



THE MAIL POUCH

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Alan Weinel, Editor



TONY'S TALK

Welcome fellow SIRs members to the month of June. One fact for June, the traditional flower of the month of June is the rose, symbolizing love, gratitude and appreciation.

We are having a little problem with about 20% of our members who never give a \$25.00 donation to the Branch once a year. When you give your donation, you receive a roster of the membership for 2018. At this time, Branch 69 does not require a yearly membership fee to join and belong to SIRs Branch 69. Question to the Branch? Do we need to impose a \$25.00 Yearly Membership Fee?

There is another issue that has been going on since last year. The issue - "The Dante Club charges \$25.00 for lunch." I totally understand that our members do not want to pay \$25.00 for lunch. When our lunch rates moved from \$19.00 to \$22.00 and again to \$25.00 in a short amount of time, the membership was quite baffled. What happened was the cost of food went up and it was passed down to us. In addition to lunch, the following is what your \$25.00 is paying for:

- We do not pay rent to the Dante Club; it is included in the meal.
- We are served a "Sit Down Lunch" vs. a Buffet.
- We are served with one carafe of White and Red wine at each table.
- We recognize birthdays with a special dessert such as a brownie or a petit-four with a candle.
- The Dante Club provides a "Case of Wine" that we raffle off at the end of each luncheon.
- The Dante Club provides a "room with a digital projection screen and projector."
- A hands-free microphone system is also provided
- Tables to check in our members as they arrive at the luncheon; several long tables for our "Book Exchange" and our "Apparel Display" are also provided.

To sum up this issue, another Question to the Branch? Is it appropriate that most members pay for their lunch and a few do not want to pay just because they think that the price is too high?

That's it for now; see you at our luncheon on June 14th.

Tony Vigil, Big Sir

QUINN'S QUIPS

I know your doctor, he is the best ear, nose, and wallet guy there is.



Jerry Reynolds was our guest speaker in May and what an entertaining and knowledgeable speaker he was. Sorry if you missed this luncheon. I had the privilege of talking to Jerry at the head table and I can tell you he's a really nice guy, intelligent and humble.

Jerry provided the group an inside look at NBA basketball and what it takes to produce a playoff caliber team. Very interesting and honest feedback on our current team and previous administration's positive and negative decisions. It's good to now know that we have the second pick in this year's draft with the potential of picking up the type of talent Jerry referred to in his presentation.

Just a reminder about our luncheons. If you notified your caller that you would attend but due to an unforeseen change you cannot, please contact your caller as soon as possible. No shows could cost the branch \$25 per lunch.

Our guest speaker for June will be Brian Brown who has a personal story about survival. In Sacramento, California: It was Memorial Day 2012, when fire captain Brian Brown, his wife, and youngest daughter gathered together to fly on his private plane from California to Idaho, to visit his eldest daughter and her husband, who were stationed there in the Air Force. Brown, who became a certified pilot in 2002, prepared his four-seat, bright yellow Cessna Skyhawk that he called LIMA. But what was planned to be a wonderful family gathering, quickly turned into a family's worst nightmare, when the Browns encountered turbulent weather and their plane crashed into an isolated Idaho mountainside.

Hope to see you all in June.

Pat Quinn, Little Sir

JUNE 2018 LUNCHEON MENU

Thursday June 14, 2018

Chicken Cordon-Bleu, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Green Salad, Focaccia Bread, Manicotti, Green Beans and mini tarts for dessert.

Vegetarian / Vegan options available. Ask your Caller.



BOWLING NEWS



Several events are coming up soon in bowling. First off, there will be a new league this summer at Country Club Lanes. Co-run by Jimmy Buckley and Mattie Dukes, the league will consist of three-person, co-ed teams. Right now, they have 14 teams signed up. The league will bowl on Tuesdays at 9am, starting Tuesday, June 5 for 12 weeks. This is not a SIRs league, but several of our SIR bowlers will be participating. The league previously had operated at Mardi Gras Lanes. The league will be operating in sessions all year around. For further information, contact Jimmy Buckley at (916) 284-2364 or lamann95131@yahoo.com.



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

Also in July, I will be passing around a sign-up sheet for next year's league. Yes, that time is approaching fast. 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 Ken Towns on his 90th Birthday

June Birthdays

Sidney Newman	6/2	84 Years
Tom Page	6/2	
Mas Miyagi	6/7	81 Years
Ken Towns	6/10	90 Years
Larry Aronson	6/12	
Victor Scott	6/13	
Ritchie Carlson	6/14	
Steve Goodman	6/16	
Pat Quinn	6/18	
Michael Brassil	6/20	
Vernon Freeman	6/21	89 Years
John Martinez	6/21	
Kevin Riggs	6/25	
Bob Houghton	6/27	

June Anniversaries

Curt & Emma Grieve	6/2	55 Years
Doug & Pamela Bailey	6/8	50 Years
Ted & Dorothy Patterson	6/9	61 Years
Fred & Janette Smith	6/10	51 Years
Rich & Patti Taylor	6/11	
Chuck & Carolyn Stockham	6/11	
Jim & Shirley Carlson	6/12	63 Years
Gary & Sue Conner	6/12	
Dale & Margaret Walton	6/12	
Jim & Edie Happs	6/12	
Ron & Susan Glick	6/13	
Steve & Theresa Eason	6/14	
Connor & Jean Chin	6/15	
Adrian & Kay Herrell	6/16	66 Years
Tod Davis & Dorene Fritts	6/19	
Frank & Sandra Calcagno	6/20	54 Years
Ed & Jacklyn Linn	6/25	58 Years

DAY IN THE PARK

Our Sirs Day in the Park event is closing in fast. See the flyer attached to this newsletter for additional information.

That also means it is time for you to pull out your "prized possessions" that will be awarded at the picnic to our contest winners. Please see Pat Quinn with your offerings. For those new to the Branch, these are white elephant things (many returning from last year) that serve as a fun little sidelight to the event.

Pictures from past years Day in the Park Picnic.

Jerry Schroeder, RAMP



From "Uncle John's Ahh-Inspiring Bathroom Reader" comes this story: One Jason Powell was working on a grass farm in Corvallis, Oregon in early 2002. He lost his wallet somewhere in the fields and, after a fruitless search, figured it was gone for good. But it wasn't! Apparently it was picked up by a combine, then bailed with the rest of the hay and exported to Japan. Six months later, Mr. Powell received the wallet in the mail—returned to him by the Japanese farmer who found it—with his driver's license, credit cards and \$6 still inside.

Your 2018 Golf Directors



Lennie Silva—Regular Course

JUNE GOLF:

06-07	Thurs	Alister	Low Net
06-21	Thurs	Bing Maloney	1st Round C/C
06-28	Thurs	Teal Bend	Low Net

JULY GOLF:

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



Greg Schweitzer—Progressive Golf Club

JUNE GOLF:

06-11	Mon	Wildhawk	4 Man Shamble
06-25	Mon	Alister Mackenzie	Shotgun Start 2-Dots Stroke Play

JULY GOLF:

07-23	Mon	Cavanaugh	2 Man Shamble White Tees
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SUNSHINE



[PBS HEMAN SMITH](#) We extend our deepest sympathy on the passing of your beloved wife, Ina Jean. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

It is good to see [KARL MUNZ](#), [BILL MUELLER](#) and [OTIS BENNING](#) active again.

Let's keep these men in our prayers, and any other men of our branch who are dealing with health problems.

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 [LOUIS PRITCHETT'S](#) telephone number: The roster has the area code as "599". It should be 559.

Alan Weinel / Roster Chairman

The Great Yogi Berra Sez

- "It's déjà vu all over again."
- [Explaining a loss] "We made too many wrong mistakes."
- "The game's not over 'til it's over."
- "You give 100% in the first half of the game, and if that isn't enough, in the second half you give what's left."
- [On quotes like these] "I really didn't say everything I said."
- [On a restaurant] It's so crowded nobody goes there anymore."
- "If people don't want to come out to the ballpark, nobody's going to stop them."
- [On being honored with a "Yogi Berra Night"] "I want to thank all you people for making this night necessary."
- [Asked during spring training what his hat size was] "I don't know. I'm not in shape yet."
- "You've got to be careful if you don't know where you're going, because you might not get there."
- "We have deep depth."
- [On seeing a Steve McQueen Movie] "He must have made that before he died."
- [When he met King George IV] "Nice to meet ya, King."
- "Baseball is 90% mental. The other half is physical."
- [Re: west coast games] "It gets late early out there."
- "Always go to other people's funerals, otherwise they won't come to yours."

We miss you, Yogi.



TREASURER'S REPORT – MAY 2018

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

	<u>MAY</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Beginning Cash Balance	\$5,215	N/A
Contributions	\$ 0	\$3,040
Expenses	\$ 93	\$1,316
Ending Cash Balance	\$5,122	N/A

MEMBERSHIP

Membership, Gain/Loss	+0/-0	152
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HOW ARE WE DOING?

05/30/2018

INCOME	ACTUAL	BUDG	DIFF
Contributions	\$3,040	\$3,700	\$ 660
Other	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total Income	\$3,040	\$3,700	\$ 660

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	\$5,122
PROJECTED BALANCE 12/31/2018	\$2,922
PROJECTED 2018 YEAR END MEMBERSHIP	159
PROJECTED CASH BALANCE PER MEMBER	\$ 18

Jerry Buhlert, Treasurer

RECRUITING & PUBLICITY

We had great weather and a good location for our weekend at Golf Expo in April. We signed up quite a number of potential members during the event; we're busy contacting these guys to see if they will come to one of our luncheons at the Dante Club. Thank you again for all of you who helped staff our booth.



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 June 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 May attendance was 66.4%. YTD it is 69.7% The SIR minimum goal is 70%.

Paul Sickert, Attendance Chairman

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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

SIR Day in the Park

**Carmichael Park
5750 Grant Avenue, Carmichael, CA
Wednesday, June 20, 2018,
10:00AM to 2:00PM**

**You can bring a "regift" for the prize table the
day of the picnic or at a prior Sir Luncheon.
Give it to our Little SIR Pat Quinn**

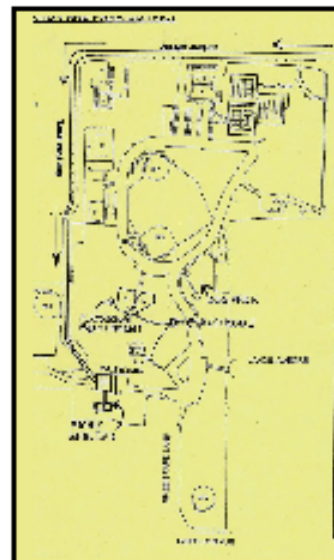


Games With Prizes
Horse Shoes
Short Pitch Golf
Bocce Ball
Card Games
Board Games
Prizes Awarded in All Categories

\$ 10.00/Person
Kids, 12 & Under
\$5.00

**Choice of
Santa Maria Style Tri Tip
BBQ Chicken**
Macaroni Salad
Home Made BBQ Beans
Home Made Corn Bread
Lemonade

For More Info
Contact:
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(916) 801-2530



DIRECTIONS

Carmichael
Park Faces Fair
Oaks Blvd.

To Get to The
Picnic Area,
Turn West on
Grant Avenue
then Left on
Sue Pam Drive.
This takes you
directly into the
Picnic Parking
Area