



THE MAIL POUCH



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 **The Pony Express Branch #69** 
June - 2023 Edition

John Popadak, Editor

ALAN'S BS STUFF



I hope everyone had a nice Memorial Day. Please remember those who gave so much for, not only for our Nation, but also for the future of the world. Let's not forget them. All gave some, but some gave all.

Things are happening with our branch! This month we are hosting the annual picnic. Consider dropping by - it should be LOTS of fun. The monthly dine-out continues to be a great monthly event. If you have NOT attended - you are missing out on a great evening. No agenda, just a chance to visit with your friends.

Our potential merger with branch 93 is OFF the table for now. They are doing a bit better and will most likely not consider the merger until 2024. I personally wish them well and hope that they grow and prosper.

Bowlers: The next State SIRS bowling tournament is June 8th and 9th, up in Sutter Creek. Consider participating. The cost is \$55. See Connor Chin (916) 601-1854 for additional information. **DON'T WAIT** - you must register in advance - due date for mail in registration is June 3rd, BUT "at the door" registration is possible on a "space available" basis.

Golfers - check out the schedule for both groups. The weather is perfect for a day on the links!

Lastly, don't forget about Cribbage, Bocce, walking and other activities. Remember, the whole goal is to keep us ACTIVE.

AND, as always gentlemen, invite a friend to attend lunch. As guys we simply do not have the same social network that our wives have. SIR is a good place to make friends and enjoy some activities.

See you all at the June Luncheon!

Alan Weinel, Big SIR

CONNOR'S LUCK OF THE IRISH



Connor Chin has six months of the calendar year in the books as your 2023 Little SIR.

Please bring to the June 8th Luncheon your re-gift donation for the June 21st (Wednesday) Carmichael Park Picnic. Connor Chin is the one in charge of collecting all these re-gift donations.

The Christmas Party is being working for the year-ending party on December 14th.

The month of June brings us a special Father's Day Celebration, NBA Championship, and the PGA US Open.

Jack Reefer (our Area 4 Representative) gave us an informative speech on the status and workings of the State SIR Board, overall membership totals, and working status of his seven branches in Area 4.

The guest speaker for the June 8th Luncheon is Mark Hoffman (owner) of Sports Leisure Vacations. His presentation will cover general safety tips and procedures.

Looking ahead, I promise to do my level best for SIR Branch 69 in 2023. See you all at the June 8th Luncheon.

Connor Chin, Little SIR

Worthless Tidbits & Factoids

- ◇ It takes 4,000 grains of sugar to fill one teaspoon.
- ◇ Your thumbnail grows slower than any other.
- ◇ "Sahara" comes from an Arabic word meaning ... Desert.
- ◇ Canada has more donut shops per capita than any other nation.
- ◇ On average, people blink 10,800 times a day.

June Birthdays

Sid Newman	6/2	89 years old
Tom Page	6/2	
Gregory Powell	6/2	
Mas Miyagi	6/7	86 years old
Ken Towns	6/10	95 years old
Vic Scott	6/13	84 years old
Ritchie Carlson	6/14	81 years old
Steve Goodman	6/16	
Pat Quinn	6/18	
Michael Brassil	6/20	
Neal (Real) McCoy	6/20	
Vernon Freeman	6/21	94 years old
Bob Ingols	6/29	



June Anniversaries

Tim and Kathy Fuller	6/2	
Doug and Pamela Bailey	6/8	55 years
Rich and Patti Taylor	6/11	
Jim and Edie Happs	6/12	
Steve and Theresa Eason	6/14	
George and Barbara Ringley	6/14	
Connor and Jean Chin	6/15	
Frank and Donna Adams	6/17	51 Years
Tod Davis and Dorene Fritts	6/19	
Don and Catherine Agostinelli	6/20	53 years
Ed and Jacklyn Linn	6/25	63 years



WELCOME NEW MEMBER!!

SIR Robert (Bob) Ortega



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 (916) 362-3879
 robeept@sbcglobal.net
 Sponsored by Tom Page (former Branch 69 member)

Robert was born in El Paso, Texas, and grew up there. At age 20, he joined the Air Force and spent 6 years in active duty and another 16 years in the reserves. While serving actively, Robert visited 19 Air Force bases in the US and three more overseas doing Inspector General inspections.

Robert worked at the Sacramento Army Depot for 24 years, during which he met Lennie Silva, Ted Patterson and Dick Borah. He left there when the depot closed in 1993. He completed his working career with seven years at the Franchise Tax Board.

Robert has two children and four grandchildren and one great-grandson. He enjoys golf, veterans' affairs and some travel. He is already signed up for our Branch 69 golf tournaments.

Birthday: October 20, 1940
 Anniversary: to Marta, September 10, 1966



GOLF NEWS



Rick Hom—Regular Course



Terry Block—Progressive Golf Club



UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

- June 1 - Mather - 3 or 4 Man Team Shamble - \$34
- June 15 - Bartley Cavanaugh - 1st Round Club Championship - \$35
- June 22 - Empire Ranch - Stroke Play - \$53
- July 6 - Bing Maloney - Team Play - \$35
- July 20 - River Oaks - 2nd Round Club Championship - \$50
- July 27 - Wildhawk - Stroke Play - \$34

MAY RESULTS

Lincoln Hills—Orchard (5/4) - Stroke Play
First Low Net, 2nd Low Net, 3rd Low Net, 4th Low Net

1st Flight: Rich Terrell, Tom Page, Joe Riley, Mark Machado - CTP: Tom Page and Mark Machado

2nd Flight: Dan Nelson, Jim Svobodny, Russ Prophet, Fred Smith - CTP: Sandy Davis and Tom Knoble

Teal Bend (5/18) - Stroke Play
First Low Net, 2nd Low Net, 3rd Low Net

1st Flight: Dave Busch, Tom Page, Pat Quinn - CTP: Mark Machado

2nd Flight: Bill Mullen, Joe Riley, Gary Lukins - CTP: Jerry Buhlert, Bob Ortega

3rd Flight: Russ Prophet, Bob Clanton, Dan Nelson - CTP: Fred Smith, Bob Clanton

Wildhorse (5/25) - 4 Man Shamble

1st Place Team: Connor Chin, Alex Canada, Tom Knoble, and John Valdes

2nd Place Team: Jerry Buhlert, Steve Haakenson, Pat Quinn, and Paul Woods

3rd Place Team: Ton Costello, Russ Prophet, Jim Svobodny, and Chris Wicks

CTPs: Dave Busch, Jim Svobodny, Terry Block, Gary Lukins, Tom Knoble, and Connor Chin

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

- June 5 - Wildhawk - 1st Round Club Championship - \$35
- June 19 - Diamond Oaks - 2nd Round Club Championship - \$53
- July 10 - Cherry Island - Final Round Club Championship - \$33

MAY RESULTS

River Oaks (5/9) - Stroke Play
Low Gross, 2nd Low Gross, 3rd Low Gross

Mark Machado, Gary Lukins, Rick Hom

Low Net, 2nd Low Net, 3rd Low Net

Russ Prophet, Mark Steffens, Tom Costello

Ancil Hoffman (5/22) - 3/4-Person One Best Ball

1st Place Team (Net Score 61): Tom Page, Fred Smith, and Paul Woods

2nd Place Team (Net Score 62): Pat Quinn, Alex Canada, Tom Knoble, and Carl Hefner

3rd Place Team (Net Score 63): Rick Hom, Glen Halvorsen, Dan Nelson, and Greg Schweitzer





BOWLING NEWS

Now that our official season is over, our branch bowlers have headed out to SIR tournaments in various locations. Several of our bowlers competed in Carson City in April. There were some noteworthy results:

- Division 1 Singles: 1st place, Jim Smalling
- Division 1 Doubles: 5th place, Jim Smalling and Jesse Kegaris
- Division 2 Doubles: 5th place, Greg Powell and Michael Husak
- Division 1 Team: 3rd place, Tod Davis, Jim Eaton, Ken Hill and Bob Olsen

Several other Branch 69 bowlers competed in the event but did not end up in the money.

Another State SIR event was held on May 16 & 17 at Fireside Lanes. Once again, we had some outstanding results:

- Division 2 Doubles:
 - ◇ 1st place, Brian Thurston and Jimmie Buckley
 - ◇ 3rd place, Allen Riker and Jesse Kegaris
- Division B Singles:
 - ◇ 4th place, Erle Hansen
 - ◇ 7th place, Brian Thurston
- Division B All Events:
 - ◇ 5th place, Brian Thurston
 - ◇ 8th place, Erle Hansen

We had a good turnout of Branch 69 bowlers, several of whom just missed out on the money. Congratulations to our high-placing bowlers.

SIR Branch 69 & Friends Bowling League

Next month, I'll be contacting our usual bowling participants to see who is planning to sign up for the league in the fall. If you have not bowled with us in the past but might be interested, please let me know so that I can include you in our league plans. Who knows, if we have enough bowlers, we could go back to 14 teams instead of 12.

Other Bowling Information:

If you want to practice bowl anytime during the weekdays (not evenings or weekends), identify yourself as a SIR league bowler at the front desk at Country Club Lanes and you can bowl for \$.25/game. Also, if you still

have some of those old free bowling coupons from making splits, Country Club Lanes will continue to honor them during the weekdays.

Stay safe and stay healthy,

Tom Page, League Secretary
916-488-6465



WE NEED YOU!

RECRUITING AND PUBLICITY

Our branch is continuing to look for leads from our advertisement in the Mission Oaks Recreation & Park District magazine, plus our flyers in their organization display racks. This is an ongoing effort, one that we hope will bring in new membership prospects in the coming months.

We are also continuing our efforts to place our advertising posters in the local golf courses. This work has been done primarily by our Golf Committee chair, Rick Hom. Many of the courses seem very willing to let us display our posters.

Keep working on your buddies who might be interested in our various activities. Each Branch 69 member should give some thought to friends, golfing and bowling buddies who might have an interest in our branch. We know how much fun our golf and bowling programs are, not to mention new activities, such as dinner outings, walking group and card playing—we have to share this information with prospective members.

I'll be absent from the June luncheon, but I'll look forward to seeing everyone at the picnic and at the July luncheon. We're off to a great start for 2023; let's continue to have a great year.

Tom Page, Recruiting & Publicity Director



BRANCH ACTIVITIES

DINE OUT

JOIN US!

PONY EXPRESS SIR BR#69
Our Next Adventure!

NEXT DINE-OUT:

Old Spaghetti Factory, on June 27th at 6:00 pm.
At: 731 Sunrise Ave, Roseville, CA 95661

SOCIALIZE, BRING A FRIEND!

For more information and to sign up contact
PBS Mark Steffens, call or text (916) 214-8650 or email steffens.mark@outlook.com



PICKLEBALL

Pickleball combatants, err... I mean contestants, will meet at Oasis Park in Elk Grove on June 26, from 10:00 am to 11:00 am.



Terry Block, Pickleball Chairman

PING PONG

Gentlemen,

I'm the ping-pong manager at two Park & Rec locations. Contact me if you want info on their locations, hours, and cost (there is a cost but it is very affordable.)



Bob Schrupf, Ping Ball Chairman
(916) 897-7114
Rschrumpf@hotmail.com

WINE TASTING



The wine tasting at Bella Grace Wine-Cave has been scheduled for June 17.

Those who are interested, should contact **Dennis Kramer** at either (530)-312-3896, or wischixen1@aol.com

Dennis Kramer, Wine Tasting Chairman



CARD CLUB



We are scheduled to play cards on June 7th and June 21st at Country Club Lanes at 2:00 pm. Bring your A game and \$5.00. Heman Smith wants to get at least 4 guys to play Bridge, so if you are interested show up and be ready to play. It would be a good idea to contact Heman to let him know you want to play. Please let him know at his e-mail address which is ijshbsatty@aol.com.

See you on Wednesday June 7th and Wednesday June 21st.

Dan Nelson, Cards Chairman
(916) 895-5673
dan8733@yahoo.com



SPECIAL NOTICE!

BOOK CLUB



Stephen Brandenburger, our book club organizer, will not be at the June meeting. Please **DO NOT** bring any books in June. There will be no book exchange at the June meeting.





BS Alan Weinel welcomes returning member, Robert Ortega, to Branch 69. Robert belonged to Branch 69 several years ago.

Last Month's Speaker



LS Connor Chin presents Jack Reeper, last month's speaker and Area 4 Representative, with a bottle of wine and a Certificate of Appreciation.

A man walks into a bar and orders a drink. The bartender gives the man his drink and the man asks, "If I show you something crazy, would you let me have free drinks for the rest of the night?"

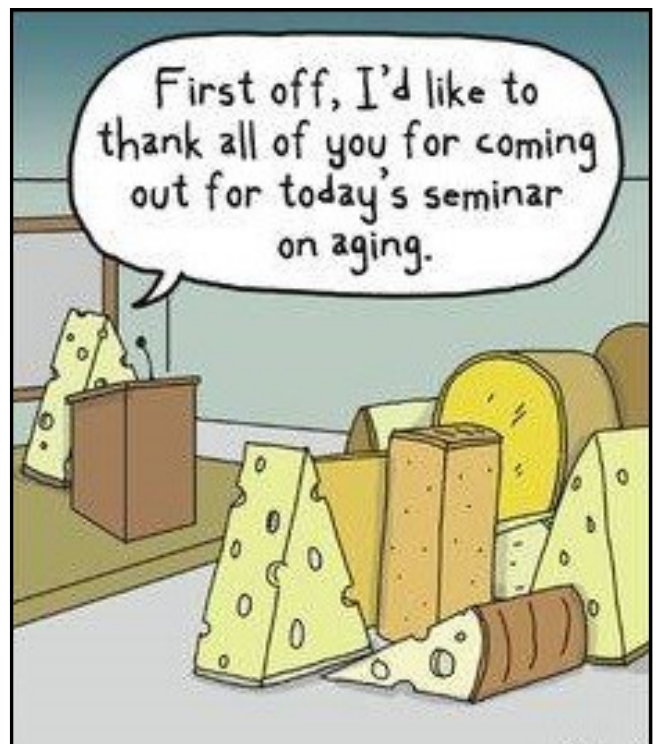
The bartender thinks for a minute and then says, "It would have to be something spectacular to take that offer."

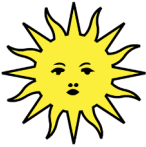
The man leans down and picks up a box and sets it on the bar. He opens the box and inside is a small piano man, who is only 1 foot tall, and a little piano. The piano man starts playing classical music like Beethoven and Chopin. Once he finishes, the bartender is in utter disbelief. He tells the man, "You can have free drinks for the rest of the night, but only if you tell where you got this."

The man says, "In the alleyway behind your bar, there is a Genie who is granting free wishes to everyone who wants them." Elated, the bartender heads behind his bar to see if it was true.

A few minutes pass and out of the alleyway erupts a cacophony of quacking. The bartender rushes back into the bar and shuts his door against a wave of thousands of ducks. He manages to secure the door and says to the man, "I think that the Genie is hard of hearing because after I asked for a million bucks, these ducks appeared by the thousands."

The man chuckles and says, "Did you really think I wished for a 12-inch pianist?"





SUNSHINE



Adrian Herrell passed away in May. Our prayers go out to his family.

Jerry Schroeder is having a heart procedure on the 21st and won't be at the picnic. We wish him a speedy recovery.

If you know of any of our members or immediate family with health problems give me a call at (916) 206-2732, or call Big SIR Alan Weinel.

Lieutenant Coopwood, Sunshine Chairman
ltcoopjr@gmail.com



ROSTER CORRECTIONS

Please send roster corrections to Alan's personal Email account Alan.Weinel@ATT.Net with subject "Roster Correction". Don't forget to update your rosters with new members.

Alan Weinel, Roster Chairman



Oh great, here comes the German spy balloon...



2023 Officers		
BIG SIR	ALAN WEINEL	(209) 843-1804
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PBS TED PATTERSON	(916) 607-3050	PBS PAUL SICKERT (916) 396-6230
State Officers		
STATE PRESIDENT:		DAVE GONZALES
AREA 4 REPRESENTATIVE:		JACK REEFER
Recruitment, Activities, Member Relations & Publicity (RAMP)		
RECRUITING/PUBLICITY/BIO	PBS TOM PAGE	(916) 488-6465
ACTIVITIES	PBS MARK STEFFENS	(916) 214-8650
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Committee Chairs		
Programs	Connor Chin	(916) 601-1854
Newsletter	John Popadak	(916) 662-0695
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NCGA Ambas	VACANT	
Audit	George Langford	(650) 823-5493
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Attendance	Mark Kraut	(916) 929-3494
Orientation	Steve Goodman	(916) 521-6546
Information	John Popadak	(916) 662-0695
Sunshine	Lieutenant Coopwood	(916) 206-2732
Web Site	Ross Martin	(916) 427-0559
Book Club	Steve Brandenburger	(916) 765-0585
RAMP	PBS Jerry Schroeder	(916) 801-2530
Activities	PBS Mark Steffens	(916) 214-8650
Honored Members		
<u>HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS</u>		
PBS TOM PAGE		
PBS JIM PORTERFIELD		
PRD WARREN SENEGAL		
PBS LENNIE SILVA		
<u>DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS</u>		
PBS PAT QUINN		
<u>SENIOR CERTIFICATES</u>		
PBS WARREN SENEGAL		
SIR KEN TOWNS		
SIR VERNON FREEMAN		
SIR HEMAN SMITH		
SIR CHARLES DANT		
SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES CHAIRMEN		
Golf (RC)	Rick Hom	(916) 395-7433
Golf (PGC)	Terry Block	(916) 686-0797
Bowling	PBS Tom Page	(916) 488-6465
Bocci Ball	Bob Schrupf	(916) 897-7114
Cards	Dan Nelson	(916) 895-5673
Dine-Out	PBS Mark Steffens	(916) 214-8650
Investmnt Gp	Joe Cain	(916) 219-3709
Pickleball	Terry Block	(916) 686-0797
Picnic	PBS Jerry Schroeder	(916) 801-2530
Ping Pong	Bob Schrupf	(916) 897-7114
River Cats	Dennis Kramer	(530) 312-3896
Walking	VACANT	
Wine Tasting	Dennis Kramer	(530) 312-3896
Branch Aprnl https://sirinc.org/apparel-and-signage		

Check out the State SIR newsletter "**Happenings**" for information about statewide SIR activities and other branches by clicking on the Rooster at the right.



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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).



TREASURER'S REPORTS



HOW ARE WE DOING?

5/24/2023

INCOME	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>DIFF</u>
Annual Dues	\$3,100	\$3,200	\$ -100
Special Activities*	\$ 130	\$ 0	\$ 130
Other	\$ 607	\$ 0	\$ 607
TOTAL INCOME	\$3,837	\$3,200	\$ 637
EXPENSES			
Printing & Postage	\$ 246	\$ 325	\$ 79
Officers' Expenses	\$ 0	\$ 25	\$ 25
Guest Expenses	\$ 175	\$ 300	\$ 125
State Assessment	\$ 512	\$1,050	\$ 538
Special Activities*	\$ 108	\$ 650	\$ 542
Other, Recruitment	\$ 0	\$ 50	\$ 50
Other, Misc.	\$ 686	\$ 750	\$ 64
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 1,727	\$3,150	\$ 1,423

*Special Activities = Day in Park & Holiday Luncheon

CASH BALANCE AT END OF 2022	\$ 3,809
CURRENT CASH BALANCE	\$ 5,918
PROJECTED YEAR END CASH BALANCE	\$ 4,509

PROJECTED 2023 YEAR END MEMBERSHIP	135
PROJECTED CASH BALANCE PER MEMBER	\$ 33

Hal Copperberg, Treasurer

TREASURER'S REPORT - MAY, 2023

5/24/2023

Cash Balance 1/1/2023 = \$3,809

	<u>MAY</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Beginning Cash Balance	\$5,471	N/A
Contributions & Other Income	\$ 472	\$ 3,837
Expenses	\$ 25	\$ 1,727
Ending Cash Balance	\$5,918	N/A
<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>		
Membership, Gain/Loss	2/-2	132

SIR Branch 69 Picnic

SAVE THE DATE!

Wednesday, June 21

10AM-2PM Carmichael Park

\$10 per member and adult guest, \$5 per child 12 and under

Pay Hal Copperberg at the May or June Luncheon



GAMES

Pitching Contest
Horseshoes
Bocce Ball
Cards
Trivia

Picnic area circled
in **RED**.

FOOD

BBQ Tri-tip and Chicken
Baked Beans
Salads
Watermelon

PRIZES FOR ALL

Prizes are re-gifts that you bring from home. Look around, find those things that you will never use and bring them to be prizes. Give to Little Sir, Connor Chin, at the June lunch.

