



THE MAIL POUCH

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The Pony Express Branch #69
June — 2020 Edition



Alan Weinel, Editor



Jimmy's Gems

HELLO Fellow SIRS

We continue to try to work-around impacts imposed by the corona virus. Here is where the "restart" stands: Each branch submits its own re start plan in keeping with STATE SIR guidelines. Thanks to Branch 69 members for their input in the development of Branch 69 plan. These members include but not limited to, PBS Pat Quinn, PBS Lennie Silva, PBS Tom Page, PBS Ron Hutcheson, Paul Sickert, Greg Schweitzer, Hal Copperberg, Alan Weinel, Jerry Buhler, Jim Huffman and others. Thanks to everyone to help make the development of our plan a success.

The good news is our plan has been approved by our BEC on May 14, 2020 and submitted to our area governor, Dave Gonzales. In fact, he thought our plan was so good, that he wants to use our plan as a template for other area branches!

Stage 1 includes the use of video-based software such as ZOOM for our BEC meeting and the restart of our golf programs 30 days after the BEC approved re-start plan. **Our golf programs will re-start on June 15.** This date reflects the State SIR imposed 30 Day after the Branch 69 approved re-start plan. Our first ZOOM meeting was held on May 14 and after some minor challenges, it was a successful meeting. We will continue to use ZOOM as our medium of choice to conduct BEC meeting until future notice. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Stage 2 will include all those activities that require in person interaction such as monthly luncheon, Ladies Day luncheon, Annual picnic, etc. **The resumption of these activities is yet to be determined.** This year's annual picnic is cancelled.

In other news, the concern that SIRS may lose its insurance, has been resolved. Our current carrier has agreed to continue to insure SIRS with an increase in premium.

Stay Safe, Stay Healthy, Stay at A Safe Distance

We will survive the effect of this pandemic.

Jimmy Buckley, Big Sir



Sickert Says

Longtime member Mike Ratzlaff has resigned from the branch. This means we need a volunteer to assist members purchase branch 69 apparel (shirts, hats and jackets) to replace Mike who has done this for many years. It does not require a lot of time or effort. It does require being at the luncheon meeting so members can place orders for merchandise. It is a nice way to be helpful and engaged with the branch and to get to know people.

As the State begins to reopen so does the branch. I hope everyone is as ready for some normalcy as I am. See you out there.

Paul Sickert, Little Sir

2020 ROSTER REPAIRS

DON BALDWIN—His new address is 8181 Folsom Blvd., #104, Sacramento, CA 95824. His phone remains the same: (916)995-5292. He has no e-mail.

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR ROSTERS

Please send Roster Corrections to my personal Email account Alan_Weinel@ATT.Net with subject "Roster Correction"

Also, please remember to add new members each month.

Alan Weinel / Roster Chairman

WELCOME!!

SIR TERRY BLOCK

9287 Orange Crest Court
Elk Grove, CA 95624
916-686-0797 kterryblock@comcast.net
Sponsor: Dan Nelson

*Picture to
come...*

Terry was born in Glendale, California; he grew up there and in nearby Eagle Rock. After high school, Terry went to Glendale City College, where he gained an AA degree and LVN certification. He then attended Cal State Los Angeles and earned a BA in Health & Safety with a teaching credential in Health Education. He also worked at St. Joseph's Hospital in Burbank as a nurse and joined the California Army National Guard in 1976 after high school.

Terry served in the National Guard Reserve from 1976 to 1983. He was on active duty from 1983 to 2003, serving primarily in medical services units. He finished his long military service in 2017 having attained the rank of Sergeant Major. He worked for the California Military Department from 2003 until his retirement in 2018.

Terry and his wife Emese have two sons. They enjoy traveling together; Terry also enjoys golf, racquetball and fishing.

Birthday: February 18, 1938

Anniversary: Emese July 11, 1981

Please welcome him!

**Please Join me in wishing
Special Anniversary
Congratulations to:
Don & Catherine Agostinelli (50)
Ed & Jacklyn Linn (60)**

And best wishes for many more!

June Birthdays

Sid Newman	06/02	86 Years
Tom Page	06/02	
Mas Miyagi	06/07	83 Years
Ken Towns	06/10	92 Years
Larry Aronson	06/12	
Vic Scott	06/13	81 Years
Ritchie Carlson	06/14	
Steve Goodman	06/16	
Pat Quinn	06/18	
Michael Brassil	06/20	
Dave Fitzsimons	06/20	
Neal McCoy	06/20	
Vernon Freeman	06/21	91 Years
John Martinez	06/21	
Bill Green	06/24	
Bob Houghton	06/27	



June Anniversaries

Doug & Pamela Bailey	06/08	52 Years
Ted & Dorothy Patterson	06/09	63 Years
Fred & Janet Smith	06/10	55 Years
Rich & Patti Taylor	06/11	
Jim & Edie Happs	06/12	
Jim & Shirley Carlson	06/12	65 Years
Steve & Theresa Eason	06/14	
George & Barbara Ringley	06/14	
Connor & Jean Chin	06/15	
Adrian & Kay Herrell	06/16	57 Years
Tod Davis & Dorene Fritts	06/19	
Don & Catherine Agostinelli	06/20	50 Years
Frank & Sandra Calcagno	06/20	56 Years
Ed & Jacklyn Linn	06/25	60 Years

Your 2019 Golf Directors



Lennie Silva—Regular Course



Greg Schweitzer—Progressive Golf Club

JUNE GOLF: (tentative)

06-04 **Cancelled**

06-18/19 STATE SIRS GOLF, RENO

06-25 Thurs Wildhawk Low Net

JULY GOLF:

07-23 Thurs Ancil Hoffman Low Net

07-30 Thurs Bing Maloney 1st Round CC

JUNE GOLF: (tentative)

06-08 **Cancelled**

06-22 Mon Alister Mac 1st Round Club Championship

JULY GOLF:

07-13 Mon Haggin Oaks Area Individual Qualifier

07-20 Mon Cavanaugh Stroke Play, Black Tees



BOWLING NEWS



We're all home staying safe in place with the cessation of all SIR activities. It's been hard, but hopefully, we're all doing well health wise. Our branch has submitted its plan for restarting our activities, beginning with the activities with the least contact between members. Once that plan has been submitted and approved by the State office, we will have a 30-day waiting period before we can commence with the phasing in of our activities.

Part of our restart plan is our bowling league. Since bowling, by its very nature, involves a lot of close contact, our sport would be in the second phase of activities to restart. No one has a crystal ball that will predict the future of our Covid-19 epidemic, but my hope is that, in July, I will start contacting our bowlers to find out who is planning to be in the league next year. Once I have the names, I will make up the teams, as always, and work with Country Club Lanes to set up a schedule for our 2020-2021 season. Some bowling lanes are already opening up, mainly Nu Generations Lanes in Yuba City. Some of our bowlers have gone up to bowl there; they report that the lanes are following safe distancing practices.

Let's keep a good thought in our minds and hope for a regular bowling season next fall.

Tom Page, League Secretary 916-488-6465



In Memoriam

It is with deep sadness that announce the passing of Rodney Miramont. Please remember the family in your prayers.

RECRUITING AND PUBLICITY

We're still in shutdown phase, but the BEC and committee chairs have submitted a plan to the State SIR office for restarting our activities. Once our restart plan has been approved, we will have to observe a 30-day waiting period before resuming any activities. The activities will then start opening up again, beginning with those activities requiring the least amount of close contact between participants. Naturally, golf will be first on the list to resume. Bowling and our luncheons will come later in the restart process.



As we all know, it will take a considerable period of time before our SIR activities and overall lives return to normal. Keep the faith and stay healthy—we'll get through these difficult times and get back to our usual camaraderie and activities eventually.

Meanwhile, we have added a new member in May, Terry Block, sponsored by Dan Nelson. Give a big over-the-air welcome to Terry and look forward to meeting him when our luncheons resume.

I hope to see you all at our next luncheon, whenever that will be.

Tom Page Recruiting & Publicity Director

HOW ARE WE DOING?

5/30/2020

INCOME	ACTUAL	BUDGET	DIFF
Contributions	\$3,310	\$3,750	\$ 440
Other	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
TOTAL INCOME	\$3,310	\$3,750	\$ 440

EXPENSES			
Printing & Postage	\$ 245	\$ 350	\$ 105
Officers' Expenses	\$ 174	\$ 200	\$ 26
Guest Expenses	\$ 0	\$ 100	\$ 100
State Assessment	\$ 257	\$1,100	\$ 843
Other, Golf Expo	\$ 0	\$ 200	\$ 200
Other, Misc.	\$ 969	\$2,175	\$ 1,206
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,645	\$4,125	\$2,480

CASH BALANCE AT END OF 2019	\$3,489
CURRENT CASH BALANCE	\$5,165
PROJECTED BALANCE 12/31/2020	\$3,114

PROJECTED 2020 YEAR END MEMBERSHIP	155
PROJECTED CASH BALANCE PER MEMBER	\$ 20



Hal Copperberg, Treasurer

2020 Officers		
BIG SIR:	JIM BUCKLEY	(916) 284-2364
LITTLE SIR:	PAUL SICKERT	(916) 396-6230
SECRETARY	RON HUTCHESON	(916) 897-2807
ASST SECRETARY	TOM KNOBLE	(916) 627-9922
TREASURER	HAL COPPERBERG	(916) 722-2606
ASST TREASURER	ALAN WEINEL	(209) 843-1804
Directors		
PBS PAT QUINN	(916) 201-5262	STEVE BRANDENBURGER (916) 765-0585
STEVE GOODMAN	(916) 521-6546	JOHN POPADAK (916) 662-0695
ERNIE BERRYMAN	(916) 723-2148	BUD ROGERS (916) 991-2611
State Officers		
STATE PRES:	ED BENSON	
REG. 1 DIRECTOR:	MARK STUART	
AREA 4 GOV:	DAVE GONZALES	
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		Honored Members
Programs	Paul Sickert (916) 396-6230	HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS
Newsletter	AlanWeinel (209) 843-1804	
Chaplain	Bill Nichols (916) 844-9382	
Roster	Alan Weinel (209) 843-1804	
Golf (BR69/RC)	PBS Lennie Silva (916) 487-9812	SIR RON HUTCHESON
Golf (PGC)	Greg Schweitzer (916) 687-8629	PBS TOM PAGE
Bowling	PBS Tom Page (916) 488-6465	PBS JIM PORTERFIELD
Audit	Don Neufeld (916) 863-5228	PRD WARREN SENEAL
Nominating	PBS Pat Quinn (916) 201-5262	PBS LENNIE SILVA
Attendance	Ernie Berryman (916) 723-2148	
Orientation	Steve Goodman (916) 521-6546	SENIOR CERTIFICATES
Branch Apparel	Mike Ratzlaff (916) 768-6348	SIR JIM PAGE
Meeting Review	John Popadak (916) 662-0695	SIR KEN TOWNS
Sunshine	Bill Nichols (916) 844-9382	SIR VERNON FREEMAN
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Book Club	Bernie Moreno (209) 245-6313	
RV	Bob Houghton (916) 487-1190	
NCGA Ambassador	Jim Huffman (916) 468-8197	
RAMP	PBS Jerry Schroeder (916) 801-2530	



SUNSHINE



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.

RODNEY MIRAMONT: Passed away.

IT ONLY TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO GIVE ME A CALL OR TELL ME AT THE MEETING ABOUT A MEMBER WHO IS ILL OR SUFFERING THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE, (916) 844-9382 OR E-MAIL ME AT NOTAFORD64@GMAIL.COM. (Text is also OK.)

*Kindest Regards,
Bill Nichols, Sunshine Chairman*

TREASURER'S REPORT – May, 2020

Cash Balance 1/1/2020= \$3,489

	May	YTD
Beginning Cash Balance	\$5,265	N/A
Contributions	\$ 25	\$3,310
Expenses	\$ 135	\$1.645
Ending Cash Balance	\$5,155	N/A

MEMBERSHIP

Membership, Gain/Loss	+1/-3	147
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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).

