



# THE MAIL POUCH

Concept and Creation by Frank Franzago



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Alan Weinel, Editor



## Jimmy's Gems

Hello Fellow members.

It has been a little while since we have gotten together. Along with other things, the COVID-19 has impacted us greatly. We received direction from SIRS state leadership to curtail our activities that involve close physical contact and that we must observe the social distancing guidelines.

The state SIRS, along with the branches, is developing a plan whereby some of our activities may resume as long as we are following the COVID-19 guidelines. A special thank you to all the members who helped to develop a restart plan. We have submitted the restart plan to State leadership for approval. Some of the highlights include continuing both golf programs.

Some of the business of the Branch must and will continue. To be able to do this we are using online meeting software called ZOOM. ZOOM is new as a Branch tool and may have some growing pains. It isn't difficult to use.

All of our activities where there are large numbers of people have been delayed, cancelled or postponed. In particular our monthly Luncheons have been delayed until further notice. Upon the lifting of the COVID-19 restrictions we will start negotiations with the luncheon facility.

During this most difficult time many thanks to everyone for their patience and support.

If you would like to volunteer, there are still vacancies on the leadership team. Our previous newsletter chairman has an abundance of experience and willing to help/guide a new volunteer. If interested in this position contact Jimmy Buckley or Pat Quinn. We also need volunteers for the upcoming 2020-2021 year.

The State SIRS has developed a source to purchase all of SIRS merchandise. Information can be found on the state website: <https://www.sirinc.org>.

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 helps defray the cost of branch expenses. If you haven't done so, our Treasurer Hal Copperberg will accept your donation.

STAY SAFE and STAY HEALTHY. HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON.

*Jimmy Buckley, Big Sir*



## Sickert Says

With the luncheons being temporarily shut down, there is really nothing to report! I just encourage everyone to stay as active as possible and please stay safe until we are all able to get together again. We WILL get through this and life WILL eventually return to some sort of "normal"

*Paul Sickert, Little Sir*

BILL NICHOLS has a great idea: Since we are all ~~under house arrest~~ under lockdown, we would like to know what you are up to! Have you done any projects? What other activities have you been engaged in? Any artists out there? Please send anything to us, and feel free to include pictures! We would LOVE to hear from you and keep your fellow SIRS updated on life under quarantine.



## 2020 ROSTER REPAIRS

BERNIE MORENO—His correct Email address is [BAMBAMBERNIE55@hotmail.com](mailto:BAMBAMBERNIE55@hotmail.com)

TOM KNOBLE—His new Email address is [GOLFERTOM1965@Gmail.com](mailto:GOLFERTOM1965@Gmail.com)

DAN NELSON—His correct telephone number is 916-686-6010

### PLEASE UPDATE YOUR ROSTERS

Please send Roster Corrections to my personal Email account [Alan\\_Weinel@ATT.Net](mailto:Alan_Weinel@ATT.Net) with subject "Roster Correction"

Also, please remember to add new members each month.

*Alan Weinel / Roster Chairman*



## 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. Now the State SIR office has given us a road map for the resumption of SIR activities. Our branch efforts to do so starts with a plan that we create for phasing in all our activities, starting with the activities offering 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.

I have already submitted to Big Sir Jimmy Buckley and the BEC my plan for the resumption of our bowling league. 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.

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

*Tom Page, League Secretary 916-488-6465*

**MY HOUSE GOT  
TP'D LAST NIGHT,  
IT'S NOW  
APPRAISED AT  
\$875,000**

## May Birthdays

<b>Floyd Scott</b>	<b>05/05</b>	<b>83 Years</b>
Glen Halvorsen	05/07	
Ted Machado	05/10	
<b>Ted Patterson</b>	<b>05/15</b>	<b>82 Years</b>
<b>Jerry Deuser</b>	<b>05/21</b>	<b>83 Years</b>
Ray Price	05/27	
Bill Pritchett	05/29	
Blake Thomson	05/30	



## May Anniversaries

Joe & Karon Bowers	05/04	
Jim & Lauren Luttig	05/07	
Rodney & Carolyn Miramont	05/12	
Tom & Vanessa Mezzanares	05/13	
Ernie & Sylvia Shell	05/21	
Tom & Joanne Page	05/21	
Ray & Linda Price	05/23	
Bryan & Carol Perrin	05/25	
<b>Sidney &amp; Ella Newman</b>	<b>05/26</b>	<b>68 Years</b>

**TONY VIGIL'S** wife, Barbara, has been in contact with the Branch, and for members who would like to make a contribution in his memory, please consider the River City Food Bank. Their Website is <https://rivercityfoodbank.org/>. It is a wonderful organization that is providing additional assistance to people during the corona virus outbreak. Their street address is 1800 28th Street, Sacramento, CA 95816. Mailing address is P.O. Box 160204, Sacramento, CA 95813. Their telephone number is 916-446-2627 for additional information.

Thank You, Branch 69 BEC

## Your 2019 Golf Directors

**GOLF SCHEDULE BELOW is from the ORIGINAL SCHEDULE. Please contact Lennie and Greg for up to date information regarding the resumption of SIR Golf opportunities. We are edging closer and closer to reopening!**



*Lennie Silva—Regular Course*



*Greg Schweitzer—Progressive Golf Club*

**MAY GOLF:**

**CANCELLED**

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**JUNE GOLF: (tentative)**

06-04 Thurs Empire Ranch Low Net  
06-18/19 STATE SIRS GOLF, RENO  
06-25 Thurs Wildhawk Low Net

**JUNE GOLF: (tentative)**

06-08 Mon Wildhawk Stroke Play  
w/G Combo Tees  
06-22 Mon Alister Mac 1<sup>st</sup> Round Club Championship



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. **WE WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY AS LONG AS LAND PARK IS OPEN!!**

**Please Note this is NOT a SIRS approved activity**

Email sent out every Sunday morning asking who is playing.

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

Thanks,

*Mike Ratzlaff*

### 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.



It is with deep sadness that we join our brother Don Baldwin in mourning the passing of his beloved wife Violet. Please remember the family in your prayers.

### RECRUITING AND PUBLICITY

We're still in shutdown phase, but the BEC and committee chairs will be formulating a branch plan for resuming all our activities, starting with the activities posing the least risk of spreading disease. Keep the faith and stay healthy—we'll get through these difficult times and get back to our usual camaraderie and activities.



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

*Tom Page Recruiting & Publicity Director*



## HOW ARE WE DOING?

04/30/2020

INCOME	ACTUAL	BUDGET	DIFF
Contributions	\$3,285	\$3,750	\$ 465
Other	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$3,285</b>	<b>\$3,750</b>	<b>\$ 465</b>

EXPENSES			
Printing & Postage	\$ 245	\$ 550	\$ 305
Officers' Expenses	\$ 174	\$ 300	\$ 126
Guest Expenses	\$ 0	\$ 100	\$ 100
State Assessment	\$ 257	\$1,100	\$ 843
Other, Golf Expo	\$ 0	\$ 300	\$ 300
Other, Misc.	\$ 834	\$1,500	\$ 666
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$1,510</b>	<b>\$3,850</b>	<b>\$2,340</b>

CASH BALANCE AT END OF 2019	\$3,489
CURRENT CASH BALANCE	\$5,265
PROJECTED BALANCE 12/31/2020	\$3,389

PROJECTED 2020 YEAR END MEMBERSHIP	155
PROJECTED CASH BALANCE PER MEMBER	\$ 22



*Hal Copperberg, Treasurer*

2020 Officers		
BIG SIR:	JIM BUCKLEY	(916) 284-2364
LITTLE SIR:	PAUL SICKERT	(916) 396-6230
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State Officers		
STATE PRES:	ED BENSON	
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Recruitment, Activities, Member Relations & Publicity (RAMP)		
RECRUITING/PUBLICITY/BIO	PBS TOM PAGE	(916) 488-6465
ACTIVITIES	PBS JERRY SCHROEDER	(916) 801-2530
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Committee Chairs		Honored Members
Programs	Paul Sickert (916) 396-6230	<b>HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS</b> PBS RON HUTCHESON PBS TOM PAGE PBS JIM PORTERFIELD PRD WARREN SENEAL PBS LENNIE SILVA
Newsletter	Ron Peters (916) 847-7196	
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Roster	Alan Weinell (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	
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Attendance	Ernie Berryman (916) 723-2148	
Orientation	Steve Goodman (916) 521-6546	
Branch Apparel	Mike Ratzlaff (916) 768-6348	
Meeting Review	John Popadak (916) 662-0695	
Sunshine	Bill Nichols (916) 844-9382	
Lunch Reception	Ron Bacher (916) 422-5583	
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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	
		<b>SENIOR CERTIFICATES</b> SIR JIM PAGE SIR KEN TOWNS SIR VERNON FREEMAN SIR HEMAN SMITH SIR DON BALDWIN



## 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.

**DON BALDWIN:** His wife, Violet, 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](mailto:NOTAFORD64@GMAIL.COM). (Text is also OK.)**

*kindest Regards,  
Bill Nichols, Sunshine Chairman*

## TREASURER'S REPORT – April, 2020

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

	April	YTD
Beginning Cash Balance	\$5,437	N/A
Contributions	\$ 85	\$3,285
Expenses	\$ 257	\$1,510
Ending Cash Balance	\$5,265	N/A

### MEMBERSHIP

Membership, Gain/Loss	+0/0	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 previous twelve consecutive month period. may be notified, by letter, of the pending termination of his membership in SIR. (Rule 60, 100 & 107).

