



THE MAIL POUCH



The Pony Express Branch #69
October — 2021 Edition



John Popadak, Editor



Sickert Says

Branch 69 held its September luncheon on Tuesday, September 7 at the Dante Event Center. I thought attendance was very good considering it was the first non-Thursday luncheon the branch has ever done. I received many compliments on how good the chicken cacciatore was. Our scheduled speaker had to cancel at the last minute, so Little Sir Mark Steffens brought his own Canine Companions dog in training Zurich and gave a well-received presentation on how he, and others like him, train their dogs to help people with disabilities function independently.

It is that time of year when the branch starts looking for Committee Chairmen for the new year. Bob Houghton has resigned as Chairman of the RV Club and the branch is looking for a replacement for this position. There are no requirements except being interested in organizing and leading RV trips with like-minded branch members. Please contact me if this is something that appeals to you.

The date for the Memorial Service for Tony Vigil has been set. It will be on Sunday, October 24, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. followed by a reception. Both will be held at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, 2620 Capitol Ave., Sacramento, 95816. Branch members have been asked to wear something that identifies you as a branch 69-member friend of Tony's. I will probably wear my golf shirt with the Branch 69 logo under my sports coat during the church service and take the coat off for the reception.

Further on in the newsletter you will find a flyer for the Country Club Aires, a men's choral group sponsored as an SIR activity by Branch 33. Participation is open to all active members of any SIR branch, not just Branch 33. They are looking for a Choral Director, singers, and band members. Please see the flyer for more information.

Our next luncheon is at the Dante Event Center on October 14, 2021. Please join us at 11 am for social hour and 12 noon for lunch. I am looking forward to seeing you there.

Thank you.

Paul Sickert, Big Sir



Mark's Talk

On September 9th meeting, Zurich (10-month puppy) and I had opportunity to speak about Canine Companions, a Non-Profit Organization that provides Service Dogs Free of charge for all disabilities except medical alert and blindness. Zurich is the 22nd dog that Debbie and I have raised. Zurich showed his amazing skills by going through many of the different commands that he has learned. Even though we demonstrated only a few he currently knows 35. To learn more about Canine Companions go to <https://canine.org>.



On October 14th our speaker is Mike Woods, Vice President @ Haggin Oaks Golf Complex. In 1997, Mike was named the Head Golf Professional at the Haggin Oaks Golf Complex in Sacramento, CA. Today, Mike is the Director of Golf at Haggin Oaks and a partner with Morton Golf, LLC. Mike has become an expert in golf course operations, including tournament operations, pro shop operations, range operations, retailing, club repair, club fitting and golf instruction. Some of Mike's career highlights include:

- 2008 PGA of America Merchandiser of the Year Award recipient
- 2007 NCPGA Merchandiser of the Year Award recipient
- 2004 NCPGA Horton Smith Award recipient
- 1998-2008 Sacramento Golf Council Member
- 1998-2008 California State Fair Championship Tournament Director

Finally, check out SIR Apparel and Signage ([Apparel and Signage – SIR \(sirinc.org\)](https://sirinc.org)) you will be amazed on what is available to our members (personalize Branch 69 shirts and jackets with your name FREE). The Pro-Shop Website can take individual orders. If you order is over \$50 it has free shipping. I will have my new shirt and hat by this meeting.

Mark Steffens, Little Sir



OCTOBER 14 LUNCHEON MENU

Slow Roasted Pork Loin with Cranberry Red Wine Sauce, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Organic Mixed Green Salad, Seasonal Vegetables, Dinner Rolls with Sweet Butter, Chef's Choice Dessert.



BOWLING NEWS



We're bowling! We have completed four weeks of league play as I write this. It's just like old times: lots of competition, lots of good-natured razing, lots of amazing shots. With a couple notable exceptions, most of the bowlers are showing the effects of little or no bowling for a year and a half - our skills have eroded a little!

It's way too early to predict which teams might make a run at the league championship, but I will mention several individual scores of note. Pat Barrett has gotten off to a really great start: he has the top scratch game at 236 and the top scratch series at 619. Jim Smalling has a 234 scratch game, followed by Steve Eason with 223. Steve Eason also has a 611 scratch series, with Alex Canada holding third with 588. Bud Rogers has a 274 handicap game, with Vic Scott at 269 and Pat Quinn at 267 completing the top three.

I predict our overall scores will rise as the bowlers get back to their usual skill set.

I will look forward to seeing all of you at our monthly luncheons and at the bowling alley.

Stay safe and stay healthy,

Tom Page, League Secretary 916-488-6465

October Birthdays

| | | |
|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Otis Benning | 10/01 | 82 Years |
| Charlie Landau | 10/05 | |
| Tom Mezzanares | 10/05 | |
| Jim Oliver | 10/05 | |
| John Valdes | 10/09 | |
| Adrian Herrell | 10/13 | 84 Years |
| Rick Hom | 10/13 | |
| Sandy Davis | 10/15 | |
| Marty Miller | 10/15 | 80 Years |
| Pietro Pozzuto | 10/18 | |
| Doug Bailey | 10/19 | |
| Mike Pinkston | 10/21 | |
| Ted Canty | 10/28 | |

Happy Birthday!

October Anniversaries

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|---------------------------|-------|
| Larry and Cathy Aronson | 10/03 |
| Bill and Cheryl Pritchett | 10/05 |
| Hal and Dolly Copperberg | 10/06 |
| Pat and Sandy Quinn | 10/16 |
| Mark and Nancy Machado | 10/21 |



Zoom meetings are just modern seances



"There's someone who wants to join us."
 "Elizabeth, are you there?"
 "We can't hear you."
 "Can you hear us?"



Your 2021 Golf Directors

Lennie Silva—Regular Course



Greg Schweitzer—Progressive Golf Club



OCTOBER GOLF

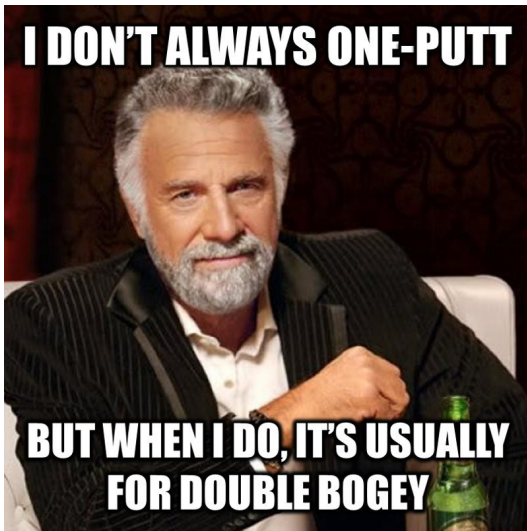
October 7 - Teal Bend - Low Net - \$50/crt

October 21 - Alister Mackenzie - Vintage Tournament - \$38

OCTOBER GOLF

October 18 - Bartley Cavanaugh - Stroke Play

October 25 - Wildhawk - Stroke Play



RECRUITING AND PUBLICITY



Wow, two luncheons at the Dante Club; even if one of them had a slight date change. I thought the food and service were excellent, and I heard a lot of positive comments from other SIR attendees. Most of all, it was great to be back seeing our friends at the luncheons again.

I feel a little lost without the prospects of another Golf Expo at Haggin Oaks. I'm hoping to talk with Mike Woods to see if there are any other joint efforts we can undertake in order to bolster our recruiting efforts. Meanwhile, let's redouble our individual work to invite prospective members to our branch.

When you sign up for golf tournaments, think about friends who might benefit from our SIR activities. Perhaps you could have a friend play as a guest in a tournament, one of our best recruiting methods. Also, think about bowlers who might want to join our branch and bowl in our league. It's always good to keep our recruiting in mind!

Tom Page Recruiting & Publicity Director



SUNSHINE



Loren Jacobs is recovering from a serious (hospital and quarantine at home) bout with COVID-19. By the time you read this he should be out of home quarantine. He said he is feeling pretty good.

Tom Page recently underwent arm surgery for a cancerous tumor and then got pneumonia and was hospitalized for three days. He's recovering slowly and the arm surgery, though successful, will have to be repeated in November.

PBS Jim Carlson just got out of the hospital. I reached out and received the following from his daughter, Jodi:

“Thank you for reaching out. He came home today. He had a bowel blockage, septic shock and pneumonia. He was at MSJ ICU for 5 days, regular hospital room for 3 days and 2.5 weeks at a skilled nursing facility. He is still pretty weak and tires easily but he's a fighter. In the last week his progress has been remarkable. We're so happy to have him home. My sisters and I will be here 24/7 until we feel he and my mom are ok on their own.

I don't think he would mind if you let the membership know. Please also ask that everyone get vaccinated. We delayed going to the ER because they are overwhelmed with COVID patients and due to COVID restrictions we couldn't visit at all in the hospital and visits were limited in the skilled nursing facility. This won't end until everyone is vaccinated.”

Best wishes and prayers for the continuing recovery of our friends.

We currently do not have a Sunshine Chairman. In the interim, if you have any information regarding a member who is ill or incapacitated, please email Paul Sickert at: paulsicket3787@gmail.com.

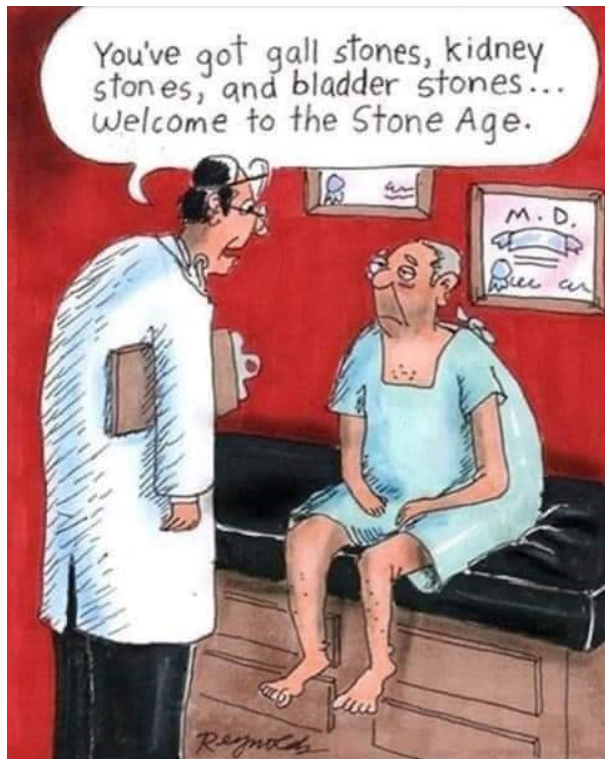
HOW ARE WE DOING?

09/21/2021

| INCOME | ACTUAL | BUDGET | DIFF |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Contributions | \$2,271 | \$2,100 | \$ 171 |
| Other | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$2,271 | \$2,100 | \$ 171 |
| EXPENSES | | | |
| Printing & Postage | \$ 0 | \$ 500 | \$ 500 |
| Officers' Expenses | \$ 52 | \$ 50 | \$ -2 |
| Guest Expenses | \$ 0 | \$ 200 | \$ 200 |
| State Assessment | \$ 501 | \$ 800 | \$ 299 |
| Other, Golf Expo | \$ 0 | \$ 200 | \$ 200 |
| Other, Misc. | \$ 664 | \$1,475 | \$ 811 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$ 1,217 | \$3,225 | \$ 2,008 |
| CASH BALANCE AT END OF 2020 | | | \$ 4,486 |
| CURRENT CASH BALANCE | | | \$ 5,540 |
| PROJECTED CASH BALANCE 12/31/2021 | | | \$ 3,361 |
| PROJECTED 2021 YEAR END MEMBERSHIP | | | 150 |
| PROJECTED CASH BALANCE PER MEMBER | | | \$ 22 |



Hal Copperberg, Treasurer



2021 ROSTER REPAIRS



Ammon Igra's new phone number is (916) 201-8657. Please send corrections to Alan's personal Email account Alan_Weinel@ATT.Net with subject "Roster Correction".

Alan Weinel, Roster Chairman

| 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 |
| BUD ROGERS | (916) 991-2611 | JIM OBLIZZALO | (916) 747-8172 |

State Officers

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|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 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 | Lieutenant Coopwood | (916) 206-2732 |
| Roster | Alan Weinel | (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 | Ron Hutcheson | (916) 897-2807 |
| Nominating | John Popadak | (916) 662-0695 |
| Attendance | John Hanson | (916) 612-3115 |
| Orientation | Steve Goodman | (916) 521-6546 |
| Branch Apparel | TBD | |
| Meeting Review | John Popadak | (916) 662-0695 |
| Sunshine | TBD | |
| Lunch Reception | Ron Bacher | (916) 422-5583 |
| Web Site | Ross Martin | (916) 427-0559 |
| Book Club | Bernie Moreno | (209) 245-6313 |
| RV | TBD | |
| NCGA Ambassador | Jim Huffman | (916) 468-8197 |
| RAMP | Jerry Schroeder | (916) 801-2530 |

Honored Members

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

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

SENIOR CERTIFICATES

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

TREASURER'S REPORT – September, 2021

Cash Balance 1/1/2021 = \$4,486

| | JULY | YTD |
|------------------------|-------------|------------|
| Beginning Cash Balance | \$5,408 | N/A |
| Contributions | \$ 175 | \$2,271 |
| Expenses | \$ 43 | \$1,217 |
| Ending Cash Balance | \$5,540 | N/A |
| MEMBERSHIP | | |
| Membership, Gain/Loss | 0/-0 | 138 |



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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 previous twelve consecutive month period. may be notified, by letter, of the pending termination of his membership in SIR. (Rule 60, 100 & 107).



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Mgr@CountryClubAires.org (ph 916-397-6257) and/or**

**Robert DuPlantier, Assistant Business Manager/Master of Ceremonies AsstBusi-
nessMgr@CountryClubAires.org (ph 916-521-3464)**

***For more in-depth information about the CCA, please look for our website at:
<http://www.CountryClubAires.org>***