs	Jim Buckley (916) 284-2364	HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS
Newsletter	Alan Weinel (209) 843-1804	
Chaplain	Bill Nichols (916) 844-9382	
Roster	Alan Weinel (209) 843-1804	
Golf (BR69/RC)	PBS Lennie Silva (916) 487-9812	PBS RON HUTCHESON
Golf (PGC)	Greg Schweitzer (916) 687-8629	PBS TOM PAGE
Bowling	PBS Tom Page (916) 488-6465	PBS JIM PORTERFIELD
Audit	Don Neufeld (916) 863-5228	PRD WARREN SENEGAL
Nominating	PBS Tony Vigil (916) 217-7816	PBS LENNIE SILVA
Attendance	Paul Sickert (916) 396-6230	
Orientation	Dick Borah (916) 419-2214	SENIOR CERTIFICATES
Branch Apparel	Mike Ratzlaff (916) 768-6348	SIR WINFIELD (WINDY) CURTIS
Meeting Review	Jim Huffman (916) 468-8197	SIR JIM PAGE
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	PBS Jerry Schroeder (916) 801-2530	



TREASURER'S REPORT – JUNE 2019

Cash Balance 1/1/2019= \$3,509

	JUNE	YTD
Beginning Cash Balance	\$5,638	N/A
Contributions	\$50	\$3,495
Expenses	\$384	\$1,700
Ending Cash Balance	\$5,305	N/A
MEMBERSHIP		
Membership, Gain/Loss	+0/-1	155

NON-RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION: All activities arranged for or by, or sponsored by, Sons In Retirement, Incorporated, and its Branches, are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate. Sons In Retirement, Incorporated, and its Branches do not assume any responsibility for the well-being or safety of the participants or their property, in any matters pertaining to said activities (Rule 345).

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



THE MAIL POUCH

Concept and Creation by Frank Franzago



The Pony Express Branch #69
July — 2019 Edition



Alan Weinel, Editor



JIMMY'S GEMS

The Speaker for the July Luncheon will be Mr. David Wolfe. He is the Legislative Director for the Howard Jarvis Taxpayer Association, and has spoken to a number of SIRS Branches.

His work includes writing position letters and testifying on numerous bills at the State Capitol. Dozens of these bills would have demolished the protections of Proposition 13 and would have led to higher taxes for millions of property owners.

Mr. Wolfe has also worked on a variety of initiative campaigns taxes and advocates for property rights.

In addition, as a writer, he is a contributor to the HJTA quarterly publication "Taxing Times"

Jimmy Buckley, Little Sir



JERRY SCHROEDER



SIR's Day in the Park

What a nice day! 80 degrees and it couldn't have been more fun. I'd like to say thank you to some really great SIRS and their spouses. **Dan Calcagno** was Grillmaster again this year. He really knows how to bring out the flavor in the tri-tip and chicken. We're sorry that **Jim Huffman** had to have a heart procedure, and **Rex Bowling** was trapped in jury duty and couldn't help **Dan**, but **Kevin Riggs** stepped in and **Dan** and **Kevin** made a good team. Thanks to **John Popadak** the signs went up and we all found our way to the picnic shelter (it was sort of hidden in the back of the park). **Linda Schroeder** brought her wonderful baked beans again, so spicy. **Bud & Romelle Rogers** and **Mike & Lonnie Raztloff** brought cornbread, **Amnon Igra** brought potato salad, and **Tom Knoble** brought three kinds of tossed salad. We finished with watermelon brought by **Mark Steffens**. Now that was a feast and you are all responsible. Thanks you.

Joanne Page brought lemonade and was everywhere helping to organize the food and making it all work. A special thanks to **Joanne!**

Tom Page organized the pitching contest. There was bocce ball, and so much good conversation that it was one big buzz. And finally, **Jimmy Buckley** and **Pat Quinn** kept the trivial pursuit going to the bitter end. Our re-gifts brought plenty beyond expectations.

The attached pictures are courtesy of **John Popadak**—THANK YOU!

I want to say thanks to the above and everyone else that I've missed that made this happen. Thanks. It's a pleasure to be part of this with you guys.

And finally, we had 50 people there, a nice crowd, but significantly less than some in the past. What this means is that a bunch of you guys blew it big time. SIRS offers the chance to have fun with your friends and this was one of those chances and a lot of us missed out. We'll try to figure out what happened and to make it a better party for all of us next year. You all come out next time.

Jerry Schroeder, Picnic Chairman



