



# THE MAIL POUCH

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The Pony Express Branch #69  
March — 2019 Edition

Alan Weinel, Editor



## PAT'S PAPERS

Ok, are you all as tired of the rain and cold weather as I am? This has to be playing havoc on our golf tournament directors as well. If you are stuck at home perhaps you could come out and join us bowling on Wednesdays. I'm sure we can always use some additional substitutes from time to time.

This may be a repeat of some information sent out recently in an email. For those who may have not seen the email, or for our members who do not have email, this may be their best alternative for branch communications: In February we had a luncheon attendance of 60% (90 members). The State SIRS hopes branches can have 70% (105 members for our branch) attend their luncheons. Although January was much better (71.8%), our numbers for several months dipped below the 70% goal.

Please make an attempt to let your caller know if you will be able to attend. I have asked for the callers to account for all members on their list. If you feel you were not contacted, look at your roster to see who your caller is and inform him of the miscommunication.

As a social club it's important for us to be social with our fellow members. I'm hopeful that our luncheon percentage can increase in the coming months. Your participation is necessary to ensure a vibrant and growing branch. I'm asking that if you're able to attend the monthly luncheon that you please consider increasing your participation.

You're aware of our ongoing considerations for staying at the Dante Club or moving to a new luncheon location. At the March Branch Executive Meeting we will vote on a luncheon contract to move to the Carmichael Elks Club starting in April 2019. We have been hard at work to complete a contract that meets our needs while reducing the price to \$18 per person. I will provide membership with an updated status report at the March Luncheon.

Hope to see you for lunch.

*Pat Quinn, Big Sir*

## JIMMY'S GEMS



Hello, Fellow SIRS

Our February guest speaker was Wendy Phoenix from The Sacramento Theatre Company. Although her presentation was brief, I hope that it will reinvigorate and create more interest in our Dinner/Theater Group. There are a number of us that are familiar with STC. The presentation did spark some interest in one of our members who may consider volunteering with the STC. He does have some previous acting experience.

As many of you are aware, your BEC has been investigating other luncheon locations. It has consumed much of the BEC time and effort. Many thanks to all of you that made suggestions, recommendations and volunteered to visit the locations that were suggested. We are committed to providing the best service, food and location at a reasonable price. More information will be available at the March 14 luncheon.

With the move to a new location I hope that you maintain your membership with Branch 69.

Some of you may have heard that membership statewide SIRS is declining. According to our State President Ed Benson, will need more fun activities that are of interest to our members.

We must make every effort to maintain Branch 69 members and introduce new members to the SIRS family.

Our March guest speaker is Mike Woods, PGA Director of Golf at Haggin Oaks Golf Complex. He is a partner with the Morton Golf Group, that manages four city golf courses in Sacramento.

Hope to see you all at the luncheon.

*Jimmy Buckley, Little Sir*

<p align="center"><b>MARCH 2019 LUNCHEON MENU</b></p> <p align="center">Thursday March 14, 2019</p> <p align="center">Traditional corned beef, and cabbage with roasted potatoes, salad, rolls and desert.</p>
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It's still too close to call in the second half of the bowling season. The lead changes almost every week, which is how it's supposed to be. Stay tuned as the top teams jockey for position.

Two of our bowlers recently achieved the ultimate goal of all bowlers—a perfect 300 game. Darren Simonds and Jim Smalling both accomplished this feat on the same day in the Tuesday SIR league. Not only is this feat even rarer than a golf hole-in-one, it is a feat with enormous pressure. As the strikes mount up, the pressure builds, too. By the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> strike, all the other bowlers are watching. To maintain concentration and hold steady for the last three strikes is an amazing accomplishment. Congratulations to Darren and Jim!

We have several tournaments coming up in the next couple months, including events in the bay area, Jackson, Mardi Gras Lanes in Citrus Heights, and the annual State SIR event in Carson City. I will report the results as they become available.

Our substitute situation has been pretty good lately. If you have thoughts of bowling in our league, contact me and think about being on a team or bowling as a substitute next season.

**Contact me to join our fun league—you will enjoy the action.**

*Tom Page, League Secretary 488-6465*

**March Anniversaries**

Fred and Polly Schack	8	
<b>José and Carol Fernandez</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>63</b>
Jim Vener and Carolyn Creson	17	
Allen and Rhonda Riker	23	
Kevin and Beth Riggs	26	
<b>Vernon and Shyrlee Freeman</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>63</b>

**RECRUITING & PUBLICITY**



We added Jeff Yterdal to our membership in February, plus we had several guests who expressed interest in our branch. The most important part of recruiting is the efforts of individual members, so keep those friends and neighbors coming. As with all organizations, our long-term success depends on our recruitment of new members. Welcome aboard, Jeff.

Your Branch Executive Committee is working hard to evaluate all the possibilities for our branch luncheons. Change could be in the air—hang in there no matter what happens and stick with your buddies.

I have completed the paperwork for our booth at Morton Golf's Golf Expo, the annual golf show set for April 26-28, 2019. This event is always fun to attend—we always want to look at the latest and greatest clubs—plus, we get a chance to meet potential new members for our branch. I'll be passing around the signup list at the March luncheon.

I hope to see all of you at the March luncheon and at the golf courses and at the bowling alley—don't forget to invite a guest or two to our upcoming luncheons.

*Tom Page Recruiting & Publicity Director*

**March Birthdays**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!**

Bill Mullen	3	
<b>José Fernandez</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>84</b>
Pat Barrett	5	
Hefren Curiel	11	
Jimmy Buckley	14	
Fred Smith	25	
<b>Lloyd Plank</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>93</b>



**2019 ATTENDANCE REPORT**

Gentlemen: For February, 2019 our luncheon attendance was 59.7%%., and TYD is 67.0%  
The SIR minimum goal is 70%

*Paul Sickert, Attendance Chairman*

# WELCOME!!

## SIR JEFF YTERDAL

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Sponsored by Golf Expo (Tom Page)



Jeff was born in Los Angeles and grew up in the San Gabriel Valley area of L.A. After high school, Jeff headed to Chapman College (now Chapman University) and earned a BA degree in business and economics. Soon he went to work for his father doing roofing and also worked as a professional baseball umpire. His first career job was with the bookstore at Cal State Fullerton. Later moves in this field led him to the bookstores at UOP and San Jose State. Later he worked in Sacramento for a Chicago-based wholesale used textbook company. Jeff next took four years off to be a stay-at-home dad to his two daughters—time he felt was very well spent. He finished his working career managing the bookstore at Solano Community College.

Jeff and his wife, Brinn, have two daughters. He likes golf, reading, cooking, gardening, theater and traveling. He has already played in several Branch 69 golf tournaments.

Birthday: June 30, 1948  
Anniversary: Brinn, September 5, 1987

*Please welcome him!*

## New Members in February:

Mike Pinkston    Sponsor Patrick Fintel    Big Sir Pat Quinn    Jeff Yterdal    Sponsor Tom Page



## Two Events Planned!!

Hey guys — please see the flyers at the end of the newsletter for a couple of opportunities ...

SIRS Day at Golden Gate Fields—March 29th

Giants @ A's “Battle of the Bay Bridge” — August 25th

Is someone willing to organize carpooling so that some of our more senior members can participate? If you will take on that *small task*, e-mail me at Branch.69.Sir@Gmail.com

*Alan Weinel / Newsletter Editor*

## 2019 ROSTER REPAIRS

None noted this month. Please send corrections to Branch.69.Sir@Gmail.Com





## Your 2019 Golf Directors



**Lennie Silva—Regular Course**

**MARCH GOLF:**

03-07 Thurs Wildhawk 4 Man, Best Ball  
 03-21 Thurs Cherry Island Low Net

**APRIL GOLF:**

04-04 Thurs Mather Low Net  
 04-18 Thurs Allister Mac Low Net  
 04-25 Thurs Bartley Low Net



**Greg Schweitzer—Progressive Golf Club**

**MARCH GOLF:**

03-04 Mon Wildhorse Stroke Play  
 Forward Tees  
 003-18 Mon Alister Mac 4 Man Shamble

**APRIL GOLF:**

04-15 Mon Emerald Oaks Stroke Play  
 White Tees  
 04-22 Mon Antelope Greens 2 Man Best Ball

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](mailto: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**

**DON BALDWIN**

With his Senior Certificate / President's Award



**Congratulations Sir Don Baldwin**

### St. Patrick's Day Fun Facts

- The FIRST parade was held in ... New York City - 1762.
- Irish is the nation's second most frequently reported ancestry, ranking behind German.
- Saint Patrick himself would not have had to deal with pinching on his feast day. His color was "Saint Patrick's blue," a light shade. The color green only became associated with the big day after it was linked to the Irish independence movement in the late 18th century.
- Although he made his mark by introducing Christianity to Ireland in the year 432, Patrick wasn't Irish himself. He was born to Roman parents in Scotland or Wales in the late fourth century.
- Not every city goes all-out in its celebratory efforts. From 1999 to 2007, the Irish village of Dripsey proudly touted that it hosted the Shortest Saint Patrick's Day Parade in the World. The route ran for 26 yards between two pubs. Today, Hot Springs, Arkansas claims the title for brevity – its brief parade runs for 98 feet.
- Corned beef and cabbage, a traditional Saint Patrick's Day staple, doesn't have anything to do with the grain corn. Instead, it's a nod to the large grains of salt that were historically used to cure meats, which were also known as "corns." In 2009, roughly 26.1 *billion* pounds of beef and 2.3 billion pounds of cabbage were produced in the United States.
- You can't attend a Saint Patrick's Day event without hearing a cry of "Erin go Bragh." What's the phrase mean? It's a corruption of the *Irish Éirinn go Brách*, which means roughly "Ireland Forever."

**Enjoy!**

## HOW ARE WE DOING?

3/2/2019

INCOME	ACTUAL	BUDG	DIFF
Contributions	\$2,795	\$3,700	\$ 905
Other	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$2,795</b>	<b>\$3,700</b>	<b>\$ 905</b>

EXPENSES	ACTUAL	BUDG	DIFF
Printing & Postage	\$ 0	\$ 550	\$ 550
Officers' Expenses	\$ 0	\$ 300	\$ 300
Guest Expenses	\$ 0	\$ 100	\$ 100
State Assessment	\$ 225	\$1,000	\$ 775
Other, Golf Expo	\$ 0	\$ 300	\$ 300
Other, Misc.	\$ 201	\$1,800	\$1,599
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 426</b>	<b>\$4,050</b>	<b>\$3,624</b>

CASH BALANCE AT END OF 2018 \$3,509  
 CURRENT CASH BALANCE \$5,574  
 PROJECTED BALANCE 12/31/2019 \$3,159

PROJECTED 2018 YEAR END MEMBERSHIP 155  
 PROJECTED CASH BALANCE PER MEMBER \$ 20

*Jerry Buhlert, Treasurer*

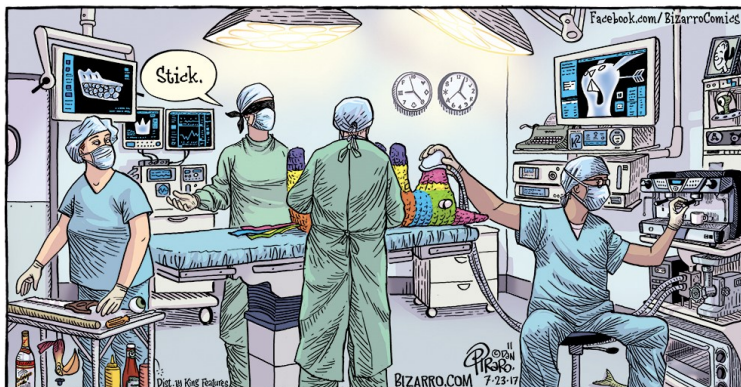


**SUNSHINE**

*Nothing new to report ...*

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.)

*Bill Nichols, Sunshine Chairman*



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### TREASURER'S REPORT – FEBRUARY 2019

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

	FEBRUARY	YTD
Beginning Cash Balance	\$5,574	N/A
Contributions	\$ 505	\$2,795
Expenses	\$ 201	\$ 225
Ending Cash Balance	\$5,878	N/A
MEMBERSHIP		
Membership, Gain/Loss	+0/-0	149

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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





Turf Club-\$41/person  
March 29, 2019  
Friday



Make check: Pacific Racing Association  
Send to: Golden Gate Fields  
1100 Eastshore Highway  
Berkeley, CA 94710

Q/A: Sheri Espique (510) 559-7549  
Group Sales Assistant Manager

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State Board Approved  
All SIR Branches Invited

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**SIR Day at the Park  
A's vs Giants**

**AT THE OAKLAND A's**



**2nd Annual "Battle of the Bay Bridge"  
Sunday, 1 pm, August 25th, 2019, Coliseum  
\$ 52, deadline June 1st, section 106-shaded**



**Make check to: Lee Moy, Amount: \$ 52  
Mail: 127 N. Helm Ave, Clovis, CA 93612  
include: self-stamp return envelope**

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