



THE MAIL POUCH

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The Pony Express Branch #69
May 2018 Edition



Pat Quinn, Editor



TONY'S TALK

Welcome fellow SIRs members to the fifth month of the year. The following are three significant facts for the month of May. Cinco de Mayo is celebrated on May 5th. It is a celebration of Mexican heritage, culture, and pride. Mother's Day is celebrated on the second Sunday in May; it falls on May 13th this year. Finally, Memorial Day is observed on the last Monday in May, it falls on May 28th in 2018.

Bernie Moreno has graciously accepted the position of Book Club Chairman. In addition, Steve Goodman has replaced Dick Borah as the new Orientation Chairman. The Branch thanks Bernie, Steve, and Dick for their service.

We inducted three new members into our Branch in April. Welcome to Pat Barrett, Lloyd Plank, a transfer from BR #116, and Richard Terrell, a transfer from BR #107. We hope that you thoroughly enjoy yourselves being a part of SIRs Branch 69. Please take full advantage of what the Branch has to offer.

I'm happy to say that as of this writing, we have inducted nine new members into our Branch, bringing us closer to our goal of 15 new members this year. As a result of the three new members in April, our Branch has a total of 152 members.

Golf Expo will be over by the time this Newsletter is published. I want to personally thank everyone who signed up to staff our booth this year. I'm optimistic we will net a few new members again this year.

The first SIRs Branch 69 Day with the Sacramento River Cats baseball game is scheduled for June 7th. This is an update that I received from our coordinator, Frank Levings. At this time we have 45 tickets reserved and 45 tickets sold. If you would like to attend this event, you do have one more chance to get tickets at our May Luncheon. Note: If you order tickets, they will need to be paid for at that time.

That's it for now; I'll see you at our luncheon on May 10th.

Tony Vigil, Big Sir

QUINN'S QUIPS

*Father's Day and Mother's Day are alike,
except that on Father's Day
you buy a much cheaper gift.*



Our guest speaker for April was Gabriel Kerschner from the Wild Things foundation. Gabriel was an excellent speaker and entertainer. When he started his presentation, I saw not one person leave the luncheon. He even had the waiters and cooks at the Dante club stop their activities to come out and watch the show. Four different exotic animals were presented including a 5 foot alligator. The line of the day: "what does the alligator eat"? Gabriel's response; "Dodger Fans". This line got Lennie out of his seat. Wild Things is a non-profit organization supported by donations.

I believe we have a real treat for our May speaker that you will not want to miss. Jerry Reynolds of the Sacramento Kings has agreed to be our guest speaker. I contacted him in hopes he would be our speaker once again. I called thinking I didn't have much of a chance but within a few hours, he called me back directly. I tell you, he's a very nice humble and gracious person.

If you recall we had Jerry at our luncheon several years ago. He's a very sharp and knowledgeable person and a very entertaining speaker. I'm sure he will tell us his thoughts about the progress of our team and perhaps how he sees the team evolving in the future.

As you may have heard he is moving out of the play-by-play announcers' booth to another opportunity with the organization. I'm glad we will still have him in Sacramento with our team.

Time to put on your Kings gear and join the luncheon.

Pat Quinn, Little Sir

MAY 2018 LUNCHEON MENU

Thursday May 10, 2018

Turkey Scaloppini, Stuffed Zucchini, Mushroom Risotto, Garden Salad and Mini Cannoli for dessert.

Vegetarian / Vegan options available. Ask your Caller.

WELCOME

SIR Richard Terrell

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Sponsor: Ray Price/transfer from Branch
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Richard was born in Ft. Riley, Kansas, but grew up in Richmond, CA, near where his father was stationed at Travis AFB. Richard went to Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, where he earned a BS degree in electrical engineering. Following graduation, he moved to San Jose and went to work for IBM. He stayed with IBM for 22 years before moving on to Tandem computers and other computer companies, all of which were gobbled up by other companies. He ended up with Hewlett-Packard, from which he retired in 2005.

Richard and his first wife had two sons; his present wife, Katie, also has two sons and two grandchildren. Richard enjoys computers and technology, Bible study, travel and golf. He has already played in two of our Branch 69 tournaments.

Birthday: November 16, 1946

Anniversary: Katie, July 12, 2012

SIR Pat Barrett

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Sponsor: Steve Eason



Pat was born in Los Angeles and grew up in Orange County. After high school, he went to Fullerton College and earned an AA degree in Liberal Arts before going to work for DMV in 1985. He worked for that department for 33 years, moving up in positions of responsibility. He moved to Sacramento in 2000, ultimately becoming deputy director of the DMV Legislative Office. He frequently was called to testify on transportation issues with Senate and Assembly transportation committees. He retired early 2017, in part to help with the care of his blind and developmentally disabled son, Nicholas, who is 20 years old.

Pat and his wife Teri have two other sons, Alex, age 32, is a research analyst with the Department of Finance, and Joey, age 25, who is becoming a Sacramento police officer. Pat enjoys bowling, golf, tennis, playing the guitar, camping and family activities. He is looking forward to bowling with our branch league next season.

Birthday: March 5, 1959

Anniversary: Teri, January 28, 1989

SIR Lloyd Plank

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Lloyd was born and raised in Alma, Wisconsin. He enlisted in the Naval Air Corps at age 17 in 1943 and was sent to St. Mary's College in Minnesota and then the University of Wisconsin to study engineering. He was commissioned and assigned to a naval tanker for service in the Pacific. While in Shanghai, China, he worked with the Chiang Kai-shek government. After he was mustered out at the conclusion of WWII, Lloyd went to work for Chevron as an engineer. Duty called again and Lloyd returned to the Navy during the Korean War, serving for two more years, 1951-1953.

Lloyd returned to Chevron—working in Southern California and San Francisco. He attended USC and earned an MBA degree. His career switched to Organization and Management Development, which involved working internationally, including projects in Scotland and in South Sudan, Africa. He retired in 1988.

Formerly an avid tennis player and skier, Lloyd has had to cut back on his physical activities due to health issues. He and his wife Joyce have two children and three grandchildren. Due to a mudslide, their home in Lafayette was destroyed recently, which is the reason for their move to Sacramento to be near their daughter and her family.

Birthday: March 28, 1926

Anniversary: Joyce, December 28, 1963

New Sir Branch 69 members. From left to right: sponsor Steve Eason, Pat Barrett, Big Sir Tony Vigil, Richard Terrell, Lloyd Plank and sponsor Ray Price.





BOWLING NEWS



The title match between the Pocket Dwellers (Jim Smalling, Bob Clanton, Jim Oblizalo and Tom Page) and the Strike-A-Holics (Rich Taylor, Armond Delestrez, Hal Copperberg and Alex Canada) came right down to the wire. The teams split the first two games by narrow margins; the Pocket Dwellers moved out to a good lead in the third game and narrowly held off a late charge by the Strike-A-Holics to win the league championship. Congratulations to the Pocket Dwellers.



After the title match, the league bowlers enjoyed lunch catered by Country Club Lanes and received their winnings for the year. The bowlers shared over \$6000 in prize money. Some notable winning efforts:

- Jim Smalling won league high average for the second straight year with a 213 average
- Ted Patterson rolled the high scratch game with 288
- Jim Smalling and Steve Eason tied for high scratch series with 747 series
- Pat Quinn rolled the high handicap game with a 311 effort
- George Langford had the high handicap series with 805

In the age bracket High Game over Average, the winners were:

- Age 80+: Richard Herr, 219 game over a 122 average
- Age 70-79: Ron Peters, 230 game over a 131 average
- Age under 70: Allen Riker, 256 game over a 162 average

No-tap bowling continues at Country Club Lanes on Fridays at noon, plus there is a walk-in league on Tuesdays at 12:30.

Carson City Results

Our league had tons of bowlers head out for Carson City in early April for the annual tournament there. Several of our bowlers earned money at the event, even though most of us found the lanes difficult to figure out. Money winners included:

- Division 2 singles, Bernie Moreno, 9th place, Tom Page 12th place
- Division 1 doubles, Tom Knoble/Steve Eason, 5th place
- Division 2 doubles, Bernie Moreno/Mas Miyagi, 3rd place, Jimmy Buckley/Velma Johnson, 9th place
- Division 1 all events, Steve Eason, 18th place
- Division 2 all events, Erle Hansen, 8th place, Bernie Moreno, 16th place

The results lists were very long; I apologize if I missed anyone in the money.

In July, I will be passing around a sign-up sheet for next year's league. 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

E.coli can be very serious

Dave Yorston's brother, Don, recently came down with the E.coli virus from eating tainted Romaine lettuce. His brother is doing well but it was touch and go. We've heard the warnings on TV. Take these warnings seriously.

May Birthdays

Hal Witsaman	5/1	
Floyd Scott	5/5	81 Years
Glen Halvorsen	5/7	
Jim Ortiz	5/10	
Ted Machado	5/10	
Ted Patterson	5/15	80 Years
Alex Canada	5/18	
Windy Curtis	5/21	97 Years
Jerry Deuser	5/21	81 Years
Louis Pritchett	5/25	
Ray Price	5/27	
Bill Pritchett	5/29	

May Anniversaries

Joe & Karon Bowers	5/2	
Jim & Lauren Luttin	5/7	
Tom & Vanessa Mezzanares	5/13	
Tom & Joanne Page	5/21	
Ernie & Sylvia Shell	5/21	
Bryan & Carol Perrin	5/25	
Sidney & Ella Newman	5/26	66 Years

Special congratulations to PBS Ted Patterson on his 80th birthday.

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.

Over the next two months (the picnic is June 20th), Pat Quinn will be collecting 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



Your 2018 Golf Directors



Lennie Silva—Regular Course



Greg Schweitzer—Progressive Golf Club

MAY GOLF:

05-08	<u>TUESDAY</u>	The Reserve	Low Net
05-17	Thurs	Arcade Creek	Low Net
05-24	Thurs	Micke Grove	Low Net

JUNE GOLF:

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

MAY GOLF:

05-07	Mon	Bing Maloney	4 Man Scramble
05-21	Mon	Wildhorse	1st Round Club Championship

JUNE GOLF:

06-11	Mon	Wildhawk	4 Man Shamble
05-21	Mon	Alister Mackenzie	Shotgun Start 2-Dots Stroke Play



SUNSHINE



BILL MULLEN While working out at the gym Bill was feeling a little tightness in his chest so he rushed home and his wife called 911. Two stents and two days in the hospital he is getting back to normal and is ready for some golf and will be at the next luncheon.

HAL WITSAMAN Hal had total knee replacement surgery in early April and is currently undergoing physical therapy at home.

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

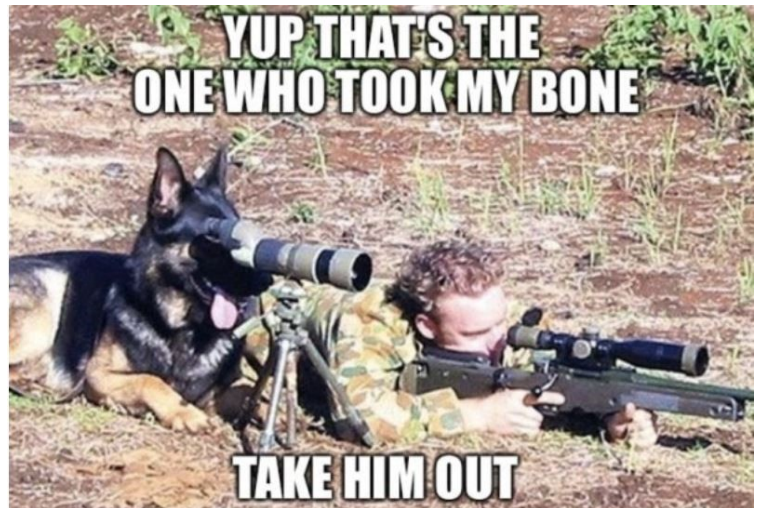
DAVE YORSTON : Email address change from dsyjay@surewest.net to dsyjay@gmail.com.

DICK BORAH: Long time Sirs member and PBS has moved out-of-state. Dick will be greatly missed.

Please add the new members listed on Page 2

Alan Weinel / Roster Chairman

It was a bright sunny day. The hole was not long but the green was surrounded by water on all sides. As he stood on the tee his knees shook a bit, a wedge in his hands. The ball took off and headed true towards the green. A clank could be heard but that could be from the outhouse door shutting nearby. As they approached the green they noticed the damage, a big rip in the side of the hole. But all-be-darn if the dang ball didn't clang in the cup and stay in. I would call him a LB but you have to give credit where it's due. Congratulations Jerry Buhlert on your hole in one, April 23rd, Antelope Greens hole number 7.





TREASURER'S REPORT – APRIL 2018

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

	<u>APRIL</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Beginning Cash Balance	\$5,886	N/A
Contributions	\$ 100	\$2,040
Expenses	\$ 348	\$ 465
Ending Cash Balance	\$5,215	N/A

MEMBERSHIP

Membership, Gain/Loss	+3/-0	152
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HOW ARE WE DOING?

04/24/2018

INCOME	ACTUAL	BUDG	DIFF
Contributions	\$2,040	\$3,700	\$ 660
Other	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total INCOME	\$2,040	\$3,700	\$ 660

EXPENSES

Printing & Postage	\$ 0	\$ 650	\$ 650
Officers' Expenses	\$ 146	\$ 350	\$ 204
Guest Expenses	\$ 0	\$ 100	\$ 100
State Pro Rata	\$ 446	\$ 950	\$ 504
Other, Golf Expo	\$ 147	\$ 300	\$ 153
Other, Misc.	\$ 465	\$2,000	\$ 1,535

TOTAL EXP. \$ 1,223 \$4,350 \$ 3,127

CASH BALANCE AT END OF 2017 \$3,572

CURRENT CASH BALANCE \$5,215

PROJECTED BALANCE 12/31/2018 \$2,922

PROJECTED 2018 YEAR END MEMBERSHIP 159

PROJECTED CASH BALANCE PER MEMBER \$ 18

Jerry Buhlert, Treasurer

RECRUITING & PUBLICITY

Three new members joined our branch in April, plus we had some guests in attendance, too. Keep those friends coming—they're our best source of new members.



Meanwhile, we are pretty much set for Golf Expo at Haggin Oaks on April 27-29. Let me pass on my thanks again for your strong response for staffing our booth. I have been in touch with Branch 102, with whom we are sharing the booth. I don't know what their staffing plans are for the booth, but I know that we will be well represented. Let's hope for many prospective members from Golf Expo.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the May 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 April attendance was 67.3%. YTD it is 69%
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

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