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The Pony Express Branch #69
March— 2020 Edition

Ron Peters, Editor



Jimmy's Gems

Hello Fellow members

Hope that all enjoyed the February's meal. Last month was essentially the first month with the new chef. I have only heard good comments about the food. We continue to work to improve the menu and the quality of the food. The Elks prepares meals based on the count that we give them. We must be mindful of others when going through the buffet line. The portions you take may affect other members that are in line behind you. In the next couple of weeks, we are negotiating the 2020 contract with the Elks.

The branch has a great group of volunteer callers. To provide an accurate attendance count to the Elks, it's imperative that members respond to their caller. The branch must provide the luncheon count to Elk's no later than Friday morning prior to the luncheon date.

We still have vacancies in the leadership team. The position of Branch Secretary is open. Our previous secretary has an abundance of experience and willing to help/guide a new volunteer. If interested in this position contact Jimmy Buckley, Tony Vigil or Pat Quinn.

Paul and I attended the State Town Hall meeting in Fairfield on the 19th of February. The focus was how to increase SIR membership and improve volunteerism. SIR branches must provide more activities to entice new members to join and retain existing members. We must emphasize VOLUNTEERISM when initiating new members.

Once again, we have an opportunity to apply for three state award programs: Best Branch in Sir, Most Improved Branch and the Area Governor's Branch Citation Award. Applications are due by May 15.

Our new Branch roster is available for a voluntary contribution of \$25. Many thanks to those of you that have already made your contribution. Your contribution defrays the branch expenses. If you haven't done so, our Treasurer Hal Copperberg will accept your donation.

Jimmy Buckley, Big Sir



Sickert Says

Our speaker for March is Evan Grodan, Group Senior Account Executive for the River Cats. He is a native of Los Angeles. He started his sports career with the Rams, Dodgers, and Los Angeles Football Club franchises before moving north to work with the River Cats. He studied Economics at UC Santa Cruz, and before starting in sports he worked in the Real Estate development industry for many years.

When not working, Evan enjoys playing hockey and soccer, as well as playing with animals and volunteering at local animal shelters. He is a big Los Angeles Kings fan and was a season ticket member for many years.

Evan will be talking about the Sacramento River Cats, the 2019 Triple A Champions, and what the team is planning for the 2020 season. He will also talk more directly about the SIRs Branch 69 Night Out to the River Cats at 7 pm on May 1, 2020 at Sutter Health Park. This game will be part of the River Cats Battle of the Bay series against the Las Vegas Aviators, the Oakland A's Triple A team. Tickets are on the left field 3rd baseline.

Frank Levings is selling the tickets for this event at our monthly luncheons, or you can purchase them from him directly. His contact information is in the Branch Roster. Tickets for the Sirs Night Out must be purchased by a Branch 69 member, but you can also bring family and friends. In addition, if something happens that you can't attend on May 1, the tickets can be redeemed for a future Thursday or Sunday game.

Time seems to fly so it is not too early to start thinking about the Sirs Day in the Park Wednesday June 24, 2020, at Carmichael Park.

Paul Sickert, Little Sir

March 2020 LUNCHEON:
Thursday March 12, 2020

Corned Beef, & Cabbage, Boiled Red Potatoes, Sour Cream Horseradish Dish, Potato Salad, Soda, Bread, Watergate, Salad, Dessert



BOWLING NEWS



We're part way through the second half of our bowling season. The teams at the top are very, very close. Currently in the lead is The Odd Balls (Steve Eason, Patrick Fintel, Roger Brunssen and Mike Pinkston), but the lead dog changes almost every week. Five more teams are within 5 points of the top.

Recent notable scores include Jerry Buhlert with a 799 handicap series (high for the season), Allen Riker with a 278 handicap game, Darren Simonds with a 669 scratch series and Tod Davis with a 281 handicap game and a 758 handicap series.

I'll keep you posted as our league moves through the second half competition.

Tom Page, League Secretary 916-488-6465

March Birthdays

Bill Mullen	03/03	
Jose Fernandez	03/04	85 Years
Pat Barrett	03/05	
Joseph Cain	03/05	75 Years
Hefren Curiel	03/11	80 Years
Jimmy Buckley	03/14	
Fred Smith	03/25	
Lloyd Plank	03/28	94 Years



ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR

As a branch, it's always preferable to have more activities our members can participate in and enjoy. Since Jim Porterfield stopped being our activities director several years ago, we have not had a member assume this role. There HAVE been exceptions with members coordinating some activities such as Frank Levings' River Cats event and PBS Jim Schroeder doing the summer picnic. But there should be more. An activities Director might research events (Tours, Plays, SIR State events, activities with other branches) and help plan and promote these.

It would wonderful if we have a member who would step up and help out! If you have any interest, skills and a bit of free time, please taking on this role. Contact Pat Quinn or Tony Vigil. Many thanks.

2020 ROSTER REPAIRS

PAUL SICKERT : New E-dress is

PaulSickert3787@Gmail.com

Please send Roster Corrections to me personally @ Alan_Weinel@ATT.Net

Also, please remember to add new members each month.

Alan Weinel / Roster Chairman



March Anniversaries

Fred & Polly Schack	03/08/1970	50 Years
Jose & Carol Fernandez	03/11/1956	64 Years
Allen & Rhonda Riker	03/23/1993	
Vernon & Shyrice Freeman	03/31/1956	64 Years

2020 ATTENDANCE REPORT

Gentlemen: For February, 2020 our luncheon attendance was 68%, and YTD was 72%. The SIR minimum goal is 70%

Ernie Berryman, Attendance Chair



Your 2019 Golf Directors



Lennie Silva—Regular Course

MARCH GOLF:

03-05	Thurs	Bing	Low Net
03-19	Thurs	Mather	Low Net

APRIL GOLF:

04-02	Thurs	Wildhawk	Low Net
04-16	Thurs	Alister Mac	4 Man Best Ball
04-30	Thurs	River Oaks	Low Net



Greg Schweitzer—Progressive Golf Club

MARCH GOLF:

03-09	Mon	Wildhorse	4 Man Shamble, B/Ball
03-23	Mon	Alister Mac	Stroke Play

APRIL GOLF:

04-06	Mon	Emerald Lakes	Stroke Play, White Tees
04-20	Mon	Antelope Greens	2 Man Best Ball



Land Park Seniors composed of members of 69 and 93 and others invite you to join us every Tuesday at Land Park 9 AM for 9 holes of golf. Currently running 20-24 players each week room for more. \$3 buy in playing for lowest number of putts for 9 holes, gross score on three selected holes plus closest to the pin for sleeve of golf balls. Group divided into two groups based on index 0-24 and 24 plus no index.

Email sent out every Sunday morning asking who is playing.

To join email list contact mratz246@sbcglobal.net. Questions text Mike Ratzlaff 916-768-6348. No prepayment just need to know by Monday night that you are coming and we will have a space for you.

Opportunities For Other Activities

For those that are interested in travel, domestic and international, we have an opportunity to join Bay Area Branches in their existing plans. They have already completed all of the documentation. Those interested would piggyback on their program. For more info, contact Jimmy Buckley.

State SIR has scheduled A's/Giants baseball game. More info forthcoming.

Please see attached flyer for information on the SIR State Golf tournament.

RECRUITING AND PUBLICITY



Welcome to Danny Payne, who joined our branch in February. Danny has had some medical problems recently and had to undergo surgery in late February. His bio will be in next month's issue.

Our branch has always been very successful in our individual recruiting efforts. We need to keep with this effort to maintain our branch numbers and to bring in new blood. Year after year, Branch 69 has been successful in maintaining and even increasing our membership numbers.

Golf Expo is approaching in April. I'll bring the booth signup list to the March luncheon so that we can fill the positions. It still looks very positive that we will get a new booth location, one that is in much busier traffic area. I'm optimistic that our new booth location will bolster our recruiting efforts at that event.

I hope to see you all at the March luncheon.

Tom Page Recruiting & Publicity Director

HOW ARE WE DOING?

02/29/2019

INCOME	ACTUAL	BUDGET	DIFF
Contributions	\$2,500	\$3,750	\$1,250
Other	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
TOTAL INCOME	\$20,500	\$3,750	\$1,250

EXPENSES			
Printing & Postage	\$ 245	\$ 350	\$ 105
Officers' Expenses	\$ 174	\$ 200	\$ 26
Guest Expenses	\$ 0	\$ 100	\$ 100
State Assessment	\$ 0	\$1,100	\$1,100
Other, Golf Expo	\$ 0	\$ 200	\$ 200
Other, Misc.	\$ 333	\$2,175	\$1,842
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 752	\$4,125	\$3,373

CASH BALANCE AT END OF 2019	\$3,489
CURRENT CASH BALANCE	5,238
PROJECTED BALANCE 12/31/2020	\$3,114

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

Hal Copperberg, Treasurer**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.

DANNY PAYNE: has been hospitalized and is in ICU, but is expected to fully recover.

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*

2020 Officers

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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

TREASURER'S REPORT – February 2020**Cash Balance 1/1/2020= \$3,489**

	DECEMBER	YTD
Beginning Cash Balance	\$5,104	N/A
Contributions	\$ 625	\$2,500
Expenses	\$ 491	\$ 752
Ending Cash Balance	\$5,238	N/A

MEMBERSHIP

Membership, Gain/Loss	+1-0	148
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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



Distribution: Big Sirs, Branch Golf Chair, Newsletter Editor, Branch Webmaster

Fellow Sir Leaders:

I want to enlist your assistance in communicating the 2020 SIR State Golf Tournament schedule to your branch members.

Attached is the announcement and application for our first golf tournament of the year to be held in Napa. I'd ask that you inform you members by sending out this information in a few email blast to members and also placing this information in your March and April newsletters. Any assistance you can provide will be greatly appreciated in helping to make this SIR event a great success.

This information and more can also be found on the SIR State Golf website.

Many Thanks,

Mark Stuart, 2020 SIR State Golf Committee Chair

**Tournament information and
Registration Form**

Golf Website

To open the SIR flyer for the tournament , please **RIGHT CLICK** and open the hyperlink below.

[Tournament information and Registration Form](#)