



THE MAIL POUCH



The Pony Express Branch #69
January — 2022 Edition



John Popadak, Editor



Message from Mark

Happy New Year and welcome to 2022. I hope all our members and their families are doing well. As we start the New Year, let us be thankful that we left behind a year truly turned upside down by the pandemic.

I want to acknowledge the astute leadership of Paul Sicklert as our Big SIR and the BEC as they charted us through some very difficult times last year. Paul and the BEC had to make some hard choices, but our branch has survived, and we were able to continue our activities.

I want to thank also outgoing BEC Secretary Pat Quinn and Director PBS Jimmy Buckley for their service to our branch. I also want to welcome new additions to the BEC: Jim Huffman Secretary, Bernie Moreno Assistant Secretary, Connor Chin Assistant Treasurer, and new Directors, PBS Paul Sicklert and John Popadak.

My goals for 2022 includes maintaining/increasing not only our membership but also member participation in our numerous activities. Without members filling the various roles, there would be no SIR Branch 69! Importantly, our SIR Goal, which is to assist our members enjoy an active retirement, and to have FUN is foremost! You have my pledge that I will do everything possible to help us reach these goals.....

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

Mark Steffens, Big Sir



Alan's Chit-Chat

First, I would like to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New YEAR. It is hard to believe it's already 2022. Time DOES march on! And as we transition into 2022, our little COVID friend continues to bedevil us. When this whole thing started, I was CERTAIN it would be over long before now. But, there you are. At this point, there are no plans to forgo the monthly in-person lunches. If anything changes we will be sure to let you know.

Our Speaker for January will be Ms. Dawnmarie Times. She will be sharing with us some information to help us as we age. She will be covering 5 pillars of health along with information about stretching and will introduce information on Japanese Magnetic Technology. This should be a very interesting and useful talk for us older guys.

As Mark pointed out last month, the BEC voted to make the \$25 annual dues mandatory. This is the ONLY income for the branch: The price we charge for the lunch is the price the Branch pays to The Dante Club. The dues provide funding that is used for the summer picnic and to subsidize the Lady's Day Holiday Luncheon. In addition, we have to pay State SIR dues of \$7 per member, provide some money for the BEC to operate, pay for the Roster and other miscellaneous expenses. We operate on a very tight budget. The problem is that some members have elected to not make a donation, which is not fair to those who DO support the branch. Consider this: If you are a bowler – you pay \$9 per week. If you are a golfer you pay, what, \$30-\$50 for each round. The \$25 annual dues amounts to just over two bucks a MONTH. Or half a buck a week. That's all. Half a buck. We don't want to lose ANY members over this change, so please keep it in perspective. Two bucks a month.

Allan Weinel, Little SIR

Happy New Year!

January Birthdays

Ernie Shell	1/6	
Amnon Igra	1/8	
Ron Peters	1/9	
Bernie Mareno	1/11	
Phil Anglesey	1/13	81 Years Old
Dave Yorston	1/15	83 Years Old
Tom Knoble	1/16	
Glenn White	1/20	
Tod Davis	1/26	
Don Agostinelli	1/29	
Jerry Schroeder	1/29	81 Years Old
Dan Turner	1/31	

Happy Birthday!



January Anniversaries

Glen and Jayne Halvorsen	1/1	
Ted and Jane Canty	1/2	
Horace and Beather Holms	1/2	69 Years
Bob and Debbie Baker	1/5	
Lieutenant and Annette Coopwood	1/15	
Glenn and Christine White	1/20	
David and Om Fitzsimons	1/25	
Thomas and Bernece Walton	1/26	
Jerry and Linda Schroeder	1/27	
Pat and Teri Berrrett	1/28	

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

2022 BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR SIRS BRANCH 69

OFFICERS

Big SIR Mark Steffens



Little SIR Alan Weinel



Secretary Jim Huffman



Assistant Secretary Bernie Moreno



Treasurer Hal Copperberg



Assistant Treasurer Connor Chin



DIRECTORS

PBS Paul Sickert
Term: 2022



Stephen Brandenburger
Term: 2020-2022



Bud Rogers
Term: 2020-2022



Jim Oblizalo
Term: 2021-2023



Ted Patterson
Term: 2022-2024



John Popadak
Term: 2022-2024





Your 2021 Golf Directors
Attached are the golf schedules for 2022

Lennie Silva—Regular Course



Greg Schweitzer—Progressive Golf Club



JANUARY GOLF

January 20 - Alister Mackenzie - 4 Man Scramble - \$38

JANUARY GOLF

January 10 - Davis Municipal - Stroke Play - White Tees

RECRUITING AND PUBLICITY



A new year awaits our branch. We have seen many challenges over the past two years, as has the entire world. Now we're starting 2022 and we have more challenges ahead. It will be critical for our branch to increase its recruiting efforts in order to regain some of the lost numbers from the past two years. We want our branch and the programs we enjoy so much to remain healthy and strong in the coming years, so we need to keep adding more new members.

We're settling in to our regular routine at the Dante Club. It has been great to be back seeing our friends at the luncheons again. I hope more members who are on the fence about attending the luncheons again because of Covid fears will join us soon and enjoy the speakers, good food and seeing their SIR friends again.

We have new signage to let the public know when our branch is out playing golf and bowling at local venues. Let's hope that this will lead to new member contacts.

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



BOWLING NEWS

We have a 1st half winner! The standings were close all season, so it was no surprise that the 1st half winner came down to a playoff game, the last frame and finally the last couple of balls. The Position Round pitted the 1st place team against the 2nd place team, the 3rd against the 4th and so on. After all three games for each pairing, the Cinco team (Pat Quinn, Nick Doiron, Erle Hansen and Captain Steve Eason) were tied with ADT (Adrian Garcia, Dave Yorston, Joe Bowers and Captain Ted Patterson). That set up a full game roll-off between these two teams. At the very end, Ted Patterson fell victim to two very unlucky pocket splits and the win went to the Cinco by 4 total pins. Both teams bowled really well—this was a fitting conclusion to the first half of a very competitive season. Congratulations, team Cinco.



The second half of our season starts immediately. I will look forward to seeing all of you at our monthly luncheons and at the bowling alley.

More big bowling news. Pending approval from our Branch 69 BEC, we will be hosting a State SIR Bowling Tournament on Thursday and Friday, February 17 & 18 at Country Club Lanes. Tom Page and Connor Chin will be co-managing the tournament, which will include singles, doubles, team and all-events scoring. More information will be posted as available, but keep those dates marked on your calendar.

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

2022 BRANCH ROSTERS

The 2022 Branch Rosters will be available at our January luncheon. Everyone who pays their \$25 mandatory dues at the meeting will receive a roster.

HOW ARE WE DOING?

12/21/2021

INCOME	ACTUAL	BUDGET	DIFF
Contributions	\$2,382	\$2,100	\$ 282
Other	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
TOTAL INCOME	\$2,382	\$2,100	\$ 282
EXPENSES			
Printing & Postage	\$ 0	\$ 500	\$ 500
Officers' Expenses	\$ 52	\$ 50	\$ -2
Guest Expenses	\$ 0	\$ 200	\$ 200
State Assessment	\$ 501	\$ 800	\$ 299
Other, Golf Expo	\$ 71	\$ 200	\$ 129
Other, Misc.	\$ 983	\$1,475	\$ 492
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 1,607	\$3,225	\$ 1,618
CASH BALANCE AT END OF 2020			\$ 4,486
CURRENT CASH BALANCE			\$ 5,260
PROJECTED CASH BALANCE 12/31/2021			\$ 3,361
PROJECTED 2021 YEAR END MEMBERSHIP			150
PROJECTED CASH BALANCE PER MEMBER			\$ 22

**Hal Copperberg, Treasurer****SUNSHINE**

We have a new Sunshine Chairman: Lieutenant Coopwood. Please email him at ltcoopjr@gmail.com or call him at (916) 206-2732 if you have any information regarding a member who is ill or incapacitated.

Lieutenant Coopwood, Sunshine Chairman**2021 ROSTER REPAIRS**

Please send roster corrections to Alan's personal Email account Alan_Weinel@ATT.Net with subject "Roster Correction".

**Alan Weinel, Roster Chairman**

2021 Officers		
BIG SIR	MARK STEFFENS	(916) 214-8650
LITTLE SIR	ALAN WEINEL	(209) 843-1804
SECRETARY	JIM HUFFMAN	(916) 468-8197
ASST SECRETARY	BERNIE MORENO	(209) 245-6313
TREASURER	HAL COPPERBERG	(916) 722-2606
ASST TREASURER	CONNOR CHIN	(916) 601-1854

Directors		
PBS PAUL SICKERT	(916) 396-6230	STEVE BRANDENBURGER (916) 765-0585
BUD ROGERS	(916) 991-2611	JIM OBLIZZALO (916) 747-8172
TED PATTERSON	(916) 607-3050	JOHN POPADAK (916) 662-0695

State Officers	
STATE PRESIDENT:	RICK KINDLE
REGION 1 DIRECTOR:	HUGH THOMPSON
AREA 4 GOVERNOR:	

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	Alan Weinel	(209) 843-1804
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
NCGA Ambassador	Jim Huffman	(916) 468-8197
Bowling	PBS Tom Page	(916) 488-6465
Audit	Bob Sanchez	(916) 996-7342
Nominating	Paul Sickert	(916) 396-6230
Attendance	Allen Riker	(916) 873-3779
Lunch Reception	Mark Kraut	(916) 929-3494
Orientation	Steve Goodman	(916) 521-6546
Meeting Review	John Popadak	(916) 662-0695
Sunshine	Lieutenant Coopwood	(916) 206-2732
Web Site	Ross Martin	(916) 427-0559
Book Club	Bernie Moreno	(209) 245-6313
RV	TBD	
RAMP	Jerry Schroeder	(916) 801-2530
Information	John Popadak	(916) 662-0695
Branch Apparel:		

Honored Members**HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS**

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

SENIOR CERTIFICATES

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

TREASURER'S REPORT – December, 2021**Cash Balance 1/1/2021 = \$4,486**

	DECEMBER	YTD
Beginning Cash Balance	\$5,260	N/A
Contributions	\$ 0	\$2,382
Expenses	\$ 0	\$1,607
Ending Cash Balance	\$5,260	N/A

MEMBERSHIP

Membership, Gain/Loss	0/-9	129
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NON-RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION: ALL ACTIVITIES arranged or sponsored by Sons In Retirement, Inc. and its branches are for the convenience and pleasure of its members and their guests who desire to participate. Sons In Retirement Inc, and its branches do not assume any responsibility for the well-being or safety of the participants or their property in matters pertaining in to said activities.

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).



SIRS BR 69 GOLF CLUB

11/22/2021

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2022 GOLF SCHEDULE

DATE	COURSE	TIME	PLYRS	FEES	\$\$ DUE	TYPE OF TOURNEY
20-Jan	Alister Mackenzie	9:06	36	\$38.00	10-Jan	4 Man Scramble
3-Feb	Cavanaugh	9:06	36	\$34.00	25-Jan	Low Net
17-Feb	Ancil Hoffman	9:00	36	\$35.00	7-Feb	Low Net
3-Mar	Bing Maloney	8:57	36	\$37.00	21-Feb	Low Net
17-Mar	Diamond Oaks	9:30	36	\$50crt	7-Mar	Low Net
31-Mar	Wildhawk	9:00	36	\$35.00	21-Mar	4 Man Best Ball
21-Apr	Micke Grove	9:00	36	\$42crt	11-Apr	Low Net
28-Apr	Mather	9:02	36	\$34.00	18-Apr	Low Net
5-May	Empire Ranch	9:30	36	\$53crt	25-Apr	Low Net
19-May	The Reserve	9:30	36	\$58crt	9-May	Low Net
26-May	Dry Creek	9:00	36	\$45crt	16-May	Low Net
2-Jun	Diamond Oaks	9:30	36	\$50crt	23-May	Low Net
16-Jun	Alister Mackenzie	8:03	36	\$45.00	6-Jun	1st Rd C/C
30-Jun	Cavanaugh	8:30	36	\$40.00	20-Jun	2nd Rd C/C
7-Jul	Bing Maloney	8:03	36	\$42.00	27-Jun	3rd Rd C/C
21-Jul	River Oaks	9:00	36	\$47crt	11-Jul	Low Net
4-Aug	Turkey Creek	9:00	36	\$53crt	25-Jul	Low Net
18-Aug	Teal Bend	9:30	36	\$53crt	15-Aug	Low Net
1-Sep	Ancil Hoffman	8:04	36	\$35	22-Aug	Low Net
13thru14	Sirs State Golf, Blue Rock Springs G.C.					
22-Sep	Mather	9:02	36	\$34	12-Sep	Low Net
6-Oct	Cavanaugh	9:06	36	\$34.00	26-Sep	Low Net
12thru13	Sirs State Golf, Hiddenbrooke G.C.					State Ind & Open Play
20-Oct	Wildhawk	9:00	36	\$35.00	10-Oct	Vintage tournament
3-Nov	Alister Mackenzie	9:06	36	\$43.00	24-Oct	Turkey Shoot
1-Dec	Bing Maloney	8:57	36	\$40	21-Nov	Xmas Shoot
15-Dec	Cavanaugh	10:00	36	\$34.00	5-Dec	Low Net

SIRS Branch 69 Progressive Golf Club

2022 Schedule

Date	Course	Players	Time	Format
Mon. Jan.10	Davis Municipal	28	9:00	Stroke Play White Tees
Mon. Feb. 7	Wildhorse GC	28	9:20	4-Man Scramble White Tees
Mon. Mar. 7	Bartley Cavanaugh	28	9:33	Stroke Play - Black Tees (Forward)
Mon. Mar.21	Alister Mackenzie	32	9:06	4-Man Two Best Balls
Mon. April	Antelope Greens	28	9:00	Stroke Play
Mon. April. 25	Bing Maloney	28	9:15	4-Man Two Best Ball Shamble
Tues. May. 10	River Oaks	28	9:00	Stroke Play Forward Tees
Mon. May. 23	Alister Mackenzie	32	8:03	4-Man One Best Ball 2-Oaks
Mon. June. 13	Wildhawk GC	32	8:00	1st Round Club Championship
Mon. June. 27	Wildhawk GC	32	8:00	2nd Round Club Championship
Mon. July. 11	Wildhawk	32	8:00	3rd & Final Round Club Championship
Mon. Aug. 1	Bing Maloney	28	8:48	4-Man Scramble Gold Tees
Mon. Aug. 15	Antelope Greens	28	8:00	4-Club Only
Mon. Sept. 12	Davis Municipal	28	8:00	Stroke Play White Tees
Mon. Sept. 19	Bartley Cavanaugh	28	9:33	Stroke Play Black Tees (Forward)
Mon. Oct. 3	Wildhorse GC	28	9:20	4-Man Two Best Ball Shamble
Mon. Oct. 17	Alister Mackenzie	32	9:06	Stroke Play Two Oaks
Mon. Nov. 7	Bing Maloney	28	9:06	4-Man Two Best Balls
Mon. Nov. 21	Bartley Cavanaugh	28	9:33	Stroke Play Black Tees (Forward)
Mon. Dec. 12	Davis Municipal	28	9:00	