



# THE MAIL POUCH



The Pony Express Branch #69  
March — 2021 Edition



John Popadak, Editor



## Sickert Says

State SIR is launching the SIR Vaccine Assistance Team, a program to assist SIR members get their Covid-19 vaccination. I have, and I know others have, had difficulty in knowing where vaccines are available, in making the required appointment, and in receiving the vaccine. This program is designed to help. In brief, if a member requests assistance in locating a vaccination resource their request will be relayed to the branch where that person is a member. The branch will then contact the member and provide assistance as required.

For Branch 69, Little Sir Mark Steffens has volunteered to coordinate with the callers in following up with members. By the time you read this, you should have been contacted by State SIR at least once. If for some reason you have not, please contact me or Mark and we will get you involved with the team. The hope of this program in getting Branch 69 members vaccinated is that it is all a step closer to the branch more fully reopening and returning to in-person indoor activities.

State SIR has conditionally authorized branches to resume in-person outdoor activities. The condition is that before an activity can begin, the Branch Executive Committee (BEC) for a branch must agree to the provisions of a protocol provided by State SIR that will control how an outdoor activity will be conducted. At this time, the branch has two regular outdoor activities, golf and the annual picnic.

At its February 11 meeting, the Branch BEC approved and adopted the State SIR golf protocol as the protocol for all Branch 69 golf. This is important because this means that our golf events are now covered by State SIR liability insurance. As a result, Lennie and Greg have now begun scheduling official Branch 69 golf outings for March and thereafter.

Our other outdoor branch activity is the Annual Picnic. The State SIR has also provided a model protocol that can be used for this activity as well. We are on our way. Thank you.

*Paul Sickert, Big Sir*



## Mark's Talk

**Fantastic News!** Last month we began our first Zoom *presentation* with our own PBS Jim Porterfield. He presented an extremely interesting information on climate change, our environment and nutrition. For March 11<sup>th</sup> meeting we will be hearing about AARP FRAUD WATCH with Alan Baker!

Alan has been a SIR for 12 years and moved to the Sacramento area about a year ago. He helps branch webmasters around the state and created the new [State SIR website](#). Before retirement he was a Senior Information Technology Specialist at IBM. Earlier he was a [USAF pilot](#) in Vietnam and ran a small business. Nowadays he does education through AARP Fraud Watch and helps nonprofits with technology.

Alan has spoken about internet security with many SIR branches and other community groups. You can see him in a TV interview on this topic at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S4rn8Z\\_afB4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S4rn8Z_afB4)

Alan spends the cool months in California and the warm months in Vermont. Here he helps seniors with income taxes through AARP Tax-Aide and in Vermont he builds trails and plays Pickleball.

Our speaker schedule for April 8<sup>th</sup>, is Past BS Michael Barrington. He has recently published and historical novel (LET THE PEACOCK SING) that he will be discussing with us!

If you missed last month SIR 2021 Leadership Summit you can now watch it at your own pace at home. I was able to watch on YouTube. If you have additional questions please give me a call. Learn how SIR works from the videos and slides of the [2021 Leadership Summit](#).

Finally, check out SIR Apparel and Signage ([Apparel and Signage – SIR \(sirinc.org\)](#)) you will be amazed on what is Available to our members. The Pro-Shop Website can take individual orders.

*Mark Steffens, Little Sir*

## MARCH ZOOM MEETING

The March Branch 69 meeting will be held on the 11th at 10:00 a.m. All members are encouraged to attend via ZOOM. Attached are the instructions for participating in a ZOOM meeting.

Last month at the February 11 ZOOM meeting, three \$25 Amazon gift cards were raffled off. The winners were Ernie Berryman, John Popadak, and Warren Senegal. Congratulations gentlemen!

### 2021 SIRS Branch 69 Roster

**The 2021 Roster is here and ready for distribution.**

Please send your \$20.00 voluntary contribution (check made payable to SIR Branch 69) to our branch Treasurer, Hal Copperberg at his home address: **8015 Garry Oak Drive, Citrus Heights, CA 95610** and he will mail your roster to you. The contribution for 2021 is reduced by \$5.00 due to reduced expenses. Call it a COVID bonus!

Your \$20.00 voluntary contribution is critical for the branch. Among other things, it goes towards publishing of the branch roster and newsletter as well as to pay for obligations including mandated State SIR dues for each member, the Ladies Day Luncheon and SIRS Day in the Park events, appreciation gifts to our speakers and various office supplies consumed during the year. Remember, the Branch provides the umbrella under which our Golf and Bowling programs operate:

**No Branch, No Activities.** Your help towards branch expenses is appreciated.

### March Anniversaries

Jose and Carol Fernandez	3/11	65 years
Allen and Rhonda Riker	3/23	
Vernon and Shyrlee	3/31	65 years

# Happy Anniversary!

### March Birthdays

Bill Mullen	3/3	
Jose Fernandez	3/4	86 years old
Pat Berrett	3/5	
Joseph Cain	3/5	
Hefren Curiel	3/11	81 years old
Jimmy Buckley	3/14	
Fred Smith	3/25	
Lloyd Plank	3/28	95 years old



Your SIR Branch will be looking for a new Secretary, Assistant Secretary, and Membership Chairman for next year. It is imperative that we fill these positions. Without a Secretary, we may not be able to operate as a SIR branch anymore. If you are interested in helping out your fellow SIRs, contact:

Ron Hutcheson at [rhutches@surewest.com](mailto:rhutches@surewest.com) or John Popadak at [johnpopadak@comcast.net](mailto:johnpopadak@comcast.net).

## Your 2021 Golf Directors



**Lennie Silva—Regular Course**



**Greg Schweitzer—Progressive Golf Club**

### MARCH GOLF:

We are back to playing SIR sanctioned golf. There will be only one tournament this month.

March 4 Bing Maloney Low Net

Remember: Dan Nelson will be posting your scores beginning with this tournament!

### APRIL GOLF:

April 1 Mather Low Net  
 April 15 Alister Mackenzie 4 Man Best Ball  
 April 22 Wildhawk Low Net

## RECRUITING AND PUBLICITY



All our SIR activities remain closed for the foreseeable future, so recruiting efforts have pretty much come to a standstill.

The good news on the recruiting front, and for all of SIRs, is that the State SIR board has now given the branches a path to resume golf activities. Aside from the pure fun of playing golf with our buddies again, start thinking about potential members who might want to play as a guest in one of our golf events. This is one of the best ways to attract new members to our branch.

I reported this last month, but I'll repeat the news now in case you missed it. Golf Expo for 2021 will be a reduced effort with fitting appointments from the major golf equipment companies only. There will be no vendor booths as we have had in past years, so outside businesses and groups like our SIR branch will not be able to participate. Hopefully, we will return to the usual format in 2022.

Stay safe and healthy,

**Tom Page Recruiting & Publicity Director**

## 2021 ROSTER REPAIRS

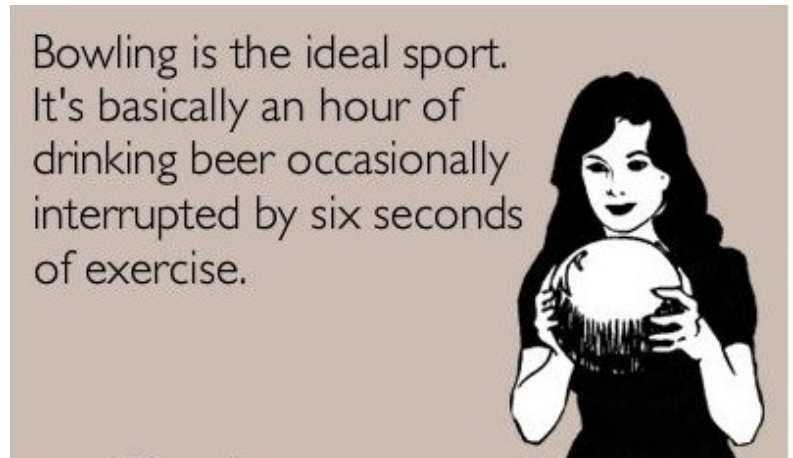
None noted this month. Please send corrections to Alan's personal Email account Alan\_Weinel@ATT.Net with subject "Roster Correction".

### MARCH GOLF:

March 8 Wildhorse Stroke Play  
 March 15 Alister Mackenzie 4-man Scramble

### APRIL GOLF:

April 5 Antelope Green Stroke Play  
 April 26 Bing Maloney 4-man Shamble 2 Best Balls



## BOWLING NEWS



No news is bad news! There is still no word on opening of local bowling venues, so all bowling activities remain in limbo. Also, the April State Sir tournament in Carson City has been officially canceled.



So, with all that negative information, there is maybe a little good news on the horizon. The recent infection rates for Covid-19 are down and the process to get people vaccinated is improving. If this positive trend continues, we just might be able to have our bowling league next fall. Keep that good thought in mind.

As always, I will keep you posted on bowling developments. Keep your fingers crossed.

**Tom Page, League Secretary 916-488-6465**

## HOW ARE WE DOING?

02/22/2021

INCOME	ACTUAL	BUDGET	DIFF
Contributions	\$1,445	\$2,100	\$ 655
Other	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0

**TOTAL INCOME \$1,445 \$2,100 \$ 655**

### EXPENSES

Printing & Postage	\$ 0	\$ 500	\$ 500
Officers' Expenses	\$ 42	\$ 50	\$ 8
Guest Expenses	\$ 0	\$ 200	\$ 200
State Assessment	\$ 0	\$ 800	\$ 800
Other, Golf Expo	\$ 0	\$ 200	\$ 200
Other, Misc.	\$ 75	\$1,475	\$1,400

**TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 117 \$3,225 \$ 3,108**

CASH BALANCE AT END OF 2020	\$ 4,486
CURRENT CASH BALANCE	\$ 5,813
PROJECTED CASH BALANCE 12/31/2021	\$ 3,361

PROJECTED 2021 YEAR END MEMBERSHIP	150
PROJECTED CASH BALANCE PER MEMBER	\$ 22

*Hal Copperberg, Treasurer*



## SUNSHINE



Received word that both "Sir" Bud Rogers and wife Romelle contracted Co-Vid, but have no up-dates to share. I know I speak for the branch in wishing them both a full and speedy recovery.

Tom Page has recently had a pacemaker put in. He is doing well recovering at home and looking forward to getting back to golf in a couple of months.

Stay safe everyone. Remember, it's not over till it's over.

*Neither my computer nor phone allow me to take part in Zoom, so I will depend on the follow up input to keep abreast.*

*Kindest Regards,*

*Bill Nichols, Sunshine Chairman*

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### 2021 Officers

BIG SIR	PAUL SICKERT	(916) 396-6230
LITTLE SIR	MARK STEFFENS	(916) 214-8650
SECRETARY	PAT QUINN	(916) 201-5262
ASST SECRETARY	RON HUTCHESON	(916) 897-2807
TREASURER	HAL COPPERBERG	(916) 722-2606
ASST TREASURER	ALAN WEINEL	(209) 843-1804

### Directors

PBS JIM BUCKLEY	(916) 284-2364	STEVE BRANDENBURGER	(916) 765-0585
		JIM OBLIZZALO	(916) 747-8172
ERNIE BERRYMAN	(916) 723-2148	BUD ROGERS	(916) 991-2611

### State Officers

STATE PRESIDENT:	STUART (STU) WILLIAMS
REGION 1 DIRECTOR:	DAVE GONZALES
AREA 4 GOVERNOR:	HUGH THOMPSON

### 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

Programs	Mark Steffens	(916) 396-6230
Newsletter	John Popadak	(916) 662-0695
Chaplain	Bill Nichols	(916) 844-9382
Roster	Alan Weinell	(209) 843-1804
Golf (BR69/RC)	PBS Lennie Silva	(916) 487-9812
Golf (PGC)	Greg Schweitzer	(916) 687-8629
Bowling	PBS Tom Page	(916) 488-6465
Audit	Don Neufeld	(916) 863-5228
Nominating	PBS Jim Buckley	(916) 284-2364
Nominating	Ron Hutcheson	(916) 897-2807
Nominating	John Popadak	(916) 662-0695
Attendance	Ernie Berryman	(916) 723-2148
Orientation	Steve Goodman	(916) 521-6546
Branch Apparel	TBD	
Meeting Review	John Popadak	(916) 662-0695
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	Jerry Schroeder	(916) 801-2530

### Honored Members

### HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

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

### SENIOR CERTIFICATES

SIR JIM PAGE
SIR KEN TOWNS
SIR VERNON FREEMAN
SIR HEMAN SMITH
SIR DON BALDWIN
SIR ROY DUNSON
SIR LLOYD PLANK
SIR CHARLES DANT

## TREASURER'S REPORT – JANUARY, 2021

**Cash Balance 1/1/2020= \$4,486**

	FEBRUARY	YTD
Beginning Cash Balance	\$5,706	N/A
Contributions	\$ 225	\$1,445
Expenses	\$ 117	\$ 117
Ending Cash Balance	\$5,813	N/A

### MEMBERSHIP

Membership, Gain/Loss	-1	145
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NON-RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION: ALL ACTIVITIES arranged or sponsored by Sons In Retirement, Inc. and its branches are for the convenience and pleasure of its members and their guests who desire to participate. Sons In Retirement Inc, and its branches do not assume any responsibility for the well-being or safety of the participants or their property in matters pertaining in to said activities.

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).

# MARCH ZOOM MEETING

Hello Sir Branch 69 Members! You are hereby invited to attend our March 11<sup>th</sup> 10:00am BEC meeting via the video conferencing tool called ZOOM for a presentation by PBS Alan Baker, who will discuss AARP's Fraud Watch. If you do not have a PC w/ Camera or a Smart Phone, please see "Additional Resources" below for instructions on how to join in with Audio from any phone!

When signing on to ZOOM, **please use your complete name**. For specific ZOOM technical requirements and how to use ZOOM, please see the State SIR website: [www.sirinc.org](http://www.sirinc.org):

If you already use Zoom, the information is **ZOOM meeting ID = 848 4074 8205 / Passcode = 746642**

If you do not have ZOOM on your PC or are not sure HOW to use ZOOM, go to the State SIR website at [www.sirinc.org](http://www.sirinc.org),

*1. On the SIR Home Page, at the end of the last paragraph on this page where it says: "Meanwhile, communicate with Zoom! Information and assistance are here." Click on the word "here". This will take you to the "Zoom Information" page.*

*2. Under "Zoom for SIR" watch the "Overview" video.*

*3. Under "Attend a Meeting" click on "Set Up Zoom" and watch and follow the "Learning How to Use Zoom" slideshow.*

• **ZOOM meeting ID = 848 4074 8205 / Passcode = 746642**

## **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:**

### **FROM THE ZOOM WEBSITE:**

*You can join a Zoom meeting by means of teleconferencing/ audio conferencing (using a traditional phone). This is useful when:*

- you do not have a microphone or speaker on your PC/Mac,
  - you do not have a smartphone (iOS or Android) while on the road, or
  - you cannot connect to a network for video and VoIP (computer audio)
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- The TOLL FREE numbers are 877-853-5247 and 888-788-0099. If you have free long distance, two other numbers are 1-669-900-6833 and 1-646-876-9923.
  - **ZOOM meeting ID = 848 4074 8205 / Passcode = 746642**

Hope you can all make it!