



THE MAIL POUCH

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The Pony Express Branch #69
May — 2019 Edition

Alan Weinel, Editor



PAT'S PAPERS

We had our first luncheon at the new location at the Carmichael Elks Club in April. All in all I believe it went pretty well. Our turnout numbers were great and our members seemed to have a fairly good time. As our first luncheon at this new location, we were in sort of a test mode. Some tweaks will be made for next month and future adjustments will be considered as we move forward.

I thought the buffet went well. Little Sir Jimmy Buckley did a great job in controlling the table numbers for lining up at the buffet. I received mostly good feedback on the meal and the facility. I'm sure were all happier paying \$18 instead of \$25 for the luncheon—a \$7 difference for April/May and a \$14 for June and beyond.

We already have some lessons learned and adjustments we will make for next month. One being the location of the check in table. We'll move this to a less congested but still within the luncheon area. This will give us a bit more room as members check in for lunch.

I thought the audio equipment worked well, but the video equipment fell short. We were a bit spoiled with the big drop down screen and overhead projector we had at the Dante Club. Showing the images on the side wall didn't work well. The Elks club said they're working on improvements in video equipment, but we don't know what that means yet.

The Elks Club does not provide birthday treats or raffle wine. The Branch Executive Committee decide to keep this tradition going. So, at all luncheons this year we will continue to provide these two items.

Our attendance was up and a very high percentage of people that committed to attend did. As Big Sir I have to turn in an estimated attendance figure to the Elks Club six days prior to the luncheon. They base the amount of food they prepare on this number. **IMPORTANT:** although we report an *estimated* number to attend **they will base our actual charges on the number of plates we use. So it's important to ask that members use only one plate per person at the luncheon.** If each person who pays for lunch uses one plate the money collected should match the bill we receive.

Pat Quinn, Big Sir



JIMMY'S GEMS

I was happy to see all of you at Carmichael Elks Club. We are still working out a few issues but we received many positive comments. Elks Club has a set menu for the year. We would like to have had a different menu for our first event but all in all it worked out. I have gotten comments like "the food was good" and "what was presented was a typical "luncheon" menu".

We were told that there will be a new audio/video system so our PowerPoint slides look more professional.

The speaker for April was Lori Harmon from Easter Seals. She is the Director of the Aquatic pool and offered help to people with issues such as arthritis and other muscle and joint maladies.

When was the last time you reviewed the benefits available to you and your family as a veteran? Our speaker for May is Rochelle Arnold—Sacramento County Veterans Services Officer, Department of Human Assistance. She will be here to discuss the many benefits available including initiating claims, veteran status on your driver's license and other discounts. She and her team can help with the paperwork. Make sure you bring your license and Form DD214.

Jimmy Buckley, Little Sir

May 2019 LUNCHEON MENU

Thursday May 9, 2019

Ground Beef & Sausage Lasagna,
Seasonal Vegetables, Salad, Rolls & Butter and
Chef's choice for dessert!

**REMEMBER—It is at the Carmichael Elks Club
5631 Cypress Avenue,
Carmichael.**

(Please call Pat or Jimmy if you need directions)



Our 2018-2019 bowling season has officially ended. The Pocket Dwellers team—Captain Jim Smalling, Bud Rogers, Patrick Fintel and Alan Weinel—won both halves of the year to sweep the title. Congratulations, Pocket Dwellers—you guys bowled great! The Strike Force team—Captain Rich Taylor, Frank Levings, Floyd Scott and Jim Oblizalo—finished second in the standings.

Jim Smalling continued as the league’s top bowler with a 213 average. Bud Rogers posted the year’s biggest improvement, increasing his average from 160 to 179.66. Darren Simonds had the year’s highest scratch game with 288, while Jim Happs posted the best handicap game at 313. Jim Smalling nailed a 755 scratch series to top that listing; Steve Eason had the highest handicap series at 808.

We also give awards for the highest game over average in three age groups. Division A (over 80 years old) was won by Floyd Scott with a game 100 pins over average. Division B (70-79 years old) went to Ritchie Carlson with a game 90 pins over average. Division C (under 70 years) was topped by Bob Clanton with a game 92 pins over average.

Individual bowlers received pin money for wins over the course of the season. Overall, we handed out over \$7,000 in prize money!

In more bowling news, many of our bowlers made the annual trip to Carson City for the SIR tournament there. The lanes were tricky—most of us struggled a bit to sort out the best line. Money winners at Carson City included Don Baldwin/Tom Page, fourth in Division 2 doubles, Ritchie Carlson/Joe Bowers, 13th in the same event, Darren Simonds, 12th in Division 1 All Events, and Don Baldwin, 21st in Division 2 All Events.

Local bowling will continue with several informal leagues over the summer at Country Club Lanes, including no-tap bowling on Fridays at noon. In July, I will hand out sign-up sheets for our 2019-2020 league. I hope to see our bowlers from this year return and many new bowlers sign up to participate in the bowling fun.

Tom Page, League Secretary 488-6465

2019 ATTENDANCE REPORT

Gentlemen: For April, 2019 our luncheon attendance was 68%, and YTD is 69%
The SIR minimum goal is 70%

Paul Sickert, Attendance Chairman

May Anniversaries

Joe and Karon Bowers	4
Jim and Lauren Luttig	7
Tom and Vanessa Mezzanares	13
Ernie and Sylvia Shell	21
Tom and Joanne Page	21
Ray and Linda Price	23
Bryan and Carol Perrin	25

RECRUITING & PUBLICITY

We had another nice recruiting month in April—four new members and several guests in attendance. I’ve been a busy guy doing all the biographies for the new members. Keep up the great work.



We’re all set for Morton Golf’s Golf Expo, the annual golf show set for April 26-28, 2019 at Haggin Oaks. As I’m writing this, I have two pieces of good news—it does indeed look like we will have our booth to ourselves this year, plus the weather forecast for the event weekend appears to be very nice. The Expo will be over and done with by the time you read this, but I’m looking forward to a productive recruiting weekend. 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 hope to see all of you at the May luncheon. I thought the food and overall setting at our April luncheon with the Carmichael Elks Lodge was very good. I’m looking forward to many more good luncheons there.

Tom Page Recruiting & Publicity Director

May Birthdays

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Hal Witsaman	1	80
Floyd Scott	5	82
Glen Halvorsen	7	
Ted Machado	10	
Ted Patterson	15	81
Windy Curtis	21	98
Jerry Deuser	21	82
Louis Pritchett	25	
Ray Price	27	
Bill Pritchett	29	
Blake Thomson	30	



WELCOME!!

SIR EDDIE CAVIEL

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Sponsored by Jimmy Buckley (transfer from Branch 112)



Eddie was born in San Antonio, Texas; he grew up both in Texas and in California. After high school, he went to work as a store clerk before finding his stride with electronic companies. Eddie spent the rest of his career in the electronics industry, last working for Best Label running their shipping/receiving department.

Eddie has two living children and several grand- and great grandchildren. He is an avid bowler, likes fishing and the Chicago Bears and the LA Dodgers. He is looking forward to joining our SIR bowling league next fall.

Birthday: September 25, 1942

Anniversary: Mattie, April 1, 2005

Please welcome him!

SIR STEVE MACILRAITH

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Sponsored by Dave Fitzsimmons



Steve was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, but lived all over the United States while growing up. After high school, he headed to University of the Pacific in Stockton on a partial golf scholarship. In addition to playing golf, Steve earned two BS degrees, one in business and one in biology. After college, Steve joined with three friends to form a medical device company. This association lasted 10 years before Steve moved on to a Bay Area company that distributed clinical testing equipment for another 10 years. He next joined a medical company as the Western states manager; this company later was bought by Merck. Steve continued to work for Merck until he developed a life-threatening disease that took several years to resolve. As he recovered from the serious disease, Steve pretty much retired but still ran a small golf products company. He still dabbles with golf equipment and concepts. Throughout his lifelong love of golf, Steve met and associated with many people and celebrities. One of the most notable associations was the two weeks he spent on a Scottish golf trip with Michael Jordan after Michael retired from the NBA.

Steve is an avid golfer, plus he likes writing books and stories, travel and fly fishing. He has four children and five grand-children.

Birthday: February 23, 1947

Please welcome him!

SIR WILBERT (BILL) GREEN

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Sponsored by Jimmy Buckley



Bill comes from St. Louis, Missouri, where he grew up. After high school, he headed to Lincoln University in Missouri and then to Missouri Institute of Technology, all the while studying to become an electronics technician. After his college studies, Bill went to work for Rockwell International in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Later, he moved on to Hughes Aircraft in El Segundo (Los Angeles area). He stayed with this company as it was later acquired by General Motors and finally by Raytheon. He retired in 2009.

Bill and his wife Francine have a daughter and two sons. The daughter is in the medical field at Kaiser Permanente, one son works for FedEx and the other is a pilot at Southern Airways. They also have four grandchildren. Bill likes to bowl (he currently bowls in three leagues), plays poker and enjoys wine tasting. He's looking forward to bowling in our bowling league in the fall.

Birthday: June 24, 1954

Anniversary: Francine, July 28, 1979

Please welcome him!

SIR NEAL McCOY

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Neal was born in Waterstown, New York, but mostly grew up in Sacramento as his family moved here in 1959. After high school, Neal attended Fresno State, and later earned his degree in physical education from Sacramento State.

Following college, Neal got married and went to work at various jobs, including the 7-Up bottling plant for five years and then the laborers union for another five years before going to work for the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. Neal finished his working career there, working in Grounds, Buildings and Maintenance for 13 years until he became the head custodian at a district school for nine years. He retired in 2014.

Neal is a big Giants fan and bowls regularly in a league.

Birthday: June 20, 1952

Please welcome him!

WELCOME!!

SIR WING TSE

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Sponsor: John Popadak (transfer from Branch 128)



Wing was born in Hong Kong and lived there until coming to the United States to attend college at Sacramento State. He graduated in 1977 with a degree in construction management. He then worked in San Francisco in the construction industry, doing estimating, engineering and construction management. He moved to Orange County in Southern California in 1990 and continued his work in the construction industry. He retired in 2015 as a project manager and estimator for Brutoco Company.

Wing plays golf, bowls, hikes, bicycles, watches sports on TV (especially the A's and Giants), referees youth sports and collects stamps. He also follows several levels of soccer, including British soccer from his upbringing in Hong Kong.

Birthday: July 27, 1952

Please welcome him!

New Members in April:

Wing Tse	Eddie Caviel	Wilbert (Bill) Green	Neal McCoy3
Trans Br. 128	Trans Br. 112	SP: Jimmy Buckley	SP: Jimmy Buckley



The continuing saga of how dangerous the game of Golf is ...

I have previously shared stories of how dangerous golf is—what with Alligators in Florida, a shark in the water at a course near Brisbane, Australia and then there was the golfer who LITERALLY bit off the thumb of another golfer in Plymouth, Massachusetts.

WELL—Here we go again: This time it happened at 8:30 AM on the 7th hole at the Mohegan Sun Golf Course on Dows Lane in Baltic, Connecticut, when a bobcat attacked a golfer—who ended up being transported by ambulance to a nearby hospital. "It jumped on his back, but he was able to fight it off with a golf club. He thought it was dead, but as he walked a few steps away it ended up jumping back up and taking off on him, chased by another member of the golfer's team." said Sgt. Chris Dwyer. [*See—those clubs have MANY, MANY uses, besides just throwing into the water on a bad day! / Ed.*]

Following the incident, The Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection's (DEEP) Environmental Conservation Police managed to locate the bobcat and humanely euthanized it, according to officials. The animal was taken to UConn Medical Lab where it tested positive for rabies, they added. The animal is also being eyed in an attack on a horse earlier in the morning, officials said. The horse is under the care of a veterinarian after it was cut on its neck and eye.

"This is the first time I've ever even heard of this. It's very unfortunate, unusual," said Philip Krick, general manager of Mohegan Sun Golf Club.

When the attack happened, everyone was brought off the course immediately.

Bobcats are normally shy secretive animals and attacks on humans are extremely rare. The last reported incident in Connecticut was in Bozrah in late August, 2014. That animal also tested positive for rabies.

I keep telling you guys, Golf is WAY TOO dangerous! What is next? A grizzly? Elephant stampede? Who knows!

Alan Weinel / Editor

Your 2019 Golf Directors



Lennie Silva—Regular Course

MAY GOLF:

05-16	Thurs	The Reserve	Low Net
05-23	Thurs	Bing Maloney	4 Man, 2 Best Ball
05-30	Thurs	Mickey Grove	Low Net

JUNE GOLF:

06-20	Thurs	Bartley	1st Round CC
06-27	Thurs	Teal Bend	8:00 Shotgun; Low Net

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 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

SIR VESTS!

We have a nice assortment of vests available—just \$35. See Mike Ratzlaff at the luncheon



Greg Schweitzer—Progressive Golf Club

MAY GOLF:

05-06	Mon	Bing Maloney	4 Man Scramble
05-20	Mon	River Oaks	Fwd Tees, Stroke Play

JUNE GOLF:

06-10	Mon	WildHawk	4 Man Shamble W/ Green Combo Tees
06-24	Mon	Alister Mac	1sr Round CC

LAST CHANCE

**SOCIAL EVENT May 10th!!
Dinner and a show!**

Just a reminder of our upcoming social event on May 10th. Guests are welcome!!

Dinner will be at 5PM at the Broderick Roadhouse/ Café—6241 Fair Oaks Boulevard (Near Marconi Avenue).

You can order off the menu—they have a variety of items, including Vegan. Please see the [menu](#) on line. You will be responsible for your own dinner bill.

Following dinner we will travel to American River College (4700 College Oak Drive—about 15 minutes away) where we will experience a concert of songs from the movies! There will be a lot of variety and interaction with the audience—this will NOT be like any other concert you may have seen.

Mike Ratzlaff



"THEY ALL SAID WE WOULDN'T LAST ...
WHY DIDN'T WE LISTEN?"

HOW ARE WE DOING?

4/30/2019

INCOME	ACTUAL	BUDG	DIFF
Contributions	\$3,370	\$3,700	\$ 330
Other	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
TOTAL INCOME	\$3,370	\$3,700	\$ 330

EXPENSES			
Printing & Postage	\$ 0	\$ 550	\$ 550
Officers' Expenses	\$ 0	\$ 300	\$ 300
Guest Expenses	\$ 0	\$ 100	\$ 100
State Assessment	\$ 449	\$1,000	\$ 551
Other, Golf Expo	\$ 0	\$ 300	\$ 300
Other, Misc.	\$ 433	\$1,800	\$1,367
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 882	\$4,050	\$3,168

CASH BALANCE AT END OF 2018	\$3,509
CURRENT CASH BALANCE	5,998
PROJECTED BALANCE 12/31/2019	\$3,159

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

Jerry Buhlert, Treasurer**SUNSHINE**

FIRST: A great big thank you from Bill Mueller for the great big get well card.

LARRY ARONSON: has shared that he is having to undergo additional cancer treatment and is receptive to our prayers and good wishes

Gentlemen: Please keep all of our members who are struggling with health problems in your prayers and if there is anyone you are aware of that might benefit from a card or a call from us, please let me know.

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.)

*kindest Regards,
Bill Nichols, Sunshine Chairman*

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SIR JIM PAGE

**TREASURER'S REPORT – APRIL 2019****Cash Balance 1/1/2019= \$3,509**

	April	YTD
Beginning Cash Balance	\$6,103	N/A
Contributions	\$ 250	\$3,370
Expenses	\$ 355	\$ 882
Ending Cash Balance	\$5,998	N/A

MEMBERSHIP

Membership, Gain/Loss	+4/-0	155
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SIR Day in the Park

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

PLEASE: We NEED items to "regift" for the prize table the day of the picnic or at a prior Sir Luncheon. (Right now we are running a little short...) Give it to our Little SIR Jimmy Buckley



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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