



THE MAIL POUCH

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The Pony Express Branch #69
February — 2019 Edition

Alan Weinel, Editor



PAT'S PAPERS

Well I have to say, I certainly didn't plan on missing the first Branch Executive Committee (BEC) meeting and Sirs luncheon as your Big Sir for 2019. Unfortunately I ended up in the hospital and they wouldn't let me go until the day following the luncheon. As a result, I owe thanks to a number of members who covered my butt. Specifically Jimmy Buckley who filled the role as both Big Sir and Little Sir and Jerry Buhlert (Treasurer) and Ron Hutcheson (Secretary) who covered me on a number of other activities. I'm sure there were others that helped out that I have not mentioned.

I also want to thank our Sunshine Chairman, Bill Nichols, for the nice get well card he sent me with the many signatures from our membership. It really did make me feel much better.

Our dedicated group of luncheon callers also did a great job for our luncheon attendance. I received feedback from all callers in a timely fashion. They all followed the procedures and sent me, the new Big Sir, their luncheon counts. I want to also thank membership for the turnout we had in January. The numbers were up and a very high percentage of those who said they would attend did not have to cancel. Great turnout guys.

As you know the membership roster was available at the January Luncheon and will again be available in February. Sounds like we had a very good turnout with members paying their voluntary \$25 contribution. We made the decision in late 2018 to keep our membership dues voluntary, so it's great to hear about the number of members picking up their 2019 rosters. We prefer to keep this voluntary but should revenue projections not cover the branches expenses the voluntary status can be changed to a mandatory fee. Please consider adding your voluntary contribution if you haven't already done so.

You're probably well aware of our ongoing considerations for staying at the Dante Club or moving to a new luncheon location. I plan on providing membership with an updated status report at the February Luncheon.

Pat Quinn, Big Sir



JIMMY'S GEMS

Hello, fellow SIRS,

Once again, thank you for allowing me to serve as Little SIR for Branch 69.

We have some significant decisions for the 2019 and beyond which will require some new demands for all of us. I will make every effort to help to make these changes as painless as possible.

I hope to bring some new and interesting speakers. Speakers that will entertain as well as provide useful information.

I want to thank Sir Marty Miller for stepping up to become our speaker of the month at last month's meeting. Monty has more than 50 years in the dog and horse racing industry. He brought an interesting view of gambling giving examples from his early days in the industry before computers clear through gambling over the internet.

February's Speaker is Wendy Phoenix, Development Director for the Sacramento Theatre Company. STC is a nationally recognized professional theatre company located in Sacramento. The STC strives to be the leader in integrating professional theatre with theatre arts education. STC produces engaging professional theatre, provides exceptional theatre training, and uses theatre as a tool for educational engagement.

Hope to see you all at the luncheon.

Jimmy Buckley, Little Sir

FEBRUARY 2019 LUNCHEON MENU

Thursday February 14, 2019

Braised Pork w/ mushroom demi glaze, Israeli Cous-Cous, Braised Greens, Mixed Green Salad w/ pickled onions in a pomegranate vinaigrette, Rolls & Butter.
Dessert TBD



We're a month into the second half of our bowling season—many teams are close together at the top of the standings. Way too close to call now. The lead changes almost every week, which is how it's supposed to be. Stay tuned for our progress.

As always, we have had some outstanding bowling. Jim Smalling recently bowled a rousing 286 game, the second highest so far this season, and a 755 series, best for the year. Jose Fernandez just rolled a 733 handicap series. Jim Happs continues to lead the handicap games with a 313 effort.

Our substitute situation has been pretty good lately. Usually I can find subs for absent players, but there is always room to add more substitutes to the list. **Contact me to join our fun league—you will enjoy the action.**

Tom Page, League Secretary 488-6465

February Birthdays

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Frank Levings	1	
Dick Borah	10	81
Connor Chin	16	
Lennie Silva	19	81
Jim Happs	21	
Denis Welsh	23	
Ross Martin	25	
Jim Luttig	27	
Allen Riker	28	



2019 SIRS Branch 69 Roster

The 2019 Roster is now here and ready to distribute. Please pick-up your roster at the February luncheon when you make your annual voluntary Branch contribution.

See our Branch Treasurer Jerry Buhlert in the back-room area before or immediately following the luncheon. For your voluntary contribution of \$25.00, he will provide you with this year's updated 2019 roster booklet.

The \$25.00 voluntary contribution goes towards publishing of the branch roster and newsletter as well as to pay for obligations including mandated State SIR pro rata, supplemental expenses towards the Ladies Day Luncheon and Sirs Day in the Park events, appreciation gifts to our speakers and various office supplies consumed during the year.

February Anniversaries

Dan and Sarita Turner	3	51
Ron and Diana Hutcheson	4	
Don and Patricia Neufeld	9	57
Victor and Barbara Scott	14	
Tony and Barbara Vigil	14	
Bill and Lena Mueller	16	56
Bob and Loretta Turner	18	58
Jim and Lavina Smalling	23	

RECRUITING & PUBLICITY

Two new members were inducted in January, plus we had a couple guests who expressed interest in our branch. Welcome to Mike Pinkston, who has already played as a sub in our bowling league, and to Don Agostinelli, who rejoins us after a brief absence.



The most important part of recruiting is the efforts of individual members, so keep those friends and neighbors coming. As with all organizations, our long-term success depends on our recruitment of new members. If we're standing still, we're fading!

Your Branch Executive Committee is working hard to evaluate all the possibilities for our branch luncheons. Change could be in the air—hang in there no matter what happens and stick with your buddies.

I have completed the paperwork for our booth at Morton Golf's Golf Expo, the annual golf show set for April 26-28, 2019. This event is always fun to attend—got to fondle the latest and greatest clubs—plus, we get a chance to meet potential new members for our branch. I'll be passing around the sign-up list at the March luncheon. *[Editor: When I first read this I THOUGHT Tom was going to say fondle some balls... WHEW! He had me worried there for a minute...]*

I hope to see all of you at the February luncheon and at the golf courses and at the bowling alley—don't forget to invite a guest or two to our upcoming luncheons.

Tom Page Recruiting & Publicity Director

2019 ATTENDANCE REPORT

Gentlemen: For January, 2019 our luncheon attendance was 71.8%. The SIR minimum goal is 70%

Paul Sickert, Attendance Chairman

WELCOME!!

SIR DON AGOSTINELLI

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Sponsored by Ron Bacher



Welcome back to Sir Don Agostinelli, who left our branch briefly due to family conflicts. Now he's back with Branch 69 again.

Don was born and raised in Sacramento; he went to Christian Brothers High School and graduated in 1966. After high school he attended Sacramento State, from which he graduated with his degree in Anthropology and Biology.

Don worked for the Sacramento City Unified School District while attending college; he continued that work after graduation. Later, he got some practical biology experience working for Oki Nursery. Ultimately, he went to work for Sacramento State and managed their biology greenhouse program for 30+ years.

Don and his wife Cathie were married in 1970. They have three children, all living in the Sacramento area, and three grandchildren. He enjoys his retirement and the time it gives him to pursue reading, cooking, dining out, history, gardening, and travel in addition to family activities.

Birthday: January 29, 1948
Anniversary: Cathie, June 20, 1970

Two Events Planned!!

Hey guys — please see the flyers at the end of the newsletter for a couple of opportunities ...

SIRS Day at Golden Gate Fields—March 29th

Giants @ A's "Battle of the Bay Bridge" — August 25th

Is someone willing to organize carpooling so that some of our more senior members can participate? If you will take on that *small task*, e-mail me at Branch.69.Sir@Gmail.com

Alan Weinel / Newsletter Editor

2019 ROSTER REPAIRS

None noted this month. Please send corrections to
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SIR MICHAEL PINKSTON

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Sponsored by Patrick Fintel



Mike was born in Crescent City, CA and grew up there and in Eureka, CA. He moved to Sacramento for a job opportunity with a civil engineering company at age 21 and has mostly lived here ever since. Mike spent his entire career in the civil engineering and land surveying profession working on numerous projects throughout the greater Sacramento area. He also spent a few years in Colorado working for a civil engineering firm on the Western Slope of Colorado, where he also enjoyed the outdoors, hiking and snowboarding. Mike became a Licensed Land Surveyor in 2004. In 2008, he went to work for the California Department of Water Resources doing work on State water projects, with assignments that included field surveys and Central Valley Flood Protection Board projects until his retirement last October.

Mike and his wife Pamela have three sons between them, and eight grandchildren. They enjoy family activities, motorcycle rides, camping and RV travel. Mike also fishes, hunts, bowls, plays golf, and participates in competitive pistol shooting. He has already signed on to participate in our Branch 69 bowling league.

Birthday: October 21, 1955
Anniversary: Pamela, July 24, 1993



"Oh please! I promise I won't
mess it up like last time."

Your 2019 Golf Directors



Lennie Silva—Regular Course

FEBRUARY GOLF:

02-07	Thurs	Bing Maloney	Low Net
02-21	Thurs	Ancil Hoffman	Low Net

MARCH GOLF:

03-07	Thurs	Wildhawk	4 Man, Best Ball
03-21	Thurs	Cherry Island	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

And you thought the alligators in Florida were a problem...

A golf course near the city of Brisbane in Australia is giving its members a new challenge to overcome - Killer Sharks. Half a dozen predators apparently were washed into the club lake from a nearby river during heavy flooding. Despite being stranded, the sharks seem to be thriving and some of them are even breeding. They are bull sharks and are highly aggressive.

SO ... do you REALLY want to go retrieve that ball?



Greg Schweitzer—Progressive Golf Club

FEBRUARY GOLF:

02-04	Mon	Cavanaugh	4 Man, Best Ball
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MARCH GOLF:

03-04	Mon	Wildhorse	Stroke Play Forward Tees
003-18	Mon	Alister Mac	4 Man Shamble

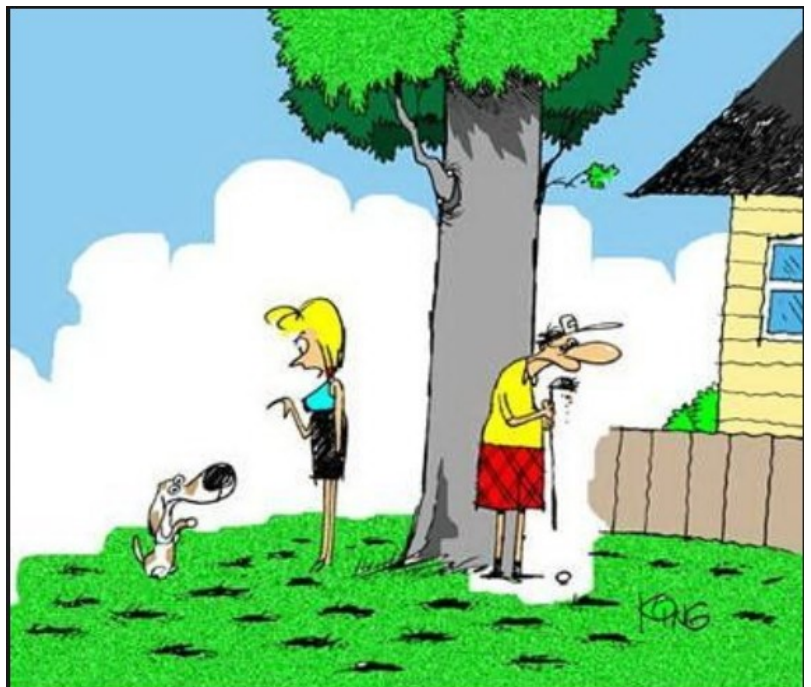
Rough Game...



e've heard of **violent altercations on the golf course** throughout the years, but this one is particularly grisly. **According to WCVB-TV**, a golfer bit off another man's finger in Massachusetts.

The fight happened at Southerns Marsh Golf Club in Plymouth on Friday. Neither of the men has been identified, but the report says a 47-year-old man was arrested and charged with mayhem.

The incident reportedly happened late in the day and left one man with his thumb bitten off to his knuckle. He was taken to a nearby hospital after firefighters arrived at the scene following a 911 call from another person at the club.



"Bad dog! Dig up my lawn again and I'll have you neutered!"

HOW ARE WE DOING?

1/27/2019

INCOME	ACTUAL	BUDG	DIFF
Contributions	\$2,290	\$3,700	\$1,410
Other	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
TOTAL INCOME	\$2,290	\$3,700	\$1,410

EXPENSES			
Printing & Postage	\$ 0	\$ 550	\$ 550
Officers' Expenses	\$ 0	\$ 300	\$ 300
Guest Expenses	\$ 0	\$ 100	\$ 100
State Assessment	\$ 225	\$1,000	\$ 775
Other, Golf Expo	\$ 0	\$ 300	\$ 300
Other, Misc.	\$ 0	\$1,800	\$1,800
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 225	\$4,050	\$3,825

CASH BALANCE AT END OF 2018	\$3,509
CURRENT CASH BALANCE	\$5,574
PROJECTED BALANCE 12/31/2019	\$3,159

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

Jerry Buhlert, Treasurer



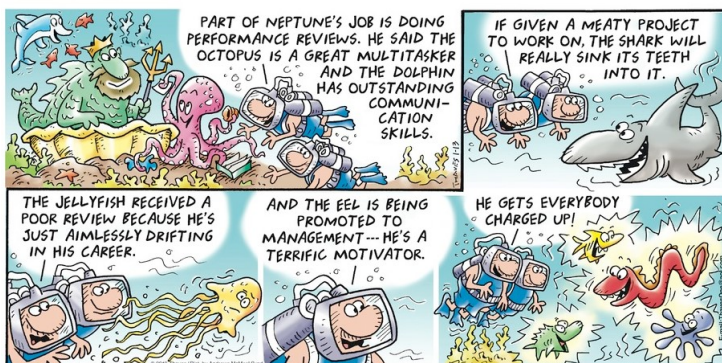
SUNSHINE



Nothing new to report ...

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.)

Bill Nichols, Sunshine Chairman



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TREASURER'S REPORT - JANUARY 2019

Cash Balance 1/1/2019= \$3,509

	JANUARY	YTD
Beginning Cash Balance	\$3,509	N/A
Contributions	\$2,290	\$2,290
Expenses	\$ 225	\$ 225
Ending Cash Balance	\$5,574	N/A

MEMBERSHIP

Membership, Gain/Loss	+2/-3	149
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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



Turf Club-\$41/person
March 29, 2019
Friday



Make check: Pacific Racing Association
Send to: Golden Gate Fields
1100 Eastshore Highway
Berkeley, CA 94710

Q/A: Sheri Espique (510) 559-7549
Group Sales Assistant Manager

Trip to the Winner's Circle
Free Parking/Entrance
Free Racing Program
Prime Rib Buffet
(tax & gratuity included)

State-wide Event
State Board Approved
All SIR Branches Invited

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**SIR Day at the Park
A's vs Giants**

AT THE OAKLAND A's



**2nd Annual "Battle of the Bay Bridge"
Sunday, 1 pm, August 25th, 2019, Coliseum
\$ 52, deadline June 1st, section 106-shaded**



**Make check to: Lee Moy, Amount: \$ 52
Mail: 127 N. Helm Ave, Clovis, CA 93612
include: self-stamp return envelope**

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