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THE MAIL POUCH



 **The Pony Express Branch #69**
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Frank Franzago, Editor

TED'S TOPICS



Way to go Branch 69!!! Our luncheon was once again attended by more than 80% of our membership. Congrats to all that were in attendance. Those of you that did not attend are missing out on a lot of socialization and camaraderie that is a by-product of so many of us being together at one time. The 80% mark is well over the benchmark "state" wants us to achieve. With SIR state wide having lost over 14,000 members in the last few years, great emphasis is being placed on increasing the membership to compensate for those we loose to attrition and the other factors. Increasing numbers is the only way SIR can survive. Branch 69's luncheon attendance and our recruiting efforts are drawing state wide attention. Again, way to go!

I want to acknowledge and give credit to those members of our branch that step forward to serve on committees and as activity leaders. The Silva's, Vandenburg's, Page's, Porterfield's, Senegal's, Costello's, Rice's, Franzago's, and Munz's keep our operation running smoothly. Do you notice the guy's that hand you your badge each time, Ron Bacher and Don Neufield? How about the person that contacts you regarding the monthly luncheon? These persons allow us and sometimes our spouses/significant others, to go about having a good time with little thought to the effort expended on our behalf. All these guys and their duties are listed in your annual roster. Take a look at it and thank them next time you see them.

Become an integral part of your branch's growth by actively participating. We can use your ideas and experience. Join us at the BEC meeting prior to the luncheon. I am sure you will enjoy your self.

Ted Patterson, Big Sir

ATTENDANCE REPORT

At the April Luncheon we had 105 members in attendance. This is an all time high for our branch since records have been kept. We also had two guest's, both of whom were eligible for membership and one turned in a Membership Application, and one visitor. With 130 active members, we had an attendance rate of 81%. This was the 16th straight month when our attendance was greater than the State goal of 75%. Good going.

Don Neufeld, Attendance Chairman

IN MEMORIAM

SIR HERMAN OGDEN 1927-2013

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MARGARET ANGLESEY

Beloved Wife of Sir Phil

RON'S RHETORIC

Hi everyone....April's guest speaker was Chuck Beaver, representing Widowed Persons Association of CA (WPAC), Inc. This organization is non-profit, non-denominational community service organizations dedicated to helping windowed people overcome their grief, learning to live and laugh again. Chuck was introduced to WPAC through the passing of his wife and his association led to a number of activities that he is involved in including being President of the Bereavement Network Resources of Sacramento, which creates a directory of bereavement groups in the Sacramento area, facilitating Sunday Support groups and the Grief and Recovery Program meetings. He also is the WPAC new chapter coordinator, where he goes to different cities to help establish new city chapters and is the announcer at WPAC social events. Chuck's presentation was very informative as he discussed the many programs that WPAC offers, including numerous social events.



May's guest speaker will be Jerry Reynolds, Director of Player Personnel for the Sacramento Kings and a member of the Kings Broadcast Network talent team, working as a color analyst for all the club's televised contests. Jerry is in his 27th season with the Kings organization and has done everything except pop the popcorn and he is known for his interesting, informative and witty presentations.

Ron Hutcheson, Little Sir

TREASURERS REPORT

We remain in great shape with over \$3200 in the bank. In April, we had additional donations of \$100 that brought our total up to \$2,430. Although this is a substantial amount, it is only marginally greater than last year at this time, given the increase in our membership.

Our expenses in April totaled \$249.34. \$49.34 was spent on printing and supplies, \$57.00 went to guest expenses (this includes the sponsors free lunch), \$25.00 for Rooster lapel pins for new members, and \$118.00 was spent for our Pro Rata Assessment. Pro Rata goes to the state every quarter to cover their expenses and pay for the required liability insurance for all SIR activities.

Jerry Buhlert, Treasurer



MAY LUNCHEON
Thursday, May 9, 2013

Menu
Beef Stroganoff

A Vegetarian Plate (cheese Ravioli) is offered as an alternative meal.
If you would like one, Please let your caller know.



May Birthdays

- 5-5: Floyd Scott
- 5-15: Ted Patterson
- 5-21: Jerry Deuser
- 5-27: Ray Price

May Anniversaries

- 5-13: Tom & Vanessa Mezzanares
- 5-18: Richard & Debra Johnson
- 5-21: Tom & Joanne Page
- 5-21: Ernie & Sylvia Shell
- 5-26: Sid & Ella Newman (61yrs)

SUNSHINE

Herman Ogden passed in April. I will always remember him playing Bartley Cavanaugh three weeks earlier, doing what he seemed to enjoy most.



I have been advised that long time Sir Jay Lane is in hospice and our thoughts and prayers are with him during these difficult times.

PBS Jim Carlson is recovering from knee replacement surgery that he had on April 29th.

LS Ron Hutcheson will be missing the May luncheon to be with his dad, who was recently diagnosed with stomach cancer.

Please advise me anytime of a health issue of any of our fellow SiIR's and I will share with all. Stay safe and healthy.

Ron Rice, Sunshine Chairman

HERMAN

Herman Ogden was born in Arkansas in 1927. He moved to Sacramento in his teens to find a better way of life. Along the way, he met his soul mate Ava Jean and they were married in April 1948 (would have had their 65th Anniversary on the 24th of this month.



He eventually started working at Campbell's Soup and succeeded in reaching a top position of plant management in the headquarters of Campbell in New Jersey. He became the expert in solving production problems and traveled to plants all over the world that needed his expertise.

He returned to Sacramento in 1988 and retired from Campbell's. Soup. He immediately went out and bought a one ton pickup and a fifth wheel Camper. He wished to keep traveling but only to his places of choice, especially if there were nearby golf courses.

He joined Branch 69 in March 1988. He loved playing with Branch 69 & River City golf. The golfers soon found out that he was a fierce competitor who loved to win and he racked up many awards for his playing ability.

He will be missed by all who knew him.

WELCOME Former Branch 3 Member

SIR BILL HOLDEN

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Transfer from Branch 3



Bill was born in Berkeley in 1926. He grew up all over California as his family moved for employment, but he ended up in the Bay Area again and graduated from Berkeley High School. After high school, Bill joined the Navy in 1943. After his initial training, Bill was assigned duty with the destroyer Izard in Pearl Harbor. The Izard served as part of the defensive screen for aircraft carriers in the South Pacific for much of the remainder of WWII. His ship was in the Aleutian Islands when VJ day came; shortly afterward, Bill sailed with his ship to Japan as part of the occupation force.

Upon his discharge from the Navy in 1946, Bill went to Occidental College in Los Angeles, and then law school at Loyola University. After earning his law degree, Bill started work in Sacramento for the State of California. He worked in several departments, but the majority of his service was with the Secretary of State's office. He retired in 1994.

Bill and his wife Betty have two sons and four grandchildren. He enjoys family activities and his SIR luncheons.

Birthdays: March 21, 1926 Anniversary: April 17, 1977

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

SIR BRENT JOHNSON

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Sponsor: Ray Price



Brent was born in Stockton, but grew up in Sacramento after his family moved here early on. He graduated from Hiram Johnson High School in 1966. After attending Sac City College for a year and a half, Brent went to work for JC Penney, working in several positions in warehouse and management. He ended up driving trucks for JC Penney for 23 years. He then went to work for the US Post Office and drove tractor-trailers for the Post Office for another 20 years. He retired in 2011. In his youth, Brent was a very accomplished swimmer and competed for an Olympic berth against such noted swimmers as Mark Spitz.

Brent has two children and four grandchildren. He enjoys golf and antique cars. He and his fiancée Dianna have a second home on Red Hawk golf course in Sparks, so he gets in a lot of golf in the Reno area, too.

Birthdays: July 27, 1947

SIR WAYNE SERPA

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Sponsor: Lennie Silva



Wayne was born in Auburn, where he attended high school and Sierra College. He joined the Air Force and served from 1959-1963. Following his Air Force duty, Wayne went to work at the Goodyear Tire store in Auburn. Wayne had a lot of different jobs during his work career, such as driving logging, tanker, and aggregate trucks. His main work, however, was in retail sales and management. He worked for Firestone Tire, OK Tires, and Pep Boys in addition to his earlier stint with Goodyear. He opened all three Pep Boys stores in the Sacramento area. Wayne retired in 2007.

Wayne and his wife had two children, one of whom has now passed away. He has three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He enjoys golf, bowling, pool, and family activities. For 20 years, Wayne enjoyed motorcycle riding, too.

Birthday: January 19, 1941

SIR JIM OBLIZALO

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Sponsor: Jerry Schroeder



Jim was born in Livorno, Italy, where his dad was stationed in the Army. Jim lived there until he was four, at which time his family moved to the United States and ultimately to San Francisco. Jim graduated from high school in 1964 and joined the Navy for four years. He worked as a jet mechanic in the Navy and did three tours of duty off the coast of Viet Nam on an aircraft carrier. After his Navy service, Jim went to college at the University of Washington, from which he graduated in 1972 with a degree in electrical engineering. He went to work for his father-in-law after college, and then moved on to real estate, mobile home parks, and mobile home sales. After selling his mobile home business, Jim retired and moved to Sacramento in 1984. While retired, Jim worked at several more jobs, including a stint with Morton Golf at Haggin Oaks, where he helped with the beginnings of the Golf Expo.

Jim has four children and five grandchildren. He likes biking, kayaking, golf, family activities, skiing, and travel.

Birthday: April 23, 1946

SIR TED CANTY

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Sponsored By: Orville Noel



Ted was born in Naha, Okinawa, where his father was serving in the US Army. As a military dependent, Ted attended many schools on military bases throughout the U.S. and in Europe, but ended up on the west coast graduating high school in Berkeley. Ted entered the Army in 1970 where he did his basic training at Fort Lewis, Washington. While in Basic, Ted was awarded an "Expert" designation with the M-16 rifle. Ted served with the 3rd

Armored Division in Germany where his expertise and training was needed as a Power Man, who was responsible for all division power generating equipment for armored vehicles and communication. After his Army service, Ted returned to Berkeley to continue his education. Ted graduated with honors in 1975, from UC Berkeley with a degree in Criminology. Ted was employed in Human Resources with local government before moving to Sacramento and employment as an Employment Services Director with a major non-profit organization. Ted later moved up to Bureau Chief of Employment Services with the Sacramento Redevelopment Agency and eventually, retired from Sacramento County serving previously as Manager of Employment Services and County Veteran's Services Officer (CVSO).

Ted and his wife, Jane, have been married 30 years and have 2 adult children...Sean, lead I.T. Tech at a performing arts charter school, and Matthew, recent Performing Arts graduate of UC Davis and employed in legislative advocacy. Ted has been dedicated to community service work and has served on several non-profit boards. He is very proud of his numerous recognitions and community services awards. Ted is a former tennis instructor, played high school baseball and enjoys participating in all sports. Ted is looking forward to picking up enough basic golfs skills to become tournament competitive.

Birthdate: October 28, 1948

Anniversary: January 2, 1983

Bios By: Tom Page

ROSTER REPAIRS

Pg 14: Change Jim Page's telephone # to: 916-627-1435



MEMBERS INDUCTED IN APRIL

RECRUITING AND PUBLICITY

By the time the May newsletter comes out, we will have finished our Golf Expo project at the three-day event at Haggin Oaks. That part is only the start of our recruiting efforts with Golf Expo: we will still have to contact all the men who filled out interest sheets at our booth. If we can get them to our luncheons, we will have an opportunity to sell them on joining our branch. This is salesmanship in its purest form! Our recruiting work last year at the Golf Expo and afterward brought us a bunch of great guys. Let's do it again this year.

Meanwhile, our members continue to bring in friends, neighbors and past co-workers to join our ranks. I'm impressed that so many guests have shared our luncheons and then joined our branch. Keep up your efforts on this part of the recruiting, too.

I'm looking forward to seeing each of you at the May luncheon.

Tom Page, Recruiting & Publicity Director

GOLF

May Golf

5-2	Thursday	69RC	Cherry Island	LN
5-6	Monday	SC	Davis	LN
5-10	Friday	69RC	Wildhawk	LN
5-14	Tuesday	69RC	The Reserve	LN
5-20	Monday	SC	Antelope	2 Man AS
5-24	Friday	69RC	Cavanaugh	2 Man best Ball
5-30	Thursday	69RC	Mackenzie	4 Man Scramble

June Golf

6-3	Monday	SC	Cavanaugh	LN
6-6	Thursday	69RC	Empire Ranch	LN
6-14	Friday	69RC	Cavanaugh	LN
6-17	Monday	SC	TBA	
6-17 to 6-21		State SIR,	Reno, Nevada	Scramble
6-28	Friday	69/RC	Bing Maloney	LN

CONGRATULATIONS ACERS

On March 29th, while playing in Lennie’s tournament, Jeff Hernandez had a hole-in-one. Jeff hit a perfect 8 iron on the 123 yard 12th hole at Bartley Cavanaugh that went right into the cup. Jeff was playing with Mark Machado, Paul Ogden and Jim Page.

On April 23rd, while playing at the State SIR Napa Tournament, our golf czar Lennie Silva scored a hole-in-one on the 12th hole at Chardonnay. Lennie hit a beautiful 9 wood on the 130 yard par 3 hole that wound up in the cup.

This has been a great year and these aces were the 4th & 5th ones for branch golfers since the first of the year. In addition, 3 out of 5 qualified for the SIR Feather in Cap Award. Good going guys.



BOB GETS HIS FEATHER

At the April Luncheon, Lennie Silva presented the SIR Feather in the Cap award to Bob Vandenburg. The feather in the cap is a hand caved feather pin and the highest golf award presented by the SIR Golf Committee. It is presented to any one who gets a hole-in-one or shoots his age on a regulation sized golf course during a SIR tournament. The previous recipients are shown in this publication and on the pre luncheon slide show. Good going Bob.

SIR DAYS AT THE RIVERCATS

Two SIR Games at the RiverCats are scheduled in 2013. Both are vs the Fresno Grizzlies at 7:05 PM, one on July 13th (\$17), and the other on August 26th (\$16).



Order forms are available on the State SIR web site. Contact Colin Brown at the RiverCats office, 916-376-4837, for more information.

BOWLING

BOWLING NEWS

It was a fitting end to the close competition all season that the championship match came down to the last couple frames. Before we could bowl the championship series, though, two teams had to settle the second half of the season for the right to play Bud’s Bandits (Bud Rogers, Mas Miyagi, Ron Bacher, Bob Vandenburg) for the league title. Never a Doubt (Gerry Svob, Windy Curtis, John Shaul, Jerry Buhlert) narrowly defeated The 4 Angels (Don Baldwin, Dick Borah, John Martinez, Don Wilson) to win the second half of the season.



In the Championship final, Bud’s team and Gerry’s team split the first two games. In the last and deciding game, Bud’s team barely held off Gerry’s team to win the league title. Congratulations to both teams for their great bowling, but especially to Bud Rogers, Mas Miyagi, Ron Bacher and Bob Vandenburg for their Championship win.

After the bowling, the league bowlers met for lunch and the awarding of prizes. I won’t list all the top scores for the year, but a couple are especially noteworthy:

Carl Cloud	league high average	206
Carl Cloud	high scratch game	289
Ted Patterson	high scratch series	702
Tom Mezzanares	high handicap game	318
Milo Mariscal	high handicap series	833
John Martinez	most improved bowler improvement	19 pin

Overall, the league handed out almost \$4000 in prize money to the bowlers.

The league officers ‘volunteered’ to stay in office for another season, so for the 2013-2014 season the league will be represented again by:

President	Dick Borah
Vice-President	Bud Rogers
Treasurer	Jerry Buhlert
Secretary	Tom Page

This year, we were fortunate to have Dave Yorston and Jose Fernandez return from lengthy health problems to bowl pretty regularly. I’m looking forward to having all our bowlers back next year, plus perhaps a couple more guys who had previously bowled in the league and may be able to return. We will welcome new bowlers—I’d love to see the league expand to 10 teams next year, so let me know if you have an interest in bowling with us.

A large contingent from our league will have traveled to Carson City in April for the annual Gold Dust West SIR tournament. This tournament is always a lot of fun with a high level of bowling competition. I’ll have a report on their efforts later this year.

Tom Page, League Secretary

DINNER/THEATER GROUP

On April 20th, 41 branch members and their guests attended the musical "How to Succeed in Business without Trying," at the Three Stages Theater in Folsom. The young actors, singers and dancers did a great job and it was enjoyed by all.

Prior to the theater, we met at Mimi's Café for a group dinner. Our thanks go out to Jim Porterfield who made the arrangements.

LUNCH & EXPLORE AMADOR

The next Lunch & Explore adventure will take us to Amador County on May 11:00. After a lecture on the history of Amador and role it played during the Gold Rush Era, we will visit two major gold rush mines. Lunch will be an authentic Italian meal at the historic Theresa's. Theresa's family will mingle with us and brief us on their ancestors part during the Gold Rush. The meal will be \$16.00/person tip included.

SIR Day in the Park

Wednesday June 26th, 10:00AM to 2:00PM

Bring your whole family and enjoy the festivities, camaraderie, games, prizes and food for a price of only \$9.00/Person Jim Porterfield has volunteered to cook Santa Maria style Tri Tip.

Bring your re-donated gifts and make reservations at the May Luncheon

HEY COMUTER GUY

Just an idea: Are you bugged by security questions (not passwords)? I sure am. Recently, I was cut off from access to one of my financial accounts for entering a wrong security question answer 3 times. They asked me the color of my first car. Thought of my 36 Ford when I was 16 that I sprayed with 30 coats of hand rubbed lacquer. Of course I knew the color was bronze, a popular color in the late 40's. But bronze was rejected. I then tried Bronze and that too was rejected. I then tried Bronz to be rejected for the 3rd time. I was cut off from access to that account until I contacted the account manager. I then did a massive search to find out what I had put down when I set up the security questions and "color of first car" was not even listed. I was telling this to a friend and he had an easy solution to this problem. He answers all security questions with the same answer say Franque. So if you are asked, what color was your first car, the answer is Franque, your mothers maiden name Franque, your first dog Franque. I know it sounds dumb, but I can't wait to give it a try. Reminds me of the old question "Who do you want notified in case of an emergency?" Of course the answer is 911.



Computer addicts never die they just go offline.

Hey Computer Guy at franque12@surewest.com

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PUZZLE CORNER

This Month

A rope ladder hangs from a boat. Four rungs are below the surface of the water. There are 12" between Each rung. If the tide is rising at the rate of 12"/hr., how many rungs will be submerged two hours later.



Last Month

What number should appear next in this sequence?

17 24 28 36 42 44 ?

Answer: 48.

The numbers increase by the amount of the second digit each time